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Gas Prices go up as crude slumps in the wake of Harvey havoc on U.S. refineries

Labor Day weekend travel is likely to be costlier



DALLAS (TIP): Drivers in northern Texas are rushing to fill up their gas tanks as prices at the pump in the area rise and some stations run out of fuel altogether as Harvey continues to wreak havoc. QuikTrip, a chain with 135 gas stations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is keeping about half of them without gas, said spokesman Mike Thornbrugh. "Our experience has been, if you try to keep every store full... you'll run out," he told CBS Dallas-Fort Worth. Strategically closing stations can help sustain supplies in different parts of the city, according to the company. QuikTrip maintains a list of stations that have gasoline available on its website.

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US Retaliates Against Russia, Closes 3 Diplomatic Buildings

WASHINGTON (TIP): In a tit-for-tat, Washington finally decided to retaliate against Russia, ordering Thursday, August 31, to close its Consulate in San Francisco and scale back its diplomatic presence in Washington and New York. The retaliation comes in the wake of Moscow forcing the cut in American diplomatic staff earlier this year in retaliation for U.S. sanctions. Washington had to reduce its diplomatic staff by 755 people.

The Trump administration said the move constituted its response to the Kremlin's "unwarranted and detrimental" decision to force the U.S. to cut its diplomatic staff in Russia. Under the order, Russia must close its San Francisco consulate by Saturday, along with Russia's "chancery annex" in

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Reminiscent of cold war days, Moscow and Washington have indulged recently in diplomatic retaliatory bouts

Modi Cabinet Reshuffle: Uma Bharti, Rajiv Rudy and 3 other ministers quit



Kalraj Mishra, Uma Bharti and Rajiv Prasad Mehta are among the ministers who have quit,

NEW DELHI(TIP): Prime Minister Narendra Modi set in motion the reshuffle of his council of ministers with the resignation of at least half-a-dozen ministers, according to sources in the ruling BJP and the government.

Small and medium enterprises minister Kalraj Mishra, water resources and Ganga rejuvenation minister Uma Bharti, skill development minister Rajiv Prasad Mehta, minister of state for human resource development Mahendra Nath Pandey and minister of state for

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Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh gets 20-year jail term, Rs30 lakh fine in rape cases



ROHTAK / CHANDIGARH (TIP): A special Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court sentenced Dera Sacha Sauda chief and self-styled godman Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh to 20 years in prison and fined him Rs30 lakh on August 28 Monday, three days after convicting him of rape.

Judge Jagdeep Singh awarded a consecutive sentence of 10 years for each rape case. "Of the Rs 30 lakh fine, Rs 14 lakh

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Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, a so-called godman whose followers numbered millions, have been found guilty of rape and convicted to serve a prison term of 20 years



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Annual New Jersey Gala Spotlights South Asian Children with Special Needs



Juhi Chawla will be the Guest of Honor

SOMERSET, NJ (TIP): Special needs children and their families will be honored through an innovative program and fashion show at the SKN Foundation's annual gala on Friday, September 22nd at the Marigold Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey. The major beneficiary of this year's fundraiser is the Special Needs Community Outreach Program for Empowerment (SCOPE). "Special needs children and their families are, historically, more isolated, and through the SCOPE program, we hope to create an accessible support system for South Asian families," said Dr. Naveen Mehrotra, founder of the SKN Foundation.

Guest of Honor Juhi Chawla, a renowned Indian actress, humanitarian and former Miss India says that "helping people brings more happiness than any material thing. Sharing is the true path to spiritual growth and happiness." In addition to providing the keynote address, Chawla will also walk the runway as the show stopper for international fashion designer to the stars, Joy Mitra, who will be debuting a special collection he has created just for the cause.

The fashion show will also enable special needs children to walk the ramp in their individual styles. "What an amazing opportunity for my son! I am so proud of him every day, and walking the ramp, dressed up so fabulously, allows him to know that we love him just as he is," said Radha Lath, mother of Aditya Lath.

The emcee for the evening will be Mini Mathur, a celebrity host and television personality in India. "Parents of special needs children have an unbelievable level of grit and determination as they face daily life issues, and I am honored to be shedding light on some of their challenges at the SKN Foundation Gala," said Mathur. The event has been conceptualized and will be executed by Sonalika Ahuja of Beyond Media.

Yoshita Singh, a senior journalist and author honored for her new book



Yoshita Singh is a senior journalist and author

MINEOLA, NY (TIP): Senior United Nations and New York journalist Yoshita Singh was honored with a citation as she presented her newly released book, a scholarly and analytical critique on satire in Indian literature based on the work of one of India's most renowned authors, to Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos.

Singh is an acclaimed and experienced journalist and has been covering New York and the United Nations for India's most prestigious news agency Press Trust of India since 2011.

She presented a copy of her debut book 'Shrilal Shukla's Raag Darbari: Satire in Indian Literature. A Critical Analysis' to Maragos at his office in Nassau County on August 18. Also present on the occasion was Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs Dilip Chauhan. Maragos honored Singh with a citation that noted her new book. Singh has "accomplished extraordinary success and have distinguished yourself among your peers," the citation read adding that Singh has "demonstrated selfless commitment to our community and its residents that warrants attention and gratitude."

The citation from the Nassau County Comptroller's office recognizes outstanding individuals who have rendered significant contributions for the enhancement of the community.



Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos honoring Senior journalist Yoshita Singh with citation during presentation of her new book 'Shrilal Shukla's Raag Darbari: Satire in Indian Literature. A Critical Analysis' to him on August 18 at the Comptroller's Office at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501. Seen in the picture, from L to R: Deputy Comptroller for Minority Affairs Mr. Dilip Chauhan, Nassau County Comptroller Mr. George Maragos, Yoshita Singh, Mrs. Savita Mohabe, Mr. Raj Mohabe.

Maragos congratulated Singh on her new book, expressing confidence that the book will be a notable contribution in the field of literature, not only in India, and will enhance readers' understanding of the use of satire in depicting prevalent political, social and cultural realities.

Chauhan also congratulated Singh on her literary achievement, saying the book will definitely add to a reader's perspective of the use of literary genres to highlight social best practices as well as ills. "Singh brilliantly demonstrates in her book that every form of literary expression, be it satire or humor, should be respected for the enduring messages they portray about life," Chauhan said.

Singh said she was honored to be able to present her book to the Comptroller and expressed gratitude for his words of appreciation for her and the citation. She said her book is a scholastic analysis on satire in Indian literature, with special focus on 'Raag Darbari', a brilliant novel by the late Shrilal Shukla, who is known as among the most accomplished writers in India for his political and social satires.

Shukla was awarded India's highest literary honor, the 'Sahitya Akademi Award' in 1969 for Raag Darbari.

Singh said through her book, she has attempted a critical analysis of Shukla's use of satire in depicting the realities and sensibilities of rural life in post-independence India and whether circumstances have changed or remained the same 70 years after the world's largest democracy attained independence.

Yoshita Singh is Senior Correspondent based in New York for the Press Trust of India. She covers the United Nations and New York for India's largest newswire, which is headquartered in New Delhi. She has 14 years' experience and has worked in Chicago, Boston and New Delhi.

Singh has a Master's Degree in English Literature from the University of Lucknow in India and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Journalism through distance education from the Symbiosis Institute of Mass Communications in Pune. She also did a digital journalism course from Harvard University.

Five honored at AIA Benefit Gala to Fund Deepavali at South Street Seaport

MELVILLE, NY (TIP): The Association of Indians in America, NY Chapter (AIA-NY) held its Benefit Gala in support for its 30th Annual Deepavali Festival at the Hilton Hotel in Melville, Long Island on August 26, 2016. The Gala was attended by a large number which included past presidents of AIA, Community Leaders and dignitaries including members of the media and sponsors who expressed their continued commitment and support for the Deepavali Festival.

The 30th Annual Deepavali Festival will take place at the South Street Seaport on Sunday October 1st from 12 noon till 7pm, culminating with a spectacular display of Fireworks. The event is one of the largest in the tri-state area, attracting 75,000 - 100,000 people. Festival of Deepavali meaning 'A row of lamps' is also popularly known as Diwali, or 'Festival of Lights'. It signifies the triumph of 'Good over Evil'. The festival will be a full day celebration with numerous corporate booths, food & clothing vendors, performances and activities for the whole family including a live grand display of fireworks.

Among the individuals honored at the Gala were Vaijinath Chakote, MD, Physician/ Entrepreneur, Empire Medical Services, Aditya Mattoo, MD, Nephrologist, NYU Langone Medical Center, Mr. Chintu Patel & Falguni Patel, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Amneal Pharmaceuticals and Ashutosh Tewari, MD, Chairman of Urology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The evening was blessed by the presence of Padma Vibhushan Legendary Pandit Jasraj Ji and special performances from Miss Teen Bollywood USA 2017, Manjari



Honorees at the AIA Deepavali Gala held on August 26, 2017 in Hilton Hotel in Long Island. From L to R: Aditya Mattoo, MD, Nephrologist, NYU Langone Medical Center, Mr. Chintu Patel & Falguni Patel, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Ashutosh Tewari, MD, Chairman of Urology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, and Vaijinath Chakote, MD, Physician/ Entrepreneur, Empire Medical Services

Parekh.

This is the 30th year of Deepavali & 50th year of the Association of Indians in America. The highlights of 30th Deepavali 2017 will include Naach Inferno returning to the



AIA President Gobind Munjal speaks about the flagship event of AIA-Diwali at South Street Seaport.

stage of Deepavali with college and university teams from around the Tri-State area as they showcase dances fusing both East and West cultures. Presented by Star Plus, the competition will be showcased globally.

The Association of Indians in America (AIA) is the oldest not-for-profit organization of Asian Indians in America founded on August 20, 1967. It is the grassroots national organization of Asian immigrants in the United States. With chapters and membership spread across the United States of America, AIA represents the hopes and aspirations of those immigrants who are united by their common bond of Indian Heritage and American Commitment.

This year, AIA-NY's 30th Deepavali celebrations are going to be held on Sunday Oct 1, 2017 at the South Street Seaport. Please look for the announcement of a celebrity very soon.

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Indian American Fined \$40,000 for Filing False VISA Applications

MANCHESTER, NH (TIP): An Indian American businessman in Manchester, New Hampshire Rohit Saksena, 42, was sentenced to serve three years of probation and pay a \$40,000 fine for filing false visa applications, Acting United States Attorney John J. Farley announced.



According to court documents, Saksena is the president and chief executive officer of Saks IT Group LLC, a company based in Manchester, New Hampshire. Saks IT Group contracts with other companies to provide information technology consulting services and places its employees with other companies to provide professional technology services. From approximately March 2014 through approximately December 2015, Saksena filed 45 fraudulent visa applications with United State Citizenship and Immigration Services falsely claiming that Saks IT Group was hiring foreign workers to provide professional services to a company in Cupertino, California. The California company had not entered into a contract with Saks IT Group and had no jobs available for the foreign workers. Saksena knew that the foreign workers would not be employed at the California company.

Saksena filed the false visa applications under the H-1B visa program. That program allows American businesses to temporarily employ foreign workers with specialized or technical expertise in a particular field like accounting, engineering, or computer science when qualified U.S. workers cannot be found to fill those positions. Under the H-1B visa program, a U.S. employer may employ a highly educated foreign worker subject to strict conditions, which include a demonstrated need for the foreign worker to fill a vacant position and assurance that the U.S. company will employ the foreign worker. Saksena filed visa applications that falsely claimed jobs awaited the foreign workers at the California company. He supported those applications with bogus Independent Contractor Agreements between the California company and Saks IT Group and with sham Work Orders that purported to show that the foreign worker would provide professional services for the California company. Some of the false visa applications resulted in foreign workers receiving H-1B visas. Many of the fraudulent applications were denied once Saksena's deception came to light.

Saksena previously pleaded guilty on May 1, 2017, to making false statements to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Indian American Hotel Owner Ordered to Pay Restitution of \$150,500 to Employees

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN (TIP): An Indian American Hotel Owner Mehul Chandubhai Patel, a/k/a "Mike Patel," 31, of Battle Creek, Michigan, on Aug 21 was ordered to pay restitution of \$150,500 to his former employees, Acting U.S. Attorney Andrew Birge announced. The restitution order is the last stage of Patel's sentence for lying to Labor Department investigators during their probe into his violation of minimum wage laws while operating two hotels operated by him, in Battle Creek and Coldwater, Michigan. Patel is currently serving a 60-day sentence imposed in U.S. District Court on May 24, 2017 for the offense.

On February 2, 2017, Patel appeared in federal court and pled guilty to violating 18 U.S.C. 1001(a)(1), a federal statute that prohibits anyone from concealing a material fact from the federal government when obligated to disclose it. He admitted that during 2005, the Department of Labor ("DOL") had found him to be in violation of minimum wage laws by underpaying his hotel employees. He thereafter signed an agreement promising to repay his employees. When requested to provide proof that he had done so, Patel sent DOL checks indicating that back wages had been repaid. However, he concealed the fact that he required his employees to return the money to him immediately after cashing them.

U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney delayed imposing restitution at the sentencing hearing, advising the parties that he would decide the matter in August if they could not reach an agreement on the amount of restitution. On August 18, 2017, the U.S. Attorney's Office reached an agreement with Patel that he would immediately pay \$150,500 to the Department of Labor; for disbursement to his former employees. This will result in no further action against him for back wages, either in criminal or civil court.

Acting U.S. Attorney Birge commented that "Putting Patel in jail for cheating his financially distressed employees was important, but so is making sure they are paid what they are owed. This settlement allows them to be repaid right away, rather than waiting months or years." Birge praised the help provided by the Chicago Office of the Department of Labor for its help in reaching a settlement that satisfied both criminal restitution and civil damages issues.

(Source: USAO, Michigan)

Indian American Professor awarded Talanta Medal for outstanding contributions to analytical chemistry

ARLINGTON, TX (TIP): Professor Purnendu "Sandy" Dasgupta, the Hamish Small Chair of Ion Analysis in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Texas at Arlington, has been named recipient of the 2017 Talanta Medal, an international award that recognizes world leaders in the analytical chemistry field.

The Talanta Medal was initiated in 1961 by Pergamon Press, which was later acquired by multinational publishing group Elsevier; as a prestigious award of a gold medal for outstanding contributions to analytical chemistry. Dasgupta is the fourth American academic to win the award and the first of Indian origin. A special issue of Talanta, an acclaimed international journal devoted to Analytical Chemistry, will be published to coincide with the award ceremony, to commemorate this occasion.

Dasgupta's high-impact research is improving public health on a global scale, a clear demonstration of advancing the University's Strategic Plan 2020: Bold Solutions | Global Impact. Dasgupta has



Purnendu Dasgupta has won numerous awards over the course of his career

Picture courtesy /University of Texas at Arlington

won numerous awards over the course of his career. In 2016, he was awarded the Eastern Analytical Symposium's highest award, the Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Fields of Analytical Chemistry, and the Tech Titans Technology

Inventors Award for his many innovations in chemical and environmental analysis.

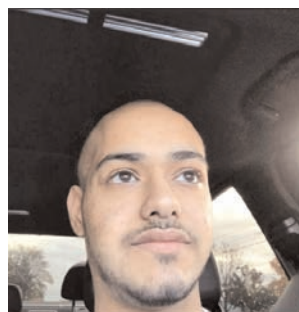
Other honors include the 2015 American Chemical Society Division of Analytical Chemistry J. Calvin Giddings Award for Excellence in Education; the 2012 Stephen Dal Nogare Award in Chromatography; the 2012 Wilfred T. Doherty Award, DFW Section of the ACS; and the 2011 ACS Award in Chromatography. He also was named a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and an honorary member of the Japan Society of Analytical Chemistry, both in 2015.

Dasgupta received a bachelor's degree with honors in Chemistry from Bankura Christian College in 1968 and a master's degree in inorganic chemistry from the University of Burdwan in 1970, both located in West Bengal, India. He came to the United States in 1973 and earned his doctorate in analytical chemistry under Philip W. West, with a minor in electrical engineering, from Louisiana State University in 1977. He has published more than 400 papers and holds 29 patents.

Indian American cab driver stabbed to death

SPOKANE, IDAHO

(TIP): On August 28 an Indian American cab driver in Idaho, Gagandeep Singh, 22, was stabbed to death by 19 years old passenger, Jacob Coleman who was arrested the next day on a first-degree murder charge. Singh was attacked by Jacob Coleman whom he picked up from Spokane International Airport. According to reports, Coleman was upset over not getting admission into his choice of university. Singh, a final year student of software engineering, hailed from Jalandhar in Punjab. He settled in Spokane, some 100 km from Bonner County, in Washington State in 2003 with his family.



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According to Bonner County, Coleman flew from Seattle to Spokane on Monday to apparently begin a new semester at Gonzaga. When he reached the school, he contacted members of the Housing and Residence Life Office, who told him that he was not enrolled and had to leave. He became angry and began to have homicidal thoughts. As his anger festered, he hailed Singh's cab from the Spokane Airport and asked to be driven to a fictitious friend's home in eastern Bonner County.

Once reaching Bonner County, Coleman asked the Gagandeep Singh, of Spokane Valley, Wash., to stop at a Kootenai store, where he purchased a knife. Singh was directed to keep driving and look for the friend. When it became apparent Coleman had no particular destination, the sheriff's office said Singh stopped the cab and was stabbed by Coleman.

"Gonzaga University has no record of an application for admission from Jacob Coleman of Puyallup, WA. An individual matching his description was reported to have approached housing officials on campus Monday. As Mr. Coleman was not enrolled as a student, he was never assigned to campus housing and was informed of this fact by the Housing and Residence Life Office," spokeswoman Mary Joan Hahn said in a statement. "We continue to gather information and work with law enforcement to support their investigation. Our hearts go out to the victim of this tragic crime and his family." Coleman surrendered without incident and told officials he was upset as he didn't get admission to Spokane-based Gonzaga University where he wanted to study. He has been arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

CGU Professor Samir Chatterjee to be honored with Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman award

CLAREMONT, CA (TIP):

Claremont Graduate University Professor Samir Chatterjee has been selected for the Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman award, which is given to non-resident Indians for "outstanding services, achievements and contributions for keeping the 'Flag of India high.' The award is given by the NRI Welfare Society of India, an organization established to strengthen bonds between India and non-resident Indians. The award will be presented on September 27 at the Global Indian Summit at the House of Lords in London.



Professor Samir Chatterjee is considered a leading technology designer and strategist for 21st-century health care Picture courtesy / www.cgu.e

Professor Samir Chatterjee is the Fletcher Jones Chair of Technology Design & Management at CGU's Center for Information Systems & Technology (CISAT). He is also considered a leading technology designer and strategist for 21st-century health care. His entry into health care field has been via Telemedicine. Today he leads the emerging field of Persuasive Technology, a stimulating interdisciplinary research field that focuses on how interactive technologies and services can be designed to influence people's attitudes and support positive behavior change.

Chatterjee received a Bachelor's of Technology in Electronics & Telecommunications Engineering (1988) from Jadavpur University, India; as well as an MS (1991) and PhD (1994) in Computer Science from the School of Computer Science, University of Central Florida. He joined CGU in July 2001. In May 2015, he was awarded the distinguished lifetime achievement award for contributions to Design Science Research, presented by the IS design community. He is also an adjunct faculty at Keck Graduate Institute, where he teaches a course on Healthcare Informatics. He has also taught in the Drucker School of Management's Executive MBA Program.

Throughout his career, Chatterjee has had substantial influence on the advancement of technology within the health care industry. He founded the Network Convergence Laboratory (now IDEA Labs), made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation. He was co-founder and chairman of VoiceCore Technologies Inc., which he formed in 2001. In 2013, he founded DCL Health (Dr. Chatterjee's Laboratories Health LLC), a wireless health care startup. He works closely with the Venture Capital and entrepreneurial startup community in the Southern California area.

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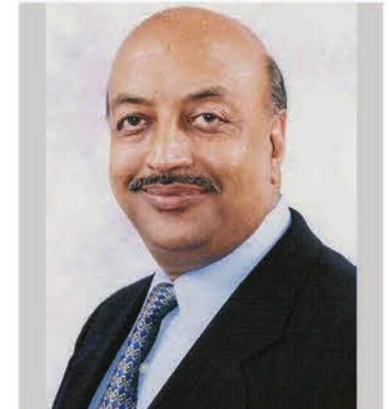
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Koo visits South Asian Council for Social Services Summer Youth Leadership Program



City Council Member Peter Koo visited South Asian Council for Social Services to honor graduates of the summer Youth Leadership Summer Program and their summer volunteers. We also took a tour of their food pantry, the first South Asian Food Pantry in NYC



CM Koo and Sudha Acharya at the first South Asian food pantry in NYC. CM Koo contributed funding to the pantry in the latest budget cycle

Vegetarian Vision Convention on September 9 and 10 in New York

NEW YORK CITY (TIP): Vegetarian Vision, a 501 (C) Non-Profit Organization, will have a 2-day Health and Wellness EXPO to celebrate its 25th anniversary - International Vegetarian Convention at the Penn Plaza Pavilion (401 Seventh Ave. at 33 St., NYC) on Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10, 2017. The weekend will highlight Food for medicine - Health Talks by over 50 renowned speakers, compassion, healthy living and will feature non-stop food, fun, fitness, and wellness. The family-friendly festivities will include demonstrations, classes, tastings, fashion show, pageant, kids' activities, youth activities and live cultural performances, beginning at 10 AM daily. Tickets are \$15 for one day and \$25 for the weekend. Additional information can be found on their website at www.vegetarianvision.org.

During the two-day event, renowned celebrities, dignitaries and political leaders will be on hand to celebrate all things vegetarian. An expected 100+ merchants and vendors will be on site to introduce guests to the pleasure of vegetarianism. Over couple dozen food vendors will serve up plant-based, vegetarian and vegan fare from around the globe. Indian, Chinese Japanese, Indonesian, French, Kosher and American chefs will conduct cooking demonstrations and offer tasty samples throughout the day and adults will also be able to taste various vegan wines from a variety of purveyors while children enjoy various activities in the "Kids' Corner."

Sam Pitroda Announces Overseas Congress Expansion Worldwide

LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK (TIP): The newly appointed Chairman of the Overseas Congress Dept of AICC, Sam Pitroda addressed The Indian National Overseas Congress USA members in New York.

A press release issued by INOC said INOC USA hosted a welcome event for its new leader at the Cotillion Banquet Hall in New York on August 26th, 2017. The event was attended by all the chapters of Overseas Congress, the executive committee and its National President Shudh Parkash Singh.

The event started with Shudh Singh introducing Sam Pitroda as a great Patriot and a man who brought revolution in Telecom and Communication in India working with the complex bureaucracy, a difficult system and obsolete resources in the 1980's. He said that Sam Pitroda was able to bring the telephone to every household in India with his initiative (CDOT) and said that he was fortunate to be working with a legend like Sam Pitroda who is our Chairman Overseas Congress Dept AICC. Shudh also stated he will follow all directions of Sam Pitroda like he always followed earlier Chairman's directions.

"Our dynamic leader Rahul Gandhi could not have appointed a better person to lead overseas congress in my opinion", added Shudh Parkash Singh.

Sam Pitroda spoke on his journey in transforming Digital and telecommunication system in India and also recalled the support he received from the then Prime Minister - Late Rajiv Gandhi. He said that he was specifically entrusted to rebuild and energize the Overseas Congress by the Congress President Smt.Sonia Gandhi and Vice President Shri Rahul Gandhi. He said that he will work on building Overseas Congress in many countries and asked all members to work unitedly in this mission as he said that only



Sam Pitroda spoke on his journey in transforming Digital and telecommunication system in India

Congress can build a strong, secular and progressive India due to its inherent ideology. He recalled so many developments seeds that were sown with his initiatives and during the tenures of Late Rajiv Gandhi & Dr. Manmohan Singh that India is now reaping the benefits. He hoped that all NRI's will work towards building a strong India. He mentioned he is at the fag end of his life, with two multiple bypass surgeries and Cancer and his only mission is to sow more seeds that will build a better India in the future. He said that he will do his best to give Overseas Congress a good platform for this mission.

Gurmit Singh Gill Mulanpur provided details of Chalo Punjab campaign he led for recent PUNJAB elections. He offered to repeat the same success for other states of India. Two veteran leaders from Punjab Mr. KK Bawa and Mr. Dakha also addressed the gathering.

Rajendar Dichpally (National General Secretary) spoke on how NRI's can play an important role in developing the Congress Party in India and hoped the new Chairman will encourage NRI's to return to India to serve in Social and

Public Life. He also asked Sam Pitroda to build an effective communication channel to take the good thoughts and feedback from NRI's for various policies and programs that can be implemented in India. Dr.Rajinder Jenna spoke on the Telangana chapter activities and how the chapter was working with telangana Congress in giving ideas and support to their activities. Chaitanya asked Sam Pitroda to speak to the Consul General in New York to reintroduce direct flights from Newark (NJ) to Hyderabad (India).

Kalathil Varghese spoke on the activities of Kerala Chapter and also introduced his team and spoke to the good work being done in the chapter under the leadership of Joby George where they organized a national convention in Chicago. Ravi Chopra recalled the good work done by the President Shudh Jasuja under the previous President's and also his role in Organizing a massive reception for Congress President Smt.Sonia Gandhi in 2001. Phuman Singh spoke on the need for Congress Vice President Shri Rahul Gandhi to visit USA and address the Diaspora.

National Champion of 2017 MoneyGram Cricket Bee Announced

METUCHEN, NJ (TIP): In a nail biting and dramatic run up to the Finale of the MoneyGram Cricket Bee, Schaumburg's Alpesh Gohil correctly answered "Michael Holding" in response to the question "who infamously kicked over the stumps during a test match against New Zealand in 1980", to become the 2017 National Champion and win the grand prize of \$10,000.

The runner-up was Senthilkumar Sethuraman of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, who took home the \$2,500 prize money.

The Cricket Bee in its second year is a game of cricket trivia that is conducted in a bee format on a miss and out basis. In 2017 the Bee was expanded to two additional cities and almost 900 enthusiastic cricket whizzes registered to battle it out for a chance to win the coveted title of National Champion.

"We are pleased to be able to return for the 2nd annual MoneyGram Cricket Bee and have it done with such great success," said Johnny Rosario, MoneyGram's head of account management. "Congratulations to Alpesh Gohil and all of the finalists. It is an honor to support community events like the Cricket Bee that unite friends and loved ones around the world."

Contests were held in Hayward, Calif.; Dallas, TX; Chicago, IL; Edison, NJ; and Toronto, Canada, from where the top two were invited to



Rahul Walia, Founder of MoneyGram Cricket Bee, Jay Kim, Managing Director of Aaaza, HR Shah, CEO of TV Asia, Alpesh Gohil, National Champion, Senthilkumar Sethuraman, National 1st Runner Up, Johnny Rosario, Head of Account Management of MoneyGram and Lael Daniel, Corridor Development Manager of MoneyGram

the finals. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 were given out at the regional levels.

MoneyGram, along with its marketing agency, AAAZA, commissioned the idea for the Cricket Bee from leading multicultural agency Touchdown Media in an effort to engage and connect with the more than 10 million cricket

fans in North America.

"To watch the finals yesterday was no less gripping than the last few overs of a hotly contested T-20 match. It was intense, dramatic and extremely gripping. A hearty congratulations to Alpesh and to all the finalists for what was a truly exciting, edge of your seat

finale," said Rahul Walia, founder of the Cricket Bee.

Malaysia-based food conglomerate Kawan Foods served as the powered by sponsor, while the exclusive broadcast rights were bagged by TV Asia, which will telecast a packaged programming later this year.

"We were very happy to return as powered by sponsors of the MoneyGram Cricket Bee, and watching the finalists battle it out was exhilarating. Very impressed by the knowledge of the finalists and hats off to the winners," said Tim Tan, managing director of Kawan Foods.

"As the oldest broadcast medium for the community, it was definitely an honor to be returning as the exclusive broadcaster for the MoneyGram Cricket Bee and continuing with its success. We pride ourselves in connecting with our community, and this initiative is in line with our continued commitment to the diaspora in North America," said H.R. Shah, chairman and CEO of TV Asia and an avid cricketer himself.

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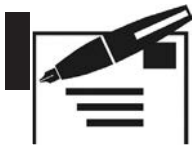
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GUEST COMMENT

The cover-up: Demonetization was more pain than gain

If 99 per cent of the demonetized currency has returned to the banks, as the RBI has said, it means the fight against black money through demonetization was not properly thought through. The Prime Minister had declared then: "The Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes hoarded by anti-national and anti-social elements will become worthless bits of paper." That has not happened. This "anti-rich idea", the "surgical strike" on black money, was successfully marketed by the BJP in the UP and other state elections. The Finance Minister had claimed that Rs 3 lakh crore of black money would get extinguished. Instead just Rs 1,600 crore has not re-entered the banking system.

The Finance Minister's claim on the country making digital gains is also untenable. Digital transactions, according to the RBI, fell 20 per cent this April, compared to the previous month. To cover up the embarrassment, Arun Jaitley has changed the narrative: The demonetization objective was to force unaccounted money out of the cupboards and vaults at homes into bank accounts so that tax officials could establish the money trail. His assertion that personal income tax collections have gone up 25 per cent post-demonetization is also open to question. Official tax data indicates the I-T collection rise was higher at 27 per cent a year before. Any fight against black money would be incomplete without first tackling the issues of political funding, benami properties and offshore investments.

The exercise of extinguishing 86 per cent of the nation's currency had caused countrywide dislocation and loss of jobs in the unorganized sector; hurt farmer incomes and led to a growth slowdown and some 104 deaths. The RBI ended up spending over Rs 30,000 crore on the printing of new notes and managing the logistics of demonetization. It spent 132.8 per cent more on printing new notes - Rs 7,965 crore during 2016-17 compared to Rs 3,421 crore in the preceding year. Here is an institution that compromised its autonomy, put itself to loss and invited criticism for the shoddy currency replacement work. The inescapable conclusion is: the pain of demonetization was real; the gain remains intangible.

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AS I SEE IT

In State of bedlam: Governance under question



By MG Devasahayam

L'affaire Panchkula threw up a strange phenomenon, rather an apparition as to the maintenance of law and order, the primary responsibility of any civilized state. The District Magistrate and the police, representing the state, allowed the unruly crowd to assemble in large numbers. The Punjab and Haryana High Court directed how this crowd was to be controlled and it was the Army that controlled it. A complete role reversal of governance and government!

Everyone is pouncing on the Haryana Chief Minister. Naturally so, because this is the third time in three years that Khattar has proved his inefficiency. The Rampal incident in November 2014, which left six dead, was the beginning. The breakdown of the official machinery during the Jat agitation in February 2016 was the second. Now, it is the dera havoc in Panchkula and other places in the state that left many dead and bleeding.

But why is the CM being targeted when the statute is clear on who is responsible for maintaining law and order? Section 144 (1), CrPC, is meant to prevent unruly crowd to gather and indulge in arson and vandalism, and gives power to the DM, or other executive magistrates to issue such direction to 'prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed, or danger to human life, health or safety, or a disturbance of the public tranquility, or a riot, of an affray'.

Rule 1.15 of Punjab Police Rule, 1934 (adopted by Haryana) is more specific: 'The DM is the head of the criminal administration of the district, and the police force is the instrument provided by government to enable him to enforce his authority and fulfil his responsibility for the maintenance of law and order. The police force in a district is, therefore, placed by law under the general control and direction of the DM who is responsible that it carries out its duties in such a manner that effective protection is afforded to the public against lawlessness and disorder.' Therefore, it is the legally mandated duty of the DM called DC to take decisions and direct all steps to maintain law and order. The police is bound to obey all such directions.

When a situation becomes serious, as happened during the Jat agitation and now in Panchkula, Section 130 CrPC kicks in. This legal clause states that decision to requisition 'armed forces' to disperse 'violent assembly of people', which cannot otherwise be dispersed by the police or other forces available, should be taken by the DM. He/she 'may require any officer in command of any group of persons belonging to the armed forces to disperse the assembly with the help of the armed forces under his command, and to arrest and confine such persons forming part of it....' Law also says that 'every such officer of the armed forces shall obey such requisition in such

“ Before doing so she did not call up the CM, not even the Chief Secretary or Home Secretary. Because there was no need since DM is the final authority. But this very DM had earlier allowed such massive and unruly crowd to assemble inside this small, satellite town of Chandigarh, despite prohibitory orders being in place! This is a clear case of governance failure and the state abdicating its primary role - that of maintaining law and order by taking preventive action”, says the author.



The Panchkula DC performed her role rather belatedly, but helped by pressing the Army.

manner as he thinks fit, but in so doing he shall use as little force and do as little injury to person and property, as may be consistent with dispersing the assembly and arresting and detaining such persons'.

Law and the standard operating procedure are clear. The DM is the competent authority to direct the police and when the situation gets out of civilian control, to requisition the Army by a written order from the Magistrate on duty. The Army is then entirely in control with the officer-in-command in charge. Only that the Army is expected to bring the situation under control quickly and hand it back to the civil authorities and exit the scene.

The DC Panchkula, Gauri Parasher Joshi, performed her role rather belatedly and yet she saved the situation by pressing the Army into action when violence and arson reigned supreme. After being outnumbered by thousands of dera followers, the police fled the spot, leaving the young officer to almost fend for herself. Left alone with a single PSO, she decided to hand over the situation to the Army, which helped avoid further deterioration of the situation.

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Fortuitously, the high court took over this role at the nick of time and shot-off a catena of orders: 'All parties and every section of society should maintain peace and harmony; in case anybody indulges in any kind of violence, arson, loot, etc., he or they should be dealt with firmly by

use of force, if necessary; the police force and paramilitary forces would have free-hand to deal with the situation wherever and whenever required against any individual or any section of society or organization; in case of need, the Army shall be deployed and made operational...'

All these are legally mandated duties of administrative and police officers who belong to the elite services of IAS and IPS, covenanted and protected by constitutional safeguards. Why then have they surrendered to politicians who have come to power at the mercy of rapists, murderers and money-launderers? So much so, the court had to issue such specific directions: 'In case any politician or anybody else including ministers interferes in the enforcement of law, FIR be registered against him/them... No politician, leader, social worker, spiritual leader, religious leader or any such organization shall make any provocative speech or statement, which may have the tendency to affect public order.'

This raises a critical question - has the state lost its relevance, or rather has it withered away? Withering away of the state is a concept of Marxism, coined by Friedrich Engels, and referring to the idea that, with realization of the ideals of socialism, the social institution of a state will eventually become obsolete and disappear, as society will be able to govern itself without the state and its coercive enforcement of the law.

India shifted from equitable socialism to crony capitalism long ago. Under this, state is pandering to cheats, crooks and charlatans who either have big money or control vote-banks. Because 'god-men' command both, they are the object of adoration by small men who run the Indian state. As the adage goes 'when small men cast long shadows, it means that the sun is about to set'. No wonder then that the state is fast withering away!

(The author is a former Haryana Cadre IAS officer)

'I don't share this optimism'



By Yogendra Yadav

The sentencing of 'Ram Rahim' Gurmeet Singh has left us all a little smug. A false godman exposed, his empire about to be dismantled. At least one strand of the politician-baba nexus snapped. The government made to take firm action against violators of rule of law. Finally, if belatedly, the long arm of law has caught up with a high-profile criminal. A step in the right direction, it would seem.

I do not share this optimism. Not just because this is a very small and tentative step and there is no room for complacency here. Gurmeet Singh has just been convicted by the first trial court; he may soon be out, pending the final disposal of protracted appeals. He may be in jail, but the experience of Shashikala and Sanjay Dutt reminds us that there is a VIP track even inside jails: special facilities, long hospital visits, unusual paroles and what not.

For me 'Ram Rahim' episode stands for our systemic failure. The last one week exposed four dimensions of this failure: system of criminal justice, institutions of governance, political establishment and spiritual guardianship. The more we talk about some individual, episodic success, the more we underline our chronic collective failures.

It would be odd to speak of the failure of the system of criminal justice in the week when judiciary is about the only institution that has redeemed itself. Everyone agrees and has rightly applauded the judge of the CBI court, Jagdeep Singh, for his courage and rectitude. The role of the Punjab & Haryana High Court must have restored the faith of many citizens,

It is too early to feel elated. There is a VIP track in jail as Sanjay Dutt and Mukhtar Ansari have demonstrated. The episode also reeks of systemic failure and it seems odd that the nation is standing up to applaud a judge who just did his duty. And no one has questioned the death of so many fellow citizens in one police firing.

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and not just those living in Panchkula, in the constitutional order of things. This also happens to be the week when the Supreme Court has annulled Triple Talaq and has given a stirring, incisive and far reaching verdict in defense of citizens' personal freedoms under the right to privacy.

Yet there is something odd if the whole nation has to applaud a judge for performing his normal duty. It is an acknowledgement that routine, regular dispensation of justice is so rare, when the accused happens to be someone as powerful as Gurmeet Singh. We cannot lose sight of the fact that it took fifteen years since the first complaint and nearly ten years of hearing for justice to be dispensed. It reminds us of all the pitfalls that our criminal justice system suffers from: victim's reluctance to approach police in the first instance, refusal to take cognizance of the first complaint, brazen refusal to record dying declaration of a brave journalist for three weeks, protracted delays, appeals and other ways in which the powerful bend the law. It was a fortuitous coming together of fearless victim, meticulous & honest investigator and an upright judge that brought Gurmeet Singh to the book. This case brings out the capricious nature of our criminal justice system. As any good lawyer would tell you, it's a lottery.

The governance failure in Panchkula touched a new low. Everything about the violence on the 25th was known well in advance: the date, the time, the venue and the actors. Thus, the occurrence on the 25th can only be attributed to lack of political will and the reluctant refusal to observe elementary protocols of law & order that were observed, for example, in Punjab. The episode also highlighted another growing institutional deficit: when the top boss blinks, everyone down the line takes a snooze.

If Haryana government's inaction highlighted one aspect of government's failure, its subsequent action highlighted the other dimension. Given the low credibility of Dera's supporters, no one has yet asked searching questions about the death of 38 persons, one of the highest casualties, in police firing in one incident in recent times. Granting that use of force was necessary and sanctioned to deal with an unruly crowd, the question still remains if force was used as per procedure laid by law. Was the crowd given sufficient & effective warnings to disperse and told about possible consequences? Were all other avenues - tear gas, water cannons, rubber bullets, firing in air - duly exhausted before resorting to firing on the crowd? And, was there even an attempt to fire below the waist, as required?

Put together, the criminal inaction and action of Haryana government present the picture of a state that withers away, at least momentarily. The Indian State has personnel, apparatus, intent but no institutions that can undertake routine and regular governance.

The failure of political establishment is deeper than what we think. It is not just the comic, tragic failure of Mr. Khattar and his colleagues ever hopeful of dislodging him. It is not just the brazen collusion between the ruling BJP and Dera Sacha Sauda. We must not forget that all the major parties of Haryana and Punjab including the Congress, the Akalis and the INLD, have been in bed with the Dera at one point or the other in recent history. The BJP is clearly paying back for Dera's support during 2014 elections, But so did the Congress in 2009 and the INLD before that. Let us not forget that none of the national leaders of any party that matters electorally in this region - BJP, Congress, SAD, INLD, AAP - have had the courage to welcome this verdict. Clearly no one wants to rule out a future deal with the Dera. It's not just that our political establishment is opportunistic and ethically compromised, above all, this establishment is so weak, ever-dependent on the tiniest vote-bank that comes its way.

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Babas can't be stopped from political dabbling

The judiciary has put a spanner in the BJP's plans for Haryana, triggering an outburst from BJP chief Amit Shah. The BJP also faces hurdles in its Baba-first plan in Odisha where Naveen Patnaik has jailed 10 babas on charges of rape and cheating

BY R K BARIK

What is the mystery behind the Khattar government's incompetence in handling Gurmeet 'Ram Rahim' Singh's arrest? Is Khattar incompetent or is his administration inept? The real issue is their political design which needs a thorough probe.

The Haryana CM's handling of the law and order situation was criticized during the Jat agitation as well. The BJP Government did not restrain the Jat community from causing mayhem in some cities because it is part of the BJP's political design to create anger in the other communities. That was the BJP's politics of mobilization of other castes.

The backroom boys of the BJP have worked out the execution of this plan in India in general and Haryana in particular. They found the Baba useful as he is rooted in the lower strata of society, especially the Dalits and marginalized communities.

Why do the Babas dominate the local society? While conducting a study into the role of the babas in Odisha two years back I found that they have legitimacy in the prevailing tradition. Traditionally, the baba was a fakir without any wealth and power. With wisdom he helped the local people and earned his livelihoods by taking alms from the poor and rich alike.

In Punjab and Haryana, the tradition of the

Babas started in the similar manner. Capitalism helped the Deras to expand and gain wealth and power while in Odisha the market economy has grown at a slower pace. The Gurmeet Ram Rahims have acquired political power because of powerful politicians who have tried to benefit from their politicized social base. This has brought mafia with them to protect the ill-gotten wealth, women and power. But they do not bother being questioned by the legal society because of the support of police and the administration. This has created havoc in regional politics.

But our study showed that the Chief Minister of Odisha allowed the police to take action against similar babas and they are now facing the courts. In Haryana, all the ministers led by the CM himself, went to Dera Sacha Sauda. As a result, the verdict against Ram Rahim encouraged his followers to create mayhem while Haryana Police and the paramilitary forces stood as bystanders.

The BJP government of Haryana imbibed a lesson from Gujarat 2002. The then CM Narendra Modi used his political acumen to allow the dead bodies to from the train fire to go to Ahmedabad which fired the emotions of the Hindu community leading to riots. Again, as in Haryana, the Gujarat police and paramilitary forces stood as bystanders. Modi consolidated the Hindu community votes

earning him repeated electoral victories.

Here in Panchkula, the followers of Ram Rahim were allowed to attack government property, media and ordinary citizens resulting in the killing of 38 people. Ram Rahim was an ardent BJP supporter and his ashram had become the defacto office of the Haryana cabinet. Khattar, like Modi in Gujarat 2002, has no social support. Like Modi he is a pracharak and both are close friends. This riot is a planned and calculated pogrom which may lead to Modi and Khattar trying to consolidate their social base in Haryana.

Let us examine the case of Odisha where around 10 babas were involved in cases of rape and cheating. Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was instrumental in putting them behind bars while the BJP opposed the arrests by claiming the action was against Hindus. Patnaik refused to listen to anybody including two of his party MLAs who were ardent supporters of the Babas.

The persecution of these Odisha babas is going on in the various courts. Here lies the difference in the administrations of Naveen Babu and Khattar.

Baba politics of Odisha is different from Haryana's Dera politics. The babas of Odisha do not have a single-caste support whereas the deras here have the support of specific castes. As the BJP is trying to replicate the Gujarat political project in Haryana, it is facing

problems from the judiciary, specifically the High Court of Punjab and Haryana. That disturbs the political design of Amit Shah who has already blamed the courts. In Gujarat they got a sympathetic judiciary which helped them build their communal base after the riots organized by the Hindutva forces in 2002. To get justice, victims had to run to the Supreme Court which claimed that there was a failure of natural justice. It reopened the major cases and directed their trial outside Gujarat. In Haryana, they wanted the cult figure of Baba Ram Rahim to support BJP and by implication, the castes supporting Baba backed BJP as well.

Can the BJP succeed now? It is a million dollar question. They may take up the cases of the members of the Dera who were involved in violent clashes. That could help the mobilization of caste supporters of the Dera who would then prefer wait for a favorable High Court judge to bail out the Baba rather than try to destabilize the Khattar government. In the case of Odisha, the BJP worked with the Babas who are in jail but they do not have the caste support. That is the fear that is haunting the leaders of the BJP in Odisha. Moreover, Naveen babu does understand their political design he does not want to be the victim of the BJP design as happened in 2002.

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Pervez Musharraf declared fugitive in ex-Pakistan PM Benazir Bhutto's murder trial

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan's former military ruler Pervez Musharraf was on August 31 declared a proclaimed offender by a special anti-terrorism court which sentenced two senior police officers to 17 years in jail in the Benazir Bhutto murder case, nearly 10 years after her assassination.

Bhutto, a two-time prime minister, was killed in a gun and bomb attack in Rawalpindi's Liaquat Bagh during an election campaign rally on December 27, 2007. She was 54.

The case was registered soon after the assassination and the trial went through many ups and down until concluded yesterday in Rawalpindi.

Judge Asghar Khan announced the verdict in court, where former Rawalpindi CPO Saud Aziz and former Rawal Town SP Khurram Shahzad -- suspects out on bail -- were also present.

Aziz and Shahzad were sentenced to 17 years in prison and ordered to pay a fine of Rs 5 lakh each.

While five other accused have been acquitted, former president Musharraf has been declared a proclaimed offender, with an order to seize his property. (PTI)

Pak summons India's deputy high commissioner over ceasefire violations along LoC

ISLAMABAD (TIP): Pakistan on August 31 summoned India's deputy high commissioner JP Singh over alleged "ceasefire violations" by Indian troops along the Line of Control (LoC) which resulted in the killing of a civilian.

Director General (South Asia and SAARC) Dr Mohammad Faisal summoned Singh and "condemned the unprovoked ceasefire violations" by the Indian forces, the Foreign Office said.

It claimed that a 55-year-old man was killed in Kotera Sector on August 29 in alleged firing by Indian forces.

"Despite calls for restraint, India continues to indulge in ceasefire violations," it said.

"The deliberate targeting of civilians is indeed deplorable and contrary to human dignity and international human rights and humanitarian laws," the Foreign Office said.

The Director General urged the Indian side to respect the 2003 ceasefire arrangement, investigate this and other incidents of ceasefire violations, and instruct the Indian forces to respect the ceasefire in letter and spirit and maintain peace along the LoC. He also called on the Indian side to allow the UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) to play its mandated role as per the UN Security Council resolutions. (PTI)

Rohingya women, children die in desperate boat escape from Myanmar

SHAH PORIR DWIP ISLAND, BANGLADESH (TIP): On a remote beach looking out onto the Bay of Bengal, a baby boy lies swaddled in cloth, his face smeared with wet sand. The bodies of nine more children and eight women lie alongside. Another woman and a child have already been buried.

The group, all Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar, were found washed up on the shore on Thursday by villagers from Shah Porir Dwip island in Bangladesh, a short distance from the mouth of the Naf river that separates the two countries.

They died after two rickety boats capsized as they fled a Myanmar army counteroffensive that followed Rohingya insurgent attacks on security forces last week. Nearly 30,000 more Rohingyas have made the perilous crossing by boat or on foot into Bangladesh, while 20,000 more are stuck in no man's land at the border.

"We left after the army came early yesterday. They burned houses and shot many people. We ran away so they couldn't find us," said Samira, 19, a survivor from one of the boats, as the monsoon wind and rain blew off the sea to soak her bright orange hijab. "I have no words. I don't know what we'll do."

Samira and others fled violence unleashed after Rohingya insurgents wielding sticks, knives and crude bombs attacked police posts and an army base on Friday, leading to clashes that have killed at least 117 people.

Journalists and other outside observers have been unable to independently travel to the northwest of Myanmar's Rakhine state since an earlier outbreak of violence last year, although some aid programmes had quietly been resumed. (Reuters)

Arms sale to Pakistan has strings

WASHINGTON (TIP): The Trump administration notified Congress on August 30 that it was putting \$255 million in military assistance to Pakistan into the equivalent of an escrow account that Islamabad can only access if it does more to crack down on internal terror networks launching attacks on neighboring Afghanistan.

The dueling messages sent to Pakistan — promising aid but attaching strings if the country's counterterrorism efforts fall short — are part of an increasingly confrontational turn in an alliance that has long been strained.

The United States has provided Pakistan more than \$33 billion in aid since 2002. But the annual funding has declined in recent years as Washington became increasingly disenchanted with Pakistan's quiet support for the Haqqani network and the Taliban, whose attacks have been responsible for the deaths of US troops in Afghanistan.

Still, US officials have long recognized that Pakistan has tried to crack down on terror groups, and plays an important role in facilitating supply shipments to the US military in Afghanistan.

Last week, in announcing his new strategy for the war in Afghanistan, President Donald Trump excoriated Pakistan.

"We can no longer be silent about Pakistan's safe havens for terrorist organizations, the Taliban, and other groups that pose a threat to the region and beyond," Trump said.

He added: "We have been paying



Pakistan billions and billions of dollars at the same time they are housing the very terrorists that we are fighting. But that will have to change, and that will change immediately."

State Department officials said that Trump's promised changes would bring explicit conditions on military aid. Once Pakistan more aggressively pursues the Taliban and Haqqani network, the aid will be released — a determination to be made by Secretary of State Rex W Tillerson, officials said.

Last week, Tillerson suggested that the United States' patience with Pakistan was nearing a breaking point.

"We're going to be conditioning our support for Pakistan and our relationship with them on them delivering results in this area," Tillerson said. Critics of US aid to Pakistan said the administration was still not being tough enough. "I would have preferred that the money just disappeared," said Christine Fair, an associate professor at

Georgetown University. "But if they're going to do this, they should have said Pakistan can't buy strategic weapons that could be used to attack India, such as F-16s."

The \$255 million in military assistance was the largest portion of \$1.1 billion in aid authorized by Congress in 2016 that also included money for counternarcotics operations and health initiatives. If the State Department had failed to notify Congress in the next few weeks of its intention to spend the money, it would have been returned to the US Treasury.

Rather than lose such a carrot, Trump administration officials said they wanted to use the money as incentive for Pakistan to change its behavior. By effectively putting the funds into escrow, the Trump administration also allows its own ongoing review of its policy toward Pakistan to continue unaffected by aid concerns, officials said Wednesday (AP)

Kabul blast near US embassy kills one, wounds eight

KABUL (TIP): An explosion occurred on a busy shopping street near the heavily-fortified US embassy in central Kabul August 27, officials said, killing at least one and injuring eight.

"An explosion has happened near Massoud Square in Kabul. We have no more details yet," Najib Danish, a spokesman for Afghanistan's interior ministry, told AFP.

An official in the ministry added that the blast happened outside a bank at a time when many security forces personnel were expected to be collecting their salaries ahead of this week's Eid holiday.

"One dead and eight wounded people have been brought to Kabul hospitals so far," Waheed Majroh, health ministry spokesman, told AFP.

The blast occurred around 10:00 am (0530 GMT) on a street lined with banks and shops leading to Massoud Square near the United States embassy, close to Kabul's diplomatic area.

It was the latest explosion to rock the war-weary Afghan capital and comes a week after United States President Donald Trump committed American soldiers to Afghanistan indefinitely.

In May a massive truck bomb ripped through Kabul's diplomatic quarter, killing about 150 and wounding around 400 people, mostly civilians. (AFP)

Fresh violence kills 89 in Myanmar's Rakhine State

MAUNGDAW (TIP): At least 89 people including 12 security forces were killed as Rohingya militants besieged border posts in northern Rakhine State, Myanmar's authorities said August 25, the highest declared single day toll since fighting broke out last year.

The western state is bisected by religious hatred focused on the stateless Rohingya Muslim minority, who are reviled by many Buddhists and perceived as illegal immigrants.

Friday's fighting exploded around Rathedaung township, where there has been a heavy build up of Myanmar troops in recent weeks, with reports filtering out of killings by shadowy groups, army-blockaded villages and a renewed exodus of refugees heading towards neighbouring Bangladesh.

Some 20 police posts came under attack in the early hours of Friday by an estimated 150 insurgents, some carrying guns and using homemade explosives, Myanmar's military said.

"The military and police members are fighting back together against extremist Bengali terrorists," Commander-in-Chief Min Aung Hlaing said in a statement on Facebook, using the state's description for Rohingya militants.

The office of de-facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi said 12 security officials had been killed alongside 59 militants.

One resident in Maungdaw, the main town in northern Rakhine, said gunfire could be heard throughout the night.

"We are still hearing gunshots now, we dare not to go out from our house," the resident said by phone, asking not to be named.

Despite years of persecution, the Rohingya largely eschewed violence.

But a previously unknown militant group emerged as a force last October under the banner of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), which claims to be leading an insurgency based in the remote May Yu mountain range bordering Bangladesh.

A Twitter account (@ARSA_Official) which frequently posts purportedly from the group confirmed its fighters were engaging Myanmar's military in the area and accused the soldiers of carrying out atrocities in recent weeks.

Myanmar says the group is headed by Rohingya jihadists who were trained abroad but it is unclear how large the network is.

Suu Kyi's office posted pictures of weapons that had been taken from militants, mainly home-made bombs and rudimentary knives and clubs.

Friday's violence pushed more Rohingya to leave, with two boats containing around 150 women, children and elderly people attempting to cross the Naf river into Bangladesh.

But they were pushed back. "They were scared. We felt pain to send them back," a Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) officer told AFP. (AFP)

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Trump unveils Afghanistan and South Asia policy, calls for deeper strategic partnership with India

WASHINGTON DC (TIP):

US President Donald Trump announced a comprehensive review of the US South Asia policy in Afghanistan and the region. Calling out Pakistan's duplicitous role in harboring agents of terror and violence on its soil, Trump called for further developing strategic partnership with India, 'the world's largest democracy and a key security and economic partner of the United States.' Noting that billions of dollars were given as aid to Pakistan Trump declared, "They are housing the very terrorists we are fighting.....That will have to change and that will change immediately. No partnership can survive a country's harboring of terrorists."



President Trump hailed India's role in stabilizing Afghanistan

President Trump hailed India's role in stabilizing Afghanistan, adding, "We appreciate India's important contributions to stability in Afghanistan, but India makes billions of dollars in trade from the United States, and we want them to help us war with Afghanistan, especially in the area of economic assistance and development." Even as Trump elevates India's bilateral status as an un-declared ally, in Afghanistan, India has long shared cultural, social, economic and security ties with the beleaguered nation. In the region, India is the biggest regional donor to Afghanistan and globally the fifth largest donor with over \$3 billion in assistance. India has been an active partner in the reconstruction and infrastructure development in Afghanistan, building critical infrastructure including roadways, highways, dams, electricity lines, educational centers and even the Afghan Parliament building. India also trains Afghan military officers. Reinforcing its partnership with India and rebuking Pakistan for its role in terror activities in the region, Trump is strengthening India's image as a force for good, democracy and stability. This shift in American policy in South Asia carries huge implications regarding India's role vis-a-vis both Pakistan and China.

Sanjay Puri, Chairman, US India Political Action Committee, said, "President Trump has recognized India's key role in maintaining peace and stability in South Asia. As close strategic allies, India and the US can defeat ISIS and the Taliban and ensure stability in South Asia and Afghanistan."

Two Indians Charged in Federal Court with Smuggling Counterfeit Cigarettes

MIAMI, FL (TIP): Abhishek Shukla and Harish Shabhai Panchal, both citizens of India, appeared in Federal District Court in Miami on Aug 30 to be formally arraigned on an indictment charging them and two companies, Jubilee Tobacco Industries Corp., and Pelican Tobacco (India) Private Limited, both incorporated under the laws of India, with conspiring to smuggle counterfeit cigarettes into the United States. Shukla and Panchal each face the following potential prison sentences: up to five years on Count 1, up to three years on Counts 2 and 4, and ten years on each of Counts 3 and 5. Additionally, they face possible fines of up to \$250,000 on each count, followed by supervised release of up to five years. Jubilee faces a fine of up to \$500,000 on Count 1 and Pelican faces a possible fine of \$500,000 per Count.

According to court records, including allegations contained in the indictment, beginning as early as March 2015 and continuing through August 16, 2017, the defendants initiated contact with an individual cooperating with FDA-OCI, offering counterfeit cigarettes for sale. Through internet negotiations, agreement was reached for a 20-foot container to be shipped from India to Miami, Florida, laden with counterfeit Newport brand cigarettes. Payment for the shipment was made in installments through international wire transfers to bank accounts in India and in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. On November 1, 2016, the container arrived in the USA and was seized with the assistance of United States Customs and Border Protection Officers at the Port of Miami. If distributed in the State of Florida, the un-taxed importation would have an approximate value of \$1.2 million. Analysis conducted by FDA's Forensic Chemistry Center concluded that the cartons, packs, and cigarettes were all counterfeit.

According to acts described in the conspiracy charge, Shukla and Panchal travelled to Miami in August 2017 to meet with the undercover agents in order to promote further business dealings. They also assured the agents that they could counterfeit any American-made menthol cigarette with no problem, as well as other trademarked brands and that they could produce tobacco blends which would closely match the legitimate product.

USCIS to Expand In-Person Interview Requirements for Certain Permanent Residency Applicants

WASHINGTON DC (TIP): U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin expanding in-person interviews for certain immigration benefit applicants whose benefit, if granted, would allow them to permanently reside in the United States. This change complies with Executive Order 13780, "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States," and is part of the agency's comprehensive strategy to further improve the detection and prevention of fraud and further enhance the integrity of the immigration system.

Effective Oct. 1, USCIS will begin to phase-in interviews for the following:

- o Adjustment of status applications based on employment (Form I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status).
- o Refugee/asylee relative petitions (Form I-730, Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition) for beneficiaries



This change complies with Executive Order 13780

who are in the United States and are petitioning to join a principal asylee/refugee applicant.

Previously, applicants in these categories did not require an in-person interview with USCIS officers in order for their application for permanent residency to be adjudicated. Beyond these categories, USCIS is planning an incremental expansion of interviews to

other benefit types.

"This change reflects the Administration's commitment to upholding and strengthening the integrity of our nation's immigration system," said Acting USCIS Director James W. McCament. "USCIS and our federal partners are working collaboratively to develop more robust screening and vetting procedures for individuals seeking immigration benefits to reside in the United States."

Conducting in-person interviews will provide USCIS officers with the opportunity to verify the information provided in an individual's application, to discover new information that may be relevant to the adjudication process, and to determine the credibility of the individual seeking permanent residence in the United States. USCIS will meet the additional interview requirement through enhancements in training and technology as well as transitions in some aspects of case management.

Deputy killed, CHP officers injured in shooting near Sacramento County motel

Suspect in shooting of California deputy identified has violent record

SACRAMENTO, CA (TIP): Sacramento County Sheriff's investigators have identified two of the three suspects involved in a deadly shootout that killed one deputy and injured two CHP officers.

According to a press release, homicide detectives say Thomas Daniel Littlecloud, 32, of Castro Valley, used a high-powered assault rifle in a shootout with sheriff's deputies which resulted in the shooting death of 21-year veteran Deputy Robert French Wednesday afternoon.

The situation began a little after 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30, when the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Auto Theft Task Force was near the Ramada Inn along Auburn Boulevard when they located a stolen car in the parking lot.

The investigators attempted to stop the suspected car when a chase ensued. Two women entered the suspect car, which eventually led them to Elk Grove, where the women were eventually detained, according to deputies.

California Highway Patrol officers arrested one woman, later identified as Priscilla Prendez, 23, of Oakland, and charged her with felony vehicle theft and evasion.

The other woman was questioned and released, according to deputies.

Since Prendez was reportedly on a searchable probation, CHP investigators returned to the Ramada Inn to search the room she was apparently staying in. The investigators knocked on the door of the room to see if other people were in the room, and were greeted by gunshots through the door and walls of the room toward the officers, deputies said.



Deputy Robert "Bob" French was killed in shooting

Photo / Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

The gunfire struck the two CHP investigators, according to sheriff's officials. Sheriff's deputies were positioned on the back side of the hotel room where Littlecloud was trying to exit when they came into contact with the suspect.

Littlecloud opened fire on the deputies, striking Deputy French. The suspect fled from the balcony into a

nearby car where he then led officers on a chase south on Fulton Avenue and then east on El Camino Avenue, investigators said.

The suspect crashed the car just west of Watt Avenue, and engaged pursuing officers in a firefight. The suspect was struck by gunfire and detained. He was taken into custody and transported to a local hospital.

Littlecloud is being treated at a local hospital and is currently in critical condition with life-threatening wounds.

The car Littlecloud was driving was allegedly reported stolen out of the bay area, investigators said. Littlecloud has a criminal history dating back to 2004, including a six-year sentence for assault with a semi-automatic weapon and prison time of more than a year for vehicle theft, court records said.

He was also sentenced in 2013 to three years for evading a police officer and possessing an illegal gun and twice violated parole in 2015.

The two wounded CHP officers are being treated at a local hospital. They are in stable condition and expected to survive.

Deputy French, 52, however, died of his injuries en route to the hospital. He leaves behind three adult children, grandchildren, a sister, and live-in girlfriend.

An independent review of the officer involved shooting will be conducted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office and the Inspector General.

The six other deputies involved in the shooting will be placed on paid administrative leave pending the investigation as per standard department protocol.

DREAMERS get support: Rep. Joe Crowley and Rep. Roybal - Allard support DACA

**Crowley Calls Trump compassion less
Rescinding DACA would devastate young immigrants and hurt local communities and economies, says Allard**

WASHINGTON DC (TIP): House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on the Day of Action to support the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program:

"President Trump promised compassion for the young men and women who came to the United States as children and grew up American. However, it is clear that President Trump has no idea what compassion is.

"His insistence on bending to the political will of the most extreme, anti-immigrant voices in his party is harmful to the United States' long term success. Nowhere is this more true than when it comes to his position on DREAMers. These young people contribute to our economy, to our communities, and to our society. They should be celebrated for overcoming great odds to attend college, open small businesses, and serve in the military. While it seems clear that President Trump plans to effectively end the DACA program, it should be as equally clear that Democrats will stand with DREAMers to push back against this misguided decision. Our message to President Trump is simple: if you want to attack DREAMers, you're going to have to go through us."

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), the ranking Democrat on the House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee and the co-chair of the Women's Working Group on Immigration Reform, issued the following statement as President Trump considers the future of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

"It is unconscionable and un-American that President Trump is even considering devastating the futures of the nearly 800,000 young Dreamers who are American in every way, but their immigration status. DACA helps young people who know no home but the United States, to use their talents to strengthen our economy, our society, and our communities."

"Since DACA was created, it has contributed to the positive economic outlook of cities, states, and our nation as a whole. Simply put, without the contributions, innovations and inventions of immigrants, America would suffer. Terminating this critical program would force hundreds of thousands of young people out of the workforce and into the shadows. It would disrupt businesses and send adverse shockwaves through the economies of most of our states."



Supporters of DACA demonstrate

"The President's decision to terminate DACA would send a chilling message to immigrant communities across our nation. It would upend their lives and the lives of their families and would be at odds with the wishes of the vast majority of Americans, who, regardless of their political affiliation, overwhelmingly support giving these young individuals a chance at the American Dream to continue their lives in the only nation they call home."

"President Trump should not betray the trust of those who have come forward, passed background checks and were granted permission to live and work legally in America. In fact, Mr. Trump should embrace their stories and contributions, and not search for ways to undermine their place in our nation's future." "I call on President Trump to provide certainty for the 800,000 young individuals to remain in their American home and not submit them to the senseless cruelty of deportation."

"In the meantime, I will continue fighting in Congress to protect those covered by DACA. Together, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and I introduced the DREAM Act of 2017, a bipartisan, bicameral bill allowing certain U.S.-raised immigrant youth to earn lawful permanent residence and a pathway to American citizenship. I hope the stories of these DREAMers and the invaluable benefits of their presence helps to convince my colleagues in Congress to join me in this bill."

Indian-American Helps with Life Saving Medication during Hurricane Harvey

HOUSTON, TX (TIP): When a Texas hospital called to request a rare disease medication, an Indian-American CEO of a pharmacy firm got it shipped by to Houston from Orlando by sending his employee to pick it up as all logistics company were unable to deliver overnight due to Hurricane Harvey.



Harish Katharani is the founder and CEO of Southside Group of Companies.

Harish Katharani, founder and CEO of Southside Group of Companies, explained Impavido - only oral treatment drug used

for critically ill patients with Leishmaniasis - costs about USD 49,000 and hence is not readily stocked by pharmacies.

Mr. Katharani sent one of his employee to get the drug shipped to Texas Children's Hospital in the midst of Harvey, the most powerful hurricane to hit the US mainland in 13 years. Harvey has left a trail of destruction across Texas, pummeling the region with heavy rains. Around 13 million people have been battling "catastrophic" flooding in Texas.

In another incident, Medicare Advantage provider TexanPlus contacted Southside's Texas Medical Centre to inquire if the firm could provide services to their patients during the hurricane weekend.

Despite not being contracted by this health maintenance organization, Southside readily volunteered to provide healthcare services to their patients during this crisis.

TexanPlus circulated an internal memo letting their case workers know about Southside's availability during Hurricane Harvey.

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston's Executive Director Jagdip Ahluwalia stated that he was proud that one of their Chamber members was going above and beyond the call of duty to serve the community in this hour of need.

Southside is a pharmacist owned and operated company established in 1992. They ship specialty medication to over 35 states. Their pharmacies will remain open during the weekend's regular hours but their pharmacist and nurses are on call 24/7 to help Texans tide over the troubles case by the hurricane.

Mr. Katharani, who came to the US in 1972, is a generous donor to various charitable organizations such as MS Society, Hep-C Clinic, Liver Foundations as well as to Cancer and HIV research institutions.

Indian student dies in Texas

HOUSTON, TX (TIP): Nikhil Bhatia, a 24-year-old Indian student has died three days after he was rescued along with an Indian woman from a swollen lake in Hurricane Harvey hit Texas where 13 million people are battling disastrous flooding. Bhatia was rescued from the Lake Bryan along with Shalini Singh on Saturday, Aug 26. Bhatia succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday, Aug 30. Shalini Singh is still critical.



Nikhil Bhatia, a 24-year-old Indian student has died three days after he was rescued along with another Indian woman from a swollen lake

Bhatia, a PhD student at the Texas A&M University, completed his schooling from Jaipur's St. Anslem's Pink City Senior Secondary School in 2011 and did his B. Tech in Vellore, had recently graduated from Texas A&M University in Water Management and Hydrological Science. Shalini was pursuing master's degree in public health from the same university.

Bhatia, originally from Jaipur, along with Shalini, 25, from New Delhi, were swimming in the lake when a sudden current of water pushed them deeper. The friends accompanying them noticed that the duo were in distress and flagged down nearby police officers. Bryan Police officers were able to rescue and provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the victims until medics arrived, according to Bryan Mayor Andrew Nelson. Both were admitted to a hospital in a critical condition. Dr Anupam Ray, the Consul General of India in Houston, was attending to their medical needs. Bhatia's mother, Dr Suman Bhatia, reached the US and was received by the consulate at Dallas Airport. External affairs minister Sushma Swaraj is in touch with Nikhil's family. "Indian students Shalini and Nikhil Bhatia are in ICU. We are ensuring that their relatives reach (the US) at the earliest," Sushma had tweeted earlier.

At least 100,000 Indian-Americans living in and around Houston area have been severely affected by the tropical storm.

The life-threatening storm has affected around 13 million people, with rains turning streets into rivers. At least 30 flood-related deaths have been confirmed by local officials.

200 Indian Students Trapped in Flood-Hit Houston, Rescue Efforts on: Tweets Sushma Swaraj



India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj is keeping herself informed about the welfare of Indian students in Houston through the Consulate in Houston

HOUSTON, TX(TIP): Union minister Sushma Swaraj tweeted, August 30th that 200 Indian students have been trapped in Houston -- one of the biggest cities in the US -- which is witnessing devastating floods after Hurricane Harvey, one of the worst storms in decades, hit the area last week.

In a series of tweets the foreign minister, who is known for her prompt interventions, said every effort is being made to rescue the students. She said she is in touch with the Consul

General of India in Houston, Anupam Ray, who is in charge of the rescue operations.

The students, the minister said, are at the campus of the University of Houston, an area under neck-deep water. The US Coast Guard did not allow India to send them food and other relief material, as boats are needed to reach the affected areas, she said. Currently, the local police, along with the US national and state guards, are carrying out the relief work. Texas Governor Greg Abbott has pushed in 4,000 troops for rescue and recovery missions in the floods, which he described as "epic and catastrophic".

Two of the students, she tweeted, are unwell and have been hospitalized. The ministry is ensuring that their relatives reach them as soon as possible.

Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall on Friday, has been the most powerful hurricane to hit Texas in more than 50 years. The authorities say the region has witnessed a year's worth of rain in just one week. Two persons have died in the resulting floods. The local media reported that the authorities expect the toll to rise as the storm triggers tidal surges and tornadoes.

The locals in Houston and other areas of Texas have been asked not to leave their flooded homes as the roads are deep under water and completely impassable.

The local media reported that over the weekend, there have been 1000 calls for rescues. Most people have been forced to take refuge in rooftops or higher grounds. Around 30,000 people will shelter, the state authorities have said.

The anonymous letter that started trouble for Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh

The Dera Sacha Sauda chief was convicted of raping two female followers, after which his followers turned violent and 39 people died

CHANDIGARH (TIP): The rape Dera Sacha Sauda chief Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh has been convicted of dates back to 1999. A case was filed in 2002, when an anonymous letter written by the complainant reached the Punjab and Haryana high court and then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The complainant said in her letter:

One night, at about 10 pm, I was called by Guru Maharaj to his gufa (den). I found him ... with a revolver lying next to his pillow. He told me that as I, a sadhvi, had dedicated my mind and body to the 'seva' of the guru, he, the guru, wanted to claim his due. When I protested, he told me that I should have no doubt he indeed was god. 'Didn't Lord Krishna make love to his gopis every night? Yet people regard him as god,' he told me. When I was still not convinced, he told me he could shoot me here and now and no one would raise a finger, not even my parents. 'The chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana and many central ministers come and touch my feet. I can get your family members removed from their jobs and get them killed if you protest,' he told me.

There are about 40 unmarried women between 35-40 years of age in the ashram regarded as devis. We are not allowed to even look at another man, have to keep our heads covered with a white dupatta ... But our life here is worse than that of prostitutes. Even if our parents call we are not allowed to talk to them without the guru's permission. If any sadhvi goes back home and tells her family members about what has happened to her, goondas from the deras threaten the family members with death threats, forcing them to keep quiet. If you get the sadhvis of the dera medically examined you will learn that they are not sadhvis....

Singh is also accused in the murder of journalist Ram Chander Chhatrapati, who exposed the rape accusations against Singh in his newspaper Poora Sachh. The police had refused to name Singh in the original FIR; the case was transferred to the CBI after Chhatrapati's son filed a petition in the Punjab and Haryana high court. The case is now being heard in the same CBI court in Panchkula that found Singh guilty of rape.

Dera Sacha Sauda has close to 50 million followers worldwide, according to some estimates, many of whom are from 'lower' caste and marginalised backgrounds. Singh is known as a 'Rockstar Baba' – he has produced three films about himself starring himself, where he fights bad guys, sings and rides a flying motorcycle. *Source: Agencies*

Why Gurmeet Ram Rahim's Dera became a Dalit citadel

What do you get if you throw together a good measure of unflinching faith, a sense of belonging, some empowering identity and a dash of aspirational headiness? The answer is almost always the same: Millions of ardent followers.

Despite the 20-year jail term recently handed to its head, Gurmeet Ram



Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh in a still from MSG 2.



Dera followers set vehicles on fire in Panchkula after the verdict resulted in widespread violence across Punjab, Haryana, UP and Delhi. Pic courtesy: HT

Rahim Singh, the Sirsa-based Dera Sacha Sauda continues to boast of a huge following across the social spectrum. Political experts say the sect commands a strong presence among Dalits and economically backward sections of the society. While Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan remain its nerve centres, the sect is gradually making inroads into other states like Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Kerala.

The sway held by the Dera over its followers manifests itself in poll diktats and its ability to swing electoral fortunes across various states. Mindful of this fact, politicians of all hues make a beeline for the sect headquarters in Sirsa whenever it's election time.

So, what makes people – especially those from marginalised sections – turn to Deras?

Professor Ashutosh Kumar, a political scientist from Panjab University, believes disappointment over religious matters plays a significant part in this phenomenon. "These sects offer dignity to their disciples by seeking to eradicate caste inequality. Acts like providing food, ration and money to the poor also help them win the allegiance of the disadvantaged," he adds.

Practices like christening the head of

its meditation centre as bhangidass (somebody from the lower caste) and making all the followers forsake their original surnames to adopt the title of Insaan (human being) created a feeling of parity among followers of the Sacha Sauda.

The Dera's strong stand against liquor and drug abuse, a major social problem that often leads to domestic violence and disintegration of families across the country, has gained it many women followers. Besides this, provision of financial aid during weddings as well as subsidised ration and free access to the sect's medical facilities during times of illness has helped its numbers swell over the years.

The "mystical" aspect of the Dera Sacha Sauda head also helped him draw followers. "The Dera used technology and literature to project its gurus as superhumans endowed with divine powers," says Professor Kumar.

The story regarding Ram Rahim's induction into the sect, and his gradual ascendancy from follower to leader, has been well-documented. The documented text calls Ram Rahim a child prodigy who excelled in everything he did, and learnt how to drive at the age of eight. His followers, better known as premis, vouch for the Dera chief's healing touch and mystical powers. *Source: HT*

Dera chief's adopted daughter goes into hiding, lookout notice issued

CHANDIGARH (TIP): The Haryana Police on Friday issued a lookout notice for Dera chief's adopted daughter Honeypreet Insaan, who has gone into hiding.

Honeypreet has been accused of hatching the "escape plan" of Ram Rahim after his conviction.

Honeypreet, in her thirties, accompanied Ram Rahim Singh when he was brought to the special CBI court in Panchkula for the pronouncement of the verdict in the 15-year-old rape case on last Friday.

Honeypreet was last seen with Dera chief outside the court and in a chopper, arranged to take Ram Rahim to Rohtak jail.

She had appealed to the court that she may be given permission to stay in the lock up with Dera chief as a helper, which was turned down.

Considered a confidant of the Dera chief, she has also emerged as his likely successor to head the controversial sect.

On her Twitter and Facebook accounts, she mentions herself as "PAPA's ANGEL, Philanthropist, Director, Editor, Actress!! Passionate to transform my Rockstar Papa's directions into actions!" She has over one million followers on Twitter and more than five lakh on Facebook.

A website -www.HoneypreetInsaan.me, also introduces herself as "a great Daughter of an amazing Father." The site also mentions Honeypreet's philanthropic activities and working for the welfare of the poor and needy.

"As the daughter of Revered Saint Dr. Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh Ji Insaan, you will find her working for the welfare of others, just like her Dad," it says.

She has also acted, edited and directed movies on Ram Rahim Singh. Honeypreet acted in 'MSG 2 -The Messenger' and later had a special appearance in 'MSG-The Warrior Lion Heart'. *Source: Tribune*

No immediate move to name successor to Ram Rahim

CHANDIGARH (TIP): With Gurmeet Ram Rahim Singh, head of the infamous Dera Sacha Sauda, being sentenced to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment by a CBI special court for the rape of two female disciples, a leadership crisis looms over the Rs 1,000-crore sect in Haryana that is said to have over 60 million followers.

With family and non-family claimants to the legacy of the disgraced sect chief, there is uncertainty over who will lead the cash-rich sect.

Well-placed sources in the sect told IANS that, as of now, there is no move to immediately name a successor to Ram Rahim.

"Pitaji (father, as Ram Rahim is called) has been convicted and sentenced by the trial court. His counsels will appeal in the high court and, if need be, in the Supreme Court. They will try till all legal options are exhausted. We are hopeful that the judgment of the CBI court will be over-ruled and he will be back to lead the sect," said one source who did not want to be named.

Sect insiders say that, as of now, an arrangement needs to be in place to manage the affairs of the sect and to give direction to its millions of followers who continue to have full faith in the sect and on Ram Rahim, who turned 50 on August 15 this year.

"Even though he is in jail, he will continue to guide affairs through family members and others who will be allowed to meet him," the source said.

Source: IANS



Dera chief with Honeypreet.

Bofors: SC to hear plea challenging dropping of charges against Hindujas

NEW DELHI (TIP): In a fresh turn of events, the Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear an appeal filed by BJP leader Ajay Kumar Agarwal challenging a 2005 Delhi High Court order quashing charges against Europe-based industrialists—the Hinduja brothers—in the politically sensitive Bofors pay-off scam case.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justices AM Khanwilkar and DY Chandrachud said it would list the appeal for hearing in the week commencing October 30.

The order came on an interim application filed by Agarwal seeking early hearing and adjudication of the appeal filed against the Delhi High Court order in the Rs 64-crore scam case.

The CBI, which investigated the scam, had not filed any appeal in the top court against the quashing of charges against certain accused within the stipulated 90-day period.

Agarwal, in his personal capacity, filed the appeal which was admitted by the apex court on October 18, 2005.

The Rs 1,437-crore deal between India and the Swedish arms manufacturer AB Bofors for the supply of 400 155mm Howitzer guns for the Indian Army was sealed on March 24, 1986. The Swedish Radio had on April 16, 1987 claimed that



the company had paid bribes to top Indian politicians and defence personnel.

The CBI had on January 22, 1990 registered the FIR for the alleged offence of criminal conspiracy, cheating, forgery under the Indian Penal Code and other sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act against Martin Ardbo, the then President of AB Bofors, alleged middleman Win Chadda and the Hinduja brothers.

The CBI had alleged that certain public servants and private people in India and abroad had entered into a criminal conspiracy between 1982 and

1987 in pursuance of which the offences of bribery, corruption, cheating and forgery were committed.

The first chargesheet in the case was filed on October 22, 1999 against Chadda, Ottavio Quattrocchi, then Defence Secretary SK Bhatnagar, Ardbo and the Bofors company. A supplementary chargesheet against the Hinduja brothers was filed on October 9, 2000.

A special CBI court in Delhi had on March 4, 2011, discharged Quattrocchi from the case saying the country could not afford to spend hard-earned money on his extradition which had already cost Rs 250 crore. *Source: PTI*

Modi's \$87 billion river-linking project set to take off as floods hit India

NEW DELHI (TIP): After years of foot-dragging, India will begin work in around a month on an \$87 billion scheme to connect some of the country's biggest rivers, government sources say, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi bets on the ambitious project to end deadly floods and droughts.

The mammoth plan entails linking nearly 60 rivers, including the mighty Ganges, which the government hopes will cut farmers' dependence on fickle monsoon rains by bringing millions of hectares of cultivatable land under irrigation.

In recent weeks, some parts of India and neighbouring Bangladesh and Nepal have been hit by the worst monsoon floods in years, following two years of poor rainfall.

Modi has personally pushed through clearances for the first phase of the project - which would also generate thousands of megawatts of electricity - the sources say, despite opposition from environmentalists, tiger lovers and a former royal family.

That will involve construction of a dam on the Ken river, also known as the Karnavati, in north-central India and a 22-km (14-mile) canal connecting it to the shallow Betwa.

Both rivers flow through vast swathes of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, ruled by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the prime minister hopes the Ken-Betwa scheme will set a template for other proposed river interlinking projects, one of the sources said.

"We have got clearances in record time, with the last round of clearances coming in only this year," Sanjeev Balyan, the junior water resources minister, told Reuters. "The Ken-Betwa interlinking tops the priority list of the government."

Government officials say diverting water from bounteous rivers such as the Ganges, Godavari and Mahanadi to sparse waterways by building a clutch of dams and a network of canals is the only solution to floods and droughts.

But some experts say India would be better off investing in water conservation and better farm practices.



Villagers move to safer place from flood-hit Vaispara in Araria district of Bihar. Pic courtesy: PTI

Environmentalists and wildlife enthusiasts have also warned of ecological damage.

The 425-km (265-mile) Ken flows through a tiger reserve nestled in a verdant valley. The government plans to clear out 6.5 percent of the forest reserve to build the dam, relocating nearly 2,000 families from 10 remote villages.

Around half a dozen clearances, including on environmental and forest protection, have been obtained for the scheme to link the Ken and Betwa, according to two sources and documents seen by Reuters.

Modi's cabinet is likely to give its final go-ahead for the project within a couple of weeks, sources say, after which he will flag off construction at the site about 805 km (500 miles) from New Delhi, currently marked only by rows of red concrete slabs placed on the ground. *Source: Reuters*

DEMO, GST DRAG GROWTH TO THREE-YEAR LOW

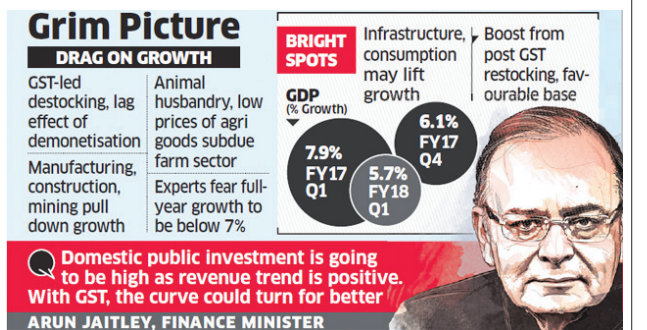
NEW DELHI (TIP): Unable to recover from frequent policy disruptions, which started with demonetisation last November to Goods and Services Tax (GST) destocking and the new real estate law among others, India's economic growth dropped to a three-year low of 5.7 per cent in April-June and in the process falling below China's growth rate.

This is much lower than the revised growth of 7.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2016-17. Even on a sequential basis, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was 6.1 per cent in the preceding quarter.

Following the abysmal numbers, several analysts and brokerages said they would revise downwards the full-year numbers for GDP forecast.

Crisil said for fiscal 2018, it was in the process of revising down its GDP growth forecast of 7.4 per cent. Part two of the Economic Survey has already warned that reaching the upper end of the 6.5-7.5 per cent GDP forecast would be difficult.

Ever since the shock decision of demonetisation, the economy, which was already sluggish, has slumped further as businesses and consumers are adjusting to new disruptions, which at least in the short term are hurting growth.



Given the latest RBI figures, stating that only Rs 16,000 crore worth of scrapped Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes did not return to the system, the amount gained is miniscule compared to a much higher loss due to a hit in economic activity caused due to the note ban.

So while there was a fading impact of demonetisation left to be absorbed by industry, especially the informal sector, the fresh uncertainty came in the form of GST, which has been rolled nationwide as the indirect tax system.

Manufacturing has been worst hit in the first quarter of 2017-18 as the GST implementation from July 1 led to destocking of inventories much in advance. Manufacturing fell sharply in the quarter from 10.7 per cent to 1.2 per cent with the predominant pressure coming from the private sector small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) segment.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said the 5.7 pc GDP growth in Q1 was a matter of concern. Manufacturing was down due to GST impact on destocking and with GST implemented, the curve could turn for better, he added. Crisil Research said in a note that the government had also revised down gross value added (GVA) growth for the fourth quarter of last fiscal by 50 basis points (bps) to 5.6 per cent, suggesting that the impact of demonetisation on the economy was more than earlier estimated. *Source: The Tribune*

Death toll in Mumbai building collapse mounts to 33

Mumbai (TIP): Thirty-three people were killed in the collapse of a 117-year-old building in the congested Bhandi Bazaar area in south Mumbai with nine more bodies being pulled out of the debris overnight, fire brigade officials said.

They said nine more bodies were pulled out from the debris in the overnight search and rescue operations. The deceased included 24 men and nine women.

The officials said that efforts were underway to rescue more people who might be trapped in the debris of the building that collapsed yesterday.

The toll mounted as rescue workers pulled out nine more bodies overnight from the wreckage of the building.

They added that nine others were rescued with injuries from the debris and admitted to the J J Hospital.

Six officials of the fire department and one from the NDRF also suffered injuries in the operation.

The officials said that eight fire engines, one rescue van and ambulances were at the collapse site to assist the personnel in rescue operations. *Source: PTI*



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KANGANA: WOULD'VE PROUDLY SAID SO HAD I DIRECTED 'SIMRAN'

National Award winning actress Kangana Ranaut, who was earlier slammed by writer Apurva Asrani for taking the co-writer credit in 'Simran', said she didn't take part in the direction of the film and would have proudly said it openly if she had done it.

Kangana was slammed by Asrani after the poster of Hansal Mehta's 'Simran' released, showing Kangana's name as co-writer. Apurva took to Facebook to raise objections to it and slammed the actress for taking undue credit.

Kangana said: "I have not done anything to do with direction in 'Simran'. I have acted in it and written it. If I had directed the film, I would have proudly said it, but I have not done it."

Kangana, who comes from a non-film background and hails from Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh, also spoke about her background.

"Big cities are money-oriented, small towns are more concerned about what people -- buaji, mausiji -- will say? I come from an extreme environment, a conservative background. I felt stifled and just wanted to be free," said the National Award winner.

Kangana, who has been appreciated for films like 'Fashion', 'Queen' and 'Tanu Weds Manu Returns', said she tries to be away from award shows.

"There is a lot of manipulation in our award shows. Like they will tell you in advance that you will get this award, but will ask to perform for them. I try to stay away from all this."

Source: IANS

DEEPIKA PADUKONE IS NOT YET OVER WITH 'PADMAVATI' SHOOT

No, Deepika Padukone is not yet over with the shooting of her upcoming Sanjay Leela Bhansali film 'Padmavati.'

Earlier in the day, it was reported that the Mastani of Bollywood has wrapped up the shooting for her upcoming movie.

A spokesperson of the movie has rubbished all such reports and clarified, "the reports are completely untrue. All the primary cast members of the movie still have a few scenes to shoot for."

The spokesperson labeled all such rumours as speculative and baseless.

For the uninitiated, it was reported that "Deepika has wrapped filming for her part. The actress has reserved additional three to five days for any patchwork if required. Patch work will be shot only after Ranveer and Shahid have finished shooting their respective portions".

'Padmavati' is an upcoming Indian period drama film jointly produced by Bhansali Productions and Viacom 18 Motion Pictures.

The film features Deepika as Rani Padmini, alongside Ranveer Singh as Alauddin Khilji and Shahid Kapoor as Rana Rawal Ratan Singh.

Source: ANI



MOVIE REVIEW



A GENTLEMAN

CAST: Sidharth Malhotra, Jacqueline Fernandez, Hussain Dalal, Darshan Kumar, Suniel Shetty

DIRECTION: Raj & DK

GENRE: Action Comedy

DURATION: 2 hours 12 minutes

STORY

Gaurav is a strait-laced techie who has picket-fence dreams of a wife, two kids and a dog; Rishi kills for a living in the seedy lanes of south-east Asian cities. How will their paths cross?

REVIEW

A Gentleman is a lazy title for this action-comedy, which is an improvement on the leave-your-brains-at-home genre that we have been (just as) lazily lapping up.

Directors Raj & DK introduce the two Sidharths with light humour and low-key intrigue. Gaurav is a good boy with slicked-back hair, tucked-in shirt, a safe mini-van and a big house. He's passively wooing Kavya (Jacqueline). Rishi enters the scene jumping off a railing and knocking

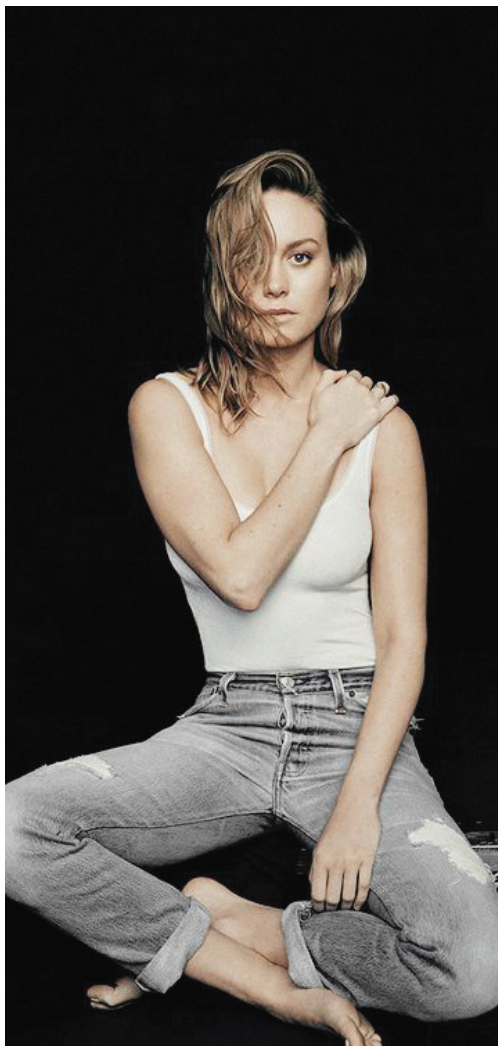
a security guard unconscious; he's a rough, risk-taking contract killer for Unit X headed by Colonel (Suniel Shetty), but he's a goon with a golden heart who has had enough.

A Gentleman has a lot of moving parts; it cuts between the two Sidharths with some thrill and a dose of dry humour in the first half. Special points must be given out for not resorting to slapstick or physical comedy. The connection between the two — a smoothly executed sequence halfway through the movie — is the highlight. The directors could have easily used the big suspense as the climax, however, they take a chance by making it their story's interval.

But the downside of that risky reveal is that the intrigue is sucked out of the movie. The second half steadily declines into the usual action fare with stolen hard drives, close-quarter combats and heists in big glass buildings. However, the action sequences will keep you hooked.

The film's lead pair will also keep your eyes on the screen. Sidharth plays the two parts with distinctive skills and puts his charm to good use. Jacqueline's sincerity is palpable and she makes for a breezy addition here. Hussain Dalal provides comic relief and Darshan Kumar's one-tone villainous act is satisfactory.

The film would have been a perfect entertainer had it held its cards closer to its chest. However, it still has plenty bang for your buck.



BRIE LARSON: SUCCESS MAKES YOUR LIFE EASIER

Actress Brie Larson said being successful makes an individual's life easier, especially in terms of monetary benefits.

The 27-year-old Oscar-winning Actress, however, said success has not altered her expenditure patterns but she is glad that she does not have to worry about paying the bills.

"It makes you life much easier on a practical level. Not that I've changed my spending habits dramatically or live differently now from the way I used to, but at least I don't have to worry about money any more.

It's not pleasant having to live under that pressure when you're trying to find good roles and wanting to prove yourself," Larson said.

Source: PTI

REESE WITHERSPOON TO STAR IN 'THE MINDY'S PROJECT'



Reese Witherspoon has finally found her next Television skit.

The Emmy-nominated actress is all set to guest star on the final season of 'The Mindy Project'.

The series creator and star Mindy Kaling announced the news on her Instagram profile.

She posted a photo and captioned it as, "Our latest The Mindy Project guest star is the only woman I would want to be trapped in a cave with. (This is weirdly the second cave we have acted in together!)"

In the photo, Kaling is holding a cell phone and wearing a puffy vest, while Witherspoon is wearing an off-the-shoulder red dress. Both stars appear to be in a cave.

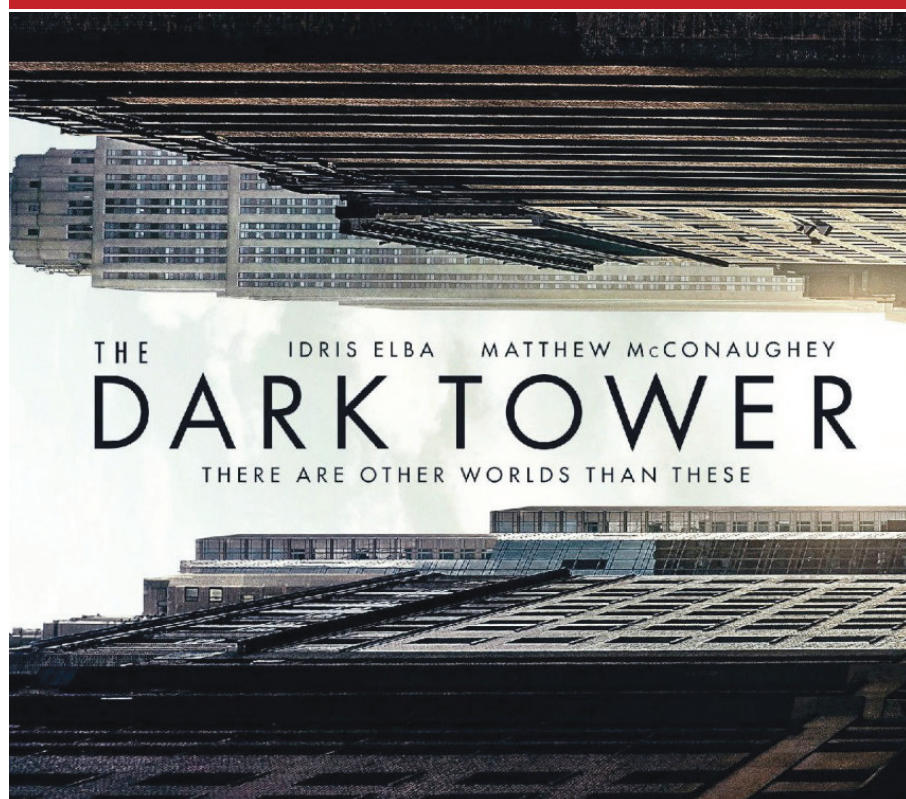
The first cave Kaling is referring to is likely from 'A Wrinkle In Time,' where she and Witherspoon play Mrs. Who and Mrs. Whats it, respectively.

The show has been known to attract A-listers throughout its six-season run. Other guest stars included Seth Rogen, James Franco, Shonda Rhimes, Freida Pinto, Stephen Colbert, Greta Gerwig and Joseph Gordon-Levitt.

'The Mindy Project' will mark Witherspoon's latest television appearance since her Emmy-nominated role as Madeline Mackenzie in HBO's 'Big Little Lies'.

Source: ANI

MOVIE REVIEW



THE DARK TOWER

CAST: Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor, Idris Elba

DIRECTION: Nikolaj Arcel

GENRE: Fantasy

DURATION: 1 hour 40 minutes

STORY

New York kid Jake (Tom Taylor) is gifted. He sees visions that revolve around a mysterious 'man in black' Walter (Matthew McConaughey) and his attack on the Dark Tower by using the power siphoned from telepathic children. As Jake's nightmarish visions come to life, he comes across Roland (Idris Elba), the Gunslinger, who is immune to Walter's psychic powers and has the ability to safeguard the tower that holds the universe together. The two must protect the

world from Walter's destructive plans.

REVIEW

Based on Stephen King's The Dark Tower book series, the film is about the eternal fight between good and evil. Those who protect versus those who destroy. Can life (Roland and Jake) win over death (Walter) or is death the ultimate conqueror? The metaphors are aplenty.

Though the film is a fantasy, what essentially works for it is the father-son bond between Jake and Roland. Idris Alba's charisma and effortless screen presence lends gravitas to the script and salvages the otherwise predictable plot. Matthew McConaughey makes bad look sexy. Sadly, his contrived and vague character fails to make an impression and ends up as a weak link.

About the story, you don't have to read the books to understand this one, which works. On the flip side, despite being gripping, it's quite underwhelming. While The Matrix like action and slowmo bullet battles keep you hooked, the story fails to work on a deeper level as motives remain unexplained (perhaps for sequels to follow).

The Dark Tower keeps you engaged but fails to go beyond offering you some generic escapism.

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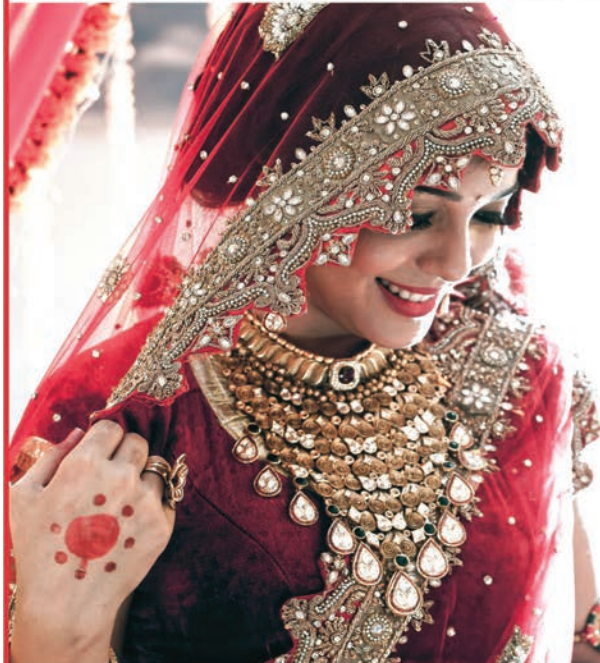


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13Year Old Indian Origin Boy Gets Top Score in Mensa IQ

Dhruv Garg achieved 162 in his entry IQ test - the maximum possible, which places him in the top one per cent of people in the world, a report said.

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LONDON (TIP): A 13-year-old Indian-origin boy in the UK has got the highest possible score of 162 on a Mensa IQ test, placing him in the top one per cent people in the world who achieved this feat.

Dhruv Garg, from Wokingham in south east England, was looking for something to occupy his time during the summer holidays and decided to try out for the intellectual society.

The schoolboy achieved 162 in his entry IQ test - the maximum possible, which places him in the top one per cent of people in the world, the Daily Mirror reported.

He also scored in the highest mark in the second test, known as the Culture Fair scale, getting 152.

This score qualifies him amongst the rare one per cent of the population who take the Mensa exam worldwide in both the exams.

Garg, who goes to Reading School, a grammar in Berkshire, has also been developing an app to combat social isolation by helping lonely people meet up.

The app connects people who live in the same area who want to meet new people.

"I was just so surprised to get the result. I was looking for something to do over the summer holidays and so I thought I'd try taking the test, but did not expect to do so well," he said.

"I'm really looking forward to the new school year, I really like school and want to use the app to help people," Garg said.

His mother, Divya, said the whole family is proud of their young prodigy, whose favorite subjects are maths and chemistry.

"When he got the maximum score, they told me it's the highest mark possible but I didn't realize what it meant. It was only when I spoke to Mensa that they told me I said, 'oh my God' this is special, this is really something worth celebrating," she said.

A keen cricketer and table tennis player, Garg can also complete a Rubik's Cube in under 100 seconds.

"In year, one was when we started to realize he was gifted as his teachers said he was very sharp and had to have special lessons, so all along he was always special. He is an avid reader and reads a lot of journals," Garg's mother said.

Mensa is believed to be the largest and oldest high IQ society in the world. Membership is open to anyone who can demonstrate an IQ in the top two per cent of the population, measured by a recognized or approved IQ testing process.

Blue Whale game 'mastermind' held

MOSCOW (TIP): The teenager accused of being the global mastermind behind the Blue Whale suicide group craze has been arrested. Cops detained the 17-year-old, who is accused of being the brain behind the death group, which has incited dozens of vulnerable children to take their own lives. The unnamed Russian teenager issued threats to her victims to murder them or their family members if they failed to obey orders to complete tasks she set them involving cutting themselves with razor blades and other acts of self-harm.

The tasks include self-harming, watching horror movies and waking up at unusual hours, but these gradually get more extreme.

Separately, a 21-year-old man has been arrested near Moscow for inciting adolescent girls to take their own lives.

The female "death group administrator" used threats against parents or siblings of her victims as added pressure on them to obey her and commit suicide, say Russian state investigators.

She also threatened the victims with being murdered in a sinister new twist to such online groups which pose rising concerns to police in many countries.

"This administrator was sending particular tasks — often life-threatening — to each of several dozen members of the group," said Colonel Irina Volk, of the Russian interior ministry. (Daily Mirror)



I am no quitter, says Theresa May as she vows to fight on

LONDON (TIP): Theresa May has dismissed reports that she plans to quit as British Prime Minister and said that she will lead the Conservative party into the next general election.

Addressing the media during her ongoing visit to Japan, May sought to dismiss murmurs in the UK media that she plans to step down as Conservative party leader at the end of the Brexit process in 2019.

"I am not a quitter. I am in this for the long term," she said, when asked if she expects to fight the general election scheduled for 2022.

"There's a real job to be done in the UK. It is about getting the Brexit deal right, it is about building that deep and special partnership with the European Union but it is also about building global Britain, trading around the world," she said.

The speculation around May's departure from 10 Downing Street was triggered by media reports last week that claimed that the British PM planned to step down by August 30, 2019.

Her comments have been received with a mixed response by her party, with back-benchers questioning this "long-term" strategy.

May has been widely seen as being on borrowed time as party leader since her gamble to call an early general election in June this year backfired, losing the Tories their overall majority in



Parliament. In the immediate aftermath, several MPs called on her to re-consider her position and former Chancellor George Osborne, who has become a newspaper editor after being sacked by May, even said that she was a "dead woman walking".

But May's message during her Japanese visit was defiant: "What I am clear that I want to do is, yes, get on with the job of Brexit, but it's not just about Brexit. What I want to do is a lot more about the long term, which is about changes domestically, on issues like social justice".

UK foreign secretary Boris Johnson, among the candidates in line to step in as the prime minister, continued to back

May.

"She is ideally placed to deliver a great outcome for our country and then deliver what we all want to see, which is this exciting agenda of global Britain. I think she gets it. She really wants to deliver it. I am here to support her," he told the BBC during his ongoing official visit to Nigeria.

But former Tory chairman Grant Shapps said it was "too early" for May to talk about going "on and on" like Margaret Thatcher.

"I think it's going to be difficult for Theresa May to lead us into the next general election," said Nicky Morgan, a Tory MP who has been very vocal in her opposition to Theresa May. (PTI)

Chinese reshuffle the top; new faces expected

BEIJING (TIP): China is getting ready for a leadership reshuffle on October 18 when the next National Congress of the Communist Party of China will be held after a gap of five years. President Xi Jinping is expected to be confirmed for a second term in his position as the party general secretary, which is the highest position in China and brings with it the chairmanship of the Central Military Commission.

However, most of Xi's team members in the Politburo Standing Committee will be replaced with new faces. It's not clear if Premier Li Keqiang will continue in the position after the meeting, which is seen as a five yearly date with China's political destiny. The date announcement for the 19th party Congress is seen by observers as reflecting that much of the decision making has already been done through backdoor negotiations. But there are chances of stiff power struggle for some top positions in the seven-member Politburo standing committee, which rules the country, because of the high stakes involved. The composition of the new team of rulers after the meeting, which will be attended by 2,200 Communist cadre, will determine a wide range of issues, including China's relationship with different countries. Beijing's relationship with India, North Korea and the US are particularly under severe test. This will be the first party Congress after Xi launched a massive restructuring of the various divisions of Chinese military and sent anti-corruption inspectors to investigate senior military officers and retired ones. Some analysts said Beijing initiated the Doklam crisis with India to justify Xi's need to revamp the military.

The official Xinhua news agency said, "The party Congress will thoroughly examine the current international and domestic situation, and take into account the new requirements for the development of the Party and the country as well as new expectations from the people."

"The 19th CPC National Congress will review the Party's work over the past five years and summarize precious experiences that the party has gained from the historical process of uniting and leading people of all ethnic groups to carry on and advance socialism with Chinese characteristics under the leadership of the CPC Central Committee with Xi at the core since the 18th CPC National Congress," it said. (PTI)

Hundreds attend funeral of Iranian dissident politician

TEHRAN (TIP): Hundreds of Iranians attended the funeral of Ebrahim Yazdi, one of the country's most influential dissident politicians.

on August 29th ceremony took place in a mosque north of Tehran. Yazdi died Sunday in Izmir, Turkey, where he was treated for complications from cancer. He was 85.

Yazdi was a close ally of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. His party, the Freedom Movement, later turned against the clerics as they consolidated power and he was frequently sentenced to prison on security charges.

A former member of parliament, Yazdi resigned as foreign minister in 1979 in protest of the takeover of the US Embassy that led to the Iran hostage crisis.

Iranian leaders including President Hassan Rouhani and Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif offered condolence messages after Yazdi's death. (AP)

North Korea warns Japan of 'imminent self-destruction'

SEOUL (TIP): Nuclear-armed North Korea has warned Tokyo against "imminent self-destruction" for siding with Washington, as tensions soar after Pyongyang fired a missile over Japan.

The North set off global alarm Tuesday when it fired an intermediate-range missile over the Asian island nation, triggering condemnation from world leaders including the US and Japan.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe denounced the launch as an "unprecedented, serious and grave threat" and agreed with US President Donald Trump to "further strengthen pressure against North Korea".

The North's official KCNA news agency decried the former colonial power in a commentary, saying: "Japan has now come out with its sleeves rolled up in supporting its master's anti-DPRK war moves." The allies' "military nexus" had become a "serious threat" to the Korean peninsula and Japan was "unaware" it was "accelerating self-destruction", the statement late Wednesday said. (AFP)

NY City Health Department warns of spread of sexually transmitted infections

● To prevent the spread of sexually transmitted infections, Health Department recommends condom use and regular testing; syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea can be cured with antibiotics ● New campaign will encourage STI testing and run on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Gay Ad Network and Grindr and in bus shelters and subway cars citywide

NEW YORK CITY (TIP): The Health Department released, August 31, new data showing that rates of syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea continue to increase, mirroring national trends over the past three years. From 2015 to 2016, New York City rates of syphilis increased by 27 percent; rates of gonorrhea rose by 13 percent; and rates of chlamydia increased by 6 percent. These increases are related to many factors, including more New Yorkers being tested with improved techniques.

As part of the Health Department's efforts to address the increase in sexually transmitted infections (STIs), a new citywide campaign encouraging New Yorkers to get tested will appear in bus shelters and subways and run on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Gay Ad Network and Grindr. This new campaign follows "Bare It All," a provocative and groundbreaking citywide awareness campaign that emboldens New Yorkers to talk openly with their doctors about their sex lives, drug use and other issues that affect their health. Earlier this year, the City also expanded clinical services and hours of operations at its Sexual Health Clinics (formerly known as STD clinics). Anyone 12 years or older can be tested for syphilis, chlamydia, gonorrhea and HIV at the City's Sexual Health Clinics, even if they have no symptoms.

As part of his plan to End the HIV Epidemic, Mayor Bill de Blasio has invested \$23 million annually to reduce the number of new HIV infections, as well as assure a strong STI prevention infrastructure. The

investment is unparalleled and places New York City in the best possible position to effectively curb STI increases.

"Sex is part of human existence. It can contribute to one's fulfillment and sense of wellbeing, but it can also pose health risks," said Assistant Commissioner Dr. Susan Blank, Bureau of STD Control. "Short of abstinence - which is not realistic for many New Yorkers - condoms provide the best protection available for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia. New Yorkers should talk to their providers about if and how they have sex, so that their providers can screen for and treat any infections before they lead to long term complications."

Many people with STIs have no signs or symptoms. However, untreated STIs can have lasting health effects, including visual and hearing loss, dementia, paralysis, infertility and stillbirth. Having syphilis, gonorrhea or chlamydia can make it easier to get or spread HIV. The best way to prevent the spread of syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia is through condom use, early detection and treatment. Sexually active New Yorkers are encouraged to be open and honest with their doctors about their sexual practices and ask about getting tested for STIs. Testing for these infections is easy, and they are curable with antibiotics.

Among other recent efforts by the Health Department to prevent and treat STIs are:

Sexual Health Clinics: The City's eight Sexual Health Clinics operate Monday through Friday, with Saturday hours available at the Riverside and Fort Greene

clinics.

LGBTQ Health Care Bill of Rights: In June, the Department announced New York City's first-ever LGBTQ Health Care Bill of Rights, which details health care protections on local, state and federal levels to empower LGBTQ New Yorkers to get the health care they deserve.

#PlaySure Kit: In December 2015, the Health Department launched PlaySure - a novel health marketing campaign to prevent HIV and other STIs, followed by StaySure in 2016. The goal of these sex-positive campaigns is to reach all New Yorkers and encourage them to choose their preferred tools to prevent HIV and other STIs, regardless of their HIV status.

NYC Condom: In 2016, the Health Department and its partners distributed more than 38 million condoms at 3,500 diverse locations in New York City, including bars, clubs, restaurants, nail salons, barber shops, hospitals, clinics, universities, and community-based organizations. When used correctly and consistently, condoms are highly effective in preventing unintended pregnancies and offer effective protection against most STIs, including HIV. The City's effort to increase the availability of condoms has contributed to citywide declines in teen pregnancy rates and HIV rates. To find free NYC Condoms, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/condoms. To learn more about condom use and sexual health or to download the free NYC Condom Finder app, please visit facebook.com/NYCcondom.

Credit Suisse's NEXT Investors Backs Sapience Analytics

NEW YORK / PUNE (TIP): Sapience Analytics, an innovative People Analytics solution company, announced, August 29, a majority investment from Credit Suisse Asset Management's NEXT Investors. The NEXT investment will be primarily used to accelerate Sapience Analytics' expansion into the US market.

Founded in 2009 with the vision to transform people, processes and productivity, Sapience Analytics is a market leader in People Analytics and provides a unique enterprise workforce analytics and efficiency solution. Sapience delivers unprecedented visibility into work patterns and behavior in an organization, which is being used by leaders of over 70 major customers to make better informed decisions and improve operating efficiencies across their enterprises. The Sapience platform focuses on helping companies achieve improved efficiencies for staffing, workload optimization, process improvement, robotic process automation, and outsourcing governance.

"We are seeing rapid growth for Sapience in the US market. We stand to benefit from our relationship with the NEXT team and their rich industry network which will enhance our ability to accelerate further," said Shirish Deodhar, CEO and Co-Founder of Sapience Analytics. "As a result of this investment, our headquarters will be relocated to the U.S., and we will continue to make strong management additions and add experienced board members to help capture a greater share of the large global enterprise market. Sapience is a unique People Analytics solution, and unlike other products, is based on automated capture and inferencing of work trends rather than any external or subjective people data."

Greg Grimaldi, Portfolio Manager, NEXT Investors at Credit Suisse Asset Management, said, "With operational efficiency and human capital productivity continuing to be a focus for the financial services industry, businesses need to be smarter in how they deploy resources and allocate workflow. Sapience Analytics helps solve a big pain point by empowering large institutions to efficiently manage human capital resources to help optimize work streams across an increasingly disparate workforce made up of permanent staff, third-party vendors, consultants, and contractors."

Joining the Sapience Analytics board of directors are Frank Fanzilli, Senior Advisor to NEXT Investors and former Global CIO at Credit Suisse First Boston, and Corporate Director at EnterpriseDB, SugarCRM, and Linux Foundation, and Mr. Grimaldi. As part of this investment, industry veteran Bradley Killinger has also joined as the President of the company, leading the North American business as well as global sales and marketing. His background includes prior leadership positions at IBM, Oracle, Unisys, among other firms.

"The Sapience platform has a unique value proposition that helps customers significantly improve workforce productivity while also improving employee engagement. Our technology-agnostic approach allows for fast and easy deployments that enable early ROIs for our customers. I am thrilled to be joining such an innovative company as we help define the People Analytics market," said Mr. Killinger.

Sapience Analytics is helping more than 100,000 users and over 70 enterprises across 12 countries to move the needle on employee engagement, organizational productivity, and business profitability. The company's current client base comes from Fortune Global 200 enterprises, top 50 global IT services firms, engineering, finance, and business process outsourcing companies.



Pune, India-based Sapience Analytics, a provider of employee productivity software, has secured an undisclosed amount of funding. The investor was Credit Suisse Asset Management's NEXT Investors. Rajiv Khanna lead BakerHostetler's team which represented Sapience Analytics in its private equity investment from Credit Suisse NEXT Investors

Northeast Queens Women Rally for Paul Vallone

Elected Officials and Prominent Community Leaders Endorse Vallone

QUEENS, NY (TIP): On Monday, August 21, Council Member Vallone stood with Queens Borough President Melinda Katz, State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assemblywoman Nally Rozic and many prominent female community leaders as they rallied to show their support for the Council Member's re-election. Supporters cited not only his work to improve the quality of life for the residents of Northeast Queens but also his work on issues that affect women.

"As a husband and father of two wonderful daughters, I am very aware of the issues that affect women throughout our City. I am proud to fight for legislation and initiatives that protect and empower women in their personal and professional lives," said Council Member Paul Vallone. "All the great work that we've accomplished in my first four years could not have happened without the help and support of all the women standing here with us today. I look forward to another four years of productive partnership as we continue to fight for Northeast Queens."

During his tenure in the City Council, Council Member Vallone has secured funding for the complete renovation and restoration of a landmarked building in Fort Totten that will serve as the new home for the Center of the Women of New York (CWNY). Since their founding in 1987, the Center has shown that women working together can be an effective force. They are a voluntary, non-profit organization existing primarily on dues from their members and on the volunteer efforts of



business, professional and community women. They strive to be a one-stop, walk-in resource center for women.

In addition, the Council Member has allocated over \$375,000 to fight domestic violence through the Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DOVE) initiative as well as supported legislation that equals the playing field for women.

"Paul A. Vallone is a tireless advocate for Northeast Queens whose leadership has improved our quality of life," said Queens Borough President Melinda Katz. "I look forward to his reelection and continuing our work together to advance the World's borough"

"As we approach the 100-year anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement in New York, it is vital that we reflect on the strides women have made, but also where inequality still persists," State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky said. "Unfortunately, this presidential

administration has proven inefficient in furthering equality for women, but I have seen everyday people as well as state and city elected officials take up the mantle and continue to push for equality for all. That is why it is imperative we continue to elect true progressives, like Councilman Vallone, who are proven allies for minority and disenfranchised groups. As a progressive Democrat and a woman, I can think of no better person to represent the 19th City Council District."

"Council Member Paul Vallone has consistently and passionately advocated for Queens families in the City Council whether it concerns our schools, pedestrian safety, supporting small businesses, or elevating women in the workforce," said Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. "I proudly endorse Paul and look forward to continuing our partnership on issues making a difference for the future of our communities."

CHOOSE BEST EARRINGS FOR YOUR FACE TYPE

Accessorizing an outfit is no easy feat as it plays an essential role to enhance your look. Getting the jewelry right can make a major difference to your face. So here are six face types along with the type of earrings that suit them. This article will help you ace your look without any hassle.

How to identify an oblong face?

An Oblong face is identified by more length and narrow width. In this shape, the cheeks and sides of the face are straight along with a pointy chin. The most striking feature is the maximum width at the forehead.

- Jewelry with heavy accents would suit your face as they will give a fuller look to your face. Go for large hoops, smart studs, clustered earrings and short dangle earrings (encrusted with stones or anything with a circular shape). The idea is to wear round-shaped earrings to add some definition to the face.

How to identify a square face?

Such a face is characterized by equal measurements of the length and width. The chin is square shaped and the jawline is broad and strong. This face shape is known for its strong angles.

- In order to give your face a softer look, choose earrings with rounded edges. Long oval shaped earrings or hoop earrings will do the trick. You could also go for round studs for a more formal look.

How to identify a heart-shaped face?

In this face shape, the chin is pointed with cheeks and sides tapering into the jawline, very similar to the shape of a heart. The face is widest at the forehead with cheekbones being equally defined and pronounced.

- The earrings best suited for the heart shaped face are the ones which are wide at the bottom and narrow at the top. Such earrings would compensate for the



narrow chin and enhance the facial structure. You could go for chandelier or long teardrop earrings. Earrings with detailing at the bottom would also be suitable.

How to identify an oval face?

In this face shape, the forehead and jawline are almost the same width with the jawline having a certain roundness to it. Strong and wide cheekbones are also a part of this face shape.

- The luckiest of the lot, people with oval face shape can experiment the most, thanks to the versatility of their shape. Any type of earrings would suit this ideal face shape, but the best earrings to enhance their features would be simple studs, teardrop earrings or slightly

triangular and long drop earrings.

How to identify a diamond face?

The shape which resembles a diamond comprises a long and narrow jawline which tapers into one point. The forehead of this face is narrow as compared to the cheek bones, which are the widest part of the face. This face is longer than it is wide.

- Diamond face shapes should go for long dangly earrings which have heavier accents. Tassel or wide chandelier earrings are also a good idea to compliment the face shape.

How to identify a round face?

Such a face shape is characterized by having the same width and length which imitates that of a circle. The face is widest at



the cheeks and does not taper at the chin. Even the jawline is round and wide.

- Steer clear of earrings with a circular shape like hoops or any dangling earrings with round pieces as they will magnify the roundness of your face. Long and drop earrings or dangly earrings (carved, baubles or gemstones) would complement your face shape perfectly.

Source: TOI

FOOD CORNER

GINGER CHICKEN KEBAB

INGREDIENTS

500 gm chicken boneless, 1/2 tablespoon crushed to paste green chillies, 1 teaspoon white pepper powder, 2 tablespoon ginger paste, salt as required, 1/2 cup hung curd, 1 teaspoon chopped ginger

Method

- To begin with this delicious recipe, wash the chicken pieces and let it dry for some time. Then, carefully, slice the chicken into cubes.
- Then, take a bowl and mix chicken breasts, green chili paste, white pepper powder, salt, ginger paste and malt vinegar into it. Using your fingers, rub the chicken pieces in the mixture from both the sides.
- Take another bowl and whisk the hung yogurt in it. Add the chicken pieces from the first bowl to the the second bowl i.e. bowl with yogurt. Let the chicken pieces marinade for about 30 minutes or so. Keep it aside for a while. Once marinated, take out the chicken pieces, place them carefully on the skewers and roast them over the grill for about 10 minutes or so.
- Once the excess liquid is drained, garnish it with finely chopped ginger and serve the Ginger Chicken Kebab hot!



BESAN HALWA

INGREDIENTS

4 cup gram flour (besan), 2 tablespoon almonds, 2 tablespoon rose water, 1/2 teaspoon green cardamom, 4 cup water, 1 cup sugar, 2 tablespoon pistachios, 5 strand saffron, 2 cup ghee

Method

- To start with, place a deep-bottomed pan over medium flame and boil 4 cups of water in it. Meanwhile, grind cardamom into a fine powder. Add in sugar, cardamom powder, saffron and stir until all the sugar granules get dissolved and syrup is formed.
- Now, place another pan on medium flame and melt ghee in it. Once the ghee is hot enough, lower the flame and add unshelled pistachios and almonds in it and saute for two minutes. Mix in gram flour and stir until the colour turns light brown, stir continuously so as not burn the gram flour. Pour the prepared sugar syrup in roasted gram flour and mix well till a thick consistency is achieved. Let the halwa cook for about two minutes and switch off the burner. Mix in the rose water and stir once again.

IMPROVE YOUR EYESIGHT NATURALLY

If your job requires you to keep staring into your computer screen for much of the day, this is for you. This is also for all of you who are addicted to your smartphones or tablets, or even the TV. Two vital organs of our bodies bear the brunt of our modern, digital lives — our eyes! However, eye problems don't surface overnight. Our bodies try to warn us of eye troubles every now and then. Headaches, dry eyes or even watery eyes are some signs of an imminent eye problem, but most of us tend to ignore these symptoms.

It's time, however, to realise that eye health should not be neglected. Given the increasing workload of our eyes, it is essential to get timely check-ups for the entire family. This can help avoid serious problems such as presbyopia (difficulty to focus on close-up objects), cataract (clouding of the eye's lens), floaters, flashes and age-related macular degeneration, commonly known as AMD.

Some of these hazards can be eliminated if we regularly invest some time in eye care. Listed below are a few simple things to protect and improve eyesight naturally!

According to Mahesh Jayaraman, co-founder of Sepalika.com, these simple lifestyle changes will improve eye health:

- Drink plenty of water: Dehydration can hasten the development of cataracts. Drink 6-8 glasses of water every day to keep your eyes moist, healthy and clean.
- Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables: Adding fresh fruits and vegetables to your daily diet will protect the eyes against nutritional deficiencies. Consume foods rich in antioxidants, such as colourful berries, to stop or slow the progression of certain eye diseases.
- Give your eyes a break from digital screens: Regular use of mobile phones, television, and computers can tire the eyes. Follow the 20-20-20 rule to provide breaks to your eyes. The rule is very simple: Every 20 minutes, look 20 feet away from your screen for 20 seconds!
- Quit smoking: Smoking increases the risk of eye diseases, especially cataract. While you should be kicking the butt for your general well-being, better vision is another reason to make a change.
- Use sunglasses with UV protection: Extended exposure to harsh UV rays of the sun has been linked to eye damage. Common risks include cataracts, macular degeneration, and temporary loss of vision. Wear UV-protected sunglasses to protect your eyes from harmful rays of the sun.
- Include vitamins and nutrients in your diet for a healthy eyesight!
- Along with lifestyle changes, a healthy diet is equally important for maintaining healthy eyesight.
- Add Simple Eye Exercises to Your Daily Routine.
- Have you ever tried eye exercises



NUTRIENTS ESSENTIAL FOR GOOD VISION

Beta Carotene and Vitamin A: Vitamin A protects the eyes from damage caused by harmful bacteria and oxidative stress. Sweet potatoes, carrots, dark leafy greens, fish, liver, and tropical fruits are some good sources of Vitamin A. Beta carotenes (pigments found in yellow, orange and green leafy fruits and vegetables) readily convert into Vitamin A.

Zinc: Minerals like zinc can prevent age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Dark chocolate, garlic, chickpeas, sesame seeds are some examples of zinc-rich foods.

Vitamin C: Vitamin C is a potent antioxidant, which is available abundantly in fruits and vegetables like oranges, tomatoes, red pepper, broccoli, etc. When combined with other antioxidants like vitamin E and zinc, vitamin C can help lower the risk of vision loss and macular degeneration.

Omega-3s: Omega-3 fatty acids prevent eyes from drying up, keep them moist and ensure proper drainage of fluids from them. Flaxseed oil, walnuts and dark green leafy vegetables are rich sources of omega-3 fatty acids.

Vitamin E: This antioxidant vitamin can lower the risk of macular degeneration and protect the DNA of all our cells, including those in the eyes. Nuts and seeds are potent sources of vitamin E.



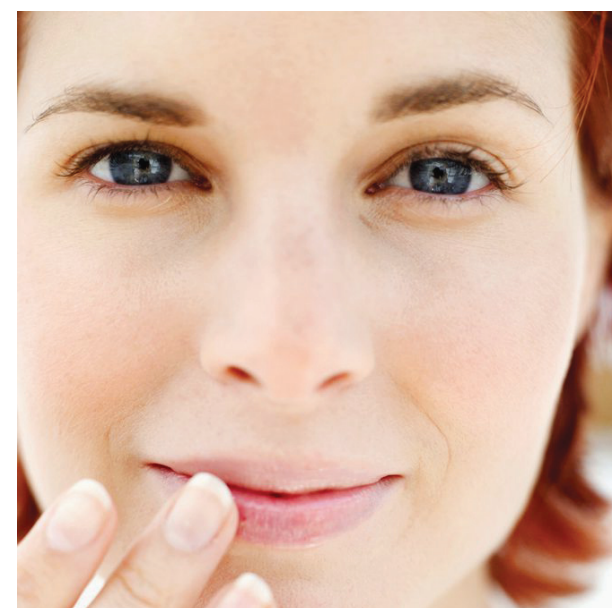
to relax the muscles located at the back of your eyes? Set aside a few minutes every day for these simple exercises and keep your eye muscles healthy.

- Palming: Influenced by yoga, palming involves a simple procedure of rubbing the palms against each other and cupping the warm palms on closed eyelids. This exercise soothes eyeballs and releases stress. The idea behind palming is to impart warmth to your eyeballs without putting too much pressure on them. When you start with palming, initially, you may get a vision of colourful bands or grey patches or an illusion of colours. However, the more you get used to this technique, the darker the vision grows, and ultimately it becomes pitch dark when you are fully relaxed.
- Zooming: Lengthen your arm to a comfortable stretch and keep the thumb in a hitchhiking position. Start focusing on the thumb when

your arms are fully stretched. Slowly bring your thumb closer, all the while keeping your focus on the thumb. Stop focusing when your thumb is 3 inches away from your eyes. Repeat this process at least thrice every week.

- Tracing the figure 'Eight': This exercise helps in improving the flexibility of eye muscles. At a distance of approximately 10 feet, visualize an image of eight on its side (resembling the Infinity symbol). Then slowly trace the figure with your eyes for a few minutes and repeat it at regular intervals.
- Pendulum exercise: This exercise sharpens the focus of lenses by working on oblique muscles of the eye. You can use either a real pendulum or an imaginary one. The idea is to concentrate on the pendulum and follow its movement by shifting the focus of eyes from side-to-side.

Source: TOI



What your lip colour says about you

The first sign of any disease is mostly seen on the lips and so it is rightly called the window to your health by traditional Chinese medicine experts. If the colour of our lips change, it is our body's way of telling us that something is wrong. The position of our body, its internal organs, temperature and blood can be understood just by the colour of our lips. Let us find out what different colour of lips denote:

PALE OR WHITE LIPS

Pale or white lips are a clear sign of being anaemic. This means that your body lacks red blood cells or haemoglobin. Haemoglobin is the main part of the red blood cells and binds oxygen. Therefore, if your body lacks this, then your lips are bound to turn pale. Eating iron rich foods like spinach, dried fruits and breads are a good start to increase your haemoglobin.

RED LIPS

Red lips mean your body is overheated. At a time like this, you will see the additional signs of bad breath and craving for snacks. According to experts, this means that you have a dysfunctional liver, which ends up releasing heat in the body. Other than this, red lips also signify the presence of an allergy from any kind of food or liquid, causing your lips to swell.

PURPLE OR BLUE LIPS

A normal phenomenon during winters, purple or blue lips should not be ignored if it persists for a long time. This is because this may mean that you have a heart and respiratory issue. This also means that blood circulation in the body is improper. If there is a hint of a green line around your lips, it signifies poor blood circulation around liver and spleen.

DARK RED TO BLUE LIPS

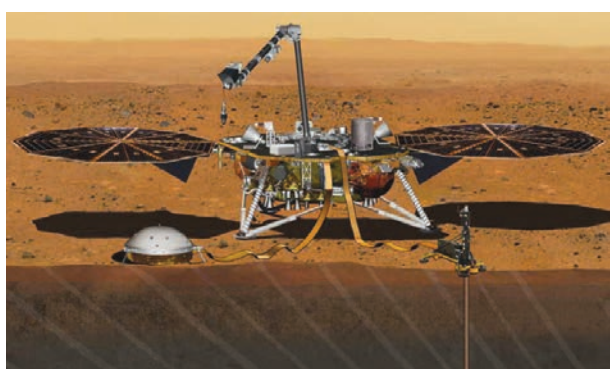
Dark red to blue lips signify that you need to detoxify your body immediately with healthy foods and liquids. This simply means that your digestive system is stressed due to toxification and your body needs to get rid of these disturbing agents. Sticking to an alkaline diet will help.

PURPLE LINE AROUND LIPS

According to Chinese medicine, a purple or greenish line around your lips imply the presence of imbalance of energy in your body. This means that negative energy is overpowering your body. Consuming foods which are neutral in nature, mild in terms of use of spices, will help you get rid of this.

ROSY PINK

Rosy pink lips indicate a healthy body with a balanced mind. This means that you are doing everything right to keep your body fit and the diet and fitness regime you are following suits your body well.



NASA'S NEXT MARS MISSION TO PROBE RED PLANET'S DEEP INTERIOR

WASHINGTON (TIP): NASA's next mission to Mars, scheduled to launch next year, will focus on examining the deep interior of the red planet, according to the US space agency.

Information gathered by the InSight mission will boost understanding of how all rocky planets formed, including Earth, NASA said.

"Because the interior of Mars has churned much less than Earth's in the past three billion years, Mars likely preserves evidence about rocky planets' infancy better than our home planet does," said InSight Principal Investigator Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in California.

The mission will place a stationary lander near Mars' equator. With two solar panels that unfold like paper fans, the lander spans about six metres.

Within weeks after the landing, InSight will use a robotic arm to place its two main instruments directly and permanently onto the martian ground, an unprecedented set of activities on Mars, according to NASA.

One of the two instruments is a seismometer, which is shielded from wind, and has sensitivity fine enough to detect ground movements half the diameter of a hydrogen atom.

It will record seismic waves from "marsquakes" or meteor impacts that reveal information about the planet's interior layers.

The other instrument is a heat probe, designed to hammer itself to a depth of three metres or more and measure the amount of energy coming from the planet's deep interior.

A third experiment will use radio transmissions between Mars and Earth to assess perturbations in how Mars rotates on its axis, which are clues about the size of the planet's core.

Preparation ramped up this summer for the InSight mission that is on course for launch next May from Vandenberg Air Force Base in central California, NASA said.

"Our team resumed system-level integration and test activities last month," said Stu Spath, spacecraft programme manager at Lockheed Martin.

"The lander is completed and instruments have been integrated onto it so that we can complete the final spacecraft testing including acoustics, instrument deployments and thermal balance tests," Spath said.

The spacecraft's science payload also is on track for next year's launch, NASA said. *Source: PTI*

ULTRA-THIN CARBON NANOTUBES CAN DESALINATE SEAWATER

WASHINGTON (TIP): Scientists have developed carbon nanotubes over 50,000 times thinner than a human hair which can quickly and effectively separate salt from seawater, an advance that may help solve the global water crisis.

Increasing demands for fresh water pose a global threat to sustainable development, resulting in water scarcity for four billion people, researchers said.

Current water purification technologies can benefit from the development of membranes with specialised pores that mimic highly efficient and water selective biological proteins.

Scientists, including those from Northeastern University in the US, developed carbon nanotube pores that can exclude salt from seawater.

The team found that water permeability in carbon nanotubes (CNTs) with diameters of 0.8 nanometre significantly exceeds that of wider carbon nanotubes.

The nanotubes, hollow structures made of carbon atoms in a unique arrangement, are more than 50,000 times thinner than a human hair.

The super smooth inner surface of the nanotube is responsible for their remarkably high water permeability, while the tiny pore size blocks larger salt ions.

"We found that carbon nanotubes with diameters smaller than a nanometre bear a key structural feature



that enables enhanced transport," said Ramya Tunuguntla, a postdoctoral researcher at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in the US.

"The narrow hydrophobic channel forces water to translocate in a single-file arrangement, a phenomenon similar to that found in the most efficient biological water transporters," said Tunuguntla.

Computer simulations and experimental studies of water transport through CNTs with diameters larger than one nanometre showed enhanced water flow, but did not match the transport efficiency of biological proteins and did not separate salt efficiently, especially at higher

salinities.

The key breakthrough achieved by the LLNL team was to use smaller-diameter nanotubes that delivered the required boost in performance.

"Carbon nanotubes are a unique platform for studying molecular transport and nanofluidics," said Alex Noy principal investigator at LLNL.

"Their sub-nanometre size, atomically smooth surfaces and similarity to cellular water transport channels make them exceptionally suited for this purpose, and it is very exciting to make a synthetic water channel that performs better than nature's own," said Noy.

The research was published in the journal *Science*. *Source: PTI*

Tiny diamonds can prevent fires in mobile phone batteries

NEW YORK (TIP): Researchers have found that nanodiamonds — tiny diamond particles 10,000 times smaller than the diameter of a hair — can prevent short-circuits and fires in lithium batteries widely used in mobile devices from cell phones to laptops.

The new process can turn electrolyte solution — a key component of most batteries — into a safeguard against the chemical process that leads to battery-

related disasters.

In the study, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, the researchers described a process by which nanodiamonds curtail the electrochemical deposition called plating that can lead to hazardous short-circuiting of lithium ion batteries.

"We anticipate the first use of our proposed technology will be in less critical applications — not in cell phones

or car batteries," said Yury Gogotsi, Professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US.

"To ensure safety, additives to electrolytes, such as nanodiamonds, need to be combined with other precautions, such as using non-flammable electrolytes, safer electrode materials and stronger separators," Gogotsi added.

Source: IANS

NEW YORK (TIP): Researchers have found that Twitter can be a useful tool to find out how widespread the misuse of prescribed opioid drug is in a particular state or town, or to track the dynamics of opioid misuse in a given locality over time.

"Traditional methods of gauging opioid misuse in an area rely on compiling reports from local emergency rooms and poison control call centers," said lead researcher Michael Chary from the Department of Emergency Medicine of New York Presbyterian Queens hospital.

"Through social media we can observe a much larger fraction of the population, perhaps intervening before things reach the level of needing emergency medical care," Chary added.

Chary and his team analysed more than 3.6 million tweets and found that the information about opioid misuse was significantly

correlated with federal surveys over the last three years.

For the study, published in the *Journal of Medical Toxicology*, the research group curated a list of keywords related to the misuse of prescribed opioids.

Based on these keywords and with the help of a software, the researchers extracted English-language tweets between the years 2012 and 2014.

In the process 3,611,528 tweets all containing at least one of the selected keywords about the misuse of prescribed opioids were selected.

The software then identified linguistic characteristics that distinguished tweets that credibly mentioned opioid misuse from spam

Twitter can help track opioid misuse



tweets and clustered them based on semantic distance.

The team then used metadata from Twitter

to identify the location of each tweet. To validate their findings, Chary and his group compared the Twitter data to geographical data contained in the 2013-2015 National Surveys on Drug Usage and Health (NSDUH).

NSDUH is a government funded confidential survey conducted annually by professional interviewers, and includes information obtained from about 70,000 Americans. It is commonly used to determine nationwide trends in substance use.

Mentions about the misuse of prescribed opioids on Twitter were found to strongly correlate with state-by-state information contained in the NSDUH.

Source: IANS

14,000 PROPERTIES OF OVER RS 1 CR EACH UNDER I-T DEPT SCRUTINY

NEW DELHI (TIP): The hunt for black money undertaken following the note ban has led the Income Tax Department to unearth expensive properties where the owners have not even filed income tax returns.

As part of 'Operation Clean Money', the Income Tax Department has detected about 14,000 properties of more than Rs 1 crore each where persons have not even filed income tax returns and in such cases the investigations are in progress. Till now, only large cash deposits made in banks following the scrapping of Rs 500 and 1,000 notes in November last year were under the scanner. The transactions are in turn leading to properties and real estate acquired through black money and where taxes have not been paid.

This is part of the anti-black money drive to unearth large number of persons and clusters having suspect transactions.

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said large cash deposits made in banks have lost their anonymity post-demonetisation and has helped to fix liabilities.

But, "the fact that money has got into the banking system doesn't mean it is legitimate money. Or the monies have got legitimately converted," he said. Depositing money in bank accounts had



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ended their anonymity.

"It means that the anonymity around the money which was otherwise floating in the system has come to an end. The money got identified with the owner. And henceforth he was fixed with explaining the liability of the money," he said.

Jaitley said the fallout of demonetisation was on predicted lines as "more and more people will now be compelled to come into the tax net."

The government had accepted yesterday that a significant portion of scrapped notes deposited could possibly be representing unexplained or black money for which Operation Clean Money was launched.

Defending the demonetization, which has drawn flak following the RBI report

that 99% of scrapped currency was returned to the banking system, the government today said it launched a concerted drive against black money with demonetisation being an important step in that direction.

"Among the main objectives of demonetisation was the flushing out of black money and also, conversion of the non-formal economy into a formal economy to expand the tax base", the government said. There has been a quantum increase in enforcement activity by the I-T Department with a 158% increase in number of searches, 106% increase in seizures and 38% increase in admission of undisclosed income from Rs 11,226 crore to Rs 15,496 crore. *Source: The Tribune*

5.7% GDP growth in Q1 matter of concern, says Jaitley

NEW DELHI (TIP): Finance minister Arun Jaitley on Thursday attributed the lower GDP numbers to pre-GST destocking of goods and expressed hope that the economy will grow at 7 per cent, saying manufacturing has bottomed out.

He further said that improvement in the global economy and good monsoon will aid GDP growth in the coming quarters which ought to be better if the country is to achieve the annual growth target.

The Economic Survey had projected a growth of 6.75 per cent to 7.5 per cent for 2017-18.

"Global economy is improving faster than what we thought and that is a positive trend. The domestic public investment is certainly going to be quite high because the revenue trend seems to be positive.

"On the same rationale, with reforms continuing, the confidence in the economy globally being high, the FDI (inflow) will continue. The monsoon overall -- the bigger picture -- looks to be good and therefore that should send a positive impact," he said. "Another area of possibility is, are we able to get early successes for the banking system for the insolvency itself," he said.

Terming the first quarter GDP data as a matter of concern, the finance minister said the government requires both in policy and investment to work more to improve this figure. *Source: PTI*

SC refuses permission to Singh brothers to sell Fortis shares

NEW DELHI (TIP): The Supreme Court on August 31 refused to give the Singh brothers (Malvinder and Shivinder, the original promoters of Ranbaxy and Fortis) permission to sell Fortis shares. It also refused permission to banks with whom the Singhs have pledged Fortis shares to do the same.

Shares of Fortis were down 6.6% at 12.30pm, reacting to the court's order.

On 11 August, the court had asked companies controlled by the Singhs to not sell shares in Fortis. The Singhs subsequently approached the apex court on 23 August asking for permission to sell shares in Fortis already pledged with the banks.

In the order, the Supreme Court restrained the Singhs from disposing off any of their assets (both encumbered and unencumbered) till the final disposal of the case on 31 October. Encumbered assets are those pledged or offered as collateral to a lender. The court's 11 August order was in response to a plea by Daiichi Sankyo Ltd. That plea followed a 21 June order by the Delhi high court that cleared the way for the Singhs to potentially sell a stake in Fortis Healthcare Ltd, on the condition that the disclosed value of their unencumbered assets remained unaffected.

Daiichi bought Ranbaxy Laboratories from the Singhs in 2008 for \$4.6 billion. In 2014, it sold Ranbaxy to Sun Pharmaceuticals for \$3.2 billion. By then it had already launched arbitration proceedings against the Singhs in Singapore, alleging that they withheld information on Ranbaxy (and its problems with the US Food and Drug Administration) at the time of the deal.

In 2016, the Singapore arbitration court ordered the Singhs to pay up Rs2,562 crore in damages to Daiichi. The total value of their dues after interest addition and legal fees came to Rs3,500 crore. *Source: Livemint*



Malvinder Singh and Shivinder Singh are the original promoters of Ranbaxy and Fortis.



RBI SETS RUPEE REFERENCE RATE AT 64.0154 AGAINST DOLLAR

MUMBAI (TIP): The Reserve Bank of India on Thursday fixed the reference rate of the rupee at 64.0154 against the US dollar and 76.0439 for the euro.

The corresponding rates were 63.9431 and 76.4504, on Wednesday.

According to an RBI statement, the exchange rates for the pound and the yen against the rupee were 82.6961 and 57.91 per 100 yens, respectively, based on reference rates for the dollar and cross-currency quotes at noon.

The SDR-rupee figure will be based on this rate, the statement added. *Source: PTI*

Saab picks Adani to bid for contract to make fighter jets

NEW DELHI (TIP): Sweden's Saab will tie up with India's Adani Group to bid for a contract to make fighter aircraft in India, an aerospace consultant aware of the proposed partnership told Reuters on Thursday.



The partnership will compete with US defence giant Lockheed Martin in a two-horse-race to equip the Indian military with single-engine jets to be produced locally under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Make-in-India" initiative.

The Saab-Adani partnership would be aimed at producing planes under India's new "strategic partnership" policy, said Ratan Shrivastava, an independent New-Delhi-based consultant and adviser at India's industry lobby group FICCI.

The partnership will likely be announced on Friday, Shrivastava said. *Source: Reuters*

Indoco Remedies expects US business to grow

MUMBAI (TIP): Pharma firm Indoco Remedies said its international business prospects are looking up and its business from US is expected to grow, once the issues related to warning letter are resolved.

"The company has filed 32 ANDAs pending for approval, including first-to-file (FTF's) and Para IV applications. Going forward, the company's business from US is expected to grow, once the issues related to warning letter is resolved," Indoco Remedies Chairman Suresh G Kare said at the company's annual general meeting (AGM).

"The USFDA inspected facilities at Goa (Plant II & III) during August-September last year. As an outcome of this inspection, the facility received 6 observations in Form 483, none of which pertain to data integrity. *Source: PTI*

Optimism as US business spending rises

WASHINGTON (TIP): The Commerce Department's upbeat report suggested the economy continued to gather momentum after growth slowed at the start of the year. Strength in business investment bolsters the case for the Federal Reserve to tighten monetary policy further.

Non-defence capital goods orders excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, increased 0.4 per cent last month after being unchanged in June.

Economists had forecast these so-called core capital goods orders rising 0.3 per cent last month. They were up 3.3 per cent from a year ago. *Source: Reuters*

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Predictions for the month of SEPTEMBER, 2017

Today there is computerized voice type analysis. My observation is you, Scorpio, Taurus and Libra are blessed with the baritone which persuades people to do your bidding. This is certainly yoga time or yoke time or partnerships of all possible sorts. I suggest yoga and partnership with God will be exceptionally fruitful. Enjoy it. Life is sweet but short.

Cleanliness, purity and mysterious creativity is associated with you Virgos because your name is associated with Virgin Mary the mother of Christ. That's why I predict that Virgo Narendra Modi will be able to cleanse and purify the Ganges. Mighty achievement. But Virgos are school masters. School masters are perhaps too rigid and lay down the law a bit too hard for others to follow. A little bit of tolerance and flexibility is needed. After all, all human beings have their failings.

Aries:

Never believe that your life is useless. Never believe that after your death there will be complete silence. Never believe that your grave and resting place will be unmarked. Be sure that your vibrations will remain in the ether forever. In other words, be sure that in one way or the other you will never be forgotten.

Taurus:

Music, the arts and the rhythm of life itself go naturally with you Taureans. September is the month for all of this. Add to it genuine spirituality, tantra and mantra, birth of children, bhajans, satsangs, entertainment and the natural flow of the energy of life itself. A month to show how good and great you can be.

Gemini:

Ganesha quotes nothing great is easily won, Nothing great is easily lost, Every good deed nobly done, will repay the cost. It means in simple language that you will be rewarded in one way or the other for every good deed you have done. It means nothing good ever goes in vain.

Cancer:

Though your grave might be unmarked be sure that you will never be swallowed in silence. A time to make your presence felt of transport and publicity, news and views and messages. Extend a helping hand to one and all and Mother Nature will do exactly the same for you.

Leo:

Leo Sprinter Bolt was defeated in the recent Olympics. But though defeated the winner bowed down to him and paid homage. This is the clue to your powerful personality, your image and finally your great spirituality. The Sun is your main planet therefore the mantra is specially meant for you. OM HRAM HREEM HROM SA SURYAYE NAMAH

Virgo:

This is the month when you can sweep away one and all by your diligence, intelligence, inspiration and undoubted sincerity as well as imagination. Knowing this it becomes your dharma to do all that you can not only for yourself but for others. Love and duty are the two wheels of your bicycle.

Libra:

The peace that passeth understanding as the Bible says can be yours. At the same time, paradoxically, you may have to look after the weak and the helpless. Expenses may mount. It is a month of paradoxes and contradictions. But given faith in God and your own self you will come out a winner.

Scorpio:

As the Bible says, "The truth shall make you free". In other words, be absolutely honest in your dealings and game set a match will be finally yours. The simple reason is friends and well-wishers will flock to your side and support you once they know that you are sincere and cooperative.

Sagittarius:

Pressures are certainly going to mount in terms of prestige and work. Your attitude will be mighty important. Stay hopeful, buoyant and do not lose your confidence under any circumstances. You may have to work hard on two fronts home and work very sincerely. The mantra for you is, "OM JHRAM JHREEM JHROOM SA GURUVE NAMAH".

Capricorn:

Pilgrimages, spirituality of totally different dimension, tours and the ability to synchronize different trends and directions should help you in a thousand different ways. God favors you because you certainly deserve it. This is high praise, nobly deserved and won. Conference and meetings are foretold.

Aquarius:

Karmic debts will have to be paid, like it or lump it. The best thing is to accept it and go right ahead bravely and intelligently. This is not going to be easy. But in life the spiritual path can be one of thorns and thistles. Yes, you will be able to walk on it. Otherwise also this is a slightly uneven month.

Pisces:

You will grow through what you go through. Partnerships at all levels are predicted. The greatest partnership is with your Maker and your own Destiny. A time to heal others and thus be at peace with yourself. In short hostility and love, enmity and friendship all come to a meeting point, a very unusual month. Journey with a stop-over is possible.

Bejan Daruwalla is world's most famous astrologer today. He appears regularly on world wide TV shows. Bejan who has been a professor in English, has authored a number of books on astrology. India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on March 29, 2012, lunched one of Bejan's books, '2012- End of the World? Bejan contributes to a number of journals and

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PITRI PAKSHA SHRADH

Pitri Paksha begins on 05th September 2017. Purnima Sraddha 19th September, 2017- Amavasya Shraddha, Pitri Paksha ends. Sraddha or Shradh offered during Pitri Paksha, i.e. dark fortnight or Krishna paksha in the month of Ashwin (September-October) is of great importance in Hindu religion. Sraddha is the ceremonies and rituals performed for the departed souls of dead ancestors. It is believed that the souls will attain peace by the Shradh rituals performed during the fortnight.

SHRADH IN ASHWIN PITRU PAKSHA

Shradh in Ashwin Pitru Paksha It is believed that the Shradh performed on Ashwin Pitru Paksha reaches the ancestors immediately and their souls will rest in peace. Hindu Puranas are full of details about Sraddha, especially Agni Purana, Garuda Purana and Matsya Purana. It is Yama, the god of death in Hindu mythology, who explained the importance of Sraddha performed on Pitri Paksha. Rituals and food offered to ancestors reaches to them instantly. The ancestors bless those performing the ritual. It is also believed by Hindus that all the sinful acts committed by the dead will be cleansed by the sraddha. Those departed souls who do not receive Sraddha are said to wander aimlessly on earth and sometimes curse their progeny, which we call Pitri dosha.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR SHRADH

In Shradh rituals, numerous things are there to be taken care of. Here is some dos and don'ts one should be aware of...

In all Shradh rituals, the milk, curd (yogurt) or ghee (clarified butter) should be of cow. One should avoid such cows which have recently gave birth to a calf. There should be at least ten days old calf of such cow, whose milk is to be used.

OFFER FOOD IN SILVERWARE: The use of silverware in Shradh is regarded auspicious and also good for donating to priests or Brahmins. It is believed that silver kills evil forces. If ancestors are offered water, pinda (a block made of rice) or food in silverware, they feel fully satisfied.

OFFERING FOOD WITH BOTH HANDS: When you are offering feast to Shradh Brahmins, bring food trays and chafing dishes holding by both hands. If you hold catch of these trays by one hand, it is believed that all such food is snatched away by devil forces and nothing goes to our ancestors.

BRAHMINS SHOULD CONSUME FOOD IN SILENCE: All Shradh Brahmin should take food without uttering any word. Even admiration of food or any good or bad comment on food quality or no. of food items is prohibited. It is believed that our ancestors (pitr) enjoy food through these Shradh Brahmins till they keep quiet and concentrate on eating without praising food quality.

HOW TO PERFORM SHRADH PUJA?

We should perform Pitri puja on the day the ancestors died and also on chaturdashi, i.e. 14th day if pitr paksha i.e. ancestor had died due to use weapons. They become happy on conducting Shradh puja on two days. In addition, such Shradh puja should be performed secretly. If it is seen by any common people, the offering doesn't reach



MYTHOLOGY RELATING TO KING KARNA

Traditionally pitru paksha or shradh is a custom that is followed by the Hindus on a regular basis. It is said that if you fail to offer water and food to the ancestors in the pitru paksha then in the afterlife you will also remain without food and water.

We all know of the king Karna from Mahabharata. He was the son of sun god. During his life he was considered to be very deeply involved in charity. He could not say no to anyone. When he died and went to heaven the gods would give him food made

of gold. Karna asked the gods that he was such a famous king and would do so much charity then why was he given food made of gold. The king of the gods Indra told him that this was so as Karna in his life was only donating gold and gems.

He never offered food and water to the poor and neither to his ancestors. King Karna realised his mistake and he wanted to correct the same. The gods decided that Karna will be allowed to get back to earth for sixteen days and feed the poor and the needy. This would help him to get rid of the problem.

to our ancestors.

WHY ARE BRAHMINS OFFERED FOOD

It is necessary to feed the Brahmins in Pitri puja. Those who perform rituals of Shradh puja without feeding Brahmins, their ancestors do not accept that puja.

USING BARLEY, PEAS AND MUSTARD

It is always good to use barley, Kaangani a type of millet, peas and mustard in Shradh puja. If we use higher quantity of sesame, the puja becomes highly auspicious and good fortune never perishes. Actually sesame protects from devil forces. Kush (a kind of holy grass, bot. name-Eragrostis cynosuroides), protects from extra terrestrial devil souls, if used in puja.

Shradh karma should not be performed on land occupied by others. Forest, mountain, temple, all holy pilgrimages, river banks etc, are considered open and not owned by anyone. Therefore, these places can be used.

INVITING EXTENDED FAMILY IS A MUST: Do invite your sister, her husband and her son, if they happen to live in your city. If you miss, your offering to pitar will not be accepted as even Gods decline to oblige such people.

While shradh puja is going on, if a beggar comes, he should also be served food with the same respect. If you ignore the beggar, the puja is not considered as complete and all auspicious results are destroyed.

WHEN NOT TO PERFORM SHRADH

One should never perform Shradh in Shuklpaksh (waxing moon fortnight), at night, on combined days (i.e. two tithi on same day) and on one's birthday. According to the scriptures, shradh done in the evening reaches the evil souls. Evening or night time is prohibited for any ritual related to shradh. Donation made in the name of ancestors becomes most auspicious, if donated in the 8th muhurtha of the day.

BLESSINGS FROM THE ANCESTORS

Delighted and satisfied pitar (ancestors) bestowed upon his progeny with sons, money, education, long life, health, worldly happiness, salvation and heaven. Krishnpaksh (new moon) is considered best for Shradh than Shuklpaksh.

These things are important to conduct a shradh pooja: Ganga water, milk, honey, yogurt, Kush (a holy grass) and sesame. Sraddha meal is prohibited on banana leaf. Plates of gold, silver, bronze, copper is good. If not possible, common paper plate or like

can be used.

Ancestors are pleased with basil. It is believed that pitar goes to Vishnu abode on Garuda (eagle like large mystic bird).. If pinda (a ball like structure made of rice and barley) is worshiped by holy basil, ancestors are happy and fully secured till next divine holocaust.

PROHIBITED FOODSTUFFS: Gram, lentil, black gram, horse gram, barley, radish, black cumin, Bauhinia, cucumber, black gram, black salt, gourd, large mustard, leaf of black mustard and stale, rotten fruit or grain, are prohibited in Shradh puja.

OFFERING KHEER TO BRAHMINS: Brahmins should be fed meal prepared from milk, curd, ghee and honey and kheer (rice boiled in milk). So take special care of feeding the Brahmins.

OFFERING FOR ANIMALS: Keep some portion of prepared meals for cows, dogs, crows, gods and for ant, separate. Then keep Water, rice, sandalwood, flowers and sesame in your hand and take resolution in favour of your ancestors from the Brahmins.

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LABOR DAY

The first Monday of September means that white clothes are out, sales are in, summer holidays are over and classes begin. For many of us (but far from all of us), it's a welcome day off of work or school, ahead of what is likely to be a busier month than the last.

But the Labor Day holiday has a storied past, one of violence and celebration, that's embedded deep in the history of the American labor movement. And while it has spread around the world in different forms, Labor Day has distinctly American roots.

Here's a quick primer on the meaning and history of the holiday.

When did Labor Day begin?

The modern holiday is widely traced back to an organized parade in New York City in 1882. Union leaders had called for what they had labelled a "monster labor festival" on Tuesday, Sept. 5, according to Linda Stinson, a former historian for the Department of Labor (the idea for a general labor festival may have originated in Canada, which today also celebrates "Labour Day" on the first Monday in September). Initially that morning, few people showed up, and organizers worried that workers had been reluctant to surrender a day's pay to join the rally. But soon the crowds began flowing in from across the city, and by the end of the day some 10,000 people had marched in the parade and joined festivities afterward in what the press dubbed "a day of the people."

When did it become an official holiday?

The practice of holding annual festivities to celebrate workers spread across the country, but Labor Day didn't become a national holiday for more than a decade. Oregon became the first state to declare it a holiday in 1887, and states like New York, Massachusetts and Colorado soon followed suit. Under President Grover Cleveland, and amid growing awareness of the labor movement, the first Monday in September became a national holiday in 1896.

Why is it on the first Monday in September anyway?

Labor union leaders had pushed for a September date for the New York demonstration, which coincided with a conference in the city of the Knights of Labor, one of the largest and most influential of the unions. The first two New York City Labor Days took place on the 5th of September, but in 1884, the third annual New York City Labor Day holiday was scheduled for the first Monday in September, and that date stuck.

The September rally would soon clash with International Worker's Day on May 1, which arose out of what is known as the Haymarket Affair. On May 4, 1886, protesters in Chicago gathered to demand an 8-hour workday. Toward the end of the day, a peaceful demonstration devolved into violence when a bomb was hurled toward the police, killing one officer instantly and injuring others. The police responded by firing into the crowd, killing a still undetermined number of people. The incident enraged labor activists but also fueled fears in America that the labor movement had become radicalized, prompting a crackdown on labor groups: the bomb thrower was never identified, but four people were hanged for their alleged involvement.

In the wake of the Haymarket Affair, Union leaders and socialists declared May 1 as International Workers' Day, and the day was and continues to be unofficially observed in the U.S. It's also that date that most other countries officially or unofficially observe as a holiday in honor of workers. But when President Grover Cleveland moved to create a national labor holiday, he chose to avoid the thorny history of that May date.

So what's the difference



between Labor Day and May Day (International Workers' Day) in the U.S.?

Jonathan Cutler, associate professor of sociology at Wesleyan, described Labor Day as a "government alternative" to May Day in an informative interview with NPR about the Haymarket Affair. May Day may have helped promote the creation of a national holiday, but Labor Day is associated with a different significance. "May Day has always been linked to the demand for less work and more pay; Labor Day celebrates the 'dignity' of work," Cutler said in the interview.

We have Monday off, but does the labor community still actually celebrate the holiday?

Yep. To this day there is still a major parade in New York City (and other cities across the country, large and small), and the #UnionStrong will probably make a big showing on Twitter. It's true that union membership has been declining for years, but

many of the challenges that faced workers more than a century ago are still being overcome today, whether by the growing movement for higher wages in the fast food industry or by overworked tech and finance employees calling for better hours.

"If there is anyone who needs to attend to the spirit of Haymarket, it is the American white-collar professional who works 10 hour days, including many weekends, and who has fewer paid vacation days than other white-collar professionals around the world," Cutler said in the interview with NPR.

Founder of Labor Day

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved

and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The First Labor Day

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

US OPEN: THE OLDEST TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

The US Open began tournament play in 1881, making it one of the oldest championship tennis tournaments in the world. The first tournament – a men's only tournament – was held at the Newport Casino in Newport, Rhode Island in August of 1881. The championship event was known as U.S. National Singles Championship for men, and was attended solely by clubs that were members of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, making the event a high society occasion.

The first U.S. Women's National Singles Championships were held six years after the men's tournament at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. The first mixed doubles championship tournament was held in concordance with the first women's singles and doubles tournament. The first U.S. National Men's Doubles Championship was held a year later, in 1900.

In 1968, the US Open tennis tournament we currently recognize was formed from the consolidation of all five predecessor tournaments. However, the 1968 tournament was open to professionals to compete, unlike the predecessor tournaments that did not allow professional tennis players to compete. The new US Open tennis tournament was held at the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills, Queens, and was played on a grass court. In 1970, the US Open was the first Grand Slam tennis tournament to implement the tie-break at the end of the match. In 1975, the US Open switched to hard clay courts. In 1978, the tournament moved to its current home in Flushing Meadows and the surface type changed again, this time to DecoTurf.

PAST CHAMPIONS

The US Open is a champion's event. Formerly called the U.S. Championships, this event was designed to select the cream of the crop from the world tennis circuit, and match them against each other to determine the best in the sport. The first US Open tennis tournament was held in 1968, although the predecessor to this tournament was in place by 1881 (when the first men's singles championships were held). The winner of the inaugural men's final in 1968 was African-American

player Arthur Ashe. To this day, the central stadium at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Arthur Ashe stadium, is named for this tennis champion.

The tennis complex itself was rededicated in 2006 in honor women's champion Billie Jean King. King won 12 Grand Slam singles titles, and is tied for the most mixed doubles titles won at the US Open. King is probably most famous for her "Battle of the Sexes" match in which she beat Bobby Riggs, a former men's Wimbledon champion. The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center is the largest and most prestigious sports complex ever named for a woman.

Bill Larned is tied for the most U.S. National Championships (pre-US Open) Men's Singles titles with seven, and won his first at the age of 28 in 1901. He won five straight titles from 1907-1911. Larned was forced to retire after the 1911 season, due to the rheumatic fever he contracted while serving with Teddy Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" in Cuba. In 1922, Larned invented the steel-framed tennis racquet, and founded a company to manufacture it.

Chris Evert holds the record for the most US Open Women's Singles titles won post-1968 with six wins. She also holds the record for most consecutive Women's Singles titles at the event. In 1974, Evert won 56 straight matches, setting a modern record for women's tennis. In the same year, Evert had a highly publicized relationship with Men's Singles champion Jimmy Connors, although she eventually married British tennis pro John Lloyd several years later.

Pete Sampras, currently tied with Jimmy Connors and Roger Federer for most US Open Men's Singles wins since 1968, is arguably the best male tennis player to have ever competed in the sport. (Others might argue that Rod Laver is in the



Arthur Ashe



Billie Jean King



Chris Evert

top spot and for a good reason: he is the only player to have won all four Grand Slam titles in the same year twice.) Sampras proved himself to the tennis circuit by becoming the youngest ever Open tennis champion at the age of 19 years and 28 days.

In 2008, Switzerland's Roger Federer tied both Sampras and Connors for the record of most US

Open Men's Singles wins since 1968. As of 2008, Federer has won 13 Grand Slams all-time, and is looking healthy heading into the 2009 US Open tennis tournament as a prime contender for the title.

Sisters Venus and Serena Williams are prime contenders for the 2009 US Open Women's Singles title. Venus won the event twice, once in 2000 versus Lindsay

Davenport, and once in 2001 versus her younger sister, Serena Williams. In 2008, Serena Williams beat Jelena Jankovic for the US Open Women's Singles title. Both Venus and her sister, Serena, are former world number one female tennis players, and both have won US Open singles titles (Venus has 2, Serena has 3). Serena beat Venus in 2002 for the US Open Women's Singles title.

MEN SEED REPORT

1. RAFAEL NADAL (ESP)

The World No. 1 has had an interesting year, filled with triumph (mostly on clay) and leavened with some uncharacteristic losses in tight matches. Speaking of which, in his last match in New York, he fell 7-6 in the fifth. If Nadal keeps his nerve—and can front-run as he did in Paris—he can win for the third time and earn his first hardcourt title in more than three years.

2. ANDY MURRAY (GBR)

Ever since his Cannonball Run to the top ranking last fall, Murray has been a different, depleted, physically compromised man. A former U.S. Open champ but it's hard to see him having an outsized impact this year.

3. ROGER FEDERER (SUI)

The winner of two of the three majors in 2017 and a 17-1 record on U.S. hardcourts. Yes, he turned 36. Yes, his last U.S. Open title came in 2008. Pick against him at your peril.

4. ALEXANDER ZVEREV (GER)

In a short amount of time, he's gone from

hot prospect to bona fide star. Two straight Masters Series events will do that to you. Under new coach Juan Carlos Ferrero, AZ is closing in on 50 match wins this season. The big question, as I see it, is the physical conditioning in a best-of-five format. If he can handle that (perhaps with some help from a merciful Mother Nature) he can win this event recalling Marat Safin in 2000.

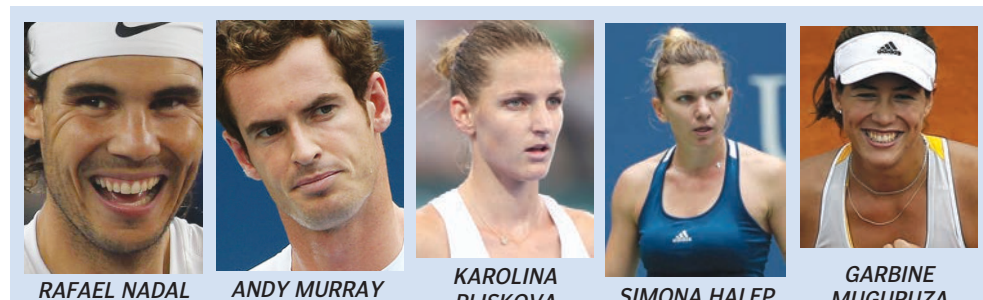
WOMEN'S SEED REPORT

1. KAROLINA PLISKOVA (CZE)

She was the favorite of Wimbledon and was defenestrated by a player ranked outside the top 100. A finalist last year, she comes in with a new, shiny No. 1 ranking. What an opportunity to legitimize it.

2. SIMONA HALEP (ROU)

As an observer notes "her toughest opponent is in the mirror." Still has trouble



RAFAEL NADAL

ANDY MURRAY

KAROLINA PLISKOVA

SIMONA HALEP

GARBINE MUGURUZA

closing tight matches, but credit her for owning up to her shortcomings and addressing them with candor. This was a year of opportunity for Halep. While she deserves credit for competing, this is her last chance of 2017 to bag that elusive Slam. In the someone-has-a-sense-of-humor match, she starts against Sharapova.

3. GARBINE MUGURUZA (ESP)

An enigma for the first half of the year and a killer from Wimbledon on. Can seal the deal as 2017 MVP with a title. One of those players who speaks openly about her ambivalence about the chaos of New York. But between the Wimbledon title and Cincinnati hardcourt title, Mugu has to be the favorite.

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US Retaliates Against...

Washington and a "consular annex" in New York.

"The United States is prepared to take further action as necessary and as warranted," said State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert. Still, she said the U.S. hoped both countries could now move toward "improved relations between our two countries and increased cooperation on areas of mutual concern."

Earlier this month, the Kremlin retaliated for stepped-up U.S. sanctions on Russia by announcing the U.S. would have to cut its embassy and consulate staff in Russia by 755 people. During meetings in the Philippines shortly thereafter, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson left open the possibility the U.S., in turn, would retaliate for that move, and promised Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov a formal response by Sept. 1.

The U.S. has said as a result, it will stop issuing visas at its consulates in Russia in cities other than Moscow. A senior U.S. official said Thursday that the U.S. reduction of diplomatic staff is complete.

There was no immediate reaction from the Russian government. But given the back-and-forth nature of the escalating tensions over the past year, it was likely the Kremlin would feel compelled to respond by taking further action against the U.S.

Nevertheless, the United States argued that the score has been evened, urging Russia not to retaliate for the retaliation. U.S. officials pointed out that Russia, when it ordered the cut in U.S. diplomats, had argued it was merely bringing the size of the two countries' diplomatic presences into "parity."

"The United States hopes that, having moved toward the Russian Federation's desire for parity, we can avoid further

retaliatory actions by both sides," Nauert said.

The newly arrived Russian ambassador to the United States has invoked Bolshevik leader Vladimir Lenin in saying Moscow will carefully consider its response to the order to close its consulate in San Francisco and scale back operations in Washington and New York.

Anatoly Antonov flew into Washington on Thursday, hours after the State Department's announcement of the closure.

Russian news agencies quoted him as saying: "We have to act calmly and professionally. Speaking like Lenin, we don't need hysterical impulses," citing a Lenin maxim.

Not much activity was detected outside the consulate building at 2790 Green Street in San Francisco's Pacific Heights neighborhood Thursday afternoon. A white van bearing the consulate logo could be seen parked outside. Several people, including aged relatives of people living in Russia, had shown up to get their passports renewed, and were surprised to hear the news.

Women with suitcases could also be seen coming out of the building, but nobody offered any comment. News crews with cameras were parked outside the building.

Daniel, a dual Russian citizen who was visiting the consulate Thursday, told NBC Bay Area he was blindsighted. "A lot of people feel blindsighted," he said.

Back in December, then President Barack Obama expelled 35 Russian diplomats from the U.S., including four employees and their families from the Russian consulate.

The four Russian consulate employees in San Francisco - including a chef accused of being a spy by the U.S. government - were ordered to leave the United States within 72 hours.

At that time, the Consul General called Obama's accusations against their staff

"bizarre and ridiculous."

With this action both countries will remain with three consulates each. While there will continue to be a disparity in the number of diplomatic and consular annexes, we have chosen to allow the Russian Government to maintain some of its annexes in an effort to arrest the downward spiral in our relationship.

The United States hopes that, having moved toward the Russian Federation's desire for parity, we can avoid further retaliatory actions by both sides and move forward to achieve the stated goal of both of our presidents: improved relations between our two countries and increased cooperation on areas of mutual concern. The United States is prepared to take further action as necessary and as warranted."

Modi Cabinet Reshuffle...

water resources Sanjiv Baliyan have quit the government.

While Bharti met BJP president Amit Shah on Wednesday, August 30, Mishra called on him on Thursday. Party sources said these were routine meetings.

Rudy was among three ministers - the other two were steel minister Choudhury Birendra Singh and minister of state for human resource development Upendra Kushwaha - who met the BJP president last week.

One of the ministers who submitted his resignation to party general secretary (organization) Ram Lal on Thursday said that he had been asked to step down. Even during the last reshuffle in July last year, sources said, ministers were asked to submit their resignations to the party leadership first.

Modi will be out of the country from September 3 to September 7 for the Brics summit in China and a state visit to Myanmar. President Ram Nath Kovind is scheduled to visit Tirupati on Friday and will return to Delhi on Saturday afternoon, making September 2 the most likely date for the reshuffle.

The latest reshuffle will be the third after Modi came to power in 2014.

Among the ministers who resigned, Pandey was named the Uttar Pradesh BJP chief earlier in the day, and insiders said that Rudy may also be allotted organizational responsibilities.

The latest round of resignations will add to the vacancies already created after defense minister Manohar Parrikar became the Goa chief minister, urban development and information & broadcasting minister Venkaiah Naidu quit to become vice-president, and environment minister Anil Dave died after a prolonged illness this May.

Finance and corporate affairs minister Arun Jaitley was given the additional charge of defense, while Smriti Irani got the additional portfolio of information and broadcasting. Science minister Harsh Vardhan was allotted the environment ministry.

At an event on Thursday, when Jaitley was asked how long he would have dual charge of the finance and defense ministries, he had replied: "At least, I hope, not very long."

Sources added that in the upcoming reshuffle, the NDA's latest partner - Nitish Kumar's JD(U) - may bag at least one berth. Kumar had left the NDA in 2013 but returned dramatically last month, dumping his poll partners Rashtriya Janata Dal and the Congress to renew an alliance with the BJP.

Modi's last reshuffle was in July 2016 when he brought in 19 fresh faces and promoted Prakash Javadekar to the Cabinet.

Unconfirmed reports say transport and shipping minister Nitin Gadkari may get

additional responsibility of railways.

There is speculation whether some ministers will shed additional portfolios and if railway minister Suresh Prabhu will retain his position after two back-to-back derailments, killing at least 20 people, led him to take responsibility and offer to quit. Modi didn't accept the resignation though, and asked him to wait.

Gas Prices go up as...

Around Dallas, pumps at several service stations in places like Denton, McKinney and Little Elm are seeing gas shortages, leading customers to scramble.

"We heard there was going to be a shortage," one driver told CBS Dallas-Fort Worth. "So, we hopped in the car and came and filled up." A driver in Denton, northwest of Dallas, tweeted a photo of a line at the gas pump.

In downtown Dallas, some stations charged well over \$3 for a regular gallon of gas Thursday, and one downtown Shell station charged \$3.97, the Associated Press reported. At three gas stations in north Dallas, yellow bags or caution tape was wrapped around pumps just after noon.

The majority of North Texas gas stations are not expected to run out of gas, but costs are expected to rise. Gas prices in the region are up almost 20 cents from this time last week, CBS Dallas-Fort Worth reported. That jump comes just ahead of the Labor Day holiday weekend, which typically sees heavy driving.

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry on Thursday announced a release of a million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which, at a capacity of 713 million barrels, is the largest emergency crude oil supply in the world. The oil will be delivered to the Phillips 66 refinery in Lake Charles, Louisiana, according to the Energy Department. That refinery has not been affected by the storm.

Gurmeet Ram Rahim...

each would be provided as compensation to the victims," the CBI said.

The CBI court on Friday held Singh guilty of raping two of his female followers in 2002.

Violence once again broke out in Sirsa, Haryana, where the Dera's headquarters is located, with his followers setting two vehicles on fire on Monday, even as the Dera's chairperson Vipassana Insaan appealed for calm.

Thirty-six people were killed in police shooting, arson and rioting on Friday in Haryana's Panchkula.

In the run-up to the sentencing, special CBI court judge Jagdeep Singh was flown by helicopter to Rohtak's Sunaria jail where Singh had been airlifted after the verdict on Friday. Security was beefed up in and around Rohtak with the Indian Army and the central paramilitary forces shutting down the area on Sunday evening.

The judge was flown from Panchkula to Rohtak at 2.20PM on Monday, following which arguments for Singh's sentencing began at 2.30PM.

After the judge gave each side 10 minutes to present their case, the prosecution sought life imprisonment for the defendant, while the defense argued that Singh was a social worker who should be dealt with leniently.

Singh can now file an appeal against the sentence with the Punjab and Haryana high court.

Prohibitory orders barring the assembly of five or more people had been imposed in Rohtak; the area within a 10-km radius of the jail premises had been cordoned off. The Border Security Force (BSF) set up bunkers in Sirsa and the Indian Army and Haryana police deployed their forces in Rohtak, with order to shoot lawbreakers at sight.

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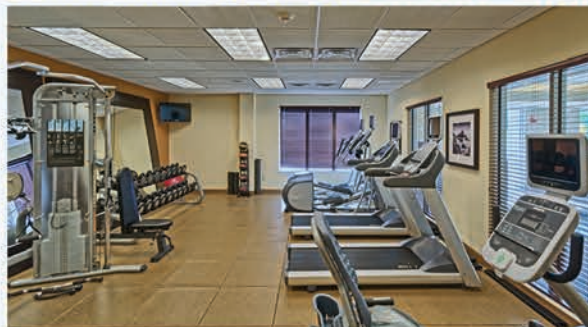
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