### Potholes and road capacity

The long and cold winter has not been kind to the roads. There are now many areas of damaged surfaces and a lot of holes forming through the tarmac. I am writing to government to urge them to do more to recover from this problem now we may have seen the end of the snow and ice. Prompt action before the holes get any bigger would be good in itself and cheaper in the long run.

I am also renewing my submissions on how to improve the capacity of the present road network through better traffic management, and how to spend on road improvements that can ease congestion and improve safety. The list of ideas includes:

- 1. Rephasing lights to give priority to main roads, with sensors for side roads
- 2. Right hand turning lanes where possible
- 3. Mini roundabouts and roundabouts in place of traffic lights where this can ease congestion
- 4. More off street parking and less on street parking
- 5. Better arrangements for drop off and pick up at schools, away from cars parking on the main road
- 6. More bridges over railway lines to replace level crossings and to provide more routes into town and city centres, and more bridges over rivers.
- 7. More cycleways away from main roads to provide a safer route for cyclists
- 8. New and replacement utility pipes and cables to be buried away from the main carriageways of roads, with easier access points for repairs
- 9. Clearer signs for times of bus lanes, with more use of lanes by other vehicles outside peaks
- 10. More bypasses to take through traffic away from residential areas and High Streets

# The first International Exhibition of Graphic Prints 'Print Biennale India 2018' inaugurated in New Delhi today

In keeping with its role as the country's National Academy of Art, the Lalit Kala Akademi is hosting the first-ever International Print Biennale in the country with a record number of 17 countries taking part in it. The first-ever International Exhibition of Graphic Prints 'Print Biennale India 2018'

opened today, at the Rabindra Bhavan Galleries of the Lalit Kala Akademi in New Delhi.

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## <u>Union Government's Special incentives</u> for new Industrial units in Northeast

The Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space Dr Jitendra Singh said here today that the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), approved by the Union Cabinet, will play a crucial role in promoting new industrial units in the region by providing several special incentives.

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# <u>Develop into managerial leaders who</u> <u>can foresee the future trends and</u> <u>shape the world: Vice President</u>

The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has advised the students IIM Rohtak to develop into managerial leaders who can foresee the future trends and shape the world in the best possible way. He was addressing the gathering at the 7th Convocation of Indian Institute of Management at Rohtak in Haryana today.

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### Government nominates Professor J S

# Rajput as India's Representativeto the Executive Boardof UNESCO

The Government of India has decided to nominate Professor J S Rajput, former Director NCERT, as India's representative to the Executive Board (EXB) of UNESCO. Professor J S Rajput is an eminent educationist with rich experience in various fields including UNESCO.

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