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# India in rarefied zone after beating Aussies

3rd nation to hold titles against all Test teams

Pragya Tiwari

**DHARAMSALA:** The Indian cricket team crushed Australia by eight wickets to clinch the fourth Test and, with it, they scaled another peak in world cricket - India is now only the third team to hold series titles against all Test nations.

Against the backdrop of the dizzying heights of Dhauladhar range, India crushed Australia to claim a rather acrimonious series 2-1.

Australia were first to accomplish this feat when they won the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in India (2004-05) and again after winning the Ashes in 2006-07. South Africa achieved it after



Former India captain Sunil Gavaskar presents the Border-Gavaskar Trophy to Virat Kohli and Ajinkya Rahane after India won the series against Australia on the 4th day of the last Test match at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala on Tuesday. India won the series 2-1. **PHOTO: ANI**

they won in Australia in 2012-13.

It has been a stupendous home run for India. In the 13 Tests during 2016-17, India have beaten New Zealand (3-0), England (4-0), Bangladesh in a one-off Test match, and now Australia (2-1).

In 2016, India registered an away Test series win against the

West Indies (2-0). The visiting South Africans were spun out of contention 3-0 in 2015, while the Sri Lankans were beaten 2-1 in their own backyard.

The last time India played Pakistan, in 2007, they won 1-0, and defeated Zimbabwe 2-0 in 2005.

In fact, India have won their last seven series, stretching

from the Lankan tour a couple of years ago.

The team, under the inspirational leadership of Virat Kohli and head coach Anil Kumble, has developed into a cohesive unit. It showed ample belief and fight in its belly to win the bitter battle against the Australians, both on and off the field. **» Cricket, Page 8**

Unique record		
OPPONENT	R	YEAR
Australia	2-1	2017
Bangladesh	1-0	2017
England	4-0	2016
New Zealand	3-0	2016
West Indies	2-0	2016
South Africa	3-0	2015
Sri Lanka	2-1	2015
Pakistan	1-0	2007
Zimbabwe	2-0	2005

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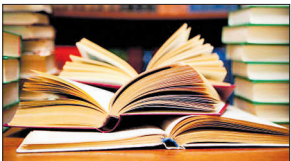
# Paper shortage delays textbook printing

Meghana Choukkar

**BENGALURU, DHNS:** Students in state board schools in Karnataka may have to wait for at least two months for their textbooks this year.

Printers have run into a shortage of paper, and complain the government took too long to give them work orders.

In all, 511 titles have to be printed, adding up to nearly six crore books. Anil Hosakoppa,



one of those chosen by the government, has to print 1.37 crore books. He has managed to print only about 30% of it so far.

"I need 3,300 tonnes of paper to complete the order. I

have used up the 400 tonnes I had already procured. For 40 days, work has remained stalled for want of paper," he said.

The tender document lays down that printers must use A grade, 60 GSM paper, but water-starved mills in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are in no position to meet the demand.

Every year, Hosakoppa says, paper prices go up by at least Rs 10,000 in the printing season, and touch Rs 50,000 a

tonne. "This year, even if we pay Rs 70,000 to Rs 80,000, we are not sure we will get supplies," he said. He has placed orders at multiple mills and hopes to get enough supplies in two months, after which he expects to take 100 to 120 days to print the textbooks.

The government took longer than usual to call for tenders and issue work orders, another printer said.

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## AI cancels Gaikwad's two tickets on Tuesday

**NEW DELHI, DHNS:** The battle between Shiv Sena MP Ravindra Gaikwad and Air India (AI) intensified on Tuesday with the national carrier cancelling two tickets booked by him for Wednesday.

A source said Gaikwad first booked a ticket on a Mumbai-Delhi Air India flight for Wednesday, but soon the carrier cancelled it.

Gaikwad then booked another ticket on a Hyderabad-Delhi flight, which was also cancelled by the airline, escalating its fight with the MP. Both the bookings were made on an open business-class ticket issued to Gaikwad, an Air India (AI) official said.

On Friday, AI cancelled Gaikwad's ticket from Delhi to Pune. Following this, Gaikwad booked a ticket on IndiGo, which was also cancelled, forcing him to take a train.

All scheduled airlines have banned the MP from flying following an assault on an AI manager at the New Delhi airport on Thursday. Gaikwad had physically targeted the manager for not allotting him a business-class seat though he had boarded an all-economy class flight.

The incident has evoked widespread criticism inside and outside Parliament.

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### In brief

### New retirement age gazetted

The government's decision to enhance the age limit for retirement of employees in the private sector from 58 to 60 years has come into effect with the labour secretariat issuing the final notification. **Details on Page 5**

### State hikes DA by 3%

The state government announced a hike in DA by 3% with effect from January 1. The hike will apply to full-time government employees, zilla panchayat employees, full-time employees of aided educational institutions and universities who are on regular time scales of pay.