

### Landslide, floods claim 91 lives in Sri Lanka

#### International News

Nearly 50,000 people across 13 districts have been affected. Landslides and floods killed at least 91 people in Sri Lanka on Friday, the Disaster Management Centre said. Nearly 50,000 people across 13 districts in the southern parts of the island were affected and about 8,000 of them had to be evacuated from Kalutara, a coastal city some 40 km south of Colombo, which is among the worst hit.

dubious

feeling doubt

dumbfound

astonish

### Sensex breaches record 31,000-mark

#### Business News

Gained last 1,000 points in 21 sessions. Bulls continued to be in charge of Dalal Street with the benchmark Sensex racing past the 31,000-mark on Friday, led by heavyweights like Tata Steel, ITC and Reliance Industries. The Sensex gained its last 1,000 points in 21 trading sessions. After opening marginally in the green, the Sensex steadily advanced through the day to touch 31,074.07 points before closing at 31,028.21 points, up 278.18 points, or 0.9%, compared to Thursday's close, which was also a record high. Nifty also gained 0.9% on Friday to a record high close of 9,595.10 points.

efface

rub or wipe out, obliterate

elucidate

to make understandable

### Three years of Modi govt a huge success, says Javadekar

#### National News

No corruption case reported, common man given prime importance: Minister Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has termed the three-year rule of the Modi government highly successful. "The country is changing rapidly and developing continuously. People have faith in us," he said on Friday. 'Taking everyone along' The incumbent government has taken everyone along by working in a completely participatory mode and this has been a real gain over the past three years, he added. Mr. Javadekar was talking to journalists after an official meeting in the India Institute of Advanced Study here. The Prime Minister will then fly to Spain on May 30 and hold talks with Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy. He will also call on King Felipe VI.

enchant

charm, delight

endeavor

to make an effort, to try very hard