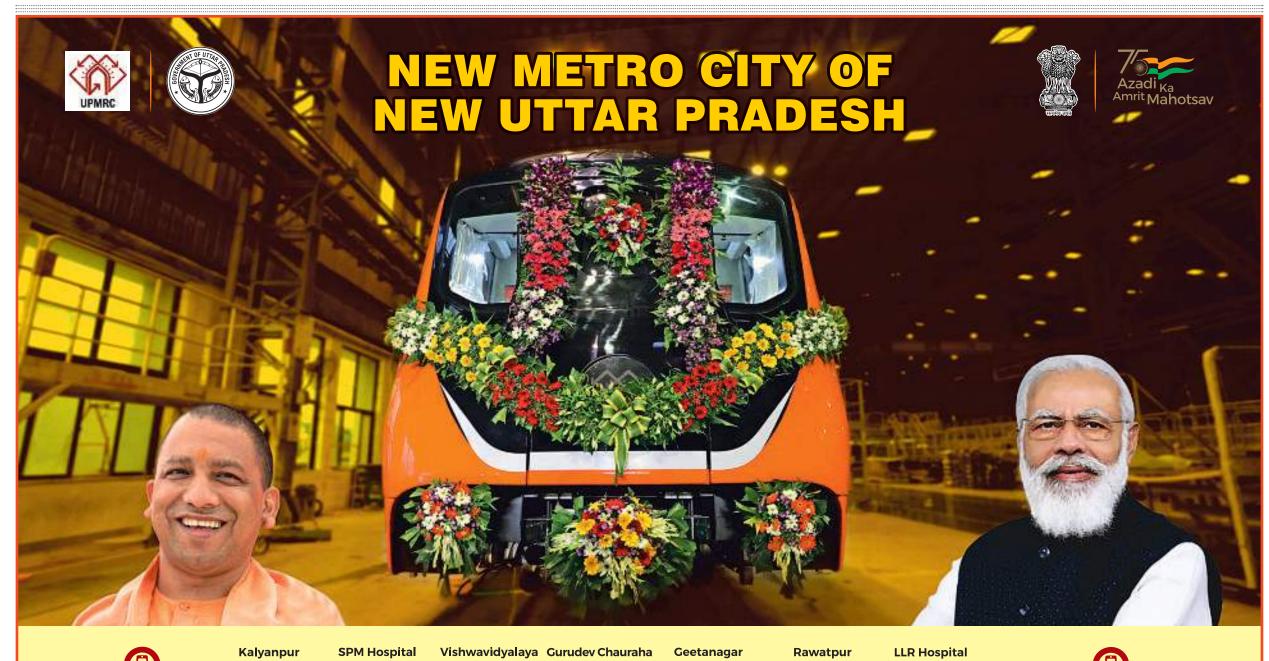
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I Bulbul D/o-Manish Jain R/o-66 Sector-7, Panchkula (Haryana)-134109 have changed my name to Snigdha Jain for all purposes.

0040597220-1 I Aniket Saini S/O Rajkumar R/O, H.No-9, Kewal Park Azadpur Delhi-110033 have changed my

name to Aniket. 0040597240-4 Aadish S/o-Ajay Jain R/o-1247-48, Sector-12, Panipat, (Haryana) have changed my name to Sanyam Jain for all purposes.

**It** is for general-information that I Milie Srivastava D/o-Late Raiinder Kumar residing-AN-67-C, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 declare-that name ofmine has-been wronglywritten Mile Srivastava in my Income Tax Department, Ministry of Finance, Govt of India-Service Book & Other Documents.The actual-name of-mine is Milie Srivastava respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040597257-1

I,YOGINDRA VERMA S/O-ISHWAR DAYAL VERMA,R/O-G-28/164 SECTOR-3, ROHINI DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO YOGENDRA VERMA, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES.

I,Virmati Devi, alias Virmati Mati W/o-Mahender Singh R/o-687, Main Chowk, Pooth Khurd, Delhi-110039, have changed my name to Beermati.

0040597260-2

I,Suresh Singh,S/o Jaman Singh, R/o H-152 ground-floor Mohan-Garden Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Suresh Singh Negi.

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**I,Sujata** Rani Kaushal, D/O Jiwat Ram Verma, R/O G-JU, 113-d, Green Apartment, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sujata Kaushal.

0040597260-4

**I,Shyam** Sunder S/o Late Sh. attar Singh R/o G-327, Ground Floor, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Shyam Choudhary.

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I,Sanskriti D/O,Shiv Lal Meena R/o Shiv Lal Meena Village &post Prithvipura Distt Alwar State Rajasthan Pin Code 301406 have changed my name  $to\,Sanskriti\,Ghusinga\,for\,all$ purposes. 0040597252-8

I,Sanjay KUimar s/o Jai Bhagwan r/o HNO.2358 GALI KAKWAN PUNJABI-BASTI GHANTA-GHAR MALKAGANJ DELHI-110007, have changed name to Sanjay kumar.

I.SHRESHTH KUMAR S/O RADHE KRISHNA MANDAL, H.NO.C-2/41 NEAR POST OFFICE NAND-

my name to SHRESHTHA KUMAR, permanently. I,SHIVENDRA SINGH PRESENTLY, RESIDING AT, 13A/1 NWC AIR-

FORCE STATION.NEW DELHI-

110003, HAVE CHANGED MY

SON'S NAME, FROM PRANAY

SINGH TO ADVIT SINGH, VIDE-AFFIDAVIT,DATED-27-12-21.

I,Rohit Kumar S/o Chandrama Singh R/o-A-365, Gali-8, Khadda Colony, Jaitpur Extn., Part-2. Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Rohit Kumar Singh. 0040597260-9

**I,Richa** Rathore W/o-Anand Shrivastava,D/o Sh.Jatendra Singh Rathore, R/o A-104, C-54/A, Royal-Towers, Sector-61, Noida, Gautam-Budh Nagar, U.P-201301, have changed my name after-marriage to Richa Shrivastava,for all,future

0040597240-3 purpose. I,hitherto known as Jayayuddin, S/o Mohd Musharrat Hussain, R/o E-361,Gali No-1, Shri Ram-Colony, E-Block, Khajoori Khas North East Delhi, Delhi-110094, have changed my name and

shall hereafter be known as

Ziyauddin.

I,Rekha Sharma W/o Chander Shekhar R/o.WZ-93, street no.27,Sant Garh,Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018, have changed my  $name\ to\ Bhawna\ Sharma.$ 

0040597260-5

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I,Raj Kumar,S/o Tagga Ram,R/o H.No-525, Arjun-Nagar, Gurgaon -122001, have changed my name Raj Kumar Sachdeva, for all purpose. 0040597288-2

I.RITU BALA MEHRA.W/O RAJESH KUMAR R/O.A-15, BROTHER **HOOD APARTMENTS VIKAS** PURI, H.BLOCK NEW-DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO RITU MEHRA. 0040597248-2

I,RAJU S/O-NAGENDER CHOUDHARY residing at A-532, FIRST-FLOOR, GALINO-15, MAHAVIR-ENCLAVE PART-2,NEW DELHI-110059,have changed my name to RAJU

CHOUDHARY. 0040597260-1 I,Pooja D/o-Bhudev Singh,R/o H-1/42, Budh-Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi-110086, have changed my name,From Rekha To Pooja,for

I, Smt. Banita Goel R/o-E-2/82, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi, inform that in my daughter (Yashwi Goel)'s, school record's, my name Vanita Goel is wronglywritten instead of Banita Goel. both names belong to the same

I,Pinki Kumar alias Pinki Devi, w/o Sanjay kumar r/o.HNo.2358 GALI KAKWAN-CHOWK CLOCK TOWER SUBZI-MANDI MALKAGANJ DELHI-110007. have changed name to PINKI.

0040597248-3 I,Payal Murshed,W/O-Jamal Murshed,R/O-Tower A-1,Nirala Aspire, GH-3, Greater Noida West,Sec-16,Pin-201318,inform that Payal J Murshed and Payal Jannat Murshed are same person.Payal J Murshed & Payal Jannat Murshed is now known as Paval Murshed.

0040597260-10

I,Parmod Kumar Ratta alias Pramod Kumar, S/o Dev Raj, R/o GH-13/1065, Paschim-Vihar, Sunder-Vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Pramod Kumar Ratta.

0040597248-9

I,NOORAIN AHMAD,S/O IRFAN AHMAD R/O-N.91/D, ABULFAZAL-ENCLAVE PART-1, JAMIA-NAGAR N.DELHI-110025 IN MY 10TH-CERTIFICATE MY DATE-OF-BIRTH AND MY MOTHER-NAME WRONGLY-MENTION-13/07/1997 AND MOTHER-NAME SAMEENA KHATOON BUT MY-CORRRECT DATE-OF-BIRTH IS-13/05/1997 AND CORRECT-MOTHER NAME IS SAMINA KHATUN.

0040597288-4

I.Mohinder Singh S/o Udhvan Singh Gusain,R/o-1041, Phase-1, Model-Town, Bathinda, Puniab-151001, have changed my name to Mahinder Singh 0040597288-8

**I,Meena** Kumari W/o Shyam Choudhary R/o G-327, Gound Floor, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Meena Choudhary.

0040597260-8

**I,Mala** Kishore Batra W/O Kishore Motiram Batra,R/o P-2A Princeton estate DLF Phase-5,sector-54,Nathupur Gurgaon-122002, have changed my name to Mala Batra. 0040597240-2 I.MSBAH KHAN.S/O IMRAN

AHMAD,R/O C-122,OKHLA-VIHAR JAMIA-NAGAR N- DELHI-110025.IN MY-10TH MARKSHEET MY AND MY FATHER-NAME WRONGLY MENTION-MISBAH AND IMRAN KHAN CORRECT-NAME ARE MISBAH KHAN AND IMRAN AHMAD. 0040597288-3

I.MOHNI MALHOTRA.W/O PARVEEN KUMAR KHATRI,R/O E-2/905, HASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-52.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME MOHNI MALHOTRA TO MONIKA 0040597248-5 KHATRI.

I,Km.Leelawati D/o Ram Bhawan Singh Sengar W/o Manish Singh, R/o Flat. No. 182, GF,Sector-57,Gurugram (Harvana)-122004.have changed my name to Leela 0040597248-7

I,Khushboo D/o Shyam Choudhary R/o G-327, Ground Floor, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Khushboo Choudhary.

0040597260-6

I,Jag jeevan S/o Kailash R/o Mandir, Harsh Vihar, Delhi-110093, inform that my correct name is Jag jeevan but my name mentioned in my some documents Jag jeewan which is wrong,Jag jeevan and Jag jeewan both is the same 0040597260-11

I,HARISH KUMAR. S/O RAMJI LAL KAUSHIK. ADDRESS-K-4/7B, 8A, MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR, DWARKA, DELHI-110059,Changed my name to HARISH KUMAR KAUSHIK. Permanently.

I,Geetanjali D/o-Pramod kumar R/o-H.no.711/26,Baldev Nagar,Gurgaon,have changed my,name from Geetanjali Chadha to Geetanjali,for all, future purposes. 40597240-10

LGIRISH KHANLIO S/O HARISH CHANDR R/O-64 SURYA NIKETAN DELHI-110092.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GIRISH

I,Farhat Jahan Lodhi R/o-A-35, S/F.Ghafoor Nagar.Jamia Nagar.New Delhi-110025. inform that in my daughter (Zainab Gulzar), school record mv.name Farhat Jahan is wrongly-written instead of Farhat Jahan Lodhi,both name, are same person.

0040597240-11 I,FAUZAN KHAN,S/O ATTUR REHMAN KHAN,R/O.481-B, first-floor,Street.no.21. Zakir-nagar, new delhi-110025,have changed my Minor Son name, from ARYAN to ARYAN KHAN, for all purposes. 0040597240-1

**I,** Sushila Dahiya W/o.Sunil Kumar R/o.Flat.No-6, Type-4, Guru Gobind Singh Hospital, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi-110027. have changed my name to Sushila Permanently.

**I,Bhawani** Shankar,S/o Manohar Lal, H. No. 43, Rajdham-Colony, Tantura-Road, Nawada, NH-2,Mathura,U.P.,have changed my Son's name,from Vikash Kumar Sharma to Vikash Kumar according to his matriculation-certificate adhar-card, and other-verified document,for all future 0040597288-5 purposes.

I,Archana Rao W/O-Neeraj Kumar Malik R/O,G-14/68,First Floor, Sector-15, Rohini Delhi-110089,have changed my name to Simran Malik. 40597240-7 I, Vijay Kumar Dhawan, S/o Shri Badri Nath. R/o Ward No.10. Gohana Holi Mohalla Gohana Distt. Sonepat (Haryana), do declare that Vijay Kumar Dhawan and Vijay Dhawan is one and same person.

0040597258-1

I, Shiv Lal Meena R/o Shiv Lal Meena Village & Post Prithvipura Teh Malakhera Distt Alwar State Rajasthan Pin Code 301406 have changed my minor son's name from Sanskar to Sanskar Ghusinga for all purposes. 0040597252-9

I, Shishir Kumar Narwal, S/o Ranieev Narwal, R/o E-202. Ajnara Daffodil, Sector-137, Noida, U.P., I have changed my name Shishir K. Narwal for all purposes. 0070766759-

I, Rajveer Singh, S/o Ramdas Baghel, R/o 5/186-B, Dakshin puri, New-Delhi 110062, have changed the name of my minor child aged 15 years from Bablu to Vipin. 0070766722-

I, Rabbi Jyoti W/o Paramjeet Singh Ajmani R/o 704 Orange SVP Gulmohar Residency, Ahinsa Khand-5, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Rabbi Jvot Kaur Ajmani for all purposes

0040597262-1

I, hitherto known as Hemlata Kharb W/o Narender Rathee. R/o Flat No-B2/503, Sunny Valley CGHS, Plot No-27, Sector 12. Dwarka, Delhi-110075, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Hemlata Rathee. It is certified that I have complied with other legal  $requirements\,in\,this$ 0070766761-1 correction.

I, Om Prakash Verma S/o Swagat Verma R/o Shyambandh, Burnpur, Asansol (WB) 71332 have changed my name from Omana Verma to Om Prakash Verma for all future purposes.

0040597212-1 I, Mukta Suyal, W/o Shri Mukesh Goval, R/o 79-D, Pocket-A. Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my both Name Mukta Suyal and Mukta are the same and one person, in future Krishang Goyal's Mother Name will be known as Mukta Suyal

vide Affidavit dated 24.12.2021.

0040597225-1 I, Mukesh Goyal, S/o Shri Sidh Karan Goyal, R/o 79-D, Pocket-A. Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, do hereby solemnly affirm & declare that my both Name Mukesh Goyal and Mukesh are the same and one person, in future Krishang Goval's Father Name will be known as Mukesh Goyal vide

Affidavit dated 24.12.2021. 0040597230-1 I, Md Akhil S/o Khalil Ahmad,R/o 197, D-block, Mangolpuri, Delhi-110083, have changed my name to Akil Ahmad, for all purposes.

0040597260-3 **I,** Manoj Bhardwaj S/o O.P. Sharma R/o 1-A, Block-D-4, LIG Udvog Vihar, Sector-82, Noida, U.P. have changed my minor

son's name from Atharva Bhardwaj to Atharv Bhardwaj. 0040597264-1 I, Mahendra Pal Singh, S/o Satya

Pal Singh, R/o B-57, Patel Garden U GF, Dwarka Mod, Kakrola, Delhi-110078, have changed my name to

0070766764-1 I, Lokesh Kumar, S/o Ashok Singh, R/o House No-116, Phase-2, Prem Nagar, Near Rao Maan Singh Dharmshala, Najafgarh, Delhi-110043, that name of my father has been wrongly written as Ashok Kumar in my Driving Licence DL-0420120229808. The actual name of my father is Ashok

Mahender Pal Singh

Singh. 0070766745-1 I, Hreedaya Gupta S/o Mr. Rajesh Gupta R/o 1103, Tower-1, Orange County, Ahinsa Khand-1, Indirapuram Ghaziabad, UP-201014 Have changed my name Hridaya Gupta to Hreedaya Gupta for all future purposes.

I. Dev. S/o Hari Singh, R/o H-3/22, Upper Ground Floor, Flat No-UG-02, Kh No-83/20/1, Mahavir Enclave. Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Dev 0070766758-1

I, Deepak Kumar/Deepak Kumar Nakra S/o Dilbagh Rai,R/o H.No-212/28, Gali No-1 Jyoti Park Gurgaon Haryana 122001, Have changed my Name to Deepak Nakra, for all purposes.

0040597248-8 I, Ayush Mishra son of Ex-Sgt Dinesh Kumar Mishra resident of Flat No G-602, Tower-G KW Srishti Rai Nagar Extension Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, 201017 have changed my name from Avush Mishra to Aavush Mishra vide affidavit dated 24/12/2021 at Additional City Magistrate (First) Court

**I,** Ajay Kumar S/o Sh. Brijmohan Sharma R/o RZC-7/4, Gali No. 22 Sadh Nagar-2, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045 have changed my name Ajay Sharma to Ajay Kumar for all future purposes. 40597211-1

Ghaziabad (U.P.) 0040597207-1

I Santosh Kumar Pal S/O, Sattidin R/o 59/108 Sandeep Enclave, vijay Nagar Ghaziabad 201001 have changed my name to Santosh Pal for all purposes.

I Rajnish Kumar S/O, Atma Ram Awasthi R/o J 1201, Vvip Addresses Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad - 201017 have changed my name to Rajnish Kumar Awasthi for all 0040597273-1

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I Suneeta W/O Jugal Kishor R/O, RZG-354, Gali.No-03, Raj Nagar Part-2, Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Sunita 0040597240-6

I Raikumar Saini S/O Laxman Saini R/O, H.No-9, Kewal Park Azadpur Delhi-110033 have changed my name to 0040597240-5 Rajkumar.

I Sanjay Satyapal Jethi S/O, Lt Shri Satyapal Jethi R/o A-691a Satvasheel Sushant Lok-1 A Block Gurugram 122002 have changed my name to Sanjay Jethi for all purposes.

0040597282-1

I Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Kashmiri Lal R/o 23/7, Railway Colony, Sadar Bazar, Kishan Ganj, Gulabi Bagh, Malka Ganj, North Delhi, Delhi-110007 have changed the name of my minor son from Saransh alias Saransh Choudhary to Saransh Choudhary for all purposes. 0040597216-1

I RANBIR SINGH KUSHVAH alias RANBIR SINGH alias RANVEER SINGH S/o Late Sh Sahdev Singh R/o of K22 Sai Kalpana 3rd Floor South Extension II New Delhi 49 have changed my name from RANBIR SINGH KUSHVAH alias RANBIR SINGH alias RANVFFR SINGH to RANBIR SINGH KUSHVAH for all 0040597179-1

Nisar Mohammad S/o Lal Mohammad R/o EE-2535, 36, EE-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033 have changed my name to Nisar Ahmed 0040597275-1

### LOST & FOUND

I,Geeta Devi,W/o Dadan Prasad, have lost my property-Original Papers of Property No-XV 8226/1,2nd-floor Gali.No-5 Multani-Dhanda Pahar-Ganj, New Delhi-110055, Property reg.No-7545 book.no-1 vol no-13778.finder Cont.M.no 8376968160,9810628767.

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I,PRADEEP Kumar S/o S N Srivastava, do hereby declare that my allotment letter dated 4 March 2002 in Name of Pradeep Kumar of property address flat no.105, Oriental Apartment, C-58/26 has been misplaced/lost.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on behalf of my client SMT. SHIKHA AGRAWAL full of 0 is N. Nitin Kumar Agrawal, resident of 104 Vaishali, Pitampura, Delhi is negoliating with (1) Sh. Ajay Bahangaar son of late Sh. Vinod Parkash, presently residing at 65. Lodsak Road, Wolyer Hampstow W690G, Unide Kingdom and (2) Sh. Vinay Bhatnagar son of late Sh. Vinoc Parkash, presently residing at 9 Roxy Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08820 USA varenue, Edison, New Jersey 08820 USA Parkash, presently residing at y Roxy Avenue, Edison, New Jersey 08820 USA regarding to purchase the Entire First Floor without its roof/terace rights of Builtup Property bearing No.103, built on land area measuring 259,69 sq.vs., situated at Vaishali, Pitampura, Delhi with proportionate free hold rights of the land underneath, who claims themselves as owners/claimants of the said Property by way of inheritance upon the death of their parents Sh. Vinod Prakash (father) & Smt. Karuna Bhatnagar (mother), Any person(s)/All person(s) having any claim/demand/interest/right in respect for against the above said property or any part or portion thereof in any manner or by way of any Agreement to sell or inheritance or share or sale or transfer or assignment or otherwise howsoever, is hereby called upon to bring the same to the knowledge of the undersigned in writing with all documentary proof(s) evidence(s) at the office of the undersigned within the days from the date of publication thereof of the present notice, failing which the claim/demand of such person(s) if any present notice, failing which the claim/demand of such person(s), if any shall be treated as null and void; and shall not have any legal and/or any othe sanctity; and shall be non-binding on my sanctury; and shall be non-binding on me client and the aforesaid propose transaction of purchase of the sai property shall be completed without an reference to any succlaim(s)/demand(s).

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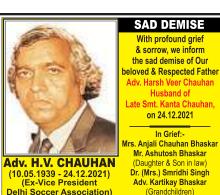
Re: Upper Ground Floor and Entire Third Floor with roof rights (hereinafte collectively called the "said floors), par of Flat / Property bearing No.94, Block-C-6-B, area measuring 80 sq. yds., situated at Janakpuri, New Delhi; hereinafter referred to as "said

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our clients, Mr. Avdesh Kumar and Mr. Amit Kumar both sons of Shri Yag Dutt Sharma and residents of RZ-26/289, 5A, Geetanjali Park, West Sagarpur Nangal Raya Pur, South West Delhi-110046 (hereinafter jointly called the "Purchasers") intend to purchase the Upper Ground floor and entire third floor with rool ights respectively of the said property from Mr Amarjit Singh S/o Shri M.S.Kohli, 121 Narang Colony, Janakpuri, New Delhi (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection, the seller has informed the purchasers that he and hi wife, Mrs Paramjeet Kaur, were the owners of the said property vide 3 separate sale deeds executed by Shri Rajiv Batra and Sunil Kuman Batra and registered as document no.(1) 7057 dated 4/4/19 in favour of Mrs Paramjeet Kau n respect of 25% undivided share in the said property, ( 2) 7071 dated 4/4/19 in favour of Amarjit Singh; and (3) 8060 dated 16/4/19 in favour of Mrs Paramjeet Kaur and Mr. Amarjit Singh in respect of 50% undivided share in the said property. Thus, they became the joint owners of the said property. Mrs.Paramjeet Kaur expired leaving behind Shri Amariji Singh as her only surviving legal heirs. and Shri Amarit Singh became the absolute owner of the said property. The seller has also informed that in the said property. The seller has also informed that in the said property. initially the said property was owned by Shri R.N.Batra vide Conveyance Deed registered as document No.13262 dated 11/07/2001 executed by POI in his favour and on his death, the property devolved on his three legal heir amely Shri Rajiv Batra, Raman Kumar Batr and Sunil Kumar Batra. Mr Raman Kumar Batra executed a Relinquishment Deed vide document no.1174 dated 18.01.2019 in espect of his share in the said property i favour of Rajiv Batra and Sunil Kumar Batra who later on executed the three sale deeds as aforesaid in favour of seller and his wife. The seller has further informed our clients that the said floors are not mortgaged anywhere and there is no charge or dispute or any litigation oending regarding the said floors.

penuing reguruing ines sud noors.

Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s. relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid floors is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered AD Post, to the undersigned at the address mentioned herein below within 10 days of publication of this notice and in the event of no resonne having been received to event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floors shall be deemed to be clear of any charg or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever and any subsequent claim shall not bind our clients/Purchasers, in any manner whatsoever.

> M/s Intellective Law Office A-74, LGF,Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general information that I, Tripti Jain D/o Sh. Shankar Lal residing at WZ-438, Possangipur, Janakeuri, New Delhi-110058 declare that name of my mother has been wrongly written as Renu Devi in my All Educations Documents. The actual correct name of my mother is Renu Jain respectively. accordingly.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Mangal Dass acquired Double Storey Properly No. 19, measuring 41.1/2 Sq. Yards, Khaera No. 118/127/2, 128/1, 129/1, 130 to 134, village Sarai Peepal Thala, Sanjay Nagar, Part-I, Delhi vide Regd. GPA dt. 25.06.1998 executed by Mr. Naresh Kumar Bansal and ATS & Will dt. 25.06.1998 executed by Mrs. Asha Bansal and now Mr. Mangal Dass is the undisputed owner of the above said oroport/x Arv peerson by Mrs. Asha Bansal and now Mr. Mangal Dass is the undisputed owner of the above said property. Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocate "H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024"

### PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Pradip Jain and Mr. Pranav Jain acquired Property no. 1, Block No. J-5, also as J-5/1, measuring 139.36 Sq. Yards, situated in D.L.F Colony Krishan Nagar, Ghondli, Shahdara, Delhi vide Three Relinquishment Deeds dt. 18.10.1999, 05.01.2000 & 19.03.2004 after that Mr. Pradip Jain released his half share vide Release Deed dt. 18.10.2018 in favour of Mr. Pranav Jain ( Pranav Kumar Jain), duly of Mr. Pranav Julin (Pranav Kumar Jain), duly Regd, as doc. No. 9130 and now Mr. Pranav Jain (Pranav Kumar Jain) is the undisputed owner of the above said property. Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners incense, girt, possession, legal neiter, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date or publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration or otice period, the claims, if any, of such personall be treated null and void and also treate s waived and not binding on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri, Advocate "H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024"

### PUBLIC NOTICE

It is Notified that my client Mr. Nitin Bavu S/o Mr. Subhash Chand Gupta is owner of House No. 82/1 Part of Plot No. 82 Naveer Park Ghaziabad and he has lost the original document i.e. Registration Particular Page No. 10 of Sale Deed dated 04.09.2002. Our Client has also lodged a Electrical Client has also lodged a Electrical Client has also lodged a Electrical Client has also lodged as Electrical Client has also logged as Electrical Client has also lodged as Electri dated 04.09.2002. Our Client has also lodged a FIF on 17.12.2021 for the same Any person dealing with the said documents may do so at his/her own risk and out client shall not be responsible in any manne whatsoever, however any claim on the basis of title document will be entertained within 07 days of publication, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and not binding or our client.

Sd/- Manoj Kumar, Advocate, CH No. 192, Tis Hazari Courts, (Civil Side) Delhi-54 #9868581889

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Shivalik Apartments, Pitampura Delhi-110034 regarding to purchase the FLAT BEARING NO.43, on Ground Floor, duly fitted with fittings & fixtures alongwith nmon rights in all common facilities attached with the said flat, situated in the layout plan of The Shivalik Co-op Group Housing Society Ltd. also known as Shivalik Apartments, near Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi with lease hold rights of the land underneath, who claims herself as sole owner/claimant and in possession of the said Property. Any person(s)/All person(s) having an or against the above said property or an exciainge or possession or covenant or easement or otherwise howsoever, is hereby called upon to bring the same to the knowledge of the undersigned in writing with all documentary proof(s)/ evidence(s) at the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication thereof of the present notice, falling which the claim/demand of such person(s), if any, shall be treated as null and void; and shall not have any legal and/or any other sanctity; and shall be non-binding on my client and the aforesaid proposed transaction of purchase of the said property shall be completed without any reference to any such claim(s)/demand(s).

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329A PREM NAGAR PHASE-III, NAJAFGARI LOST MY PROPERTY DOCUMENTS FLAT 678, PH-II, 4TH FLOOR SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH APARTMENT DWARKA, SEC-14, NEW DELHI-75

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client S. GURDEEP SINGH S/O S. HARNEK SINGH R/O C-11. COTTAGE ROAD ADARSH NAGAR, AZAD PUR MANDI, NEW DELHI-110033 has severed all his NÄGAR, AZAD PUR MENEN, I his relations from his son S. AMANPREET SINGH, his wife SMT. KIRANDEEP KAUR, their daughter KUMARI SAHAJLEEN KAUR (aged 03 years) and their associates, disowned and debarred all of them from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because of the country of t

PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that My clients Meena Devi W/O Shri Satto, Kumar R/O Flat No. 27, 3rd Floor Pocket-15A, Sector-24, Rohini, Delhi 110085, do hereby disown/debar thei son Son Trishant Kumar and his wife Archna Insan from their all movable and immovable properties and severed and immovable properties and severe all relations from them, anybod costs and risks. My above named clients will not be responsible for any act, deed Or dealing done by in past or infuture.

Chamber No. D-209, Karkardooma

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Ram Pervesh (Advocate Ph.- 9711083095

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Sd/- Chief Engineer-III, APIIC Ltd., Mangalagiri DIPR No.585PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 , Dt: 27/12/2021

## e-Procurement Cell BUILDING CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, JHARKHAND, RANCHI

Very Short Term e-Procurement Notice

e-T	ender Reference NoBCD/ R	anchi-1/09/2021-22 Date-27-12-2021
1	Name of Work	Addition,Alteration &Renovation of New Block Circuit House at Circular Road,Ranchi.
2	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 6,98,49,000/- (Rupees Six Crore Ninty Eight Lacs Forty Nine Thousand ) only.
3	Time of Completion	06 Months
4	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	05-01-2022 at 11:00 A.M.
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	19-01-2021upto 5:00 P.M.
6	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bid Security Money and Tender Fee	21-01-2021 upto11:30 A.M.
7	Date/Time of opening of Bid	21-01-2021 at 12:00 P.M.
8	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	e-Procurement Cell, Building construction department, Jharkhand, Ranchi-834004
9	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0651-2446166
10	Helpline Number of e- procurement Cell	0651-2446166

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1.	कार्य का नाम	चदनडीह—सोनाहातू पथ के कि0मी0 0.00 से 13. 10 (कुल लम्बाई 13.10 कि0मी0) तक का मजबूतीकरण/राईडिंग क्वालिटी में सुधार (Improvement of Riding Quality) कार्य। वित्तीय वर्ष 2021—22
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5.	निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि / समय	03.01.2022 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक
6.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन	28.12.2021
о.	की तिथि / समय	10.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न
7.	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले	कार्यपालक अभियंता
٧.	कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, राँची(ग्रामीण)।
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PR.NO.260363 Road(21-22);D पथ प्रमण्डल, राँची (ग्रामीण)। New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

**VOIGS** Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar, (U.P.)

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(A) 1. 13/NOIDA/GM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2021-22, Name of Work:- D/o Village C/o Sports Yard in Village Raipur Sector-126), Noida

Cost-Rs 57 851 acs 2. 41/SM(Jal)-II/ET/21-22. Name of Work:- Village Dev. (Repair of PVC Water Line and other allied work in Village-Nithari), Noida

Gangajal (Providing & Laying 300mm dia D.I. G.Jal line form Khora (Near Autometers Alliance Company) T-Point to Zonal UGR 4. 29/CGM/SM(WC-3)/2021-22, Name of Work:- M/o Road (Annua Maintenance, Main Road & Internal Road sector-39, 40, 41, 42, 43

44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 99, 100 Village Barola, Challera

Sadarpur, Hoshiyarpur, Aghapur, MP-3 road, 50-51 road, aghapur

3. 04/SM(G.JAL)/ET/21-22. Name of Work:- Strengthening o

road, and 75mtr wide road and Khaitan school road, DSC, road Nithari road) Noida Cost-Rs. 85.86 Lacs Which can be uploaded by date 10.01.2022 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 11.01.2022 at

11:00 AM (B) 1. 44/DGM(Jal)/AO/SM(JAL)-I/2021-22, Name of Work:- M/o Sewerage (Cleaning of Deep Sewer Line Manholes by Super Sucker Machine in Network Sector-8, 9, 10, 14A, 15A, 16A and

Village-Nayabans, Jhundpura), Noida (For 3 Year) Cost-Rs. 43.20 Lacs 2. 27/SM(Jal)-II/ET/21-22, Name of Work:- Strengthening of W/s (Electric Work, Transformer and Allied Electric Work at UGR

Sector-150), Noida. Cost-Rs. 48.82 Lacs Which can be uploaded by date 03.01.2022 upto 5:00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 04.01.2022 at

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No. F. 21(13)/ND(737)Rental Photocopier Machine/Prov.Br./2021-23/003663264/ Tender Id No.: 2021\_CJT\_213399\_1

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at Govt. Procurement website. All the tenderers should apply online before the Last Date

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For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tender (online tender) is invited for the sup plying & installation of Photocopier Machines on rental/contract basis required to install at various places of Central Jails of Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli, Delhi for the period of two years from the date of issue of rate contract (extendable upto three months). The NIT alongwith terms and conditions, Annexures and detailed specifications has been uploaded

e-procurement solution ast date / Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement solution

: Rs. 27 Lakhs : 28.12.2021

Date of release of tender through : 17.01.2022 at 11:30 A.M.

: 17.01.2022 at 12:00 Noon Date of opening of online Pre-qualification bids

Further information can be seen at: <a href="https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in">https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in</a>
Sd/-DIP/ SHABDARTH/0525/21-22

Superintendent-II: PHQ

Dated: 23.12.2021

New Delhi

Date of opening of online

Financial Bid (Tentative Date)

: 17.01.2022 at 3:00 PM

Estimated cost

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### **SHOCKED, SAYS MAMATA BANERJEE**

## Centre 'refuses' to renew Mother Teresa charity's FCRA status, cites 'adverse inputs'

Missionaries of Charity: Won't operate any foreign contribution account till resolution

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** & SWEETY KUMARI NEW DELHI, KOLKATA,

HOURS AFTER West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted that the "Union Ministry froze all bank accounts" of Missionaries of Charity, the iconic Kolkata-based organisation founded by Mother Teresa, the Ministry of Home Affairs said it "refused" to renew the NGO's registration under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) on December 25 based on "adverse inputs".

Ministry Missionaries of Charity said in separate statements, however,



Banerjee raised issue in a tweet

that the organisation's accounts were not frozen by the Government. The charity said it had asked its centres "not to operate any of the FC accounts until the matter is resolved".

The Home Ministry did not specify what the "adverse inputs" were.

Missionaries of Charity was officially established on October 7, 1950, by Mother Teresa who was awarded the Nobel Peace **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

AAP candidate Damanpreet Singh, who defeated sitting Mayor Ravi Kant Sharma (BJP) in the Chandigarh civic polls on Monday. Jasbir Malhi

## BJP stunned, AAP scores big win in Chandigarh civic polls

**HINA ROHTAKI** CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 27

IN A massive boost for the Aam Aadmi Party ahead of the Assembly elections in Punjab, it won 14 of the 35 municipal wards in Chandigarh, a city administered by the Centre, results for which were declared on Monday. The BJP, which had

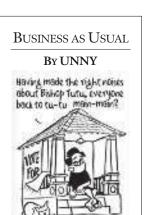
swept the last Chandigarh Municipal Corporation polls winning 21 of 26 wards (one of them in alliance with the Akali Dal), ended second, with 12 wards. The Congress won eight

wards and the Akali Dal 1. The number of wards went up from 26 last time to 35 now after delimitation.

While AAP needs the support of 19 corporators to elect its

mayor, the BIP needs 18 as the Chandigarh MP, who has an exofficio vote in the corporation, belongs to the BJP.

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AAP managed to trump the

BJP despite fielding first-timers and running a low-key campaign. Only two big names turned out for AAP, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and MPBhagwant Maan, putting in brief appearances.

eks after getting their second jab.

### SHOTS FOR CHILDREN, VULNERABLE GROUPS

## **Covaxin only vaccine for** 15-18, can book slots on **Cowin from Jan 1: Govt**

'Precautionary dose' 39 weeks after second jab, say guidelines

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

AHEAD OF the January 10 rollout of Covid-19 shots for teens, the Union Health Ministry has announced that Bharat Biotech's Covaxin will be the only vaccine that will be administered to eligible recipients in the age group of 15-18 years.

The ministry also announced on Monday that the three priority groups of healthcare workers, frontline workers, and individuals older than 60 can receive their third "precautionary dose" 39 we-

"As a matter of abundant precaution, for those Health Care Workers (HCWs) & Front Line Workers (FLWs) who have received two doses, another dose of Covid-19 vaccine would be provided from January 10, 2022. The prioritisation and sequencing of this precaution dose would be based on the completion of 9 months, i.e. 39 weeks, from the date of administration of second dose," the ministry said.

The decisions to vaccinate adolescents and administer a precautionary dose to vulnerable groups were taken in view of the recent global surge of CONTINUED ON PAGE 4



## **Delhi Omicron count** 142, no travel history in 52 out of latest 63

**ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

AS MANY as 52 of the 63 cases of

infection with the Omicron variant of the coronavirus detected in Delhi on Monday are in individuals who have reported no history of international travel or contact with an international traveller, officials from the Delhi government told The Indian Express.

"District surveillance teams will now trace these cases and re-confirm whether they have any history of travel or history of coming in contact with any for**EXPRESS NETWORK** 

**EC REVIEWS COVID** SITUATION IN **POLL-BOUND STATES CENTRE ISSUES** 

eign travellers," a senior health

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department official said. "We need to be sure. We will come to know in a day," the offi-

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## Home often invokes Sec 13 of FCRA to stall NGOs' foreign funds

**RITU SARIN** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

EVEN AS West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee tweeted Monday about the alleged freezing of accounts of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, the recent moratorium on foreign donations to another prominent organisation. Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), has once again raised question marks on the powers of suspension under key provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation

The CHRI had its Foreign Contributions (FC) suspended around six months ago following which the well-known civil liberties group moved Delhi High Court. Now, a second suspension order has been issued. According to provisions of Section 13 in the Act, the suspension lasts 180 days each time and, the order in the CHRI case states, the action is "pending cancellation" of the NGO's FCRA registration.

Speaking to The Indian Express, CHRI Director Sanjoy Hazarika said: "The suspension **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 



**SEVERAL STATES IN** THE U.S. SEE RECORD **COVID NUMBERS AS OMICRON SURGES** 

**SOMALI PRESIDENT** SUSPENDS PM IN **LATEST POWER MOVE PAGE 14** 

### Delhi, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Kolkata among first in line; process soon: Govt **PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

5G services to be

rolled out next year,

in major cities first

FIFTH GENERATION wireless technology (5G), which will allow faster and more responsiveness Internet services, will be rolled out in the four metros and other big cities next year, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said

5G spectrum auctions will be held ahead of the rollout. Dates are yet to be decided, but the DoT had in September sought recommendations from the telecom sector regulator TRAI on various aspects including the reserve price, band of spectrum to be auctioned.

The process of assignment of frequencies to TSPs (telecom service providers) would be initiated at the earliest possible." the DoT said in a statement. "With regard to rollout of 5G



### Richer online experience

5G WILL afford consumers a richer experience on their phones and other devices. They will be able to stream videos with multiple camera angles during sports matches, or play immersive video games other accessories.

services, Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) — M/s Bharti Airtel, M/s Reliance Jio and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

### Pakistan summons top Indian diplomat over hate speeches at 'Dharam Sansad'

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

IN AN unusual intervention days after a 'Dharam Sansad' held in Haridwar saw a series of hate speeches targeting Muslims and calling for violence and assassination, Pakistan's foreign ministry Monday summoned the most senior Indian diplomat at the High Commission in Islamabad and asked him to convey their "serious concerns".

In an official statement, the Pakistan ministry said: "Today, the Indian Charge d'Affaires was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad and asked to convey the Government of Pakistan's serious concerns to the Government of India over the widely reported open calls by Hindutva proponents for carrying out genocide of Indian Muslims."

India's charge d'affaires M Suresh Kumar was summoned by the Pakistani officials on Monday afternoon.

While critical statements by foreign ministries are common. summoning of Indian diplomats about incidents related to minorities in India is rare. In fact, it is usually India that has in the past issued several critical statements on atrocities against Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan, and summoned Pakistan's diplomats — most recently in August to protest the attack on a Hindu temple in Rahim Yar Khan region

of rural Punjab in Pakistan. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4** 

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BJP, AMARINDER, **PUNJAB POLLS** 

## When Tejashwi Yadav wed Rachel Godinho: The knots of a Bihar wedding

## **ANCHOR**

**SANTOSH SINGH** PATNA, DECEMBER 27

IT'S THE "hush-hush" wedding that no one can stop talking about in Bihar. Twenty days after Tejashwi Yadav tied the knot with his school sweetheart Rachel Godinho — a.k.a. Rajshree — the marriage is the message in the state's caste-driven politics. And as his rivals read between the lines, the young RJD presi-

just got extended. The speculation over the inter-caste, inter-religious, mar-

dent's honeymoon may have



Tejashwi Yadav, his wife Rachel Godinho in Patna. PTI file

riage started soon after photos of the ceremony first trickled out. Few knew about the wedding, despite it being hosted in a farm-

house in Delhi, where secrets like these have very short lives, or importantly much about the bride. RJD leaders admitted they were themselves clueless, while the party handle was late tweeting its blessings to the couple. The official word was that the function was hurriedly organised due to RJD supremo and Tejashwi's father Lalu Prasad's failing health.

The wedding marked the first time one of Lalu Prasad and Rabri Devi's children had married outside caste or religion. Al of Tejashwi's seven sisters got married to fellow Yadavs.

LJP (Ram Vilas) president Chirag Paswan, Tejashwi's direct rival in age, ambition, and ancestry, said that there was "no need to have been so secretive about the marriage". And, that he would himself "go to town" when he got married

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### Covaxin

coronavirus infections, detection of the new Omicron variant of the virus, scientific evidence, global practices, "and the inputs/suggestions of 'Covid-19 Working Group of National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI) as well as of 'Standing Technical Scientific Committee (STSC)' of

NTAGI", the ministry said. Children born in 2007 and earlier shall be eligible to receive the vaccine, the ministry said. "...Vaccination of children in the age-group of 15-18 years to be started from January 3, 2022. For such beneficiaries, the vaccination option would be 'Covaxin' only.' the guidelines said. Beneficiaries can register online through an existing account on Co-WIN, or after creating a new account through a unique mobile number. Children can book a slot using their parents' existing Co-WIN accounts.

Dr R S Sharma, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA), which has designed the Co-WIN infrastructure, told The Indian Express that booking of slots for children will open from January 1. 'The students can use the nine documents that are already listed (for adult vaccination). Additionally, they can also use their student identity cards," Sharma said.

The health ministry's guidelines said children could be registered onsite by the verifier/vaccinator in facilitated registration mode; appointments can also be booked online or onsite (walk-in).

For the precautionary doses, the Co-WIN system will send SMSes to beneficiaries when the dose becomes due. The precautionary dose will be administered on the advice of a doctor based on the comorbidity, the guidelines state. Sharma said the beneficiary will have to carry the certificate of comorbidity to the vaccination centre. "The beneficiary will only be asked if they have comorbidity or not. They will just need to carry it to the vaccination centre. There is no need to upload anything before booking the slot on the Co-WIN platform," he said.

For the precautionary dose, registration and appointment services can be accessed through both online and onsite modes. 'The details of administration of the precaution dose will be suitably reflected in the vaccination certificates," the guidelines state.

While all citizens irrespective of income will be entitled to free vaccination in the new phase. "those who have the ability to pay are encouraged to use private hospital's vaccination centres", according to the guidelines.

### Delhi Omicron

The Indian Express had reported last week that all but one of the 340 micron cases treated at hospital were fully vaccinated.

Also, the bulk of these cases -- 31 out of 34 -- had a history of foreign travel or contact. The upending of this ratio in cases that were detected on Monday -- only 11 out of 63 have a known history of foreign travel or contact -- could potentially indicate a wider community spread of the new variant.

The highly transmissible Omicron variant is known to evade existing immunity from vaccination, leading to more breakthrough infections, though not necessarily to a higher incidence of severe disease. A total 142 cases of Omicron infection have been detected in Delhi so far. "For nearly four months now, ever since the number of daily cases fell to manageable levels, we have been sequencing all positive samples with a CT value of less than 25. The cases of Omicron were detected in this process of genome sequencing," the health department official said.

Sequencing maps out the entire viral genome and ascribes a family to it. The positive samples from Delhi are sequenced at the National Centre for Disease Control, and two state laboratories at the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences and Lok Nayak hospital.

CT value or cycle threshold value is the number of amplification cycles that a patient sample has to go through in an RT-PCR test to detect the virus. The lower the CT value, the higher is the viral load. The threshold of CT value less than 25 ensures that the sample is good enough to be fully se-

Another official said, "Initially, all cases of Omicron were being detected only in international travellers; slowly, during the last week, we are reporting cases from the community too. Today, 52 cases were detected in the general samples." The official recalled a specific case in which an individual who was tested frequently returned a positive result. "He had no symptoms at all. There was no history of travel. But when the sequencing result came back, he was found to have the Omicron variant," the official said.

### AAP big win

The BJP in contrast roped in Union ministers as well as several of its chief ministers to canvass for its nominees, and sought votes in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, many of its bigwigs ended up losing to AAP first-timers. Sitting BJP Mayor Ravi Kant Sharma lost to AAP's Damanpreet Singh from Ward 17 by 828 votes. Other former BJP mayors and its sitting councillors also lost to AAP newcomers.

In seven wards, the victory margin was less than 200 votes. The BIP scraped through in two wards by a margin of 9 and 90 votes, while in three, it lost by a margin of less than 100 votes

have gained some ground after Amarinder Singh's exit with its choice of Charaniit Singh Channi as CM, will be disappointed.

In terms of vote share, AAP got 40%, compared to the BJP's 34% and the Congress's 23%. It means the BJP vote share fell by more than half from 2016 (77%). The Congress gained by 8% from last time. The Akalis got 3% votes this time, down 1% from 2016.

The tally also showed that parties failed to gauge the silent mood in favour of change. The BJP, in particular, may have miscalculated by centering its campaign around the theme of Hindutva, with Jai Shri Ram slogans and references to Ayodhya temple peppering its campaign. Till the very end, senior leaders were upbeat, asserting that the ruling party at the Centre always had an edge in the Chandigarh civic poll elections. The BJP even had packets of sweets ready in offices.

The BJP might have also underestimated the anger against it over the farmers' agitation. Chandigarh saw robust support for farmers, with Matka Chowk emerging as an epicentre for protests. The new Chandigarh corporation limits include 13 more villages, and the support for farmers was even greater in the rural areas. The women and SC voters also appear to have turned away from the BJP. Of the 7 SC wards, the BJP won only 1. Of the 12 wards reserved for women, the BJP won 2.

Arvind Keiriwal said the civic poll results were "a sign of the coming change in Punjab". "People of Chandigarh today have chosen the honest politics of AAP, rejecting corrupt politics."

Mann said the Lt Governor, MP, Mayor were all from the BIP. "However, the people voted for the new faces fielded by us... The change will be even starker when it comes to the Punjab elections." Asked whether AAP would seek the help of the Congress to elect its Mayor, Mann said they would first talk to their corporators.

AAP leader Raghav Chadha said it was the "win of Kejriwal's model of Delhi governance", adding: "Chandigarh abhi jhaanki hai... Punjab abhi baaki hai (This is just a glimpse. The main show is yet to start)."The polling percentage this time was 60.73, highest in 25 years.

### Charity's FCRA Prize in 1979 "for bringing help to suffering humanity".

Incidentally, on December 12, the organisation was booked un-

der the Gujarat Freedom of Religion Act, 2003, for allegedly "hurting Hindu religious sentiments" and "luring towards Christianity young girls" at a shelter home it runs in Vadodara. It has rejected the charge.

On Monday, Missionaries of Charity said in its statement: "We The Congress, which hoped to appreciate the concern of our

well-wishers and extend our heartiest greetings for Christmas and the New Year. We would like to clarify that the FCRA registration of the Missionaries of Charity has been neither suspended nor

The statement said: "Further, there is no freeze ordered by the Ministry of Home Affairs on any of our bank accounts. We have been informed that our FCRA renewal application has not been approved. Therefore, as a measure to ensure there is no lapse, we have asked our centres not to operate any of the FC accounts until the matter is resolved."

Earlier, Chief Minister Banerjee posted on Twitter: "Shocked to hear that on Christmas, Union Ministry froze all bank accounts of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in India! Their 22,000 patients & employees have been left without food & medicines. While the law is paramount, humanitarian efforts must not be compromised."The tweet triggered a slew

TMCMPDerek O'Brien posted on Twitter: "After a filthy hit job on Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity on December 25, now MHA doing what it does best: spin doctoring & a cover up..."

In another tweet with the NGO's statement attached, he wrote: "First the Government of India intimidates. For weeks, right through to December 25. And then they pile on the pressure to extract this. Shame on the MHA and its shameless damage control tactics." "This is indeed shocking. When Mother Teresa wins a Nobel Prize, India rejoices. When her organisation serves the poor & destitute, the govt cuts off their funding. Disgraceful," Congress MP Shashi Tharoor tweeted.

CPI(M) West Bengal secretary Surjya Kanta Mishra also took to Twitter and tagged the move as 'shocking news"

Expressing "shock", Angelina Mantosh Jasnani, president, Catholic Association of Bengal, asked the Home Ministry to find a way to ensure that the poor don't suffer and at the same time, all the required norms of the FCRA are met. Later, the Home Ministry said in a statement that the organisation's "renewal of FCRA registration...was refused on December 25, 2021, for not meeting the eligibility conditions under FCRA 2010 and Foreign Contribution

Regulation Rules (FCRR) 2011". "No request/revision application has been received from Missionaries of Charity (MoC) for review of this refusal of renewal.' it said. It said that the organisation's registration was valid upto October 31, 2021. "The validity was subsequently extended upto December 31, 2021, along with other FCRA associations whose renewal application were pending

renewal." the Ministry said. "However, while considering

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the MoC's renewal application, some adverse inputs were noticed. In consideration of these inputs on record, the renewal application of MoC was not approved...

it said According to annual reports submitted by Missionaries of Charity to the Ministry, it received Rs 425.86 crore over the past five

MHA did not freeze any accounts

of MoC. State Bank of India has in-

formed that MoC itself sent a re-

quest to SBI to freeze its accounts,

years in foreign donations. Records show that in the last 15 years, the organisation received over Rs 1,099 crore from foreign sources. The latest declaration available, for 2020-21, shows that it received Rs 75.19 crore from abroad between April 2020 and

In the Vadodara case, the FIR lodged at Makarpura Police Station against the NGO is based on a complaint from District Social Defence Officer Mayank Trivedi who said that he had visited the Home for Girls run by Missionaries of Charity in the area on December 9, along with the chairman of the district's Child Welfare Committee.

The FIR states that during his visit, Trivedi allegedly found that girls were being "forced" to read Christian religious texts and participate in prayers, with the intention of "steering them into Christianity".

During the recent winter session of Parliament, BJP MP Nishikant Dubey had accused Missionaries of Charity of indulging in religious conversions and illegally sending children for adoption abroad. In July 2018, the police in Iharkhand, then ruled by the BJP, had arrested a woman employee, Anima Indwar, and a nun, Sister Consalia, for allegedly trafficking children born in a centre run by Missionaries of Charity. The police had then recommended a CBI enquiry and asked for investigations into FCRA violations, if any, by the NGO.

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### Sec 13 of FCRA

of funding is like depriving an organisation of oxygen. CHRI has 25 years of developmental work in areas like police and prison reforms and RTI for which it has engaged with and continues to do so with stakeholders in the Government as well as independent authorities like NHRC, CIC, etc., even as we challenge the suspension." Ascrutiny of recent FCRA orders shows that the suspension route is being increasingly used by the Union Home Ministry's FCRA Monitoring Cell despite a 2013 Delhi HC order that quashed the suspension of another wellknown civil liberties group, Indian

Social Action Forum (INSAF). The CHRI's case is that they did not receive a show cause prior to suspension and that the 2013 Justice V K Jain judgement in the INSAF case states that "such reasons (the alleged irregularities) cannot be given by way of extraneous evidence at a later stage. In the absence of reasons, it would not be possible for the organization to challenge the suspension".

What is significant is that the suspension of CHRI's registration comes after a slew of cancellations or suspensions of FCRA licenses of prominent civil liberty and human rights groups, including Amnestv International, The Lawyers Collective, Greenpeace India and The Ford Foundation.

The Home Ministry has so far granted FCRA licenses to over 20,000 organisations. In March 2020, the Government informed Lok Sabha that over a three-year period, the licenses of 6,676 organisations were cancelled. No figures were given for suspensions.

With several prominent FCRA licensees challenging the MHA's orders -- and many getting relief- there appears to be a pattern for these suspension orders, which may or may not be followed by cancellation.

A September 2021 RTI reply received by FCRA researcher Venkatesh Navak shows that in a nearly two-year period, 20 suspension orders were issued and that no cancellations were done. Five of these 20 orders are second suspension notices to the same organisation. In several cases, the recent suspension orders reveal an identical ground for the Government's action and, often, few specifics. Consider this:

■In six suspension orders, the stated grounds are the purchase of real estate/land by the organisation and investments in fixed deposits. In others, it is the non-utilisation of funds or mixing up of domestic and foreign contributions in accounts provided to the FCRA authorities.

In two cases, the stated grounds are utilisation of foreign contribution for religious conversions and construction of mosques, which are prohibited under provisions of the FCRA Act. In one case, it was a charge sheet filed for alleged sexual abuse by the Secretary and Administrator of the organization.

■ Significantly, only four of these suspension orders mention the issuance of a prior show cause notice, required under provisions of FCRA's Section 13.

In the case of CHRI, the Home Ministry has cited "multiple violations", which include technical provisions such as utilisation of funds not filled in prescribed forms and non-intimation of two bank accounts where foreign contributions have been deposited. The alleged violations are being described as "minor technicalities" and "procedural requirements" by CHRI lawyers.

Says senior Supreme Court lawver Chander Uday Singh, who is representing CHRI in Delhi High Court: "The suspension clause is the death knell for organisations and is akin to using a sledge hammer to squat a fly. It is like telling a company you have to stop functioning but it is done in a very casual manner when, for instance, accounts are frozen as a first resort, instead of being the last resort."

Against CHRI, the Ministry has also invoked Section 14(d) of the FCRA Act, which states that the

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sion of the Act. A scrutiny shows that Section 14(d) has also been invoked in two other recent suspension cases where the allegations are apparently of a more serious nature: religious conversion. The first was for Mewat Trust for Educational Welfare, an NGO located in Faridabad, and the other for Al Hasan Educational and Welfare

FCRA certificate could be cancelled

for violating "any" rule or provi-

### 5G services

Foundation in Lucknow.

M/s Vodafone Idea -- have established 5G trials sites in Gurugram, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jamnagar, Ahmedabad, Chennai, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Pune, Gandhinagar cities. These metros and big cities would be the first places for launch of 5G services in the country next year," the statement said.

All three private telecom players, Reliance Jio Infocomm, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea, have been urging the DoT to lay out a clear roadmap for spectrum allocation and 5G frequency bands, so they are able to plan the rollout of services accordingly.

"The most important thing needed now is clarity on the regulatory side. It is licensing of spectrum to make it available and to make it available on fair and reasonable terms. What that exactly is, has to be determined by each country. There has been discussion on whether the spectrum prices are too costly. I think many things can be done to ensure that there is money to build coverage for the Indian people," Magnus Ewerbring, chief technology officer for Asia Pacific at Ericsson told The Indian Express in an interview

"As soon as that (regulatory clarity) happens, 5G will go very quickly. The smartphones are ready, the operators are ready. We need clarity on what frequency bands and other terms and conditions." Ewerbring had said. The government has recog-

nised spectrum bands of frequency 526-698 MHz, 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300-3670 MHz and 24.25-28.5 GHz for public as well as private 5G networks. While public 5G networks will

serve telecom users at large, private 5G networks will be used for captive applications in the Industry 4.0 concept, which has been billed as a major use-case of 5G networks.

Industry 4.0 will see sectors such as manufacturing and logistics adopt 5G networks to automate their processes, given the significantly higher speeds and lower latencies with the next generation of telephony.

### Tejashwi Yadav

ID(U) leaders were more circumspect, though not Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who, while extending his wishes to the couple, took a subtle dig saying he had got to know of the wedding "from the media". JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj

Kumar called it "a personal matter of Tejashwi". "Such things should not be seen from the prism of politics."

JD(U) ally BJP, not a fan of mincing words, largely refrained from commenting till MLC and Panchayat Raj Minister Samrat Choudhary broke his silence over this weekend. With the RJD insistent that the Centre reveal the data on caste census, Choudhary said: "Tejashwi should no longer demand a caste census as he married a girl outside his caste and religion... Will Teiashwi now tell us which community he belongs to, that of his parents or his wife?"

Choudhary then dragged in the marriage of Samajwadi Party leader Akhilesh Yadav, a friend of the RID and a fellow proponent of the caste census. Akhilesh's wife Dimple is a Thakur. "Since the 'princes' of both UP and Bihar have married out of their caste, they should stop worrying about the

caste census," he said. Lately, Tejashwi has not just

broken his silence on the wedding, but also taken to ensuring that Godinho is by his side as he makes public appearances and meets RJD leaders and party workers. "I believe in an inclusive society. When my parents asked if I have a girl in

mind to get married, I said 'yes'.

This is how I got married," he said

recently. Nevertheless, Godinho is unfailingly presented as Rajshree Yadav at these appearances and meetings, sporting a sari, sindoor and wedding bangles. Word has been put out that she is learning to speak in a Bihari accent.

A Goan Christian, Godinho worked briefly for Barclays Bank in London after graduation. The family belongs to Rewari in Haryana and her father was a principal in a Chandigarh school and now lives in Delhi. Godinho and Teiashwi were together at DPS, RK Puram, and stayed in touch after leaving school.

In a conversation with reporters last week, Godinho said: 'I find Tejashwi intelligent. He is an intellectual." Asked by a reporter, she said she had no idea Tejashwi would become such a big politician at such a young age when they were in school to-

Mother-in-law Rabri Devi is also by their side at these public appearances. This is after her brother Aniruddh Prasad alias Sadhu Yadav slammed Lalu over the "clandestine" marriage, and took a swipe at Tejashwi's elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav's failed

Their relationship might be strained but Tej Pratap quickly rose to Tejashwi's defence, warning Sadhu to "keep quiet".

Senior RJD leaders like Shivanand Tewari have defended Tejashwi, calling the marriage a "personal matter". RJD national spokesperson Subodh Mehta told The Indian Express: "Tejashwiji has already made his stand very clear on his marriage. He echoes this sentiment of inclusivity when he says the RJD is a party of A to Z. He has a vision for the young of Bihar.'

### Pak summons

At the Haridwar event, which was held from December 17 to 19, controversial Narsinghanand, the priest of Dasna temple in Ghaziabad who is facing several FIRs in UP, called for a "war against Muslims" and urged "Hindus to take up weapons" to ensure a "Muslim didn't become the Prime Minister in 2029.'

Former Delhi BJP spokesperson Ashwini Upadhyay was among those who had attended the event.

Following nationwide outrage, three persons were booked in connection with the hate speeches. Swami Dharamdas and Sadhvi Annapurna, along with Waseem Rizvi, who had assumed the name of Jitendra Narayan Singh Tyagi after converting to Hinduism, were named in the FIR lodged last Thursday.

The FIR has been lodged under Section 153A of the IPC (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, lan-

The Pakistan Foreign ministry said it was "impressed upon" the Indian Government that it was "highly reprehensible" that those who called for ethnic cleansing at the event have "neither expressed any regret nor the Indian government has condemned or taken any action against them so far".

The statement also said it was conveyed to the Indian side that the reported hate speeches have been viewed with "grave concern by civil society and cross-section of the people of Pakistan and around the world".

Claiming that a "toxic narrative against minorities, particularly Muslims...has become a norm". Pakistan said it expects India to investigate these hate speeches and take measures to stop such incidents from recurring in future.

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### SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR VACCINE PUSH

## Cases spike, schools unlikely to resume for primary classes

**SUKRITA BARUAH** 

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AGAINST THE backdrop of rising Covid cases, the Delhi government is unlikely to take a decision to reopen schools for primary students, it is learnt.

On December 17, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) had advised state governments in the NCR and the Delhi government to take an immediate decision to resume physical classes for classes VI onwards and colleges, after a period of air pollution induced closure. Schools reopened for these grades the next

The CAQM had also advised the government to take a decision to resume physical classes for students up to class V from December 27, after duly considering the air quality index and the winter vacation schedule.

However, a senior education department official told The Indian Express it is unlikely that such a step is going to be taken by the government.

This comes amid a sharp increase in the number of Covid cases in the city over the last week in response to which the government has put in place a night curfew and is considering issuing the "yellow alert" of its Graded Response Action Plan

On Monday, the city reported 331 new cases with a positivity rate of 0.68%.

On Monday, the government notified that winter break will be observed in pre-primary and primary grades of schools run by it from January 1 to 15. During this period, no offline or online



Govt schools will observe winter break for pre-primary and primary grades from January 1 to 15. Archive

activities will be conducted for these grades, though the Directorate has issued winter vacation assignments for children.

In the meantime, with children aged 15-18 eligible for Covid vaccination from January 3, schools are working towards ensuring their students register

"The announcement is very exciting and all our efforts are going in the direction of winning the confidence of parents in it. We are planning webinars with doctors for parents, and have already contacted a hospital and have requested them to conduct vaccination on our premises itself. That's the only thing that can lead to some kind of stability in schooling. When we had reopened last week we were seeing 75% attendance and now it has dropped to 25%," said Mount Abu Public School principal Jyoti Arora.

"I addressed students of classes X, XI and XII in small groups today to create awareness on the vaccine and I found that the students were very receptive to it. If required, we will call a PTM to convince parents as well. I will try to arrange for a vaccination centre for the students in our school," said Awadhesh Jha, principal of Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Rohini

## Armed robbers loot Rs 50 lakh in daytime heist, yet to be arrested

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TWO BIKE-BORNE assailants allegedly stopped the motorcycle of two persons and robbed a bag containing Rs 50 lakh, after opening fire in the air on

Monday. The incident took place in West Delhi's Tilak Nagar when the victims, Harvinder Singh and Lucky Mehra, were crossing a

"A PCR call was received at 1.39 pm regarding the armed robbery. Nobody was injured in the incident. CCTV cameras installed in and near the vicinity are being scanned and efforts are being made to nab the culprits and establish the sequence of events," said Additional DCP (West) Prashant Gautam. A case has been registered in the matter and further investigation is underway, police said.

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## Juvenile killed over abuse on social media

**MAHENDER SINGH** MANRAL

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was stabbed to death, allegedly by a group of juveniles and a local criminal, after the victim abused the latter on Instagram. An FIR has been registered at Uttam Nagar police station, and three juveniles have been apprehended. A hunt is on to nab the others.

Police said the victim, Mohd Shaukat, stayed with his parents

and three sisters. "The incident took place Sunday evening when his friend informed his family that he had been found in an unconscious condition. He was taken to DDU hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. Doctors told police he had eight wounds and was stabbed with an ice pick. Doctors also found injury marks on his face," a senior police offi-

The victim's sister told The Indian Express that he worked at a factory and was on leave on Sunday. "He left around 3 pm to meet a friend but did not return. The accused kidnapped my brother from a local market and took him to a flat, where they killed him. We got to know he had posted a reel on Instagram in which he had abused a local criminal. They got angry at this and killed him," she alleged.

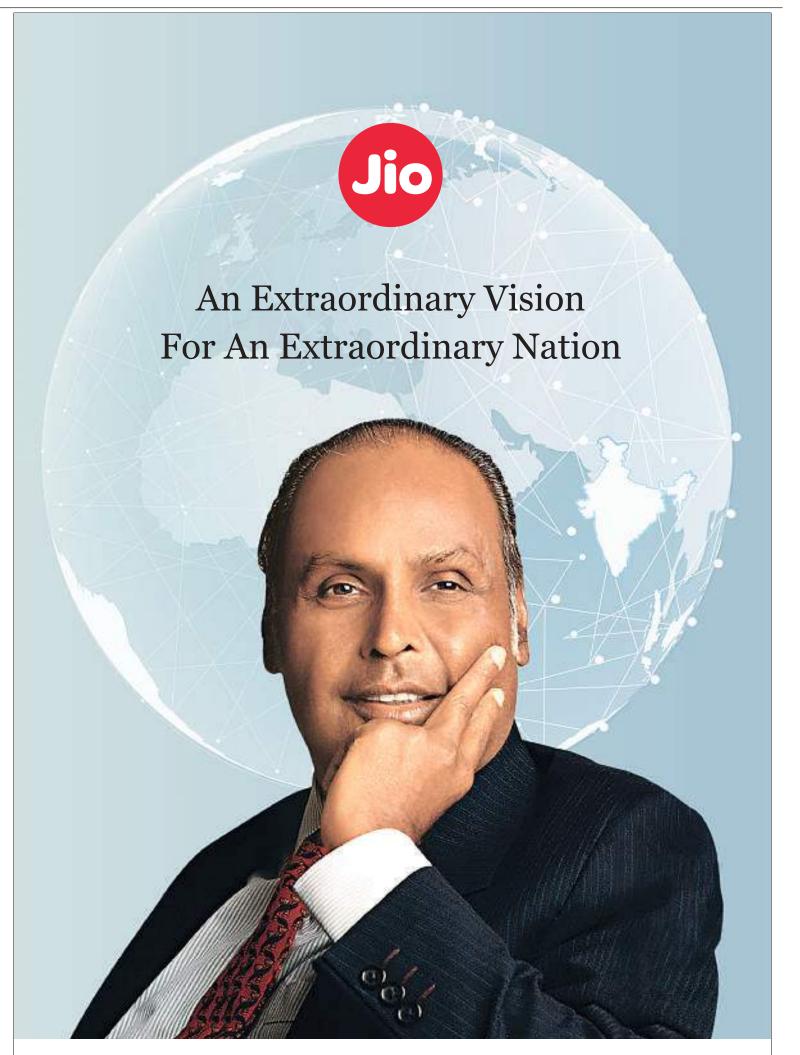
Additional DCP (Dwarka district) Vikram Singh said, "We lodged an FIR, and conducted the victim's post-mortem examination on Monday. Initial investigation has revealed that he had posted a video on social media and had some heated arguments with the locals. On Sunday, he was picked up by them and they killed him. One of the accused is a local criminal of the area and a proposal for his externment is pending. We are looking for him."

On Monday afternoon, the victim's family members gathered outside the police station and demanded strict action against the accused.

"We want immediate arrest of all the accused, especially the ment for all involved," the victim's sister said.

During investigation, the victim's friends told police that he would post reels on Instagram and had uploaded recently with a photo of the local criminal, which had incensed him.

"Local criminals started threatening him of dire consequences after they got to know about this. The victim's friend was present when he was abducted from the market by a group of five-six juveniles," an officer said.



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### 2,500 DETAINED, LATER ALLOWED TO GO

## Striking doctors run into police wall rate lingers above 0.5% in city

**ANONNA DUTT** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

RESIDENT DOCTORS from Delhi's major government hospitals, protesting repeated delays in NEET-PG counselling, Monday alleged that they were beaten, dragged and detained by the police during their march to the Supreme Court.

In response, Delhi Police registered an FIR under sections of rioting, causing obstruction in duty and damaging public property against the doctors. The FIR was lodged at IP Estate police station after a complaint was filed by a police personnel.

On the eleventh day of complete withdrawal from all routine and emergency services, the doctors decided to return their white coats to authorities as their demands were not being

The delays in counselling have been due to a clutch of cases pending in the Supreme Court over the recently introduced quota for the economically weaker sections. Around 50 doctors, including the president of the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) that is leading the strike, were detained near ITO.

"There is no respect left for Covid warriors. We are shocked and in disbelief at what happened today. Both male and female doctors were dragged on the road. Several people were iniured, some had lacerations from being dragged, others got hit against the barricades, and still other received injuries to their hand when the bus door was closed on it," alleged Dr Anuj Aggarwal, general secretary of the resident doctors' association of Safdarjung hospital where FORDA president Dr Manish Kumar also works. Dr Sunil Duchania, vice-president, FORDA, said that all the persons were later released

Additional DCP (Central district) Rohit Meena said. "They came to protest and tried to stop the traffic movement. We tried to stop them and they then started marching towards the Supreme Court. We again stopped them after discussing with them. Seven police person-

Man arrested

for defrauding

retired soldier

New Delhi: A man has

been arrested by the IT

cell of the Noida police for

allegedly defrauding a re-

tired army personnel of

nearly Rs 6 lakh by hack-

ing phone and gaining

access to his bank ac-

counts. The accused has

been identified as Chetan

Prakash, a resident of

Bikaner, said police. "The

main accused has been

arrested, his accomplice

will also be apprehended.

We are finding out details

of more such cases. We

also appeal that people

shouldn't open suspi-

cious links or provide in-

formation to unknown

callers," said Ranvijay

Singh, the assistant deputy commissioner of

police, Gautam Buddh

Fire at factory

in Mangolpuri

New Delhi: A fire broke

out at a footwear factory

Mangolpuri area on

Monday morning and

spread to adjoining unit,

officials said. "We re-

ceived a call about the fire

around 9.05 am and

rushed four fire tenders

immediately. Since the

fire also spread to an ad-

joining factory, in total, 20

fire tenders have been

deployed at the spot,'

said Atul Garg, Director,

Delhi Fire Service. No in-

jury or casualty has been

reported so far, the offi-

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During the protest by protesting doctors (top); more than 2,500 resident doctors were detained at Sarojini Nagar police station. Express

nel received minor injuries and they have damaged two buses as well. We are taking legal opinion before lodging any FIR against

After the incident, doctors from across the city and other states who had joined the protest came together at Safdarjung hospital on Monday evening and burnt an effigy of a PPE-clad doctor. The doctors then decided to march to the health minister's residence at night. The doctors began their protest exactly one month ago with a withdrawal from out-patient clinics; it was slowly escalated to withdrawal from all work by resident doctors who are the backbone of services at medical college hospitals.

The strike was halted for a week and resumed on December 17. Since then, doctors have symbolically returned

"thalis, diyas, and flowers" that were showered on them in respect for their services during the previous waves of Covid. 'Resident doctors, the so called "Corona Warriors", protesting peacefully to expedite NEET-PG Counselling in Delhi were brutally thrashed, dragged and detained by cops. There will be complete shutdown of all healthcare institutions today onwards!" said FORDA in a stateinjustice was being showered. I am with the Covid warriors in their protest against the Central government." **RAHUL GANDHI** CONGRESS LEADER

"Showering flowers was

just for show, in reality

The doctors expect their seniors and consultants to join the strike; a decision on the same is yet to come. "We expect the consultants will be joining our protest, their GBM (general body meeting) is happening," said Dr Duchania. Dr Aggarwal added, "The violence has brought together everyone from across the country. Earlier some were pitching in with some work in the hospitals, but now there will be a complete shutdown of serv-

Later in the evening, police said they had detained protesters at Sarojini Nagar police station and allowed them to conduct a peaceful march. DCP (South West) Gaurav Sharma said, "They were marching and we have stopped them peace-

Over 2,500 resident doctors were detained at the Sarojini Nagar police station while they were marching towards the Union Health Minister's residence. With no space within the police station, they stood outside. In addition to slogans, they also sang the national anthem.

In a tweet, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said, "Showering flowers was just for show, in reality injustice was being showered. I am with the Covid warriors in their protest against the Central government."

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi tweeted, "During corona these young doctors stayed away from their families to support all the citizens of the country. Now it is time for the country to stand in support of the doctors to wake the Narendra Modi government, who used police force and did not listen to their demands. There is no need for false PR, the doctors need their right and re-

## Daily tally past 300, positivity

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

WITH 331 new Covid cases reported in the capital on Monday, the daily tally has shot past the 300-mark for the first time since early June, according to the health bulletin data released by the Delhi government.

This is the highest number of cases in a day since June 6, when 381 Covid cases were reported.

The capital also recorded another death due to the infection. taking the total toll to 25,106 since the first death was reported on March 13 last year. Deaths due to the viral infection have been reported for three consecutive days now, with five deaths recorded over the last seven days. Only one death was recorded during the preceding week, the data shows.

Along with the increase in the number of cases, the positivity rate — the proportion of the total samples that return positive — also shot up to 0.68% on Monday.

As the positivity rate remained above 0.5% for two consecutive days, the first level of restrictions as per the government's Graded Action Response Plan would kick in.

At this level, cinemas, banquet halls, auditoriums, spas, gyms, entertainment parks, and oga centres will be shut. All shops and malls with non-essential services will open as per the odd-even formula from 10 am to 8 pm. Delhi's positivity rate was stagnant at below 0.1% since mid-July and started increasing during the last two

weeks. To be sure, fewer tests were conducted in the city on Sunday as reported in Monday's bulletin.

There were over 48,500 tests

conducted as compared to the

weekly average of over 56,400. The number of active cases has gone up to 1,289 on Monday, with 266 of them admitted to hospitals across the city.

The current surge is likely driven by the omicron variant that is known to cause infections even in the vaccinated. Delhi has so far reported 142 cases of the new omicron variant of the coronavirus, adding 63 new cases in a day. This is the highest number of omicron cases reported by any state or union territory at present; Maharashtra is a close second with 141 cases.

## Exempt from night curfew: Health workers, emergency services

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

WITNESSING AN increase in the number of omicron and Covid cases in the city, the Delhi government has officially announced a night curfew between 11 pm and 5 am starting Monday. However, government officials engaged in emergency services, health workers, advocates, judges and media persons will be exempt, and can travel during the night curfew with a valid ID proof, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has said.

People will also be allowed to

### body meeting, officials focus on improving parks

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GURGAON, DECEMBER 27

THE MUNICIPAL Corporation of Gurugram Monday passed a resolution to hike park maintenance rates from Rs 3 per square metre to Rs 4 in its House Meeting. The ioner also directed officials to form a committee comprising horticulture experts and councillors to oversee the work of ward committees and RWAs in maintenance of parks.

In the last house meeting, a sub-committee had been formed to discuss the issue of increasing park maintenance rates and in its report, it had floated the Rs 4 figure, Mukesh Kumar Ahuia, the MCG commissioner, said "Those RWAs or ward committees who are not maintaining parks properly, work will be withdrawn from them. A committee will be constituted to investigate and will submit report in 15 days. Several councillors opposed payment of Rs 2 crore every month by the corporation as Faridabad's tipping charge for garbage fees.

Mahesh Dayma, councillor, ward 30, raised the issue of encroachments: "Banjara market in sector 56 is a heavy encroachment zone. This causes unnecessary traffic during rush hour and causes nuisance for people..."

go to neighbourhood shops on However, commercial and foot to purchase essential items such as food, fruits and vegetables, dairy products and medicine. Further, pregnant women and patients will be allowed to travel during the curfew to avail medical care. Persons coming from or going to airports, railway stations and bus terminals will also be allowed to travel on pro-

The DDMA further said there will be no restriction on interstate and intrastate movement, transportation of essential and non-essential goods, and no separate permission or e-pass will

be required for such movements.

duction of valid tickets, said the

private establishments involved in essential activities will have to provide a valid ID and proof of document for interstate move-The DDMA has also directed

all district authorities concerned the order and adequately inform and sensitise field functionaries about these instructions.

The authority said that strict action will be taken if any person is found violating the DDMA guidelines and night curfew under IPC section 188 and other provisions of sections 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act,

## At Gurgaon civic UGC 'not releasing sufficient grant', DU to hike development fund charges for students

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

DELHI UNIVERSITY has decided to increase the University charged to students, citing the government mandate for selfsufficiency and reduction of capital grants by the University Grants Commission (UGC). This was a recommendation

made by an 11-member University Development Fund Committee comprising then Pro-Vice-Chancellor P C Joshi and Registrar Vikas Gupta.

The committee had been tasked with considering the allocation of funds for activities like construction of new buildings and procurement of laboratory equipment.

"At present, the university is receiving only Rs 600 per student per year as University Development Fund contribution which was implemented in the academic year 2012-2013.

Keeping in view the fund requirement, as well as government mandate for self-sufficiency and reduction of capital grants by UGC as well for the creation of ICT (information and structure, the UDF amount should be revised to Rs 900 per student per year," the committee recommended.

The Executive Council of the university had accepted the recommendation of an increase by Rs 300 in the UDF amount during its Executive Council meeting that was held on December

It observed: "The UGC is not releasing sufficient capital grant to the University for lab equipment or other equipment for the last three to four years and in the current financial year allocated a sum of Rs 1.25 crore only. With this very small amount, the university is not able to purchase even a single lab equipment for the depart-

## Shift Children's Day to Dec 26: BJP MP Verma

### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

BJP MP from West Delhi Parvesh Verma has demanded that December 26, the day Guru Gobind Singh's four sons were martyred, be observed as Children's Day, instead of

November 14. "The rightful owner of Children's Day is the four Sahibzade of Guru Gobind Singh ji who sacrificed his life at a young age to protect the religion. Tribute to Sahibzada Zorawar Singh ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh ji on their sacrifice day (sic)," Verma tweeted.

He said that he had raised the issue earlier too, and would once again write to the Prime

The development comes against the backdrop of the Punjab assembly polls.

On November 14, the birth anniversary of former PM

as Children's Day, he said: "That way we all love children. But we know it was all done so that politics in the name of one family could be run as long as possible.'

Guru Gobind Singh's four sons Sahibzada Ajit Singh (18), Sahibzada Jujhar Singh (14), Sahibzada Zorawar Singh (9) and Sahibzada Fateh Singh (7) – were martyred during Aurangzeb's reign. Verma had made a similar demand in 2018 when he had said: "November 14 can be attributed as 'Uncle Day' or 'Chacha Diwas' instead of Children's Day as Jawaharlal Nehru was fondly known as Chacha Nehru."

"I don't find anyone better than the four children of Guru Gobind Singh, the 'Chaar Sahibzaade' who martyred themselves, so why don't we celebrate their martyrdom day as Children's Day," Verma said.

2019, Delhi BJP president Manoj Tiwari had made a similar demand with Prime Minister

## BRIEFLY — 'Girls should know how to draw line': JNU ICC plans sessions on sexual harassment

**ARANYA SHANKAR** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

THE INTERNAL Complaints Committee (ICC) of Jawaharlal Nehru University has decided to hold monthly counselling sessions for students, to make them aware of the 'Dos and Don'ts' of sexual harassment.

In an announcement on the university website, the ICC said the first such session, scheduled for January 17, is being held "to make the students (both boys and girls) aware about what consists of sexual harassment". The ICC said although such counselling was held during the orientation program, students need to refresh their knowledge about the same".

The announcement also states such sessions are required **ICC said such sessions** would keep students 'abreast of what is sexual harassment' and 'what could be the repercussions if found

as "girls (are) supposed to know how to draw a tangible line (between them and their male

friends) to avoid any such harassments (sic)". Asked what was meant by this, ICC Presiding Officer Punam Kumari told *The Indian Express*: "We get several complaints

where sexual harassment cases take place between men and women who are close friends. They touch each other, hug each

feel that they don't feel comfortable about this, they should state this clearly to their male friend. Till the time they don't speak, and if they keep it to themselves, then it doesn't work. If he continues to do it despite being told, then the ICC is there.' "It is important for both boys

other. But the moment women

and girls to know where the line has to be drawn... Girls also need to say it before the matter goes out of hand if they don't like (being touched or hugged). These things have to be conveyed clearly. Otherwise how will the person know what you want? These are small things which we will tell them about along with all the rules and regulations of ICC," said Kumari.

The ICC announcement further states: "ICC (has) come across a number of cases where

sexual harassment takes place among close friends. Boys generally cross (sometimes advertently, sometimes inadvertently) the thin line between friendship's bantering and sexual harassment.'

The ICC said such sessions would keep students "abreast of what is sexual harassment" and "what could be the prospective repercussions if found guilty of sexual harassment". The ICC said that through such

a counselling session, the "number of sexual harassment cases will be reduced for sure", and it would "dissipate any confusion related to sexual harassment"

For this, the ICC has floated an online Google form, and said that the counselling session will be held if 20 or more forms are received from students who are

## Of 23 dengue deaths this year, 15 were children

**ANONNA DUTT** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

SIX MORE deaths due to dengue from October and November were added to the official toll on Monday, taking the total number of deaths this year to 23. This is the highest official toll after the outbreak in 2015, which affected nearly 16,000 people and killed 60. All six deaths reported were in children aged between eight months and 15 years, according to information provided by the Municipal Corporations of Delhi.

This includes an eightmonth-old boy from Kirari, seven-year-old boy from Prem Nagar, an eight-year-old girl from Dakshinpuri, a 10-year-old boy from Tri-Nagar, a 13-yearold boy from Om Vihar extension, and a 15-year-old boy from Mehrauli. Three of the deaths



Officials have blamed delayed rain for the case spike. Archive

happened in the last ten days of October and the other three through November. In fact, fifteen of the 23 persons who died of dengue this year were children.

The deaths get added to the official toll only after a review by an expert death audit committee finds that the infection was the primary cause of death and that it was acquired in Delhi itself. The actual number of deaths reported from city hospitals is likely to be higher as several persons from the National Capital Region as well as the neighbouring states come to Delhi for treat-

"Other than the 23 deaths from Delhi, there were 24 from neighbouring states as well. Because Delhi is a medical hub many people travel here to get treatment especially when they are very sick. There are no more deaths that happened after this; there was a delay in confirmation because the reports and case files from the hospitals came in very late," said a senior official from the corporation.

There were 131 new cases of the infection added to the weekly bulletin on Monday, taking the total number of cases this year to 9,545. The number of infections is also the highest since the 2015 outbreak. To be sure, a part of the increase in the number of cases this year can be attributed to the government in October making it mandatory for all hospitals, nursing homes, standalone clinics, and diagnostic centres to report cases of dengue and other vector-borne disease such as malaria and chikungunya under Epidemic Diseases Act.

This is clear from the fact that a majority of the cases were reported in November this year -6,739 of the total cases. In comparison, even during the outbreak year of 2015, only 841 cases were reported in November.

Officials from the municipal corporations also pointed to the delayed rains this year for more cases being seen in November. "There has been an increase in reporting of cases as well as deaths this year because of the notification," an MCD official said. Usually, the highest numbers are seen in September and October, with the number of cases going down as temperature dips.

Minister's office in this regard.

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### SAFFRON TILT?

JAGAN MOHAN Reddy's YSRCP MPs seemed closest to the BJP in the just-concluded winter session of Parliament - the party's leaders even tried to mediate in order to break the stalemate in Rajya Sabha over suspension of 12 Opposition MPs. On Monday, YSRCP leader Vijaysai Reddy surprised everyone, tweeting pictures of himself with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. "It was an honour meeting Sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh @DrMohanBhagwat Ji today 27th December, 2021 at Narsapuram. Had the wonderful opportunity of seeking his blessings and listening to his words of guidance," Reddy posted. Andhra watchers in BJP's central leadership were happy, as it will be seen as growing proximity between the two parties, but it didn't go down well with the party's state leaders, who have been trying to emerge as a formidable rival to the ruling YSRCP in Andhra Pradesh.

### RUNNING INTO HURDLE

THE OMICRON strain of coronavirus has stopped the Centre's ambitious plans to re-introduce the cheetah in the country. The cheetah, extinct in India, was to be relocated this year from parts of Africa, in particular South Africa, which still has a healthy population of the big cat. Two teams from Namibia and South Africa visited India earlier this year to train forest officials here in cheetah management, but a second visit before the animals' final introduction had to be canceled as Omicron has torn through South Africa.

### PUSH THROUGH POST

IN ITS push for nutritious food under the Poshan Abhiyan programme, the Ministry of Women and Child Development had undertaken a unique scheme with India Post, the country's now-rarely-used postal services. The ministry has distributed 10.5 lakh "vegetable kits" this year through the National Seeds Corporation Limited, with India Post doing the distribution work. The ministry selected dignitaries as well as specific anganwadi centres for the programme to promote kitchen gardens, hoping that the seeds will be planted.

**WON'T COOPERATE: KONYAKS** 

Guwahati: A day after the Centre

formed a panel to look into with-

drawal of AFSPA from Nagaland,

the Konyak Naga tribe said they

will continue "non-cooperation"

with the armed forces.

### Tejasvi 'withdraws' call to bring Muslims, Christians back to Hinduism

### **KIRAN PARASHAR** BENGALURU, DECEMBER 27

CONTROVERSIAL BJP MP Tejasvi Surya on Monday issued a statement on Twitter "unconditionally" withdrawing his recent remarks that those who had converted to Islam and Christianity should be brought back into Hinduism fold, and that the mutts and temples should be set annual targets for this.

Surva tweeted, "At a program held in Udupi Sri Krishna Mutt two days ago, I spoke on the subject of 'Hindu Revival in Bharat'. Certain statements from my speech have regrettably created an avoidable controversy. I therefore unconditionally withdraw the statements."

Sources said Surya was told to issue the statement in light of the coming Goa elections, where Christians form a sizeable chunk of the population.

The BJP had finished behind the Congress in the last Assembly elections in Goa but managed to form the government. This time, apart from the Congress, the BJP is facing a resurgent AAP and the newbie Trinamool Congress.

### **COALITION TO HAVE COMMON MANIFESTO**

## BJP to lead Punjab alliance with Capt, Dhindsa parties

**LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

THE BJP will lead a three-party coalition with former chief minister Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa's SAD (Sanyukt) in Punjab, where a multi-cornered electoral battle is expected.

The announcement came after Singh and Dhindsa met BJP president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who is in charge of the party's electioneering in Punjab, at Shah's residence in the national capital on Monday.

Addressing the media later, Shekhawat said, "Today, it is being officially announced that the BJP, Amarinder Singh's party and Sukhdev Dhindsa's party will jointly contest the upcoming Assembly polls in Punjab."

A joint committee will be formed comprising two leaders from each party to finalise the seat-sharing arrangements, Shekhawat said. "There will be a committee consisting of leaders from (the) three parties and they will sit and discuss the seat-sharing (formula). They will submit a draft to the BJP central leadership on seat-sharing formula," he told The Indian Express.

The alliance will also have a common manifesto, it was informed. Asked whether the alliance will have a chief ministerial candidate, Shekhawat said such decisions will be taken later.



Amarinder Singh, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa in New Delhi on Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

**Expanding** saffron footprint

WHILE BJP, isolated after traditional ally SAD walked out of NDA, is trying to get an edge in Punjab politics, its main thrust would be on expanding support base in Punjab. BJP has three MLAs in the outgoing Assembly, and given SAD's overwhelming presence earlier, this will be the first time the party will go all out across the state, and also contest a much bigger share of seats.

Shekhawat said the party is optimistic given the political atmosphere in Punjab. "The only ray of hope for the people of Punjab is BJP, because there is huge infighting in the Congress and the state is paying for it — the recent blast in Ludhiana (court complex) is an example. People have not forgotten the era of drugs and mafia under the Akali Dal," he said.

BIP leaders also dismissed AAP's emergence in the state – the party has won most seats in the Chandigarh civic elections, according to the results announced on Monday. "Only BJP can save the state, which is under a huge debt... and has one of the slowest GDP growth, ranked 32nd," Shekhawat said. "The situation is very critical...it can be saved only with the help of the Centre, and people have realised that.'

to daughters: PM **SUKHBIR SIWACH** 

BATTING FOR raising the minimum age of marriage for women to 21 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Monday said that it will give them sufficient time to complete their studies and plan a career.

MANDI, DECEMBER 27

"We have decided that the age of marriage of daughters should also be the same as the age at which sons are allowed to marry. The marriage age being raised to 21 years for daughters will give them full time to study and they will also be able to make their career," said Modi. Addressing a public meeting

at Himachal Pradesh's Mandi town, the Prime Minister said the government was working on granting rights to daughters that are equal to those for sons. "Betabeti ek saman (sons and daughters are equal)," said Modi.

The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill 2021, which was introduced by the government in the Lok Sabha and seeks to raise the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years, has been sent to a Parliamentary Standing Committee for scrutiny following objections of the Opposition.

During his visit, Modi laid the foundation of the Shri Renukaji Dam. The project, worth Rs 6,700 crore, on the Giri river in Sirmaur district, will generate 200 million units of energy in a surface power house with 40

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, on Monday. Express

MW installed capacity. The live storage of the dam will be 498 million (49.8 crore) cubic metres, which will fulfil about 40 per cent of the drinking water requirement of Delhi."A large are will benefit from the project. A large portion of the income generated from this project will be spent on development here," the Prime Minister said.

In an indirect reference to his political opponents, Modi blamed them for a three-decade long delay in the Renukaji Dam project, which has now taken shape following cooperation by six states - Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Delhi. The Centre claims it brought together these states to make the project possible.

'Curfew at night, lakhs of people at day rallies': Varun questions **UP** government

**LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

CONTINUING HIS criticism against the BJP-led governments, party MP Varun Gandhi took a strong exception to imposition of night curfew in view of sharp rise in Covid-19 cases while not restricting public rallies in the poll bound states. He urged the Yogi Adityanath government in UP, which has brought back a statewide night curfew between 11 pm and 5 am from Saturday, to

'honestly decide" its priorities. "Imposing curfew in the night and calling lakhs of people in rallies during the day – this is beyond comprehension of the common man," he tweeted. "Given Uttar Pradesh's limited healthcare systems, we have to honestly decide whether our priority is to stop spread of dreaded Omicron or

show electoral power," he said. Varun said night curfews have 'limited impact". He told The Indian Express: "Maxium transmission happens during the day as there are lesser people on road during the night. Must push to cut down on social gatherings which could emerge as Covid 19 clusters."

To drive home his point, Varun cited the Centre's message to Maharashtra government last vear. He said there's need for a holistic strategy "as highlighted by the Centre's note to Maharashtra in March 2021 — measures such as night curfews, weekend lockdowns have very limited impact on containing or suppressing

### Centre reshuffles top-level officers

New Delhi: The Centre effected a significant bureaucratic reshuffle Monday, appointing nine secretary-level officers in multiple ministries and departments, and promoting eight additional secretaries to special secretaries by upgrading their posts.

Among the key ministries to have got new secretaries are Ial Shakti, Environment, Housing, Petroleum, and Steel. The Department of Consumer

Affairs, too, has got a new secretary. While 1987-batch IAS officer Sanjay Kumar Singh (Madhya Pradesh cadre) has been appointed Steel Secretary, V Srinivas of the Rajasthan Cadre (1989 batch) will be secretary for the Department of Administrative Reforms & Pussblic Grievances (DARPG) and Department of Pensions & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW). ENS

### **TEMPORARY CANCELLATION & PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS**

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure and to enhance safety standards, Delhi Division of Northern Railway will undertake the work for provision of 3rd Foot Over Bridge at Ghaziabad Railway station. To execute this work, there will be a Power and Traffic Block for a duration of 08.00 hours on 29.12.2021 (Wednesday) from 09.30 to 17.30 hrs. As a result, the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

	CANCELLATION OF TRAINS						
Train No.	Train Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)					
04183/04184	Tundla Jn - Delhi Jn - Tundla Jn MEMU Special Express	on 29.12.2021					
04444/04443	New Delhi - Ghaziabad - New Delhi Special Express	on 29.12.2021					
04439	Palwal - Ghaziabad Special Express	on 29.12.2021					

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Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at/ Short Originate from	Partially Cancelled between Station	Date of partially cancellation (from the Originating Station)					
04407 Palwal - Ghaziabad EMU Special Express	at Sahibabad	Sahibabad - Ghaziabad	on 29.12.2021					
04409 Ghaziabad - Shakurbasti EMU Special	from Sahibabad	Ghaziabad - Sahibabad	on 29.12.2021					
04419 Mathura Jn - Ghaziabad EMU Special	at Sahibabad	Sahibabad - Ghaziabad	on 29.12.2021					
04420 Ghaziabad - Mathura Jn EMU Special	from Sahibabad	Ghaziabad - Sahibabad	on 29.12.2021					
For any other information	passengers are reque	ested to contact Rail	way Enquiry No. 139 or may					

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AAP supporters celebrate on Monday after party candidate

Manuwar won from Ward 29 in the Chandigarh Municipal

Amid anger, AAP's

local card helped,

**Corporation election.** *Express* 

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AS CHANDIGARH voted in its

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gument that civic and Assembly

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didn't cut much ice given how

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Harpal Singh Cheema said the

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will go back to their

homes and carry the

**HINA ROHTAKI** 

DECEMBER 27

**CHANDIGARH CIVIC ELECTIONS** 

## Majithia moves

Chandigarh: SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia Monday filed a petition before the Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking anticipatory bail. His bail plea had been dismissed by a district court in Mohali on December 24. Majithia has been booked by the Punjab Police for his alleged involvement in a drug case. Seeking anticipatory bail before the HC, Majithia, through his counsels, said the Congress government has turned the issue into a poll plank.

### **TELANGANA** State Congress

Hyderabad: Telangana Congress chief A Revanth Reddy said he was put under house arrest in his residence Monday. Police detained him as Reddy came out of his house in Jubilee Hills to go to Erravalli village where CM K Chandrashekar Rao has a farmhouse. Reddy had Sunday stated that while the CM was discouraging farmers from growing paddy, he was growing it in 150 acres at his farmhouse, "I was going to Erravalli to show to everyone that the CM is growing paddy while discouraging farmers," he said.

### **UTTAR PRADESH** 10 arrested for ruckus

Lucknow: Ten persons have been arrested for allegedly assaulting people inside the premises of Seva Bharti, an RSS-affiliated organisation, the police said Monday, Raids are on to trace others involved, said an officer. Police have been deployed in the area, which has a mixed religious population. Police said that on Sunday evening a group of people barged into the building and thrashed staff and students. Five persons were injured.

### down, put local curbs to control crowd HC for bail

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27 AMID RISING Covid-19 cases and increased detection of the new variant, Omicron, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has told all states and Union territories to "observe all precautions", including "need-based local curbs/ restrictions to control the crowd during the festive season". The MHA also issued statutory orders under the Disaster

tation of directions issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW). "The country has witnessed an overall decline chief detained in active cases. However, the new variant, Omicron, is reported to be at least three times more transmissible than the Delta VoC (Variant of Concern), and is posing a new challenge for the Covid containment measures. In the

> retaries of all states. Saying that the MoHFW had, on December 21, issued an advisory detailing the framework for containment of Covid-19, he said that with the emergence of

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

The central government has ap-

proached the Supreme Court

over its order staying election to

seats reserved for OBC category

in local body polls in Madhya

Pradesh, and said that any such

intervention will result in "grave

ment application to be made

part of court's hearings regard-

ing a petition on the local body

polls in Madhya Pradesh, also

said the matter of reservation for

Other Backward Classes has

stage would deprive the person

"Any intervention at this

"pan-India ramification".

The Centre, filing an implead-

prejudice" to the community.

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

countries with Omicron-driven

surge, the growth trajectory of

cases has been very steep. In our

country, 578 Omicron cases have

already been reported in 19

States/UTs." Home Secretary Aiav

Bhalla said in a letter to chief sec-

Management Act for implemen-

Omicron, there is need for "greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision making, and strict and prompt containment actions at the local and district

"State governments should ensure that the health systems are strengthened to meet any challenge posed by the new variant. Further, the state governments/ UT administrations should ensure that oxygen supply equipment are installed and are fully functional and the buffer stock of essential drugs should also be maintained," the letter

"I would like to reiterate that all the states/ UTs must observe all precautions, and not let the guard down... States may consider imposing need-based, local curbs/restrictions, to control the crowd during the festive season," it said.

The MHA also emphasised the need for continued focus on the five-fold strategy of test-tracktreat-vaccination and adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour. "The state enforcement machinery should strictly enforce the norms of Covid appropriate behaviour, i.e., wearing of face masks and maintaining safe social distancing in all public areas/ gatherings," it said. The Centre also asked states to discourage

OBC quota in local polls: Centre says

SC intervention will lead to prejudice

belonging to OBC Community

for five long years which by no

stretch of logic be said to be a

short period causing grave prej-

udice to the backward class citi-

zens," the Centre said in its ap-

It added that the questions

raised "are of great public impor-

tance and has a pan-India rami-

fication on the issue of imple-

mentation of OBC reservations

in the elections all throughout

17, stayed local body elections to

seats reserved for OBC category

in MP, noting that the triple test

laid down by the court was not

fulfilled by the state. It directed

that the local elections be held

only after the seats are renotified

The top court, on December

the country".

plication dated December 25.

### Health Secy meets EC, officers of poll-bound states to check situation

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

MHA to states on Covid: Don't let guard

UNION HEALTH Secretary Rajesh Bhushan on Monday held a highlevel meeting with the five pollbound states to review public health response measures for containment and management of Covid-19 and vaccination status in these states.

Monday's meeting with Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur, Uttar Pradesh, and Punjab came just hours after the Election Commission of India (ECI) met Bhushan to review the Covid-19 situation ahead of Assembly elections next year. During his meeting with officials of the five states, Bhushan directed the authorities to draw up "district-wise weekly vaccination implementation plans" to rampur vaccine coverage

In view of the emergence of the Omicron variant, Bhushan urged the states to "exponentially increase testing... to ensure that infected cases are identified promptly for timely initiation of public health response measures, and to ensure

as General Category.

The triple test requirement is

Days before the MP ruling,

a three-pronged criteria set up

by the SC in previous judgments

the apex court passed a similar

order for Maharashtra. The court

put on hold the elections to 27

per cent seats reserved for the

OBC category in Maharashtra lo-

cal body polls and later officials

ment application as the apex

court was hearing a plea filed by

Manmohan Nagar, president of

Bhopal District Panchayat, in

connection with a petition filed

by him before the Madhya

Pradesh High Court on the pan-

The Centre filed its implead-

to renotify the seats.

to mandate OBC reservation.



Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan

that there is no sudden upsurge in numbers... state authorities were strongly advised to ensure that recommended Covid-appropriate behavior is strictly followed."

The meeting with EC came days after Allahabad High Court urged the poll panel and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to postpone Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls, given the threat posed by the Omicron variant. "The Commission will proceed to Lucknow on Tuesday afternoon for a scheduled poll preparedness review meeting there and return on the afternoon of December 30," an EC official said.

"While Uttarakhand and Goa have reported vaccination coverage for first and second doses higher than the national average, UP. Punjab and Manipur have vaccination coverage numbers below national average," the ministry stated.

### KERALA IMPOSES NIGHT **CURFEW FROM DEC 30**

Thiruvananthapuram: As Omicron cases rise, the Kerala government has announced night restrictions on movement and assembly of people in the state. The restrictions, from 10 pm to 5 am, will begin on December 30 and remain in force for four days.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan chaired a high-level meeting on Monday and told officials to deploy sectoral magistrates at public places, including malls and beaches where people are expected to gather for New Year celebrations.

### **GOVT OPENS ACCOUNTS** FOR 3K COVID ORPHANS

New Delhi:The Ministry for Women and Child Development has opened post office accounts for 3,275 Covid orphans so far under the 'PM CARES for Children' scheme, it said in a statement Monday.

The scheme was launched by PM Narendra Modi for financial assistance to children who lost their parents or guardians to Covid-19. The ministry said 6,098 applications were received till December 24, 2021, out of which the district magistrates had approved 3,481.

### **MAHARASHTRA SPEAKER ELECTION** No nod from Governor,

## govt seeks legal opinion

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 27

A DAY after he received a delegation of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) ministers, who apprised him that the government would hold the Speaker's election on Tuesday, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari nixed the plan.

Congress leaders, however, insisted that the election for the Speaker's post would be held on Tuesday, which is the last day of the winter session of the state legislature. Sources in the government said that the decision on holding the election for the Speaker post will be taken on

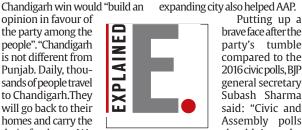
legal opinion. "We have written to the Governor today saying give us date for election. Also, we have sought a legal opinion on the options available to the government in case the Governor doesn't respond. The opinion will come on Tuesday morning, and then the decision will be taken accordingly," a cabinet minister told The Indian Express. The Speaker's post has been vacant since February.

Sources said Koshyari has communicated to the government in a letter he was examining the constitutionality of the amendments made by the rules committee of the state legislature to conduct the election through voice vote instead of the BJP's pitch soured the farmer unions. "We have had

> While AAP had emerged as the second biggest party in the 2017 Assembly elections, winning 20 seats, 10 of its MLAs gradually left and joined the Congress, AAP promises included a Delhi-like model of governance, including free 20,000 litres of water to every family per month. This had high appeal in a city upset with hiked water tariff rates (200 times last year). It also promised to rid the

> The BJP-led corporation's hefty waste collection charges, hiked property tax rates and angst over parking problems in a fastexpanding city also helped AAP.

corporation of corruption.



desire for change. We will also work to sustain the momixed up. In the last Chandigarh mentum." He said that given that polls, the BJP had won 21 wards, it was AAP's first contest for the but in the Punjab Assembly, we Chandigarh corporation, the vote won only three seats. So, how are was clearly for its plank of good they connected? ... at the state level, policy-making, governance,

Cheema said they didn't see this result as restricted to urban centres, where AAP might have bigger traction due to the Delhi effect. "The kisan aandolan gave a good reason for the people of Punjab to self-introspect," Cheema said.

Punjab AAP chief Bhagwant Mann said the party did not need to seek out allies, including among said: "Civic and Assembly polls shouldn't

lots of things matter. However, the BJP clearly misudged the appeal of its Hindutva pitch. What might have worked against it is the farmer anger, which drew considerable support within the city. Chandigarh's corporation limits this time had 13 more villages. The turnout was higher in the rural belts, and AAP

### J&K admin signs realty MoUs worth Rs 18,900 cr

**ARUN SHARMA** 

JAMMU. DECEMBER 27

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration Monday signed 39 'memorandums of understanding' worth Rs 18,900 crore with real estate investors for developing housing, hospitality and other commercial projects in the Union

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha spoke to the investors of the benefits - such as concessions in stamp duty - that are available under the Union Territory's new industrial policy. He also assured them of a singlewindow system for faster clearance. The MoUs were signed at the Jammu and Kashmir Real Estate Summit 2021 in the presence of Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri.

Nineteen of these MoUs were related to the residential sector. Eight were for commercial projects and four were for hospitality. There were three MoUs for infrastructure, two for finance and three for the film and entertainment sector.

Lt Governor said there were "hurdles" in bringing investment to I&K earlier, but those walls "have now started crumbling".

## 'King' Mahendra: Medicine baron, JD(U)'s longest-serving RS MP dies

one of its prime financers.

Pharmaceuticals and Mapra Laboratories Private Limited. Prasad was the richest Bihar MP with assets worth over Rs 4,000 crore, according to his 2018 poll affidavit.

Prasad, who died in a Delhi hospital at the age of 81, is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

He hailed from Govindpur village in Jehanabad, and



Mahendra Prasad 1940-2021

From the Congress, he moved to the RJD and later to the JD(U), and remained the party's longest-serving Rajya Sabha member from Bihar. At the time of his death, he was in his seventh-term as Raiya Sabha MP, having entered the Upper House in 1985.

Mahendra Prasad Ji. He served in Parliament for many years and was at the forefront of several community service efforts. He always spoke for the welfare of Bihar and its people. Condolences to his family. Om Shanti."

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar termed Prasad's death "a big loss to society and politics". "Mahendra Prasad's death has created a big void in politics and society," the CM said.

Prasad had left his home at the age of 24 after he was unable to find a job. He had a degree in Economics at the time. He worked as a teacher in a school near his village but it was Bombay (now Mumbai) that was on his mind.

When he returned home after 16 years, he had established himself as a successful businessman. When he started campaigning with several cars in tow, people started addressing him as "King Mahendra".

## Vikram Misri, ex-envoy to China, named dy NSA

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 27

VIKRAM MISRI, who was India's envoy to China for almost three years till early this month, has been named the next deputy national security adviser.

He will succeed Pankaj Saran, former Indian envoy to Russia and Bangladesh, who demits office on December 31.

Misri was in Beijing during one of the most challenging phases in India's relationship with China, as a border standoff has been ongoing for more than 19 months.

A 1989-batch IFS officer, Misri will bring in his foreign policy expertise to the post, and will report to National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval. The other two deputy NSAs are Rajender Khanna and Datta Pandsalgikar.

Misri, 57, has worked in the Prime Minister's Office in the past, with three prime ministers



Vikram Misri has worked in PMO with 3 prime ministers

- I K Gujral, Manmohan Singh and briefly, Narendra Modi.

A career diplomat, Misri was private secretary to prime minister Manmohan Singh from October 2012 to May 2014. He also served as private secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi from May 2014 to July 2014.

He was also under secretary in the office of I K Gujral from November 1996 to April 1997, when Gujral was external affairs minister. Later, he became private secretary to Gujral when the latter became prime minister, from April 1997 to March 1998.

## connection with hate speeches

Haridwar meet:

2 more booked in

**ENS&PTI** DEHRADUN/NEW DELHI, DEC 27

won big there.

TWO MORE people were

booked in connection with alleged hate speeches at a 'Dharam Sansad' in Haridwar recently, police said on Monday.

The names of Swami Dharamdas and Sadhvi Annapurna were added on Saturday in the FIR lodged after available footage of the event was scanned, Haridwar Kotwali SHO Rakinder Singh said on Monday. Initially, only Waseem Rizvi, who took the name of Jitendra Narayan Singh Tyagi after converting from Islam to Hinduism, was named in the FIR lodged last week. On Monday, dozens of people gathered outside Uttarakhand Sadan in Delhi to demand action against those who made hate speeches against the Muslim community.

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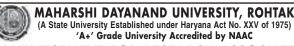
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## ing away of Rajya Sabha MP Dr SANTOSHSINGH

PATNA, DECEMBER 27

JD(U) RAJYA Sabha MP Mahendra Prasad, better known as King Mahendra, hardly came off as a practising politician. Yet, he would often say that "if one Rajya Sabha seat is vacant in the JD(U), it would go to him". One may call it his "political swagger", but it was mainly because of his influence in financially supporting a regional party like ID(U) as

The owner of Aristo

**LALMANI VERMA** 

LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 27

AFTER TAKING feedback from

its cadre, the BIP has consti-

tuted a four-member commit-

tee to draw the party's strategy

and programmes aimed at at-

tracting voters from the

Brahmin community in Uttar

Pradesh ahead of the Assembly

that feedback from the ground

suggested that the Opposition

parties have been successful to

an extent in sending out a mes-

sage that Brahmins in UP have

not been getting due respect

and representation in the Yogi

Brahmins constitute around

13 per cent of the population in

Adityanath government.

Sources in the party said

elections in the state.



worked as a teacher before be $coming\,Congress\,Lok\,Sabha\,MP$ from Jehanabad in 1980.

Condoling his death, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Saddened by the pass-

out to Brahmin voters in UP Uttar Pradesh.

BJP sets up panel to reach

The committee comprising Rajya Sabha member Shiv Pratap Shukla, former Union minister Mahesh Sharma, BIP youth wing leader Abhijat Mishra and Lok Sabha MP from Gujarat, Ram Bhai Mokariya, was constituted on Sunday af-Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is also the BJP's in-charge for UP elections, held a meeting of senior party officials in Delhi.

"We will hold programmes to remove misconceptions that are being spread by the Opposition parties that the BJP is neglecting the (Brahmin) community. Outreach programmes will be held," Shiv Pratap Shukla, who will head the committee, told The Indian

### Eye on Gulf job market, govt to launch upskill project for overseas workers Narendra Modi has always **LIZ MATHEW**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

IN A bid to keep Indian workers relevant in the job market of Gulf nations, the government is launching a programme to upskill and re-skill overseas workers to cope with requirements in the post-pandemic scene.

Under the new programme dubbed Tejas, or Training in Emirate Jobs & Skills - the government has partnered with leading employers in the UAE to "train, certify and place 10,000 Indian workers in a year"and "100,000 across the GCC [Gulf Cooperation Council] region over the next five years". During his visit to Dubai ear-



lier this month, Union MoS for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Chandrasekhar held discussions with officials and top employers in UAE to finalise the programme, which is set for an official launch next month.

Chandrasekhar told The Indian Express: "Prime Minister

New Delhi



ready working there, and (those) who are seeking careers there.' Chandrasekhar said the government has also decided to extend the programme for those who have returned to India dur-

ing the pandemic, thus giving them an opportunity to return to their employers with new skills.

The international workforce

lion in the next five years. Of this. 2.6 million Indians can be potentially placed in GCC countries across sectors, and the remaining in Europe, Australia, Canada, Japan, the Far East, Russia and Malaysia, a ministry official said. With digital skills becoming crucial for workers at different lev-

mobility market opportunity for

India is estimated to be 3.6 mil-

els, it will be a significant part of the upskilling and re-skilling efforts, he said. "One of the critical elements of upskilling is to import digital skills and digitally enable our youth for employment in India and abroad, In fact, the Prime Minister has always maintained that every Indian will need digital skills in the post-Covid world,' Chandrasekhar said.



## 45 Days

**Total Applications Received\*** 

33,33,230

**Total Disposed\*** 

23,75,286

## AAPKE ADHIKAR AAPKI SARKAR AAPKE DWAR

**Ensuring Rights of Poor, Needy and Vulnerable** 

\*Data Last Updated on: 27/12/2021, 06:35 pm Source: https://sarkaraapkedwar.jharkhand.gov.in/





## Now, I can talk to my loved ones: Lakhan

**Jharkhand/** Dumka

Lakhan Murmu, a resident of the Shikaripara block of Dumka suffers from deafness. During a camp organized in Shikaripara, he came and approached the Deputy Commissioner of the District and apprised him about his hearing problem. The deputy commissioner directed the respective officials to provide a hearing aid

After receiving the hearing aid, Lakhan Murmu came

to Lakhan Murmu.

and thanked the deputy commissioner. He was so overwhelmed that he sat with the Deputy Commissioner and indulged in a long conversation with him

conversation with him.

He said, "I had come to the event with a lot of hope and I was happy to see such a quick response from the government. My faith in the government has become more firm. Now, I can talk to my loved ones and members of my family. Life will become easier."

## Sabar tribe families get rights over forest land



### **Jharkhand/** Jamshedpur

Sabar tribe falls under primitive tribe group. For years they have been living in the deep forest regions of East Singhbhum district under the Kolhan region. With hopeful eyes, they have been waiting for the day when they could practice their due rights over forest land. Even though, it's been 20 years

since Jharkhand's formation, little has happened to support them.

Under the ambit of Aapke Adhikar, Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar campaign, a camp was organized in Narada Panchayat falling under the remote region of Potka Block. During the camp, eight Sabar families, a primitive tribe group, were given the lease on forest land. These fami-

lies, even after living for ages in the forest region, have spent their lives without any possession of the land. After receiving the lease of the forest land, tears of happiness rolled down their faces. Now, instead of wandering here and there, they will be able to live with their families on their land peacefully.

## An appeal put on hault for 5 years, recieves approval in 30 minutes

**Jharkhand/** Jamtara

71-year-old Mirza Marandi is a resident of Lodharia village under Narayan-pur block of Jamtara. He struggled hard for almost 5 years to avail pension benefits. It was only after the launch of Aapke Adhikar, Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar campaign and the camp organised in Narodih Panchayat, his old age pension got approved on the spot...

### Officials help in filling

up forms Mirza got emotional when the Block Development Officer approached him , even filled his form while providing approval for his pension. When Mirza was filling up the pension form, his hands were trembling. At this sight, the BDO of Narayanpur block rushed to him and offered help. Within 30 minutes his old age pension got approved and Mirza left the camp, blessing officials and the government.

# Officials reach the doorsteps to ensure delivery of service

Amrit Bahadur, a divyang receives the benefit of pension scheme in the wake of a midnight

### **Jharkhand/** Ranchi

On one evening, after finishing his official work, the Chief Minister was scrolling through his social media handle and suddenly a post caught his attention.

This post was related to the plight of Amrit Bahadur who is physically disabled, a resident of Chandaghasi Panchayat of Namkum block of Ranchi.

The post read, "Amrit Bahadur is Divyang by one of his feet and he has not yet received the disability certificate, due to which he is unable to get benefits of the government-run schemes."

The Chief Minister immediately took note of this and ringed the Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi at

11:30 pm, directing him to ensure that Amrit gets his disability certificate and benefits under government schemes.

## Administration swung into action at the midnight

hour

The district officials immediately rushed to Amrit's house and took all his details. After fulfilling all the formalities, on the spot approval for his disability certificate and pension was executed.

Amrit and his family sent blessings to the government for taking note of his plight and providing speedy resolution.

## Acknowledging the sacrifices of martyrs, the govt feels honoured in giving back to their families



### **Jharkhand/** Latehar

Komal Singh Kherwar is a resident of the Kone village of Latehar. He is the great-grandson of Veer Shaheed Nilambar-Pitamber. He says, "We never received so much respect earlier. On November 29, Chief Minister Hemant Soren came to take part in 'Aapke Adhikar-Aapki

Sarkar, Aapke Dwar' camp. During the event, he called us on the stage and enquired about our well-being. We did not expect that someone of his stature would even remember us. However, this misconception has been dispelled. Now, it seems that the government is taking care of the dependents of the martyrs who laid down their lives

for the conservation of our Jal, Jungle, Zameen(Water, land, forest)."

During Aapke Adhikar, Aapki Sarkar-Aapke Dwar camp the Chief Minister had interacted with Ramanand Singh and Komal Singh Kherwar Ji. During the interaction, he got to know about their requirements. After listening to the pleas,

the construction of a Pucca House under Ambedkar Awas Yojna and the installation of a tube well for irrigation are in progress for the kin of the martyrs. Additionally, to ensure access to alternative livelihood solutions, families have respective been covered under Mukhyamantri Pashudhan Vikas Yojna.



### ण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, नई टिहरी दूरमाष : 01376–233911, E-mail: setehric ई–निविदा सूचना

विकासक्षेत्र नौगांव में देवराना ग्रा**०स० पं०पे०यो० एवं खांसी पौंटी ग्रा०स० पं०पे0यो०** के अन्तर्गत समस्त सिविव एवं विद्युत / यांत्रिक कार्य एवं तत्सम्बन्धी निर्माण कार्य । **. कार्यदायी संस्था** :– निर्माण शाखा, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, उत्तरकाशी

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ऑन लाईन निविदा प्राप्ति की अन्तिम तिथि :- दिनांक 15.01.2022 समय 17.00 बजे अपरान्ह निविदा मूल्य (दोनो निविदाओं हेतु अलग-अलग) :- रू० 12000.00 + जी०एस०टी० 18% - घोषणा पत्र वांछित प्रारूप मे वेस्तृत ई—निविदा नोटिस एवं निविदा प्रपत्र <u>www.uktenders.gov.in</u> पोर्टल पर दिनांक 27.12.202<sup>.</sup>

## BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993).

In the matter of: O.A. No.367 / 2021 Central Bank of India

M/s. Vishalakshmi Agro Pvt. Ltd. and Ors. .Defendants D-1. M/s. Vishalakshmi Agro Pvt. Ltd. and Ors.

Having Its Office At 181-182, Ashok Puram Colony, DAFI Lanka Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh Also at: Shop No.203, Vardhman Star City Mall, Sector-7, Dwarka Delhi-110075.

No. 199, Ward No.30, Pachkhora, Chanka, Singrauli Madhya Pradesh - 486886. Also at: Dafi Lanka, Varanasi, U.P.-221011 D-3. MRS. BABITA CHOUDHARY W/O. VIKAS CHOUDHARY

181-182 Ashok Puram Colony, Dafi Lanka, Varanasi, U.P.-221011 Also at: WZ 69 B, 1st Floor, Todapur, Delhi-110012. MR. VIKAS CHOUDHARY 181-182 Ashok Puram Colony, Dafi Lanka, Varanasi, U.P.-221011.

Also at: WZ 69 B, 1st Floor, Todapur, Delhi-110012. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not

possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 10.02.2022 at 10:30 A.M.

Fake notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application / software (ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to

be taken by Registrar / Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency gua that, the Advocates / Litigants can contact the

concerned official at Ph. No.23748469 Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 16th Day of

December 2021.

MR. ADITYA TRIVEDI

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified person Namely: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown Age: about 30-35 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing : Pink & Blue colour check shirt and Gray colour lower has been found dead at D.D.A. Park,

Gautam Colony, Narela, Delhi on 15.12.2021. In this regard a case vide DD No. 37A dated 15.12.2021 has been lodged at P.S. Narela, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this Any person naving any morning dead found person may kindly inform to the following:SHO:

P.S. Narela, Delhi Outer North Distt., Delhi DP/1461/ON/2021 Tel. No. 011-27280435, 27282350

Portal Tender ID	Tender For	Quantity in KG	Bid Submissio end date
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(https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app). Details can also be seen on ou

### **GUJARAT MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED**

(A Government of Cujarat Undertaking) Regd. Office: Block No. 14/1, Dr. Jivrai Mehta Bhavan, Sector 10. Gandhinagar

Project Manager CSP-Sehore

Ph: 079-23250767, 23250766, 23257698 TENDER NOTICE NO: D-27/2021-22

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24/12/2021 to 03/01/2022 upto 18.00 Hrs. Last date for Submission (online): 03/01/2022 upto 1018-00 HRS Last dale for submission of physical Documents: 04/01/2022 upto 18:00 HRS

Opening of Technical Bid Date (online) 04/01/2022 At 15-00 HRS. MANAGING DIRECTOR



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bsite <u>www.kvic.gov.in</u>

Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office: Block 57, Unit NO-14, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Centre, (Land Mark Telephone Exchange Building) Sanjay Place, Agra – 282002.

### **POSSESSION NOTICE** [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the M/s Varthana Finance Private Ltd., (Formerly Known as M/s. Thirumeni Finance Private Ltd.,) Agra, Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated: 26-08-2021, calling upon the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors, In Loan Account No. S18AGR-AGR-000725, 1. Choudary Balwant Singh Mahavidhyalaya, 2. Choudary Balwant Singh Jan Kalyan Shiksha Sanstha Trust, The above No. 1 and 2 are having office at Asrawali, Shaikhobad, Uttar Pradesh – 205141, **3. Pankaj Kumar,** S/o. Shree Rajendra Singh, Aradi Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh – 205141, **4. Alka Yadav**, W/o. Pankaj Kumar Asraoli Hartha, Shikohabad, Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh – 205141 to repay the mentioned amount in the said notice being a sum of Rs. 25,19,076/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Seventy Six Only) as on 26-08-2021, to pay agreed contractual rate of interest together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges etc., as details mentioned in the Demand Notice, till the date of payment, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

However the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorised Officer of the Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra, Branch has taken **SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 24th day of December 2021.

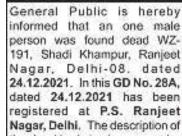
The Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra, for an amount of Rs.25,19,076/-(Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Seventy Six Only) as on 26-08-2021, together with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

**Description of the Immovable Property**: All that piece and parcel of the property constructed over Khata No. 84, Khasra No. 299, Rakva 1.0190, Hect. (10190 Sq. Mt.) Situated at Asrawali, Tehsil Shilkohabad, District Firozabad and property bounded as follows, East by: Khet Omkar Sing and Gata No. 298, West by: Rasta, North by: Rasta after Khet Anar Devi, South by: Khet Maujam Singh Adi.

Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed executed by Choudary Balwant Singh Jan Kalyan Shiksha Sansthan Trust, Represented by its Secretary/Manager Mr. Pankaj Kumar, S/o. Rajendra Singh, dated 02-02-2018.

Date: 28.12.2021 **Authorised Officer.** Place : Asrawali For Varthana Finance Private Limited

### UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



the dead body is given as under

Name: Unkonwn, S/o:Unkonwn, R/o-Unkonwn, Age: About 40-45 years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing-Black & pink colour jacket and black colour pant.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform P.S. Ranjit Nagar, Delhi

DP/1169/CD/2021 Ph.: 011-25704008, 25704009, 9871133032



General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was found dead on 22.12.2021 Near Railway Jhuggi Nala. In this regard DD No. 60 A, dated 22.12.2021 has been lodged at Police

Station Anand Vihar, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: About 25 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Oval, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Orange Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO Police Station Anand Vihar, Delhi

Ph.: 011-21210296, 7065036022 DP/662/SHD/21

## उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेश्न लिमिटेड

<u>ई–निविदा सूचना</u> पेचुत परावाण खण्ड, राज्यमा के अवान नूल निनाता / आवक्टूत विक्राता जा आवकर, जाएसटा ने पेजाकूत : मे ई—निविदा जिसका विवरण निम्नवत् है आंमत्रित की जाती है । निविदा के प्रथम भाग में वांछित धरोहर रार्ति वं निविदा शुक्त जो अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत परीक्षण खण्ड, रूडकी के नाम देय हो का बैंक झारण्ट iloडीoआरo/ एफoडीoआरo, नमूने के सैम्पल, अनुभव प्रमाण–पत्र, कार्यकुशलता प्रमाण–पत्र हो अनिवार्य हैं एवं कार्य पूर्ण करने की समय-सीमा अनुबन्ध से तीस दिन होगी। निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में द वस्तुत की जायेगी। बिना वांछित धरोहर राशि एवं निविदा मृत्य के निविदा भाग दो नहीं खोला जायेगा। निविदा की तिथि को अवकाश होने की स्थिति में निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त कार्यवाही अगले कार्यदिवस द 

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### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Rita Devi

General Public is hereby informed that a female namely Rita Devi W/o Lokesh Yadav R/o H.No. C-9, 5th Floor, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi, missing/kidnapped since 04.06.2021. from the area of P.S. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 116-A dated 04.06.2021 has been lodged at PS, New Ashok Nagar,

The description of missing/kidnapped female is as under:

Name: Rita Devi, Husband's Name: Lokesh Yadav, Age: 22 years, Height: 5'0", Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Built: Strong, **Wearing** : Pink Colour Top and White Pajami and Hawai Chapple in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the

undersigned at following phone numbers. SHO

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in P.S., New Ashok Fax: 011-24368639 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Nagar, Delhi DP/772/ED/2021 Ph.: 011-22610893, 8750870631

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Service Road, 3rd Block, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560043. Website www.varthana.com, Email: care@varthana.com, Phone: 080-68455777, Branch Office: Block 57, Unit NO-14, 2nd Floor, Kaveri Centre, (Land Mark Telephone Exchange Building) Sanjay Place, Agra – 282002

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However the Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors herein above having failed to repay the full amount with interest/other charges, notice is hereby given to the Applicant/Co-Applicants/ Mortgagors in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned being Authorised Officer of the Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra has taken SYMBOLIC **POSSESSION** of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 24th day of December 2021.

The Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the M/s. Varthana Finance Private Ltd, Agra, for an amount of Rs.15,43,467/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Seven Only) as on 15-06-2021, with agreed contractual rate of interest, as mentioned herein above until the date of payment together with incidental expenses, cost and other charges. The Applicant/Co-Applicants/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured Assets.

**Description of the Immovable Properties:** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khasra No 166, Measuring 108930.8 Sq Ft, Situated at Mauja Mauja Village, Aasdevimai Noorpur, Shikhohabad, Firozabad District and bounded on, East by: Other Land, West by: Chak Road, North by: Road, South by: Other Property.

Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deed executed by Vinayak College of Education, Represented by Mr. Mohith Kumar, S/o. Mr. Yatendra Sing Yadav and its Secretary Mr. Mohit Kumar, S/o. Mr. Kamalesh Kumar Yadav, Regd. Doc No.2306, Volume No.8755 on 14.03.2019 at Sub Registrar Office Shikohabad.

Date: 28.12.2021 **Authorised Officer.** Place : Mauja Village For Varthana Finance Private Limited

## Winners in biz, economic journalism shone light on human impact

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**BUSINESS AND economic news** usually focuses on macro issues, policy movements and India Inc. Seldom do we read hard-hitting stories on how they impact the blue collar worker. The Ramnath Goenka Award winners gave us a 360-degree view on car ancillary unit workers who lose their limbs, pointing to the supply chain mismanagement by auto majors, and the impact of the plastic economy on common

Sumant Banerji of Business Today is the print media winner in the Business and Economic Journalism category while Ayushi Jindal of *India Today TV* is the winner in broadcast media.

Banerji's two-part story deals with the lives of hundreds of



Radico



Sumant Banerji

their lives or limbs on the job. The first part of the story focuses on the problem - the faulty machines and why they are so, the injuries and the sheer numbers of those maimed forever. The second part looks at the major companies for whom the parts are made in the first place and what, if at all, they are doing about it.



Ayushi Jindal

"The biggest challenge while doing the story was the lack of official data. The Government was irreverent towards this issue; the bureaucrats and officials wanted to sweep it under the carpet. Companies also refused to divulge such data or denied keeping a track of such accidents. Therefore, getting in

touch with the affected workers was a hurdle because they were migrants; they would return to their villages. When I spent time on the ground, I learnt of fresh incidents and the affected people were my first point of contact," said Banerji.

The reporter then got in touch with a few NGOs. Safe-in-India collated a lot of data on the issue. Following the story, the Haryana and Central Governments have formed working groups to help the injured workers.

Jindal's story explored the entire economics of single-use plastic – from the raw material to the end product - and how a ban would impact the industry and the environment. The reportage documented the fear of people involved in the economy of plastic, the jobs that were lost and why the popular material's use was criticised.



The story also explored the

consumers' and manufacturers'

take on a single-use plastic ban

and what it would mean in their

lives. For some, it was a loss of

livelihood and for others, it turned

out to be just a matter of life

where plastic is manufactured,

sold and used but where does it

end? We followed a randon

truck carrying plastic waste and

ended up in a huge dump yard lo-

cated on the outskirts of the na-

tional capital. It was tough to put

out the stories of those who were

engaged and invested in the plas-

tic economy and the kind of

shockwaves a sudden ban would

have made them suffer. At the

time of filming the show, plastic

seemed the demon as most peo-

Said Jindal, "We could trace



workers in companies that make

automotive parts in the Gurgaon-

Manesar industrial belt, who lost













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## Kanpur trader sent to 14 days' custody; count now at Rs 177 cr

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A KANPUR court on Monday sent 50-year-old perfume trader Peeyush Jain to 14 days' judicial custody in connection with a tax

authorities, who launched searches at the properties linked to the Kanpur-based trader last Wednesday, claimed to have recovered Rs 177.45 crore unaccounted cash. "As per the record provided by the GST authorities. Rs 177.45 crore in cash has been recovered from his premise in Kanpur," said government counsel Nitika Srivastava. While searches at Kanpur

premises of Jain have concluded, it is still on in Kannauj, said Finance Ministry in a statement. It said that about Rs 17 crore in cash and 23 kg of gold has been recovered from Jain's Kannauj residence, adding that further counting was underway.

"Huge unaccounted raw materials used in the manufacture of perfumery compounds, including more than 600 kg of sandalwood oil, were found hidden in underground storage, having a market value of about Rs 6 crore. The evidence collected during the searches conducted in the

last five days is being investigated thoroughly to unravel the

Acting on a tip-off, officials of the Directorate General of GST Intelligence of Ahmedabad unit reached Kanpur on Wednesday and began searches at the factory of Trimurti Fragrance Pvt Ltd, which manufactures Shikhar Pan Masala and tobacco products, and the office and godowns of Ganpati Road Carriers.

The Indian Express had earlier reported that Rs 150 crore was seized in these searches.

Jain was arrested on Sunday. He has been booked under the CGST Act. WITH ENS. NEW DELHI

## 6 Maoists killed in encounter on Chhattisgarh-Telangana border

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 27

AT LEAST six Maoists, including four women, were killed in a gunfight with security forces in Pesalapadu forest area bordering Telangana's Bhadradri Kothagudem in Chattisgarh's Sukma district early on Monday morning, officials said.

The joint operation by the two states was carried out by the Greyhounds forces from Telangana and assisted by Chhattisgarh's District Reserve Guards (DRG) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the officials said

be part of the Cherla Area Committee of the Communist Party of India (Maoist). One of their senior leaders may be among the dead, the police said, adding that the deceased are yet to be identified.

Bhardradri Kothagudem Superintendent of Police Sunil Dutt said on Sunday the forces launched an operation after they received a tip-off about a group of Maoists camping in the Pesalpadu area, around 400km from Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur.

. "The information was that they were preparing IEDs to attack police. A joint operation by Chattisgarh forces and Telangana Greyhounds was taken up and the encounter with the group of Maoists occurred between 6:30 am to 7 am. At least six Maoists have died. They are yet to be identified," Dutt said.

Bastar inspector-general P Sundarraj too said the operation was launched after specific intelligence. "The main action was with the Telangana forces and our men from CRPF and DRG provided support in the Kistaram area," he said.

In April this year, 22 security personnel lost their lives in an ambush by Maoists at the Sukma-Bijapur border in Chhattisgarh.

**KERALA VIOLENCE** 

## As power crisis looms, Gehlot asks Baghel to rush mining nod

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** JAIPUR, DECEMBER 27

WITH THE Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh government facing continuous resistance from its tribal people over mining in forest areas, another Congress-ruled state Rajasthan has claimed that if the Bhupesh Baghel-led government does not grant clearances for mining the Parsa block, it might soon be staring at a power crisis.

After his letters to Baghel did not result in desired progress, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot recently knocked at the doors of Congress President Sonia Gandhi, Urban Development and Housing Minister Shanti Dhariwal said Gehlot wrote to the Congress President to bring the related issues to her notice.

"Very little coal is now left in the coal mines allotted to us in Chhattisgarh, For other coal mines are also allotted to us, some local formalities are still in process. The Chief Minister has spoken with the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh over telephone and has also written letters," Rajasthan Power Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati told The Indian Express, hoping for a positive outcome.

"At present, around 9-10 rakes of coal are supplied to Rajasthan every day from the Parsa (East) and Kete Basan (PEKB) mines in Chhattisgarh for generating power. As per our estimates, we can mine only around 1 million ton from this mine now. This can last one month at the most, till January," a top official of the Rajasthan government, who did not wish to be named, said.

Rajasthan requires around 18 rakes of coal daily to meet its power production capacity. While PEKB supplies 9-10 rakes, the balance being supplied by Coal India. The PEKB coal block is owned by state-owned Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited, the official MDO (Mine Developer and Operator) is Adani Enterprises.



Ashok Gehlot: **Bhupesh Baghel** 

Officials said Rajasthan has made repeated requests to Chhattisgarh to grant clearances for mining in the Parsa coal block, one of the three coal blocks -PEKB, Parsa, and Kete extension in the state allotted to RRVUNL. Raiasthan hopes to be able to start mining in the Parsa coal block which has a capacity of 5 million ton per annum (MTA).

Officials in Chhattisgarh agreed that diversion and land acquisition processes are not complete. The proposal is being examined by the state government, said forest officials. "An appropriate decision will be taken after taking all aspects under consideration," said an official statement by the Chhattisgarh Forest Department.

The October 14 application for consent to operate the Parsa coal block is pending with the Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB), official records of the Rajasthan government show. The state is yet to grant stage II forest clearance

needed to start mining. Applications for permission to cut trees in government and private land made on April 12 and August 13 this year are also pending with the collectors of Surguja and Surajpur in Chhattisgarh. So are asset verification and certification for vil-

lages in the Parsa block. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change had granted the stage II forest clearance for the

project on October 21 this year. (WITH INPUTS FROM GARGI VERMA IN RAIPUR)

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### Jharkhand CM slams BJP, defends anti-lynching law

Hemant Soren on Monday said his government was forced to enact anti-mob lynching legislation after the "Ravana" party came to power at the Centre, "ruining the

social fabric" of the country. The BJP, meanwhile, alleged that Soren is heading a corrupt government and the "unconstitutional" anti-mob lynching law was passed in the Assembly in haste, and it is the culmination of the ruling dispensation's appeasement policies, *PTI* reported.

Addressing a journalist at his residence two days before his government completes two years, Soren said the Centre's decision to raise the legal age of marriage for women is a "political" move. He also said his government may conduct castebased census in the state.

On BIP's claim that his government is appeasing a community. Soren said: "I saw in a report that people were taking an oath to make India a Hindu Rashtra... What is this? *Humne kaun se* masjid bana diye namaz padhne ke live (did we build any mosques for offering namaaz). They (BJP) are confusing people..."

## Kerala tops NITI list in health indicators for 4th straight year

**FSHAROY** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

KERALA REMAINED the best performing state in health indicators for a fourth consecutive time, according to an index released on Monday, which also ranked Uttar Pradesh at the bottom of the rankings although the state also saw the most progress.

'The Healthy States. Progressive India' report – compiled by the Niti Aayog, Union Health Ministry and the World Bank for a fourth edition between 2019-2020 -- surveyed 19 large states, eight small states and seven Union Territories. It did not include West Bengal and Ladakh due to unavailability of adequate data.

Among large states, Kerala and Tamil Nadu topped the list, and Telangana emerged strong on the third position in health outcomes and incremental performance. The state saw an improvement from the 4th position the last time — indicating that it has made strides in improving its health infrastructure by ensuring universal immunisation of children, setting up fully functional First Referral Units (FRUs) and all Primary Health Centres (PHCs) among others.

Maharashtra retained its fifth spot, and Andhra Pradesh fourth, down from 3rd in the last index UP was ranked the lowest at

19, but it has seen major improvements in 33 health indicators in recent years.

"Uttar Pradesh with the lowest Overall Reference Year (2019-20) Index Score ranked at the bottom (Rank 19) in Overall Performance, however, it ranked at the top in terms of Incremental Performance by registering the highest incremental change from the Base Year (2018-19) to Reference Year

(2019-20)," the report said. "UP's overall health score has gone up from 25.06 to 30.57, an improvement of 20% points in a year. It has improved its performance on 33 of the 43 indicators with the most significant being on the full immunisation coverage, first trimester ANC (antenatal care) registration and pregnant women receiving four or more

ANCs," said a Niti Aayog official. Among small states, Mizoram emerged as the best performer and Nagaland the worst.

Delhi and J&K were ranked the lowest among Union Territories in overall performance, but topped the list in incremental performance. Both have improved by one spot from the

last edition of the survey. The report also said that among the large states, the gap between the best and the worst performers declined this year as compared to the 2018-19 index.

Kerala got a score of 82.2 and UP, 30.57 -- a difference of 51.63 points, which was improvement from a difference of 56.54 points from the previous index.

The survey ranked states on indicators such as neonatal mortality rate, under-five mortality rate, sex ratio at birth, maternal mortality ratio, modern contraception prevalence rate, full immunisation coverage, antenatal care, identification and cure of TB, etc. Kerala was the best performer in several categories, including neonatal mortality rate and under-five mortality rate.

## Create task

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

THE UNION government has asked states to coordinate with central agencies to form a dedicated anti-narcotics task force under police chiefs, set up narco-

canine squads

and employ

drones for sur-

veillance of

drug cultivation

among other

measures to

counter illicit



**Amit Shah** 

drug trade in the country. The directions were made by Union Home Minister Amit Shah as he chaired the third meeting of the Apex Level Committee of Narco Coordination Center in

New Delhi on Monday. "Modi government considers drug abuse as a major threat to the national security which can only be dealt with overall coordination." Shah said during the meeting, according to an MHA

Ponds and forests shown as farm land, Odisha seeks

satellite solution to find 'genuine' paddy cultivators

## force against 150 held; KITEX says drugs: Shah migrants singled out

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,

DECEMBER 27 THE NUMBER of migrant workers arrested in connection with

the attack on police in Kochi on Christmas night rose to 150 on Monday even as their employer, KITEX Garments, alleged that police have singled out innocent workers from north and northeast Indian states while allowing local people to go scot-free.

Police denied allegation of targetting any particular section.

On Monday, Ernakulam (rural) Additional SP Anuj Paliwal, who is leading the probe, said, "We have so far arrested at least 150 migrants. Among them, 24 people, who were arrested on Sunday, were remanded in judicial custody. We are processing charges against others and only later it can be revealed whether the rest of them would attract non-bailable offenses."

Addressing the media in Kochi, KITEX Garments MD Sabu

Swain was referring to an on-

M Jacob said police have arrested 151 "innocent" people. "Of 164 persons taken into custody, CCTV footage showed hat only 13 persons were involved in violence. We have handed over another 10 workers to police."

He said police have deliberately taken into custody the other state migrant workers. Sabu, who has a feud with

CPI(M) and Congress after his charitable outfit Twenty20 wrested power in four local selfgoverning bodies in Ernakulam, said. "Innocent workers were made scapegoat because of political animosity towards me and my firm. The Kerala government would be answerable to north and north-eastern states for having jailed their innocent workers... To settle scores with me, the government and political parties are exploiting the situation."

Additional SP Paliwal said the arrests were based on CCTV footage and other visuals. "We haven't shown and discrimination; probe will reveal whether the arrested are innocent," he said.

records to identify land owners.

State officials said they discov-

### MP: Catholic priest, two others held over conversion bid

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BHOPAL, DECEMBER 28

THE MADHYA Pradesh police Sunday arrested three people, including a Catholic church priest and a pastor, in Jhabua district for "luring tribal residents" to Christianity — by offering free education and treatment in missionarv-run schools and hospitals.

An FIR was registered based on a complaint at Kalyanpura police station in which the complainant, identified as Tetiva Bariva (26), stated that Father Jam Singh Dindore, pastor Ansingh Ninama and a person named Mangu Mehtab Bhuriya allegedly tried to convert tribals to Christianity.

Kalvanpura police inspector Dinesh Rawat confirmed the arrest. "Based on the complaint, an FIR for alleged conversion was registered. The police have recovered a Bible and a pot to hold water from the spot," he said.

Tetiya Bariya, in his written application, claimed: "On December 26, at around 8 am Father Jam Singh Dindore called me and Surti Bai (another villager) to their prayer room and made us sit in a weekly meeting called for conversion. They sprinkled water on us and read the Bible to us."

Tetiya Bariya said that they were asked to convert to Christianity, and in return, their family were promised free treatment at hospitals and children free education at missionary-run hospitals and schools.

He said that they refused to accept the priest's alleged offer and walked out of the prayer room. They subsequently called up the police and informed them about the matter, he said.

A police team visited Father Jam Singh Dindore's house on Sunday afternoon and detained the three. An FIR was registered against them under Sections 3.5 and 10(2) of the Madhva Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2021.

## PM taking country towards 'Ram Rajya': UP minister

HARIKISHAN SHARMA VARANASI, DECEMBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is taking the country towards "Ram Rajya" by resolving issues such as the Ayodhya dispute, which was "meaninglessly going on for 500 years", accord-

ing to an Uttar Pradesh minister. Tourism, Culture and Religious Affairs Minister Neelkanth Tiwari, who was inaugurating the first Kashi Film Festival on Monday, said: "Kuch samasyayen thi chaar-paanch desh ki, samaapt karna hai kyonki desh ko to hamko Ram Raiva ki taraf le jaana hai. Ek samasya 500 saal se chali aa rahi thi Ayodhya

wali, bina matlab ka... adaraneeya Pradhan Mantri ji ne usko samapt kar diya. (There were some four-five problems of the country, which had to be ended because we have to take the country towards Ram Rajya. One problem was going on for 500 years in Ayodhya. It was meaningless. Our respected Prime Minister resolved it.)

Tiwari also mentioned the abrogation of Article 370 and abolition of triple talag as examples of other issues that were resolved.

Tiwari said the Prime Minister had launched schemes to provide housing, toilets, electricity, education and employment to all people — all with the vision of a "Ram Rajya".

### BHUBANESWAR, DECEMBER 27 AFTER FACING state-wide

**AISHWARYA MOHANTY** 

protests from farmers over alleged irregularities in paddy procurement, the Odisha government is trying to create a database of "genuine" paddy cultivators by mapping crop area and production through satellite imagery and matching it against existing records.

A pilot project has been launched in seven of the state's 30 districts — Sambalpur, Bargarh, Subarnapur, Bolangir, Nuapada, Kalahandi and Koraput.

"We had received a lot of fake



### Weeding out 'fake' paddy farmers

UNDER THE Aadhaar-linked online token system which started in 2020, 14.97 lakh farmers registered themselves to sell paddy. After getting a token, the farmer is given a month to sell paddy at a procurement centre at MSP. Many registrations are removed due to document discrepancies. But through remote sensing, the state plans to weed out those who have provided false land records and are not genuine cultivators.

registrations under the online paddy procurement automation system. This, too, had led to confusion and certain kinds of irregularities. Through mapping, we will be able to remove fake cultivators

and not issue any tokens in their names so that actual farmers are able to participate in procurement without hassle," said Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Minister Ranendra Pratap Swain.

line token system that has drawn the ire of many farmers. They had complained that their tokens lapsed before they could sell their produce in the procurement centres at MSP. This forced them to sell in open markets below the MSP. All this happened in a year (2020-21) Odisha produced surplus paddy. The government maintained that it had procured more than its capacity. The government has roped in

the Odisha Space Application Centre (ORSAC), a state body for space tech applications, to map the crop areas through satellite. The images will be geo-referenced with survey maps and

ered people in a few districts showing non-agricultural lands as cultivable land. Through remote sensing, they even found out that the registered land included forests, residential plots, grazing land and ponds. So far, ORSAC has identified over 26,000 ineligible plots. For instance, through remote sensing in Koraput, 1,465 names were deleted from the registered farmers list.

"Though at a preliminary level ineligible farmers are removed, it is important that the final list is genuine as well. This exercise will help us eliminate ineligible farmers," said Swain.

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## WELCOME OUTREACH

Panel to explore withdrawal of AFSPA in Nagaland is a step in the right direction. Centre must build on it

HE CENTRE'S DECISION to constitute a panel to consider withdrawal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) from Nagaland is a step in the right direction. Ever since six civilians were killed in a botched Army operation in Mon district on December 4, and eight more in related violence thereafter, civil and political society in Nagaland have been demanding that the Centre withdraw the Act, On December 20, the Nagaland Assembly passed a unanimous resolution for repealing the Act while civil society organisations have led massive street protests across the state. In Nagaland, like in most parts of the Northeast and Jammu and Kashmir, the Act is seen to provide immunity even to those security personnel who target innocent civilians in the name of counter-terrorism operations. In any case, the colonial-era law, which overrides the authority of civil administration and accords extraordinary powers to the security establishment, must not be enforced in perpetuity in any region.

Insurgency in Nagaland is as old as Independent India. It has claimed hundreds of lives and transformed it into a garrison state. The Army was entrusted with the task of securing peace against insurgents with bases across the international border in Myanmar. The AFSPA was imposed to provide legal protection to the Army, which had to operate in a war-like situation against well-armed and well-trained guerrilla outfits in hostile terrain. The 1997 ceasefire signed between the government and the NSCN-IM, the most powerful of the insurgent outfits, has enabled a conversation towards ending the insurgency. Subsequently, the 2015 Framework Agreement signed between the Centre and NSCN-IM raised hopes of a resolution, including on the question of Naga sovereignty. The events of December 4-5, however, threatened to turn the clock back on the Naga talks and endanger the gains of the past two decades. The challenge now is to revive the spirit of dialogue and peace, with the onus on the Centre to win back the people's trust.

The AFSPA panel, which is to submit a report in 45 days, will need to keep in mind the groundswell for peace in Nagaland, a result of the extraordinary work put in by civil society groups such as the Naga Mothers Association. In recent times, the Centre has withdrawn AFSPA from large parts of the Northeast — Tripura, Meghalaya, districts in Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, for instance — in response to a decline in violence. The Naga insurgency is a far more complex phenomenon, of course, but a new generation, more invested in peace and prosperity, has come of age in Nagaland. Their future needs to be guarded from the vicious cycle of violence that has laid previous generations to waste: The government needs to walk the extra mile to ensure it.

### THE NEW SEED

Protesting farmers joining politics is in line with democracy's tradition of rebels turning stakeholders. But it's fraught too

NEW POLITICAL player is born in Punjab, and as the old year moves into the new, it is good news. To be sure, the Samyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM), led by Balbir Singh Rajewal, is not yet a full-fledged party. It is also true that while it contains 22 of the farm unions that were part of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha which successfully led the year-long agitation against the Centre's farm laws, many of the large unions have held back from taking the political plunge. There are unresolved questions, ranging from the symbol the new morcha will fight on, to whether or not, and on what terms, it will join hands with a political party. And yet, the SSM is a welcome addition to the political-electoral fray. Because it sends out a message that is much larger than its agenda, and more heartening than a manifesto: That despite all its imperfections, India's democracy still provides the space in which the agitator can become the player. That even though it may not always seem that way, the lines that divide rebels from stakeholders remain porous and permeable – politics can, and does, pass through them.

The farmers' movement that finally led to the Centre repealing the three farm laws had already demonstrated the power of the people's will to make an unresponsive government listen. It showed up the government's attempts to paint all protest as anarchic. Through it all, the movement turned away politicians and parties from its stage. Now, having won a famous victory, the decision by the 22 unions to embrace that which the movement had so far disdained attests to the undimmed promise of electoral politics for all those who aspire to bring enduring change. While civil society has its distinctive role and space, "politics" cannot be a bad word in a democracy that remakes and revitalises itself through the political, or always has the possibility to do so.

Of course, for the farmers' movement, still basking in its success, taking the political plunge in Punjab's crowded fray will also pose a challenge. The AAP made the bipolar contest into a three-cornered one, the SSM's entry could give it another shape, but there is no assurance of success. Failure could jeopardise the movement's hard-won gains in spotlighting the concerns of the farmer. The upcoming assembly elections will take place amid a rampant cynicism and deepening distrust of mainstream politics and players. From a plateaued agriculture to declining industry, from joblessness to the drug menace, there are many gathering crises, and few answers. It remains to be seen whether the entry of a new player opens up the field, or only ends up underscoring the limits of political choice.

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S LESSON

Desmond Tutu provided a model for constructive use of religious idioms in politics. In polarised times, he will be missed

TITH THE DEATH of Archbishop Desmond Tutu — he was 90 — the world has lost a moral and spiritual voice, one closely associated with the anti-apartheid struggle in South Africa and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that has served as a model to address historical conflicts and the resentments they engender in society. It has also lost the last of a generation of leaders who engaged with public life not as a pursuit of political power, but as a moral exercise aimed at expanding the dignity and decency of all human beings.

Archbishop Tutu's contribution to and leadership of the anti-apartheid movement began soon after the Second World War and continued till 1991. Perhaps because of his leadership of the Anglican church in South Africa, Tutu was not jailed or exiled, like many others — including Nelson Mandela — were. For decades, he held a mirror up to the South African government and urged the global community to do more to end apartheid. As Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said of his Nobel Peace Prize, which he received in 1986, "Never has a peace prize been so fitting."

But perhaps most importantly, at a time when the politics of many countries is dominated by religious divisiveness, Archbishop Tutu's spirituality was inseparable from his political morality — a morality which was expansive and inclusive when he was part of the struggle against a powerful state system, and without rancour when that system eventually came down. Like M K Gandhi and, perhaps to a lesser extent, his friend the Dalai Lama, Tutu provided a model for the constructive role of religious idioms in politics. He would, perhaps, be disappointed by the slide in democratic values and declining respect for diversity in so many parts of the world today. Now, unfortunately, there are few leaders of Desmond Tutu's stature to lead future Truth and Reconciliation Commissions.

## The thin red line

Courts must protect free speech, while not turning a blind eye to calls to violence, as at Haridwar



IN THE PAST few days, video clips posted on YouTube and shared on social media platforms show saffron-clad participants at a Hindutva conclave in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, unselfconsciously advocating violence against the Muslims of India as a cleansing exercise. The line-up of belligerent speakers included Yati Narsinghanand, an extremist Hindutva activist reported to be associated with BJP leaders in Delhi, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh. He held a similar event in the National Capital Region in January 2020, replete with genocidal calls, days before northeast Delhi was swept by ferocious communal violence. Another speaker was the audacious editor of a Hindi channel that continues to receive government advertising despite adverse comments about its programmes by the Supreme Court. One of the speakers openly advocated the assassination of former prime minister Manmohan Singh.

In the face of public outcry, the state police registered an FIR under Section 153-A of the Indian Penal Code (the offence of promoting disharmony, enmity, or feelings of hatred between different groups on the grounds of religion) against one named individual - ironically a recent Muslim convert to Hinduism known for his provocative comments against Islam - and other unnamed persons. For the BJP government still trying to balance itself between supporters who made a mockery of the law and NRC-CAA activists who stepped across the line that divides protest from defiance of the law - or indeed were dragged into the net to be taught a lesson — this episode must be causing considerable discomfiture. The project they had hoped would be one of gentle but sustained osmosis of mind control has been replaced by activities of indiscreet followers, who hurl invectives and issue guttural threats of genocide.

It is yet possible that a genuine and accurate description of Hindutva being derived The death threats and incentives offered at Haridwar, even to the common ear, would go far beyond opinion and expression of conscience protected by the Constitution. These are not just thoughts that do not qualify as crime having been converted into speech acts. Any person persuaded to act upon them would inevitably be said to have acted in concert with the speakers

and instigated by them.

from Hinduism exists but that is not what I had referred to in my book, Sunrise over Ayodhya. To clarify: Does the Haridwar conclave represent the Hindutva I question or Mahatma Gandhi's fast unto death against communal violence? If the petitioner who approached a magistrate against me truly has faith in Sanatan Dharma, she should have joined me in questioning those who hurt her faith for a cynical power game.

The timorous action, or inaction if you please, in this instance — indeed in many similar, if not equally grand, communal incidents across the country — is to be contrasted with the urgency shown by the magistrate who directed the police of Bakshi Ka Talab to register an FIR against me for the following words in my recently released book: "Sanatan Dharma and classical Hinduism known to sants and sages was being pushed aside by a robust version of Hindutva by all standards, a political version similar to the jihadist Islam of groups like ISIS and Boko Haram of recent years.

Clearly, the local police have no choice but to comply with the order. However, one wonders what they will investigate when the Hon'ble magistrate has already pronounced his opinion without indicating that it is but his prime facie impression. It raises interesting questions. Two courts in Delhi, (the ASJ at Patiala House and the High Court of Delhi) having rejected petitions to ban the book with the observation that the petitioners were free to write their own book and the author's freedom of expression could not be curtailed, would it be appropriate for a court in UP to proceed to prosecute for the same material? Whatever happened to the comity of courts and contempt of the High Court? But a more interesting conundrum arises as well. If I believe that the persona dramatis of the Haridwar conclave require to be prosecuted, why must the same not apply in my case? Understanding the distinction might be useful in these times when legitimate words and acts are twisted and contorted, even painted with the odium of sedition. But the death threats and incentives offered at Haridwar, even to the common ear, would go far beyond opinion and expression of conscience protected by the Constitution. These are not just thoughts that do not qualify as crime having been converted into speech acts. Any person persuaded to act upon them would inevitably be said to have acted in concert with the speakers and instigated by them.

My expression in a book, much of which celebrates the philosophical piety of Santana Dharma, while underscoring, in a few lines, the similarity between organisations that distort and misuse religion - be it Islam, Christianity or Hinduism – would at worst be an opinion that others can disagree with. But that would not inject into the opinion the mens rea (mental element) that is an essential ingredient of crime. Furthermore, an analysis that describes Hindutva as being distinct from Hinduism, even by Justice J S Verma's definition of Hinduism as "a way of life", is not an ingredient of 153 A. The Constitution does not just protect right opinion as opposed to the wrong opinion. Besides, just as there is a reasonable limit to what can be said as part of free speech, there is also a limit to what one might be offended by. "Touch me not" prickliness, making all discussion out of bounds, is not the law. Many liberal scholars of constitutional law, such as Ronald Dworkin, have even argued for a right to offend if we are to take freedom of speech seriously as a democratic right. If we take rights seriously, our courts will have to draw the red line carefully so as not to turn a blind eye to defiance of law and yet not stifle debate and dissent.

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## SAYING IT SHARPLY

Policy documents should be crisp, convey clear intent, not create ambiguity

SOMIT DASGUPTA

INDIANS LIKE TO be verbose. We like to pack in something has been left out that can create ambiguity. Conveying as much as possible with minimum words is an art and requires some amount of ingenuity and command over the language. Our policy documents suffer from the same malaise, at least some of them. Policy documents should be pithy and crisp and should be able to convey the direction we intend on taking. The policy documents that I have in mind are the National Electricity Policy (NEP) and the Tariff Policy (TP). Both the NEP and the TP emanate from Section 3 of the Electricity Act 2003 (henceforth EA 2003) and are formulated after consulting the Central Electricity Authority and state governments.

Both these documents run into pages and on several occasions, speak of issues that strictly do not lie within their respective domains, thus depriving themselves of clarity and sharpness. Moreover, the documents are complex, not reader-friendly and difficult to assimilate and retain. In the TP, we have sections that actually should be taken up in the NEP and vice-versa. A perusal of the TP reveals that it is wavering when dealing with the issue of competition since there are far too many caveats. There is a strong case that both these documents not be dealt with separately and be merged into a single one for harmonious construction.

Let's deal with the TP first. Though the preamble of the EA 2003 speaks of competition, the TP has several caveats and provisos when it comes to competitive procurement of power by distribution companies. It mentions that competitive procurement need not be done in the case of extension projects, be it in the public or private sector. Further, compe-

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ment formulates a specific policy to seek investments in the power sector whereby tariff for 35 per cent of the capacity can be fixed through the cost-plus route instead of bidding. In the very next section, it is mentioned that for public sector projects, tariff may be determined on a cost-plus route on a caseto-case basis. These unnecessary caveats and provisos distort a policy statement and dilute the basic intent of EA 2003 — competition.

How difficult the policy can be when it comes to implementation can be best seen when reading the section related to determination of hydro tariffs. The policy states that tariff for all hydro projects can be determined on a cost-plus basis provided a two-stage transparent process has been followed for identifying the developer (details of the two stages are not being elaborated since they are exhaustive by themselves), the concurrence of the CEA has been obtained before August 2022, long-term power purchase agreement has been firmed up for at least 60 per cent of the capacity, and the award of contract for supply of equipment and construction are done through the international competitive bidding route. The project will have to be completed in four years unless otherwise decided by the regulatory commission. In case of delay attributable to the developer, he shall not be eligible for interest during construction and finance cost. The entire process is thus very cumbersome and can cause considerable headache to the regulator apart from being prone to litigation.

The bulk of the TP document can be substantially pruned by removing several sections which actually do not add any substance but aim at only educating the consumer.

tition can also be bypassed if a state govern- Space in a policy document is precious and course, educating the consumer is not important. But a different forum should be used for this purpose. Moreover, portions of the TP actually speak of issues that have nothing to do with tariffs but relate to standards of performance, such as quality, continuity and reliability of power supply. There is also the issue of presentation where portions should be relegated to annexes to make the document more

reader-friendly. Turning to the NEP, the first thing which comes to mind is should the NTP and NEP continue as two separate policies? Can matters related to tariff be segregated with electricity policy in general? The answer is no and it is precisely for this reason that we find inter-mingling of objectives in both policy statements. Both policies speak of providing power at reasonable rates, ensuring commercial viability of the sector, and protecting consumer interests. Thus, it would be appropriate to subsume the TP into the NEP since tariff is one of the several issues which is a matter of electricity policy.

Recently, the government had indicated its intention to amend the EA 2003 and also the tariff policy and that being so, this is the appropriate time to revise various sections of the EA 2003 for having an integrated electricity policy which will have tariff as one of its constituents. Further, it would be in the interest of stakeholders to have a crisp and concise policy that speaks of only policy and nothing else.

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### DECEMBER 28, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

### NO WAR PACT

INDIA HAS MADE it clear to Pakistan that a no-war pact between them could be in continuation and recognition of all elements of the Simla Agreement. The two countries could sign a no-war agreement provided Pakistan accepts the seven principles stipulated by India in an aide memoire to Pakistan. One of the important elements suggested by India for a no-war pact is that Pakistan should revert to bilateralism in all issues as provided for in the Simla Pact. Also Pakistan should take all steps to avert an arms race in the subcontinent, Adherence to non-alignment, respect for each other's territorial integrity and

settlement of all issues bilaterally were other key points of India's missive. India is awaiting word from Pakistan about the dates of foreign minister Agha Shahi's visit to Delhi.

### ANTONY SUSPENDED

THE CONGRESS (S) President Sharad Pawar has suspended the Kerala Pradesh Congress (S) committee (KPCC-S) chief A K Antony, the party working committee member Vyalar Ravi and their supporters from the primary membership of the party for joining hands with the Congress (I) to form a minister in the state. Pawar also said that he had suspended the entire KPCC (S). The decision on forma-

New Delhi

tion of a new KPCC(S) would be taken at the working committee meeting on January 7.

### MARUTI'S EQUITY

MARUTI HAS BEEN allowed to seek foreign equity participation of up to 40 per cent of its working capital. This is a departure from the government's earlier decision to not allow foreign capital in car manufacture. The government is believed to have told Maruti to go ahead with car manufacture and take up commercial vehicles later. This sets at rest speculation on the product mix for Maruti. The board of directors will meet next week to finalise proposals for a foreign tie-up.

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### "When directly confronted with the suffering of the vulnerable stranger, the only ethical response is to offer food, drink, warmth and compassion — and to listen to their story. Having learned this lesson seven decades ago, 21st-century Europe is in danger of forgetting it all over again."

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

## Old neighbours, new year

India and Pakistan may well just muddle along in 2022. But structural changes are altering the internal and external context of the bilateral relationship and regional balance of power



By C Raja Mohan

THIS YEAR HAD begun with an unexpected positive turn in India's relations with Pakistan — a ceasefire agreement in February. But it did not take long for those hopes to be dashed. Could 2022 be any different?

Optimists cheer the fact that the ceasefire has endured despite the absence of a formal dialogue and hope that the new year will turn out to be more propitious for dialogue than 2021. Pessimists insist Pakistan's India policy is immune to any positive change. Idealists would want India and Pakistan to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence and Partition by making a fresh bid for durable peace in the subcontinent. Cynics will pour cold water on such visions by saying India and Pakistan are condemned to at least a "hundred-year war" in the subcontinent. Realists, however, say change is the eternal law of the world — for India, and Pakistan, too, the guestion is not "whether" they will change their approach towards each other, but "when". Significant changes are occurring in both countries and in the larger regional and international environment. These are bound to have some impact on India-Pakistan relations that have been frozen stiff for long.

Six years ago this week, when Narendra Modi landed on short notice in Lahore, he visited Nawaz Sharif at his residence at Raiwind. It was Christmas Day and Nawaz Sharif was celebrating a family wedding as well as his birthday. The PM's bold move raised expectations for a new chapter in India-Pakistan relations. It followed a meeting between the two leaders in Ufa, Russia, on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in July 2015. Modi and Sharif agreed on a few concrete steps to initiate a new dialogue.

Earlier, Sharif had come to Delhi to attend Modi's swearing-in as India's prime minister in May 2014. Sharif's decision did not please Rawalpindi. Delhi saw the invitation as a political gesture of goodwill to its South Asian neighbour and a commitment to put the neighbourhood first in India's foreign policy. But the military establishment saw it as Modi's "imperial call" to the Delhi Durbar. Modi and Sharif, elected with strong popular mandates, seemed to get along well and appeared eager to advance the bilateral relationship. That Modi and Sharif might short-circuit the military establishment inevitably produced a backlash within the deep state.

Whether it was a reaction to Modi's Lahore visit or not, a major terror attack took place against an Indian Air Force station in Pathankot on New Year's day of 2016. In an unprecedented step, Modi invited the Pakistani intelligence agencies to join their Indian counterparts in investigating the incident and finding the source, but there was not much enthusiasm in pursuing the terrorists by Pakistan's security establishment.

Within a few months, there was a second terror attack on the Indian Army brigade headquarters at Uri in September 2016. This time, Modi followed through with the Indian army's surgical strike on terror camps in Pakistan. As a fresh chill enveloped relations with India, the deep state became even more hostile to Sharif, who called for a rethink of Pakistan's support for terror



C R Sasikumar

groups and recasting relations with the neighbours. He was vilified as "Modi *ka* yaar" and the campaign against Sharif continued until he was ousted by mid-2017.

Imran Khan, who became the prime minister in 2018, presided over a rapid downturn in bilateral relations. Hugely popular across the subcontinent during his cricketing days, Imran boasted that he knew India better than anyone in Pakistan. He was confident about making a deal with Modi if the Indian PM was re-elected in 2019. But he seemed to have little understanding of either the Indian position or the negotiating history between the two nations.

A series of developments in early 2019 the Pulwama terror attack, the Indian air force raid on Balakot in Pakistan and Delhi's constitutional changes on Kashmir - produced a new dynamic for India-Pakistan relations. An outraged Pakistan went on an international campaign to compel India to reverse the changes in Kashmir, but got nowhere. Imran Khan himself went berserk with his personal vituperation against Modi.

But India and Pakistan surprised the world in February this year by announcing an agreement to renew the 2003 ceasefire that was observed more in breach in recent years. Although the agreement was formalised by the Directors General of Military Operations in the two army headquarters, it was negotiated in the backchannel between the Indian security establishment and the Pakistan army leadership. Besides the ceasefire, the two sides also agreed "to address each other's core issues and concerns which have the propensity to disturb peace".

India's escalating military confrontation with China provided enough reason to try and stabilise the Pakistan frontier. But India's engagement with Pakistan would, of course, be subject to Islamabad addressing Delhi's core concerns on cross-border terrorism.

Islamabad's own case for a reset was articulated by Pakistan's Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa. He underlined the importance of Pakistan moving away from geopolitics to geoeconomics that will revitalise the nation's economic development. He argued that it is time for India and Pakistan "to bury the past and move forward". But he also insisted on the importance of India creating a "conducive environment" in Kashmir for the engagement to succeed.

While Kashmir remained at the top of Pakistan's mind, it seemed open to reviving commercial ties. It announced an intent to import sugar and cotton from India, but the Commerce Ministry's decision was ostentatiously reversed by Prime Minister Imran Khan by declaring that "Pakistan can't trade with India when Kashmir was bleeding".

Although the back-channel contacts continue, Islamabad is stuck with the formal preconditions – reversing India's constitutional changes in Kashmir – it has set for a renewed dialogue with Delhi. It is by no means clear if Pakistan can develop a new internal consensus on the terms of engagement with Delhi.

The new year is likely to see greater political volatility in Pakistan. Gen. Bajwa's second term as army chief ends in November amidst sharpening civil-military differences. Although Imran Khan's political mandate runs until 2023, he might not survive 2022, thanks to multiple crises afflicting Pakistan and his government's growing unpopularity. There is also speculation that Nawaz Sharif might return from exile early in the new year and step up the political confrontation with the Imran Khan government.

India's political stability is not in question during the coming year, but there is intense hostility to any conversation with Pakistan among the government's ideological base. Not talking to Pakistan has few domestic political costs to Delhi. In any case, it is Pakistan that will have to lift the preconditions for engagement with India: if it does. Delhi should be ready to pick up the threads from this year's ceasefire agreement.

Looking beyond optimism, pessimism, idealism and cynicism, realists might bet that India and Pakistan will just muddle along in 2022. Meanwhile, structural changes are altering, slowly but certainly, the internal and external context of the bilateral relationship as well as the regional balance of power. That will make the traditional terms of the India-Pakistan debate less salient over time.

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## The gender snapshot

NFHS-5 data reveals small steps towards progress, and flags persisting inequalities



CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT & Trishali Chauhan

THE NATIONAL FAMILY Health Survey-5 report is a mine of information, especially in the context of the growing paucity of data. The overall picture it gives of society is a rather complex one. The decline in the total fertility rate (TFR) across all the states is a positive sign. The TFR has been falling over the years and has now reached 2.0 at the national level, which means that India's population will decrease soon — probably by 2047-48 — after reaching a peak of about 1.6 billion people.

In this article, we would like to focus on gender-related issues. Among the points made by the survey in this domain, we'd like to emphasise one that has been neglected for a long time: The proportion of 15- to 24-yearold women using menstrual care products has increased across almost all states between the fourth (2015-16) and the fifth  $(2019\hbox{-}2021) NFHS-- although, it still remains$ low in states like Bihar (59 per cent) and in Assam and Gujarat (66 per cent). The largest increase was seen in Bihar and West Bengal.

Secondly, the sex ratio question needs to be scrutinised in detail. The good news is that India has now 1,020 women for every 1,000 men, against 991 for 1,000 in the 2015-16 NFHS. But although the sex ratio at birth (SRB) shows an increase in the number of females as compared to males (from 919 in 2015-16 to 929 in 2019-21), the data remains skewed towards males as this is still lower than the natural standard of 952 female births per 1,000 male births. In three states, the ratio is below 900 (Goa: 838, Himachal Pradesh: 875, and Telangana: 894). While comparing the data from NFHS-4 to NFHS-5, Tamil Nadu has seen its SRB decline from 954 to 878, as has Chandigarh (from 981 to 838), Jharkhand (from 919 to 899) and Odisha (932 to 894). States with SRB in the 900s are also seeing a decline - for example, Meghalaya (from 1,009 to 989), Nagaland (from 953 to 945), Maharashtra (from 924 to 913) and Bihar (from 934 to 908) Thus, the number of baby girls fails to

explain why there are more women than men in India. Is it the effect of the pandemic. which has possibly led to the death of more men? Or were more men away from their households during the data collection? Only the next Census of India will tell. Also, note that the more urbanised the state, the worse

Thirdly, the NFHS shows that there is an

increase in gender-related violence in many states. The proportion of married women (between 18 and 49 years) who have been a victim of spousal violence has increased in five states. În Karnataka, it has jumped from 21 per cent to 44 per cent. A significant number of married women face spousal violence in Bihar (40 per cent), Manipur (40 per cent), and Telangana (37 per cent).

Last but not the least, women lag behind men in the literacy rate (71.5 per cent against 84.4 per cent for men). This is partly due to the number of years of schooling. Only 41 per cent of women have 10 or more years of schooling, against 50.2 per cent for men. Correlatively, only 33 per cent of 15- to 49year-old women use internet, against 57 per cent among men of the same age. In spite of an increase in the number of women owning a house or land, the country still struggles with a digital divide in terms of accessibility between men and women.

We need to end with a word on

methodology. First, the NFHS takes only certain demographic categories into account. This, particularly, stems from the difference in questionnaires. The women's questionnaire roughly has 1,140 questions and is 96 pages long, whereas the men's questionnaire is 38 pages long with 843 questions. The report advises "readers to be cautious while interpreting and comparing the trends as some states and Union territories may have smaller sample sizes". For example, Andaman and Nicobar Islands gathered information from 2,624 households, 2,397 women, and 367 men; whereas Assam gathered its information from 30,119 households, 34,979 women, and 4,973 men. In fact, each state/UT factsheet separately reminds the readers to be cautious while interpreting trends. Further, the sex ratios in the factsheet are based on de facto enumeration — the number of men and women present in the household on the last night of the survey. This can be misleading because there is a possibility that the rural men and women could be away from their households on the last night of de facto enumeration.

As a result of this, the micro-level disparity in urban and rural dynamics might be camouflaged by migration. Last but not the least, the survey was conducted in two parts. One, before the pandemic and the second phase was conducted around the second wave of Covid-19 in India. This increases the scepticism over data collection, absence of meta-data and the systematic errors arising thereof. It also points to a possibility of actual issues being buried under the demands of the pandemic.

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## The cash crunch in states

Revenues have grown at a slower pace, leading to a widening of fiscal deficit

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MUCH HAS BEEN written on the trends in economic growth in 2021-22 relative to the pre-pandemic period. However, most of the fiscal analysis has tended to focus on comparing the current year with 2020-21, which provides an inordinately rosy picture. When compared to the pre-pandemic period, there is a clear divergence in the fiscal trends of the Government of India (GoI) and state governments. Further, across states, too, the usage of the ways and means facilities offered by the RBI has varied considerably this year, implying that stretched liquidity is not a universal trend. Moreover, the end of GST compensation - this will acutely impact states with a substantial structural dependence on such flows — is a potential source of greater inter-

state divergence from 2022-2023 onwards. On an encouraging note, the Centre's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 5.5 trillion in April-October 2021, down from the Rs 7.2 trillion pre-pandemic level (April-October 2019), with incremental revenues outpacing expenditure. Despite the likely revenue foregone from the excise and customs duty relief, we expect the Centre's net revenue receipts to exceed the budget estimate by Rs 1.7 trillion led by a robust performance of direct taxes and GST, and a substantial surplus

transfer from the RBI. At end-October, 52 per cent of the full year's expenditure budget had been completed. The second supplementary demand for grants has put forth a substantial net cash outgo of Rs 3 trillion. We expect a portion of this to be absorbed through savings in other demands, neutralising the impact on the fiscal deficit. Dismayingly, though, the realisation of the proceeds of the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited disinvestment and Life Insurance Corporation IPO appears increasingly unlikely this year. In the absence of such inflows, the fiscal deficit may print at Rs 16.0-17 trillion, exceeding the budget estimate of Rs 15.1 trillion.

In contrast to the compression displayed by the GoI, the fiscal deficit of the 22 state governments whose provisional fiscal data is available, widened to Rs 3.2 trillion in the first seven months of this year, up from the pre-Covid level of Rs 2.3 trillion. But, this was not led by a meaningful jump in spending. The combined own tax and non-tax revenues of the 22 state governments increased by a mere 4.2 per cent compared to the prepandemic level.

Worryingly, central transfers to states fell by Rs 0.9 trillion, with the decline split almost equally between grants and tax devolution, leading to an expansion in the states' fiscal deficit. The fall in grants was partly structural, with 40 per cent on account of

lower GST compensation flows. The reason is straightforward - till 2019-20, the entire GST compensation was financed by the cess collections, which was recorded by the states under grants from the Centre. However, since 2020-21, a portion of the GST compensation is being financed through back-to-back loans from the Centre, which enters state accounts as a financing item.

Despite the healthy expansion in the Centre's tax revenues, the monthly pattern of devolution to the states was such that it led to a decline in aggregate flows during April-October this year relative to the prepandemic level. To address this anomaly, the Centre doubled the devolution to the states to Rs 951 billion in November from Rs 475 billion each in the previous four months.

After releasing the entire Rs 1.6 trillion back-to-back GST compensation loan to the states till October, it released Rs 170 billion GST compensation grants to the states in November 2021 from the cess collections. The higher devolution of taxes, and additional transfer of cess should have supported the states' cash flows in the third quarter of this year. This was visible in the aggregate gross market borrowing across all the states trailing their indicated level. Moreover, the usage of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) facilities by the state governments/UTs from

the RBI declined to 150 days in October 2021 from 188 days in September. Nevertheless, some states such as Andhra Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur and Telangana have repeatedly utilised the WMA facility from the RBI for more than 25 days per month, in several months in FY2022 so far.

At first glance, this seems to suggest a sustained deterioration in the cash flows of specific states. However, it could also indicate a considered change in strategy to avail of this relatively cheaper source of funds (cost is equivalent to the repo rate if outstanding up to three months, beyond which the rate rises to repo plus 1 per cent), shrugging off the erstwhile stigma attached with utilising this window.

Looking ahead, we expect the pending GST compensation for the previous and ongoing year to be released by the Centre to the states next year, in addition to the compensation for February-March 2021-22 and the first quarter of 2022-23 — the final quarter of the original compensation period. Such transfers would boost states' cash flows in the coming year. This would provide them with a somewhat softer landing after the compensation period ends, affording them a few more months to adjust to the new fiscal reality.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CASTE REALITIES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'We are

us and them' (IE, December 27). It is reminiscent of a short story by the great satirist Harishankar Prasai, which pierces the veil of religious pretensions and exposes the inner contradictions and superfluousness of overt and ostentatious religiosity. Two mohallas have been celebrating and worshipping Lord Ganesha for years. One is largely upper caste and the other "lower" caste. At the end of the festival, on the day of immersion of idols, traditionally an upper-caste chariot is used to lead the procession. Once, due to logistics problems, the chariot got delayed with the eventuality of falling behind the "lower caste" one. This was a bit too much for the former to accept, so one of the organisers could not hold back and declared "Unke Ganesha ki aisi ki taisi. Humara Ganesha pahale jayega (Hell with their Ganesha, our Ganesha will go first)". This was an insult to Lord Ganesha by the so-called worshippers, who instead of devotion were more consumed by the hegemonic casteist prejudice. The spiralling statistics of Dalit atrocities perpetuated by upper castes certainly can't be pinned on Muslims. The bogey of Islamophobia is nothing but a shrewd ploy to obfuscate the caste fault lines among Hindus through the religious

indoctrination of "Hindutva". LR Murmu, Delhi

### IT TAKES FOUR

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'In crisis, it takes three', (IE, December 27). The author has rightly pointed out that dialogue between scientists, bureaucrats and politicians is required for better handling of the crisis. However, there is another arm that

can help maintain checks and balances — the judiciary. In the recent case of Gaurav K. Bansal Vs. UOI & Ors, directions have been issued by the apex court to grant assistance on account of Covid-19 under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It is the judiciary that enforced the duty of payment and came to the aid of the aggrieved public. As such, in a crisis, it takes all the branches to step forward and work in sync.

Aerika Singh, Chandigarh

### VACCINE OPACITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The next steps' (IE, December 27). While 90 per cent of adults have got one dose, there are 40 per cent of adults who have not got a second shot. With private hospitals claiming excess stocks, it is very likely that the economic elite of India will mop up available stocks. Also unusual is that the technical clearance for vaccines is for those 12 and above, but PM Modi announced these will be for those above 15 years. It is not clear if there is evidence that this group of sub-adults is more vulnerable. India's health administration should not let itself be in

the thrall of political calculations. S S Paul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The next steps' (IE, December 27). The government's decision to give booster dose to health and frontline workers and the first Covaxin dose to children in the bracket of 15-18 years is welcome. But sooner the clarity on mixing of doses comes, better it would be for the sake of creating trust and removing fear from the minds of people. A deeper state-Centre engagement is also required.

Bal Govind, Noida

## 14 THE WORLD



**OMICRON SURGE** 

**REUTERS & NYT** 

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden and his

White House Covid-19 response

team met with the group repre-

senting the country's governors

The highly transmissible

Hawaii.

Omicron variant is sending daily

caseloads in parts of the US soar-

ing to levels higher than last win-

Massachusetts, New Jersey, New

York and Puerto Rico are among

the areas that have reported

more coronavirus cases in the

past week than in any other

with which Omicron is spreading

across the country, even as some

studies from overseas suggest

that the variant might cause less

severe illness. Experts warn that

The numbers point to the ease

seven-day period, data show.

ter's pandemic peak.

Delaware,

DECEMBER 27

holiday week

**USA** DIRECTOR JEAN-MARC VALLÉE DEAD AT 58

**Biden meets governors** 

Director and producer Jean-Marc Vallée, who won an Emmy for directing the hit HBO series 'Big Little Lies' and whose 2013 drama 'Dallas Buyers Club' earned multiple Oscar nominations, has died. He was 58. His representative Bumble Ward said Sunday that Vallée died suddenly in his cabin outside Quebec City, Canada, over the weekend.



Aung San Suu Kyi

### Court postpones verdicts in 2nd Suu Kyi case

TASSANEE VEJPONGSA BANGKOK, DECEMBER 27

A COURT in military-ruled Myanmar postponed its verdicts Monday on two charges against ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi in which she is accused of importing and possessing walkietalkies without following official procedures, a legal official familiar with the case said.

The case is among many brought against the 76-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate since the army seized power on Feb 1, ousting her elected government and arresting top members of her party.

The court gave no reason for delaying the verdicts until Jan. 10, according to the legal official, who insisted on anonymity for fear of being punished by the authorities, who have restricted the release of information about Suu Kyi's trials.

Suu Kyi was convicted on Dec 6 on two other charges - incitement and breaching Covid restrictions — and sentenced to four years' imprisonment. Hours later, the head of the military government, Senior Gen Min Aung Hlaing, reduced it by half. She is being held by the military at an unknown location and state television reported that she would serve







### SOUTH AFRICA PAYS TRIBUTE TO DESMOND TUTU

(Clockwise from the top) The Table Mountain in Cape Town is lit up in purple on Sunday night in memory of Archbishop Desmond Tutu; Mourners pay their respects outside St George's Cathedral in Cape Town on Monday; A woman is comforted outside the historical home of Tutu, in Soweto, Johannesburg, on Monday. South Africans remembered the anti-apartheid hero

### Polish President vetoes controversial media Bill

**REUTERS** 

The move allows NATOmember Poland to sidestep a po-

tentially explosive row with Washington at a time of heightened tension in eastern Europe amid what some countries see as increased Russian assertiveness.

However, the move means that a Bill passed in Parliament by

(PiS) has been blocked by a President elected as their ally.

President Andrzej Duda said Monday that if the law came into force it could violate a treaty signed with the US on economic and trade relations. "One of the arguments considered during the analyses of this law was the issue

that was concluded in 1990... this treaty speaks about the protection of investments," he said.

The Bill would have tightened rules around foreign ownership of media, specifically affecting the ability of news channel TVN24, owned by US company Discovery

### UK police probes video of 'Indian Sikh' saying he wants to assassinate Queen

**ADITI KHANNA** 

LONDON, DECEMBER 27

media in which a fully masked man, identifying himself as an Indian Sikh, is seen declaring that he wants to "assassinate" Queen Elizabeth II to avenge the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre, prompting Scotland Yard to launch a probe.

In the video, Snapshot, the man identifies himself as "Indian Sikh" Iaswant Singh Chail, according to *The Sun* newspaper. "I'm sorry. I'm sorry

will do. I will attempt to assassinate Elizabeth, Queen of the Royal Family," the masked man purportedly said in the video.

This comes days after an in-

Scotland Yard officers were investigating if the video was linked to the intruder, who was armed with a crossbow when he was arrested at Windsor Castle

## for what I've done and what I

eral," a spokesman said. The 150 panel last week recommended

& FEISAL OMAR MOGADISHU, DECEMBER 27

SOMALIA'S PRESIDENT said on Monday he had suspended the Prime Minister for suspected corruption, a move the Prime Minister described as a coup attempt, escalating a power struggle between the two leaders.

The escalation of the raging months-long dispute raised concerns about the prospect of renewed clashes between factions in the security forces allied to each side.

President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed accused Prime Minister Mohammed Hussein Roble of stealing land



THE ESCALATION of the

conflict between Somalia's President and PM could hinder the government's fight against the Al Qaeda-linked insurgents operating out of the country, experts say. Western powers including the US and the UK have called for a swift end to the power struggle amid concern that the insurgents could grow stronger and launch attacks against Western interests in the region.

owned by the Somali National Army and of interfering with a defence ministry investigation. In response, Roble said the

move was unconstitutional and

aimed at derailing an ongoing

election. He also ordered the security forces to start taking orders from him, instead of the President. The steps taken by Mohamed

"were an open coup attempt against the government and the national constitution", Roble said in a statement. "The aim of the illegal,

crooked steps ... is to derail the election and illegally remain in office." Somalia's long election process had begun on November 1, and has not yet been wrapped up. **REUTERS** 

## NOC must for foreigners marrying local residents

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 27

tory for foreigners to get a clearance from the Defence Ministry if they wish to marry local residents, a move criticised by the Opposition and civil society groups.

Weerasekera, in a circular dated October 18, said the decision was taken due to national security reasons.

WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 27

EOWILSON, an American natu-

ralist dubbed the modern day

Darwin whose interest in ants

led him to conclusions about hu-

man nature being directed by

genetics rather than culture, died

on Sunday at the age of 92, his

David Attenborough, Wilson was

considered one of the world's

leading authorities on natural

history and conservation.

Alongside British naturalist

"E O Wilson was called

'Darwin's natural heir', and was

known affectionately as 'the ant

man' for his pioneering work as

an entomologist," the founda-

tion wrote. It did not cite a cause

**BILLTROTT** 

foundation said.

relevant officials had discussed "the national security and issues can arise (sic) from the marriages between foreigners and Sri Lankans".

It said that a decision has been made to register such marriages only through additional district registrars after obtaining a "security clearance report" relates to the for-

will certify whether the foreign party has been convicted of any offence in the last six months, according to the circular.

Among Wilson's most controversial works was 1975's Sociobiology: The New Synthesis in which he wrote that all human behaviour was a product of genetic predetermination, not learned experiences. Reuters

In addition to groundbreaking work in evolution and entomology, in his later years Wilson spearheaded a campaign to unite the scientific and religious communities in an odd-couple pairing he felt presented the best chance to preserve Earth.

Wilson presented his views in over 30 books, two of which -On Human Nature in 1979 and The Ants in 1991 — won Pulitzer Prizes for non-fiction. His writing style was far more elegant than might have been expected

He even ventured into fiction although he stuck to a topic he knew a lot about – in 2010 with Anthill, a coming-of-age novel about an Alabama boy trying to save marshlands.

Among Wilson's most controversial works was 1975's Sociobiology: The New Synthesis in which he wrote that all human behaviour was a product of genetic predetermination, not learned experiences. By coming out in favour of human nature over nurture, he set off a firestorm of criticism, with his harshest opponents accusing him of being racist and sexist.

One protester threw water on Wilson while he was speaking at a conference as others chanted, "Wilson, you're all wet." It was, Wilson said later, a matter of pride for him that he was willing to pursue scientific truth despite such attacks.

He grew up a Bible-reading Southern Baptist but fell away from religion as he studied evolution. Wilson would later describe himself as a "provisional deist" someone who was willing "to accept the possibility that there is some kind of intelligent force bevond our current understanding".

He managed to tie science and religion together in his 2006 book The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth, a series of letters written to an imaginary Baptist preacher in pursuit of an ecological alliance to save the Earth.

In a 2011 commencement address at the University of North Carolina, Wilson argued that humanity needed to make changes in how it managed the planet. "We have Stone Age emotions, medieval institutions and god-like technology," he said. REUTERS







with cathedral bells, flowers and warm words on Monday, a day after he died in a Cape Town nursing home aged 90. AP, Reuters

### relations with the United States. ruling nationalists Law and Justice

WARSAW, DECEMBER 27

POLAND'S PRESIDENT vetoed a media bill that critics said aimed to silence a Discovery-owned news channel critical of the government, citing worries about the strain the law would put on

**ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE** 

APPENDIX - IV, Rule 8(1)

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of death but said a tribute to his

Authorized Officer

life was planned for 2022.

the surge of infections, combined with the fact that tens of millions of Americans remain unvaccinated, could still create a severe strain on the US health system and lead to many more deaths.

**REUTERS** 

A VIDEO has surfaced on social

truder was arrested at the Queen's Windsor Castle. The 19year-old intruder, who has not vet been named by the Metropolitan Police, is being held over mental health issues.

on Christmas Day.

## In Lanka, Defence Ministry

### **PRESSTRUST OF INDIA**

SRI LANKA has made it manda-

The new law will come into effect from January 1, 2022. Registrar General WMMB

eign party. The security clearance report

E O Wilson, naturalist dubbed a modern-day Darwin, dies

from a scientist.

New Delhi

as US states report record new Covid cases

U.S. FLIGHT TO SHANGHAI

TURNED BACK 'BECAUSE

Beijing: Delta Air Lines said

Monday that new pandemic-re-

lated cleaning requirements at a

Shanghai airport were behind the turning back of a recent flight

from Seattle in midair, a move

that had prompted a protest

from the Chinese Consulate in

San Francisco. An emailed state-

It wasn't clear what the

China tightens its already strict

Covid travel restrictions in the

face of a growing outbreak in

**AUSTRALIA RECORDS ITS** 

Sydney: Australia reported its first

confirmed death from the new

Omicron variant of Covid-19 on

Monday amid its biggest daily

surge in infections, but the authorities refrained from impos-

ing new restrictions saying hos-

pitalisation rates remained low.

FIRST OMICRON DEATH

the city of Xi'an.

OF COVID-19 RULES'

on Monday as the Omicron variant spread across US states this

Lining up for Covid-19 tests in Queens, New York. NYT

### Rising cases snarled air travel over Christmas weekend as flight crews contracted the virus, causing thousands of flight cancellations. US airlines cancelled about 800 flights on Monday, with the fourth straight day of cancellations reigniting concerns that Omicron could hamper the econ-

creasing with 205,509 new infections reported on average each day, a Reuters tally showed. Dr Anthony Fauci, the top US

US Covid-19 infections are in-

omy heading into 2022.

ment said the new mandates at infectious disease official, on Shanghai Pudong International Airport "require significantly ex-Monday urged people to avoid large New Year's gatherings to tended ground time and are not reduce the Omicron-driven operationally viable for Delta." rules are and what prompted the change, but it comes as

## Israel starts trial of fourth vaccine dose

AN ISRAELI hospital administered fourth Covid-19 vaccine doses on Monday to a test group, as the country considers approving the measure for vulnerable

RAMAT GAN (ISRAEL), DEC 27

surge in infections fuelled by the Omicron variant The Sheba Medical Centre study in Ramat Gan outside Tel Aviv "will zero in on efficacy of the vaccine in producing antibodies, and safety, in order to ascertain if a fourth vaccine is needed in gen-

populations in a bid to outpace a

subjects are all medical staff. A Health Ministry expert has struggled against a plateau-



A medical worker gets a 4th vaccine shot on Monday at a hospital in Tel Aviv. Reuters

that Israel become the first country to offer a fourth vaccine dose to those aged over 60, those suffering from compromised immune systems, and medical workers. The proposal was welcomed

The death, of a man in his 80s with underlying health conditions, marked a grim milestone for the country which has had to reverse some parts of a staged reopening after nearly two years of lockdowns, due to the fresh outbreak.

> Omicron spread in the country just as it lifted curbs on domestic borders and let Australians return from abroad.

## Somalia's PM accuses President of 'coup' bid after suspension of powers

by the Israeli government, which

ing of turn-out for vaccines.

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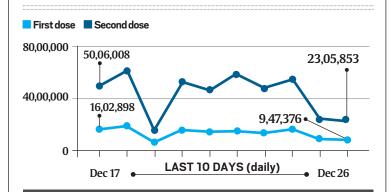
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### CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

### **INDIA TOTAL DOSES**

141,70,25,654

(1st DOSE: 83,64,96,550; 2nd: 58,05,29,104)



**DOSES ON DECEMBER 26 32,53,229 DEC 25: 36,46,021** (1ST DOSE: 10,09,426; 2ND: 26,36,595)

### **DOSES ON DECEMBER 26, BY STATE**

TOP 5		BOTTOM 5*	
Tamil Nadu	12,55,195	Kerala	2,806
Uttar Pradesh	5,54,083	Punjab	11,419
Bihar	2,06,936	Assam	27,105
Haryana	1,80,840	Chhattisgarh	31,901
Jharkhand	1,56,783	Delhi	32,175

\*Excluding states smaller than Delhi by population (Census 2011)

### **ACTIVE CASES** 75,841

**U925** from Dec 25 Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; Dec 26 figures updated on Dec 27

### Over 2 lakh cases/day in US, 4th dose for Israel health staff



A health worker in Ramat Gan, Israel, gets a fourth dose on Monday. AP

THE OMICRON variant of the coronavirus continues to spread rapidly through Europe and the United States, with several places notching up record numbers. The Washington Post reported that the seven-day average number of cases in the United States has now crossed 2 lakh, a level that had not been reached since January this year, when the seven-day average had crossed 2.,5 lakh.

Omicron has already been declared as the most dominant variant in the United States, Washington is reporting more than 1,300 cases every day on an average, while New York detected over 49,000 cases on Sunday, a new record, ac-

cording to The Washington Post. Hospitalisations in the United States have not been rising in the same proportion, strengthening the evidence that the Omicron variant was not causing severe disease in the vaccinated population at least. But only about 62 per cent of the population in the United States is fully vaccinated, and health experts have been expressing concern

over the large proportion of the population remaining unvaccinated, or only partially vaccinated

In the United Kingdom, new data showed that over one lakh cases were detected on Christmas Day as well, Sky News reported. Official numbers have not been released for the last couple of days because of the Christmas break. but before that the UK had discovered

over one lakh cases a day for at least four consecutive days. The daily count of cases had crossed the one lakh mark in France as well, a new record. The UK, however, has said it was not imposing any fresh restrictions for the New Year, according to Sky News.

It said the country's Health Minister Sajid Javid had asked people to remain cautious and take all precautions. He did not rule out restrictions in January, though.

Meanwhile, Israel began giving fourth doses of the vaccine to its citizens on Monday, the first country to do so. The fourth dose has been started only for healthcare workers as of now.

**AMITABHSINHA** 

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## Expected economic recovery, and factors it will depend on

India's GDP is expected to return to pre-Covid levels by the end of 2021-22. But some sectors are struggling more than others, the number of unemployed remains high, and private consumption is low.

### **UDIT MISRA**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

BY OCTOBER 2020, official data confirmed that the Indian economy had gone into a technical recession. But since then, the gross domestic product (GDP) has been clawing its way back. As such, at the start of 2021, it was hoped that India's growth recovery would start to gather momentum. At that time, the concerns about Covid-19 had also taken a back seat. But a second Covid wave upset all calculations.

Still, by the end of the financial year 2021-22. India's GDP is expected to come back to the pre-Covid level (Chart 1). Given the severity of the second Covid wave, that is a matter

### K-shaped recovery

The recovery has, however, altered the shape and fabric of the Indian economy. In technical jargon, this is because of a K-shaped recovery. In simple terms, it means that while some sectors/sections of the economy have registered a very fast recovery, many are still

The entities that have done well are firms that were already in the formal sector and had the financial wherewithal to survive the repeated lockdowns and disruptions. In fact, many big firms in the formal economy have actually increased their market share during the Covid-19 pandemic and this has come at the cost of smaller, weaker firms that were mostly in the informal sector.

On the face of it, this might appear to be a minor detail. But in India's case, this shift has massive ramifications. That's because almost 90% of all employment in India happens in the informal sector. When the medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs) lose out to their counterparts in the formal economy, it results in the same GDP being produced with fewer people in jobs.

### **Unemployment concerns**

That is what explains the odd nature of the challenge facing the Indian economy in 2022. While the GDP is expected to recover back to pre-Covid levels - which in itself implies two full years wasted in terms of jobs that would have otherwise been created, incomes that would have been earned, and expenditures that would have been made the same cannot be said about total employment in the country (Chart 2).

Not only was the total number of employed people as of August 2021 lower than the August 2019 level, the August 2019 level itself was lower than the August 2016 level pointing to a stagnant employment situation over the past many years.

For one, this means that even an easing of the situation will require time, because we are talking about tens of millions of unemployed people. Two, it requires the government to actively act in a manner that tries to address the change of shift introduced by Covid.

Three, in the interim, such persistently high levels of unemployment can pose a challenge for social cohesion. As we witnessed in Haryana and Jharkhand, locals may demand laws to bar migrants from other states.

### Private consumption slump

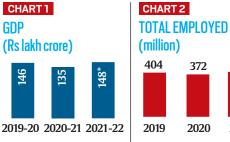
Private consumption expenditure is the biggest engine of GDP growth in India. It accounts for over 55% of all GDP. If this component remains weak, sustained recovery in GDP will not be possible. To a great extent, it is down because of job and income losses. But in part, it also has to do with people wanting to hold back for a rainy day. What if there is another equally severe third wave?

### Widening inequalities

The year started with an Oxfam India report that detailed how Covid was widening existing inequalities and it ended with the

### **RECOVERY AT A PRICE**

Absolute GDP is expected to claw back to pre-Covid levels, but it may happen with fewer people employed and people spending less on aggregate



2019 2020 \*Forecast Figures as of August each

Source: MoSPI, Express Research, CMIE

World Inequality Report pegging India as one of the worst performers. "India stands out as a poor and very unequal country, with an affluent elite," stated the WIR. While the top 10% and top 1% held respectively 57% and 22% of total national income, the bottom 50%

### **Rising poverty**

share had gone down to 13%.

What makes this trend even more worrisome is that higher inequalities now also come with rising poverty levels. A study by Santosh Mehrotra and Jajati Parida has found that between 2012 and 2020, India witnessed an increase in the absolute number of poor — the first such reversal in poverty alleviation since Independence.

### Persistently high inflation

Typically, there tends to be silver lining in phases when an economy is failing to create many jobs: The inflation rate stays low. But 2021 brought disappointment on that front as well. Between fast GDP growth in developed countries, higher crude oil prices and high domestic taxation, not to mention supply bottlenecks in different commodities, both retail and wholesale inflation stayed too high for comfort.

### What lies ahead in 2022

If 2020 was the year when Covid hit India and 2021 was the year when India's economy recovered from that shock, then 2022 should be the year that will provide a snapshot of the economy as it is coming out of the Covid impact. It can then be compared with how the economy was in 2019 to figure out what has changed and what needs policy attention. Five factors that are likely to play a crucial role in how the economy shapes up in 2022: **OMICRON:** The expectation that 2022

PFCE\*\*

2021

(Rs lakh crore)

2019-20 2020-21 2021-22

expenditure, for first half of each

\*\* Private final consumption

will be the first normal year after 2019 completely depends on the assumption that the Omicron variant, which is considered to be far more infectious than the deadly Delta, does not lead to any substantial loss of life and/or economic disruption. But if it does, or if there are other variants that emerge just like they did in April and May 2021, then all bets are off. If that happens, concerns about lives will yet again dominate those about livelihoods. A lot may depend again on the pace of vaccination including the booster doses.

**UNION BUDGET:** Presuming no new Covid surges, the focus would shift to the Union Budget, which will be announced on February 1. In times of such upheaval, the Budget is more than just an accounting exercise. The government would be expected to lay out its plan to tackle high unemployment, high inflation, widening inequalities and rising poverty levels. But a lot depends on how the government sees the economic situation. Last year, for example, the government cut its Budget allocation for health by 10%. Former Chief Statistician of India Pronab Sen said, "The government doesn't seem to be recognising that (K-shaped recovery) at all in its pronouncements." Sen said the government has been misdiagnosing the economy for the past five years, especially since demonetisation. "That is what has resulted in formal sector firms increasing the market

**NEW IN** THE NEW YEAR 2022

### CALENDAR 2022

JANUARY 7: First Advance Estimates of GDP for the current financial year. These would be crucial because they will form the basis for all calculations in the **Union Budget** 

**JANUARY 31:** First Revised Estimates (FRE) of GDP for the previous financial year (2020-21). Provisional estimates, announced in May 2021, pegged the GDP to contract by 7.3% in FY21. The FRE will provide greater clarity.

### FEBRUARY 1: Union Budget.

FEBRUARY 28: Second Advance Estimates of the GDP for the current financial year. This will be an update on the FRE announced on January 7 because it would have the GDP growth estimates of Q3 of the current financial year.

MAY 31: The government will announce (i) GDP estimates of Q4 of 2021-22; (ii) Provisional Estimates of GDP for the full financial year of 2021-22.

**AUGUST 31:** Release of GDP estimates for Q1 of 2022-21.

**NOVEMBER 30:** GDP estimates for Q2 of 2022-21.

**MONTHLY RELEASES:** Between the 10th and 15th of each month, the government releases updates of the Index of Industrial Production, Retail Inflation and Wholesale Inflation

share at the cost of MSMEs." This, in turn, gets reflected in both higher tax collections and

lower employment levels, he said. **ELECTIONS:** The repeal of the three contentious farm laws was another example of

how policymaking can be impacted by electoral pressures. In that regard, 2022 is a critical year. Not only does it have seven state Assembly elections, there is also the fact that the BJP is in power in six of them. Consider two polar opposites — one where BIP wins all seven and another where it loses in all — to understand how these elections may impact the central government's policy choices, especially with general elections due in early 2024.

NPAs: Before Covid disrupted India's economy, high levels of non-performing assets (NPAs) were one of the biggest stumbling blocks. During Covid, mandatory asset quality reviews have been suspended. But when they are re-started in 2022, Sen said, it is anybody's guess how high they may jump.

**EXTERNAL FACTORS:** Several key central banks, especially the US Fed, have started tightening their monetary policy in light of the high inflation in the developed countries. This, in turn, will force India's RBI to raise interest rates as well. "To a great extent monetary tightening has already happened in India. It is just that no one is talking about it. Look at the 10-year government bond yields. They have gone from 5.7% to 6.4% (since May 2020)," he points out. For Indians, the silver lining is that as monetary tightening happens in the West, crude oil prices may simmer down.

**TOMORROW:** COVID-19

## Where 5G rollout stands, and how it will change user experience

### **AASHISHARYAN& PRANAV MUKUL**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) said on Monday that Gurugram, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jamnagar, Ahmadabad, Chennai. Hyderabad, Lucknow, Pune, and Gandhi Nagar would be among the first cities to get 5G services in 2022.

### Why will these cities be among the first?

The three private telecom service providers, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio Infocomm, and Vodafone Idea, have been working with telecom equipment makers such as Ericsson and Nokia, and conducting trials at test sites in these cities.

One of the reasons why the bigger cities were chosen for these trials is their telecom services penetration, making it easier to convince more people to upgrade from 4G.

Also, industry experts said, since the costs for 5G services are initially going to be on the higher side, it would be wise to test the service in areas where more consumers would find them affordable. A third reason is that cities provide all kinds of locations, such as walled complexes and open spaces, that are suitable for testing of various 5G bands.

### What is 5G technology?

5G or fifth generation is the latest upgrade in long-term evolution (LTE) mobile broadband networks. It mainly works in three bands — low-, mid- and high-frequency — all of which have their uses as well as limitations.

While the low-band spectrum has shown great promise in terms of coverage, the maximum Internet speed is limited to 100 Mbps (megabits per second). This means that while telcos can use and install it for commercial

cellphone users who may not have specific demands for very high speed Internet, the low-band spectrum may not be optimal for specialised needs of industries.

The mid-band spectrum offers higher speeds than low-band, but has limitations in terms of coverage area and penetration of signals. Telcos and companies that have taken the lead on 5G have indicated this band may be used by industries and specialised factory units for building captive networks.

High-band offers the highest speed among the three, but has extremely limited coverage and signal penetration strength. Speeds in this spectrum have been tested to be as high as 20 Gbps (gigabits per second), while in most cases, the maximum Internet data speed in 4G has been recorded at 1 Gbps.

Where does India stand in terms of trials and launch?

Although the government has said the

auction of 5G spectrum would take place in March or April next year, some experts say it could be delayed by at least one quarter as telecom service providers are yet to complete their trials and test various aspects.

That said, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is in the final stages of stakeholder consultations, and is likely to submit its recommendations to the DoT early next vear.

Bharti Airtel has conducted trials in partnership with Ericsson for mobile phones already in the market, Vi has conducted some for enterprise and business solutions, and Reliance Jio Infocomm has completed building its indigenous 5G network and is now conducting trials of connected drones, speed test and other aspects. In early 2019, Jio had said it had plans to launch an indigenously built 5G network as early as September 2020.

Are other countries and global

### companies ahead of India? More than governments, global telecom

companies have started building 5G networks and rolling them out to customers on a trial basis. In the US, companies such as AT&T, T-mobile, and Verizon have taken the lead. While some such as AT&T had started testing and deploying the technology as early as 2018, others such as Verizon have followed suit, expanding their 5G ultra-wide broadband services to 60 cities by the end of 2020. In China, some telcos such as China Unicom had started 5G trials in 2018, and have since rolled out the commercial services for users.

South Korean company Samsung, which had started researching on 5G technology way back in 2011, has taken the lead when it comes to building the hardware for 5G networks for several companies.

### What changes for consumers?

One of the major changes will be in terms

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connected devices. For instance, users will be able to stream videos with multiple camera angles during sports matches or even play immersive video games using VR headsets or other accessories.

of rich experiences on their phones and other

This next-generation telecom network will also enable a mesh of connected Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled devices and services with zero-fail rate, as in the case of connected cars. 5G could also spawn high-speed mobile broadband connectivity to replace existing broadband services, especially in locations where these services are constrained, provided there isn't a huge price differential.

As far as commercial smartphones are concerned, some newer devices in the market claim to be 5G-ready. Equipment makers such as Ericsson believe that within 5 years, India will have 500 million 5G subscriptions.

Inputs from Nandagopal Rajan

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 269/2021-22 म्नलिखित कार्य के लिए योग्य एवं अनुभवी उत्पादनकर्ताओं/अधिकृत आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-टेन्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनल ate contract for supply of Portland Pozzolana Cement (PPC) as per ISI Mark at various si n Rajasthan. UBN RRC2122WLOB00501 ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अवधि दिनांक 27.12.2021 से 05.01.2022 सायं 6.00 बजे त

विदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण एवं संशोधन वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in तथ ttp://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाई ttp://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।



### PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD. (Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala) Corporate Identification No. U40109PB2010SGC033813 |

website: www.pspcl.in (Contact 9646118773) Tender Enquiry No.: Q-4004/21-22/PO-T/CE-MM

Chief Purchase Officer/WM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Multi-Storey Building, The Mail, PSPCL invites E-tender of 29,000 Nos., ISI Marked, Three Phase, 16 KVA, all immersed, CRGO/Amorphous core, Aluminium wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specifications & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.gunjab.gov.in from 29.12.2021 onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at C461(2) https://eproc.punjab.gov.in



### UJVN Limited K O.: "UJJWW.", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Behradun-241036 Tolephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763608 CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvnl.com

eter No: 1033

Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Chibro Power Station Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites scaled tenders from interested parties. Tender No : CH(Maint.) - 27/2021-22 Replacement of drainage pumps eaderpipe & associated parts at Chibro Estimated cost : ¥23,50,000/- (GST Extra)

Date of availability of bid on website: 28.12.2021, 11:30 hrs ast date for submission of tender: 19.01.2022, 13:00 hrs.

For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents car be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com" (Executive Engineer, Maint.) "AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY



### ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110608.

### **CORRIGENDUM**

Reference this Institute's advertisement No.01/2021-(FC)-Contract fo filling up 85 posts of Asstt. Professor of various discipline at the AIIMS, New Delhi, displayed on Institute's web site on 08.11.2021, it is notified that a corrigendum for amendment in qualification for the post of Anatomy (at SI.No.12), addition of 01 more post (UR) of Asstt. Prof. of Ophthalmology (Dr. BPC) and withdrawal of 07 posts of various disciplines may kindly be seen on Institute's web site www.aiims.edu under the head "Notice" & "Recruitment" respectively. Please visit Institute's web site regularly for any further information in this regard.

> SR. ADMN. OFFICER (FACULTY CELL) davp 17112/11/0034/2122

## AIR FORCE STATION Rajokri, New Delhi-110038 TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tender is invited from Defence Personnel (i.e. War Widows Ex-Servicemen, Widows/Spouses of Ex-Servicemen) by Air Force Station Rajokri, New Delhi- 110038 for running of regimental shops for the period from 01 Apr 2022 to 31 March 2023 tender forms can be obtained from SI office of Air Force Station Rajokri at 1300 hrs to1400 hrs. on 05 Jan 22 to 08 Jan 22 no sap payment of Rs. 100/- (Non Refundable). A sum of Rs. 10,000/- (Refundable) is to be deposited with Sl office as earnest money separately at 1300 hrs to 1400 hrs on 11 Jan 22 to 12 Jan 22 tender form completed in all respect alongwith the photo copy of earnest money receipt are to be dropped in tender box kept at main guard room, Air Force Station Rajokri latest by 1100 hrs on 18 Jan 22. Tenders will be opened at 1105 hrs. on 18 Jan 22 in the presence of all vendors applied. The Station Commander Air Force Station. Rajokri reserves all rights to accept/reject any tender or all tenders without assigning

Name of regimental shops

1) Provision Shop-I B) Electronics Shop 5) Barber Shop 7) Electrical Repair Shop

Vegetable Shop

11) Kabadi

2) Provision Shop-II 4) Tailor Shop 6) Bakery Shop 8) Cyber Cafe 10) Dhaba





**BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED** (CIN: L32309KA1954GOI000787)

Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru Complex, Jalahalli Post, Bengaluru - 560 013 invites applications for Empanelment of reputed and experienced agencies for carrying out the work of "Engagement of Contract Workmen for miscellaneous works in EM, Milcom (NCS), MR and SC & US SBUs". The approximate cost o each works is Rs.1300 Lakhs per annum.

For pre-qualification criteria and further details visit website https://eprocurebel.co.in. All Corrigendum / Amendments / Changes, if any will be issued and made available on Website https://eprocurebel.co.in. No Corrigendum / Amendments / Changes will be issued in Newspapers. Hence, prospective agencies are advised to keep visiting the Website https://eprocurebel.co.in., on regular basis). Sd/-

DATE: 28.12.2021

In the matter of OA NO. 93/2020

DY. GEN. MANAGER (CONTRACTS & MM) **ENGINEERING SERVICES** 

## BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Har Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993)

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK Vs M/S SHUBH SAMRIDHI TRADEX PVT LTD & ORS

Applicant Defendants
D-1 | M/S SHUBH SAMRIDHI TRADEX PVT LTD. HAVING ITS REGISGTERED OFFICE AT: 207,

PLOT NO.13, VARDHMAN TIMES, PLAZA ROAD NO. 44, RANI BAGH, PITAMPURA, NEW D-2 SH MAHESH CHANDER S/O SH KAILASH CHANDER C-149, VIJAY VIHAR, PHASE-2,

ROHINI, SECTOR-7, DELHI-110085

D-3 SH JAGDISH PRASAD S/O SH PRATAP SINGH HASANPUR MANSOORI KHEKADA, BAGHPAT, KHEKRA, UTTAR PRADESH-250101

D-4 SH PREM CHAND GARG S/O SH HARNARAIN AGGARWA.L

A-8 BHAGWAN DAS NAGAR FAST PLINJABI BAGH DELHI-110026 ALSO AT: (1) B-5 (3) B-6 BHAGWAN DASS NAGAR, OPPOSITE HARYANA POWER HOUSE, DELHI-110026. Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way.

Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribunal 18.01.2022 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribuna

the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Vide

Conferencing and for that purpose:-All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/Software Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by

Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.

i) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Letigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No

iven under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 14th day of December 2021 By Order of the Tribuna

### OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA NIRMAN B-905 SOUDHA, UNIT-V, **BHUBANESWAR INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

File No. B-II-Rev/-A.E.-Jajpur-100/2018(Pt.) Ltr. No. 48976 Dt. 21st Dec. 2021

**Invitation for Bids** Bid Identification No. OSD C.E. (B) - 27/ 2021-22

The OSD Chief Engineer (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work "Site Development for Construction of Prasasan Bhawan at Jajpur in the District of Jajpur for the year 2021-22 (Balance Work)" amounting to Rs. 16,00,00,000/- (Approximate)

	as detailed below.	
		Site Development for Building works.
	No. of work:	01 No.
ш		₹. 10,000/-
		Super Class
6.	Availability of Bid	From dt. 29.12.2021 to 17.00 Hours to dt.

Documents in the website 15.01.2022

Date of Opening of Bid Dt. 17.01.2022 at 11:30 AM. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the

> OSD Chief Engineer (Buildings) Odisha, Bhubaneswa OIPR - 34117/11/0096/2122

**Public Auction Notice Debts Recovery Tribunal** 

A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna – 800 025 Indian Bank, SAM Branch, District-Patna

M/s Dobhi Agro Industries & Others

(In R.P. Case No. 16/2020 arising out of Certificate No. O.A. Case No. 505/2019) **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE** 

As per order dated 07/12/2021, under mentioned property will be sold by public online e-Auction on the date and time mentioned herein for recovery of Rs.4,55,44,087/- + Interest/cost and other expenses from M/s Dobhi Agro Industries & Others, the sum is recoverable together with interest, cost, charges, as per the certificate. The auction sale will be by way of online e-Auction. **Description of Property:** 

Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Date and time of Auction
All that piece and parcel of land and hypothecated plants, machineries and building thereon in the name of certificate debtor no 1 M/s Dobhi Agro Industries vide Sale Dee No.10095 dated 26.06.2015 situated at Village Kushabija, Thana-Dobhi, District-Gaya, Thana No.812, East of Gurudwara, Sub Division and Registry-Sherghati under Khata No.441, Old-42 and Plot No.2284 and Old-381 area measuring 74¾ decimals. Bounded and butted as follows North: Umesh Keshari, South: Umesh Keshari East: Umesh Keshari; and West: Road.	(Rupees Four Crores and Ten Lacs Only)	Rs. 41,00,000/- (Rupees Forty One Lacs Only) on or before 27/01/2022 upto 4.00 P.M.	29/01/2022 between 12:30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs. 50,000/-

Details of e-auction agency:

Company Name/address:- M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, Auction Tiger, B-704, Wall Street-II

Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat, India. Contact No. 079-68136880/68136837, Mobile No. 9265562821/18 & 9374519754.

Website Add: https://drt.auctiontiger.net

e-mail Address: chintan.batt@auctiontiger.net Contact Person-Mr. Chintan Bhatt Mobile No. 9978591888

Facilitation Agency: (i) Office of Recovery Officer, A, B & F Wings, 2nd Floor, Karpuri Thakur Sadan Ashiyana Digha Road, Patna-25 and (ii) Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Patna. Contact person: Mr. Mritunjay Prasad Singh, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 8017007632 and Mr. Subir Kumar Dev, Senior Manager (Law) Mobile No. 09163997332, E-mail ID-r676@indianbank.co.in

Facilitation for property inspection- Mr. Mritunjay Prasad Singh, Chief Manager, Mobile No. 8017007632 and Mr. Subir Kumar Dey, Senior Manager (Law), Mobile No. 09163997332, E-mail ID-r676@indianbank.c ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANSFER

	ACCOUNT NO. & NAME	NAME	IFSC CODE						
	50410525645 The Authorised Officer, ARMB, Patna	Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Patna	IDIB000P611						
	TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE.								

ERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:-

. The property shall be sold "as is where is basis".

The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider well in advance and ge user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite Earnest Mone Deposit be paid by prescribed mode.

. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% of the Reserve Price which shall be paid by electronic transfer to the concerned Bank's EMD Account or through DD pay order drawn in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna alongwith copy of PAN card, Address proof and Identity proof with E-mail ID, Mobile No. of bidder. The Envelop containing EMD along with details of documents should be superscribed R.P. No.16/2020 and in case of the company copy of resolution by the Board members of the company or any other decument confirming representation/attorney of the company should reach on or before 4.00 P.M. of 27/01/2022 in the office of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna or should credit the amount in respective Bank's/Financial Instution's account. EMD receive thereafter shall not be considered.

4. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds (including EMD) on the next working day of sale through the mode as stated above.

5. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersinged on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the Property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday. then on the first office day after the 15th day along with the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000/- and @ 1% or the excess of such gross amount over Rs.1,000/- by prescribed mode as stated above.

6. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property o to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

7. The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the e-auction without assigning any reasons.

8. EMD of unsuccessful bidder shall be returned the same day of auction by DRT/Bank by credit to the account of bidder mention in bid form.

9. Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider.

10. Prospective bidders are advised to go through the website for details terms & conditions of sale befor submitting their bids or contact Branch Manager of the concerned Branch. (Nandan Kumar Dated: 22/12/2021

### Govt, of Bihar

### BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD

IAS Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14. Website: https://beeceboard.bihar.gov.in/email: beeceboardbihar@gmail.com

Tender No. - BCECEB(E-Ten)-2021/01 Date: 27.12.2021

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (Through e-Procurement mode only over https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Online proposals through e-tender only are invited for "Selection of System Integrator to Design, Develop and maintain the the web-based application for receiving Online Application from the candidates for different Examinations/Counselling" being conducted by BCECE Board. Agencies having adequate experience and credentials in the concerned / required field of work, for all the items mentioned below for meeting the requirements specified in the document by the Controller of Examination, BCECE Board.

The detailed Tender Document will be uploaded on Board's website (https:// beeceboard.bihar.gov.in) and e-procurement portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) on 04.01.2022

SN.	Scope of Work	Cost of Tender document (in Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Tender processing Focs (In Rs.) (Non-Refundable)	Deposit (In Rs.)	
(i)	Selection of System Integrator to Design, Develop & Maintain the Web-Based Application for receiving Online Application from candidate for different Examinations / Counselling.	5,000/-	Rs. 590/-	Rs. 50,000/-	

Note: Inclusive of Service Tax @ 18% to be paid through e-payment mode i.e. NEFT / RTGS / Credit Card / Debit Card / Net Banking) (In Rupees) for tender processing Fee.

### Tender Schedule / Programme:

S.N.	Activity	Date / time		
1.	Start of online sale / download date of Tender Document / RFP	04:01.2022 (2:00 p.m.)		
2.	Last date of submit Pre-bid queries to email ID: beeceboardbihar@gmail.com	12.01.2022 (upto 5.00 p.m.)		
3.	Schedule of Pre-bid meeting at BCECEB Office	14.01.2022 (11.00 a.m.)		
4.	Closing date & time for uploading scanned documents of Technical & Financial Bid	28.01.2022 (upto 2.00 p.m.)		
5.	Payment of Tender Document Cost & Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) through e-Payment mode (i.e NEFT/RTGS, Net Banking Credit / Debit Card) only through e-Procurement portal			
6.	Due date and time for opening of Technical Bid	28,01,2022 (at 4,00 p.m.)		
7.	Due date and time for opening of Financial Bid (Only for those Bidders who will qualify the scrutiny of the Technical Bids)	To be notified later.		
8.	Contact Person / Nodal Officer for queries: Sri Vikash Chandra Officer (1.T.), Mob9006250762, email Id: beeceboardbihariag IAS Bhawan, Near Patna Airport, PO-B.V. College, Patna-14.			
9.	Tender Inviting Authority C	ontroller of Examination		

BCECE Board, Patna a) Detailed description of the item and instructions for submitting your offer can be downloaded from Board's website (https://beeceboard.bihar.gov.in) or e-procurement portal (https://

eproc2.hihar.gov.in). b) Bids along with necessary online payment of (Tender Processing Fee and others) must be submitted through e-procurement portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) before the date and time specified in NIT / RFP. Tendering Authority will not be responsible for the delay / non submission of Tender / non reconciliation of Online payment caused due to non availability of Internet Connection, Network Traffic / Holidays or any other reasons.

Bidders desiring to participate in this tender shall have to get registered on e-procurement portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) so that he has user ID, password and valid digital signature

d) The bidders shall submit their eligibility and qualification details, certificates as mentioned in section etc. in the online standard formats given in e-procurement portal (https:// eproc2.bihar.gov.in) at the respective stage only.

The bidders shall upload the scanned copies of all the relevant certificates, documents etc., in support of their eligibility criteria / technical hids / financial bids and others certificate / documents on e-procurement portal (https://eproc2.hihar.gov.in)

The bidder shall digitally sign the supporting documents, certificates upload by him, owning responsibility for their correctness / anthenticity.

For support related to e-tendering process, bidders may contact at following address: e-procurement Help Desk, Mjunction services limited, RJ Complex, 2nd Floor, Canara bank Campus, Khajpura, Ashiana Road, P.S.-Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014 or may visit the Link 'vender info" at https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in. or Contact on Toll Free No.-18005726571, Corrigendum / addendum, if any, will be published on the department website (https://

beeceboard.bihar.gov.in) and on e-procurement portal (https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in) itself. Note: Controller of Examination, Bihar Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board reserves the right of accept / cancel / reschedule tenders without assigning any reasons.

Controller of Examination

IDBI BANK Shiv Bhawan, Dak Banglow Road, POSSESSION NOTICE

Hajipur, Pin-844101 Bihar (For Immovable property) Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the IDBI Bank Ltd., Hajipur, Bihar under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 c 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against the accounts calling upo the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor to repay the amount as mentioned against the account within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby issued to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 of the dates mentioned against the accounts. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in eneral are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Ltd., Hajipur, Bihar, for the amounts mentioned below plus applicable interest and costs/charge thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SI. No.	A) Name of the borrower/mortgagor B) Name of the co-borrower	Date of Demand     Notice     Date of Possession     Claim amount as     per Demand Notice	Description of the Property			
1.	A) Shri Ranjay Kumar (Mortgagor), S/o Ramprit Singh At Dighi Kala East, Girja Store, Hajipur, Vaishali 844102 B) Smt Reena Singh, W/o Shri Ranjay Kumar, At Dighi Kala East, Girja Store, Hajipur, Vaishali 844102	3) ₹14,75,664.05 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and Paise Five only)	Dist—Vaishali, Bihar. Bounded: On the North by: Shashi Kumar, Arun Kumar & Pratima Devi, On the South by:			
	Place : Hajipur Sd/- Authorized Officer Date : 23.12.2021 IDBI Bank Ltd.					

**IDBI** BANK

IDBI Bank Ltd., Bhargavi Complex, Near Bus Stand, Dumwalla Rly Station Road, Bagaha-2, POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) Paschim Chamapran-845105, Bihar

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the IDBI Bank Ltd., Bagaha-2, Bihar under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against the accounts calling upor the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor to repay the amount as mentioned against the account within 60 days fror the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby issued to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him unde sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 or the dates mentioned against the accounts. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in eneral are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Ltd., Bagaha-2, Bihar, for the amounts mentioned below plus applicable interest and costs/charge thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

SI. No.	A) Name of the borrower B) Name of the mortgagor/ guarantor	Date of Demand     Notice     Date of Possession     Claim amount as     per Demand Notice	Description of the Property
1.	A) M/s Krishak Agro Agency Partner: 1. Jawed Ali Akhtar & 2. Farida Bano B) Farida Bano (Partner & Mortgagor)	2) 22.12.2021 3) ₹ <b>19,25,468.00</b> (Rupees Nineteen lakh twenty five thousand four hundred sixty	All that part and parcel of the property admeasuring 5.11 Dec, Thana No.248, Tauji No951, Khata No.24, Khesra No.39/3, Bagaha, W. Champaran. Bounded: On the North by: Soling Road, On the South by: Indrashan Sah & Rajendra Sah, On the East by: Nij Purchaser & Sunaina Devi, On the West by: Nij Purchaser & Indrashan Sah. Together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.
	ce : Bagaha e : 22.12.2021		Sd/- Authorized Officer IDBI Bank Ltd.



IDBI Bank Ltd., Lohia Niwas, Raja Bazar, Court Road, Motihari, Bihar-845401

Appendix IV [(Rule 8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the IDBI Bank Ltd., Motihari, Bihar under the ecuritization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interes Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against the accounts calling upor the borrower/quarantor/mortgagor to repay the amount as mentioned against the account within 60 days fron the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby issued to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and in the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the dates mentioned against the accounts. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of IDBI Bank Ltd., Motihari, Bihar, for the amounts mentioned below plus applicable interest and costs/charge thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

SI. No.	A) Name of the borrower B) Name of the mortgagor/ guarantor	Date of Demand     Notice     Date of Possession     Claim amount as     per Demand Notice	Description of the Property
1.	A) Champarn Agro Agency (Prop. Naval Kishore Pandey) Chhota Bariyarpur, Motihari B) Smt. Uma Pandey (Mortgagor cum Guarantor), Chhota Bariyarpur, Motihari.	(Rupees Thirty two lakh twenty three thousand one hundred ninety eight	All that part and parcel of the property admeasuring 7 ½ dhur situated at Village-Chhotabariyarpur, PS. Chhatauni, PS. No.196, Ward No.14(Old) 38(New), Khata No.531, Plot No.980, Motihari, DistEast Champaran Motihari, Bihar. Bounded: On the North by: Kauslya Devi, On the South by: Jhuma Singh, On the East by: 9ft Road, On the West by: Manju Devi. Together with all buildings and structures thereon and all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth.
Pla	ce : Motihari		Sd/- Authorized Officer

Date : 22.12.2021 IDBI Bank Ltd. **PUBLIC NOTICE** Registered office: Landmark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara 390 007.
Corporate office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Mumbai 400 051.

Tict Bank Limited

GOLD AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notice to pay off their outstanding amount towards the facility against gold ornaments ("Facility") availed by them from ICICI Bank Limited ("ICICI Bank"). We are constrained to conduct an auction of pledged gold ornaments on Jan 07, 2022 as they have failed to repay the dues. ICICI Bank has the authority to remove account /change the auction date without any prior notice. Auction will be held online -https://jewel-auction.procuretiger.com/between 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm. For detailed

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Rani Kumari

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## ECONOMY

**INSURANCE** 

**③** \$74.60 **②** ₹60,710 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of December 24

FY21 cyclone, flood

claims: Less than a

third settled, most

caused by Amphan

### **SECTOR WATCH** CONTRACTUAL LABOUR

## High demand, work control pulled in gig workers; now focus turns to rights

A Delhivery employee in

iobs but also those who were

running small businesses –

somebody had a shop, etc.

These businesses got disrup-

ted because of Covid-19 and

these people were looking for

an income source to sustain".

gig work as a result. They saw

it as a short-term approach –

that they'll work in this for a

year or two and when nor-

malcy returns, they can go and

start some business," he said,

adding that one of the primary

reasons even those with full-

time employment were look-

ing at gig work for income was

the control they had over their

jobs. However, as the number

of gig workers has grown over

the years, especially with con-

sumer internet companies like

Zomato, Swiggy, Uber, Ola,

Urban Company, etc, the wor-

kers have increasingly com-

plained of fall in their incomes.

food delivery workers in

Hyderabad threatened to

strike, while in Gurgaon, beau-

ticians and salon workers af-

filiated with Urban Company

have been protesting outside

the company's office against

proposed policy changes in

the app, claiming it would im-

to the yet-to-be-enforced lab-

our codes cleared by Parliame-

ntin 2019 and 2020. The Code

on Wages, 2019, provides for

universal minimum wage and

and unorganised sectors, in-

cluding gig workers. The Code

on Social Security, 2020, recog-

nises gig workers as a new occupational category. It defines

gig worker as a person who

performs work or participates

in work arrangement and

earns from such activities, out-

side of the traditional em-

ployer-employee relationship.

first step in getting better rig-

hts for gig workers. When the

new labour code is rolled out,

it will be a good first step in ac-

knowledging gig workers and

platform workers and towards

enacting rules for them.'

Mittal said, "It is actually a

This has brought spotlight

pact their earnings.

Last month, around 10,000

"A lot of people turned to

New Delhi. File

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

THE PANDEMIC-LED boom in demand for gig workers has had two significant implications on the contractual labour ecosystem – first, it has created new business models to cater to the growing requirement for on-demand staffing, and consequently it has once again put the spotlight on the labour codes that recognise gig workers and provide for a universal minimum wage, which are yet to be enforced.

The surge in demand for gig workers, particularly in the shared services and logistics segments, in the aftermath of the pandemic led to mushrooming of job discovery platforms specifically targeting this area. Bengaluru-based startup Gigforce launched last year as a B2B company offering ondemand staffing services to companies in the logistics segment. The startup provides these services to companies including Delhivery, Grofers, Grab, Flipkart, Ecom Express, Park+, and Shadowfax. The startup, operating in over 100 cities, is planning to expand to the professional services segment to offer on-demand staffing solutions to companies needing skilled labourers in the appliance repair space.

In August 2020, Google announced the India launch of its Kormo Jobs app to connect job seekers with opportunities in industries like on-demand businesses, retail and hospitality. The platform was initially piloted in Bangladesh, then expanded to Indonesia where job-seekers reported that "finding entry-level and parttime jobs is confusing and difficult, especially when you don't have much in the way of work experience, professional contacts or resources".

According to industry esticomprises 15 million workers employed across industries such as software, shared services and professional services. This number is expected to grow to around 24 million in the near-medium term and to 90 million in the long term, as per a report earlier this year by the Boston Consulting Group.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Gigforce co-founder and CEO Chirag Mittal said, "We saw a lot of people coming to gig because they lost their jobs or businesses because of Covid-19. In our research, we found there were many people who weren't just having

**BRIEFLY** —

**GoDaddy stake** 

Bengaluru: Activist investor

Starboard Value LP has bou-

AMID RECENT CHANGES IN LENDER'S MANAGEMENT

## RBI: Health of RBL Bank 'stable'; shares still fall 18% on rejig fear

appointment

expressed concerns. The RBI has appointed an additional

director on the bank's board using powers under Section 36

AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. This is perceived as

negative by the markets and stakeholders.

SENSEX: 57,420.24 ▲ 295.93 (0.52%) NIFTY: 17,086.25 ▲ 82.50 (0.49%) NIKKEI: 28,676.46 ▼ 106.13 HANG SENG: 23,223.76 ▲ 30.12 FTSE: 7,372.10 ▼ 1.24 DAX: 15,777.05 ▲ 20.74

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 27

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) on Monday said RBL Bank is well capitalised and the private lender's financial position of the bank "remains satisfactory".

The central bank clarified that the appointment of Additional Director in private banks is undertaken under Section 36AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as and when it is felt that the board needs closer support in regulatory/ supervisory matters.

"As such, there is no need for depositors and other stakeholders to react to the speculative reports. The bank's financial health remains stable." the RBI said.

On Monday, RBL Bank shares fell 18.32 per cent to Rs 140.90 on the BSE, following the recent changes in the management.

spooks markets THE STOCK of RBL Bank crashing on Monday highlights the perceived risks in the lender. While the bank's new head Rajeev Ahuja on Sunday claimed that the bank and its management have the full support of the RBI, bank unions

**Additional director** 

According to the RBI, as per half-yearly audited results as on September 30, 2021, the bank has maintained a comfortable capital adequacy ratio of 16.33 per cent

and provision coverage ratio of

76.6 per cent. "The liquidity cov-

erage ratio (LCR) of the bank is 153 per cent as on December 24, 2021 as against regulatory requirement of 100 per cent," it said.

RBL Bank's new interim managing director and CEO Rajeev Ahuja on Sunday claimed that the bank and its management have the full support of the Reserve Bank after the central bank ap-Vishwavir Ahuja proceeded on leave six months ahead of the end of his tenure.

came after the RBI on Friday appointed Yogesh K Dayal, Chief General Manager, RBI, as an Additional Director on the board of RBL Bank for a period of two years till December 23, 2023 or till further orders, whichever is earlier. The board appointed Raieev Ahuja, currently the Executive Director, as interim MD and CEO of the bank with immediate effect.

The RBI clarification on Monday follows "speculation relating to the RBL Bank in certain quarters which appears to be arising from recent events surround-

## pointed its nominee on the board and long-term MD and CEO

The exit of Vishwavir Ahuja

ing the bank".

### **GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 27 INSURANCE COMPANIES settled 29.72 per cent of the amount claimed by people and entities affected by cyclones and floods in

2020-21, even as the number of

claims for Rs 2,559 crore in cy-

clones and floods in 2020-21, they

settled 27.576 claims for Rs 760.68

crore. As many as 3,428 claims for

Rs 1,705 crore are still pending be-

fore insurers, according to the

Annual Report of the Insurance

Regulatory and Development

received 1,40,804 claims for Rs

3,399.61 crore due to cyclones and

floods with cyclone Fani reporting

maximum claims of Rs 1,190.59

crore. In 2020-21, the maximum

number of claims at 14,575 were

from damages caused by cyclone

Amphan. Insurers settled 11,512

claims for Rs 470.94 crore, while

1,693 claims for Rs 1,235.77 crore

year, 7,041 claims for Rs 329.83

crore were reported but insurers

settled only 5,510 claims for Rs

settled only 2.84 per cent of the

amount claimed due to cyclones

Tauktae and Yaas in the quarter to

June 2021. As on June 30, 2021,

claim amounting to Rs 1,351 crore were reported by 18,194 claimants

due to cyclones Tauktae and Yaas

and of this, claims totalling Rs

38.40 crore were settled to 6,671

claimants. "Disposal of pending

claims at various stages is being

monitored by the Authority reg-

Yaas caused losses to property in

some parts of the country. The

year 2020 saw the occurrence of

several natural catastrophic

While in May 2020, cyclone

Amphan created havoc West

Bengal and Odisha, cyclone

Nisarga had a similar impact in

Maharashtra, Gujarat and other

There were floods in the states of

In 2021, cyclones Tauktae and

ularly," the regulator said.

events in various parts.

Further, insurance companies

After the Telangana floods last

are yet to be cleared.

151.30 crore, Irdai said.

In the previous year, insurers

Authority of India (Irdai).

While insurers got 34,304

claims declined during the year.

Damages caused by Amphan in Howrah 14 575 claims were a result of Amphan. File

## **Underwriting**

losses of health

insurers rise

Mumbai: With Covid leading to more health insurance claims, stand-alone health insurers posted a rise in underwriting losses in 2020-21 at Rs 2,374 crore as compared to underwriting loss of Rs 651 crore in 2019-20, Irdai said. Private sector insurers reported an increase in underwriting losses at Rs 4,053 crore in FY21 as against underwriting loss of Rs 3,647 crore in FY20. The underwriting losses of specialised insurers decreased to Rs 115 crore in 2020-21 from Rs 680 crore in 2019-20. ENS

October 2020. In November 2020, cyclone Nivar caused loss to property in some parts of the country.

'The Authority issues guidance to the industry during catastrophes, keeping the interests of policyholders affected, in view," Irdai said. According to the insurance watchdog, in respect of the majority of the cases, claims are outstanding due to reinstatement of property not having taken place. It further said, "There are also some instances of the required documents not having been submitted by the insured due to lockdown. However, on account payments have been made

sued guidance to insurers to attend to the claims arising out of the above events promptly, it said.

in several instances.'

During 2021-22 to

### Investment via P-notes drop to ₹94,826 crore in Nov

EXPLAINE

Investments in capital market through participatory notes (P-notes) fell to ₹94,826 crore till November-end, according to Sebi data



### OF THE TOTAL INVESTMENT IN NOVEMBER:

in equities

₹9.605 crore in debt

₹306 crore in hybrid securities

₹1,02,553 crore was the value of P-note investments in domestic markets - equity, debt and hybrid securities by October-end, a 43-month high

Volatile P-note flows have been seen over the last four months in line with the

volatility of the global and Indian markets

Highest level of P-note investment in domestic markets was reported during March 2018, to the tune of ₹1,06,403 crore

Source: Sebi/PTI

## All ambitions contingent on learning to live with coronavirus: Tata Sons chairman

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, DECEMBER 27

TATA SONS Chairman Nataraian Chandrasekaran has said the group's strategy ahead will be based on four themes - digital, new energy, supply chain resilience and health. "Our companies are already

are witnessing stronger performance," Chandrasekaran said in a letter to the employees. "Our new



N CHANDRASEKARAN Chairman, Tata Sons

pilots and businesses, from 5G to

poised to benefit from these four themes going forward," he said. "But all ambitions are contin-

gent on a more immediate concern: learning to live with coronavirus," he said. "Businesses and society must adapt to it by preparing as best we can for new outbreaks and variants. We are seeing this now with the spread of Omicron." "I am optimistic about ahead. Recent success has given our group a great platform to build on. I am excited by the heights I know we can reach, not just financially, but also in terms of the difference we can make to communities," he said. "We can set new standards in technology, sustainability, and skills development," he said. "Thanks to our 3S strategy, we are becoming simpler and financially stronger than we have been in a long time. We have also made good progress addressing ing our companies to benefit from revolutionary new technologies,"

## Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, As Centre prioritises thermal plant stocks, non-power sectors' coal supply to stay low

### **CCI PROBE INTO PLAY STORE RULES** Google moves HC,

## seeks time to respond New Delhi: Google has filed a writ

in Karnataka High Court seeking more time to reply to CCI's queries pertaining to a probe into Play Store rules. Google said it respects the Competition Commission of India's (CCI) investigative process and "will continue to engage cooperatively and constructively in the interest of a fair investigation".

"We have filed a writ in Karnataka High Court regarding the interim relief application in the Google Play probe by the CCI, seeking to move forward in line with established due process principles," Google spokesperson said in an email on Monday.

A source aware of the company's position on the matter said that Google has extended the timeline for developers in India to integrate with Play's billing system to October 31, 2022. The source also said Google believes this voluntary extension of deadline extinguishes the need for the 'interim injunctive relief' sought

### 'PROCEDURAL' **REQUESTS MADE**

■ Google made some 'procedural' requests to **CCI** regarding identity of the complainants

by ADIF (Alliance of Digital India Foundation). Hence, the insistence on extremely tight timelines is concerning as there is no cause for undue haste, the source added. Google has also made some

other 'procedural' requests to the CCI with regard to identity of the complainants (which will help it respond adequately to the complaint) as well as the inclusion of a judicial member in the probe panel. In the absence of any urgency, Google believes the CCI should observe due process in the interest of a fair and thorough investigation, the source said. PTI

### **KARUNJITSINGH** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 27

NON-POWER SECTOR consumers

of coal are likely to face low supply of the dry fuel through January as the Centre is set to continue prioritising supply to the power sector. Non-power sector consumers of coal such as aluminium, steel and cement producers have raised the issue of low coal supplies from Coal India Ltd (CIL) as a result of the Central government's move to prioritise supply for thermal power plants since July.

Aluminium, steel and cement producers that use domestic coal to power their plants have voiced concerns that low supplies to the sector are raising input costs and that in the case of aluminium producers, a loss of power for a duration as small as two hours would lead to prolonged shutdowns.

Many plants are now purchasing more expensive power from the grid and using a blend of more



Coal stocking norms have been revised for thermal plants to maintain higher stocks prior to monsoons. File

expensive imported coal to keep their plants running, according to industry sources."We have issued revised coal stocking norms (for thermal power plants). We need to have 58 million tonnes (of coal stock) by the end of March.

Gradually, things will improve and by the end of January it should improve (for non-coal consumers also)," said a government official who did not wish to be quoted.

The 180 thermal power plants monitored on a daily basis currently have a total of 23.3 million tonnes (MT) of coal stock against normative requirements of about 59.1 MT of coal. The official quoted above said that trends indicated that thermal power plants may not be able to accumulate normative stock levels by March 2022.

Low coal stocks at thermal power plants had forced many states including Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Punjab to impose load shedding in October, as states rushed to power exchanges paying three-four times normal rates for power due to inadequate supply. The Centre has since revised stocking norms upwards to require thermal plants to maintain higher stocks between February and June prior to the monsoon period when coal stocks tend to fall.

Non-power sector consumers, who had witnessed a slight recovery in coal supply from CIL in November, have raised the issue that supplies to them have been

curtailed again in December. The Railway Board had instructed that coal supplies to thermal power plants (TPPs) be prioritised through December in a notice to all zonal railways. "In order to meet the coal demand so that stock is built up in TPPs, it has been decided to accord higher priority in loading of coal for Power Houses i.e. plants of Central/State Power utilities and IPPs) from Goods sheds for another period starting from 04,12,2021 to 31,12,2021," said the Railway Board notice.

Experts noted that non-power coal consumers need about 45-50 rakes of coal per day and that the supply had fallen to only 27 rakes per day in October. Supply to the non-power sector increased to 33-34 rakes per day in November, but has since fallen again, according to industry sources.

Oil, which fell over 10 per cent

### ght a 6.5% stake in web services firm GoDaddy Inc for about \$800 million, as per a US SEC filing. **REUTERS**

74.80 1 74.99 Union Bank MD 75.20 New Delhi: The Banks Board Bureau has invited applica-76.00 tions for post of MD and CEO 76.40 of Union Bank of India for a Dec 2 three-year term.

### New Delhi: The RBI has approved re-designation of Rajiv Anand as deputy MD of Axis Bank, the lender said.

Axis Bank Dy MD

**Godfrey Phillips** New Delhi: Cigarette maker Godfrey Phillips announced appointment of Sharad Aggarwal as CEO.

### Cairn Oil COO

New Delhi: Cairn Oil & Gas named Martyn Smith chief operating officer (COO). PTI

### At 75, rupee hits nearly 4-week high



New Delhi: For the eighth consecutive session, the rupee appreciated by 3 paise on Monday to reach a near four-week high of 75 against the US dollar, on the back of a firm trend in domestic equities and rising appetite for riskier assets. However, a strong American dollar overseas and firm crude oil prices limited the domestic unit's rise.

Meanwhile, the Sensex rose nearly 296 points, or 0.52 per cent, to reach 57,420.24 following gains in IT, financials and pharma stocks amid a largely positive trend in global markets. The Nifty gained 82.50 points or 0.49 per cent to close at 17,086.25, **WITHPTI** 

### 'Foxconn extends plant closure, workers' hostels inspected' Monday but is now expected to

**REUTERS** 

CHENNAI, DECEMBER 27

THE FOXCONN iPhone factory at the centre of a mass food-poisoning incident will extend a weeklong closure by an extra three days, a senior Tamil Nadu official told Reuters.

The factory, which employs some 17,000 people, had been due to resume some operations on

restart production with 1,000 workers on Thursday, the official said, adding that the state government had conducted inspections of workers' hostels.

Last week, protests erupted after more than 250 women who work at the plant and live in one of the hostels had to be treated for food poisoning. Some of the protestors were rounded up by the police but later released.

The incident has thrown a spotlight on living conditions for the workers - most of them women — who reside in hostels near the factory which is located in Chennai.

The Taiwanese contract manufacturer for Apple Inc and other big tech names as well as 11 of its contractors including those who provide food and living facilities were summoned for a meeting, said the official

### **REUTERS** NEW YORK, DECEMBER 27

OIL PRICES rose around 3 per cent on Monday due to hopes that the Omicron coronavirus variant will have a limited impact on global demand in 2022, even as surging cases caused flight cancellations.

Brent crude rose \$2.55, or 3.4 per cent, to \$78.69 a barrel by 1727 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose \$1.85, or 2.5 per cent. to \$75.64. The US market was closed Friday for a holiday.

New Delhi



Oil up 3% as Omicron fears ease

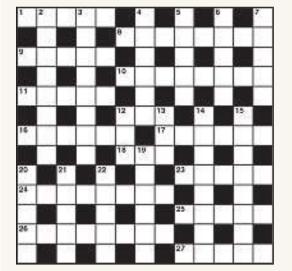
Travelers at Denver International Airport. Despite flight cancellations, impact of Omicron on oil demand is expected to be limited. Reuters

on November 26 when reports of a new variant first appeared. gained last week after early data suggested that Omicron could cause a milder level of illness. Britain's government will not

introduce new Covid-19 restrictions for England before the end of 2021, its health minister, Sajid Javid, said on Monday. More than 1,300 flights were cancelled by US airlines on Sunday as Covid-19 reduced the number of available crews while several cruise ships had to cancel stops.

## CALENDAR

### CROSSWORD 4623



DOWN

opera(8)

4 Foreign office

(5) 12 Barren plain (3)

(4-2-2)

certain(6)

(5) 22Golfing suit?(5)

13 Have won redress

2 The Utopian has his own

collection of notions (8)

3 A hot line arranged for the

5 Tale of one's past or youth

sex appeal (5)
7 Aromatic plant from Siena

14 Boring task for the affluent

19 Possibly run and see to make

15 A small deposit secures

20A crowd of journalists

21 Watch for a helpful lad

6 There's scope for a doctor with

### ACROSS

- 1 Imitate one in opera hitting a
- note(5) 8 He is engaged in outdoor
- pursuits(8) 9 A sci-fi writer's resources
- 10 Back-slapping sailors?
- 11 Aircraft tool (5) 12 An act of duplicity? (3) 16 There's a change in the Old
- Testament (6) 17 We slid around before finding
- controls (6) 18 Foreign currency needed in
- many enterprises (3) 23 Nellie is back but I'm wanting another (5)
- 24Rash but not so destructive it's said(8)
- 25Tinned beef like this is poison
- 26It's Bob's turn to be obstinate
- 27 Parts with some bread we hear (5)

Solutions Crossword 4622: Across: 1 Go straight, 6 Sham, 10 Bored, 11 Aspersion, 12 In no time, 13 Exile, 15 Profuse, 17 Siamese, 19 Session, 21 Alluded, 22 Rogue, 24 Motorist, 27 Parasites, 28 Aisle, 29 Enow, 30 Agreements, **Down**: 1 Goby, 2 Strenuc 3 Radio, 4 Imagine, 5 Hyphens, 7 Haiti, 8 Monteverdi, 9 Free fall, 14 Apostrophe, 16 Universe, 18 Eldest son, 20 Name tag, 21 Artiste, 23 Garbo, 25 Realm, 26 Beds.

### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis







### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson







SOLUTION SUDOKU 4697



### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong



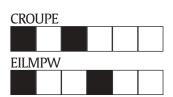


### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

There was never a good \_\_, or a bad \_\_\_. - Benjamin Franklin (3,.,5)





Answer: There was never a good war, or a bad peace. - Benjamin Franklin SOLUTION: VERGE, MAGMA / CAMMA, RECOUP, WIMPLE

### Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

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SUDOKU

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### **DAY TODAY**

planetary influences are

something will happen to

wrong on a major matter.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

behaviour. In the meantime,

pushing ahead with your own

plans. But, and this is a very big

but indeed, never promote your

personal interests at someone

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

surprising that you're not fully

in command of the situation.

But be prepared for a friend to

blurt out the truth. And, when

story ready. And keep smiling.

they do, be sure to have your

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

you are quite justified in

else's expense.

It may be some

able to make total

sense of a partner's

So much of what has

been going on has been hidden from

view, so it's hardly

**Ouiet contemplation** 

and solitude are

advisable if at all

possible, all the

more so because you need time

perspective. Try not to take on

too many new commitments,

otherwise you'll soon find that

opportunities to improve your

domestic situation and family

prospects will come your way if

improvements are planned. Try

not to be overwhelmed by too

the planets are about to cease

hassling you and your friends. Expect your responsibilities at

avoid over-committing yourself

work to multiply daily, and

until you're clear about all

the options.

much information, though

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

a move of home or domestic

relationships, Excellent

If possible, put

professional crises

You were born under

a sensitive sign, and you'll be mightily relieved to hear that

on hold and take advantage of

to put recent events into

something has to give.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

weeks before you are

restore your faith in human

nature. You'll be experiencing

social changes soon, and you may be surprised to be proved

becoming kinder and

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) When friends fall



you in your efforts to get a relationship back on the rails. You must take the initiative. If you're still feeling stressed at the weekend, it could be because you are not allowing yourself to let up. Relax whenever you can.

BY PETER VIDAL

The Moon's helpful influence will assist

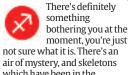
### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

you were also guilty of a

misunderstanding.



air of mystery, and skeletons which have been in the cupboard for too long are threatening to come out. And, when they do, you will have to improvise, and fast.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Routine chores are piling up and need

to be tackled without delay. This is a process you must be aware of if you are to make the most of your many talents and avoid being distracted by trivia. Professional challenges are

### to break free with one bound. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Listen to people who

looming, but you'll soon be able

are in a position to help you, especially to advise you on certain decisions which will have to be taken quite soon. In fact, it's clear that a family member has been partly responsible for your present, peculiar predicament. Maybe

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

arrive before long, so please

they can show you the way out



difficulties and delays you may not have yet woken up to the fact that you're closer to achieving a major ambition than seemed likely a short while ago. News which you have been longing for will

hang on in there.

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the family survives on Rastogi's father's pension, but the family is yet to clear off a home

What the family wants: "We're still trying for

my elder son to get a railways job because Ajay was still working, he hadn't retired. (They lost

their jobs when the pandemic started), but

nothing has happened till now," says wife

**'WAS SOLE EARNER OF FAMILY'** 

17. KUNAL LONKAR (33, NAGPUR)

Circumstances of death: After being in hospi-

Sameer Deshpande said he was the sole earner

What the family wants: "He was the sole

earner of the family, he even had a small child.

It will be very tough for the family. It will be going to be very tough times ahead for his family,"

FORMER VIDARBHACRICKETER

tal for a week, he passed away.

Survived by: Parents, wife and son. Lonkar had given up cricket and was working in a real estate company. He also used to take care of the uncle's farmhouse. His coach

Aid received: None.

## SPORT

### COVID CLOUD OVER SPORTS WORLD

- Almost all NBA teams are dealing with at least one known case of virus-related issues now.
- Tennis player Andrey Rublev became the 5th player to test positive after playing at an exhibition event in Abu Dhabi.
- In the past seven days, a record 103 EPL players and staff tested positive.

The Pandemic year locked them in quarantines but athletes around the world found resilience to call time on people-pleasing and discovered their moral voice to say NO. Gymnast Simone Biles, tennis star Naomi Osaka and Virat Kohli spoke their minds and defied convention. The year also saw athletes discover the full potential of social media - not just the big names but even the hitherto unknowns from small towns became stars in their own right. There were also some breakthrough performances that will stand the test of time. The hockey captain who reawakened a country's nostalgic pride, a Mumbai-born New Zealand cricketer returned to his roots to create history, a badminton star who finally learnt how to marry art with commerce, and the man who launched his gold-plated javelin to quench a nation's thirst.

### 'BIG BURDEN ON US'

### 1. ASHUTOSH GUPTA (26, DELHI) **SWIMMING COACH**

Circumstances of death: After testing positive for Covid-19 during the second wave, Gupta passed away while waiting to get admission into a New Delhi hospital.

Survived by: Parents, wife, brother, sister ■Gupta, a swimming coach at a governmentrun facility in Central Delhi, was the main earner in the family. His father, 57, works as a security guard at a private firm while brother juggles his time between his studies and part-

time job. Aid received: Rs 50,000 from Delhi govt. What the family wants: "After he died, we have had problems paying even our house rent in time. There is an immense burden on us," says Ankit, Ashutosh's brother.

### 'DAY AND A HALF TO FIND BED'

### 2. CSHANMUGAM (80, BENGALURU)

NATIONAL WATER POLO PLAYER Circumstances of death: Developed health complications after testing positive for Covid-

**Survived by:** Wife, daughter and three sons ■ While the family isn't in need of any financial help, they feel that the bronze medal-winning 1982 Asian Games water polo team should have received better treatment. Aid received: None

What the family wants: "We spent one-anda-half days to find a hospital bed for him since they were giving priority to those aged below 45 years. He served the country, he was a President Awardee for his services yet the government was blind to everything. Had the government helped us when he was ill, perhaps my father would have been alive today," says son Madhi Alagan.



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Virus stopped Life

Sport loomed large on their legend all their life. Then Covid struck snatching away precious lives and

## 'IF YOU CAN FIND ANY JOB, THEN PLEASE LET ME KNOW'

### 23. KIRAN DEO (42) **MUMBAI UMPIRE**

**Circumstances of death:** Lost taste and subsequently had breathing problems. Survived by: Wife, daughter and son

**Aid received:** A local politician gave Rs 60,000

and Bodybuilding federation also supported.

What the family wants: With the gyms closed

due to the pandemic, 34-year-old Lad had

online. Santosh, 28, who is also a fitness trainer,

is out of work. "Abhi toh main ghar pe hi hun.

Bhai had several students. He had all the con-

tacts, the clients." The family's pressing need

is to somehow clear the remaining loan

amount of Rs 7 lakh on the house in Kundal.

Circumstances of death: After getting admit-

ted to hospital, it took 5 days for a CT scan.

Following pneumonia and organ failure, he

■ A reputed coach Nazar helped TN state team

win silver medal at nationals, he was also in-

volved in the district-level administration of

the sport. While the family carefully saved

money all their lives, Nazar's son is a Civil

**What the family wants:** The family hopes that

Nazar's son clears IAS. "It's been challenging to

motivate him to try ICS again after his father's

demise. He's a bright boy, but this has brought

the whole family a lot of grief. I just hope he re-

sumes his efforts to clear the exams," Nazar's

'RUDDERLESS WITHOUT HIM'

MALLAKHAMB CHAMPION & COACH

Dudam was on a ventilator for 3 days.

Survived by: Wife and two daughters.

8. DATTATRAY DUDAM (60, MUMBAI)

Circumstances of death: Admitted to the ICU,

One of Dudam's daughters works as a mal-

lakhamb coach, the other is a graphic designer.

He worked for Railways, so the family will re-

ceive pension. He is credited to shape 45-50

small grounds across the city for mallakhamb

What the family wants: "As a family we barely

made ends meet. He worshipped Mallakhamb

and believed no one who wishes to learn the

skill should find it difficult to learn because of

a fee. He put together a robust system and

equipment for players in far suburbs remains an incomplete dream of his. We are quite rud-

training. Though, he never charged a fee.

**Survived by:** Wife, daughter and son.

**'HOPE SON RESUMES EFFORTS'** 

7. MS NAZAR (60, CHENNAI)

**BASKETBALL COACH** 

Services aspirant.

Aid received: None.

brother Nissar, says.

Aid received: None

■ The family's income depended on Deo officiating games. Because of the lockdown there was no cricket so the family had been facing tough times since last year when the pandemic began, Kiran's wife Vidya had also

lost her job as receptionist at a cricket club. **Aid received:** MCA gave aid of Rs 50,000. Former MCA managing committee member Ganesh Iyer initiative of 'Lending Hand'

What the family wants: "I'm desperately looking for a job now. I did receive help but this won't last long. If you can find any job for me then please let me know," Vidya

### 'THIS HAS PUSHED US BACK'

of the family.

Aid received: None

says coach Deshpande.

### 18. VILAS BANDIWADEKAR (63, MUMBAI)

### FORMER MUMBAI UMPIRE

Circumstances of death: Developed fever after vaccination. Admitted to hospital as the fever didn't subside. Passed away following Covid-19 complications.

Survived by: Daughter. ■ Known as Bandy Sir in Mumbai cricketing circles, he conducted various umpire exams for MCA for the past two decades. Daughter is currently working in Thomas Cook.

Aid received: Mumbai Cricket Association gave 50,000 rupees after he got infected. nancially," says daughter.

### 'CANT LET DATA GO WASTE'

### 3. BABOOLAL GOVERDHAN JOSHI (67, SEHORE, MP) **HOCKEY STATISTICIAN**

Circumstances of death: Covid-19 complica-

Survived by: Wife and two sons. ■ Both the sons are employed and the family is financially secure.

Aid received: None. What the family wants: The family sits on a wealth of hockey data; the sons aren't sure how to preserve their father's legacy. "He invested his entire life for this, we can't let it go to waste," says son Shravan.

### 'NO SUPPORT FROM BCCI, DDCA'

### 4. KRISHAN KUMARTIWARI (52, DELHI)

Circumstances of death: After failing to find a bed in New Delhi during the Covid-19 second wave, Tiwari was moved to AIIMS Jhajjar, where he passed away.

Survived by: Wife, two daughters and a son. ■ A known name in Delhi's circles for over three decades, Tiwari has covered 4 Tests, 5 ODIs, 60 Ranji games and over 50 IPL ties. His death has resulted in the family facing a financial crisis. Daughter Shubhangi, an LLB graduate, lost her law firm job during Covid. Now she is practising independently.

### **Aid received:** None

What the family wants: "I was working for a Delhi-based lawyer, but due to Covid and the limited litigation cases. My father worked hard all his life for our own house that got completed in October so we have shifted there. No support from BCCI or DDCA so far," says daughter

### **'WILL KEEP HOSTING TOURNEY'**

### 5. PRAMOD SOOD (62, DELHI) DDCA MEMBER, TOURNAMENT ORGANISER.

Circumstances of death: Passed away following a heart attack while undergoing Covid treatment at a hospital in New Delhi. Survived by: Mother, wife and two sons.

■ The family isn't facing a financial crisis but the sons' aren't sure if they can continue organising the tournament that their father had supported for the last three decades. Aid received: None.

What the family wants: "As long as I am alive, the tradition started by my father of hosting the cricket tournament that has churned out over 50 first-class cricketers will continue," says son Jatin.

### **'CLEAR LOAN AMOUNT OF 7 LAKH'**

### 6. JAGDISH LAD (34, MUMBAI) INTERNATIONAL BODYBUILDER

Circumstances of death: Covid-19 complications impacting blood pressure and oxygen

Survived by: Parents, wife, daughter and younger brother Santosh.

■Unable to afford the Rs 19,000 rent, the family has moved to the parents' home at Kundal, leaving entire families grieving and without a safety net or earning members. Some of the tragic tales:

derless without him," says daughter Deepali.

### switched to coaching his bodybuilding trainees online Santosh 28 who is also a fitness trainer on the santosh 28 who is also a fitness trainer.

### 9. BALACHANDRAN NAIR, (71, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM) **BADMINTON COACH**

Circumstance of death: Five days after testing positive, his condition deteriorated rapidly and he passed away

Survived by: Wife and two daughters. ■ Nair also worked for the state sports council

and was later appointed as SAI coach. He mentored the likes of V Diju and Vimal Kumar. He was especially effective coaching juniors on overseas tours. Both the daughters are work-

Aid received: None.

What the family wants: Twice nominated for Dronacharya Award, he missed out on both occasions. "He lived and slept badminton. He didn't have any time for anything else throughout his life," says daughter Prija Chandra V. The family feels his contribution to the game must be acknowledged.

### 'NO POSITIVE REPORT, NO BED'

### 10. KAMLAKAR ZENDE (68, PUNE) NATIONAL-LEVEL CYCLIST AND COACH

Circumstances of death: Despite his dipping oxygen level, Zende was refused admission to two hospitals as he didn't have a Covid test report. He would get a hospital bed late at night. He passed away next morning.

Survived by: Wife, son, daughter. Son Prashant is a technical fitter with Railways. Aid received: None.

What the family wants: Prashant says that the hospitalisation could have been easier and should be taken care of by the general public. "For one whole night, we struggled to get our father admitted to a hospital due to various reasons including a positive test report required late at night. Before they could test him, he died. Such things should not happen in the case of a pandemic. A race can be held in my father's memory," says Prashant.

### 'THERE IS FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL'

### (41, BENGALURU)

FORMER INDIA JR PLAYER AND UMPIRE **Circumstances of death:** A week after testing

11. ANUPAMA PUNCHIMANDA

positive for Covid-19, she had a heart-attack while in home isolation at Bangalore. **Survived by:** Husband.

■After Anupama's death, her husband lost his iob. He has now moved to his village Bethu to cut down on expenses.

**Aid received:** None.

What the family wants: Anupama's husband MS Mandanna has a heart condition and needs urgent financial help and a job. "There is a fight for survival and I don't want to blame Hockey India or any government. But in such conditions, support in any form could have been provided," he says.

### 'WISH THERE WAS SUPPORT'

### 12. TALWINDER SINGH (67, PATIALA) CURATOR, PANDOVESTADIUM IN PATIALA

Circumstances of death: He passed away at hospital about 8 days after testing positive. Survived by: Wife, son and daughter. Son works as a police prosecutor in Australia. Aid received: None.

What the family wants: As of now, no pressing financial need but son says things could have been better. "While my father retired seven years ago and mother shut down her business twenty years ago, I just want to say it could have been better if there was support," said Singh's son Garry.

### 'DAUGHTER'S STUDIES INCOMPLETE'

### 13. SURESH THAKUR (56, CHANDIGARH)

Circumstances of death: Tested positive for the Covid-19 virus in April, passed away two weeks later.

Survived by: Wife and daughter. Family lives in a rented house, daughter is still studying. Aid received: None.

What the family wants: Thakur's wife will get pension from the bank where her late husband worked. "My husband had left umpiring due to a heart problem. Education of our daughter apart from bearing expenses for rent and other things remains a need for us," said Thakur's wife Sunita Thakur.

### **'LIVE IN RENTED HOME'**

14. VIRENDRA SINGH (47, MEERUT) **HOCKEY UMPIRE AND MANAGER Circumstances of death:** Had cardiac arrest following Covid complications. Survived by: Wife, son and daughter.

■ Singh worked as a Deputy Chief Ticket Inspector with Northern Railways. Wife struggling to manage the studies and upbringing of pre-teen children.

Aid received: None.

What the family wants: Urgent financial aid needed as the family stays on rent. "My son is ten years old while my daughter is eight years old. Apart from that, my husband's parents also stay with us. We have to see that both my children get education. We are staying in a rented home and the savings too are not that big," said Singh's wife Neetu Singh.

### 'NEED FUNDS FOR SCHOOL'

### **15. NARENDER SHARMA (49, MEERUT)**

### WEIGHTLIFTING REFEREE Circumstances of death: After testing posi-

tive for Covid-19 virus, Sharma and his father died on the same day. **Survived by:** Mother, wife, daughter and son.

■ Singh, who was the vice president of UP Weightlifting Association, owned a school in a village near Meerut. With the school shut due to pandemic-forced lockdown, the family that has two pre-teen school going children struggles to make ends meet.

Aid received: None.

What the family wants: Wife needs funds to restart the school. Apart from that, the wife needs monetary help for the education of their two children. "I lost my husband and fatherin-law on the same day. Both the pillars of our family are gone now and we are still in a state of shock. While there is a need to fund the education of my children, I also worry about the school, which my husband and I run in a village near Meerut," said Sharma's wife Archana

### 'WAITING FOR JOB'

### 16. AJAY RASTOGI (58, MUMBAI) BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER REFEREE

Circumstance of death: Died in hospital, Had a railways job.

Survived by: His father, wife and two sons and a daughter-in-law. At the time of his death, Rastogi was the only

working member of the family. His elder son worked for Thomas Cook in the tourism industry, and younger son worked for Cars24. Both lost their jobs due to the first lockdown and have struggled to find work since. Presently,

What the family wants: "He was an earning member and the void has pushed us back fi-

### 'LOST BROTHER, FATHER'

### 19 & 20. SUBHASH (73) & INDRAJIT KANULKAR (40) - MUMBÁI **REPRESENTED MUMBAI AS JUNIORS**

Circumstances of death: After the entire family got infected by the virus, Subhash had to be admitted to hospital. A week later son Indrajit too was admitted. Covid complications resulted in their death.

■ A popular maidaan cricketer from the 80s

**Survived by:** Mother, wife and a son

Subhash's son Indrajit played for CCI. Indrajit's wife is BMC auditor. Aid received: No

What family wants: "It's hard to say at the moment. Suddenly losing two of our dear ones and not even getting a chance to say good-bye has been a painful experience. On the 12th day of my father's ritual, I lost my brother, it has been a terrifying experience," daughter of Subhash's Neha said.

### 'PASSED AWAY IN AMBULANCE'

### 21. JOHN ALPHONSO (71, MUMBAI) **FOOTBALL COACH**

Circumstances of death: After testing positive for Covid-19, Alphonso got a hospital bed with great difficulty. With his oxygen levels sinking, he needed to be moved to ICU, "After trying to find beds in multiple hospitals, he passed away in the ambulance. The death certificate said that he had a heart attack," says Alphonso's wife.

Survived by: Wife, son and daughter. ■ Alphonso's wife, a teacher who retired in

2018, is currently receiving her pension. Aid received: None. What the family wants: "I know my husband

died. It's impossible to get him back. But this pandemic really needs to end," said Alphonso's

### 'SISTER'S WEDDING A WORRY'

### 22. VAZIR KHAN (61, HYDERABAD) **STATE FOOTBALLER**

**Circumstances of death:** Khan complained of stomach and chest pain. A test showed that he had Covid, died after 21 days Survived by: Wife, son and three daughters.

■ Vazir's son is pursuing his B. Com degree. Family expects pension and gratuity from SBI, where Khan worked. The family is relying on their uncle to help out with financial matters.

Aid received: None. What the family wants: "Our biggest worry is my sister's wedding and where the money for it will come from," said Vazir's son. He added that his hope was that the extended family members will help them financially

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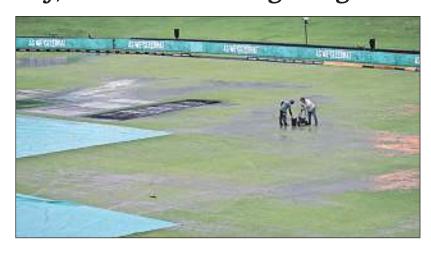
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## As rain plays spoilsport on second day, India look to realign targets



Heavy and persistent rain forced the second day's play in the opening Test between India and South Africa to be called off.

twitter handle with a picture of the ground completely soaked. There was too much

water on the covers and with literally no

sunshine, there was very little chance for

the ground to dry up and some overs of

India were strongly placed at 272 for three

in 90 overs. KL Rahul was going strong at

122 not out off 248 balls, during which he

hit 17 boundaries and one six. Giving him

company at the other end was Ajinkya

Rahane, on 40 off 81 balls, with the help of

eight hits to the fence. Opener Mayank

Agarwal made 60 off 123 deliveries before being dismissed by Lungi Ngidi. Skipper

**BRIEF SCORES: India**: 272 for 3 (KL Rahul

122 batting; Mayank Agarwal 60, Ajinkya

Rahane 40 batting; Lungi Ngidi 3/45). PTI

London: Daniel Sturridge, an English foot-

ball star, has been ordered to pay \$30,000 to

a Los Angeles man who found the player's

missing dog in 2019 and who went to court

to recoup a reward he said he had been de-

home had been broken into, Mr. Sturridge

said in a video at the time that he would "pay

whatever" to get his missing dog back, offer-

ing "20 Gs, 30 Gs, whatever" as a reward

without specifying the currency. Shortly af-

ter that video was posted, Foster Washington

of Los Angeles found the dog, Lucci, and re-

turned him to Sturridge, according to court

After announcing that his Los Angeles

Virat Kohli made 35 off 94 balls.

Sturridge ordered to pay

nied for the Pomeranian's return.

At the end of the opening day's play,

play to be possible.

**CENTURION:** THE INDIAN team will look to reset its first innings target after the second day's play in the opening Test against South Africa had to be called off without a ball being bowled due to heavy and persistent rain since morning here on Monday. What started as a drizzle this morning became a steady downpour in the afternoon and with 90 overs lost in the game, Virat Kohli's men, sitting pretty at 272 for 3 after day one, will now have to quicken up the proceedings in the remaining three days with a high probability of winning the

Twice, the rain stopped and umpires decided on inspection but on both occasions just before they were to step out, heavens opened up once again. "Unfortunately, due to the large volume of rain today at Centurion, play has been called off for the day," BCCI stated on its

### U-19 Asia Cup: Ind beat Afg

**Dubai:** A match-winning 65-run seventh wicket stand between Raj Bawa and Kaushal Tambe ensured a fighting four-wicket victory for India over a gritty Afghanistan as they entered the semi-final of the U-19 Asia Cup. Bawa (43 not out) and Tambe (35 not out) joined forced when India were in trouble at 197 for six but they kept calm to take the 'Boys in Blue' to their required 260-run target with 10 balls to spare.

This was after in-form opener Harnoor Pannu (65) and his partner Angkrish Raghuvanshi (35) added 104 for the opening stand. However, the middle order caved in with skipper Yash Dull (26) and Nishant Sindhu (19) failing to convert starts. —PTI

# Amid virus scare, England face an uphill task ahead

A Covid-19 scare saw the second day of the third Test of the Ashes being delayed before Australia claimed control of the Test match at Melbourne

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ON AN extraordinary of cricket both on and off the field, England faced an uphill battle to save the third test against Australia and with it the Ashes. Before play even began Monday, Cricket Australia called for calm after a COVID-19 scare involving two members of England's support staff resulted in a delay to the start of the second day of play at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia was bowled out for 267 as the home side grabbed a first-innings advantage of 82 runs, before England reached 31-4 in its second innings at stumps Monday. England seamer James Anderson gave a masterful display, claiming the key wickets of Marcus Harris (76) and Steve Smith (16) in his tally of 4-33 off 23 overs. But England's batters were soon under attack again. Mitchell Starc (2-11) dismissed Zak Crawley, caught behind for 5, and Dawid Malan, leg before without scoring, in consecutive deliveries in the fifth

Debutant Scott Boland (2-1) delighted his home crowd of 42,626 roaring fans by removing opener Haseeb Hameed for 7 and Jack Leach without scoring in the penultimate over of the day. With Ben Stokes and Joe Root at the crease, England had lost four wickets after just 12 overs and still requiring another 51 runs to make Australia bat again.

### Day of drama

Earlier, Cricket Australia's chief executive Nick Hockley says there is no need to change current plans, which include staging the fourth and fifth tests in Sydney and Hobart, respectively. "We just need to remain calm and get the facts," Hockley said. "Every one needs to follow the medical advice. On that basis, we keep going. "Our protocols are designed for absolutely this set of events."

In a day of early drama, Cricket Australia released a statement confirming the COVID-19 outbreak within the England camp, which delayed the team's arrival at the MCG and caused a 30-minute delay to the start of play. "Cricket Australia has been informed that two members of the England cricket team's support staff and two of their family members have returned a positive COVID-19 Rapid



England players run out onto the field at the start of the second day of their cricket test match against Australia at MCG in Melbourne.

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Antigen Test," the statement said. "The affected individuals are currently isolating. The entire playing group and all other support staff have undertaken Rapid Antigen Tests this morning and all have tested negative. The England cricket team will also have PCR tests today, and both teams will take extra precautions throughout play."

The Australian Seven Network's television coverage of the match was also affected. A member of the broadcast staff tested positive to the virus, forcing commentators to isolate as the network called in a fresh team. Australia captain Pat Cummins was unable to play in the second test after becoming a close contact of a COVID-19 case. Since the start of the pandemic in 2020, England's tours of South Africa and Sri Lanka were abandoned mid-tour due to COVID concerns. Australia leads the five-match series 2-0, which means England needs to win all three remaining matches to regain the Ashes.

Meanwhile, England fast bowler James Anderson is urging officials to continue with the Ashes series against Australia despite a COVID-19 drama which unfolded at the team's hotel on Monday and delayed the start of the second day of the third test.

"We actually got on the bus to come to the ground at the usual time and then got told to get off the bus because we found out about a couple of positives (cases)," Anderson said. England's players were then tested and waited about 45 minutes before the scheduled 10.30 a.m. start before heading to the ground. "We're all having tests now," Anderson said after taking 4-33 in Australia's first innings. "We'll have to wait and see what the results are. As long as the group that is here at the ground today are negative, Idon't see why we can't carry on. As far as I'm aware, the whole playing group feels fine," added Anderson after the final session on Monday.

BRIEF SCORES: England 1st innings 185 all out and 2nd innings 31/4 (Joe Root 12 batting, Haseeb Hameed 7; Scott Boland 2/1, Mitchell Starc 2/11) vs Australia 1st innings 267 (Marcus Harris 76, David Warner 38, Travis Head 27; James Anderson 4/33, Ollie Robinson 2/64, Mark Wood 2/71). England trail by 51 runs.

### 103 Covid cases detected in Premier League

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A RECORD 103 positive COVID-19 cases were found among players and staff in the Premier League over the past week, the league said on Monday following a raft of fixture post-ponements during the busy festive period.

"The League can today confirm that between Monday 20 December and Sunday 26 December, 15,186 COVID-19 tests were administered on players and club staff. Of these, there were 103 new positive cases," the league said in a statement. The figure has steadily increased in recent weeks with 42 cases between Dec. 6-12 and 90 testing positive between Dec. 13-19. The Premier League has had 15 games postponed so far due to COVID-19 outbreaks at various clubs. Watford, who have had three games called off so far, said they had welcomed back play $ers\,who\,were\,previously\,isolating\,but\,added$ more had tested positive ahead of Tuesday's home game against West Ham United. Watford manager Claudio Ranieri said he would have to bring in some Under-23 players as they held their first "normal training session" since December 10.

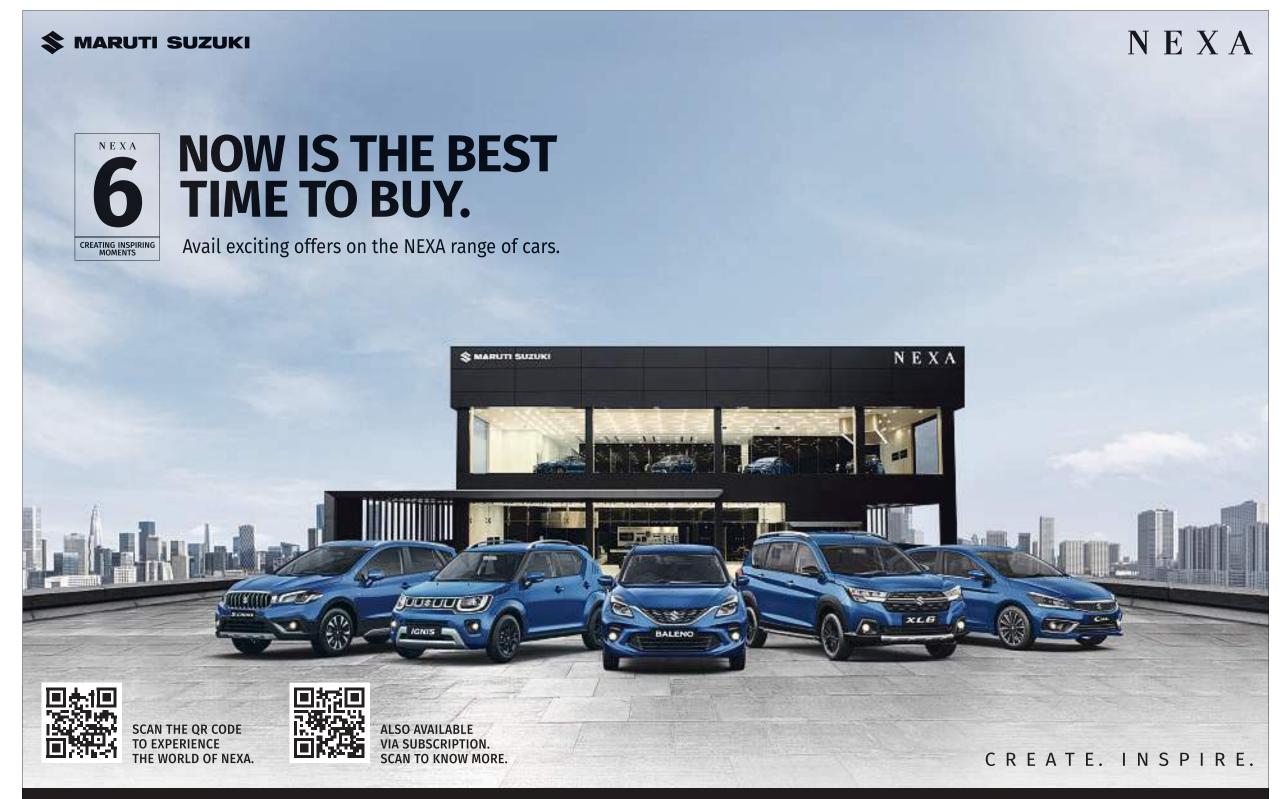
"It's difficult to say if we are ready (and) 100%. When you meet your players for one training session, it's very difficult to do this," Ranieri told reporters. "There are some players who didn't make some training sessions... I think these players don't have (what it takes to play) 90 minutes." Wolverhampton Wanderers, who had Tuesday's trip to Arsenal postponed, said they had six confirmed cases in the first team. "We hope some of those players will be well enough to return for our game against Manchester United on 3rd January," Wolves said in a statement. "Our operations team have arranged a deep clean of the Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground to try to prevent further infection"

### Klopp vents his frustration

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp became the latest Premier League manager to express his frustration at being allowed to make only three substitutions in a match when many squads are being hit hard by coronavirus cases.. England's top division is one of the few leagues to decide against using five substitutions for matches.

That measure was introduced to enable teams to cope better with the congested schedule when soccer resumed following a suspension due to Covid-19, and has been retained on a permanent basis by most of the countries.

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