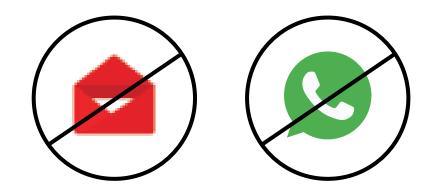


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# DARA SINGH CHAUHAN, EX-CHIEF OF BJP OBC MORCHA, LEAVES **OBC swap: Second UP minister** quits, eyes SP; BJP gets 2 MLAs

Rattled by exits, **BIP** readies campaign to reach out to **OBCs**, SCs

#### **LALMANI VERMA** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12

A DAY after OBC leader Swami Prasad Maurya resigned as minister from the Yogi Adityanath government and met SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, the BIP was jolted again Wednesday when Dara Singh Chauhan, another UP cabinet minister, resigned and met Akhilesh Yadav, indicating that he too was headed there. Chauhan is a former head of

the BIP's OBC Morcha. Like Maurya, he has a BSP past.

Also Wednesday, Avtar Singh Bhadana, BJP MLA from Meerapur in Muzaffarnagar, ioined the RLD, an ally of the SP in this election. Bhadana was with the Congress earlier and had been elected four times to Lok Sabha. A leader of the RLD said Bhadana will be contesting this Assembly election too.

There was relief, however, in the BJP camp when Naresh Saini,

Congress MLA from Behat in Saharanpur, and Hariom Yadav, SP MLA from Sirsaganj in Firozabad, along with former SP MLA Dharampal Yadav, joined the ruling party in New Delhi.

Representing the Madhuban constituency in Mau, Chauhan was Minister for Forest, Environment and Animal Husbandry in the Adityanath government.

In his resignation letter, almost identical to one submitted by Maurya a day earlier, Chauhan said he was upset with the government's "neglect" of Dalits, backwards, deprived farmers and unemployed youths, and with the "khilwad" (not being serious) on reserva-



(Right to left) Former Cong MLA Naresh Saini with UP Dy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya, BJP UP chief Swatanra Dev and Dy CM Dinesh Sharma in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

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#### tion for backwards and Dalits. Deputy Chief Minister

Keshav Prasad Maurya, who had urged Swami Prasad Maurya a day earlier to hold talks and not act in haste, also urged Chauhan to "reημ consider". Calling Chauhan his "elder brother", Maurya, in a Twitter post, said: "When a DECISION

2022 member of the family goes astray, that hurts. I will request those leaving not to board a sinking ship because it will be their loss.'

Rattled by these exits, the BJP, sources said, has decided to depute its OBC and Scheduled Caste leaders to each Assembly constituency to reach out to communities and spread the word that the party is their well-wisher. Sources said efforts will also

be made during the Samajik Sampark campaign to persuade CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Photo tweeted by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav of a meeting with leaders of alliance parties in Lucknow on Wednesday

## Under shadow of exits, on BJP table, Adityanath from Ayodhya seat

#### well under way.

Sources said this proposal was discussed at the high-level meeting held at the BJP headquarters in the national capital on Tuesday, attended among others by Adityanath, UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya, party state chief Swatantra Dev Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah.

"The CM contesting from Ayodhya would help the party highlight the narrative it has been emphasising on," a source in the BJP said, adding that many CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



### **Food prices** push retail inflation to 6-month high

**AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE RETAIL inflation rate rose to a six-month high of 5.59 per cent in December, primarily due to increase in food prices, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

by NSO Wednesday showed that industrial output grew by 1.4 per cent in November despite a low base of (-)1.6 per cent in the previous year, as manufacturing and mining outputs were subdued amid weak investment and con-

The low base effect and higher food inflation pushed up the headline retail inflation, with core inflation - non-food, nonfuel - hovering near 6 per cent and the impending full passthrough effect of the telecom

Also, with retail inflation inching closer to the upper tolerance level of the 4+/-2 per cent target of the RBI, economists expect only a negligible chance of a **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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Another set of data released

sumption demand.

price hike yet to filter in.

#### Court on Wednesday appointed its former judge, Justice Indu Malhotra, to head a five-member committee to probe the security breach during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab on January 5. While both the Centre and the Punjab government had set

up separate probe panels, the bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said it is "of the considered opinion that these questions cannot be left to be resolved through one-sided enquiries", and a "judicially trained independent mind" is needed.

**PM SECURITY BREACH** 

Ex-Judge Indu

a five-member

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

may "impair the need of a robust mechanism to respond at such a

critical juncture", the Supreme

committee

'Till conclusion of the proceedings of the enquiry committee..., the enquiries ordered by the central government and the state government shall be kept in abeyance," said the bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli.

Besides Justice Indu Malhotra, the probe panel will include Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) or his nominee not below the rank of Inspector General of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Union minister Smriti Irani ahead of a press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday. Prem Nath Pandey

## 6 BJP CMs allege plot: 2 invoke Khalistan, one calls for Channi's arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

ON A day when the Supreme Court flagged the "blame game" and "war of words" between the Centre and Punjab government over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security breach, chief ministers of BJP-ruled states came out to accuse the Congress and its government in Punjab of a "pre-planned, well-orchestrated conspiracy"

At least two chief ministers, Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam) and Biplab Kumar Deb (Tripura), alleged the involvement of "Khalistanis", with Sarma even demanding the arrest of Puniab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh

Channi for the "conspiracy to kill" the PM **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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BY GETTING its CMs to launch a concerted attack

on the Congress government in Punjab, the BJP is raising the pitch on the PM's security breach. Just a month to go for polls in a state where it lost face over the farm laws, invok-

ing Khalistan and a plot to

kill will deepen fault-lines.

#### Caught in Kazakh unrest On Covid, Govt's twin with no word on return, concerns: spreading reach, rising case count Indians say get us home

#### SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

SOON AFTER the Asiana Airlines flight from South Korea's Incheon city landed in Almaty at around 8 pm on January 5, the public announcement system crackled. with the captain instructing passengers to remain seated.

Luiramsing Zimik, who was, in all likelihood, the lone Indian passenger in the aircraft, initially thought Covid-19 protocol in Kazakhstan's largest city could be causing the delay - an assumption that was shattered when the pilot spoke next.

"We were told that we will be evacuated to the nearest fire station. The authorities had lost control of the airport. In the next hour, we found ourselves in the



Sumit Nagpal with his family in Almaty. Express

fire station where we were asked to spend the night as clashes had broken out across the city," Zimik, a resident of Manipur's Senapati district, told The Indian *Express* over the phone from CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



rent levels may be low amid the Omicron surge, Covid cases are spreading at a large scale, with a progressive increase in the num-

**LIZ MATHEW** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

AS A series of defections by sit-

ting MLAs rattles the BJP, the

party is considering fielding

Chief Minister Yogi Aditvanath.

who announced earlier that he

would contest the Uttar Pradesh

Assembly elections, from

Ayodhya. The move is being seen

in the party as one that would

amplify the Hindutva message

and galvanise the cadre. More so

when the Ram temple project is

positivity - in just one week, ending January 11, 300 districts reported more than 5 per cent

positivity rate compared to just 78 in the previous week. And while Dr V K Paul, who

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE CENTRE Wednesday said

that while hospitalisation at cur-

ber of districts reporting a rise in

heads the national Covid task force, described the positivity rates as "phenomenally high", the Union Health Ministry flagged a spike in the total number of active cases reported from several pockets in states across

Elaborating on the "twin concerns", the Ministry flagged eight states with rising positivity rates and a significant increase in

the country.

caseload: Maharashtra, West Bengal, Delhi, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, and Guiarat (see box).

The Ministry also pointed to six other states that have reported more than a six-fold rise in cases from the previous week. Bihar tops this list with a 11-fold rise in cases followed by Madhya CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**THE CITY** 27,561 CASES, 40 **DEATHS IN DELHI** 

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# As ISRO prepares for manned mission, its new chief is man for the moment

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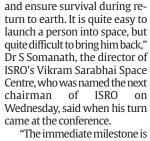
#### JOHNSONTA **BENGALURU, JANUARY 12**

ONE OF the main speakers at the annual conference of the Indian Society of Aerospace Medicine in September 2018 was a top rocket scientist from ISRO. During an interval in the meeting, the scientist stayed back in the empty lecture hall to pore over his presentation a final time, rather than joining IAF officers and others for a coffee break.

"Sending a human being into space is a different ball game



**DrSSomanath** 



to put a man in orbit by 2022, and to see how we can do that with current levels of knowledge and the new knowledge that has to be created," Somanath said.

As he takes over as the 10th ISRO chairman, succeeding K Sivan, that will be one of the biggest challenges before Somanath – putting the

agency's human space flight programme back on track following setbacks due to launch failures, the Covid-19 outbreak, and a general slowdown since the failure of the Chandrayaan 2 robotic moon landing mission in September 2019. As director of the Vikram

Sarabhai Space Centre since 2018, and as head of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, Somanath has been closely associated with developing the key rocket technology that will go into the mission.

He was the project director and mission director for the development of the GSLV Mk-III rocket that will be used for the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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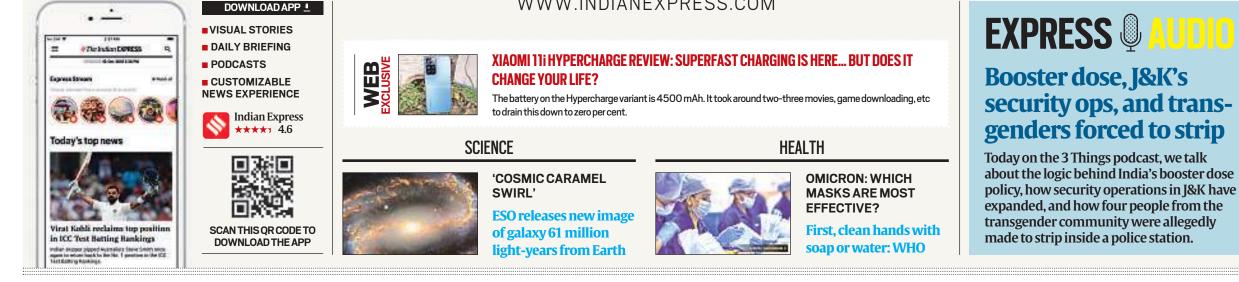
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# **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### **Candidate** Yogi

in the party feel this would be the "ultimate" message to the party's supporters.

The party's calculation is that a campaign with religious undertones, headlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, focusing on welfare schemes of the Centre and Aditvanath's record of being "tough" on law and order would give the party the momentum it needs. Sources said the BIP's internal assessment was that it would win at least 270 seats, and go up to 290 if the message hits home, in the 403member House. The BJP had won 325 seats in 2017.

A final decision on Adityanath's constituency would be taken by the top leadership. The BJP's Central Election Committee, which includes Modi and party chief J P Nadda, apart from Shah and national general secretary (organisation) BLSanthosh as key members, is expected to meet soon. Santhosh was also present at Tuesday's meeting.

While several seats were earlier talked about as possible options for Adityanath, including Mathura, a constituency in the CM's bastion of Gorakhpur or one in western UP where the BJP is facing the toughest battle, he is said to be keen on Ayodhya. An MP when he was named CM, Adityanath had got elected to the House via the Legislative Council.

The BJP's campaign pitch has been getting shriller on the Hindutva issue as elections draw near. From Modi to Shah and Adityanath, the Ram temple in Avodhva, among other issues. has been a constant refrain in speeches. The CM's recent remarks framing the elections as a fight between "80 and 20%" re"Sabko samman, sabko sthan," he wrote on Twitter, posting a photograph of their meeting.

From a backward caste. Chauhan began his political career with the BSP and later joined the SP. He was elected to Rajya Sabha for two terms.

Later, he returned to the BSP and became Ghosi MP in 2009 and leader of the BSP parliamentary party in Lok Sabha. In 2014, he contested again from Ghosi but lost to the BJP.

After his expulsion from BSP. he joined the BJP in 2015. Soon after, he impressed BIP leader Amit Shah by organising a huge rally at Azamgarh's polytechnic grounds -- Shah was chief guest. A few days later, Chauhan was appointed national president of the BJP's OBC Morcha.

The BJP handed him the Assembly ticket from Madhuban in 2017 and, following his win, inducted him as a minister.

"But he was not comfortable with BJP workers. He used to move with those who had been with him from his BSP days. The BJP cadre was upset with him. He had started airing his displeasure with the government six months ago. The BJP had not involved him in its Jan Vishwas Yatra in Mau district," a BJP leader in Mau said.

On November 22 last year, Chauhan had posted a message on social media to greet SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav on his birthday. In that message, he had hailed Yadav as a leader of the poor and the backward.

Of the two MLAs who joined the BJP Wednesday, Hariom Yadav is a two-term MLA from Sirsagani in Firozabad district. While the BJP had won the four other seats in the district in 2017, Yadav was the lone SP winner. He is a relative of Mulavam. Naresh Saini, the other MLA to join BIP, is an OBC leader. As a candidate of the Congress-SP alliance in 2017, he had defeated BJP's Mahaveer Singh Rana. Meanwhile, a day after his exit from the BJP, Swami Prasad Maurva rejected reports that the party was trying to convince him to return. "After the resignation, this is meaningless talk. In politics, one should not go back on decisions. I will clear my position on January 14," he said. On Tuesday, following Maurya's exit, at least three other BJP MLAs -- Roshan Lal Verma, Brijesh Prajapati and Bhagwati Prasad Sagar – said they would follow him.

SC names panel head, regrets war of words Police, Director General of may ensure there is no recur-Police, Union Territory of

Chandigarh, and Additional Director General of Police (Security), Punjab, as members and the Registrar General of Punjab and Haryana High Court as member-cum-coordinator.

The bench noted that while the fact of the security breach is not disputed, "there is, however, a blame game between the state and central government as to who is responsible for such lapses". Saying that the "war of words between them is no solution", the bench said "it may rather impair the need of a robust mechanism to respond at such a critical juncture".

The bench agreed with the petitioner's counsel, Senior Advocate Maninder Singh, that "not only are the officer(s)/ authority responsible for the... lapse liable to be identified, but there is also a greater urgency to evolve new measures that

Punjab and Chhattisgarh.

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clear from the data that it is be-

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or has replaced the previous

dominant Delta variant.

Omicron has high transmissi-

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who is also a NITI Aayog mem-

is "not a common cold" and has

the potential to overwhelm

health infrastructure.

He reiterated that Omicron

ber, said.

Paul said.

rence of such lapses in the future"

The court said it is "of the considered opinion that these questions cannot be left to be resolved through one-sided enquiries". "A judicially trained independent mind, duly assisted by officers who are well acquainted with the security considerations and the Registrar General of the High Court who has seized the record pursuant to our earlier order, would be best placed to effectively visit all issues and submit a comprehensive report for the consideration of this court," it said. While the court asked the

committee to submit its report at the earliest, it did not specify anv date.

The committee has been asked to probe the "causes for the security breach"; "who are responsible... and to what extent"; "what should be the remedial measures or safeguards necessary for the security of the Hon'ble Prime Minister or other protectees"; "suggestions or recommendations for improving the safety and security of other constitutional functionaries"; "any other incidental issue that the committee may deem

fit and proper". Hearing a plea by Delhi-based Lawyers Voice, the court on January 7 had asked the Registrar General, Punjab and Haryana High Court, to "forthwith seize and secure the records" of the Prime Minister's visit. Subsequently, the court was told that "the relevant records have been received, seized, secured" and "sealed and placed in the custody of the Punjab and Haryana High

Court". On Wednesday, the court directed that these records should be handed over to the chairperson of the probe panel

within three days. It also directed the Centre and Punjab government "to provide full assistance to the enquiry committee for completion of the assigned task".

January 10, the Centre had urged the bench to allow its committee to continue with its probe and place a report before the court. But this was opposed by the Punjab government which said it had "no hope" in the Centre's committee and urged the court to constitute an "independent committee". The court had reserved its order, making it clear that it would appoint a panel headed by a former Supreme Court Judge to look into the matter.

sOn January 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy was stranded on a flyover for 15-20 minutes due to a blockade by protesters in Ferozepur.

During the hearing on

ing above 6 per cent for three consecutive months. Clothing and footwear inflation now stands at an 89-month high of 8.30 per cent on the back of

"Passing on the input cost I got a room in the hotel where I in India." he said.

vestment weighed on the Index of Industrial Production.

output, which accounts for over three-fourth of the total weight of the index, grew 0.9 per cent in November as against a contraction of 1.6 per cent in the previous year. The mining output grew 5 per cent as against a contraction of 5.4 per cent, while electricity generation grew 2.1 per cent compared with 3.5 per cent growth a year ago. Mining and manufacturing outputs were below pre-Covid levels.s

dicator of investment, contracted 3.7 per cent in November despite a contraction of 7.5 per cent a year ago while consumer durables output contracted 5.6 per cent and consumer nondurables output grew just 0.8

per cent. "Industrial growth is once again feeble at 1.4 per cent, which comes on a negative base of -1.6 per cent. Ouite clearly, the momentum has been dissipated over time. Consumer goods have seen a pushback, which means that the pent-up demand witnessed earlier has not been sustained in November. Capital goods, including vehicles, have witnessed a setback again with a negative growth rate," Madan

2024, say ISRO observers. Among other key achievements attributed to Somanath is the development of throttleable engines -- a technology used for the Chandrayaan-2 lander. Throttleable engines will be a key part of a new category of test rockets that ISRO is developing to test the crew module for human space flight.

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all the rooms were taken. The

Korean officials tried their best

to help me. Then I started look-

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The streets were all quiet and

there were very few people out.

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for hours. I tried reaching out to

the Indian mission. Finally, that

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security personnel came knock-

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alleged criminals. He said: "They

accosted me. The hotel staff ex-

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staff, who have not left the hotel

in over a week, and the travel

agency through which we came

here have been extraordinarily

helpful. But I hope the Indian

government makes arrange-

"The GSLV Mk III is an intelli-

needed are of a higher order. We

are working on it," Somanath

the GSLV-Mk III is yet to be tested

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#### Govt's concerns: spreading reach, rising case count Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha,

#### **TWIN CONCERNS** "The intensity of the pan-

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|               | Week ending Jan 5                  | Week ending Jan 1         |  |  |  |  |
| Maharashtra   | <b>69,008</b> (11.0%)              | <b>2.57 lakh</b> (22.39%) |  |  |  |  |
| West Bengal   | <b>32,484</b> (16.5%)              | 1.31 lakh (32.18%)        |  |  |  |  |
| Delhi         | <b>19,522</b> (6.11%)              | 1.26 lakh (23.1%)         |  |  |  |  |
| Tamil Nadu    | <b>10,326</b> (2.51%)              | <b>74,068</b> (10.9%)     |  |  |  |  |
| Karnataka     | <b>8,094</b> (1.7%)                | <b>64,803</b> (7.78%)     |  |  |  |  |
| Uttar Pradesh | <b>3,047</b> (0.76%)               | <b>42,833</b> (4.74%)     |  |  |  |  |
| Kerala        | <b>19,382</b> (5.32%)              | <b>41,791</b> (11.3%)     |  |  |  |  |
| Gujarat       | <b>7,336</b> (2.2%)                | <b>38,484</b> (7.56%)     |  |  |  |  |

lighted that the current clinical window of an application appears extremely narrow for Molnupiravir with relevance only to the following: elderly, unvaccinated with other comorbidities. There is no evidence of benefit in diabetes, and those who were previously infected with Covid-19 or were vaccinated," he said.

Paul, too, expressed "concern" over the irrational consumption of drugs.

"Whichever medicines are being given, there should be rational use. There cannot be overuse. In the last wave, we

higher cotton prices.

into output costs by various FMCG and telecom companies and rising health/hospital costs are expected to keep core inflation high going forward," Sunil Kumar Sinha, Principal Economist, India Ratings, said.

Weak consumption and in-

The manufacturing sector's

ISRO new chief programme. He has also been Capital goods, which is an ininvolved in making it usable for human flight in recent days. gent system, but for a final human rating, the redundancies

inforce this.

With the BIP's main rival, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, trying to expand the party's base among non-Yadav OBCs, BJP strategists see "a larger Hindu consolidation" as one guarantee of return to power, and Adityanath from Ayodhya would help in that.

If the proposal is cleared, it would be the first time Aditvanath will contest an Assembly election. It will also mark his first election outside Gorakhpur. The head priest of the Gorakhnath Math since 2014, he has represented the Gorakhpur constituency in the Lok Sabha five times.

The Ayodhya Assembly constituency has been with the BJP almost constantly since 1991, with Lallu Singh (currently the MP from Faizabad) winning it till 2012. That year, the SP won the seat, though the BJP's Ved Prakash Gupta wrested it back in 2017.

Apart from this being Adityanath's first Assembly contest, it would also be the first time a sitting CM would contest Assembly polls in UP since Rajnath Singh did so in 2002.

SP chief Akhilesh has said he won't contest. On Monday, the BSP announced Mayawati was also not in the poll race.

#### **OBC** swap

those associated with the BSP and SP to join the BJP.

BJP OBC Morcha state president Narendra Kashyap said the Samajik Sampark campaign had nothing to do with the "current circumstances" and it was planned for January 14.

"This is a mega campaign for dialogue with every community in society. It will formally start

from January 14. It has already started in certain districts. Earlier, grand sammelans of the Morcha had been held in all 75 districts of the state," he said.

Meanwhile, Akhilesh Yadav, after meeting Chauhan, called him a "soldier of social justice" and welcomed him to the SP.

#### CMs allege plot

Four chief ministers, Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh), Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Madhya Pradesh). Sarma and Deb. alleged that the flyover where the PM's convoy was stranded was 'just a few kilometres from the Pakistan border", vulnerable to

"drones, missiles and snipers". The chief ministers were reacting to a "sting operation" by India Today news channel on the security breach.

Last week. The Indian Express had reported that the possibility of protesters blockading roads to disrupt the PM's rally was raised in letters written by Punjab ADGP (Law and Order) Naresh Arora, between December 31 and January 4 (a day before the PM's visit), to district SSPs and other field officers. Some letters, reviewed by The Indian Express, clearly warned police officials that protesters could block roads and urged them to make secu-

rity arrangements. The India Today report Wednesday said that apart from Arora's letters, intelligence officials in the field had also informed senior officials that protesters were likely to disrupt the PM's visit to Ferozepur. Punjab DGP Viresh Kumar

Bhawra and Punjab Intelligence chief A S Rai were not available for comment. Following the se-

"Understanding the disease from an Indian experience...it

authorisation by the national looks like the hospitalisation regulator, and emphasised that rate may be low. Maybe. But it is spreading. One is infected, the efforts should be made to refamily gets infected. I endorse strict its use as "known and unthe statement of WHO: known harms far outweigh its Omicron is not a common cold," claimed benefit".

ICMR chief Dr Balram "Also, the current situation Bhargava cited experts in the is like this because of high vac-Covid task force to warn that cination rates... We have to slow certain risks warrant caution in the use of Molnupiravir.

was a "pre-planned", "spon-

sored conspiracy". "Why were

the chief minister, chief secre-

tary and DGP not with the PM?

Does this not show that they

knew what would happen?

Who revealed the PM's route to

the protesters? How did the pro-

testers gather in such a large

number within such a short

time period, despite police pres-

ence? Why did the DGP tell the

PM's security team that the en-

did not respond to calls either.

"Even calls made by BJP national

president JP Nadda went unan-

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PM's cavalcade was stuck was

just a few kilometres away from

the Pakistan border, surrounded

by highrises and trees," said

of hating Narendra Modi, has de-

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try, the PM's position, the

Constitution, Army, security and

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curity lapse, Ferozepur SSP Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Harmandeep Hans was transalleged that the security breach ferred to Ludhiana Friday.

the transmission," he said.

Addressing a press conference in Guwahati, Sarma alleged that the Congress high command and its government in Punjab were "directly involved" in an "international conspiracy", and the protesters were "Khalistanis", not farmers.

The incident took place "just 10 km from the Pakistan-Punjab border," he said. "This means it was in the range of drones, missiles and snipers... The Punjab government did not protect the PM, but hatched a conspiracy to

kill him," he said. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who was in Delhi, said: "It has become clear that this was a pre-designed conspiracy. The Punjab government did not follow the rules and protocol... They did not even follow the elementary protocol of the PM being received by the Chief Minister and the DGP."

"This is not just a violation of security protocol but a conspiracy against the country, for which the chief minister should apologise," he said.

Saying that the Prime Minister's convoy was stopped at a "place where it could be exposed to drones or other attacks", Adityanath said this happened "despite intelligence inputs about possible Khalistani involvement."

Madhya Pradesh Chief

use. Number two, experts present at the meeting opined that there is a rampant and irrational use of Molnupiravir. Number three, efforts should be made to restrict its use,' Bhargava said.

"Number four, the currently available synthesised evidence was reviewed, and the members unanimously agreed that it does not merit the inclusion of Molnupiravir in national treatment guidelines," he said. "Lastly, it was further high-

> curity breach and the way Congress leaders have reacted makes it clear that the Congress high command sponsored the

whole incident," he alleged. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also alleged "negligence" and a "massive conspiracy". "The way they tried to harm the PM, this was not spontaneous, but a premeditated, sponsored conspiracy. The Congress high command has to be answerable," he said.

In Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said the "sting operation" showed that despite intelligence inputs on possible disruptions, "clear instructions were given to farmer leaders on how to block the routes" instead of making alternative arrangements. "The manner in which the Prime

Minister's life was put in danger is highly condemnable," he said. Meanwhile, addressing a press conference at the party headquarters in Delhi, Union Minister and senior party leader Smriti Irani reiterated the BJP's allegation that the security

breach was "deliberate". "Why were security measures for the PM deliberately breached with active connivance of the Congress-led government (in Punjab)? Who sought to benefit in the Congress party from the breach? Who in the Puniab government continued to deliberately ignore the threats to the PM's security," she

witnessed a scarv situation. where the overuse of drugs caused mucormycosis (black fungus)... We have learned our lessons. We don't want that situation to repeat," he said.

"For mild symptoms, in case of fever, only paracetamol should be given. For cough, one can take cough syrup, warm water, and gargle... if cough persists for more than five days, in selected cases, you can use inhalation budesonide(a repurposed medication to prevent asthma symptoms). These are the only three things to be done," Paul said.

said, adding that the Congress high command should respond to these questions.

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Food prices hike in rate, especially reverse repo, in the upcoming monetary policy review meeting in February.

"While the CPI inflation has hardened sharply between November and December 2021, the uncertainty triggered by the third wave is sure to take precedence when the MPC meets next month. We now see a negligible likelihood of a change in stance or reverse repo hike in the February 2022 policy review," Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA, said.

"The duration of the current wave and the severity of restrictions will determine whether policy normalisation can commence in April 2022, or be delayed further to June 2022. With a higher inflation target, the MPC can choose to prioritise growth revival for much longer than other major Central Banks for many of whom inflation control has become a pressing policy focus," Nayar said.

Food inflation climbed to a six-month high of 4.05 per cent in December. The rise was mainly due to milk (3.8 per cent) and cereals inflation (2.6 per cent), respectively.

Core inflation came in at 6.01 per cent in December, remain-

New Delhi

Sabnavis, Chief Economist, Bank of Baroda, said.

Going ahead, the industrial output growth is seen as weak, given the risks from localised restrictions in view of new Covid variants.

#### Kazakh unrest

Almaty on Wednesday. His connecting flight to India was at 7 am on January 6.

The plane carrying Zimik, who is pursuing a Masters in Divinity at South Korea's Hoseo University, landed the same evening when the Almaty Airport was briefly taken over by anti-government protesters, as demonstrations against fuel price increases sparked violence

across the Central Asian country. As the protests grounded flights, foreign nationals visiting Kazakhstan, including Indians, were left stranded.

Nearly 12.000 protesters have been held in the ensuing crackdown, and over a hundred people have reportedly died.

Delhi-based travel firm owner Sumeet Nagpal, along with his wife and two daughters aged seven and eight, is also among those stuck in Almaty. "We reached Kazakhstan on December 30 to celebrate the

new year. At 4 am on January 6, four hours before our return flight to Delhi, we got a call from the airport asking us to stay put in the hotel. And since then we have been stuck here," Nagpal said over the phone.

Both Nagpal's family and Zimik have managed to speak with officials of the Indian mission in Kazakhstan. The officials, however, have not shared any definite timeline with them. "I am mentally drained Currently I am left with \$100.

The hotel charges are \$50 per night. The hotel management has told me not to worry about the bill for now, but I will have to pay after all. The Indian mission has said they will see what can be done," said Zimik, 25.

After spending the night of January 5 at the fire station, Zimik accompanied the Korean

ISRO, in fact, has so far conducted only one successful test flight of the crew module on December 18, 2014, using the GSLV Mk III rocket, with Somanath as the project director. Somanath is also a key figure

in the development of a muchawaited programme that is expected to give ISRO a leg-up in carrying out small satellite launches for firms, institutions and developing countries.

A topper in science and mathematics in Class 10 and a rank holder at Kerala University. Somanath initially dreamed of becoming a doctor before taking up engineering. He has a Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering from IIT, Chennai.

A former chairman of ISRO said Somanath has a passion for science communication and a down to earth approach to science, which is much needed at a critically low juncture in ISRO's history.

In one of his final communications -- a New Year letter to the staff at ISRO - outgoing chairman Sivan, who was on a year's extension since January last year, admitted that the space agency had not fared too well recently. "There is a feeling that very little happened in ISRO during 2021. That feeling is primarily due to the less number of launches,' Sivan said.

There has been a sense in recent years that ISRO's focus has been on generating publicity and political mileage, to please the government, rather than on science and engineering.

The space agency has also been non-communicative since the failure of the Chandrayaan 2 mission in 2019, a much-hyped event which was attended by PM Modi. The agency did not put out a failure analysis report in the public domain as it did routinely in the past.

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# JNU okays admission through common entrance exam

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE INI Ladministration decided in its Academic Council meeting held Wednesday to conduct admissions to its various programmes through the Common Universities Entrance Test (CUET) from 2022-2023. The CUET is conducted by

the National Testing Agency, and there is a push to implement it in all central universities. The Delhi University administration has already stated that they will be conducting undergraduate admissions through it, instead of through a cut-off system, from 2022-2023.

JNU's Director of Admissions Jayant Tripathi issued a note stating that the proposal to adopt the CUET was "overwhelmingly endorsed" in Wednesday's meeting.

## Zomato delivery exec's family demands justice, govt job for his wife

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DEI HI JANUARY 12

THE FAMILY of 36-year-old Zomato delivery executive Salil Tripathi, who was killed in a road accident after allegedly being hit by a Delhi Police constable's SUV, has demanded justice for him and a government job for his wife.

On Wednesday, his wife Sucheta opened a Twitter account seeking help from the Prime Minister, Delhi Chief Minister and other political leaders. On her husband's death and her son's education, she said,

'The future is dark for me" "My husband Salil Tripathi lost his life as Delhi policeman hit him by car in a drunken state on 8/1/22. Need justice for my husband left with 10 yr old son and his mother," she wrote, tagging CM Arvind Kejriwal and PM Narendra Modi

Salil's cousin, Rahul, said the family started the account to seek help for Sucheta and her son. "Help has poured in from

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the Academic Council, a large number of members including the Deans of Schools, Centre Chairpersons, and External Members of the Council emphasised that CUET would provide a level-playing field to numerous eligible students from across the country, reducing the burden of taking several entrance examinations," read the note.

"During the deliberations in

JNU The Teachers' Association has criticised this adoption, stating that the decision was pushed through without consulting stakeholders within the university. They have stated that it was added as an item in the supplementary agenda sent to members on January 10, just two days before the Academic Council meeting.

"... when the additional agenda was sent on Jan 10, 2022, 111 faculty members submitted their opinion requesting the

Salil bhaiya," said Rahul.

influence of alcohol.

a senior official.

he lost his job.

Meanwhile, the Delhi Police

said they were awaiting the con-

stable Zile Singh's forensic sci-

ence laboratory report to ascer-

tain whether he was under the

accident and has been arrested

for rash driving and causing

death by negligence. We sent his

blood sample to the FSL lab. The

investigation is underway," said

order when an SUV driven by

Singh allegedly rammed into his

bike, killing him at the spot.

Tripathi was a restaurant man-

ager before the lockdown, when

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Tripathi was waiting for an

"Singh was also injured in the

Academic Council to refer the spread by a few faculty memagenda item for discussion at bers about CUET was noted by the School (BOS) and Centre the Academic Council and de-(Faculty Committee) for further plored." The JNU Students' Union also deliberations. Not only did the Vice-Chancellor not place this

wrote to the chairman of the Academic Council, asking that the meeting be reconvened with student representatives and stating that they "reject" the proposed conduct of admissions through the Common Entrance Test.

centres and requested that this It raised concerns over the matter be first discussed at the university losing autonomy in setting question papers, declar-Centre/School level. But unforing results and in grievance retunately, the Caretaker V-C did not allow their concerns any dressal, and stated: "Many universities including JNU offer space and muted the speakers abruptly. Many faculty memprogrammes and courses that bers were not even allowed to are unique to the university. A one size fits all approach of CUET speak despite their raised hands," read a statement by the will be detrimental in this regard and will not be sufficient to The note issued by the accommodate the diverse range Director of Admissions however of programmes offered in differstated: "The misinformation ent universities.'

## 'Thak thak' gang steals 2 air pistols belonging to national-level shooters

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Delhi and take care of her son and mother-in-law. It's not easy. TWO AIR pistols worth more We want Sucheta to have a govthan Rs 3.2 lakh were stolen ernment job so she can provide from two national-level shootfor her family. We also want jusers by unidentified men, altice for Salil. The constable's legedly from the 'thak thak' gang, recklessness led to this in Gurgaon on Monday. The actragedy... I keep thinking about cused are yet to be identified.

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University and their respective

Police said the incident took place around 12.15 pm when the complainant, Vinay Rathee, 20, and his friend, Sagar, 18, went to Sadar Bazar market to purchase a phone cover.

Rathee told The Indian Express that after their practice session, they headed to Sadar Bazar, where his friend parked his car and went to a shop, while Rathee waited in the car.

"I shifted to the driver's seat. While I was waiting, an unidentified person knocked on the car's window and signalled, saying that money belonging to my friend had fallen on the road. As I stepped out to pick up the cash, another person stole two bags from the back seat through the

Dated: 11/01/2022

window on the opposite side. The bags had two air pistols worth more than Rs 3.2 lakh, a shooting frame worth Rs 50,000 and Rs 8,000 in cash," said Rathee.

"Sagar and I have represented the state at national-level shooting tournaments in junior and senior categories," he said.

He added that with trials for selection for the all-India team for senior shooting tournaments scheduled for the end of the month, they are now unable to practice. "The pistols were imported from Switzerland. The shooting equipment is not easily available here. We are hoping police arrest the accused and recover our lost equipment.'

Police said it is suspected that the accused were part of the "thak thak" gang, that specialises in stealing laptops from cars.

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#### SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

| Sr.<br>No   | Name of the Branch<br>Name of the Account<br>Name & Address<br>of the Borrower/<br>Guarantors<br>Accounts  | A) Date of Demand Notice<br>B) O/S as per Demand<br>Notice<br>C) Date of Possession<br>D) Nature of Possession<br>Symbolic/Physical/<br>Constructive | Description of the Immovable Properties<br>Mortgager/Owner's Name  | A) Reserve Price<br>B) Amount & Last<br>date of uploading<br>KYC for depositing<br>EMD)<br>C) Bid Increase<br>Amount | Date /<br>Time of<br>E-Auction           | Details<br>of the<br>encumbr<br>ances<br>known to<br>the<br>secured<br>creditors |  |  |  |
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| 1.  | Jehanabad<br>Branch (022800)<br>A/c<br>2083210000161<br>Borrower -<br>Avinash Kumar  | A) 01.06.2021<br>B) Rs. 21,49,379.00<br>with upto date interest and<br>cost & other charges<br>C) 21.08.2021<br>D) Symbolic                          | terest and Avinash Kumar alias Sri Avinash Singh all   |  | 15.02.2022<br>11:00 AM<br>to<br>12:00 PM | Nil  |  |  |  |
|   | Boundary - North - Sh  | iyam Babu, <b>South -</b> Malti Devi, <b>E</b>   | ,<br>bad bearing Thana No 392, Khata No 34 / 3<br>a <b>st -</b> Chhor, <b>West -</b> Kharidar<br><mark>Sri Avinash Kumar alias Sri Avinash Singh a</mark> l  | ·  | ·  | 19 dhur.   |  |  |  |
| 2.  | Jehanabad<br>(022800)<br>A/c<br>2083250000161<br>Borrower -<br>Jai Mata Di Steel<br>Centre, Prop.<br>Kunti Devi W/o  | A) 01.06.2021<br>B) Rs. 14,04,305.00<br>with upto date interest and<br>cost & other charges<br>C) 21.08.2021<br>D) Symbolic                          | All that part and parcel of the property<br>consisting of land and building located at<br>Mauza - Makhdumpur Unta, Pargana -<br>Bhelawar, Sub & Sadar Registry Office &<br>District - Jehanabad, bearing Thana No<br>392, Tauzi No 7616, Khata No. 229, Plot<br>No 532, Total Area 1.50 Decimal pertaining<br>to Smt. Kunti Devi W/o Sri Shiv Prasad<br>document executed on 08.09.1997. | A) Rs. 16,33,000/-<br>B) Rs. 1,63,300/-<br>11.02.2022<br>C) Rs.10,000/-  | 15.02.2022<br>12:00 PM<br>to<br>01:00 PM | Nil  |  |  |  |
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| 3.  | Murganon<br>(239100)<br>A/c - 239100SG<br>00000029<br>23910087<br>00000570   | A) 03.06.2021<br>B) Rs. 15,35,668.51<br>with upto date interest and<br>cost & other charges<br>C) 20.09.2021   | (A) All that part and parcel of the property<br>consisting of land in the name of Sri Rajesh<br>Raushan S/o Sri Prahlad Sharma and Sri<br>Prahlad Sharma S/o Late Bir Singh vide<br>Registered Morgage Deed No 4145 dt.<br>19.06.2019 situated at Mauza - Tisaur,<br>Hulasgani Jehanahad Rev P.S. No 676   | A) Rs. 11,00,000/-   | 15.02.2022<br>01:00 PM<br>to<br>02:00 PM | Nil  |  |  |  |
|   | Borrower -<br>Rajesh Raushan   | Borrower - D) Symbolic Khata No 232, Plot No 2094, Area - 11   | C) Rs.10,000/-   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2) T<br>3) T<br>4) T<br>d   | C) Rs.10,000/-  1) The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:- 2) The properties are being sold on "ASIS WHERE IS BASIS, "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHAT EVER THERE IS BASIS" 3) The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://www.mstcecommerce.com on date & time as per detailigiven above 5) For detailed term, and conditions of the sale, please refer, www.ibapi.in, www.tenders.gov.in, www.mstcecommerce.com |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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#### in Rohini court shootout case

**Gangster held** 

New Delhi: The Delhi Police arrested gangster Rakesh Tajpuria after a brief encounter Tuesday night in connection with the Rohini courtroom shootout. The Special Cell said Tajpuria, who had been absconding for months, had provided weapons used by assailants to gun down gangster Jitender Gogi inside the court.

#### Man killed as car collides with truck

Gurgaon: A 27-year-old driver was killed after his car allegedly hit a parked pick-up truck at Atlas Chowk on national highway-48 Wednesday. Police said his body had to be retrieved from the mangled remains of the car with the help of a crane. The pick-up truck driver has been booked.

#### Supertech employees booked

Noida: Employees of Supertech Builders were booked by Noida Police for allegedly obstructing revenue officials during a recovery. According to police, members of the administration submitted a complaint Monday against Supertech for attempting to cause problems during the visit to their office at Sector 96, last week. UP RERA had issued a recovery certificate against them. ENS

oplications in the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for the posts of Finance Officer, Deputy Director of Sports, Nursing Officer, Professional Assistant and Senior Technical Assistant: Details of the advertisement, other terms and conditions and the application form are available in the University website www.nagalanduniversity.ac.in. Last date for receipt of filled-in application is 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Sd/-Registrar

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Industrial Plot No. 2, Street No. 2, Sector 7A Model Economic Township, District Jhajjar, Haryana

Notice is hereby given to public at large that we, Model Economic Township Limited, had executed agreement for sale on 31.12.2020 and addendum dated 30.03.2021 in favour of M/s Hilton Industries, a partnership firm having PAN: AAIFH8200K and having its registered office at Plot No.66, HPSIDC Industrial Area, Baddi, District Solan - 173205, Himachal Pradesh and its principal place of business at E-89, Part-1st, Chanakya Place, Janakpuri, South West Delhi, Delhi - 110059 ("Erstwhile Allottee"), which have been duly registered with the office of Sub-Registrar at Tehsil Badli, District Jhajjar (collectively referred to as the said "Agreement for Sale") for allotment of industrial plot No. 2, Street No.2, Sector 7A ("Plot"), in industrial colony, Model Economic Township, being developed along State Highway15-A, in Tehsil Badli, District Jhajjar, Haryana.

Due to continued non-compliance/ violation of the terms and conditions of the said Agreement for Sale, including non-payment of two consecutive instalments, and even after serving several reminders & notices for such continued default in making payment of instalments, we have cancelled the allotment of the said Plot.

As per terms of the said Agreement for Sale, after aforesaid cancellation of the allotment and termination of the said Agreement for Sale, Erstwhile Allottee has been left with no right, title or interest in the said Plot and/or the Agreement for Sale, whatsoever and we are entitled to deal with, to sell, allot, transfer, create third party rights and/or dispose of the said Plot in any other manner to any other person as we may deem fit and proper.

Through this public notice general public at large is informed and advised not to deal with Erstwhile Allottee in respect of the said Plot in any manner and if done, the same shall not be binding on us. The said Erstwhile Allottee is also requested to collect cheque of refundable amount after completing necessary formalities

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE - BATTERIES MANAGEMENT

Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules, 2001 came into force w.e.f 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2001. These rules mandate various responsibilities on manufacturers, importers, assemblers, reconditioners, dealers, recyclers, consumers, bulk consumers and auctioneers. Major responsibilities of each of these stakeholders are listed as under.

#### Manufacturers/Importers

Shall ensure that the new batteries be sold only to the registered dealers and the used batteries are collected back as per the schedule against new batteries sold excluding those sold to original equipment manufacturer and bulk consumer(s). Shall file a half-yearly return of their sales and buy-back to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) in Form- I latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June (for Oct-Mar) and 31st December (for Apr-Sept) of every year.

Set up collection centres either individually or jointly at various places for collection of used batteries from consumers or dealers and shall ensure that the collected batteries are sent only to the registered recyclers.

Shall ensure that necessary arrangements are made with dealers for safe transportation from collection centres to the premises of registered recyclers and shall ensure that no damage to the environment occurs during the transportation. Create public awareness through advertisement, publications, posters or by other means with regards to (a) hazard of lead (b) responsibility of consumers to return their used batteries only to the dealer or deliver at designated collection centre and (c) address of the dealer and designated collection

centres.

Buy recycled lead only from registered recyclers.

Bring to the notice of the DPCC or the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India for any violation by the dealers.

Importers shall apply for registration as per Form II and Form III on the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) online portal for a period of five years (link: http://cpcbbrms.nic.in/).

#### Assemblers/Re-conditioners

Shall ensure that the used batteries collected back are of similar type and specifications as that of the new batteries sold and shall ensure that used batteries collected are sent only to registered recyclers.

Create public awareness through advertisement, publications, posters or by other means with regard to hazards of lead.

#### Dealers

Apply for registration by submitting online application in Form- IV available on DPCC website by creating user ID and password for the period of five years. ✓ Shall ensure that the used batteries are collected back as per the schedule against new batteries sold. ☑ Shall ensure safe transportation of collected

batteries to the designated collection centres or to registered recyclers. Shall file a half-yearly return of their sales

means with regards to (a) hazard of lead, and (b) obligation of consumers to return used batteries only to the registered dealers or deliver at the designated collection centres.

Authorized Officer

#### **Consumers/Bulk Consumers**

☑ Shall ensure that used batteries are not disposed off in any manner other than by depositing with the dealer/ manufacturer/ registered recycler/ importer/ re-conditioner or at the designated collection centres. Bulk consumers shall file half-yearly return latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June (for Oct-Mar) and 31<sup>st</sup> December (for Apr-Sept) in Form- I to DPCC. ☑ Bulk consumers to their user units may auction used batteries to registered recyclers only.



and buy-back of old batteries to the DPCC and manufacturer in Form-V latest by 31st May (for Oct-Mar) and 30<sup>th</sup> November (for Apr-Sept) of every year.

#### Recyclers

☑ Shall apply for registration to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change or an agency designated by it (if not applied already), by submitting information in Form VI.

Shall submit half-yearly returns as per Form-**VII** to the DPCC latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June (for Oct-Mar) and 31<sup>st</sup> December (for Apr-Sept) of every year. ✓ Shall make available all records relating to receipt of used batteries, sources, quantities and metal yield to be submitted to the DPCC. Create public awareness through advertisement, publications, posters or by other

#### Auctioneers

☑ Shall ensure that used batteries are auctioned to the registered recyclers only. Shall maintain records relating to receipt of used batteries, sources, quantities and metal yield and submit to DPCC.

☑ Shall file half-yearly returns of their auctions latest by 30<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> December to DPCC in Form-IX.

Note:- As per Batteries (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2010, every dealer of Lead Acid Battery shall obtain registration from DPCC, within 30 days of this Notice and in case of failure legal action including prosecution shall be initiated.

Member Secretary





man for the act. She has the abil-

ity to prosecute him for that act

under various other provisions

of law but she cannot call it a

rape anymore," contended Rao.

India, Rao submitted that there

is a "subtle statutory distinction

and statutory recognition" of the

fact that if somebody in a posi-

tion of trust violates that trust.

they deserve to be punished.

"The law places a premium on

relationships and a greater re-

sponsibility on somebody who

has a fiduciary capacity," he

However, Justice Shankar

said that the word 'trust' and 'fi-

duciary' has been used in the law

keeping in mind the fact that the

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**JANUARY TOLL CROSSES 100** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

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eaths 0 Marital rape hearing: Amicus argues against exception to IPC section 375

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

SENIOR ADVOCATE Rajshekhar Rao, an amicus curiae in the case challenging the legal exception that protects men who have forced, non-consensual intercourse with their wives, Wednesday told the Delhi High Court that every day the provision remains on statute books, women are denied the ability to call a rape a rape. Rao added that no amount of telling the woman that she can prosecute the man under ten other provisions of law can undo the indignity she faces on account of being violated by the person who is sup-

posed to be her companion or usband. "In the context of rape, your lordships have effectively said that it dehumanises the very existence of woman," submitted Rao, while referring to various judgements of the courts in

ndia, before the division bench of Justices Rajiv Shakdher and C Hari Shankar. "The question we all have to ask ourselves is ... can the court and should the court sit by and watch a provision which aids in the possibility of a married woman being dehumanised every day? I am using the expression very carefully ... 'in the possibility'... We all understand t does not happen in every household but we also understand it happens in many households," said Rao, adding that the mere fact that there are not many reported numbers should

ing down the exception would put a husband in a "worse posinot be a reason for the court to not go into a constitutional tion" when it comes to punishment and that India need not question of whether the exception violates Article 21 and "copy-paste western concepts Article 14. or trends" "Five minutes before the marriage if the act occurs, it is an offence and five minutes after

Men Welfare Trust, an NGO for mens' rights, submitted that the exception is not a license to the marriage, if the act occurs, it commit crime and does not take is not an offence. At the end of away the right of a married the day, the woman does not woman to withdraw her conhave recourse to prosecute the sent

Civil defence volunteer accuses senior of sexual harassment at SDM office



A crowds of shoppers seen at the Meena Bazar in Old Delhi on Wednesday, as the city saw 27,561 cases at a positivity rate of 26.22%. Tashi Tobgyal

tion reported each day at the time when the number of cases turn positive – increased to 26.22% on Wednesday, meaning City doctors have also said more than one in four persons that a majority of deaths rewho get tested for the infection ported this time are in patients have it.

The positivity rate has inseeking treatment for other conditions like cancers and kidney creased from less than 1% to diseases who incidentally tested more than 26% in just 15 days. It took 29 days for a similar in-The positivity rate – the procrease during the delta-driven portion of total samples that wave, the data shows.

city.

1.05.102 tests were con-The Indian Express had earlier ducted, of which 81% were conducted using the more accurate molecular methods like RT-PCR, CBNAAT, or TrueNat. The 85,349 molecular diagnostic tests conducted on Tuesday, as reported a day later in Wednesday's bulletin, is the highest number of such tests ever conducted in the

40 deaths as infection surge continues

had reported that an increase in the number of private labs and capacity at government labs helped the government scale-up testing. Of the 87,445 persons with Covid at the moment, as per the bulletin, 2,363 are in hospitals. There are 91 patients on ventilator support and 648 on oxygen support.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12 IN THE past four days, a total of 97 Covid deaths have been

recorded in the city, including 40 remaining 25, 7 were minors and 18 were between 19 and 40

years of age According to sources, the Delhi government's health department has formed a team to look into vaccinations status. comorbid conditions, and status of these patients at the time of admission. "A more detailed analysis of deaths is being carried out. This will help us understand exactly what diseases these people were suffering from and in what condition they had come to the hospital," said a senior government official. A similar analysis was presented to the Delhi L-G

the 46 people who died with a Covid diagnosis between January 5 and January 9, only 11 were vaccinated. Of the 46, 23 were above the age of 60 years; 34 had comorbid conditions while 21 tested positive after being admitted to hospital for some other ailments. A senior health department official said that out of the 133 deaths recorded in the city so far this month, most have been among those suffering from serious comorbid conditions.

"In these cases, Covid was an incidental finding when they were tested, as is a routine procedure, at the time of admission for some other disease." a senior health department official said.

According to the communication between the Delhi Directorate of Health Services and hospitals over the past few days, among the most common comorbid conditions seen in those testing positive after admission are cancer and liver and kidnev diseases.

# Some hope: As Covid hospitalisations begin to plateau, health minister says cases may dip soon **BJP councillor**

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

HOSPITALISATIONS WITH Covid have either stagnated, or in some cases started going down, even as Delhi continues to report over THE DELHI Police in their 20,000 cases of the infection chargesheet filed in a Northeast each day, according to doctors. Delhi riots case have found no As per the government's daily health bulletin, the number of evidence against a Bharatiya Janata Party councillor, who hospitalisations has increased from under a 1,000 to 2,363 in was accused of giving hate seven days, yet the hospitals A complaint had been filed have started seeing a changing

by Nisar Ahmad, who alleged At Delhi government's dental" finding in patients that that his house was vandalised largest hospital, Lok Nayak, new and ransacked during the riots in come in for the treatment of ns dropped to 20 in the other conditions. The new testlast 24 hours as compared to 35 ing strategy by the union health to 40 patients they were seeing ministry released two days ago each day earlier. "With the num-

saw only 20 admissions today compared to 35-40 we were usually seeing each day. This is the first time numbers have gone down during the current wave." said Dr Suresh Kumar. medical director, Lok Nayak hospital This drop in numbers, however, could be a reflection of the change in the testing strategy. All

majority of Covid-19 as an "incitrend.

undergoing surgical/non-surgiber of cases going up, we had anticipated that the number of cal invasive procedures includhospitalisations will also coning pregnant women in/near tinue to increase. However, we labour who are hospitalised for delivery should not be tested unless warranted or symptoms develop.

Earlier, all patients needing admission or undergoing any procedure were being tested in order to prevent in-hospital spread of the infection.

At the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), a senior doctor said that the total number of admissions has almost stagnated.

"The number of patients coming in and those dying or being discharged is almost the

peak of the current wave of infections" the doctor said. The situation is similar at

Delhi government-run Guru Teg Bahadur hospital in the trans-Yamuna area.

'There are around 24 patients currently admitted to the 500 Covid-19 beds we have at the Ram Leela ground. The number has remained between 18 and 25 for the last few days," a senior official said.

"There are 20,000 cases being recorded for some days now, the positivity has also remained close to 25%. The hospital admissions are also not going up, they have plateaued. This is a good sign, Yesterday, only 2,209 hede were occupied and 12,400 beds were free. Nearly six times the beds are vacant and the occu-

pancy is less than 15%. This is when we have just released 15,000 beds; we have preparation for 37,000 beds," said Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain

on Wednesday. He added, "It seems like the cases will start going down soon. The restrictions will be eased when the cases start going down.

Currently, there are around 74,000 active cases of whom around 2,000 are hospitalised. In comparison, when there were 74,000 active cases during the Covid-19 wave in April-May last year, there were almost 14,000 persons admitted to city hospi-

### and Chief Minister earlier this MALLICA JOSHI week, according to which, out of

Of 97 deaths in past

under 60, data shows

four days, 62 aged

on Wednesday alone. According to data, of the 97 people who died after testing positive, 37 were between 41 and 60 years of age; 27 were between 61 and 80 years; eight were above the age of 80. Of the

He also submitted, through his lawyer M R Shamshad, that on February 24, 2020, some locals with microphone and speakers had called for violence against Muslims to a crowd of 500-600 people at Bhagirathi Vihar.

Ahmad accused local BJP councillor Kanhaiya Lal of "giving hate speeches" during the event and being the "direct cause of the violence"

He had also made allegations that Muslim women were killed, to which a court ordered the police to investigate.

Police in their final report filed at the Karkardooma court stated that three men, Kanhaiya Lal, Mukesh and Gagan, were interrogated. However, "no sufficient evidence came against them"

On the allegations made by Ahmad that Muslim women were killed, the final report of police stated that "no female body related to riot cases was found".

Police chargesheeted eight persons under sections of the Indian Penal Code relating to rioting, theft, house trespass and punishment for criminal intimidation, among others.

same, hence the total number of admissions have stagnated. It states, "Asymptomatic patients looks like we are close to the

The wave peaked at around 20,000 hospitalisations and over 28,000 new cases a day.

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

A CIVIL defence volunteer has alleged she was sexually harassed by a deputy division warden at the sub-divisional magistrate's office in East Delhi. Police said a case has been registered and an internal enquiry by the department is also being conducted to look into allegations that he sexually harassed, threatened and

abused the volunteer. According to police, the civil defence volunteer, who is in her 20s and was deployed at the SDM's office, came to the police station with an NGO counsellor on Sunday.

Priyanka Kashyap, DCP (East), said, "The complainant alleged that the deputy division warden at her office harassed her for sexual favours. He also threatened to terminate her if she told anyone about it. Recently, he passed indecent comments at her. On December 31, he again forced the victim into physical relations. When the woman resisted, he abused and threatened her.

The woman also alleged that she tried to lodge a complaint with her seniors but was threatened by associates/friends of the accused. She also told police she went to the SDM's office but a group of men standing at the door "scared her".

A case under sections of sexual harassment and insulting the modesty of a woman has been registered.

No arrest has been made so far, and police said they are verifying the allegations. "An internal enquiry is also being conducted by the SDM's office and we are coordinating with them," the police said.

Ân official from the SDM's office said, "We received the complaint this week. We are conducting an enquiry and the volunteer is being counselled by an NGO."

Last week, a 25-year-old civil defence volunteer, who was working at SDM's office in Narela, had committed suicide after allegedly facing sexual harassment by other volunteers deployed at the office. Police had booked and arrested two of her colleagues for abetment to suicide

# Of 4,626 beds at Covid care centres, 13% occupied

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

OF THE 4,626 beds readied at Covid care centres in the city, 12.75% are occupied. A total of 590 patients are admitted at these makeshift care facilities, up from 324 a week ago, on January 4. Eight such centres have been readied so far.

At the Commonwealth Games Village Covid care centre in East Delhi, for instance, 84 patients were admitted as of Tuesday. Most people admitted there are mildly symptomatic, with fever and severe body ache. "In this wave we are not seeing much oxygen needs except 2-3 patients that have associated comorbidities," said Dr Prakerti

Kashyap, who is part of Doctors For You, the NGO running the centre.

While the centre had around



A total of 426 beds have been readied at the Commonwealth Games Village Covid care centre. Abhinav Saha

135 patients admitted till Monday, many were discharged, as now the guidelines allow that after seven days of testing positive for Covid, she said. Children from an orphanage,

hospitals have been reporting a

who had tested positive, constituted the bulk of the patients ad-

mitted at the centre, though many were recently discharged. The facility is equipped with 500 oxygen concentrators and three oxygen plants, ensuring adequate supply. A total of 426 beds have been readied at the centre so far, and the number

can be scaled up to 500, with beds at multiple halls of the centre. The centre was not closed down when the caseload fell after the second wave, though the number of functional beds was reduced, Dr Kashyap said. They were directed to operate with 50 beds, occasionally attending to people with post-Covid complications. The centre also provides recreational facilities like games and activities arranged for the children, besides voga

If a patient's condition worsens at the centre and treatment is to be escalated, they are shifted to Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital. For now, the facility has enough staff for around 500 patients. Dr Kashyap said. Additional staff can be mobilised when required since the organisation has a database of healthcare workers who can be contacted. she added.

Doctors For You also manages another centre at the Yamuna Sports Complex. The facility, which can accommodate upto 800 beds, has not yet begun admitting patients. This centre also has a separate paediatric care facility.

# **BID TO COVER ALL IN 15-17 AGE GROUP** For children out of schools, vaccination camps at childcare centres

#### SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

SCHOOLS ARE doubling up as centres for vaccinating children in the 15-17 age group in Delhi, attempts are also being made to reach those outside of school, including setting up camps at childcare institutions.

Camps at schools have played a crucial role in speeding up the vaccination process for teenagers. At Mount Abu Public

School Rohini, 85% of the approximately 500 eligible students were vaccinated on the school premises in a two-day camp. At Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya Peeragarhi, around 31% of the 1,115 eligible students

have been vaccinated so far at two school vaccination centres and one dispensary nearby. The head of the school, P D Sharma, said he is trying to complete the vaccination by next Wednesday. However, this is also the age group with the highest number

of children not attending school. The Delhi government's socioeconomic survey conducted between November 2018 and 2019 had found that 1.15.465 children aged 14 and above were not attending school.

The Women and Child Development department is working with district administrations to vaccinate all eligible children in childcare institutions and homes. For instance, all 120 teens eligible in Asha Kiran Complex have been vaccinated.



"This time, we've re-strategised and learnt from past lessons that we should not wait for people to come to centres but go to them where they are. The focus right now is to reach all those who are under institutional cover - be it schools or childcare homes. After that, we will think

Camps at schools have played crucial role in speeding up vaccination process for kids Abhinav Saha.

more about those who are covered by neither. We have already vaccinated all eligible children currently in institutions and welfare homes in the district. We have also provided the information of all centres to NGOs working in the area, and if they find any eligible children who are not covered, they can direct them to those," said Northwest Delhi district magistrate Cheshta Yaday. "We are trying to maximise coverage through the maximum

touch with NGOs, RWAs and civil society organisations. They have been active during the pandemic, assisting us with vaccination camps for other categories and they have networks in their areas," said South Delhi DM Sonalika Jiwani.

An issue that some DMs have flagged, though, is that a large number of those administering vaccines have contracted Covid during the ongoing third wave, meaning that resources are currently stretched.

New Delhi

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# AHEAD OF ARMY DAY China threat on, says Army Chief, rejects land border law

#### **KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

AS INDIAN and Chinese Corps Commanders met for the 14th round of discussions to resolve the 21-month-long standoff in eastern Ladakh, Army Chief General MM Naravane Wednesday said the Chinese threat in the region had not reduced in any way despite partial disengagement at multiple friction points.

Speaking to the reporters ahead of Army Day on January 15, Naravane also rejected China's land boundary law that came into force on January 1, saying it was not legally binding on India.

'This law will have no bearing on our bilateral relations and that we do not accept it as such," he said. "India and China have many other agreements and protocols which predate this new law that they have passed. And any new law which is not binding on other countries and which

is not legally tenable and is not in keeping with the agreements that we have had in the past, obviously cannot be binding on us." The law, passed amid the standoff, stipulates that "the sov-

ereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of China are sacred and inviolable". It has sparked concerns that it could

have a bearing on the dispute

along the Line of Actual Control. Naravane said the situation

along the LAC "is stable and under control". He added, however, that India is in a position "to meet whatever is thrown at us in the future". "War or conflict is always an instrument of last resort. But if resorted to, we will come out victorious.'

On the talks with China on Wednesday, Naravane said: "We are hopeful that we will be able to resolve the issues at PP15 (Hot Springs), which is the one which is pending as of now".

Once that is done, he said, "we will go on to the other issues which pre-date the current standoff, we are hopeful that too we will

SP, allies discuss

seat-sharing

formula, to



Gen Naravane in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

#### get resolved from time to time".

The two other unresolved points are Depsang Plains, where Chinese troops are blocking Indian soldiers from accessing their five traditional patrolling points; and Demchok, where

party leaders. The meeting,

which comes a week after

CPI(M) and CPI leaders met KCR,

and a month after KCR met his

Tamil Nadu counterpart M K

Stalin, sparked off speculation

about the formation of a possi-

ble Third Front ahead of the 2024

Lok Sabha elections, and the

Telangana CM's role in such an

While TRS leaders said noth-

ing much should be read into

Teiashwi's meeting with K

Chandrashekar Rao, they admit-

ted that a clearer picture would

emerge after the outcome of the

upcoming elections in five states.

KCR had explored a role for him-

self in national politics, and had

talked about forming a non-

Congress, non-BJP alliance com-

prising regional parties. K

Chandrashekar Rao had reached

out to Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief

Naveen Patnaik and TMC chief

Mamta Banejree in a bid to forge

a Third Front. Making his inten-

tions clear, he had then said that

"a Third Front is necessary to ig-

Expressing his intention and

nite a change in governance".

ambition to take a leadership

role at the national level he had

said: "The people of this country

are looking for a qualitative

change in governance and in the

society. In the last 70 years, the

political system, whether ruled

by Congress or BIP. has failed to

Prior to the 2019 elections,

alliance.

some "civilians" have pitched tents on the Indian side of the LAC.

The talks began Wednesday morning on the Chinese side of the Chushul-Moldo border personnel meeting point. The Indian side was led by XIV Corps commander Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, and the Chinese side by Maj Gen Yang Lin, commander of South Xinjiang Military District.

Stressing on the need for dialogue, he said it is unreasonable to expect an outcome after every round of discussions.

"A number of rounds will be required to deal with this situation and resolve them, one at a time," said the Army Chief.

"While we say that, while there has been partial disengagement, the threat has in no way reduced. The force levels are more or less the same, and from our side they have been enhanced."

During the press briefing. Naravane touched on a range of issues including the botched Army ambush in Nagaland, the state of the borders with Pakistan and Myanmar, and the situation in I&K. He said the Court of Inquiry is expected to submit in a day or two its report into the December 4 Army operation in Nagaland that left seven civilians dead. Terming the episode "highly regrettable", he said: "Based on the findings of the inquiry, appropri-

ate action will be taken. I would like to clarify that the law of the land is paramount, and we will always uphold that and will take ac-

**Bikram Singh Majithia** 

### SIT chief had no locus standi to conduct probe against me: Majithia

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#### **NAVJEEVAN GOPAL** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 12

THE PUNJAB drugs case on Wednesday took a new twist with Akali leader Bikram Singh Majithia telling the Special Investigation Team (SIT) that Punjab's anti-drug Special Task Force (STF) chief Harpreet Singh Sidhu had no locus standi to conduct any probe against him as he was his "relative; was involved in a relatives' property dispute; and that guard of Sidhu's father who was a brigadier in the Army

had fired at his grandfather." Harpreet Sidhu refuted the allegations. He told The Indian Express that "The property dispute was between my cousins and my mother and maternal aunts. The cousins had filed a case against them and lost it outright. Neither I nor BS (read Bikram Singh) Majithia have anything to do with it and are not parties to the case or have any interest in the property."

On allegations of firing, Sidhu said, "His (Majithia's) grandfather visited my father in Assam and when they were traveling, a security naka of the army fired on them in a case of mistaken identity. My father was injured and admitted to army hospital where he recovered. It is amazing that he (Majithia) thinks that the incident [which] probably [occurred] in 1991 or so has any connection with the allegation of smuggling of drugs against him." Sidhu said.

Based on ED findings after he was entrusted by the Punjab and Harvana Court to submit a report and broadly on the bases of which FIR registered against Majithia, Sidhu had stated, "...For the purpose of record it is stated that I have cousin brothers named Arjun Singh Majithia & Gobind Singh Majithia sons of late Jasjit Kaur (my maternal aunt) who are further ahead related to Bikram Singh Majithia. Late Jasjit Kaur passed away in the year 1987 and to the best of my knowledge, I have had no contact with her family atleast for the last about 14 years."

#### Left, Stalin, hint of a larger agenda tary Sitaram Yechury, Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, former Tripura CM Manik Sarkar, and politburo members B Krishnan and Ramachandran Pillai -- were in Hyderabad to attend a three-

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (*right*) with Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav. Twitter/@RJDforIndia

discussed.

In KCR's recent meetings with RJD,

after the NDA's de-EXPLAINE cisive win in the elections that year. But, of late, he has become increasingly vocal against the BJP at the Centre. His MPs

had Parliament's Winter Session proceedings over the paddy procurement issue, and the party, which has on many occasions sided with the Bharatiya Janata Party government and backed it on crucial Bills, including the farm laws, was even part of an Opposition joint statement condemning the suspension of 12

the 2019 Lok Sabha results, spoken about his national ambitions. But he set off a buzz when

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called on Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin, amidst the paddy row. It was described as a "courtesy call" as KCR was visiting the Rangantha Swamy temple in

### day central committee meeting, the CPI leaders, led by general secretary D Raia, were in the city to participate in the national

Youth Federation. While CMO officials again described these as "courtesy visits", Yechury, however, said the Left will tieup with any party that is against

> watching the TMC's foray out of West Bengal, especially in BJPruled Goa. In is in this context that RJD

> leader Tejashwi's visit is seen as significant. The Bihar Leader of Opposition arrived on a special flight with former RJD minister Abdul Bari Siddiqui, former MLC Sunil Singh, and former MLA Bhola Yadav.

While CMO officials called this too a "courtesy visit", the RID leader is learnt to be exploring if regional parties can form an alliance ahead of the 2024

we will meet again to discuss

polls. Srirangam, Tamil Nadu, and de-When asked about the cided to pay Stalin a visit. TRS agenda of the meeting, Bhola leaders maintained that since Yadav told The Indian Express, "When two leaders of major parthe families of both the CMs were also present, politics wasn't ties meet, obviously the political situation in the country is dis-Last Friday, top leaders of the cussed. This meeting was long CPI and CPM also paid a visit to overdue, both leaders felt they the Telangana CM, and they reshould meet each other. There portedly discussed the formawas no discussion of forming any front or alliance. If necessary, tion of a secular front to counter

were willing to talk about the that later. Senior TRS leader B Vinod meetings. While the CPM leaders -- in- Kumar said too much should not be read into the meeting. on December 14 last year. he cluding national general secre-





tion as required in upholding the

tion will be taken and corrective

measures instituted, based on the

outcome of the investigation."

He added: "Appropriate ac-

Naravane said the Army

would want to "progressively in-

crease the number of Assam Rifles

battalions for border guarding" of

centration of terrorists in various

launchpads" and "repeated at-

tempts at infiltration" along LoC,

despite ceasefire with Pakistan.

He flagged an "increase in con-

the boundary with Myanmar.

# **DELHI CONFIDENTIAL**



### **TEST DRIVE**

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS MP Abhishek Banerjee marked Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary on Wednesday by carrying out a unique drive in his Lok Sabha constituency Diamond Harbour – that of Covid tests. As many as 53,203 Covid tests were carried out in the constituency at the rate of 27,000 tests per million population. The MP said this was one of the highest ever number in a single day in a constituency across the country. Banerjee also claimed that his constituency has the lowest Covid positivity rate among the Lok Sabha seats in the state.



THE VISHWA Hindu Parishad (VHP) wants the English alphabet chart to be Indianised. Pushing aside the A for Apple, B for Ball chart, the outfit wants children to learn alphabet from a new chart it has prepared – of prominent Indian personalities and religious figures among others. So, the chart has A for Ambedkar, B for Bhagat Singh, C for Chanakya, D for Dayananda... K for Kalam APJ. There are some modifications as well to meet the purpose: X for LaXman, W for Walmiki (Valmiki) and Z for Zulelal (Jhulelal). Y, of course, is for Yoga.

### ACCOUNT HACKED

THE INFORMATION and Broadcasting Ministry had to face some embarrassment on social media Wednesday morning. The ministry's official Twitter handle was hacked, and its name changed to that of American billionaire Elon Musk. For more than one hour, the control of the handle, with over 1.4 million followers, remained with the hackers, who kept putting out comments such as "Hurry up!", "Great job!" and "Love you guys!! My gift here!!". A little after 10 am, the ministry officials finally managed to get back its control, and deleted all the spam tweets. "The account @Mib\_india has been restored. This is for the information of all the followers," the ministry then tweeted.

#### announce 'soon' **SREENIVAS JANYALA EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** HYDERABAD, JANUARY 12 LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12 ON TUESDAY, Telangana Chief SAMAJWADI PARTY (SP) presi-Minister K Chandrashekar Rao dent Akhilesh Yadav on had an unlikely visitor -Wednesday chaired a meeting Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader with his party's alliance partners Tejashwi Yadav, who flew in to Hyderabad with a team of his

at SP's headquarters here to discuss seat-sharing arrangement. The Opposition party announced that the alliance would conduct a door-to-door campaign.

Among the leaders present were Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) president and Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal Yadav, his son Aditya Yadav; Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar; Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) state chief Masood Ahmad; Janwadi Party (Socialist) chief Sanjay Chauhan; Mahan Dal president Keshav Dev Maurya; Apna Dal (Kamerawadi) chief Krishna Patel and NCP's KK Sharma.

SP national spokesperson Juhie Singh said the seat-sharing formula will be announced this week. "I think the party will make things public soon," she added.

Senior party leaders said the SP would contest around 300 seats while the rest will go to its allies. "Some of the candidates of our allies will contest on our symbol while some of the allies' candidates will contest on the SP symbol." said one leader. "We have reached an agreement, and we are on same page as them."

Without mentioning how many constituencies the SBSP would contest, Rajbhar told a news channel, "We are not contesting in the first three phases. We will field candidates from the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh phases...Our seats are finalised."

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Rajya Sabha MPs. Yet, KCR himself hasn't, since

the BJP. None of the TRS leaders

convention of the All India the BJP. The TRS leadership is also

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law of the land."

#### After failure of alliances with Congress in 2017 Assembly polls and BSP in 2019 LS polls, the SP had said it would ally only with smaller parties for upcoming state elections.

deliver, has failed miserably to bring a qualitative change in the lives of the people. The country is now desperate for a qualitative change in politics."

However, he shelved the idea

#### **TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED**

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Extract of the audited consolidated interim financial results for the guarter ended December 31, 2021

|   |   |  | (₹ crore)   |
|---|---|--|---|
|   | Three month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2021 | Nine month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2021 | Three month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2020 |
| Revenue from operations                                 | 48,885  | 1,41,163   | 42,015  |
| Profit before tax (before exceptional item)             | 13,191  | 38,323   | 11,692  |
| Profit before tax (after exceptional item)              | 13,191  | 38,323   | 11,692  |
| Profit after tax  | 9,806   | 28,490   | 8,727   |
| Total comprehensive income for the period               | 9,555   | 28,269   | 9,142   |
| Paid up equity share capital (Face value: ₹1 per share) | 370   | 370  | 375   |
| Total reserves (including non-controlling interests)*   | 86,738  | 86,738   | 84,374  |
| Earnings per equity share:- Basic and diluted (₹)       | 26.41   | 76.77  | 23.19   |

\*Balances for three month and nine month period ended December 31, 2021 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2021 and balances for three month period ended December 31, 2020 represent balances as per the audited consolidated balance sheet for the year ended March 31, 2020 as required by Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

Extract of the audited standalone interim financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021

|   |   |  | (< crore)   |
|---|---|--|---|
|   | Three month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2021 | Nine month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2021 | Three month<br>period ended<br>December 31,<br>2020 |
| Revenue from operations                     | 40,845  | 1,17,882   | 34,957  |
| Profit before tax (before exceptional item) | 12,879  | 37,097   | 11,844  |
| Profit before tax (after exceptional item)  | 12,879  | 37,097   | 11,844  |
| Profit after tax                            | 9,959   | 28,392   | 9,242   |
| Total comprehensive income for the period   | 9,885   | 28,326   | 9,150   |

Notes:

- The audited consolidated interim financial results and audited standalone interim financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 12, 2022. The statutory auditors have expressed an unmodified audit opinion on these results.
- The Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 12, 2022, has declared an interim dividend of ₹7.00 per equity share. 2.
- The Board of Directors at its meeting held on January 12, 2022, has approved a proposal to buy-back upto 4,00,00,000 equity shares of the 3. Company for an aggregate amount not exceeding ₹18,000 crore being 1.08% of the total paid up equity share capital at ₹4,500 per equity share subject to approval from shareholders.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the Securities and 4. Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format for three month and nine month period ended December 31, 2021, are available on the BSE Limited website (URL: www.bseindia.com), the National Stock Exchange of India Limited website (URL: www.nseindia.com) and on the Company's website (URL: www.tcs.com/investors).

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Mumbai January 12, 2022

**Rajesh Gopinathan** CEO and Managing Director

#### ADANI ELECTRICITY MUMBAI INFRA LIMITED

Registered Office: Adani House, 56, Shrimali Society, Nr. Mithakhali Six Roads, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat 380009, India. Website: www.adanielectricity.com CIN: U40106GJ2020PLC111877

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date:- 13.01.2022

| NIT No.             | Brief Works Description   | Estimated Cost<br>(INR, Lakhs) | Cost of EMD<br>(INR, Lakhs) | Prebid<br>Meeting Date  | Due Date &<br>Time of<br>Submission | Date &<br>Time of<br>Bid Opening |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AMIL/2021-22/<br>07 | Proto Assembly & Type Testing of 04 types (DA,DB,DC & DD)<br>towers for ±320KV HVDC transmission Line with +9 Mtr<br>extension (Wind Zone -3) | 379.5                          | 3.8                         | 19/01/2022<br>11:30 Hrs | 29/01/2022<br>17:00 Hrs             | 31.01.2022<br>17:00 Hrs          |

All Materials & Services will be as per AMIL Specifications / BOQ.

All Prebid Meeting will be done electronically / telephonically due to Covid19 restrictions

For details with respect of Service/ Material, Qualifying Requirement , Terms & Conditions, Services / Submission of Tender Documents, etc. please visit our web site - www.adanielectricity.com --> Tenders --> Open Tenders. The Tender document will be available on said link by 13th January, 2022

Tenderer must submit their bids online / electronic submission. Vendor should visit the website www.adanielectricity.com for any Corrigendum / Amendments; no separate information regarding Corrigendum will be published in the newspapers.

Date: 13.01. 2022

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|                         | NOTICE INVITING TENDER |   |                                |                             |                         | Date:- 13.01.2022                   |                                  |  |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| NIT No.                 | Division               | Brief Works Description   | Estimated Cost<br>(INR, Lakhs) | Cost of EMD<br>(INR, Lakhs) | Prebid<br>Meeting Date  | Due Date &<br>Time of<br>Submission | Date &<br>Time of<br>Bid Opening |  |
| AEML/MTB/<br>2021-22/13 | Transmission           | Replacement of in-service Polymer insulators<br>with high creepage polymer insulators in<br>Cold line at critical locations in Mumbai<br>& Dahanu | 56.8                           | 0.5                         | 19.01.2022<br>11:30 Hrs | 27.01.2022<br>17:00 Hrs             | 28.01.2022<br>17:00 Hrs          |  |
| AEML/MDB/<br>2021-22/77 | Distribution           | Appointment of Architect for Kiosks<br>and offices etc. across AEML locations<br>in Mumbai  | 75.0                           | 0.8                         | 17.01.2022<br>11.30 hrs | 27.01.2022<br>16.00 hrs             | 28.01.2022<br>16.00 hrs          |  |
| AEML/MDB/<br>2021-22/78 | Distribution           | Misc Civil Works at Erangle Receiving Station   | 55.0                           | 0.6                         | 18.01.2022<br>11.30 hrs | 25.01.2022<br>16.00 hrs             | 27.01.2022<br>16.00 hrs          |  |

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# CORONA ISN'T OVER REMEMBER TO FOLLOW ALL COVID PRECAUTIONS



Wear a mask properly Wear your mask before stepping out of the house.



Wash your hands frequently Wash your hands regularly with soap or use sanitizer for atleast 20 seconds.



**Practice social distancing** Avoid going to crowded places, and remember to maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet.

"According to experts, Omicron spreads very rapidly, but there is no need to panic. Continue to wear your mask and remember to follow all covid norms."

- Arvind Kejriwal

Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi

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# **11 MEDICAL COLLEGES INAUGURATED IN TN** MBBS, medical PG seats up 80% since 2014: PM

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, JANUARY 12

PRAISING TAMIL language and Tamil Nadu's contribution in producing some of the world's top engineers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday inaugurated 11 new medical colleges and a Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) in the state and said that there has been an 80-per cent increase in the number of MBBS and medical PG seats in India since 2014.

Modi inaugurated the projects virtually from New Delhi.

Referring to the shortage of doctors in the country, he said that "perhaps vested interests did not let previous governments

take the right decision" and address this issue. He pointed out that access to medical education is another issue that needs to be addressed and said there were only 387 medical colleges in India in 2014. That number, he pointed out, has increased to 596 in the last seven years since his

government took charge. He said there were only 82.000 MBBS and PG Medical seats in 2014, which now stands at 1.48 lakh seats — "an increase of 80 percent". He said the number of AIIMS hospitals has also increased from seven in 2014 to 22 (number of projects approved) now

Modi said regulations to set up medical colleges were regularised by his government without compromising quality.

On the new projects, he said, "Maybe it was the first time in the country to have inaugurations of 11 medical colleges at one stroke. I had inaugurated nine medical colleges in Uttar Pradesh only a few days ago, so I am getting to break my own record.'

Modi said it is "good to see that two of the medical colleges inaugurated today are in aspirational districts – Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar" – which, he added, require special attention in development.

Nilgiris, Tiruvallur, Namakkal, Nagapattinam, Dindigul, Kallakurichi, Ariyalur, Krishnagiri and Tirupur are the other districts where the medical colleges were inaugurated.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has reaffirmed the importance of the health sector. The future belongs to societies that invest in healthcare," he said, referring to several reforms and schemes launched by



PM Modi speaks at the inauguration of the 25th National Youth Festival in Puducherry, via video conferencing. PTI

his government in health the sector, including Ayushman Bharat Yojana and the network of Ian Aushadhi stores.

Modi said one of the happiest moments in his life was the opportunity he had to speak a few words in Tamil at the United Nations.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, who attended the event from Chennai, thanked Modi and said this was a day that fulfilled a long-pending dream of the state to have medical colleges in all districts. Asserting that the state has the maximum number of medical colleges in India, he said the 11 medical colleges and the new classical Tamil institute were dreams of his late father and for-

mer CM, M Karunanidhi. Stalin said the admission policy of Tamil Nadu plays an important role in the state's health infrastructure and all advanced health practices it had attained. To protect this, he reminded Modi about the state's longpending demand to get exemption from NEET exam.

#### Form No. 3 [See Regulation-15 (1) (a)] / 16(3) BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT3) 4<sup>™</sup> FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI: 110001

Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debi Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). Case No.: OA/133/2021 Exh No.: 3959 Karnataka Bank Limited VS

#### M/S Alpana Novelties Manufacturing co and ors

1.M/S Alpana Novelties Manufacturing co and ors, Through Its Partners Mohd Sami, Late Mohd Aziz, Modh Afzal, Mohd Safdar, At-B1, Sec B1 [Aziz, Modh Afzal, Mohd Safdar, At-B1, Sec B1, Gate No.2, Tronica City, Loni Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201000, 2. Mr. Mohd Sami s/o Late Mohd Rafi, H No-1544, Gali Kotana, Suiwalan, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002, 3. Mr. Mohd Afzal s/o Late Mohd Rafi, H No-1544, Gali Kotana, Suiwalan, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002, 4. Mr. Mohd Safdar s/o Late Mohd Rafi, H No-1544, Gali Kotana, Suiwalan, Daryaganj, Delhi-110002, 5. Mr. Nippun Jain s/o Mr. Nehru Jain, R/o H No-78A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095, 6. Mrs. Uroco Aziz, w/o Late M Mohd Aziz, R/o H No-Irooz Aziz w/o Late Mr Mohd Aziz R/o H No Gali Kotana, Suiwalan, Daryaganj, Delh 2, **7. Mr Fauzaan Aziz** s/o Late Mr Mod 544

Aziz, Through His Legal Guardian, R/o H No-1544, Gali Kotana, Suiwalan, Daryaganj, Delhi-

pecified or disclosed under serial number 3A of th

Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons

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#### Raising marriage age will help women build career: PM

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on video conferencing.

Wednesday said the government "We believe that sons and has decided to raise the mardaughters are equal. Keeping riageable age of women from 18 this in mind, the government has to 21 so that they can build their decided to raise the age of marcareer. Modi was speaking at the riage to 21 years for the betterinauguration of the 25th National ment of daughters. Daughters Youth Festival in Puducherry via can also make their career, they

get more time, this is a very important step in this direction," Modi said.

#### The government had introduced the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill during the winter session of the

Parliament. ENS

#### M.P. ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

| (M.P. State Highway Authority) (Govt. of MP Undertaking)<br>45-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal–462011 (CIN : U45203MP2004SGC016758)<br>Phone : 0755-2597290/2765205, Fax : 2572643, Website : www.mprdc.gov.in<br>No. 14987/MPRDC/858/HR/BDC/2022 Bhopal, Date : 12.01.2022                   |   |             |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MP Road Development Corporation Ltd. has been deputed as the executing agency for construction of various building projects of GoMP. To meet the man power requirement of Building Project, MPRDC invites applications for following 01 indicative posts from eligible candidates :- |   |             |  |  |  |  |  |
| S.No.  | Name of Post & Salary                                     | No. of Post | Remarks/Qualification/Experience   |  |  |  |  |
| 1  | Engineer in Chief<br>(Contract)<br>(Last Pay (-) Pension) | UR-01       | <ol> <li>Worked as Engineer in Chief/Chief<br/>Engineer (Civil) in Govt./Semi. Govt. Organisation.</li> <li>Total 20 years experience in the field of Building/<br/>Road Project.</li> </ol> |  |  |  |  |

The General Terms and Conditions :

- 1. Application form should be submitted in prescribed format at office of Chief General Manager (Admn.), 45-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal only,
- The selection will be made on the basis of merit cum interview.
- 3. The appointment is initially for One year, which can be extended, based upon satisfactory performance and mutual consent as per the requirements of the MPRDC.
- MD, MPRDC reserves the right to increase or decrease the positions (no. of post, based on actual position required) advertised and to fill/not fill them from the merit/waiting list. MPRDC reserves the right not to declare any waiting list.
- 5. MD, MPRDC will have full right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof.
- 6. The last date for submission of application is 24.01.2022.
- 7. All details are mentioned on the Rule Book, the application form and rule book are also showing on www.mprdc.gov.in

M.P. Madhyam/103270/2022



# CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (ADMIN.)

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BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

POST GRADUATE MEDICAL ADMISSION COUNSELLING (PGMAC)-2021 for MD / MS / PGD / DNB (Degree & Diploma) in Govt./ Private Medical Colleges of Bihar

bceceboard.bihar.gov.in

#### Advt. No.- BCECEB(PGMAC)-2021/02 Dated : 12.01.2022

#### NOTICE

The list of candidates of NEET-PG 2021 which has been provided by National Board of Examination NBE) through Health Department, Govt. of Bihar to the BCECE Board is being uploaded on Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in .

Online application in prescribed form from the qualified, eligible & interested NEET-PG 2021 candidates for admission to First year of the different Post Graduate Degree / Diploma / DNB (Degree & Diploma) courses in Govt./ Private Medical colleges of Bihar State are invited on the basis of the above mentioned list for appearing in the Post Graduate Medical Admission Counselling (PGMAC)-2021 in order to select candidates for admission to the FIRST YEAR of the following Post Graduate Degree/ Diploma Courses :

MD / MS / PG Diploma (PGD) /DNB (Degree & Diploma) Courses in Govt. Medical Colleges viz. Patna Medical College, Patna, Darbhanga Medical College, Darbhanga, Nalanda Medical College, Patna, A.N.M. Medical College, Gaya, J.L.N.M.C., Bhagalpur, S.K.M.C., Muzaffarpur, IGIMS Medical College, Patna and VIMS, Pawapuri, G.M.C., Bettiah for the session 2021.

(ii) MD / MS / PG Degree Courses in Private Medical Colleges viz. K.M.C., Katihar, Narayan Medical College & Hospital, Sasaram, M.G.M.M.C., Kishanganj for the session 2021.

DQ candidates must note that they have to submit DQ certificate issued by only authorised Centres / Institutes on prescribed proforma as per para-7B (Annexure-1A, 1B, 1C) of the prospectus of PGMAC-2021 at the time of counselling / document verification. For this, after filling and downloading the hard copy of online application form, candidates must consult any concerned authorised Medical College / Centre / Institute with the downloaded online application form for disability test for obtaining disability certificate.

Certificate issued from any other Institutes / Centres except above will not be entertained, for which the candidate will himself be responsible.

- The online Registration and submission of Application Form will start from 13.01.2022 and close on 18.01.2022 (11.59 P.M.).
- Eligibility criteria for counselling, Fee payment procedure, instructions and other details are available in the prospectus of PGMAC-2021 and the related detailed Advertisement No. BCECEB(PGMAC)-2021/01 Dated 12.01.2022 which can be downloaded from the Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in. **Controller of Examination**

Pursuant to rule 17 of the LLP Rules, 2009] Before the Registrar of Companies, Patna

in the matter of sub-section (3) of Section 13 of LLP Act, 2008 and Rule 17 of the LLP Rules, 2009 AND

110002 SUMMONS Whereas, OA/133/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 29/12/2021. Whereas This Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 36971092.92 (Application along with Copies of documents etc. annexed) in accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under-filen show rause within thirty days of the service of in the matter of V.K. TULSYAN & CO. LLP Internator of V.K. TULSYAN & CO. LLP its registered office at, Flat No. 206. Sidcharath Appartment Marwaii Colony, Near Shayam Mandir, Palna - 800016, having LLPIN: AAE-2276.

the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under-(I)to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3 A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3 A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the ... Applicant Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Limited Lability Partnership (LLP) proposes to make application to the Registrar of Companies (RDC), Patna undersection 13 of LLP Act, 2008 read with Rule 17 of the LLP Rules, 2009 seeking confirmation for elteration of the LLF Agreement in terms of the resolution passed at the meeting of Partners held on 10th January, 2022 to enable the LLP to change its Registered Office from "State of Bihar" to "State of West Bengal".

provide the second state of the second the prior approval of the fribunal; (V) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of the second s Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the LLP may send by pusiness and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financia account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 110/21022 at 10:30a.M. failing which the application shall 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 Webexapplication/software; (ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-l/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. <u>art govin</u> under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No. 23748469. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 291/22021. Signature of the Officer Authorised to issue summons. egistered post of his/her objection supported by an affidivit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the ROC-cum-Official Liquidator, Ministry Of Corporate Affairs, High Court Of Patna, Maurya Lok Complex, Block "A" 4th Floor, Dak Bun galow Road, Patna-800001, Bihar within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant LLP at its registered office.

For and on behalf of the Applicant Sd Vishnu Kumar Tulayan Dale : 11.01.2022 (Designated Partner) Place : Patria (DIN: 00638832)

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, MEDICAL EDUCATION & TRAINING UTTAR PRADESH, 6th FLOOR, JAWAHAR BHAWAN, LUCKNOW. Lucknow, Dated: 12th January, 2022 No. ME-3/2022/ 80 The Time Schedule of First Round of Online Counseling of UP NEET PG-2021 The Time Schedule for the Admission through Online counselling in the State Uttar Pradesh for Government / Private Medical College / Institutions / Universities for on /MD /MS /Diplor

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|--|--|
| Date of Online Registration                | 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (From 2:00 PM) To                |
| (MD / MS / Diploma)                        | 17th January 2022 (Till 2:00 PM)                               |
| Date of Security Fee Deposition            | 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 To 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 |
| Expected date of Declaration of Merit List |  |
| Date of Online Choice Filling              | 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 (From 2:00 PM) to                |
|  | 24th January 2022 (Till 12:00 AM)                              |
| Declaration of result of seat allotment    | 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022                                  |
|  | 27th January 2022 to 02nd Febuary 2022                         |
| and admission date                         | (Except Sunday & Government Holidays)                          |
| Session start from                         | 01 <sup>*</sup> February 2022                                  |
|  |  |

Registration fee & Security fee should be submitted by Debit card/Credit card & E-challan

For PH Candidates, please see the Government of India Notice dated 01-12-2021 the above notice contains the list of centers which will issue the Disability Certificate. The Notice dated 01-12-2021 of Government of India has also been displayed on the departmental website www.dgmeup.in

For further important and detailed information kindly visit the website https://upneet.gov.in & www.dgmeup.in. **Director General**  15 to 18 years has started

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### **EXPRESS NETWORK** 8

**PLEA AGAINST TALAQ AL-SUNNAH** 

#### Karnataka college bans hijabs, saffron scarves on campus POLL CODE BREACH: UP MINISTER, OTHERS BOOKED

Muzaffarnagar: Uttar Pradesh minister Kapil Dev Aggarwal was on Wednesday booked for violating the model code of conduct and the Covid protocol for allegedly holding a rally at a public ground without permission. The UP minister for Vocational Education and Skill Development was booked along with 40 BJP workers after they held the public rally at Ramlila Tila locality under the Kotwali police station area of the district on Tuesday, police said, adding that they were all booked based on the video evidence of the rally. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE **BENGALURU, JANUARY 12** 

A STATE-RUN college in Balagadi village in Karnataka's Chikkamagaluru district has decided to ban hijabs and saffron scarves on the campus. The decision was taken at a meeting with the parents of students on Wednesday.

Last month, a section of students had turned up wearing saffron scarves and asked their female Muslim classmates not to wear hijabs during classes.

told The Indian Express, "The officials were part of the meeting and it was decided that Hindu students will not sport saffron

scarves and Muslim girl students will not wear hijabs but they can wear a shawl to cover their heads. If anyone violates the rule, they would be dismissed from the college.'

The degree college has around 850 students of which a quarter are Muslim. A faculty member, who did not reveal his name, said some people were trying to instigate hatred.

Principal Ananth Murthy

It was decided Hindu students will not sport saffron scarves and Muslim girl students won't wear hijabs, says principal

Notably, most governmentrun degree colleges in the state do not have uniforms though the one in Balagadi is an exception. In 2018, the college had faced the same issue and the rule was brought. An officer working in

the higher education department said that the issue of dress code "has cropped up in recent years."Campus Front of India (Karnataka) state secretary Syed Sarfaraz Gangavathi welcomed the decision of the college authorities. "The Constitution allows the wearing of hijab or saffron shawls but it should not be instigated by anyone or politically motivated," he said.

Former National Secretary of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Harsha Narayan said that schools and colleges should be kept away

from religious practices. "We are ready to join any organisation (including Campus Front of India) to keep away religious practices from schools and colleges," he added.

Recently, the principal of a government PU college In Udupi district stopped Muslim girls from entering the campus as they were wearing hijabs. However, the latter were allowed entry after they approached the deputy commissioner of Udupi, Kurma Rao, stating that their constitutional

rights were being violated.



one form of talaq (instant talaq)

has been declared illegal, the

other two forms were not specif-

ically covered by the 2019 Act. "If

you say 'talaq' one after the an-

other, that was declared to be an

offence by the Act of Parliament.

But if you say it three times in

three months, or with a gap, it is

still not declared to be illegal,"

Arora submitted, while seeking

time to file a reply on behalf

the September 23 HC order had

been filed by the petitioner to

seek a clarification whether talaq

al-sunnah also falls within the meaning of talaq under Section 2

(c) of the 2019 law. Following the

Centre's submission, the court

said that the review petition de-

order passed last year, the court

said that it had proceeded on the

basis that talaq al-sunnah is cov-

ered by the 2019 Act on the as-

sumption that talaq al-sunnah is

also a pronouncement of talaq by

a Muslim husband upon his wife,

by words, either spoken or writ-

ten or in electronic form or in any

other manner. However, the court

said, it appears that talaq al-sun-

nah is not covered by the defini-

tion of talaq under the 2019 law.

states that it challenges the "as-

sumed absolute discretion" of a

Muslim husband to give divorce

to his wife "at any time without

any reason and without advance

notice to wife and without pres-

ence of wife on the grounds of

being arbitrary, anti-shariat, un-

constitutional, discriminatory,

The petition before the court

While recalling the dismissal

The review petition against

of the government.

serves to be allowed.

#### SOFIAHSAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE DELHI High Court on Wednesday agreed to hear a petition seeking to declare talaq alsunnah, a type of divorce in Islamic jurisprudence, as unconstitutional and discriminatory, after the Centre submitted that the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019 which criminalises instant triple talaq – does not render the other forms of talaq illegal.

Issuing notice to the Centre, the division bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh asked the authorities to file a response within eight weeks and listed it for hearing on May 2.

Dismissing the same petition filed by a Muslim woman, apprehending divorce by her husband, the court had, on September 23, said that the plea is completely misconceived in light of the 2019 law, and in particular its provision declaring pronouncement of talaq as illegal.

The petitioner later sought a review of the order.

Section 2(c) of the 2019 Act states that talaq "means talaq-ebiddat or any other similar form of talag having the effect of instantaneous and irrevocable divorce pronounced by a Muslim husband". Talaq al-sunnah, which also involves pronouncement of 'talaq' by the husband, is revocable, as it involves the feature of a certain waiting period before it can be considered final.

Advocate Monika Arora, representing the Centre, told the court on Wednesday that while

CORRIGENDUM

modified, description in custor pertaining to E-open Tender No. 30

GKP-MWS-2021-22. S.No.1:- E-Tender Notice No. & Nam

of Work: IREPS Tender No. 30-GKP MWS-2021-22. Overhauling o

Transformer of MEMU Motor Coacl POH & D.C. Motors of MEMU Mai

Compressor & Auxilary Compresso for 36 MEMU Motor Coaches as pe

Scope of Work. Existing:-NIL Modified:-Firm should have workin

experience of Installation & Commissionin / Repair / Reconditioning / AMC/POI

of DC/AC Motors (upto 15Kw Or more and Transformer (1000KVA @ 25 KV

Or more ) in Railways/PSU/Govt Sector. Note:- Supporting documents

should be submitted by tenderer with

tender documents. Existing:-NIL,

Modified - Electrical License

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#### Eight aides of NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY splinter Maoist Dy.CME/Repair for Chief Workshop Manager, N. E. Railway, Mechanica Workshop. Gorakhpur- for and or behalf of President of India has beer group held: cops

barbaric and illegal".

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RANCHI, JANUARY 12

HARKHAND POLICE on Wednesday said they have arrested eight aides of Peoples' Liberation Front of India (PLFI), a splinter group of the banned CPI(Maoist), in an operation spanning six days. They claimed to have seized arms and ammunition and more than Rs 64 lakh in cash during the operation.

The police identified them as Nivesh Kumar. 32: Subham



# An opportunity to give medical service to India's lifeline



#### Northern Railway conducts a Walk-in-interview for engagement of CMPs for COVID Isolation ward of Northern Railway Central Hospital on contract basis

Dated : 12/01/2022

#### No. 752E/Contract/COVID/NRCH/2022

Sub : Walk-in-interview for engagement of Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) for COVID Isolation Ward in Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi on contract basis for a duration up to 31.03.2022 & further extendable as per requirement as shown below and to prepare a wait-list for vacancies that may arise in future.

| ITEM.<br>NO. | CATEGORY | SPECIALTY                         |          | PLACE OF<br>POSTING |
|--------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| 01.          | CMP      | (Specialists Medicine/Anesthesia/ | Ten (10) | NRCH, New Delhi     |
|              |          | Pediatrics/Critical Care)         |          |                     |
| 02.          | CMP      | (General Duty Medical Officer)    | Ten (10) | NRCH, New Delhi     |

Note: - 1. Depending on administrative exigencies, Railway Administration have reserved the right to modify number of vacancies and place of posting. In case, sufficient Specialists are not available, posts will be filled by GDMOs.

2. Term/period of the contract is further extendable as per requirement for each category of staff if such directions are received from Railway Board.

#### Reservation will be as under:

| ITEM | CATEGORY       | SC | ST  | OBC | EWS | UR | TOTAL |
|------|----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|
| NO   |                |    |     |     |     |    |       |
| 01   | CMP Specialist | 01 | Nil | 02  | 01  | 06 | 10    |
| 02   | CMP (GDMO)     | 01 | Nil | 02  | 01  | 06 | 10    |

Note :- In case, reserved candidates are not available, reserved posts will be filled by UR candidates because the appointment is to be done in Emergency for COVID-19

The reservation will apply as per rules in vogue. The actual reservation of vacancies would depend upon the prevailing sanctioned strength at the time of engagement. In case required number of reserved slots are not filled in, it will be open to fill the seats with unreserved candidate in terms of Rly Bd's directives issued vide No. 77 E (SCT) 15/18 date 22.7.1977 in view of emergency. Date, Time & Venue of Document verification, walk-in Interview & Medical Examination:-The interested candidates can appear in online/Walk-in-interview followed by Medical

| Examination a |            |            |                                |
|---------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Date          | Time       | Categories | Venue                          |
| 17.01.2022    | 10:00 Hrs. | CMPs       | Auditorium, Northern Railway   |
|               | to 15:00.  |            | Central Hospital, Basant Lane, |
|               |            |            | New Delhi                      |

Medical Examination of suitable candidates will be held after Walk-in-Interview. Note :- Candidates should submit their application in duplicate on prescribed proforma enclosed

is where basis is". Administration reserves the right to change the posting as per administrative needs. The CMP Specialist Doctors so selected shall also have to carry out general duties as

iii) If posts of specialists not filled up the vacancies may be filled up by General Duty Medical Practitioners temporarily,

(v) The notification can be downloaded from Northern Railway's websites

www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html vi) After approval of the panel by competent authority, the panel will be uploaded at NR's websites www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html. Suitable candidates will be intimated through speed-post, Telephone calls and e-mail/SMS to report at Northern Railway's Central Hospital New Delhi for posting. The candidates who do

not report at the assigned date and time will forfeit their chance of contract engagement and vacancies may be filled up from the next empanelled candidate.

#### Enclosed : As above ADDI ICATION FOR THE POST OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS OF GENERAL DUTY DOCTORS

| L | APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SPECIALIST DUCTORS OR GENERAL                     | DUTT DUCTORS                         |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | (Kindly indicate)   |                                      |
|   | Whether applicant is Ex Railway/Central/State Govt. Doctors/Ex SM             |                                      |
|   | (Kindly indicate)   |                                      |
| R | Specialist Doctors may indicate if he/she wants to be empanelled as a General | Duty Doctors also-                   |
|   | Willing/Not willing (Kindly indicate)   | Latest passport                      |
| b | The Medical Director,   | size photograph                      |
| b | Northern Railway Central Hospital   | of candidate duly self attested half |
| Э | BasantLane  | on photo and half                    |
|   | New Delhi.  | on application                       |
| - | 1. Name (in block letters):   |                                      |
| I | 2. Father's/Husband's name (in block letters):                                |                                      |
| _ | 3. Permanent Address :  |                                      |
| l | 4. Postal Address :   |                                      |
| 1 | 5. Email address in very clear words :  |                                      |
| L | 6. Mobile No. & DOT (with STD code) : Mobile No                               |                                      |
|   | : DOT No. (With STD code) :   |                                      |
|   | 7. Date of Birth :  |                                      |
| Ч | Age as on 13.01.2022 (YearsMor  | nths Days)                           |

and when required by Railway Administration in addition to their specialty work.

(iv) The number of notified vacancies may be changed as per requirement of the administration.

| herewith latest by 09:00 AM at above mentioned venue on the dates of Documents Verification |
|---|
| and walk-in-interviews.   |

In case, it is not possible to interview all candidates on nominated day, they will be interviewed on next working day/days. Thus, the candidates should make their own arrangement for stay and come prepared accordingly.

| Remuneration: | - |
|---------------|---|
|               | _ |

| S.NO. | CATEGORY          | SALARY PER MONTH |
|-------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1     | CMP (Specialists) | Rs.95000/-       |
| 2     | CMP (GDMOs)       | Rs. 75000/-      |

a) For Category 1 & 2: Consolidated remuneration at the rate of Rs. 75,000/- for General Duty Doctor and Rs. 95,000/- for Specialist Doctors per month will be admissible, if Govt accommodation is not provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, an amount equivalent to House Rent Allowance payable to a fresh entrant to Group 'A' Jr. Scale and License fee of Railway accommodation so provided shall be deducted from the monthly remuneration payable to the CMP.

#### Age Limit

Candidate should not have completed more than 53 years, age as on 13.01.2022. However, age relaxation of 05 years for SC/ST and 03 years for OBC candidates is admissible.

#### Terms and Conditions:-

Engagement of Doctors would be on contract basis initially for a period up to 31.03.2022, further extendable as per administrative requirement & on the basis of assessment of performance of CMPs as well as the situation of COVID-19 Pandemic if such observations are received from Railway Board. However, services of these doctors can be terminated even before 31.03.2022 giving 15 days notice on either side. Railway Administration reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time during the contract by giving 15 days notice or payment of 15 days remuneration without assigning any reason whatsoever. The services rendered as contractual staff is a stop gap arrangement and & will not confer upon them any right for regularization or permanent absorption in the Railway. The engagement shall be purely on contract basis for a period upto 31.03.2022 or extended term as may be required.

#### Essential Educational Qualification

- (i) For General Duty Doctors: MBBS degree (with completion of internship) from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council.
- (ii) For Specialist Doctors: MBBS degree and Post Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma ir subject concerned from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council. Experience
- For specialist Medical Practitioners for General Duty Doctors, the candidate with experience will be given preference

Contract is liable to be terminated, if the Contract Medical Practitioner is found to be mentally of physically incapacitated.

#### Note :-

(i) Candidate should bring their Application form along with original and attested copies of all certificates & mark-sheets. No TA/DA is admissible.

(ii) The offer of engagement to selected candidates shall be issued subject to availability of



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| Examination                                 | Year of | Medical College | No. of | Percentage |
|---|---------|-----------------|--------|------------|
| 11. Educational/Professional Qualifications | 3 :     |                 |        |            |
| yes; give details                           |         |                 |        |            |
| 10. Have you worked in Railways as a CMP    |         |                 |        |            |
| 9. Nationality :                            |         |                 |        |            |
| Ex-Serviceman (Please write)                |         |                 |        |            |
| SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR/                           |         |                 |        |            |
| o. Calegory to which belongs                |         |                 | •••••• | ••••••     |

| Examination  | Passing | & University | attempts  | Percentage     |
|--|---------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| High School/equivalent   |         |              |           |                |
| Intermediate/equivalent  |         |              |           |                |
| MBBS Part I  |         |              |           |                |
| MBBS Part II   |         |              |           |                |
| MBBS Part III  |         |              |           |                |
| Aggregate % in MBBS  |         |              |           |                |
| PG (MD/MS/Dip.) All are taken to be PG equivalent (Kindly indicate discipline) |         |              |           |                |
| 12. Registration No. of Medical counc  | ;il     |              | State whe | ere registered |

#### 13. Experience, if any .....

- Attested documents required along with the original, are as under:-
  - Two recent passport size photograph
  - Certificate indicating date of birth (High school/equivalent) ii)
  - iii) MBBS Degree with mark sheets (All parts) and Certificate of any higher Medical Qualifications, if any, of Recognized University (For the candidates applied for General Duty Doctors)
  - Mark-sheets and certificate of PG along with MBBS Degree with mark-sheets of all parts (For candidates applying for Specialist Doctors),
  - Internship completion certificate.
  - Registration certificate of Medical Council of States/India. vi)
  - House job certificated/EWS, Ex-Serviceman, if any. vii)
  - viii) Certificate in support of caste in case of SC/ST & OBC issued by the appropriate authority.
  - ix) Attested copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) in case of Retired Railway Doctors and Ex-Central/State Govt. Staff only.

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information given herein is found false or incorrect or concealed, the contract will be liable to be terminated and any civil/criminal legal action can be taken against me for this. I understand that I am not eligible for any TA/DA for this interview.

Signature of the

Date : Candidate

Place :

Note: This application can be given at the time of walk-in-interview. It will thereafter be initiated by the three officers taking interview and kept in record for subsequent proceeding



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tenderers must submit valid Class "A Electrical contractors License issue Government Organisation along with his offer. If Class "A" Electrica contractors License has been expired tenderer should submit receipt o renewal electrical contractor license issued by electrical inspector of Government Organisation with this offer. At the time of contract agreement, contractor must subm valid Class "A" Electrical contracto License issued by electrical inspector o Government Organisation. If tenderer have not submitted the valid Class "A Electrical contractors license, the offe will be summarily rejected.

The details of above tender are also

available on Indian Railway websi

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Poddar, 20; Dhruv Kumar Singh, 32; Amir Chand, 29; Aarya Kumar Singh, 19; Ujjuwal Kumar, 18; Pravin Kumar, 35; and Subhash Poddar. They said Aamir and Aarya were first to be arrested on January 6 in Dhurwa, Ranchi. Sleeping bags, portable tents, PLFI pamphlets and Rs 3.5 lakh cash along with two SUVs were seized from them.

Ranchi SSP Surendra Kumar said three other suspects - Nivesh. Subham and Dhruv – managed to escape from the spot. A subsequent search at Nivesh Kumar's residence in Ranchi led to the recovery of Rs 61.31 lakh in cash, a 7.65 bore open pistol and a large number of cartridges, the police said.

#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY** TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering) Tender No. 558-Sig-16-Tele-OT-942 Dated: 12.01.2022 Name of work with Replacement of Electronic Exchange (OMNI-230) of its location DRM office, New Delhi. App. Cost of the work (₹) ₹ 89 04 677.44/- only Earnest Money Deposit(₹) ₹ 1,78,100/- only Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, Address of the office New Delhi-110055 Tender uploading / closing date & time- 09.02.2022 Date & Time for upload the ender / closing of tender up to 15.00 hrs. Website particular & notice See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in board location when & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055 complete details of the 74/22 ender can be seen et SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

## SEARCH FOR MISSING FEMA



General public is here by informed that this Female Namely: Kunti, W/o Lt Ramii Lal, **R/o** H. No. E-57/A-374, Sunder Nagri, Delhi, Age: about 32 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Sky Blue color Suit-Salwar and Slippers in Feet has been

missing from her house since 07.12.2021. In this regard a DD No. 48-A dated 17.12.2021, has been

lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this Female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information or clue about this Female kindly inform to the following.

| E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in     | SHO                          |
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| Website: http://cbi.nic.in | P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi       |
| Fax: 011-24368639          | Ph. 011-22585985, 8750870733 |
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#### HASHTAG POLITICS



#### Cong's women empowerment pitch in UP

Women's empowerment remains the catchphrase for the Congress in UP during this election. In a series of tweets tagged

with #hum vachan nibhaenge, @INCUttarPradesh promised special schools, scholarships and smartphones for girls.

#### BJP's 'poetic' take on SP

@BJP4UP took potshots at the Samajwadi Party in a 'poetic' post. Along with a short video clip, the party 'reminded people that the state has not forgotten the corruption and gundaraj' of the Akhilesh Yadav-led SP government.

3.3K LIKES. 1.3K RETWEETS IN 14 HOURS

#### Kejriwal's salvo at 'old parties' in Punjab

Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal tweeted, "Held door-to-door campaign in Punjab's Kharar Vidhan constituency today. People of Punjab are saying that the old parties have looted everything. Punjab is ready for change this time."

5K LIKES, 1K RETWEETS IN 8 HOURS

#### —Ballotin—

#### AAP gets notice over poll code

KHARAR RETURNING Officer (RO)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Abhikesh Gupta Wednesday issued a show-cause notice to the AAP for an alleged violation of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). The notice was issued while the party's convener and Delhi Chief Minister (CM) Arvind Kejriwal was also campaigning in the town. The notice had been issued after the video surveillance teams monitoring for any poll violation found that during the door-to-door campaign more than five people were present which is a violation of MCC. The SDM told The Indian Express that the notice was issued after the violation was found on Wednesday afternoon. They said that a complaint was received regarding the door to door meetings, following which a team of the administration and flying squad conducted raids at the sites. In the notice issued, the RO directed them to explain their stand on the presence of more than five people during the campaign.

#### '73,000-litre liquor seized in UP'

AUTHORITIES HAVE seized 73,000 litres of liquor worth over Rs 1.45 crore and 1,825 kg of cannabis valued at Rs 2.5 crore since the imposition of the model code of conduct in pollbound Uttar Pradesh, the state's Chief Electoral Officer Ajay Kumar Shukla said on Wednesday. Also, over 25 lakh political campaign items were removed from government properties and private land. Shukla said the police department has so far got 2,01,639 licensed arms deposited, while 88 licences have PTI

# Mann waits in wings as Kejriwal won't unveil CM candidate yet

#### MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 12

AMID SPECULATION and hectic internal lobbying, Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday said the party's chief ministerial candidate for the Punjab Assembly elections would be announced next week. While state AAP president Bhagwant Mann has been the frontrunner for the post, the party

has so far refrained from naming him as its chief ministerial face. At a press conference he addressed in Chandigarh, when

asked if Mann would be the party's CM face, Kejriwal said, "When you have waited so long for the name, why not wait a little longer?

The question of who would lead the party into the polls has been a subject of heightened speculation within and outside the party. With the party showing no signs of projecting him, Mann had sulked for months last year, even skipping party events.

There had also been reports that AAP was considering Balbir Singh Rajewal, a farm union leader of the state, as its CM candidate. But with Rajewal deciding to float a separate farmers' outfit, Sanyukt Samaj Morcha, to contest the polls, Mann's name has again come up.

Before Rajewal's name cropped up, a Dubai-based businessman, S P S Oberoi, had claimed that he turned down AAP's offer to be its CM face. Oberoi is well known in Punjab for his philanthropy, and has helped several Punjabi youth stuck in the UAE secure freedom. The AAP leadership, however, denied approaching Oberoi with the offer.

Mann, the two-time party MP from Sangrur, has been state president for more than three years now and is widely credited for bringing the party back in con-

**TRACKING COVID IN** 

Maharashtrawadi Gomantak

Party, which had helped the BJP

form the government in 2017,

will also have a bearing on a

possible post-poll alliance. The

MGP has tied up with the TMC

while the GFP is in an alliance

A senior AAP leader, actively

working in Goa, which has 40

Assembly seats, said the possi-

bility of a post-poll alliance can-

not be ruled out due to the na-

ture of the contest, which may

throw up a fragmented verdict.

But the TMC does not figure any-

where in this calculation, the

with the Congress.

leader asserted.

**ELECTION-BOUND** 

STATES



Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener, in Chandigarh on Wednesday. Jasbir Malhi

#### **VOTING ON FEBRUARY 14**

tention after its subpar performance in the 2017 election, when it won 20 seats, and the 2019 elections -- of the party's four sitting MPs, Mann was the only one who could retain his seat.

A former comedian, Mann is a well-known face in Punjab for his performances highlighting social ills. He has also acted in several movies and television shows. He was once a contestant on a comedy show where Navjot Singh Sidhu, now Punjab Congress president, was the judge.

At a rally in Barnala in January 2019, Mann, in the presence of his mother and Arvind Kejriwal, took a vow not to "touch liquor". He had earned high praise at the time from Kejriwal for his public vow, yet, party sources say, there is still some unease amongst the AAP leadership over naming him as the CM candidate

His supporters say that what

would eventually tilt the scales in his favour is his popularity and the fact that he has a direct connection with voters. Meanwhile, speaking to the

media at the Chandigarh airport rilege, the Ludhiana bomb blast

rity perimeter were proof of this. "The Channi government is unable to handle law and order. People are very scared. When our government comes to power, we assure that we will take steps to improve law and order. We will also ensure that all those guilty of previous incidents of sacrilege are punished," he said, adding, "For many years

now, the Congress and Badals have been looting Punjab. This will now come to a stop. Punjab will be prosperous now and its good days are about to begin." AAP has announced its canAAP unveils 'Punjab Model'

#### MAN AMAN SINGH **CHHINA** MOHALI, JANUARY 12

AAP CHIEF Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday launched the party's ten-point 'Punjab Model' for the forthcoming Assembly elections.

He promised justice in sacrilege cases, jobs to youth, corruption-free governance, and asserted that people want to bring his party to power to break the "partnership" between the Badals and the Congress.

For the first time, Kejriwal accepted that Sanyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM) not entering into an alliance with AAP will cost the party some votes.

The Delhi CM also said that SSM leader Balbir Singh Rajewal had come to him with a pen drive with some allegations against AAP leadership.

"Rajewal saab had come to meet me. He gave me a pen drive with an audio clip. In that clip two people are heard talking. They were saying Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia take money. They were saying Raghav Chadha goes to 5 star hotels. These are absurd things... Rajewal ji is a simple man and someone has misled him," he said.

didates for 109 of the 117 Assembly seats in Punjab.

The Punjab Assembly election will be held in a single phase on February 14 and the votes will be counted on March 10 along with those in Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand.

# **INTERVIEW: S C MISHRA,** BSP NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY **'SCs and Brahmins** with us... Only the

# weak need alliances'

'Our target is

to... form the

government

withan

absolute

majority'

We have been active in the

digital space for a while now. I held

96 rallies across the state last year.

and all our rallies were broadcast

live on Facebook and other medi-

ums. Behenji's programmes are

also transmitted digitally, includ-

we built expressways, started the

Lucknow Metro and we changed

the face of Noida and Lucknow.

We built more than half a dozen

medical colleges, but not like the

current government, which only

converts government hospitals

into medical colleges and claims

it has built so many medical col-

leges... We created 23 new dis-

tricts, and seven new zones in the

state. All these will be reasons for

the BSP to form the government.

ing on YouTube, Facebook, etc.

The BSP never releases a

**ASAD REHMAN** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12

There is talk that the BSP is isolated and that the 2022 fight is between the SP and BJP...

Not at all. We are fighting alone because we are strong. We had announced long ago that we won't form any coalition this time. The SP is looking for borrowed people... it's the same for the BJP. They have 10 contenders for each seat. That's why they have not been able to announce any candidates. It's the weak

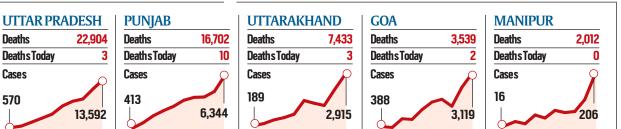
#### manifesto, but what are you telling the voters this time? We will tell them what we did while we were in power last time (2007-2012) ... And we did a lot --

No one has been addressing the issues of the Brahmin community. What have they got in the last five years, except being targeted and killed in shootouts? More than 500 Brahmins have been killed. while another 100 have been killed in encounters. Did they vote for the BJP for this? Under our government, the community was happy. It is not enough for BJP to take Lord Ram's name. Even we do that. Everyone does. BJP has been

#### This time, your party's outreach to the Muslim community has not been that

See, Muslims have always been with the BSP. Under the Samajwadi Party government, 134 riots happened in UP. Under the BSP government, there was not even a single skirmish..

How is the BSP going to cope with the election moving into



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who need alliances. You have been holding a series of outreach meetings focused on Brahmins. Is that part of your strategy to take on BJP?

exposed. They see only one caste...



when we formed the government, we got 30 per cent of votes. In 2012, our vote share was 29 per cent... The BJP knows that Brahmins have gone to the BSP. The Scheduled Castes, who are 23 per cent, and Brahmins are with us... we are con-

digital mode?

'Anti-party activities': former Uttarakhand Congress chief fired from posts

fident of forming the government.

The SCs have seen how the girl's

body was burnt at 2 am in Hathras.

after arriving in the state on a two-day visit, Kejriwal hit out at the Congress government, saying the law and order situation in the state has been deteriorating and that the incidents of sac-

and the breach in the PM's secu-

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Goa: AAP, TMC rebuff each other, but keep post-poll options open

#### SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

EAGER TO emerge as a key player in Goa's packed electoral battlefield in its second attempt, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is in no mood to enter into any pre-poll pact with the Trinamool Congress (TMC), which recently made overtures for a larger coalition to defeat the ruling BJP.

The TMC, which is also keen on leaving a mark in its maiden political venture in the coastal state, maintains that the AAP does not figure in its calculations either and that it is "acting more as the BJP's B-team". However, mindful of the consequences of a multi-cornered contest in the state that has around 11.11 lakh voters, both the parties, which had friendly ties until their in-

ANOTHER RESIGNATION

terests clashed in Goa, are keeping their options open anticipating a fragmented verdict. While TMC Goa in-charge Mahua Moitra had revived spec-

ulation regarding an Opposition alliance, saying defeating the BJP was the primary objective, AAP Goa in-charge Atishi, who had last month ruled out an alliance with the TMC, on Monday said the party's position remains unchanged.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Atishi said, "There is no question of the AAP joining any pre-poll alliance. The AAP is trying to introduce a new brand of development-centric politics in Goa. So far, the election discourse in Goa was about prepoll or post-poll alliances, so much so that even the visits of leaders of national parties were essentially defined by joinings.

AAP is trying to change that political culture. AAP has a vision and agenda for the state and its people are yearning for change." The performance of indigenous parties such as the Goa Forward Party and the

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AAP Goa in-charge Atishi; TMC Goa in-charge Mahua Moitra

#### **VOTING ON FEBRUARY 14**

"The constituencies in Goa have an average of 25,000 voters. Apart from the BJP, Congress and the AAP, some seats will have a fourth player as well in the form of strong Independent faces and regional parties like the MGP, GFP and the new entrant Revolutionary Goans. There may

well be a situation where a candidate will emerge as the winner in a seat with 5,000-6.000 votes. So anything can happen. But TMC does not figure anywhere in this multi-cornered contest," the leader said, on the condition of anonymity.

TMC sources hit back, alleging that AAP is "colluding" with the BIP on the ground.

"There are constant attempts to play down the TMC's chances. It is a reality that people are not sure if the TMC is well-placed to defeat the BJP in Goa but it is a fact that they see Mamata Banerjee as a credible adversary to the BJP. But they (people) are also wary of a split in votes. That's why we floated the idea of an alliance. And you must keep in mind that the TMC did not reach out to AAP through that tweet made by Mahua Moitra. She added AAP's

name only as an afterthought while responding to a question in a press conference," said a TMC leader, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

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On January 7, Moitra had tweeted, "Rest assured, we the AITC will do everything possible to defeat BJP in Goa @Goaforwardparty, @INCGoa @AITC4Goa and #MGP. @Mamataofficial has done it in past & will not shy away from walking extra mile in Goa too.' Later, speaking to reporters on a possible tie-up with the AAP, she had said: "AAP is also part of the anti-BJP space. We may not have added AAP to the tweet but have included them in this. There is no problem between us.

The TMC leader added that the party's door-to-door campaign, especially with its Griha Lakshmi cards, have generated a

buzz among people. The TMC had announced that all senior women would receive Rs 5,000 a month if the party is voted to power.

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"People feel the AAP is not even focusing on Goa as it is excited with the prospect of winning Puniab." the leader said. Incidentally, the AAP has also promised to transfer Rs 1,000 per month to every woman aged 18 and above if it wins. While the TMC has not announced any candidates so far, the AAP has released the names of 20 candidates so far, including state convener Rahul Mhambre, a chartered accountant by profession. The names include several former BJP and Congress legislators and leaders.

> An AAP leader also said there are some seats where the results will be influenced by the presence of strong local faces.

Uttarakhand Congress president Kishore Upadhyay met senior state BJP leaders, the Congress party on Wednesday removed him from all posts for "anti-party activities", pending further ac-

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tion in the matter. Upadhyay was chairman of the Uttarakhand Congress Coordination Committee and was a member of the state Congress Core Committee and the Uttarakhand Congress Pradesh Election Committee.

In a letter to Upadhyay, the Congress's Uttarakhand in-charge Devendra Yadav accused him of "continuous anti-party activities" and "hobnobbing" with the ruling BIP in the poll-bound state.

On January 3, Upadhyay had met senior Uttarakhand BJP leaders at the residence of BJP organisational general secretary Ajeya Kumar. The meeting, in which BJP election in-charge Pralhad Joshi was also present, triggered speculation about Upadhyay joining the saffron party.

"People of Uttarakhand are yearning for change and are waiting to throw out the corrupt BJP government. There is wide spread anger with the maladministration, misgovernance and allround corruption aided and abetted by the BJP leadership. It is the solemn duty of each one of us to rise to the challenge and serve the Devbhumi of Uttarakhand as also its people. Sadly, you have been hobnobbing with BJP and other political parties with a view to undermine this fight and weaken the cause of the people," Yadav alleged in his letter.

The Congress in-charge stated that despite multiple warnings given to him. Upadhvav's alleged anti-party activities have continued. "You (Upadhyay) are therefore removed from all party positions, pending further action in the matter," the letter added.

# UP OBC leader's stint was 'uneasy' with BJP, journey started from BSP

Second minister to resign from Yogi Adityanath Cabinet, Dara Singh Chauhan is also headed to the SP ahead of the UP Assembly elections

#### **LALMANI VERMA** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12

A DAY after the BJP's senior OBC leader Swami Prasad Maurya resigned from the Yogi Aditvanath Cabinet less than a month before the UP Assembly elections while signalling that he was headed to the Samajwadi Party (SP), another senior OBC leader Dara Singh Chauhan resigned from the Adityanath ministry on Wednesday. Chauhan met SP president Akhilesh Yadav in an indication that he may also join the BJP's principal rival ahead of

the polls beginning 10 February. Chauhan tendered his resignation from his position of Minister for Forests, Environment and Animal Husbandry. In his resignation letter to UP Governor Anandiben Patel, which was identical to the one submitted by Maurya on Tuesday, he stated that he was

upset by the Yogi Adityanath government's alleged neglect of backward communities, deprived sections, Dalits, farmers and unemployed youths, and by BJP government's "khilwad" (play) with reservation of backwards and Dalits.

After meeting Chauhan, the SP chief called him a "soldier of social justice" and welcomed him into his party fold. "Sabko samman, sabko sthan," (Respect for everyone, place for everyone). Akhilesh stated while tweeting the photograph of

Chauhan meeting him. Chauhan, who belongs to the backward Lonia-Chauhan caste concentrated in east UP's Azamgarh and Varanasi divisions, had started his political career with the BSP and was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1996 as its nominee. He then joined the SP and was elected to the Rajya

Akhilesh Yadav with Dara Singh Chouhan, Wednesday. Twitter/@yadavakhilesh

Sabha in 2000 as an SP candidate. He also became a member of the SP's National Executive.

Later, Chauhan returned to the BSP and became Ghosi MP in 2009. He was then also appointed as the leader of the BSP parliamentary party in the Lok Sabha. In 2014, he contested from Ghosi as a BSP nominee but lost against the BJP. After his expulsion from the BSP, Chauhan switched over to the BIP in 2015. He subsequently impressed top BJP leader Amit Shah by organising a huge rally of backwards in Azamgarh. Shah was the chief guest in that rally. A few days later, Singh was

appointed the national president of the BJP's OBC morcha.

The BJP fielded Chauhan the election comfortably and was inducted as a minister in the Aditvanath Cabinet.

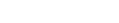
"But he was not comfortable with BJP workers. He used to move with those associates who had been with him from his BSP days. BJP cadre was upset with him. He had sensed that he may lose the next election on BJP ticket due to resentment among party workers. He had started express-

ing displeasure with the Adityanath government six months back. The BIP had guessed his possible move and hence he was not engaged in Jan Vishwas Yatra when it travelled in Mau dis-

On November 22 last year, Chauhan had posted a message

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from the Madhuban constituency in Mau district in the 2017 UP Assembly polls. He won

trict," claimed a Mau BJP leader.

on social media to wish SP founder Mulayam Singh Yadav on his birth anniversary. In that message, he had called Yaday, "Garib majloomon ka maseeha, pichdon ke karndhaar aur pure awaam ki awaz" (messiah of poor and oppressed, leader of backwards and voice of all people).

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# JD(U) seeks action against BJP leader who likened Ashok to Aurangzeb

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THE RULING JD(U) in Bihar has demanded action against BJP leader and writer Daya Prakash Sinha for likening emperor Ashok to

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Mughal ruler Aurangazeb and citing Buddhist literature to refer to him as "Kamashok" and "Chandashok". The opposition RJD has gone a step further, threatening to lodge an FIR against Sinha for hurting people's sentiments if he did not apologise.

A retired IAS officer, Sinha is national convenor of BJP's cultural cell. He is also vice-president of Indian Council for Cultural Relations. A Padma Shree awardee, he received Sahitya Akamemi award 2021 for his drama, 'Samrat Ashok'.

In a recent interview to Hindi newspaper Navbharat Times, Sinha said Ashok was similar to Aurangzeb. He said: "...while doing research on Samrat Ashok, I was greatly surprised by several similarities between him and Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. Both had committed many sins in their early days and later resorted to over-religiosity to hide their sins so that people were digressed towards religion and their sins were overlooked."

Referring to early literature, Sinha said in the interview, "Three Buddhist works – Deepvansh, Mahavansh and Ashokavadan – and writings of Tibetan writer Taranath, say that Samrat Ashok was ugly. His face

#### HATE APPS MUST BE CONDEMNED: UN OFFICIAL

New Delhi: UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues Fernand de Varennes has condemned the web-based hate apps targeting Muslim women, and said action in such cases should be taken as soon as they occur. "Minority Muslim women in India are ha-

rassed and 'sold' in social media apps, #SulliDeals, a form of hate speech, must be condemned and prosecuted as soon as they occur. All Human Rights of minorities need to be fully and equally protected," Varennes tweeted Tuesday evening. ENS

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|             | Regarding of outfall sewer line by P/L 400<br>mm dia sewer line by trenchless method for<br>Deepali Enclave under AEE M-15 in AC-15                        | Rs. 45,78,851/-  | Tender ID No.<br>2022_DJB_214465_4 on<br>10.01.2022 at 5:37 P.M | 22.01.2022<br>Upto 3:00 PM                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### (Trilok Chand) Ex. Engineer (T) M-6 "STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

#### GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE AMOUNT / END SR NO

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| ß         | PWD B&R. SIRSA        | ADDITIONAL ALTERATION IN VIDEO CONFERENCING HALL IN THE<br>JURISCOCTION OF ADMIL BLOCK NO. 1 IN MINI SECTT, SIRSA AND 5 NOS.<br>OTHER WORKS  | 05.01.2022<br>21.01.2022     | 6.73 UACS              | https://etenders.hty.nic.in  | 01666220530<br>pwd-eepd1-sirsa@hry.nic.in     |
| 2         | PWD BBR AMBALA        | REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF HOUSE NO.1,2 IN THE CAMPUS OF DOCTOR<br>COLONY IN THE CAMPUS OF CIVIL HOSPITAL AT AMBALA CITY IN AMBALA<br>DISTRICT | 10.01.2022<br>24.01.2022     | 14.94 LACS             | https://etenders.hry.nic.in  | 01712977224<br>pwd-eepd1-ambala@hry.nic.in    |
| 3         | PWD 55R GURUGRAM      | PROVIDING AND FIXING OF KIDS PLAY AREA AT HARYANA GOVT, HOUSING<br>DOWPLEX, SHALIMAR BAGH, DRI HI (RECALL)                                   | CLOSING DATE<br>24.01.2022   | 9.97 LACS              | https://etenders.hry.nic.in  | 0124-2977767<br>pwd-eepdl-gurgaon1@hrv.nic.in |





his early days. Buddhist works also refer to Ashok as Kamashok and Chandashok.... Rajiv Ranjan Singh, national

president of JD(U), an ally of the BJP, tweeted: "Criticism of one of the greatest kings in ancient India cannot be accepted. A person who used offensive words against the celebrated king does not deserve accolades. I request the President of India to take back Padma Shree from Sinha and also request the authority concerned

to take back his other awards." [D(U)'s parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha asked the BJP to take action against Sinha, "If no action is taken against him immediately, the BJP will suffer losses," he said. RJD national spokesperson Subodh Mehta told The Indian Express: "We will soon lodge an

FIR against Sinha in Patna for hurting sentiments of lakhs of people with his remarks on Samrat Ashok." Sinha also faced criticism

from Samrat Choudhary, BJP MLC and minister. In a video message on Twitter, Choudhary said that insult of Samrat Ashok cannot be accepted. He said the Mauryan age was taken as "golden era" of Indian history.

The Managing Director Assam Seeds Corporation Ltd., Khanapara, Guwahati Assam invites bids in electronic tendering system from eligible bidders for empanelment of suppliers for supply of different seeds as mentioned in the bid document. The bidding document is available online and the bid should be submitted online on website https://assamtenders.gov.in

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For further details please log on to https://assamtenders.gov.in

SD/-Managing Director, ASC Ltd. Khanapara, Guwahati-22 JANASANYOG/CF/2851/21

#### **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER: PWD: BUILDING: ASSAM; CHANDMARI: GUWAHATI-3.

#### Na.CE/TB-III/83/2021/14

#### PRESS NOTICE

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (Buildings) Health & Education, Assam, on behalf of the Governor of Assam invites bids for the following works under P.W.D. (Bldg.), Assam from registered contractors having requisite experience in similar nature of work. Details may be seen at e-procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in

| SI. | State/       | Name of Work              | Approx.      | Time of    | Bid Security (2% for  | Cost of |
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| No  | Package      |                           | Value of     | completion | General, and 1% for   | Bid     |
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|     |              | Intensive Care Unit iii)  |              |            | Building Division     |         |
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|     |              | iv) LMO tank with MGPS    |              |            |                       |         |
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|     |              | Electrical works) at      |              |            |                       |         |
|     |              | Charaideo                 |              |            |                       |         |
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|     |              |                           |              |            | Building Division     |         |

be seen in Detailed NIT of the bid document.

2. The bidders must be enrolled in www.assamtenders.gov.in

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| 4   | PWD B&R ROHTAK   | PWD B8R ROHTAK WORK OF PDG. 50MM THECK DBM B. THECK 30MM THECK BC ON NH-71 (NEW NH NO.352) FROM KN. 334,750 TO 337,450 IN VILLAGE LAKHWI MADRA.  |                            | 205.78 DACS  | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 94168655641<br>pwd-eepc3nh-rohtak@hry.nic.in  |
| 5   | PIND B&R GURUGRAM  | CREATION OF OPEN GYN AT HARYANA BHAWAN, NEW DELHI (RECALL)   | CLOSING DATE<br>24.01.2022 | 7.99 LACS    | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 0124-2977767<br>pwd-eepd1-gurgaon1@hry.nic.in |
| 6   | PHID B&R KARNAL  | R KARNAL STRENGTHENING WITH WEM + 50MM EN + 20MM PC, RELAYING OF CC BLOCKS<br>R KARNAL AND 80MM IPS IN ABADI PORTION ON KUNIPURA TO KALWHERI ROAD (ROAD<br>ID-7226) RD 0 TO 3700, IN KARNAL DISTRICT   |                            | 165.03 LACS  | https://etenders.hty.nic.in | 9050620000<br>pwd-eepd-kamal@hry.nic.in       |
| 1   | PANCHAYATI RAJ SIRSA   | BEAUTIFICATION OF POND AT VILLAGE CHAUTALA AND S NOS, OTHER WORKS  | 03.01.2022<br>24.01.2022   | 1.95 CRORE   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01666247479<br>prexeerq.srs@gmail.com         |
| 8   | SHKN GMC NALHAR MUH<br>Haryana                                   | ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR REPAIR AND<br>MAINTENANCE (INCLUSIVE OF REQUIRED CONSUMABLE AND SPARE PARTS: OF<br>FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM INSTALLED IN SHKM GMC NALHAR PREMISES  | 17.01.2022<br>27.01.2022   | 1.20 LACS    | https://etenders.hty.nic.in | 01267-282007<br>tendergmcmewat@gmail.com      |
| 9   | PANCHAYATI RAU RAMAPT  | RETENDER CONST. OF COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VILLAGE CHANDOLI + 1<br>OTHERS.   | 13.01.2022<br>20.01.2022   | 53.20 LACS   | https://ebenders.hry.nic.in | 9355815400<br>prexeeng pro@try.nic.in         |
| 10  | IRROGATION & WATER<br>Resources department<br>Harvana, Panchrula | PROVIDING CONSULTAINCY SERVICES FOR CARRYING OUT SURVEY,<br>ASSESSMENT OF DISCHARGE & HPL, GEO TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS, DETAIL<br>DESIGNING, WORKING DRAWINGS, DETAILED ESTIMATES WITH BOQ, BBS,<br>OTHER MECHANICAL WORKS LIKE BEARING AND OTHER ALLIED WORKS ETC.<br>AND SITE VISITS INCLUDING PROOF CHECKING FOR THE WORK OF<br>"CONSTRUCTION OF HL BRIDGE 4 SRAN, 20 METER EACH OVER TANGRI RIVER<br>FROM RATTEWALL TAPRIAN". | CLOSING DATE<br>23.01.2022 | 3 LACS       | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01.72570325<br>xenconstJ@yahoo.com            |
| II. | HORTICULTURE<br>DEPARTMENT HARYANA                               | PURCHASE OF MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR RAISING OF VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS<br>UNDER HIGH TECH GREEN HOUSE AT IHDC SUNDRAH, NARWHUL   | 11.01.2022<br>18.01.2022   | 1 U/CS       | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9416890427<br>hbdharyana@gmail.com            |
| 12  | HORTICULTURE<br>DEPARTMENT HARYANA                               | PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING AND FEXING OF POLYNET   | 11.01.2022<br>18.01.2022   | 1 LACS       | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9416488940<br>ddhgddhuraiDgmail.com           |
| 13  | RANCHWYATI RAL PALWAL  | CONST. OF 29 NO. GREY WATER WANGEMENT & TREATMENT UNDER SBN-G<br>PHASE 2   | 14.01.2022<br>20.01.2022   | 9.20 CRORE   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 8168399369<br>prexeeng.pv/l@gmail.com         |
| 14  | PANOHWYATI RAJ AMBALA  | CONST OF MODEL POND AT VILLAGE CHURL BLOCK NARAINGARH DESTT<br>Ambala  | 11.01.2022<br>18.01.2022   | 11.09 LACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 0171-2551368<br>prexeeng.amb@hry.nic.in       |
| 15  | PANCHAYATI RAJ HISAR   | RE TENDER FOR GREY WATER MANAGEMENT AT VILLAGES DHANL KUMHARAN,<br>NJERI ROJ, NOTH KARNAD, GAIBI NAGAR, KHERI LOCHAB BLOCK NARNAUND  | 14.01.2022<br>20.01.2022   | 47.63 LACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9416498853<br>prexerng har@hry.nic.in         |
| 6   | PANCHAYATE RAJ BABAIN  | RETENDER CONST. OF LIQUID WASTE MWWGEMENT PROJECT RICE HUSK<br>SYSTEM (60X30) AT VILLAGE BABAIN IN BLOCK BABAIN  | 12.01.2022<br>18.01.2022   | 10.97 (ACS   | https://ebenders.hryunic.in | 7015915218<br>bdpo.babain@hry.nic.in          |
| 17  | PANCHAYATI RAJ NARNAUL   | PUBLICATION OF TENDER NOTICE CONT. OF BOD GAS PLANT (400UN/DAY<br>CAPACITY) IN VILL- KATKAI, BLOCK: ATELI  | 13.01.2022<br>19.01.2022   | 85.41 LACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 8529595662<br>prexeengunfi@hry.nic.in         |
| 8   | PANCHAYATI RAJ JUND  | DEVELOPMENT OF POND  | 13.01.2022<br>27.01.2022   | 2570.72 UACS | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01681-245124<br>xenprind@gmail.com            |
| 9   | PWNCHAYATE RAJ<br>RANCHIOLIA                                     | CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GOBAR GASS PLANT IN<br>VILLAGE REHORE BLOCK BARWALA DISTRICT PANCHKULA  | 12.01.2022<br>19.01.2022   | 72.29 UACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01722576698<br>PREXEENG.PKLQHRY.NIC.DV        |
| 20  | PANCHAYATI RAJ<br>PANCHKULA                                      | CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALL IN VILLAGE CHANDI BLOCK MORNE<br>DISTRUCT PANCHKULA  | 13.01.2022<br>27.01.2022   | 10.62 UACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01722576698<br>Prexeeng.pkl@hry.nic.in        |
| a   | HORTICULTURE<br>DEFARTMENT BHUNA<br>FATEHABAD                    | PROVIDING AND FIXING OF POLY NET AT GGN, BARWALA (HISAR).  | 14.01.2022<br>25.01.2022   | 2 U/CS       | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9091785325<br>smeggrbervala@gma1.com          |
| 22  | POREST DEPARTMENT<br>HARYANA PONORE                              | SOIL AND MOISTURE CONSERVATION WORK IN BALOUTI BLOCK, PANCHKLUA<br>RANGE+ 2 DTHER WORK   | 08.01.2022<br>14.01.2022   | 11.1114/5    | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 01733-230537<br>domorni@gmail.com             |
| 3   | POREST DEPARTMENT<br>HWRYANA PANCHKULA                           | CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTER SHED FOR WILD ANIMALS FROM RAIN, WINTER<br>AND SUN WARN AT CONSERVATION RESERVE SARASHATI ODSTRUCT KAITHWL<br>+ 2 OTHER WORKS  | 11.01.2022<br>21.01.2022   | 6.69 LACS    | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9466467787<br>pcd/wihry@gmail.com             |
| 24  | FOREST DEPARTMENT<br>HARYANA RANCHKULA                           | CLEARING OF FIRE LINE AT BIR SHIKARGAH WLS, DISTRICT PANO-NULA   | 11.01.2022<br>21.01.2022   | 2.87 LACS    | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9466467787<br>pcdwihry@gmail.com              |
| 25  | ROREST DEPARTMENT<br>HARYANA RANCHKULA                           | CLEARING OF FIRE LINES, DHAR LINE AND INSPECTION PATH (4 FOOTA) AT<br>KALESAR NATIONAL PARK, DISTRICT YAMUNANAGAR + 2 OTHER WORKS  | 11.01.2022<br>21.01.2022   | 19.88 LACS   | https://etenders.hry.nic.in | 9466467787<br>pctfvilhry@gmail.com            |

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# EXPRESS NETWORK 1

#### Top court pulls up Stalin govt over manner of former state minister's arrest

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday came down hard on the M K Stalin government in Tamil Nadu over the manner in which former state minister KT Raienthra Bhalaii was arrested in connection with an alleged job scam while his appeal against rejection of anticipatory bail by Madras HC was pending before it, observing that the turn of events called for a judicial inquiry.

Overruling the state's objection, a bench headed by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana also granted four weeks bail to Bhalaji, subject to conditions that he shall not leave jurisdiction of the police station where the offence was registered, surrender his passport to the concerned magisrate and participate and cooperate with investigation.

The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, directed that the order be communicated to the concerned magistrate or the in-charge magistrate for forthwith compliance. Quizzing the DMK govern-

ment over the manner of arrest, the SC asked the state to file a detailed affidavit explaining its stand.

The bench also criticised the state government regarding the police raid on the lawyers of the petitioner "It is clear that the filing of

SLP in the SC was informed to you, yet you are going and raiding... If this is the way, we will have to order inquiry into how... your police is behaving with advocates," CJI Ramana told senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for the state.

"In what manner has the liberty of a man been snatched? Was the lawyer harbouring the accused? Doesn't the accused have the right to go to a lawyer? Police say the wife of the accused generously opened the house and allowed them to inspect the house ... That shows the threat of uniform,'

remarked Justice Surva Kant. "The manner in which he was arrested, the manner in which the lawyer's office was raided...It is objectionable," the judge added.

The court also asked why, after arrest, Bhalaji was taken to Trichy prison which is 300 km away from the Madurai prison which was the jurisdictional prison. "Why did you take him 300 km away from the place of arrest." the CII asked another senior counsel appearing for Tamil Nadu, who said it was to ensure his safety. "Why? Was he some targeted person?" asked the

### - RISING COVID-19 CASES — Cases surge in Mumbai; positivity rate up to 24.3% Kerala reports 76

#### **RUPSA CHAKRABORTY** & YOGESH NAIK MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

AFTER WITNESSING a drop in Covid-19 cases for the last four davs, Mumbai on Wednesday saw a massive surge in new cases with the city recording 16,420 fresh infections. The surge in daily cases corresponds with a rise in daily positivity rate, which increased from 18.7 per cent on Tuesday to

24.3 per cent on Wednesday. The number of fresh cases in Maharashtra also increased by 35.7 per cent from 34,424 cases recorded on Tuesday to 46,723 on Wednesday. More concerning, the state has been recording a spike in deaths - 32 deaths were recorded on Wednesday compared to 22 deaths on Tuesday and eight on Monday.

Warning people against lowering their guard, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said the state is likely to witness a massive surge in cases and hospitalisation in the last week of January or first week of February.

"The use of medical oxygen in the state is slowly increasing. At present, the consumption has increased to about 400 metric tonne per day. If 700 metric tonne of oxygen is required per day, then strict restrictions need to be imposed in the state," a statement issued by the CM's office said.

On January 7, Mumbai had recorded 20,971 daily cases, which dropped to 20.318 on January 8. The next day, it dropped further to 19,474. On Monday, it dropped exponentially to 13,648 cases by recording a 30 per cent plunge. On Tuesday, the city recorded a 14.6 per cent drop in cases with 11,647 new cases. But Wednesday, the downward spiral of cases moved upward with 16,420 new cases, with a 40 per cent rise in cases within 24 hours.



A teenager gets vaccinated at a centre at Belapur in Navi Mumbai. Narendra Vaskar

# **Covaxin booster neutralises both Omicron** and Delta variants of SARS-CoV-2: study

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PUNE, JANUARY 12

PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM Bharat Biotech on Wednesday announced results from a study, conducted at Emory University, demonstrating that sera from subjects who received a booster dose of Covaxin (BBV152) six months after getting a primary two-dose series of the vaccine neutralised the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron and Delta variants. Earlier studies have demonstrated the neutralising potential of Covaxin against SARS-

CoV-2 Variants of Concern Alpha, Beta, Delta, Zeta and Карра

The study will be published on the pre-print server, medRXiv, an official statement issued by Bharat Biotech said.

Sera samples from individuals who received a booster of Covaxin were observed to be effective in neutralising Omicron and Delta variants on a live virus neutralisation assay The neutralisation activity of Covaxin-boosted sera was comparable to what has been observed in mRNA vaccine boosted sera against the

Omicron variant.

More than 90% of all individuals boosted with Coavaxin showed neutralising antibodies. All participants received an initial two-dose schedule of Covaxin on Day 0 and Day 28 "As the dominant Covid-19 variant throughout the world, Omicron poses a serious public health concern," said Mehul Suthar, assistant professor at Emory Vaccine Centre who led

the laboratory analysis. "Data from this preliminary analysis show individuals receiving a booster dose of Covaxin have a significant immune response to both the Omicron and Delta variants. These findings suggest that a booster dose has the potential to reduce disease severity and hospitalisations," said Suthar.

new cases of

**Omicron variant**;

*Thiruvananthapuram:* Kerala on Wednesday reported 76 new

Covid-19 cases due to the

Omicron variant. Besides, an

Omicron cluster has emerged in Pathanamthitta district, said

Health Minister Veena George.

has been reported at a private

nursing college where students

were believed to have got infected

from a person who had recently

come from abroad. Of the 76 new

cases confirmed, 59 had travelled

from low-risk countries, seven

from high-risk countries and nine

infected through contact. So far,

421 Omicron cases were reported

in Kerala while 290 of them are

people who travelled from coun-

tries considered low-risk. ENS

The minister said the cluster

tally rises to 421

Dr Krishna Ella, chairman and managing director of Bharat Biotech, said, "We are in a continuous state of innovation and product development for Covaxin. The positive neutralisation responses against the Omicron and Delta variants validate our hypothesis of a multi-epitope vaccine generating both humoral and cell mediated immune responses.

# notices to Centre, Uttarakhand govt, Delhi Police

"The aforementioned hate

speeches consisted of open calls

for genocide of Muslims in order

to achieve ethnic cleansing. It is

pertinent to note that the said

speeches are not mere hate

speeches but amount to an open

call for murder of an entire com-

munity. The said speeches thus,

pose a grave threat not just to the

unity and integrity of our coun-

try but also endanger the lives of

The petitioners said "no ef-

fective steps have been taken by

the police authorities". Though

two FIRs were registered against

10 people who took part in the

Haridwar event, only IPC

Sections 153A (promoting

disharmony, enmity or feelings

of hatred between different

groups), 295A (deliberate and

malicious acts intended to out-

rage religious feelings) and 298

(deliberate intent to wound the

religious feelings of any person)

no action whatsoever has been

taken by the Delhi Police in rela-

tion with the event held in Delhi,

despite the fact that open calls

for genocide, that are available

on the internet, were made

Saying that the "recent

peeches are a part of a series of

similar speeches that we have

come across in the past", the pe-

titioners said "not only (does) the

inaction of the police allow de-

livery of hate speeches with im-

punity but also shows that the

police authorities are in fact hand in glove with the perpetra-

"That the contents of the

tors of communal hate".

"It is also relevant to note that

were cited, they said.

therein," they said.

millions of Muslim citizens,"

they said.

Hate speech: SC

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday issued notices to the Centre, Delhi Police and Uttarakhand government on a PIL seeking a probe into the alleged hate speeches by participants at two separate events in aridwar and Delhi last month. The plea was filed by Delhi

resident Qurban Ali and Senior Advocate Anjana Prakash. Appearing for the petitioners, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal sought an early listing of the matter, saying another dharam sansad was scheduled to be held in Aligarh on January 23.

Next date is in Aligarh on (January) 23rd, in the midst of elections. We want something before that... If quick steps are not taken, more sansads will take place" and "entire atmosphere of this country will be vitiated," he said.

But the bench of Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli said some related matters seemed to be already pending before other benches and it would have to ascertain this first before listing the matter

It said it would restrict itself to issuing notice for now. "We will issue notice. List after 10 days. We will see if it's connected to any other matters. If not, we will hear it separately," said the CJI.

On Sibal's contention of possible future events, the court said "the petitioners are at liberty to make a representation to, or bring it to the notice of, the concerned local authorities"

In their plea, the petitioners sought the court's urgent intervention "in respect of the hate speeches that have been delivered between the 17th and 19th of December, 2021 in two events organised in Haridwar (by one Yati Narsinghanand), and in Delhi (by an organisation selfstyled as 'Hindu Yuva Vahini') ... with the apparent objective of declaring war against a significant section of the Indian citizenry"

#### speech feed into an already prevailing discourse which seeks to reimagine the Indian Republic as exclusivist, and that which has no space for other cultures, traditions and practices. Such a discourse is in itself violative of constitutional guarantees provided to minority cultures and religions in India," said the petitioners, adding that "the impact of such repeated speeches shows a rise in structural...and physical violence"

**CPM plans memorial** 

# Karnataka march: HC asks govt, Cong to explain

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, JANUARY 12

THE KARNATAKA High Court on Wednesday asked the BJP government in the state to explain how the Congress party was being allowed to hold a 10-day march over the Mekedatu reservoir project despite a rise in

Covid-19 cases. A division bench headed by Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi also asked the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) if they had sought permission for the protest march, and if participants were following the appropriate Covid protocol.

The High Court que



Former Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar at a press conference before the start of the 3rd day of the 10-day march, near Bengaluru on Tuesday. PTI

km 'walk for water' march for the cases and a looming Omicron into consideration the large inproject on the Cauvery River. threat, restrictions on public

CJI REMARKS ON CLOGGING OF COURTS

### **GOVT TAKES ACTION**

FOLLOWING THE high court observations on Wednesday morning, the Karnataka government issued an order prohibiting transport of people on vehicles for the Congress protest march. The government order stated that "all inter district and intra district (within Ramanagar) movement of vehicles and persons for participating" in the padavatra is prohibited.

crease of Covid cases per day in the state, we call upon the state government to inform the court as to how and why the rallies, protests, demonstrations or dhar-

We are talking in terms of larger

debate and hold that judiciary,

legislative and executive should

respect their limits as all the

three had been equally impor-

tant for functioning of a democ-

spokesperson Subodh Mehta said

changes should be brought in to

take corrective measures. Why

should drinkers be treated as

criminals? They can only be

fined and sent to de-addiction

centres if needed. Stringent ac-

tion should be taken against only

traders, distributors and manu-

facturers of liquor. This alone will

cut down cases under the prohi-

cut down the number of cases.

Opposition RJD national

"The state government must

racy," he said.

bition law.'

nas, more particularly the rally/padayatra held by respondent No. 6 (KPCC) is being permitted to continue and why no appropriate action has been taken by the state authorities to restrain respondent No. 6 from any such

activities," the High Court said. The court also questioned the Congress's decision to hold the rally. It said: "Respondent No. 6 (KPCC) is hereby called upon to inform as to whether any due permission was taken by them to hold the impugned rally and whether in the said rally, they are taking all appropriate steps to ensure compliance of the Covid protocol, guidelines and standard operating procedure issued by the state government and what measures have

CJI, adding, "It is a matter of serious consequences... It requires a serious view and we will have to order investigation.

**FIRST TIME IN 8 YEARS** 

Kala azar death in

Jharkhand; state says

gation (PIL) filed by activist Nagendra Prasad A V. The Opposition party's 100-

as it heard a public interest liti-

which will facilitate drinking water supplies to Bengaluru and its surrounding areas, began January 9. Amid a surge in Covid

gatherings have been in force across Karnataka since January 6. "Looking at the present Covid pandemic situation and taking

has not attacked the spirit of the

Bihar liquor law. The prohibition

law has been in consonance with

the Directive Principles of State

Policy. While the CII talked about

clogging of courts, he also talked

about lack of number of judges.'

He said special courts were

On the apex court on Tuesday

being set up to deal with pending

cases under the prohibition law.

dismissing the Bihar govern-

ment's set of appeals, challenging

grant of regular and anticipatory

bails by Patna High Court, the state

Education Minister said it is a mat-

cent petitions challenging grant-

ing of bails, we have nothing to

say as it comes under domain of

a court. It is part of procedure....

"As for the rejection of our re-

ter under the court's domain.

been taken and are being taken by them to adhere to the above and in case of violation, what action they propose to take.'

The

bail pleas

POLICE RECORDS show that

3,48,170 cases have been

lodged and 4,01,855 arrests

made under the Bihar

Prohibition and Excise Act un-

til October 2021. Around

20,000 bail applications relat-

ing to these cases are pending

for disposal in Patna High Court

and lower courts. This despite

Patna High Court disposing of

19,842 bail pleas – anticipatory

and regular - in such cases be-

tween January 2020 and

November 2021.

pending

EXPLAINED

# for killed SFI activist

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 12

Youth Congress (YC) leader at an

engineering college in Kerala's

trict, was killed allegedly by Nikhil

Paily on Monday afternoon at

College, Idukki, amid tensions

bought eight cents of land next

to Rajendran's house at

Pattappara village near

Taliparamba in Kannur. His body

was cremated at the plot in the

leader from Kannur and minis-

ter of local self-government in

Kerala, said the party would con-

struct a memorial for Rajendran

MV Govindan, senior CPI(M)

early hours of Wednesday.

On Monday night, the CPI(M)

Rajendran, from Kannur dis-

Idukki district on Monday.

over a campus election.

Government

at the plot.

will also house an office of the THE CPI(M) has announced plans SFL" the minister said. to build a memorial for Students' CPI(M) leaders in Kannur had on Monday night itself decided Federation of India (SFI) activist Dheeraj Rajendran, who was to buy the vacant plot and constabbed to death, allegedly by a duct the cremation there.

Engineering

In Kannur, the CPI(M) has erected memorials for several of its activists who died in political violence over the years. Most of these memorials have been wayside columns and bus stops. When SFI leader Abhimanyu

"A study and research centre

will come up as part of the me-

morial. It will have residential fa-

cilities for students. The building

was stabbed to death by activists of the Campus Front, the students' wing of the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), at Maharaja's College in Ernakulam in 2018, the CPI(M) mobilised Rs 3.10 crore as a "martyr fund". Using a portion of this fund, the party constructed a new house for Abhimanyu's parents in Idukki. The money was also used to construct a training and accommodation centre for Dalit students in Ernakulam.

he was going on a bike from

Naravde naka in Kankavli, an

Innova car without a number

plate had hit his bike. Parab

claimed that he was assaulted

and that he heard the assailant

tell another person in the car that

they "should inform Gotya

Sawant and Nitesh Rane" before

Sindhudurg special judge on

December 30. 2021 rejected his

pre-arrest bail plea in which he

claimed he had been booked

"out of political rivalry and mis-

hearing in the case on Thursday.

The High Court will continue

Nitesh moved the HC after a

fleeing.

chievously"

### **ATTEMPT TO MURDER CASE** Won't act against MLA till bail plea decided, HC told

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

THE MAHARASHTRA Police on Wednesday continued its oral assurance to the Bombay High Court that it would not take any coercive action against BJP MLA Nitesh Rane, son of Union Minister Narayan Rane, in an attempt-to-murder case filed against him in Sindhudurg district last month, till his plea is heard and decided by the Court. The case against Nitesh re-

lates to complainant Santosh Parab (44), who has alleged that on December 18, last year, while

# cause comorbidities

#### **ABHISHEK ANGAD** RANCHI, JANUARY 12

FOR THE first time in eight years, Jharkhand reported a death due to kala azar in the state, even as the total cases continue to decline. While 752 cases were identified as positive in 2015, the number of provisional cases last year till November was 242, as per data on the National Centre for Vector Borne Disease Control portal.

The state government however said the eight listed on the central portal as deaths due to kala azar in 2021 were only suspected casualties due to the disease.

A parasitic disease spread by sandfly bites, kala azar (meaning black death) or Visceral leishmaniasis is almost always fatal if not treated. In Jharkhand, it is endemic to four districts, especially their rural areas: Sahebganj, Godda, Dumka and Pakur, covering 33 blocks. The disease is considered endemic if there is more than one case per 10,000 population.

Data regarding kala azar in the state is available since 2014. However, even in 2015, when Jharkhand reported a high of 1,358 cases, no deaths were seen.

State Malaria Officer who also looks after kala azar prevention in the state, Dr Shesh Narayan Jha, said the eight deaths in 2021 of patients with kala azar were due to comorbidities. "In one case the patient had renal failure and in another, the patient had tuberculosis.

## Jharkhand Additional Chief

Secretary Arun Singh (Health) said: "As per the monitoring cell reports made available to me, in 2020, 17 suspected were reported, and in 2021, eight. A 'verbal autopsy' was conducted of 19 such cases, and there were zero confirmed kala azar deaths." Verbal autopsy determines the cause of death through a set of questions. The verbal autopsy in five of

the eight cases recorded as kala azar deaths in the Central portal. as per data by the state's NHM, says their probable cause of death was pulmonary tuberculosis. The verbal autopsy is pending for two

while one died during dialysis. Dumka DC Ravi Shankar Shukla, a former NHM Director, said a survey between December 13 and 23 had found 19 kala azar positive cases. Admitting the three suspect deaths. Shukla said: "The idea is to identify the positive cases so that there can be complete elimination of the disease. We conduct four-six active searches a vear and have increased spraying of insecticides. We also show

people the sandflies (so that they can identify them)." WHO's State Coordinator (Neglected Tropical Diseases) Doctor Abhishek Paul also said the deaths were due to comorbidities.

He also said they had roped in 1,184 rural health practitioners for surveillance reporting while the state was first to set up treatment centres for kala azar in all the affected blocks.

#### SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JANUARY 12

DAYS AFTER Chief Justice of India NV Ramana cited the 2016 Bihar prohibition law as an example of "lack of foresight" in drafting legislation that leads to clogging of courts with bail petitions, Bihar Minister and senior JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Choudhary on Wednesday said judiciary, legislature and executive "should respect their limits as all three had been equally important" for proper functioning of democracy.

Asked how the state government took the CJI's remarks, made at an event in Vijayawada on December 26, Choudhary told The Indian Express: "The CJI

#### **AHEAD OF BMC POLLS**

**VISHWAS WAGHMODE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

AHEAD OF the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporations (BMC) polls, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray-led government has taken a decision mandating all shops and establishments in the state to display signboards in Marathi. The amendment also mandates that the font of the Marathi-Devanagari script cannot be smaller than that of other scripts.

Sources said that the decision on Marathi signboards is

Sena leader and minister for Marathi language, said that af-

in Marathi.

ter the 2017 law came into force, Shiv Sena's attempt to consolidate Marathi vote bank for civic it was found that establishpolls, which are likely to be held ments and shops with less than in the next few months. 10 workers were evading the The state cabinet chaired by rules. "The government had re-Thackeray on Wednesday apceived such complaints and proved the amendment to the Maharashtra Shops and

Maharashtra shops told to display signs in Marathi

Bihar minister Choudhary says judiciary,

legislature, executive should respect limits

there was a demand for redressal. So, today, the state cabinet Establishments (Regulation of decided to amend the 2017 Act Employment and Conditions of to fix the loopholes. Therefore, the boards of small shops will Service) Act, 2017. The amendment mandates shops and eshave to be displayed in Marathi tablishments with less than 10 just like the big shops," said workers to display nameplates Desai

The minister further said Subhash Desai, senior Shiv that considering most of the shops and commercial establishments have less than 10

workers, the nameplates on all the shops along the road will be seen in Marathi from now on.

"An amendment also mandates that the letters in Marathi-Devanagari script cannot be kept shorter than letters in other (English or other) scripts," said Desai, adding that a bill would be tabled in the budget session of the legislature to give effect to the amendment.

In the last two years, the Sena, which is an alliance partner in the state's ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi government, has been taking forward its agenda on the Marathi language



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WORDLY WISE THERE IS NO GREATER AGONY THAN BEARING AN UNTOLD STORY INSIDE YOU. - MAYA ANGELOU

# The Indian **EXPRESS**

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# TWIST IN UP PLOT

Swami Prasad Maurya's exit from BJP steps up the heat, opens up new alignments, ahead of a hard-fought poll

HE TWO MINISTERS in the Adityanath government and at least four MLAs who quit the BJP in UP soon after the announcement of assembly election dates, have sought to give an ideological veneer to their resignation from the party. Speaking for the group, Minister for Labour and Employment and influential OBC leader Swami Prasad Maurya said the decision to leave the BJP - by all accounts, they are poised to join the Samajwadi Party - was provoked by the alleged neglect of "Dalits, backwards, farmers, unemployed and small traders" by the Adityanath government. Maurya's reference to Dalits and backwards is a pointed invocation of caste in the UP poll matrix in a time when the BJP is perceived to have successfully subsumed it in an overarching Hindu identity.

Since the 1990s, Mandal and Mandir have been the ideological poles in UP politics. If Mandal mobilisations helped bring caste identities to the fore and enabled political parties that spoke for the empowerment of Dalits and backward castes to win office, the BJP used the Mandir project to paper over the hierarchies and cleavages within Hindu society and presented itself as the custodian of Hindu interests. Further, the BJP has deftly wedded the Mandir agenda to nationalism and development to consolidate its position and shrink the space for the SP and BSP, beneficiaries of Mandal. At the same time, since the 2014 general election, the BJP has also used Mandal to defeat Mandal. While championing the Hindutva agenda, it has not shrunk from playing the caste game itself, stitching together a social coalition of various castes to counter its political opponent, according to the local configuration, ahead of every election. This helped the party triumph over the SP and BSP in the 2017 assembly polls as well the 2019 general election. The BJP's domination of UP through its playing of both the Mandir and Mandal cards has helped the party to further the perception of invincibility nationally, even as, during the same period, it lost elections in West Bengal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand as well as in the five big southern states, where Mandir has far less traction and social justice politics follows an older and different trajectory.

The interplay of Mandal and Mandir that has defined politics in the Hindi heartland since the 1990s may see a rerun in UP 2022. The SP has been working on building an alliance of smaller OBC-centric outfits and leaders to undo the social engineering of the BJP ahead of the 2017 polls. Under the saffron-robed Adityanath, who was pitchforked into the chief minister's office after the 2017 elections, the BJP was seen to relegate caste appeals and focus on Hindutva. It is anybody's guess if the current round of defections in UP, in the name of "social justice", can undercut the BJP's Hindutva project in the state. Whether or not the defections of Maurya and others become a turning point, or are only plot twists among many more to come in the UP poll arena, remains to be seen.

# SALIL'S STORY

#### The life and death of a 36-year-old gig worker tells a larger story of India's pandemic experience

VERY YEAR, A little over a lakh people die in traffic accidents on India's roads. And so, it is not impossible to see 36-year-old Salil Tripathi's death - knocked down by an SUV driven by a police constable as he waited to pick up a food order - as one more addition to that grim statistic, the cruel result of a random roll of dice. But, in this moment, as a third wave sweeps across a country yet to recover from the battering from the earlier waves of Covid-19 infections, the life and death of this Delhi resident tell a larger story - of a pandemic of precariousness silently sweeping nates with the immense loss both financial and human that m



Remembering Kumar Gandharva, who exemplifies the unity of form, meaning and being

The conqueror of time

#### PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THIRTY YEARS AGO, on January 12, 1992, it seemed that the pulsating rhythms of the universe had gone silent forever. On this date, Kumar Gandharva drew his last breath. We are yet to fathom the full measure of this loss or take full stock of his legacy. One of the upsides of living in our age is the unprecedented availability of the recorded archive. When we were students in college it was hard to access more than a few stock recordings. Anyone who had access to rare or private recordings became our best friend. His Kabir recordings (the one oeuvre Kumarji was sent to this earth for) were, of course, freely available and widely known. But getting our hands on other cassettes was pure gold.

But now, thanks to newly released archives, his corpus comes into full view. The full range of his nirguna bhajans, Marathi natya sangeet, even his incredibly playful compositions on ordinary life and the seasons, all can be heard in relation to each other In other artistes, this over availability can be a liability: You have to sift through, to get to the peaks. In Kumarji's case, it has the opposite effect: Almost each recording seems like a discovery of a new summit, a different way of capturing a haunting incandescence, and weaving his whole being, and ours, in a melodic current.

The attempt to measure the loss or legacy of Kumarji seems totally out of place for both practical and philosophical reasons. Much superfluous ink has been spilled on issues that almost seem beside the point. The first is the question of his innovation: His departures from tradition, much to the consternation of purists who would want to reduce tradition to mere convention. Of course, he was innovative, even revolutionary, in almost everything he did. There is a cottage industry cataloguing his innovations: From the bol aalaps, the incredible use of short taans, the new bandishes. But, as he always insisted, juxtaposing innovation against tradition is a serious mistake.

A tradition is more like a foundation on which more has to be built; a grammar is meant for expanding language, not constricting it. The second is the constant opposition between the folk and the classical. It was ofThe attempt to measure the loss or legacy of Kumarji seems totally out of place for both practical and philosophical reasons. Much superfluous ink has been spilled on issues that almost seem beside the point. The first is the question of his innovation: His departures from tradition, much to the consternation of purists who would want to reduce tradition to mere convention. Of course, he was innovative, even revolutionary, in almost everything he did. There is a cottage industry cataloguing his innovations: From the bol aalaps, the incredible use of short taans, the new bandishes. But, as he always insisted, juxtaposing innovation against tradition is a serious mistake.

ten said he made high classical popular (by departing from convention), and he made popular folk classical. In retrospect, these categorisations, while useful for some pedantic scholarly purposes, seem almost antithet-ical to the singularity of what he did and the unity of the musical experience he produced.

The title of one poignant set of homages to him, "Kaaljayi", one who has conquered time, is probably as apt a title as one can give. But conquering time does not mean eternal – a kind of fixity that transcends all flux. In his interviews, he always comes across as impatient with that kind of talk. He also had a particular allergy to the word often used in connection with music, spiritual, as if it were one part of life, not life itself. These are very tempting terms that we lazily use to lock us into the binaries he was always try-

ing to unsettle. His music has the intense and blazing energy of the whole of creation pulsating through that connection between sabda and raga that only he could produce. He is unusual in how much the bols of the bandish, or the sahitya, is important to him and how much care he took to explain them. Listening to Kumar Gandharva, it is difficult to agree with the great TM Krishna's claim in A Southern Music that in the musical experience language is important only as sound, not linguistically; words have to be conceived as a musical form not a poetic form. In a sense, this is true; after all it is the raga that shapes the form and the musical experience is accessible even without the linguistic meaning. But in Kumarji – what made all his recordings so exceptional – the music was a vehicle for not just sound but meaning. His particular emphasis in singing was also a vehicle for meaning, not just sound.

It is just hard to fathom the full power of all those glorious moments in his singing without meaning: The explosive "Oham Soham Baaja Baje/Trikuti Dham" or the erumpent, "Ganga Gangana" in his great Raga Shankara. Or, even more mischievously, the bandish he composed "Karan De Re Kachhu Lalla Re" (imploring his toddler son to let him work). Even the sound "jha" in jhini, is meant not just as sound, but to accentuate the effect of the meaning "jhini" has. You almost get the sense that it was the careful deliberate braiding of sound and meaning that lifted Kumarji beyond the mere virtuosity of many great artistes. To claim this is not to deny the autonomy of music, or to reduce it to its meaning. But it is to return to one central point: Kumarji exemplifies the unity of form, meaning and being.

Kumarji always acknowledged his debt to the folk traditions, not just for the musical forms they bequeathed to him. But like Tagore, taken in by the Baul singers, what the "folk traditions" offered was not just musical forms to be shaped, but the unity of life and music. Singing or being in communion with a nirgun bhajan was not a matter of just meaning or musical form: It was being in a non-attached carefree state. The timelessness is not a sense of the eternal, it is just the sense that no moment is instrumental to anything else, especially the future. As he once put it, "without having that kind of nature, you cannot put forth that kind of (nirguna) voice. The voice has to match the mind."

A programme announcement of the Indian State Broadcasting Service in the Indian Listener of June 7 1936 lists Kumar Gandharva as a "boy prodigy." On August 15, 1947, as India gained independence, if Raghava Menon is to be believed, he was singing Raga Chandrakauns on radio. He then battled with TB and lost his voice for a full six years. By the time he took his last breath, he had not only become one of the greatest musicians of all time, he had arguably become the highest point of Indian culture, embodying its form, meaning and even sense of play. He created a world free, expansive and liberating, and unsettling in the deepest sense. As Madhu Limaye who listened to Kumarji in jail during the Emergency wrote to him, he gave us a glimpse of the secret vibrations of the universe. But Kumarji would have smiled: "Yeh Khel Roop Ka/Khele Mahadhir. (This play of forms/plays the Mahadhir)."

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# JUSTICE IN SLOW MOTION

Case of assault on female actor in 2017 shows little has changed in Kerala film industry

lions of others have experienced.

If it were not for Covid's many blows, Tripathi's would have been a story of aspiration and upward mobility. He was a hotel management graduate working his way up jobs in the restaurant industry when the pandemic struck. According to a study by the Azim Premji University, 15 million workers had lost jobs permanently by December 2020, forcing salaried workers into informal work. Tripathi was one of them: Without the job as a restaurant manager in north Delhi, he signed up as a gig worker, doing food deliveries for Zomato, to earn a living and support his wife and son. The second wave in 2021 took a greater toll, as his father died of Covid-19 - a sense of devastation and grief that the family shares with lakhs of Indians. Tripathi's sudden, senseless death leaves behind a grieving family with an uncertain future. It has led to an outpouring of sympathy from strangers and offers of financial aid. In this, too, Tripathi's story reflects the pandemic experience. For, whether during the exodus of migrant workers from hostile cities during the first wave, or the mortal crisis of oxygen and beds during the second, ordinary Indians have stepped in the breach left by an inept, sometimes uncaring, state. But while there might be some succour for one family, the shrinking of aspiration of a nascent middle-class is an unmistakable, untold Covid story.

There is one more reason, perhaps, why, in his death, Tripathi stands in for other losses. If only for a moment, the stark story of a young life salvages the tragedies of the larger society from cold statistics - whether it is the debate over excess mortality or figures of unemployment - and makes space for an acknowledgement of a collective loss.

# MAYA ANGELOU QUARTER

#### US coin depicting the black poet, writer and civil rights activist was a long time coming

T SEEMS FITTING that the first quarter minted under the American Women quarters programme - to commemorate notable women in US history - should feature Maya Angelou, the globally loved writer, poet and memoirist who died in 2014. In her long and astonishingly creative life, Angelou was many things. Apart from building a prolific career in letters, she had also been, at different times, a singer, actor, dancer, composer, journalist and teacher, as well as Hollywood's first black female director. With the new commemorative quarter, she's also become the first black woman to feature on a US coin.

Many Americans view the development as one that has been a long time coming. It was in the Obama era that the proposal to put a black woman on US currency was first mooted - the \$20 bill, which currently features the seventh US president, Andrew Jackson, was to be redesigned to feature the abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman. The project fell by the wayside during the Trump presidency, although the current president, Joe Biden, announced last January that the proposal for the Tubman \$20 bill will be revived and the process "speeded up".

The demand for more diverse representation in official iconography as well as in public art, street names etc - especially of women and people of colour - has been growing louder in the US and elsewhere in the world. It comes on the back of movements, such as Black Lives Matter and #MeToo, that seek to remake the world, not only in its essence - through the politics of empowerment - but also in its visual iconography and symbolism. This was what lay behind the scene, a few years ago, when BLM protestors toppled a slave trader's statue into the sea at Bristol, UK. While there has been a conservative resistance to this impulse, which is sometimes (mis)characterised as a part of "cancel culture", the inclusion of Angelou on official currency has elicited little backlash. This is a welcome development in a hopefully more inclusive world.

### DARSHANA S MINI

IN APRIL 2021, SAG-AFTRA, the union of entertainment industry professionals in the US, standardised its procedures for filing sexual harassment claims through a digital platform called "Safe Place", which would locate patterns in the complaints and prevent repeat offenders from going unchecked. While the #MeToo movement in the US has led to some positive actions, such as the creation of the Hollywood Commission headed by Anita Hill the response to the movement has been tepid - even hostile - elsewhere, including South Korea and India.

Take the case of the 2017 assault against an actor in Kerala. The crime and the ensuing events – which resulted in the survivor recently making her identity public and seeking the chief minister's intervention to ensure justice — are a blatant exhibition of male privilege. They show a disregard for the professional and personal dignity of women who work in the industry. Most telling is the sheer apathy with which even the Association of Malayalam Movie Artists (AMMA) responded to the assault, which was allegedly masterminded by another actor. While both actors remained part of the organisation, the survivor received little support.

The formation of the Women in Cinema Collective in 2017 was a result of such institutional silences. Right from its inception, there have been concerted efforts to delegitimise the WCC as an exclusive space built through a nexus of class privilege. This can be observed in how the WCC's actions are

In 2017, the Kerala state government constituted a three-member commission headed by the retired High Court Justice K Hema, to explore 'options for improving women's safety, security, a better salary, service conditions and creation of a conducive working environment'. Despite the submission of the report to the government in December 2019, it has not become a public document yet.

monitored and held to higher standards than organisations such as AMMA or the Film Employees Federation of Kerala (FEFKA). Even media platforms are guilty of perpetuating such gendered expectations. Take the press conference in 2018, when WCC members were met with a barrage of questions demanding that they reveal the names of harassers, as if only the declaration of names could legitimise their claims. Not long after the formation of the WCC, AMMA staged a "comic" skit that portrayed a fictional organisation called "WhatsApp Women Empowerment Group", a thinly-veiled reference to the WCC. Among its many offensive strategies was the inclusion of a character who was shown to be negotiating an abusive marriage - a tactical move to delegitimise the political awareness that led to the constitution of WCC in the first place.

When one considers the focus of the WCC, it's not hard to see why such responses emerge. The WCC demands accountability from film organisations and seeks the constitution of an internal complaints committee (ICC) as per the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. In 2017, the Kerala state government constituted a three-member commission headed by the retired High Court Justice K Hema, to explore "options for improving women's safety, security, a better salary, service conditions and creation of a conducive working environment." Despite the submission of the report to the government in December 2019, it has not become a public document yet. While it is necessary to guard the confidentiality of the respondents, one wonders if an amended version redacting the concerned portions is not within the scope of legal and ethical possibilities. The material collected by the Commission is crucial for policy-level actions pertaining to gender equity in the film sector.

What we require are not just judicial commissions, but tangible possibilities of implementing measures to ameliorate the conditions of women in the industry. Alongside infrastructural support and financial resources, work conditions have to be inclusive enough for any long-term change. While the state government's decision to constitute a cinema regulatory authority for resolving labour disputes is welcome, only careful deliberation can tell us whether it will have the desired impact. Since we do not have any comprehensive data set on issues related to gender, wage, and labour rights in the film industry. the time is ripe for considering the inputs of cine-workers. And at every step, we must remember that it is never a question of either labour or gender, but about labour and gender. Intersectional thinking is key for lasting change in the industry. As Audre Lorde said: "There is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives.

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### JANUARY 13, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### ANTULAY RESIGNS

CHIEF MINISTER OF Maharashtra A R Antulay resigned on Tuesday night following the verdict against him by the Bombay High Court in the cement allotment case. Antulay submitted his letter of resignation to Maharashtra Governor O P Mehra. The governor accepted the chief minister's resignation but has requested Antulay to continue in office until alternative arrangements are made, the Raj Bhavan announced. In his judgment, Justice B Lentin of the Bombay High Court held as justified the allegations that Antulay had arbitrarily allotted cement from the ad hoc quota to certain builders in consideration for donations to

two trusts floated by him.

#### SUCCESSOR SEARCH

NOW THAT A R Antulay has stepped down, the search has begun for his successor. Antulay will play a major role in selecting his successor because of the massive support he enjoys in the legislature party. But it is also likely that his supporters will desert him as he would no longer be in a position to oblige them. Although the final choice will naturally rest with the high command which, in the Congress (I) hierarchy means Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Antulay is likely to support N M Tidke, labour minister in his

cabinet, or Finance Minister Ramrao Adik. The high command may also try to send a non-controversial person from the Centre like Shivraj Patil.

#### PAK CHAMPIONS

PAKISTAN DEFEATED WEST Germany 3-1 to retain the World Cup at the Wankhede Stadium. It was a convincing win for the hockey maestros, who trailed 0-1 within five minutes of the start. Pakistan levelled through centre-forward Hasan Sardar in the 26th minute and forged ahead a minute later through a gem of a goal by Manzoor Jr Kaleemullah.



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# THE IDEAS PAGE 5 Taking the fair call

The impression that access to government is unequal in the telecom sector must be dispelled. Having taken commanding stake in Vodafone, government can consider merging it with BSNL



#### **RAJAT KATHURIA AND** Isha Suri

WE HAVE just witnessed another episode in the evolving saga of the telecommunications sector in India. The board of Vodafone Idea (Vi) has approved the conversion of part of their liability owed to the government into equity. Thus, roughly Rs 16,000 crore of the interest on the deferred spectrum and adjusted gross revenue (AGR) liabilities will now be converted to government equity, making it the single-largest stakeholder, owning 35.8 per cent of the entity. If the conversion of debt to equity goes through the complicated processes of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), it will dilute the shareholding of promoters Vodafone Group and Aditya Birla Group to 28.5 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively. Chances are it will because this is part of the relief package proposed by the government itself in October 2021 to save the beleaguered operator from exiting and thus protect competition in a market rapidly hurtling towards an effective duopoly between Jio and a stressed Airtel.

To be gracious, one can see the Indian telecom glass as half full or half empty. There have been seminal achievements interspersed with colossal mistakes. While optimists like us would like to focus on the glass half-full, it would be prudent to devote some mind space to the mistakes to draw lessons from that experience. For, perhaps the best policy advice that one can volunteer is what not to do, rather than the other way round.

Telecom in India, much more than elsewhere, is not a business for the faint-hearted. The stakes are huge, running into billions of dollars and perennial litigation has been a drain on resources, used as much if not more for strategic manoeuvring as for seeking justice. Every stakeholder including the government has sought the courts' intervention at some point or the other and not always to correct a perceived wrong. Vodafone entered the Indian market purchasing Hutch in an offshore deal in 2007 that was compliant with the prevailing law. Fairness would demand amending the law - if it was being abused prospectively and not retrospectively. The retroactive amendment was a body blow, with Vodafone receiving a standing count.

The government has also often used the telecom sector for much-needed cash. It is relevant to ask whether the sequence of adverse events have irreversibly crippled the goose that laid golden eggs. In the Bollywood blockbuster Deewar, Amitabh Bachchan 00000

fee from operators that bid for spectrum, including the spectrum usage charge (SUC). A nominal administrative fee could have been charged to administer licences. In addition, allowing "back door entry" into the mobile sector in 2003, the noxious spectrum assignment by the "first come first served" (FCFS) method of 2008 and looking the other way when a deep-pocketed Jio aggressively entered the market in 2016 are instances of inequity that have had a debilitating impact on competition in the sector.

Vodafone, Idea, Airtel and Jio are all professionally managed companies with arguably equal access to technology, network services, financial and marketing skills. One would expect competition to thrive in such a scenario that could well have become the envy of the world. But access to government, seemingly is unequal (at least in outcomes) and that is the enduring lesson from the two decades or more of previous experience. The system ought to correct this failing and should not only be fair but also be perceived to be fair to all entities. Sometimes in India, inertia results in decisions that favour one over the other operator not because there is bad intent, but because the system is such that the status quo is the dominant response. That should also be studiously avoided to the extent possible by summoning high-level intervention.

Back to the present and the fortuitous op-

Another aspect worthy of consideration is that the current licencing conditions prohibit any company/legal person either directly or

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Suu Kyi's case should also ring a warning bell for those who harbour authoritarian nostalgia, no matter how tiresome the current forms of government and politics are."

-KATHMANDU POST

# For order to prevail

#### Seventh Schedule should be re-examined for better delivery of public goods



**BIBEK DEBROY** 

THE USE of the expression "law and order" is very common and the terms "law" and "order" have been coupled for centuries. Everyone understands "law". What is "order"? In whichever way the word is defined, typically as the opposite of disorder in society, "order" has a connotation of enforcement of the law. In other words, "order" requires the efficient functioning of the courts and police. Economists have a technical definition of "public good". Ignoring that narrow and technical definition of public good, loosely, we understand "public good" as something that must be delivered by the government. It cannot, or should not, be delivered by the private sector. Notwithstanding the use of private security guards, most people will agree "law and order" is a public good. If not delivered efficiently by the government, in the real - or reel - world, the private sector may step in to fill the breach, with undesirable consequences. The expression "government" should not be used in the singular, since there are layers in our three-tiered structure of governance. Article 246 of the Constitution mentions three lists in the Seventh Schedule - union, state and concurrent lists.

The union list makes no mention of "order". It only mentions: "Deployment of any armed force of the Union or any other force subject to the control of the Union or any contingent or unit thereof in any State in aid of the civil power; powers, jurisdiction, privileges and liabilities of the members of such forces while on such deployment." The state list mentions "public order" and "police (including railway and village police)"

"Notwithstanding anything in the two next succeeding subsections, the Federal Legislature has, and a Provincial Legislature has not, power to make laws with respect to any of the matters enumerated in List I in the Seventh Schedule to this Act." Other than those steeped in constitutional history, I don't think too many people will recognise this quote. It comes from Government of India Act, 1935 and is not a quote from the present Constitution. The present Seventh Schedule and union (at that time Federal) list, state (at that time Provincial) list and concurrent lists are inherited from that 1935 piece of legislation. Every public good is optimally delivered at a certain level of government. Delivery becomes sub-optimal both above that level and below that level. Most public goods people will think of are efficiently delivered at the local government level, not Union or state level. There is a Seventh Schedule issue that is thus linked to the insertion of a local body list. Countervailing pressure by citizens increasingly demands efficient delivery of such public goods. But

without delegation of funds, functions and functionaries, presently left to the whims of state governments, local governments are unable to respond.

In hindsight, it is a bit surprising that Constituent Assembly debates (in 1949) on Article 246 (at that time Article 217 in the Draft) were so perfunctory. B Das (former chief minister of Odisha) did raise the issue. "There are, Sir, 91 items in List I alone. There are of course some honourable members who have given notice of amendments with particular items. But if there is a general discussion concerning the principles involved in the Union, Concurrent and State lists, it will considerably clarify the position and will help us to understand the lists much better." Rajendra Prasad, who was chairing the debate, didn't agree and the discussion was limited to the items included.

The point was raised again in 1971 by the Rajamannar Committee - formally known as Centre-State Relations Inquiry Committee - set up by Tamil Nadu. "The Committee is of the opinion that it is desirable to constitute a High Power Commission, consisting of eminent lawyers and jurists and elderly statesmen with administrative experience to examine the entries of Lists I and III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and suggest redistribution of the entries," it noted. Why should one take the Seventh Schedule as given, simply because the Government of India Act of 1935 gave us those principles? One shouldn't convey the impression that today's Seventh Schedule is identical to the one in 1950. Items have moved from the state list to the concurrent list and from the concurrent list to the union list. Hitherto, such limited movements have reflected greater centralisation, such as in 1976. But scrutiny on the basis of first principles need not always lead to greater centralisation. The Rajamannar Committee was set up by a state government.

Take police, which is squarely in the state list. We know that the states have been lackadaisical in implementing the 2006 Supreme Court ruling in the Prakash Singh case. In the quote from the union list, there is a reference to "Central Armed Police Forces" and there are seven of these. That perfunctory implementation may be the reason why states frequently ask for Central police forces to enforce law and order. This is similar to state highways being converted to national highways, so that they are taken care of better. A couple of years ago, on the basis of first principles, the Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy brought out a report on how the Seventh Schedule might be cleaned up. NK Singh, Chairman of 15th Finance Commission has also often made this point, in addition to scrutiny of Article 282. The 1983 Sarkaria Commission and the 2002 National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution ducked the issue. For the sake of better governance, it's not an issue that should be ducked and the basic structure doctrine doesn't stand in the way.

saves his own life by pointing out the fallacy of tearing into the entrails of the bird to extract all the eggs in one swoop, he being the metaphorical goose. Bachchan's advice has been largely ignored outside the film. To cite a few examples, constituents of AGR include non-telecom revenues under the licence and part of the Rs 16,000 crore cited above is the erstwhile disputed amount and accumulated interest and penalty on the unpaid licence fee. The idea of a licence fee based on AGR is an artefact of an era when there were no spectrum auctions. Having introduced highly lucrative spectrum auctions, the government could have eschewed other forms of licence

portunity of the moment. In the last few years, the government has been struggling to bail out a heavily indebted industry, the proximate reasons for which, (a few also stated above), are an intense and debilitating price war, an unreasonable definition of AGR, an extractive spectrum auction regime and, of course, the march of technology impacting the revenue streams of operators straddled with legacy networks adversely. The implementation of this relief package means the Government of India will own stakes in two out of four major telecom operators in the country, namely BSNL (100 per cent) and Vi (35.8 per cent). With the exception of China, through its associates from having substantial equity holding (defined as equity of 10 per cent or more) in more than one licencee company in the same area for the same service. In order to comply, the government may have to dilute its share or explore the option of merging BSNL and Vi. The latter is attractive for multiple reasons.

agreed to merge in 2017 and create "Vi" to protect against an aggressive entrant like Jio. Therefore, a merger between these two entities may once again help protect the interests of both BSNL and Vi, and also ensure that the Indian telecom sector continues to have at least three strong players in the market, which is a minimum threshold to ensure fair competition within the sector. A win-win for telecom, if ever there was one.

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no other country in the world has wholly-

owned government entities in the telecom

sector. And in recent times, even the Chinese

government has been encouraging private

sector participation to boost competition in a

market that has thus far witnessed monopo-

listic and unfair competition. In France and

Germany, the government has diluted its

stakes in erstwhile public sector entities to a

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the option of merging BSNL and Vi. The latter

is attractive for multiple reasons. BSNL could

use Vi's 4G equipment to use its government

allotted 4G spectrum. Vi has a good radio net-

work but lacks the backhaul, to offset which

it can make use of BSNL's pan India optical fi-

bre network. A merger between BSNL and Vi

could help kill two birds with one stone. On

the one hand, it can help revive Vi and on the

other resurrect a flailing BSNL through a syn-

ergy of professional management and public

sector assets. Vodafone and Idea Cellular

domain of private enterprise.

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# In people we must trust

A new year wish: Let trust travel, not only up, but down, too, left and right

### IN GOOD FAITH NANDITESH NILAY

ALONG WITH the new year, the third Covid wave is upon us and the only way we can get to the other side is to get ourselves and our loved ones vaccinated, wear masks and follow Covid-appropriate behaviour and trust science to lead the way. Also, in the new year, the prime minister's cavalcade was stalled on a flyover and some say this was a plot to target him by those fired by hatred. There are others, including those whose job it was to ensure the PM's security, who say trust us, this was nothing more than a traffic jam. Common to both is trust, its crucial significance and the implications of its loss.

What is trust? It's our firm belief in an idea, a person or, even, a thing.

Trust is the fulcrum around which our lives revolve. In infancy, we trust our parents as we stumble towards them learning to walk, a family trusts each other, neighbours trust each other when they switch their lights off. A society needs trust like glue, a nation depends on institutions and leaders it can trust. Political and social scientists have studied how the quality of a democracy is linked to whether its society and institutions inspire low trust or high trust. When trust erodes, things begin to crumble.

In our country where colonialism, feudalism, casteism have bred mistrust and suspicion, created inferiority and superiority complexes, where lack of opportunity and the absence of a level-playing field have celebrated the crooked shortcut to success, trust has always been in short supply. Today, algorithms on social media undermine trust by strengthening the walls of our echo chambers. Yet, this new year there is hope.

Ironically, it comes from the market and technology. Certain aspects of new technology are forging new bonds of trust. So, while we distrust how our data and personal details are being used by big technology companies, we know and are aware how in our daily lives, technology has helped build trust. During the lockdown, we trusted apps that, in turn, trusted a network of delivery personnel to deliver what we need. One phone call, a credit card swipe, an OTP – OTP itself is a device to build trust – and in half an hour a stranger who has a name, a rating and, these days, a vaccination certificate, is at our doorstep with whatever we ordered. We collect, we unpack the bundle trusting that the seal wasn't broken along the way.

The next morning, we trust our oximeters, our RT-PCR test reports, our vaccines, we trust brands, their products, processes, devices, technology. The market and our transactions also build trust.

We trust that the new 3BHK we have bought will bring us comfort and, who knows, happiness, too. We trust our workplace to be fair when it comes to appraising us, we trust our colleagues to be fair. At the restaurant, we

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trust the chef and waiter. Our food supply chains and hygiene, once notorious for their standards and unreliability, are today almost taken for granted. So we trust the process, we trust the brand, what about people? That's where the problem lies. Trust has travelled towards a product, a service, a thing we have paid for, rather than the person or persons responsible for the product or service.

When it comes to people, it's easy to trust a leader or a boss because they transform themselves into impersonal products and promise a better life, just rewards, and a system of fairness. So trust travels from products and processes to those with profiles and positions, with blue ticks and followers. The market, it seems, controls our interactions and guietly, effortlessly, we have undermined the most vulnerable and at the same time the most powerful aspect of human beings, their trustworthiness. For, we have divided people into various strata and clusters in the name of caste, class, religion, geography, even pin code.

Trust travels up the hierarchy but why doesn't trust travel down? When the delivery boy drops off our favourite food on time, it's the service we trust, its system of checks and balances, its GPS maps and rating systems, not the young man standing at the door. When the share-taxi driver drops us off and is polite, we give him a five-star rating but we rarely address him by his name, he remains the Uber/Ola driver. When migrants during the lockdown headed for home, they trusted their families in the villages, they didn't trust the impersonal city or their employers.

Researchers have identified that in lowtrust societies, ethical values are not shared and so the moral consensus is missing. An important aspect of such societies is a continuous decline in people's social and political trust. If politics is to create an environment of happiness, oneness, trust will travel down. In 1947, an independent India was born and yet scarred by huge mistrust between two communities. Today, as we mark the 75th year of that defining moment, we see attempts to deepen that divide. A politics that feeds mistrust can get short-term gains but the fact is this politics is against the irreversible force of change. Because, as human beings, we know it's easier to trust than it is to mistrust. To deceive, we need to weave, as Sir Walter Scott said, a web more tangled. So it's far easier to trust. Anyone who thinks otherwise is on the wrong side of history.

Let this be our new year wish: Let trust travel, not only up, but down, too, left and right. It's heartening that we have begun to trust some processes as part of our daily life. But it's only when we begin to trust those who are less powerful than us, that we will increase our own trustworthiness.

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THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A crowded

field of defectors' (IE, January 11). It is

ironic that our democracy - the biggest

in the world – offers us a wide choice of

persons whom we can elect as our rep-

resentatives for Parliament, the assem-

blies, etc, but they are found to lack the

required qualities for this purpose. Our

search for the ideal representative is,

therefore, like looking for a needle in a

haystack. Presently instead of being our

role models, our elected representatives

are like rolling stones that damage the

sinews of our hard-earned democracy.

They are now using all their dirty tricks

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Erratic

Interpretations' (IE, January 11). The in-

corporation of international law (IL) in

India's domestic law by the judiciary

not just "legitimises the democratic

deficit", it doubles down on it. The ju-

diciary is a non-democratic organ of the

state. Thus, any lawmaking by it is not

reflective of citizens' wishes. This issue

becomes more concerning if the incor-

porated IL is made a part of the consti-

tutional sphere, especially fundamental

rights - as it shrinks the legislative

power of the state. The constitutional

courts should be circumspect while fill-

ing the necessary gaps in the legal

regime, as it often results in an eternal

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

in Goa to outsmart one another.

LAW AND COURT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### IRRELIGIOUS, ILLEGAL

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'No one wins if justice fails' (IE, January 11). The abominable incidents of sacrileges at Amritsar or elsewhere were condemnable and they were unequivocally declared as such. Though lynchings are also being reported from other parts of India for other reasons as well, like the cases of cow vigilantism, the silence over the lynching of the alleged accused has raised questions of law for the state, and morality for the followers of any religion. The lackadaisical approach of the state and political leaders stems from the compulsions of electoral arithmetic. This inhibits them from taking firm legal action against violence perpetrated as retribution, lest they are seen to be anti-religion. However, the scholars and authorities belonging to all religious denominations are free from aforesaid compulsions and ought to be guided by the core values of the religion. They should take a firm stand against this type of violence in the name of religion rather than be seen to be kowtowing the politicos. For instance, the 10th Guru, Gobind Singhji, clearly delineated revenge from justice in Zafarnamah, an oft-quoted and much-admired philosophic epistle, where he discussed alternatives available to people seeking redress. He concludes that only when all other means have failed, it is just and right to take to the sword. Moreover, religious polarisation could prove to be a shrewd distraction for the voters from the pertinent issues

deprivation of democracy. Ayush Baheti, Jaipur

LR Murmu, Delhi



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### Court remands suspended IPS officer in 3-day police custody

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** RAIPUR, JANUARY 12

A DAY after he was tracked down and arrested by a team of officers camping in Delhi, suspended IPS officer G P Singh was on Wednesday brought to Raipur. He was presented before a sessions court. which remanded him in three days police custody.

Singh was absconding for almost six months after he was booked for disproportionate assets and under sedition charges.

A 1994-batch IPS officer, he was earlier Additional Director General of the Anti Corruption Bureau and also served as Inspector General, Raipur. He was posted as head of the police training academy before being suspended on July 5.

After his appeal for a stay order on investigation and arrest warrants against him were rejected by the High Court and later Supreme Court, Singh went into hiding in Gurgaon, police sources said

On Wednesday, Singh was brought to Raipur by road after the flight from Delhi was cancelled. After a medical examination and a Covid test, he was presented before the court in the evening.

While being taken to the court, Singh told reporters that he was being wrongfully accused and that the properties mentioned in the FIR were not his

In a heated discussion that went on for almost an hour, the prosecution demanded seven days of custody while the defence said the FIR against Singh was registered on fabricated information. Finally, the bench of Justice Leena Agarwal granted police his two-day custody.

The ACB had carried out searches at 15 locations linked to Singh from July 1 to 3, in which several irregularities and disproportionate assets were found. Singh is alleged to have car-

ried out several benami transactions and acquired disproportionate assets across 15 locations in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

### Kalicharan in Wardha police custody for hate speech

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 



## MIRROR IMAGE

A tourist takes a stroll in Shimla after rain and snowfall Wednesday. With forecast of western disturbances over the weekend, mercury is slated to dip further in the hill state. Pradeep Kuma

# To future with hope: Ministry scheme helps bridge technical gap

Public-pvt

initiative

**UNDER THE National** 

Education Alliance for

Technology, launched in

announced a public-pri-

vate partnership scheme.

So far, 58 ed-tech compa-

nies have been roped in

to offer courses on a gov-

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come cap fixed at Rs 8 lakh.

2019, the government

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

EXPLAINED

FOR VAISHNAVI Saini and Arti Mishra, students of a state-run polytechnic institute, learning Python, an advanced programming language, was not even on the horizon. They do not have regular access to laptops or desktops, and could not float the idea of signing up for a course that may entail additional expenditure for their families.

But a Ministry of Education project, piloted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) that aims to help students from socio-economically disadvantaged communities enroll for courses taught by ed-tech companies, has offered them a glimmer of hope

'For now, we will make use of the institute's computer lab," said Vaishnavi, one of 12.15 lakh students among whom the government plans to distribute free coupons for an array of courses offered by ed-tech companies under the National Education Alliance for Technology (NEAT) initiative.

The NEAT initiative is taking ommend names.' shape at a time the government has announced plans to introhas been picked using an automated tool with caste, income. duce a policy to regulate the edtech sector to prevent instances of "exploitation".



TOP 5 COURSES (in terms of demand)

■ Python programming C, C++, Java programming Data science Life science and healthcare analysis Interview preparation

TOP 5 COMPANIES (in terms of recruitment) GUVI

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Tamil Nadu, 1.38 lakh in Maharashtra, and 1.21 lakh in Andhra Pradesh.

SC/ST/OBC and EWS communities, with the annual family in-Arti, a student of office management, who comes from UP's "Accordingly, a bank of 12.15 Mirzapur district and belongs to the general (EWS) category, said: lakh free coupons have been created which are now being dis-"Our college informed us about NEAT on January 2. After that, we tributed among beneficiaries," he said. "AICTE-approved governapplied for three courses of our ment colleges across the country preferences. On January 6, I was were asked in December to recinformed that I have been selected. The prospect of learning "The final list of beneficiaries Python, which was among my

preferences, is exciting." Sneha P. a second-ve

#### Top ed-tech companies adopt code of conduct, assure transparency SOURAV ROY BARMAN & AASHISH ARYAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

AT A time the Centre is working on a policy to regulate their businesses, a group of leading education technology companies joined hands to adopt a "code of conduct" aimed at addressing growing concerns regarding the luring of students and parents

Companies and start-ups such as Byju's, Careers 360, Great Learning, Harappa, TimesEdutech & Events Ltd, Scalar, Simplilearn, Unacademy, Toppr, upGrad, Vedantu and WhiteHat Jr have joined hands for this purpose under a collective named India EdTech Consortium (IEC).

The code calls on companies to be fully transparent while dealing with customers, be mindful of backing up claims with statistics, and develop rules on refunds and

# **J&K to staff: Declare all** moveable assets of value over 2 months' basic pay

tronic items only)".

A senior official told The

Indian Express that the "govern-

ment has switched to online

mode to ensure that all the em-

ployees file their property state-

their declaration forms to their

respective heads of departments

against proper receipts. The new

system will save the trouble of

issuing a receipt to each and

every employee. Also, officers at

even senior levels had to be re-

peatedly reminded to file their

annual statements earlier," the

the official said: "In the previous

rules, every employee was sup-

posed to inform the prescribed

authority about all possessions

valued at more than Rs 20,000.

These days, when prices are es-

calating, with the increase in

salaries following various pay

commissions, the Rs 20,000

limit is not much. So the govern-

ment decided to increase it to

Reiterating that the move is

two months' basic salary.'

Asked about the value cap,

official said

"Earlier, they used to submit

ments regularly and on time".

#### ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, JANUARY 12

IN WHAT is being described by officials as a "move to check corruption" and a step towards digitisation, the J&K administration has asked all its employees submit online every year a declaration listing moveable assets, including electric and electronic household items, owned by them and their family members in cases where the value exceeds two months' basic salary.

A notification issued by the Union Territory's General Administration Department said that "every public servant shall bring to the notice of the prescribed authority the acquisition or transfer of movable property" with value in excess of the specified limit.

The latest instructions come in the wake of a series of measures by the administration over the past year to scrutinise the activities of its employees, including stringent parameters for verification, drawing criticism from several quarters.

Tuesday's notification referred to amendments made to the Jammu and Kashmir Public Servants Declaration of Assets and other Provisions Rules, 1998, and listed a portal --https://prs.jk.gov.in--where the declarations need to be submitted between January 1 and January 31 each year, starting this month.

15-18 AGE GROUP 19 lakh Covaxin vials in stock, Maharashtra braces for shortage fall short of vials to meet the de-

#### **RUPSA CHAKRABORTY** MUMBAL JANUARY 12

NEARLY A week after rolling out a drive for vaccinating children in the 15-18 age group, the Maharashtra government is facing a shortfall of Covaxin vials.

Officer (DHO) of Amravati said State Health Minister Rajesh the district has only 4,300 Tope on Wednesday said that Covaxin doses as on the government will take up the Wednesday, which will last for issue of shortage of Covaxin one or two days. "On a daily bawith Prime Minister Narendra sis, we are vaccinating 3,000 Modi. "We have a meeting with children Prime Minister Narendra Modi Considering this, the vials will tomorrow (Thursday) where I will seek more vials of Covaxin," he said.

The declaration, it said, will amassing wealth disproportionate to their known sources of incover "all the assets" owned by employees and their family come," the official said.

members and lists "cash balance, Tuesday's notice stated that the amendments have been saving bank deposits, shares, cash certificates, fixed deposits, made by the Lt Governor using debentures, security bonds, jewpowers conferred by Section 16 ellery/ ornaments, and houseof the Act of 1983. hold items (electric and elec-

In June last year, J&K made it mandatory for new appointees to disclose whether their family members and close relatives are associated with any political party or has participated in any political activity, or has had links with a foreign mission or organisation, or any banned organisation.

Three months later, in September, the administration set wide-ranging parameters for "discrete verification" of its employees, including reporting of relatives whose activities may be "directly or indirectly hostile to India's national and security interests". Earlier that month, it mandated a vigilance clearance for its employees to obtain passports.

The latest move has been welcomed by some employees and described as "sheer harassment" by others.

"The new rule will hit those who become prosperous overnight, soon after getting a government job. Now, they will have to account for every possession," said a government school teacher. "The government is creating complications by bringing new provisions like furnishing details of even electric and electronic equipment," said an em-

a step against corruption, the official said: "Above all, the move will keep a check on employees ployee in the UT administration.

#### RAJASTHAN

**Disabled minor** girl sexually assaulted, critical: police

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, JANUARY 12**

A DISABLED minor girl was allegedly sexually assaulted and abandoned near a road in Raiasthan's Alwar district on Tuesday night, said officials, Police have registered a case of rape and sexual assault in the matter. The girl is critical, the officials said.

The girl, who appears to be specially-abled, was found at a spot that is over25 m from her home, the police said. She is presently undergoing treatment in laipur





THE WARDHA police on Tuesday took the custody of Kalicharan Maharaj from the Raipur Police in Chhattisgarh for allegedly targeting a minority community, abusing Mahatma Gandhi and hailing his assassin Nathuram Godse during a 'Dharam Sansad' held in Raipur on December 26.

Kalicharan Maharaj alias Abhijit Sarag was brought to Wardha city on Tuesday and spent the night in jail at Sewagram police station. "He was produced before a magistrate court on Wednesday afternoon and remanded to judicial custody," said DSP Piyush Jagtap. An FIR under sections 153

(wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot) and 505 (2) (public mischief) was registered against Kalicharan at the Wardha city police station on a complaint from Congress leader Manoj Chandurkar.

Last week, the Pune Police had arrested him in an FIR registered at Khadak police station for an alleged hate speech he gave during the 'Shivpratap Din' programme held in the city on December 19.

NEAT chief coordinating officer Buddha Chandrashekhar said that of the total registrations that companies get through the portal, they are expected to offer at least 25 per cent additional

seats for students belonging to

**KRISHN KAUSHIK** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

GOVERNMENT ON Wednesday

asked Broadcast Audience

Research Council (BARC), respon-

sible for measuring television

viewership in India, to release

Television Rating Points (TRP) for

news channels, after it made

changes to governance structure

for the data. It said the data will be

computed on a four-week rolling

A Joint Working Group has

average from now on.

gender, age as filters, as around 37 lakh applications were received. Women have been given preference over

Chandrashekhar said. A state-wise break up shows that of the total, 4.12 lakh free coupons are being distributed among students of Uttar

also been created with govern-

ment and industry representa-

tives to come up with specifica-

tions and protocols to leverage

Return Path Data from set-top

boxes, and address resulting pri-

will be released after a gap of

nearly 15 months. BARC had

stopped publishing the TRP for

news channels in October 2020

after allegations of rigging by

some news channels emerged.

Soon after, the government

formed a committee headed by

procedure and knowledge as he

had done in 1997. He has repeat-

edly said that pig organs can be

used in humans, but no one lis-

tened to him....'

The TRPs for news channels

vacy concerns.

Govt asks BARC to release TRP for news

channels with new oversight structure

neering student in a Coimbatore college, is also among candidates picked under the scheme. "I have also chosen Python since I am inmen, terested in pursuing web development," Sneha, who did not enroll with any ed-tech platform before, said. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi

Shekhar Vempati to look into the

TRP practices. The panel submit-

ted its report on January 12, 2021.

of Information and Broadcasting

said that in spirit of the TRP

Committee Report and Telecom

Regulatory Authority of India

(TRAI) recommendation, BARC

has "undertaken revision in its

processes, protocols, oversight

mechanism and initiated changes

of the Board and the Technical

It said that the "reconstitution

in governance structure etc."

On Wednesday, the Ministry

trial periods, among others.

Clauses in the code touch upon concerns flagged by the Education Ministry in an advisory to citizens to be wary of edu-tech platforms tricking people into signing up for paid or loan-based FULL REPORT ON courses. www.indianexpress.com

Committee to allow for the induc-

tion of Independent Members

have also been initiated by BARC"

and a permanent Oversight

Committee has been formed. The

access protocols for data have

been revamped and tightened,

ministry asked BARC to release

the news ratings "with immedi-

ate effect and also to release the

last three months data, for the

genre in a monthly format, for fair

and equitable representation of

In light of these events, the

the ministry said.

true trends"

On January 3, the state had received 10 lakh Covaxin doses from the Centre. "We have demanded 40 lakh doses from the Centre. We are expecting the next consignment in two to three days but the supply will be less than the demand," said Dr Sachin Desai, the state immunization officer.

On January 3, the state had started the mass immunization programme for children. Since then, of the 60.63 lakh eligible children, it has vaccinated 22.97 lakh with the first dose of Covaxin at 650 centres.

Simultaneously, the state is also administering Covaxin to beneficiaries who need to take second dose and booster shots. This has decreased the state's stock of Covaxin vial from 50 lakh as on January 3 to 19 lakh on January 12.

"At present, we have 19 lakh Covaxin vials, which will last for three to four days. If the demand of vaccination increases further among children, we will even

Kathak dancer Pandit Munna Shukla dies at 78

last for the next two days at the most," she added.

on

mand for these two days," said

Nandurbar have vials in stock till

Many districts like the

Dr Ranmale, District Health

Palghar and

average.

Dr Desai

Friday.

Amravati,

Since the start of the vaccination drive last January, the district has received 7,20,090 doses of Covaxin.

As The Indian Express reported on Tuesday, shortage of vaccines is hindering the mass immunisation campaign in Palghar where vaccination camps are being organised only in schools for children. School dropouts as a result are missing

out on getting vaccinated. Dr Dayanand Suryawanshi, DHO from Palghar, said, "We are facing a shortage of vials. If we get enough Covaxin shots, we would be able to expand the vaccination coverage for children at the village-level."

"When the mass immunization programme started for healthcare workers, most government medical colleges had administered Covaxin, as it was the first indegenous vaccine. Now, with the start of the booster shots, we are scrambling for Covaxin," said a senior health officer from Ahmednagar.

"We had received information

vesterday (Tuesday) around 7:45pm that a 14-15 year old girl who was bleeding had been found near a bridge. The police reached the spot and admitted her to the ICU. It is definitely a matter of sexual assault. We identified the girl," said Alwar SP Tejaswani Gautam on Wednesday, adding that a special investigation team has been constituted to probe the incident.

"An FIR has been lodged under sections of the POCSO Act and section 376 (rape) of the IPC. Six other teams are helping the SIT to arrest the accused," said Gautam.

"Since the minor is speciallyabled, we are probing if she left the house on her own or someone lured her out," Jaipur Range IG Sanjay Shrotriya said.

The BJP slammed the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in the state over the incident and said that atrocities against women are increasing in the state. Former Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje said the Alwar incident has shamed Rajasthan and has exposed the law and order situation in the state.

### **AFTER PIG'S HEART TRANSPLANT IN US** Had done historic surgery 24 years ago, points out controversial Assam doctor

#### **TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JANUARY 12**

AS THE news of doctors transplanting a genetically modified pig's heart into a patient in a Maryland hospital in the US emerged on Tuesday, Assam's Dr Dhani Ram Baruah said that what America has managed in 2022 he had done back in 1997.

Dr Baruah, now 72, was embroiled in a controversy when, in 1997, he performed a xenotransplantation (transplanting organs from one species to another) surgerv and managed to transplant a pig's heart and lungs on a 32-yearold man.

formed in Baruah's clinic in Sonapur, on Guwahati outskirts, the 32-year-old survived for seven days, before dying of multiple infections. The transplantation led to a huge controversy and the then Asom Gana Parishad government in Assam instituted an inguiry and ordered the arrest of Saikia and Hong Kong surgeon Dr

assisted him in the surgery. for 40 days.

Following the surgery, perfrom Dr Dhani Ram Baruah Heart Institute & Research Centre at Sonapur, Dalimi Baruah, who claimed to be his long-time research associate, said that he was not greatly moved by the development in Marvland.

"It is not a new thing for Sir (Baruah), as this is something he already did in 1997; so what is the big deal now," asked Dalimi. Jonathan Ho Kei-Shing, who had Dalimi said, "...he told us it was likely US doctors used the same

Held guilty of unethical procedure and culpable homicide under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, Baruah and Ho Kei-Shing were both imprisoned

#### Speaking on Baruah's behalf

#### **DAMINI RALLEIGH** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

PT BIRIU Maharaj once asked his nephew and disciple, Pt Munna Shukla, to practice the tatkaar the fundamental footwork in kathak - and left the rehearsal room. When he returned a couple of hours later, he realised that Shukla had been at it the entire time, without pause.

"Such was our dedication to the dance form," he had said to Guru Nisha Mahajan, his disciple of many years, while recounting the incident. A doyen of the Lucknow gharana, Pt Munna Shukla passed away in his Delhi home on January 11, following a brief illness. He was 78.

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com "He was one of the few torch-

bearers of the tradition who never compromised on the subtlety of its nuances. In this world of fast-moving chakkars (pirouettes) and lightening-speed footwork, his work holds the simple, undeniable appeal

Acchan Maharaj, he began his instruction in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, under the aegis of his father, Sunderlal Shukla, before moving to Delhi in 1960 with his grand-uncle Shambhu Maharaj, uncle Birju Maharaj and percussionist Manika Prasad. Before he knew it, he was learning to play the tabla, and kathak, from these formidable artists. Shukla was awarded the national scholarship for advanced training in kathak in 1964.

"Whether it was Lachhu Maharaj's taste for lasya anga (feminine aspects of kathak) or abhinava. or Shambhu Maharaj's predilection for improvisation, he absorbed it all and wove it into his repertoire," says Mahajan.

Pt Munna Shukla's most noted works include the dancedrama Shan-e-Mughal, Inder Sabha, Ameer Khusro, Anga Mukti, Anvesha, Bahar, Tratak, Kraunch Badh, Dhuni, among others. "He explored texts and concepts that are considered. conventionally, to be beyond the realm of the Lucknow gharana. But his interpretations always honoured the authentic framework of kathak. He believed in using the entire body to communicate but with restraint, so the movements are suggestive," says Mahajan

Shukla honed generations of

kathak dancers first at the

Bhartiya Kala Kendra, where he

was introduced as faculty in

1975, and then at Kathak Kendra,

which he joined a year later. Even

after retiring from the institute,

he continued to teach kathak to

students at the Shri Ram Bhartiva

Kala Kendra, Saraswati Music

College along with holding reg-

ular classes in his home in East

son, a thinking artist and an ex-

tremely sensitive guru. He be-

lieved in researching the material

as much as possible before bring-

ing it to his students. I understand

the importance of that today,

when I teach my students. He en-

"He was a hardworking per-

Delhi.

New Delhi

couraged us to ponder over every bol, every look, and every nuance," says kathak dancer and guru Sushmita Ghosh.

His contribution to the world of dance was awarded with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2006), Sahitya Kala Parishad Award (2003) and the Saraswathi Samman (2011).

"His passing has left a vacuum in the Lucknow gharana. Main unhe kathak mein sabse uncha manti hoon. The kind of knowledge he had of the form, I doubt anyone else does. His greatness lay in his ability to internalise dance. When he danced, it was never 'dekho main kya kar sakta hoon', he made dance a part of his being," said Bharatanatyam exponent Kamalini Dutt.

kathavachan," says Mahajan. Grandson of Kathak maestro,



Bara Khurd Satna 5,00,000 Limestone Chorgadi – Puraina Rewa Limestone 5,00,000 Bhatia Satna Limestone 5,00,000 Ghuinsa Satna Limestone 2,00,000 Kharoundi Limestone 2,00,000 Satna

| vould be fully redeemed at the end of 9 years if either | of the put or call option is exercised". Th |
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| pecific terms of the redemption are given below:        |   |
| ISIN No.  | INE572F08030                                |
| Issue Description                                       | RRVPN 9.30% 2025                            |
| Face Value (Rs./Bond)                                   | Rs. 10,00,000/-                             |
| Coupon Rate   | 9.30% p.a.                                  |
| Deemed Date of Allotment                                | 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2013              |
| No. of Bonds issued                                     | 2574  |
| Issue Price & Redemption Price                          | At Par                                      |
| Tenure  | 12 Years from the Deemed Date               |
|   | of Allotment                                |
| Date of Maturity  | 30% on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023       |
|   | 30% on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2024       |
|   | 40% on 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2025       |
| Put/Call Option for seeking early redemption            | At the end of 9 <sup>th</sup> year from the |
|   | Deemed Date of Allotment                    |
| Call Option Date  | 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2022              |
| Pacard Data for datarmining the Panoficial              | 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2022               |

| The map |                                  |                        |
|---------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Sr. No. | List of Key Events               | Critical Dates         |
| 1       | Date of Issue of RFP             | 10.01.2022             |
| 2       | Last Date for Submission of Bid  | 31.01.2022 by 5.00 PM  |
| 3       | Date of Opening of Technical Bid | 01.02.2022 at 11.00 AM |
| 4       | Date of Technical Presentation   | 04.02.2022 at 11.00 AM |
| 5       | Date of Opening of Financial Bid | 14.02.2022 at 11.00 AM |

| 9.  | Dhaukan - Dhaurra - Urdaurra              | Niwari    | Iron Ore            | 5,00,000 |  |  |
|-----|---|-----------|---------------------|----------|--|--|
| 10. | Gurhar Pahar                              | Singrauli | Gold                | 5,00,000 |  |  |
| 11. | Pipariya Mal                              | Dindori   | Bauxite             | 5,00,000 |  |  |
| 12. | Baruyee                                   | Satna     | Bauxite             | 1,00,000 |  |  |
|     | Blocks being put up for Composite Licence |           |                     |          |  |  |
| 13. | Botejhari                                 | Balaghat  | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 14. | Jam                                       | Balaghat  | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 15. | Budbuda                                   | Balaghat  | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 16. | Naganwat-Chhoti                           | Jhabua    | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 17. | Palasdor                                  | Jhabua    | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 18. | Nandia Loharpura                          | Khargone  | Manganese           | 2,00,000 |  |  |
| 19. | Dhobitola                                 | Seoni     | Manganese           | 25,000   |  |  |
| 20. | Kubri                                     | Satna     | Bauxite & Limestone | 1,00,000 |  |  |
| 21. | Jamuwanikala                              | Katni     | Bauxite             | 25,000   |  |  |
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1. Auction of all the blocks are being considered as "First Attempt"

2. The price of Tender Document is exclusive of GST.

The following mineral blocks are being put up for auction in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d) of the Act:

- 1) Pahari, Narora, Tiloura Limestone Block
- 2) Pahari-Narora-Tiloura-Tanaja Bansipur Limestone Block
- Atarhara Parsokha Limestone Block 3)
- Bara Khurd Limestone Block 4)
- 5) Kharoundi Limestone Block
- Kubri Limestone and Bauxite Block 6)
- Jamuwanikala Bauxite and Laterite Block 7)
- Baruyee Bauxite Block 8)
- 9) Botejhari Manganese Block
- 10) Jam Manganese Block
- 11) Budbuda Manganese Block
- 12) Naganwat-Chhoti Manganese Block
- 13) Palasdor Manganese Block
- 14) Nandia Loharpura Manganese Block
- 15) Dhobitola Manganese Block

Not with standing anything to the contrary in the Tender Document for these 15 (fifteen) afore mentioned blocks, the State Government makes no representation whatsoever, express, implicit or otherwise, regarding the accuracy and/ or completeness of the information provided in the said geological report and the Bidder confirms that it shall have no claim whatsoever against the State Government in this regard. The Bidder acknowledges and hereby accepts the risk of inadequacy, mistake or error in or relating to said geological report and hereby acknowledges and agrees that the State Government shall not be liable for the same in any manner whatsoever to the Bidder and their associates or any person claiming through or under any of them. The Bidders agree and acknowledge that any mistake or error in or relating to the said geological report shall not vitiate the tender process, Mining Lease and/ or MDPA, or render the same voidable.

The block specific Tender documents are available for purchase on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited (https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/mlcl/index.jsp). Last date for purchase of Tender Document, on the e-auction platform is Tuesday, February 15, 2022 and the last date for submission of the bid is Tuesday, February 22, 2022 on or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time).

कोरोना से बचने की तीन बातें बहुत जरूरी, टीका लगवाना, मास्क पहनना और अपनाना दो गज दूरी।

#### Sd/

G-21110/21

Director Directorate of Geology and Mining, Madhya Pradesh

| Record Date for determining the beneficial          | 29 January 2022                         |
|---|---|
| Owners for the purpose of payment of                |   |
| principal amount and final interest accrued         | (Scheduled Record Date 30 <sup>th</sup> |
| thereon   | January 2022 being holiday)             |
| Listed on   | BSE                                     |
| Depositories  | NSDL and CDSL                           |
| Registrar & Transfer Agent                          | Link Intime India Pvt. Ltd.             |
| The redemption amount shall be paid to Beneficial C | whers of above NCDs as existing         |

g on th Accord Date by crediting the redemption amount to the bank account appearing in the demail account of respective beneficial owners. Address/Bank Particulars in the demat account as appearing in the details provided by

lational Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") / Central Depository Services (India) Limite CDSL'//Registrar & Transfer Agent ("R&TA") only will be considered for payment Redemption Amount, pursuant to exercise of Call Option.

Fhe Bonds shall be taken as discharged on payment of the redemption amount by the compar the other state of Beneficial Owners as existing on record date. The Company's liability to the Bondholders towards all their rights including payment or otherwise shall cease and stanc xtinguished from the due date of redemption in all events. Place: laipur

ite:12.01.2022

aj.Samwad/C/21/10421

(Vijay Mathur) Jt. Director (Corporate Affairs) cun RRVPN/TR-5323/2022 Company Secretary

| The proposal complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by    |
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| Speed Post/Registered Post only latest by 31.01.2022 before 5.00       |
| PM in a sealed envelope clearly mentioning on the top of it            |
| "SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND RUNNING                     |
| OF PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT UNIT (PMU) FOR DISTRICT                        |
| MINERAL FOUNDATION (DMF), KEONJHAR". The proposals                     |
| received beyond the last date and time will be rejected. The authority |
| reserves the right to reject any/ all proposals without assigning any  |
| reason thereof.  |
|  |

Address for Submission of Proposal:

PD DRDA--cum--Chief Executive.

DMF Keonjhar, Ground Floor, DRDA,

District Collectorate, Keonjhar, 758001, Odisha

Sd/-PD DRDA-cum-CEO DMF Keonjhar

#### **PIMPRI CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

#### TENDER NOTICE No: - CIVIL/B H0/113/2021-2022

Offers by way of e-tendering (Percentage) are invited by the City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation from contractors in e-tendering system for following works.

1) The contractor shall quote his Percentage offer on the Cost of work excluding Royalty and material testing charges as mentioned below. 2) The offer for work shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC for work 3) Regarding the Royalty, the policy that the corporation determines will be binding on you.

| Sr.<br>No | Name of work  | Estimated<br>cost put to<br>the Tender<br>(Rs)<br>(4+6) |                    | excluding Royalty  | Royalty<br>(Rs) | Material<br>Testing<br>Charges<br>(Rs) | Earnest<br>money<br>(Rs) | Security<br>Deposit<br>(Rs) | Time limit<br>in calendar<br>Months | Cost of Tender<br>Document+<br>With GST<br>(Non Refu-<br>ndable) (Rs.) |
|-----------|---|---|--------------------|--|-----------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1         | 1 2   |   | 3                  | 4  | 5               | 6                                      | 7                        | 8                           | 9                                   | 10   |
|           | CONSTRUCTION & 15,24<br>DEVELOPMENTOF D.P ROAD<br>IN VIKASNAGAR, MAMURDI,<br>WITHIN ACQUIRED<br>LAND IN PRABHAG N0.16 |   | ,95,26             | 68 15,23,21,068  | 23,66,880       | 1,74,200                               | 7,62,476                 | 76,24,770                   | 24                                  | 37,430   |
|           |   |   | Time table for the | tenders sha  | ll be as foll   | ows:                                   |                          |                             |                                     |  |
|           | Online sale of tenders  |   | :- D               | )ate- 13/01/2022 to Da   | ite - 09/02/2   | 022                                    |                          |                             |                                     |  |
|           | Last date of submission of tenders  |   | :- D               | Date - 09/02/2022 up to 3.00 pm  |                 |  |                          |                             |                                     |  |
|           | Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time   |   | :- D               | Date - 20/01/2022 at 3.00 pm   |                 |  |                          |                             |                                     |  |
|           | Place of Pre Bid Meeting  |   | :- 0               | Office of City Engineer, 1st Floor, PCMC Main Building Pimpri, Pune - 411018 |                 |  |                          |                             |                                     |  |
|           | Date of opening of tenders  |   | :- D               | )ate - 10/02/2022 at 3   | 00 pm (if pc    | ssible)                                |                          |                             |                                     |  |

The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reason thereof. The details of above works, such as Security Deposit, Earnest Money Deposit, Terms & Conditions of the Tender and Schedule of works, are available on web site www.pcmcindia.gov.in, http://mahatenders.gov.in.

In case of any technical problem related to the tender document, the same can be referred to the NIC email support at eproc@nic.in or on telephone numbers 0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-627787.

ADVT No. 1365 No: ENGG/TEN/B HO/15/2022 Date :- 12/01/2022

Sd/-City Engineer, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pimpri – 411 018.

# **16** CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

# Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I.Shweta W/O Tarun Kumar R/O House.NO-177, 3rd-Floor, Block. NO-13,Geeta Colony Delhi-110031, have changed my name Shweta kumar, for Future. 0040599141-9

I,SHEIKH ANWARUL HAQUE S/O-SHEKH BHOJPUR HUSSAIN R/O VILLAGE-BHOGARI POST HARPUR TOLA PS, MAJHAULIA BETTIAH, BIHAR- 845454, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANWARUL HAQUE. 40599141-6

I,Rahul Chakroborty,s/o Deepak Chakrawarti.R/o Flat.No-20. Gate-7, Poland Embassy-50 M,Santipath, Chanakya-Puri.Delhi-110021.have changed my name to Rahul Chakrawarti, permanently.

0040599149-5 I,RUBY D/O MANGU JAISWAL,

R/OH-2/5, PHASE-1, BUDH VIHAR, DELHI-86.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RUBY KUMARI, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040599159-3

I,RAHUL YADAV S/O RAM MURAT YADAV R/O H.NO.4/44, 4th Floor, West Punjabi-Bagh, West-Delhi-110026, have changed my name, from Rahul to Rahul Yadav. 0040599141-5

I,Parveen Kaur D/O.Surinderpal Singh R/O.WZ-64/1A,Gali.no.25, sant-garh, Tilak-Nagar,New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Parveen Kaur Virdi,for all purposes. 0040599141-10

I,PRADEEP SINGH,s/o RAJ NARAYAN SINGH,R/O-E-70/188 T-HUTS KISHAN KUN I FXTN ,LAXMI-NAGAR DELHI-92,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHIBBU SINGH, FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0040599159-1 I,Nirpal Singh,S/o-Partap Singh,R/o-H.No.5,Safiyabad Road, Gautam-Colony, Narela, Delhi-40,that my son,Gourav 10th-class,CBSE certificate,has mistakenly-written my name as Nirpal, Correct, name of mine, is Nirpal Singh

I,Manju Bhadana w/o Narender Kumar R/o.H.no-93,Gram Ullawas(83)Gurgaon Haryana 122101, have to change my name after marriage Komal, for all purposes. 0040599141-

I,Lalwani Veena Sushil alias Muskan Nasha D/o Kanta W/o Ashish Nasha R/o 243, Shree KrishnaAvenue Phase-I, Khandwa.Road.Limbodi Indore Madhya Pradesh-452020, have changed my name to Muskan Nasha. 0040599161-5

I,Jatinder,S/o Jai prakash Bhardwaj,Address Rzh-290/291 gali no- 10, rajnagar part-2 palam-colony, Delhi 110077, Changed my name to Jitender Bhardwaj, 0040599141-4 permanently.

I,Hritik Malya S/o Jitender MalyaR/o.H.no-RZ-1A, Bharampuri, Pankha-Road, Nangli Rava, Delhi-110046, have changed my name to Ritik.

0040599141-3 I,Harkesh Kumar Dang S/o Sh. Vijav Kumar Dang R/o 1205A Tower-E Amarapali Princely Estate Sec-76, Noida Have ged my name to Hark

#### I,GEETA DUGGAL,W/O DEVENDRA KUMAR R/O QU-49-C LIG FLATS PITAMPURA-110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO GEETA KUMARI.

0040599149-1 I,DEVENDRA KUMAR,R/O QU\_49\_C LIG-FLATS PITAMPURA-110034 HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON NAME SHUBHAM DUGGAL TO SHUBHAM KUMAR, PERMANENTLY. 0040599149-4

I.Bunty Chauhan S/O Virender Singh R/O RZCD-71,Mahavir Enclave Palam Village New Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Yogesh Chauhan for future purposes 0050190268-1 I,Bhawana Thapar,W/O Amit Thapar, R/O 22P and T Colony, Sandesh Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi Changed Name to Bhawna Thapar.

0040599149-8 I,Bablu,s/o Ranbir,r/o a-116, Vijav-Vihar phase-1, Avantika delhi-85 have to change my name Aditya Baghel, for all purposes. 0040599141-2

I,B. SANJAY S/o Shri Bhunde Ram.R/o J-49.Dakshinpuri. Sector-5,Delhi-110062,have changed my name to SANJAY, for all purposes. 0040599141-8 I,Ashish Kumar Thakur S/o

Bimal Kant Thakur, R/o.A-239, Street.No.2, Chhattarpur-Enclave, Phase-1, Chhatarpur, Delhi-110074, have changed my name to Ashish Thakur. 0040599141-7

I, Yugal Kumar, S/o Rohtas Kumar, R/o B-549, Avantika, Sector-1, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Yug Sharma. 0070768493-1 I. Vansh Verma S/O. Simran Sharma R/o Rz-42, Street. No.6, Tughlakahad Extension Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Vansh Sharma, for all purposes in 0040599149-9 future.

L Sudhir Bansal, S/o Surender Kumar Bansal, R/o 66, GF, Jaipuria Enclave, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad-201010, have changed my name to Sudhir Kumar Bansal. 0070768489-1 I, Simran Kaur w/o Inderpal Singh r/o J-2/20, Rajouri Garden Delhi-110027 have changed my

0040599102-1

name to SIMRAN WALIA 0040599159-2

permanently. I.R. Om Vikash, S/o Ram Lal Yadav, R/o-L-429, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-P-4, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name to Om Vikash for all future purposes.

0070768491-1 I, Pritee Singh, was also known as Pravesh Bala and Pravesh Singh, W/o Late Baldev Singh Mahalawet, R/o H.No-1037, Sector-14, Faridabad, have changed my name to Priti Singh Mahalawet for all 0070768448-1 purposes.

I, NAGENDER KUMAR S/o Satvir Singh, residing at 336/5, Master Colony, Tughlakabad Village, New Delhi-110044 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as NAGENDER MALIK 40599128-1

I, Dimple, D/O Sheela Saini R/o 49 Bharat Nagar,New Friends Colony have changed my name to Dimple Saini for all purposes 0040599124-1

I, Alexander KL, S/o Late Shri G Lukose, R/o Charuvila Puthen Veedu, Valakom PO-Kottarakkara-691532, Kerala, have changed my name to Baba Alexander, for all purposes. 0040599061-1 Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Kewal Krishan R/o 145 Mukherjee Park, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi -110018 declare that Pawan Kumar & Pawan Kaura is the 0050190280-1 same person. I Mohammad Saqib Qureshi S/o Mohammad Merajuddin R/o H.No.8208-9, Gali Chimni Mill, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Mohd Saqib for all purposes. 0040599097-7 Arti Dayal alias Arti Mathur D/o Late Sh. Narendar Dayal W/o Sh. Sunil Mathur R/o 192-A. Jor Bagh, Delhi-110003 have changed my name to Arti Mathur for all purposes. 0040599097-8

#### PUBLIC NOTICE LOST & FOUND

that that my clients Moh

of Mohd. Ayu

Imran Ansari son of Mohd. Ayub Ansari R/o 1353, Gali No. 4 Faiz

Ganj, Bahadur Garh Road, Azad Market, Delhi- 110006, have

purchase the property No. 1351-52

situated at Gali No. 4, Faiz Ganj, Bahadur Garh Road, Azad market, Delhi- 110006, if any person/ persons claim, right, title, interest in

the said property please notice to me within 15 days, otherwise my client

will not be responsible. H.S. BHATI (Advocate) Ch. No. 946, Patiala House Court, New Delhi- 110001

Be it known to all concerned that I, Dinest

Be it known to all concerned that I, Dinesh Sibal, Sto Late Sh. Hazari Lal Sibal, Rio AG-50, Aspen Green, Niiwana County, South Chity II, Gurugram, Haryana 122018, has disowned my Son Mr. Akarsh Sibal Sto Dinesh Sibal Currently Rio AG-50, Aspen Green, Niiwana Country, South Chity II, Gurugram, Haryana -122018, from all my movable and immovable properties and has severed all my relationshipties with him and Akarsh Sibal shall be free to sulftransferigfi, etc. any of my movable or immovable asset to anyone and Aakarsh Sibal will have no objections to the same, Henceforth Ishall not be responsible for any of the acts and deeds of my above-named son & anyone dealing with him, in any mamer, shall be doing so at hisher own responsibility. Kapil Raghav (Advocate)

Kapil Raghav (Advocate) Ch. No. 259, Patiala House Court, New Delhi

I Sandeep Vii s/o Late Shri Ajudhia Nath Vij Have Lost The Original Allotment Letter And Possession Letter Of My Flat No. C702 Pawittra Apartments Plot No. 12. Vasundhara Enclave, New Delhi 110096. At Greater Kailash Delhi. If Found Please Contact 9310155269 0050190289-1

I,Naresh Kumar Garg,S/o Hukum Chand Garg, R/o-258, Sainik-Vihar, PitamPura, New Delhi-110089, have Lost my Privious Original-Property paper Rakba-8.Kanal-0.Marle Khewat Number 299, Min/298, Village-Kasaar.tehsil Bahadurgarh Distt.Jhajjar, Haryana, Stamp.No. (JCO2017G123 GRM No.29342204 date-17.07.2017. Finder-please Contact above address#9818921217.

LOST & FOUND

It is to inform all that Original Allotmer Letter, Buyer Agreement and payment

reciept etc Unitech related to propert

Unit no. 68, Block-A, Arcadia-South City-2, Gurgaon, has been lost which

belongs to Mrs. Naveen Balhara W/o Subhash Chandra R/o 24 The Belin

Plot 13-B. Sector-06, Dwarka, Delhi

110075 and NCR/F.I.R LR No. 19563/2022

has been lodged on 06.01.2022, Police

Station Crime Branch, Delhi, Finder may

send to the under signed. Ram Kumar (Advocate Ch. No.246-A,Block-I, Delhi High Cour

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Deepak Jain S/o. Ram Niwas lain R/o. B 2/12, second floor Rana Pratap Bagh, New Delhi

110007 have lost my original Sale deed Registration no 2515 in Addl book no 1 Volume no 796 on

ages 108-122 registered on 21

3-2007 between Ashwani kuma bhawan and SGS Narula, directo

f SN Builtech Pvt. Ltd. All persons

are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis

of the said missing document. I anyone has already carried out o

eing carried out kindly inform or

the above mentioned address

vithin 7 days of the presen Sunny Jain #99100 45679

CORREGENDUM

A public notice was published on 18th December 2021 regarding Plot No 32, (1050 sq.yds.)Sector 21A, Urban Estate, Faridabad, Haryana inviting objections from general public for cole and metrograp

public for sale and mortgage of the said plot. Somehow a typographical error occurred

due to which plot number was nentioned as 21 instead of 32.

Therefore, the plot number be read as 32 and not as 21 for al

Prachi Narang (Advocate

GNA & Associates

New Delh

purposes.Rest of the contents of

D-28 ( LGF) Jangpura Extension

PUBLIC NOTICE

Information is given to general public at large that our client Mr. Sanjay Kumar is the owner of Residential Flat No. K-

205, 2nd Floor, Tower-K in Group Housing Residential Complex "Prateek

Housing Residential Complex "Prateek Laurel" located at Plot No. GH-01, Sector-120, NOIDA, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. Initially, the said Flat belonged to Mrs. Sneh Prabha Bharti by virtue of Sub Lease deed dated 03.03.2016 executed by Noida (Lessor) and M/s Prateek Realtors India Pvt Ltd. After demise of Mrs. Sneh Prabha Bharti mu client being Ingen Janis

Prabha Bharti, my client being legal heir applied for mutation in his favour submitting all the necessary documents/NOC/Indemnity Bond and

got his name mutated in the record of Noida Authority vide Mutation letter dated 23.07.2019. Now, he intends to

sell the said property. If any person(s) have any objection(s)

claim(s) with respect to the right, title

or interest in the said property please contact us within 07 days from the date

of this notice on the number & address entioned herein below, failing which

ny clients shall not be held responsible

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re: Southern Side Portion on First Floor,

plinth area measuring about 62.72 sq. mtrs. "said portion" part of Property

bearing M.C. No. 2609, total plot area

Chhatta Partap Singh, Kinari Bazar,

elhi-110006 ; hereinafter referred to

Notice is hereby given to the general public

including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc. that,

as informed by our clientess, Smt. Mithu Dhara W/o Shri Krish Nando Dhara,R/o G-6B, G

Block, Jagjit Nagar, Delhi-110053, she is the

owner and in possession of the said portion of the said property vide Sale Deed dated

23.1.2013 executed in her favour by Mrs. Alka

Jindal in respect of the said portion and registered as Document No. 9991 in Book No. 1, Volume No. 5543, pages 139-147, or

20 11 2014 (SRO-I) and since then she is the

owner in Possession of the said portion without any objection/s or claim/s by any person in general. Our clientess has further informed us

that initially, the said property was owned by S/Shri Faquir Chand and Laxmi Narain vide Sale/Partition Deed dated 26.06.1947 and

after their death, the property devolved on their legal heirs namely Mrs.Laxmi Devi D/o Shri Faquir Chand, S/Shri Ram Nath and

Bhaawat Parshad (sons of late Shri Laxmi

Narain), and Mrs Maya Devi,Mrs Vidya Devi, and Mrs Durga Devi (all daughters of late Shri

Laxmi Narain). Subsequently, Mrs Laxmi Devi,

Mrs.Maya Devi, Mrs.Vidya Devi and Mrs.Durga Devi executed a Deed of Release vide document No.188 dated 26.12.1996 in favour of Mr. Ram

Nath and Mr Bhagwat :Parshad in respect of their shares in the said property. Thus, Shri Ram Nath and Bhagwat Parshad became joint

owners of the said property and executed a sale

deed vide document No. 9473 dated 23.09.2010 in favour of Mrs.Alka Jindal in

espect of First Floor (without roof rights) of the

said property. Now, Our clientess intend to mortgage the said portion with IDFC FIRST

Bank Limited for availing loan facility. We have

been further informed by our clientess that the

said portion is not mortgaged anywhere and

there is no charge or dispute or any litigation

If any person, society, bank, financial institution

or other institutions have any objection against

the absolute ownership of our clientess on the

as "said property".

asuring 167.22 sq. mtrs, situated at

Jents Shear Astronomics y manner whatsoever. Md. Khairul Hussain (Advocate) No. 214, 2nd Floor, Delhi High Court w Delhi-110001, Mob.-8810391672

notice remain the same.

h Chandra R/o 24, The Palms

Mob.: 9711376612

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

n general is hereby informed th ss Smt. Sumitra Mittal W/o and Mittal and Sh. Dayanand Jayanand Mittal and Sh. Dayanand Mittal sö Late Kishan Chand both KR E-21, Sushila Road, Adrash Nagar, Dehi-110033, avar severed all their relations and social onnections with their son Sandeep Mittal, ass become source, of nuisance and inis from inheriting their moveable and sisbehave my clients and have debarred mmoveable properties of my clients and my lients shall not be responsible for his versom deals with their son Sandeep Mittal, se/she will be doing so at his or her own, ost and consequences.

Nikhil Garg (Advocate Ch. No. V-8, Opp. SBI Banl Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

PUBLIC NOTICE nt Shanti W/o Lt Sh. Raghunandar o Plot No J-17 d, Mandir Wali Gali 3 Pilo Pitri No J17 d Mandri Wall Gall S<sup>10</sup> Pohati Road, Delh, have served all her relations til the time she is alive and disowned an disinherited her son Prakash Nandan Gupta 8 his wife Ruchi Gupta and Heir children name) Moksh Gupta and Yoshita from all he moveable and immovable properties as they disreguedful to my client and have been acting the treated as Null & Yold, Anybody dealing with the mishall be doings ad their own risk, cos and responsibility and my client shall not be did responsibility and my client shall not be

Sd/-(Rajeev Kumar Tewari) Advocate 394-395 Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

# It is notified for the information of General Public that my client, Nidhi Sharma, agad about 51 years, wife of Late Mr. Rajeev Sharma, and presently residing at FC-84-85, Shivaji Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027, has debarred and disowned her son namely Mr.Aditya Sharma, aged about 30 years,from all her movable and years, from all her movable and immovable assets and properties, and she has severed all her relations with him. In case, any person deals with Mr. Aditya Sharma in any matter, they shall do so at theirown risk and responsibile in any My client shall not be responsible in any which way, for Mr. Aditya Sharma's dealings with any third party, or for any of his actions or inactions in this regard.

Adv. Adab Singh Kapoo

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### PUBLIC NOTICE General public is hereby informed that my clients Sonmatiw Vio Radhey Shyam R/c Kh.No.28/4 Grd floor GNo. 7 Sangar relations from her son Vijay Kr Sharme S/O Radhey Shyam and his wide Prink-J My client has discowned them from her al movable and immovable properties as both are not only disobedient towards my clients but also indulging in all sorts o misbehaviour with my client. They have given huge mental distress and brough truthe to the family as systh my client uble to the family as such my clie sjoint all relationships with them. r ents shall not be responsible for a cts, or deeds done by them

Mukesh Kr. (Adv Ch. No. 335 Civil sid

That My Client Shakuntala W/o Late Santosh Pal R/o RZ-1, Gali No-1, Deep Enclave-II Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar N. D- 59 Disowned his son namely Vishal Pal his wife Madhu and his son Daksh from all of her Movable and Immovable properties and my Client in not liable for any debts, miss happening of his son, his wife (daughter in law) and his son (grand son). Anubhay Chopra (Advocate) Office Plot No- 70-73 Vikas Ngr. Uttam Ngr.

#### सार्वजनिक सूचना

मेरे मुख्यविकलो प्रीत पाल शर्मा पुत्र स्वर्गीय श्री खेमचंद व श्रीमती अनीता पत्नी प्रीत पाल शर्मा निवासी मकान 47 धर्मपुरा कॉलोनी फर्स्ट नजफगढ़ नई दिल्ली–110043 ने अपने पुत्र महेश कुमार व पुत्रवधू सीमा को जो कहने से बाहर है ओर अलग रहते है को सामाजिक रूप से व अपनी चल-अचल सम्पति से कतई बेदखल कर दिया है जो कोई भी इनसे लेन–देन **हरेगा वह स्वयं जिम्मेदार होगा**!

Pankaj Kumar - Advocate Z-17, Shyam Vihar, Gali No.-2, Phase-I, ND-43 Enrl. No. D/918/11 PUBLIC NOTICE

PUELCONOTICE This to inform to the public at large that Harbhajan Singh and Ms. Reston Coir India PYL Ltd. acquired Property No. 196, measuring 1024 sq. vds, out of Kharsarao. 196/2, at Village Nangli Sakwati, Najafgart, Dehi, Harbhajan Singh acquired the rights by virtue of GPA dt. 15:03.1990 and Ms. Reston Coir India PYL Ltd. through sale deed dt. 25:09.1984. Sale Deed dt. 30:01.1974 executed by Yash Ran In Inavour of Subnatsch Chanades Malk dt. 07:04.1986 executed by Annardees Malk dt. 07:04.1986 executed by Annardees Singh and Teijnder Singh in favour of Kamal Kishan Khangia doc no. 2408. Sale Deed dt. 31:01.1974 executed by Yash Rani in favour of Raminder Singh Chibber doc no. 1862, and Sale Deed tt. 18:10.1984 executed by Jagish Chander in favour of Raminder Singh Chibber doc no. 10702 are Lost in original. As of now Harbhajan Singh and Ms. Rescon Coir India PYL Ltd. are the undiguide downers of the above sale property. Nf Aring Parson J firm in stinute, sale, agreement, park of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, lionese, stift, possession legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hare 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 notbinding on our client. <u>Apy Kumar Giri (Advocate)</u> H. No. 2016, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar A, New Deihi 110024

Registrar, SASU

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

this is to notify the general public that my client Smt. Phool Kumari W/c Late Ram Naresh R/n H-46 Karampura, New Delhi-15 has disowned/ disinherited her Son Sh Ashok & his wife Smt. Seema alias Shivani from all her movable & movable properties with immediat effect. Anybody dealing with them in any manner shall do so at his/her owr cost, risk & responsibility. My client shall be in no way responsible for any acts, deeds & things done by them. Sanjay Kapoor & Associates 788, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi



#### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform public at large that my client Sh. Raj Kumar Bhatia S/o Lt. Sh.G.C.Bhatia R/o B-239, G.F. Lok Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 disown ber daughter Shaila arge that my client SMT. GEET ANI PANDEY S/O SH. DHANES DUTT PANDEY R/O H. NO. 1147 GALI NO. 11, KAUSHIK ENCLAVE BURARI, DELHI- 110084, hav disown her daughter Shaila evered their all relation with her so Bhatia from his all movable and JMESH PANDEY and daughter mmovable properties and also dissolve all relations with her aw LAXMI PANDEY and als lebarred from my moveable and mmovable properties due to nisconduct, disobedient and out o due to her act of disobedie nd ill treatr ontrol and if anybody deal wit KARAN KHANNA ADVOCATE nem my client is not responsible. Office:- Chamber No-403, Lawyer's Chamber Block-III H.S. BHATI (Advocate) Ch. No. 946, Patiala House Courts New Delhi- 110001 Delhi High Court, New Delhi-3

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that my client(s is/are interested to buy Freehold Property Bearing Flat No. E-329, Third Floor, Anand Lok, Phase-1 PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform for general public that my client namely Someshwar Singh Verma S/o Late Shri. Prithvi Singh Verma and Annapuma Singh W/o Shri. Someshwar Singh Verma, R/o H. No. C-70, Brij Vihar, P.O. Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 201011, served debarred, disowned and break down all the relationship and debarred from their movable and immovable properties usare interested to buy Freehold Property Bearing Flat No. E-329, Tind Floor, Anand Lok, Phase-1, Mayur Whar, Delh-110091, presently owned and possessed by SN. Vigb Vec Dabas 5/o Late SN. Jai Dev Dabas by virtue of Gift Deed duly registered vide Regd. No.6072, date 12.04.2013, and as per owner version the said property/ Flat S/are free from all sorts of encumbrances. Link documents are missing & duly informed vide LR No.3687/4022, date-12.01.2022 with SPIO. Crime Branch, Delh-I. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm/ company, Bank, HUF/ member of HUE, Flancald Institution having any claim, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents & &or objection to thereof, he/she/they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ court judgement within 15 days from the day of publication of insto PM vietn(s) as a hon-file purchaser conclude the tilf/ Sale Deed proposed to be executed in favor of my clein(s) or in the name of high-tr/their nominees shall be deemed to be clear to the marketable without any defect, encumbrances, flaw and impediment. novable and immovable properties o his daughter-in-law namely Priya choudhary W/o Late Sh. Bhupende ingh, due to her misbehavior an hisconduct attitude. My clients hav o concern with daughter-in-law amely Priya Choudhary in an V.S. SHARMA (ADVOCATE) Chamber No. 522, Saket Court New Delhi-11001 mbrances, flaw and impediment. hilesh Kumar (Advocate

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#### **Office of the Executive Engineer** Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, CHATRA

#### **Corrigendum**

The following changes have been done due to some unavoidable circumstances in Tender Notice No. DWSD/DHARAMPUR/RPWS/CH/26/2021-22 (1st Call) Detailed survey, designing and drawing, RCC Intake Well-Cum-Pump House, RCC Gang Way 2.10 MLD Capacity Water Treatment Plant, ESR-01 2.55 Lakh Litre capacity with 22M, ESR-02 3.00 Lakh Litre capacity with 20 M staging, Staff Quarter, Compound Wall, Supplying and laying Raw/Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Approach Road, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor, Construction of Five Years Operation & Maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Dharampur Rural Pipe Water Supply "On Turnkey Basis" Under D.W.&S. Division, CHATRA for the Year 2021-22 under (State Plan) published vide P.R. No. -261257 (DWSD) 2021-22

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|   | Time of     | (i) Executive Engineer, D.W & S. | & S. Division, Chatra        |  |
| 1.  | Receiving   | Division, Chatra                 | (ii) Suprintending Engineer, |  |
| 1.  | EMD/Cost of | (ii) Regional Chief Eng. DW&SD,  | D.W&S. Circle, Hazaribagh    |  |
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दिनांक 11.01.2022

# कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चाईबासा

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एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित अल्पकालीन ई० निविदा सूचना संख्या -DWSD/Chaibasa 12/ MVS/Jagannathpur WSS / 2021-22, दिनांक 31.12.2021 तथा जिसका PR संख्या PR 260824 West Singhbhum(21-22).D है, में अपरिहार्य कारणवश निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है, शेष शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

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| 10      | निविदा खोलने की तिथि<br>एवं समय   | दिनांक 21.01.2022, समय 4.00 बजे<br>अपराह्न I   | दिनांक 29.01.2022, समय 4.00 बजे<br>अपराहन I   |
| PR 2615 | 73 (West Singhbhum) 21  | <b>कार्यपालक अभियंता</b><br>पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल,<br>चाईबासा   |   |

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I,HASANUZZAMAN S/O MASUDAR RAHAMAN R/O 4405.NO-7.NEAR SEELAMPUR METRO, AJIT NAGAR, GANDHI NAGAR,PIN CODE:110031,HAVE CHANGED,MY NAME.FROM MOHAMMED HASANUZZAMAN TO HASANUZZAMAN FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040599159-4

I,ARUCHAMY KUMARASAMI,son of,Late Sh.Kumarasamy, Presently residing at NCS(E), Billet No.5, SWO Office, Air Force Station, New Delhi-110003, have changed my name, from ARUCHAMY KUMARASAMI to ARUCHAMY KUMARASAMY,vide-affidavit, dated-12-1-2022. 40599161 40599161-4

I. Minder Kaur w/o Hardeep Singh r/o D-186/B-1, Shyam Park Extension, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad,Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my name to MANINDER KAUR permanently. MANINDER KAUR and MINDER KAUR both are same and one person.

0040599102-3

I, Herdeep Singh s/o Chanan Singh r/o D-186/B-1, Shyam Park Extension, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201005, have changed my name to HARDEEP SINGH permanently. HARDEEP SINGH and HERDEEP SINGH both are same and one person.

0040599102-2

I, Dharna Singh, D/o Late Baldev Singh Mahalawet, R/o H.No-1037, Sector-14, Faridabad, have changed the name of my minor daughter from Jaskirat Kaur Makkar and Jaskirat Makkar to Vaniya Singh for all purposes. 0070768449-

I,ASTHA LAMBA,W/O PUNEET LAMBA R/O.FLAT-7017.TOWER C,16-AVENUE GOURCITY-2 NOIDA-EXTENTION GREATER-NOIDA WEST GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, UP-201309. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME ASTHA 0040599159-5 SHARMA.

I.Jas Beer S/o Surai Mal.R/o H.No.71, Maidawas, badshahpur(Gurgaon),have changed my name to Jasbeer 0040599149-6 Singh.

I, Jagira Rani W/O TEJPAL R/o G-1349 3rd-Floor, Chitaranjan Park, Delhi-110019, changed my name to Jageshri Nagar.

0040599149-7

I.SHUBHAM DUGGAL.R/O OU-49\_C LIG-FLATS PITAMPURA-110034 HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON NAME SHUBHAM DUGGAL TO SHUBHAM KUMAR, PERMANENTLY. 0040599149-2

I, DAVINDER KUMAR, S/O BIHARI LAL R/O QU-49-C LIG-FLATS PITAMPURA-110034,CHANGED MY NAME TO DEVENDRA KUMAR, FOR ALL, FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040599149-3

I,Shreya D/o Vinay Kumar Sugla R/o E-54. Sector-40. Noida. G.B.Nagar(U.P.) inform that Shreya and Shreya Sugla are same and one person. 0040599106-1

Arvind Kumar Son of Late Ram Bahadur Singh, R/o village-Ramdiri, Tola-Nakti, P.s.- Matihani, District-Begusarai, Bihar, Pin code-851129, do hereby declare that my name is Arvind Kumar also known as Arvind Kumar Singh but in writting I always used to write my name as Arvind Kumar. In previous voter list my written as Arvind Kumar Singh which has already been corrected, and now everywhere my name is Arvind Kumar. Rahul Kumar is my son.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

our clientess, may raise It is for general information that I, YOGESHKUMAR JUNEIAS/O KIMATI on/s, in writing, by LAL JUNEJA, residing at 82-6163. Janakgari, Delhi-110058 declare that in my Passport Ne. J6688290 my father's and McDier's name very the undersigned, within s mentioned below. of 07 days from the date notice, the said portion wrongly written as KUMATI LAL JUNEJA and PAYARI DEVI JUNEJA. our clientess in favour o ind no objection shall be The actual names of my Father and Wother are KIWATE LAL JUNELA and mortgage. Weber an RJWAH CAC JUNCIA and SAMLESH JUNEJA, respectively. That 1 affirm this statement vide affidavit dated 10 January 2022, sware before estary Sh. S.D. ATRI (advactat/Begd, No-110/DE, New Detb) Amit Kumar Khurana,

| said portion and subsequently rightful           |
|--|
| mortgage of the said portion in favour of IDFC   |
| FIRST Bank Limited by our clientess, may raise   |
| his/her/their objection/s, in writing, by        |
| Registered AD post, to the undersigned, within   |
| 07 days, on address mentioned below.             |
| Otherwise after expiry of 07 days from the date  |
| of publication of this notice, the said portion  |
| shall be mortgaged by our clientess in favour of |
| IDFC FIRST Bank Ltd., and no objection shall be  |
| acceptable against such mortgage.                |
|  |
| Amit Kumar Khurana,                              |
| Advocate   |

pending.

M/s Intellective Law Offices A-74, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi -110024

PR 261567 Road(21-22)D

| www.sasu.ac.in.  |
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| For details of the tender documents kindly visit our website |
| 04.02.2022 at 1.00 P.M.                                      |
| University. Last date for submission of Bid documents-       |

JANASANYOG / CF/ 2836/21

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER** PLANNING AND INVESTIGATION DIVISION **ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT (RCD).RANCHI** Nirupan Bhawan.3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.Room No. 401.56-Set. Doranda, Ranchi-834002

e-Procurement (Very Short Tender Notice) Letter of Invitation (LOI) No.-33/2021-22 2<sup>nd</sup> Call

e-Tender Ref No - RCD/PI Div./Ranchi/33/26

|     | Date:-1   | 1.01.2022   |
|-----|---|---|
|     |   | Consultancy Services for Preparation of   |
|     |   | Detailed Project Report of (i) At Kumbatoli of  |
| 1   | Name Of Work  | Nagari Block to Singpur -Badhaiya to  |
|     |   | Pandhinaga to Vriddha Ashram Via Pandu  |
|     |   | Chowk- Jhariya Toli Road (ii) Kulgu to  |
|     |   | Balalong Via Kelende Road and (iii) Singpur to  |
|     |   | Jaratoli Via Dhoni Farm House upto Sembo  |
|     |   | Ring R oad including replacement of Culverts,   |
|     |   | Bridges, Land Acquisition Proposal,   |
|     |   | Rehabilitation and Resettlement Proposal and  |
|     |   | Forest Diversion Proposal (If any) in the State   |
|     |   | of Jharkhand from empanelled consultant with  |
|     |   | RCD under category-I vide letter No. 686(S)WE   |
|     |   | Dated 29-01-2019.   |
|     | Tentative Length                                    | 29.00 Km  |
|     | Period of Completion of Work                        | 90 Days   |
|     | Cost of Tender documents                            | Demand Draft/Banker Cheque of any Scheduled   |
|     |   | Bank (non-refundable fee) of Rs 5 ,000/- (Five  |
|     |   | Thousand) only.   |
|     |   | EMD:- 2 % of the quoted amount (Net of GST)   |
|     |   | in the form of current issue of NSC, Fixed  |
|     |   | Deposits of a Scheduled Bank (all the above   |
|     |   | mentioned form of Security deposits money   |
|     |   | issued within the State of Jharkhand), Bank draf  |
|     |   | and Bank Guarantee issued by any Scheduled  |
|     |   | bank anywhere in India Payable at Ranchi in   |
|     |   | favour of Executive Engineer, Planning&   |
|     |   | Investigation Division, Road Construction   |
|     |   | Department,(RCD), Ranchi for a period of 45   |
|     |   | days beyond the validity of bid.  |
|     | Mode of Bid Submission                              | e-tendering(http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in)   |
|     | Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website       | 19.01.2022,10:30 AM   |
|     | Last Date/Time of Bid Submission                    | 27.01.2022 12:00PM  |
|     | Last Date/Time of Submission of<br>Tender Fee & EMD | 27.01.2022 12:00PM  |
|     | Date and Time of Bid opening                        | 28.01.2022 12:30 PM   |
| 0   | Bid validity  | 120 days  |
| 1   | Bid Submission Address                              | Chief Engineer(Communication), Road   |
|     |   | Construction Department, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Engineer<br>Hostel No2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004 |
| 2   | Designation and Contact no. of Tender               | Executive Engineer, Planning and Investigation  |
|     | inviting Officer                                    | Division, RCD, Ranchi Mob 94311-65712   |
| 3   | Previous PR No.                                     | 260041 Road(21-22)D   |
|     |   |   |
| 101 | te-:Only e-Tender shall be                          | accented  |

Executive Engineer,

Planning & Investigation Division,

Road Construction Department (RCD),

Ranchi-834002.

#### कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय प्रपत्र संख्या – 1 पेयजल एवं खच्छता प्रमंडल, झमरीतिलैया

#### अल्पकालीन ई- निविदा (द्वितीय आमंत्रण)

निविदा संख्या :- 34/JMT/2021-22 दिनांक 11-01-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the Government of Jharkhand, invites **Item rate** bids for the work mentioned in table below through e-Procurement from eligible and approved Contractors, registered with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand. The bid shall be submitted online in the Website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in the bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their own Digital Signature Certificate:

| क्रमांक  | विवरणी   | their own Digital Signature Certificate:<br>विस्तत विवरणी                            |
|----------|--|--|
| 1        | कार्य का नाम   | Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C.                       |
| т        | 4/14/4/11/1  | Intake Well cum Pump House, Gangway Conventional Water                               |
|          |  | Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir, Staff                               |
|          |  | Quarter, Compound wall, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear                           |
|          |  | Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection,                        |
|          |  | and Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all                    |
|          |  | complete job for Markacho Multi Villages Rural Pipe Water                            |
|          |  | Supply Scheme ((A) Reorganisation of Markacho and                                    |
|          |  | Adjoining villages (B) Dasharokhurd and Adjoing Villages                             |
|          |  | (C) Murkmanai and Adjoining Village (D) Paplo and Adjoining                          |
|          |  | Villages (E) Purnanagar and Adjoining Villages) under D.W.                           |
|          |  | & S. Division Jhumri Telaiya for the year 2021-22 on turnkey                         |
|          |  | basis." (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)   |
| 2        | प्राक्कलित राशि  |  |
| 3        | अग्रिम जमानत की राशि<br>परिमाण विपत्र का मल्य  | रू० 62,97,000/- (बासठ लाख सन्तानबे हजार रूपये) मात्र                                 |
| 4<br>5   | वारमाण विपत्र का मूल्य<br>कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय  | रू₀ 10000/- (दस हजार रूपये ) मात्र<br>30 Month + 3 Month (Trial and Run)             |
| <u> </u> | बेबसाईट पर अपलोड करने की   | <b>15.01.2022</b> at 5.00 अपराह  |
| 0        | तिथि `   |  |
| 7        | निविदा के पूर्व बैठक की तिथि   | 20.01.2022 at 1.00 अपराह, अभियंता प्रमुख, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग,<br>झारखंड, राँची |
| 8        | निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम   | 29-01-2022 को 5.00 अपराह तक  |
|          | तिथि   |  |
| 9        | परिमाण विपत्र एवं अग्रिम   | 31.01.2022 को 1.00 बजे अपराह तक कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एव                          |
|          | जमानत की राशि जमा करने   | स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, झुमरीतिलैया एवं अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल,          |
|          | की अंतिम तिथि (मूल रूप में)  | हजारीबाग।  |
| 10       | निविदा खोलने की तिथि   | 01.02.2022 को 3.00 बजे अपराह   |
| 11       | निविदा करने वाले कार्यालय  | कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, झुमरीतिलैया                           |
|          | का नाम एवं पता   |  |
| 12       | निविदा खोले जाने वाले  | कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, झुमरीतिलैया                           |
|          | पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का  |  |
| 13       | नाम<br>निविदा करनेवाले कार्यालय का   | 09931577959, इंमेलआईडी – eedwsd.jhumaritellaiya@gmail.com                            |
| 12       | ानावदा करनवाल कायालय का<br>संपर्क  | 09951577959, \$40001\$60 - eeuwsu.humantenaiya@gmaii.com                             |
|          | (199)  |  |
| 14       | ई प्रोक्यूरमेंट सेल का हेल्प   | 0651-2480345   |
| 14       |  | 0651-2480345   |
|          | ई प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्प   |  |
| नोट :    | ई प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्प<br>लाईन नं0<br>1. केवल ई—निविदा ही स्वीकार 1                                | किया जायेगा ।<br>किया जायेगा ।<br>irkhand tenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।         |
| नोट :    | ई प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्प<br>लाईन नंo<br>1. केवल ई–निविदा ही स्वीकार 1<br>त विवरणी बेबसाईट http://jha |  |

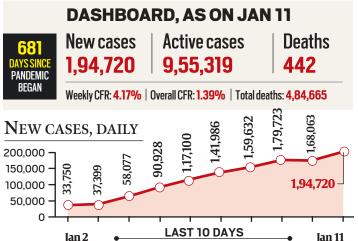
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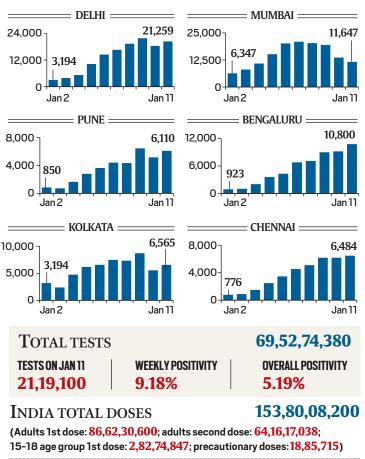
### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

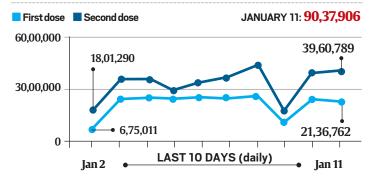


#### **SURGE IN THE STATES**

| State       | ON JANUARY 9 |              |        | Weekly     |  |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------|------------|--|
|             | New Cases    | Active Cases | Deaths | positivity |  |
| Maharashtra | 34,424       | 221,477      | 26     | 18.13%     |  |
| Delhi       | 21,259       | 74,881       | 23     | 19.60%     |  |
| West Bengal | 21,098       | 102,236      | 19     | 29.52%     |  |
| Tamil Nadu  | 15,379       | 75,083       | 20     | 7.87%      |  |
| Karnataka   | 14,473       | 73,289       | 5      | 5.88%      |  |

#### SURGE IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS





# **SIMPLY PUT** Rise in cases, slower growth

After dipping in Delhi and Mumbai, the daily case count has risen again on Wednesday. Nationally, deaths outside of Kerala have jumped. And cases are still climbing, although the rate of growth has declined.

(Jan 12)

81

Jan 4.

2022

Jan 9.

2022

**SPIKE IN DEATHS (NOT COUNTING KERALA)** 

56

Dec 30,

2021

200

175.

150.

125

100

75

50

25

0

61

Dec 15.

2021

#### **AMITABH SINHA** PUNE, JANUARY 12

MORE THAN 2.3 lakh new cases of coronavirus infections were reported from across the country on Wednesday, a big jump compared to the last few days, indicating that it was still premature to read much into the apparent recent slowdown in cities such as Mumbai and Delhi.

Another concern has been the sharp rise in the number of coronavirus-related deaths in the country. Deaths outside of Kerala have almost doubled in just the last three days, crossing 170 on Wednesday. Kerala has been adding a large number of previously uncounted deaths into its tally every day, thus contributing most to the daily count of deaths in the country. But there is a significant rise in the number of deaths being reported from other states now. Delhi alone reported 40 deaths on Wednesday.

#### Slowdown

The sharp decline in the new cases in Mumbai in the last five days had given rise to hopes that the city had already attained the peak of the third wave. A part of it was due to the weekend dip in testing, but the downward trend had continued till Tuesday. Compared to nearly 21,000 new cases last Friday, its all-time peak, Mumbai reported 11,647 cases on Tuesday. But a sharp rise was seen on Wednesday, with the detection of 16,420 cases

Delhi, the first city to experience the surge in the third wave, also seemed to have entered a slowdown after the sharp rise in cases in the first week of this month. On Wednesday, however, more than 27,000 cases were detected in the city, very close to its all-time high of 28,395, attained during the second wave.

Maharashtra, the largest contributor of cases in the country, is in a similar situation. The state reported more than 40,000 cases on January 7, but it hasn't increased significantly after that, thanks mainly to the dip seen in Mumbai. On Wednesday, however, Maharashtra reported over 46,000 cases, the highest in the current wave

#### In the last five days, a slowdown could be noticed at the national level as well, with the rise in daily cases not being as rapid as in the first week of January. The seven-day moving average of new cases has been increasing at a much slower rate (see chart). It took just eight days for the daily case count to increase from less than 10,000 to over a lakh. In the last five days, it has moved

2021

Dec 20, Dec 25,

2021

from 1.40 lakh to 1.95 lakh. But this could change anytime. Wednesday already saw a large increase in cases. With ten relatively smaller states and Union Territories yet to report their numbers, the case count has already gone beyond 2.3 lakh.

#### Just starting in some states

While states such as Maharashtra and West Bengal went into the third wave early, several states are just beginning to see a surge in their numbers. This includes large states such as Uttar Pradesh and Bihar which, because of their populations, have the potential to log in very large numbers of infections. During the second wave, UP had reached a peak of over 37,000 cases, while Bihar had clocked close to 16,000. On Wednesday, UP reported 13,592 cases while Bihar had 6,413

In fact, among the major states, only

West Bengal has so far crossed its second wave peak. Other states, including Maharashtra, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh are well below their peaks right now

40%

35%

30%

25%

20%

15%

10%

5%

0%

-5%

Dec 20.

2021

-0.97% -0.20%

Dec 25

2021

#### **Relatively low positivity**

India's positivity rate has risen sharply in the last two weeks, but is nowhere close to the levels seen during the second wave last year. The positivity rate, which is the proportion of people who test positive out of the total number of people being tested, is a good indicator of the spread of the disease in the population. As on Tuesday, India's weekly positivity rate had risen to 9.18%, compared to just about 1% at the beginning of the year, suggesting a quick spread of infection during this time.

During the peak of the second wave last year, the weekly positivity rate had crossed 22%. But that was also because the peak then was reached in a much gradual fashion with a very large number of people testing positive for a prolonged period of over two months.

This time, the rise has been sudden, and steep. Also, the third wave is nowhere near its peak right now, with several estimates suggesting that it would easily cross the 4.14 lakh mark attained during the second wave

Deaths

CASES GROWING, BUT SLOWER (ALL INDIA)

18.04%

Dec 30.

2021

Daily percentage change in 7-day moving average

The most noticeable indicator right now happens to be the death count, however. With the Omicron variant, which is driving the third wave, known to result in mostly mild diseases, it was not expected to cause many deaths. But as the third wave entered into the second week in India, the death count is showing a very clear upward move.

30.44%

Jan 4

2022

37.13%

22.85%

14 93%

(Jan 11)

Jan 9.

2022

Non-Kerala deaths crossed the threefigure mark for the first time on January 10, and has risen sharply after that. The last three days have seen 111, 146 and 177 deaths being reported respectively from states other than Kerala.

On Wednesday, Delhi reported 40 deaths, the highest outside of Kerala, while Maharashtra and West Bengal reported 37 and 23 respectively. As many as six states, apart from Kerala, are now reporting double-digit deaths. Until the last week of December, about 20 states had been reporting zero deaths. That has come down to less than ten states now.

Health authorities say that most of the deaths are still incidental, with people dying of other causes after getting detected as Covid-positive. Deaths due to coronavirus are still very few, and only among people with serious co-morbid conditions.

## THIS WORD MEANS: ARXIV.ORG — Free online repository of 2 mn research papers

OVER THE last two years, non-science specialists and other lay people have read references to "bioRxiv" and "medRxiv" in news reports on the Covid-19 pandemic, frequently described as "preprint servers".



#### Fast and free

While the material posted on arXiv is not peer-reviewed, it allows the wider community of researchers to circulate their findings quickly and freely pending peer-

were now more like curators than the main distributors of research.

#### Some concerns

But there are problems as well. arXiv ac-



Both bioRxiv and medRxiv, which have played an invaluable role in quickly disseminating the conclusions of scientific research on the coronavirus to doctors, scientists, and health policymakers around the world, were inspired by arXiv.org, the original preprint server that published its two millionth paper – a numerical analysis titled 'Affine Iterations and Wrapping Effect: Various Approaches' - earlier this month.

arXiv – pronounced 'archive' because the 'X' stands for 'chi', the 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet - is a gigantic online repository of research that physicists, astronomers, computer scientists and mathematicians among others find indispensable.

#### For 30-plus years

arXiv "started out in 1989 as an e-mail list for a few dozen string theorists", according to a long profile published on



Physicist Paul Ginsparg. Cornell University

January 10 in Scientific American magazine. In 1991, physicist Paul Ginsparg, who was then a technical staff member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, automated his colleague Joanne Cohn's e-mail list, turning it into a repository which anyone could access or submit to, savs the article.

Thus was born arXiv, to which as many as 500,000 papers had been submitted by 2008. It took only six years until 2014 for this number to double to a million, and seven more years to double again.

Ginsparg is now at Cornell University, where arXiv is also located legally. Cohn, whose exchange of string theory manuscripts seeded the idea of arXiv, is at UC Berkeley.

review. Research could appear online within a day of submission, compared with perhaps several months at the traditional journals. This holds true for the life sciences preprint servers bioRxiv and medRxiv as well – and made an immense contribution to speeding up biomedical research in the literally life-and-death situation of the pandemic.

"It's like the backbone for our field," the Scientific American article quoted Alex Kohls, head of the Scientific Information Service at CERN, as saying. "It's not only a tool for physicists and computer scientists it has had an impact on the overall scholarly communication process.'

The Scientific American quoted the work of Lanu Kim, who led a study that found that authors of highly-cited arXiv papers were increasingly likely not to publish in a traditional journal at all. Kim's team, the article said, found that the journals still had a significant impact on citations, but they

knowledges support from the Simons Foundation based in New York City and a large number of academic and research institutions around the world but is still short of resources. A small paid staff helps volunteer moderators handle up to 1,200 submissions every day, according to the Scientific American article. "We are understaffed and underfunded – and have been for years," the article quoted Steinn Sigurdsson, the scientific director of arXiv, as saying.

The article also flagged concern over some of the moderation policies at arXiv, quoting, among others, physicist Deepak Vaid of the National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal: "They are taking actions which seem to go against what the role of a preprint server should be." Dr Vaid, the article said, pointed to "inconsistent moderation and a lack of transparency".

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

# Strategy and ambition: In Wang Yi visit, China's long Africa game

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHENNAI, JANUARY 12

WHEN CHINESE Foreign Minister Wang Yi visited Eritrea, Kenya, and Comoros in the first week of January as part of a five-nation tour that also included Maldives and Sri Lanka, he was observing a 32-year-old Beijing ritual of visiting Africa at the beginning of every year. In fact, China's links with the continent go back farther than the last three decades.

#### Old ties

In the Cold War years, as the US and Soviet Union jousted for influence over Africa, China maintained an ideological presence on the continent.

In 1966, after Kwame Nkrumah was ousted in a coup while he was in Beijing, the Chinese put up the Ghananian independence leader for a few days before he decided to leave for Guinea.

The first Chinese infrastructure project on the continent was the 1.860-km Tanzania-Zambia railway in the 1970s – the first transnational railway in Africa – which in

addition to carrying passengers, transported ore from Zambian copper mines to the port city of Dar-es-Salam in Tanzania.

Since the 1990s, China has successfully used its old ties with several African countries to remodel the relationship, using the abundant natural resources of the continent to service its own massive growth.

#### **Current visit**

Since 2014, when he became Foreign Minister, Wang has visited 35 African countries during his annual visits. This year's tour followed the triennial ministerial conference of the Forum for China-Africa Co-operation in Dakar, Senegal, in December 2021, when Wang also visited Ethiopia in an expression of solidarity with Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in the civil war in Tigray, and against the role of "external forces" - read the United States — in fuelling the conflict.

Wang's visit last week to Eritrea, which has backed the Ethiopian leader, was in this sense an extension of the earlier visit to Addis Ababa.

In Kenya, Wang took part in the completion ceremony of the Chinese-built oil ter-



minal at the port city of Mombasa. China has undertaken major Belt and Road initiatives in Kenya, including building a railway line from the capital Nairobi to Mombasa.

In the Comoros Islands, off Mozambique, he promised more development assistance.

#### Strategic ambitions

Wang announced a special envoy to the Horn of Africa where Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti and Kenya are located. It was an indication of the strategic importance of this Indian Ocean region for China, as well as its political and economic clout plus the aspiration to play the role of mediator in the region's conflicts.

Since 2017, Beijing has had a military base in Djibouti with 400 soldiers of the PLA, in close proximity to a French and an American base. A Chinese-built railway line connects Djibouti to the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa.

For a dozen years, China has been Africa's

#### Loans and trade

**Chinese Foreign** Minister Wang Yi with his Kenvan counterpart Raychelle Omamo in Mombasa last week. Reuters

biggest trading partner. Two-way trade in 2020 was \$ 187 billion, according to the 'China-Africa Annual Economic and Trade Relationship Report 2021', released last September. The balance of trade is heavily in favour of China.

According to the report, China invested \$ 2.96 billion in Africa in 2020, an increase of 9.5 per cent over 2019, making it one of the largest investors in Africa. Data collated by the China-Africa Research Initiative of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies shows Chinese FDI stock in 2019 totalled \$44.4 billion, ahead of the United States.

The top five African recipients of Chinese investments are South Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Ethiopia, and Zambia.

While the main investments in countries across Africa are in infrastructure construction projects and mining, China is also investing in transport, scientific research, and the services sector.

SAIS-CARI estimates that between 2000 to 2019, Chinese financiers signed 1,141 loan agreements worth \$ 153 billion, the biggest chunk of these going to the transport, power and mining sectors in that order.

The top loan receiving countries from 2010 to 2018 were Angola, Ethiopia, Zambia, Kenya, and Nigeria.

#### **Tussle with US**

The rivalry between the US and China in Africa has been simmering for long, but it has come into sharper focus over the last few years, with the deterioration of bilateral relations in the Trump years, and the increasing tensions in the Indo-Pacific.

The US realises that China has made friends in Africa with its money, ports, railways, and other infrastructure projects under BRI, and is now seeking to offer a counter with its measures such as the Development Finance Corporation (also known as the International Development Finance Corporation), to be deployed by the Biden Administration for the G-7's Build Back Better World initiative.

In December, the DFC announced the launch of a new platform "designed to boost investment in fragile and conflict-affected states in Africa.'

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#### MEANWHILE KIM KARDASHIAN, FLOYD MAYWEATHER SUED

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian and boxing legend Floyd Mayweather Jr. are facing a lawsuit alleging the celebrities misled investors in their promotion of a cryptocurrency token. The lawsuit, filed January 7 in Los Angeles federal court, claims the celebrities touted tokens sold by EthereumMax, or EMAX, in order to boost its price and make themselves a profit "at the expense of their followers and investors."

Boris Johnson speaks during

"I went into that garden just

after six on the 20th of May 2020

to thank groups of staff before go-

ing back into my office 25 min-

utes later to continue working,'

he said. "With hindsight, I should

have sent everyone back inside.'

leader Keir Starmer said Johnson

must now resign and that the

public thought him a liar. "The

he didn't realise he was at a party

At the same time, experts

warn that much is still uncertain

about how the next phase of the

pandemic might unfold. The

plateauing or ebbing in the two

countries is not happening every-

where at the same time or at the

same pace. And weeks or months

of misery still lie ahead for patients

and overwhelmed hospitals even

who will get infected as we de-

scend the slope on the backside,"

said Lauren Ancel Meyers, direc-

which predicts that reported

"There are still a lot of people

if the drop-off comes to pass.

**Opposition Labour Party** 

the weekly question time

debate at Parliament on

Wednesday. Reuters

opposition lawmakers.





Magawa wearing his PDSA Gold Medal. AP

#### **COMBODIA**

Landmine-sniffing 'hero' rat Magawa dies in retirement

Phnom Penh: A land minedetecting rat in Cambodia who received a prestigious award for his life-saving duty has died in retirement, the charity for which he had worked has announced. Magawa, an African giant pouched rat. passed away last weekend, said an announcement on the website of APOPO, a Belgium-headquartered non-profit group. The organisation trains rats and dogs to sniff out land mines and tuberculosis. "All of us are feeling the loss of Magawa and we are grateful for the incredible work he's done." the announcement said. Magawa was born in November 2013 in Tanzania, where APOPO maintains its operational headquarters. He was sent to Cambodia in 2016. AP

#### **SRI LANKA** Govt seeks \$1 billion loan from India

Colombo: Sri Lanka is negotiating a USD one billion loan from India to import goods from the country, the governor of the Central Bank Ajith Nivard Cabraal said on Wednesday, amidst a shortage of almost all essential commodities. Cabraal also said Sri Lanka is negotiating another loan from China as part of an attempt to restructure

**MYANMAR** 

decided.

# Omicron prompts shift in testing methods across many countries

US administration plans to give schools millions of free coronavirus tests

#### THE NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 12

RAPID ANTIGEN testing kits have flooded into supermarkets, online shops and pharmacies around the world as countries race to keep up with the Omicron variant's swift pace of transmission, marking a shift to the self-administered tests from PCR testing, which has long been considered the gold standard for detecting the coronavirus.

But there is no definitive international guideline for the use of antigen tests for Covid-19, and a global patchwork of policies has emerged as each country weighs the advantages and risks of the alternative testing method.

Britain has used at-home rapid antigen tests to fight outbreaks since 2020, even before Omicron, and makes them freely available. France began letting supermarkets sell them late last month. The Biden administration recently said that it planned to make 500 million tests available free and that Americans could request that tests be sent to their homes.

Singapore has allowed peo-

GERMANY'S PRESIDENT called on

Wednesday for a thorough debate

over plans for compulsory coron-

avirus vaccinations for all adults in

the country, saying such a drastic

measure needs to be fully justified.

backed calls for a vaccine man-

date and lawmakers are ex-

pected to begin debating a bill

later this month. Polls show a

majority of people in Germany

back compulsory vaccination

against Covid-19, but a vocal mi-

"I, for one, consider it neces-

nority opposes the idea.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz has



Potesters opposing Covid restrictions in Bulgaria clashed on Wednesday with police as they tried to storm the Parliament in the capital of Sofia. AP

ple to leave isolation if they get a negative antigen test result after 72 hours. Israel is asking people to swab their throats when using rapid antigen tests, not just their nostrils, to increase the chances of detecting the virus even if it goes against the manufacturer's instructions.

There are hugely variable approaches into where, when and how antigen tests are used across different countries." said Deborah Williamson, a professor of public health at the University of Melbourne in Australia.

The lack of consistency in how antigen tests are deployed raises a question of how the world should monitor the severity of the pandemic, she said, when some countries are identifying every single case and others are prioritising severe ones.

#### Meanwhile, as debates have raged over whether schools should continue in-person instruction amid an Omicron-driven surge of cases, the Biden administration said on Wednesday that it would distribute millions of free coronavirus tests to schools across the United States to try to keep classrooms open.

Five million rapid antigen tests will be made available to K-12 schools across the country, the administration said, but states will have to apply for them. Once such requests are made, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will work to deliver the first shipments as early as this month.

The White House also promised to make lab capacity available for five million free PCR tests, facilitated through regional providers. "These additional tests will help schools safely remain open and implement screening testing and test-to-stay programs," the White House said, adding that the moves would help schools double their Covid testing capacity compared with November.

## UK's Johnson apologises over a garden party held during Covid lockdown

#### WILLIAM JAMES & KYLIE MACLELLAN

LONDON, JANUARY 12 **BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris** Johnson offered his "heartfelt apologies" on Wednesday for at-

tending a "bring your own booze" gathering at his official residence during the country's first coronavirus lockdown as opponents said he must resign.

Johnson admitted for the first time that he had attended the party at 10 Downing Street on May 20, 2020, when Covid-19 rules limited social gatherings to a bare minimum, and said he understood the anger the revelations had caused.

"I know the rage they feel with me over the government I lead when they think that in Downing Street itself the rules are not being properly followed by the people who make the rules," an ashenfaced Johnson told parliament.

party's over, Prime Minister,' Johnson, who won a land-Starmer told him. "After months slide 2019 election victory on a of deceit and deception, the papromise to secure Britain's exit thetic spectacle of a man who has from the European Union, said run out of road. His defence that he regretted his action and had thought the gathering was a is so ridiculous that is actually offensive to the British public." work event - drawing jeers from

#### 'Omicron may be headed for a rapid drop in Britain, US' of Washington in Seattle.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** JANUARY 12

SCIENTISTS ARE seeing signals that Covid-19's Omicron wave may have peaked in Britain and is about to do the same in the US, at which point cases may start dropping off dramatically.

The reason: The variant has proved so wildly contagious that it may already be running out of people to infect, just a month and a half after it was first detected in South Africa.

"It's going to come down as tor of the University of Texas fast as it went up," said Ali Covid-19 Modeling Consortium, Mokdad, a professor of health metrics sciences at the University cases will peak within the week.

**Prince Andrew** must face sex abuse accuser's lawsuit: US judge



Dr Anthony Fauci. Reuters

#### **US Senator** driving violent threats against me, says Fauci

REUTERS WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

DR ANTHONY FAUCI, the top US infectious disease official, on Tuesday accused Republican Senator Rand Paul of spreading misinformation that has sparked threats of violence against him and his family while distracting the public from the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

At a Senate health committee hearing, Fauci had his latest heated back-and-forth with Paul, a lawmaker from Kentucky and supporter of former President Donald Trump, Fauci said Paul was focused on misinformed attacks rather than oversight aimed at addressing the healthcare crisis that has so far killed more than 800.000 people in the United States.

Paul's website accuses Fauci of 'ignoring good advice, and lying about everything from masks to the contagiousness of the virus" and on Tuesday the senator accused Fauci of smearing other scientists who disagreed with him. Fauci said Paul was distorting the truth. "There you go again, you

just do the same thing every hearing," Fauci told the senator, accusing him of making personal attacks that had no relation to reality. "He's doing this for political reasons." Fauci continued, pointing to fundraising appeals on

Paul's website next to a call to have Fauci fired. "It distracts from what we're all trying to do here today, (which) is get our arms around the epidemic and the

pandemic that we're dealing with, not something imaginary," Fauci said.

Deep divides remain after Russia-NATO New York: latest talks on Ukraine

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At a roundtable debate with citizens on the issue, however, German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said "the exceptional situation of a pandemic increases the pressure for the state to act, but it doesn't replace the requirement to weigh up arguments and balance interests.

"A vaccine mandate means a debate mandate," he added.

Steinmeier said he wouldn't take sides in the debate but urged those involved to have "respect for other positions, but also respect for facts and reason, that must be and remain our common currency."

#### Four sentenced to death in blast case in Pakistan

*Lahore:* An anti-terrorism court SAJJAD HUSSAIN in Pakistan on Wednesday sen-

The northern Chinese city of Tianjin ordered a second round





of Covid-19 testing of all 14 million residents on Wednesday following the discovery of 97 cases of the Omicron variant during initial screenings that began on Sunday. Authorities have carried out almost 12 million tests so far, with 7.8 million samples returned. Infections were first reported on Saturday in the city that is only about an hour from Beijing, which is to host the Winter Olympics from February 4. AP

#### 'Junta replaces air force chief'

its debt repayment. The

loan amount has not been

PTI

MYANMAR'S MILITARY leader has removed the head of the air force, local media and four sources close to the armed forces said, replacing one of the most senior figures in a junta that has carried out bombing raids to try to crush resistance. The sources said 57-yearold Maung Maung Kyaw had been ousted from the post he had held since 2018. REUTERS

#### **SOMALIA**

#### Car bomb in capital kills 8

Mogadishu: A car bomb exploded on a road leading to the airport in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Wednesday, killing at least eightpeople, the head of the city's ambulance services said. It was not immediately clear who was responsible for the bombing. A resident said he had seen nine bodies at the scene. Abdikadir Abdirahman, director of Aamin Ambulance service, put the death toll at REUTERS eight.

#### **KAZAKHSTAN** 1,700 detained in 24 hours

Moscow: Kazakh authorities said on Wednesday they detained 1,678 more people in the past 24 hours over their alleged participation in the violent unrest that rocked the former Soviet nation last week. The additional detentions, reported by authorities in Almaty brought the total number of arrests to about 12,000 AP

tenced four people to death ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 12 for their role in triggering a

PAKISTAN IS willing to make powerful car bomb blast outpeace with immediate neighside Mumbai attack mastermind and JuD chief Hafiz bours, including India, under its Saeed's house in June last year first-ever National Security that killed three people, ac-Policy which leaves doors open for trade with New Delhi even cording to a court official. Anti-Terrorism Court Judge without the settlement of the Arshad Hussain Bhutta also Kashmir issue provided there is

handed down five years imprisheadway in bilateral talks, aconment to a woman, identified cording to a media report. as Ayesha Bibi, during the in-The National Security Policy, separately endorsed by the camera trial proceedings at the

high-security Kot Lakhpat Jail. Three people were killed and over 20 others injured in the blast outside Saeed's Jauhar town residence here on June 23, 2021 that also damaged a number of houses, shops and vehicles in the area.

"The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Lahore awarded death sentence to Eid Gul of banned Tahreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Peter Paul David, Sajjad Shah and Ziaullah on nine counts. Another suspect Avesha Bibi was handed down five years imprisonment," the court official told PTI



Pakistan's new security policy

seeks 'peace' with India: Report

National Security Committee and the Cabinet last month, is scheduled to be formally unveiled by Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday.

Peace with immediate neighbours and economic diplomacy will be the central theme of Pakistan's foreign policy in the new

The five-year-policy document covering a period between 2022-26, is being propped up by the Pakistan government as the country's first-ever strategy paper of its kind that spells out the national security vision and guidelines for the attainment of those goals.

National Security Policy, the Express

*Tribune* reported on Tuesday

"We are not seeking hostility with India for the next 100 years. The new policy seeks peace with immediate neighbours," the official said on condition of anonymity. PTI

### Singapore govt bans book on political cartoons for its 'offensive' religious content

*Singapore:* Singapore has banned a book on political cartoons due to its "offensive content", with the government on Wednesday defending its move saying the publication contained material that denigrated several religions and religious figures.

Family Social and Development Minister Masagos Zulkifli, who is also the Minister-in-charge of Muslim Affairs, told Parliament on Wednesday that pictures in the book titled "Red Lines: Political Cartoons And The Struggle Against Censorship" are offensive to Muslims even if they are published in the name of free speech, academia or otherwise. "The book also included images insulting to other religions.

The authors may say that they do not intend for the publication to be insulting or demeaning, and their intention is to educate, but the government rejects that," he said.

The book, by Hong Kong Baptist University's professor of media studies Cherian George and graphic novelist Sonny Liew. has already been distributed in other countries, like the US. PTI

Prince Andrew failed to persuade a US judge dismiss to

Virginia Giuffre's lawsuit accusing the Duke of York of sexually abusing her when she

was underage, and being trafficked by the late financier Jeffrey Epstein.

Prince

Andrew

In a decision made public on Wednesday, US District Judge Lewis Kaplan in Manhattan said Giuffre, 38, was entitled to pursue claims that Andrew battered her and intentionally caused her emotional distress.

The judge said it was premature to consider Andrew's efforts to "cast doubt" on those claims, though the 61-year-old prince could do so at a trial.

Lawyers for Andrew and Giuffre did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The decision keeps Giuffre's case against Andrew on track for a trial that Kaplan has said could begin late this year. **REUTERS** 

THE NEW YORK TIMES BRUSSELS, JANUARY 12

RUSSIAN AND NATO officials said they remained far from agreement after four hours of talks on Wednesday that the United States and its allies hoped would hold off a further Russian invasion of Ukraine and calm tensions be-

tween Moscow and the West. "Our differences will not be easy to bridge," the NATO secretary-general, Jens Stoltenberg, told a news conference after the talks at the bloc's headquarters in Brussels. At a separate news conference

Alexander V Grushko, a Russian deputy foreign minister, said: "The discussion was rather honest, direct, deep and comprehensive. But at the same time it showed a great amount of divergence on fundamental questions."

Stoltenberg said NATO allies urged Russia to "immediately deescalate the situation in Ukraine.' where close to 100,000 Russian troops have massed near the bor-

decisions be made? A SERIOUS negotiation could take many months, and both the US and NATO have said

When will any

they will negotiate with Russia only if it de-escalates and redeploys its thousands of troops away from the border with Ukraine. Both the US and Russians say after this week, they will discuss whether these discussions will lead to negotiations.

ders, and to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of its neighbours. Russian representatives did not commit to pulling back the troops, nor did they reject the demand, officials said.

Wendy R Sherman, the deputy secretary of state who led the US delegation to the talks. called some of Russia's demands "simply non-starters."

ZIMBABWE, OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES SAW STEEP INCREASE IN PREGNANCIES AMONG GIRLS DURING PANDEMIC With more girls pregnant, Zimbabwe pushes a return to school

#### **FARAI MUTSAKA** MUREHWA, JANUARY 12 INSIDE A sparsely furnished two-

room home in rural Zimbabwe, a 3-month-old baby cries. His mother, Virginia Mavhunga, spends her days making trips to the well with a bucket on her head, selling fruits and vegetables at the roadside, cooking, cleaning, washing clothes — she has too much on her hands to offer her child, Tawananyasha, much comfort.

'That's my life now, every day," the new mother said. Between the chores of her

strict routine, Virginia prepares her four younger siblings for

school and helps them with

homework when they return. It's these tasks that hit Virginia the hardest – because, at age 13, she, too, would rather be in school.

Virginia is part of a steep increase in pregnancies among girls and teenagers reported in Zimbabwe and other southern African countries during the pandemic. Zimbabwe has long struggled with such pregnancies and child marriages. Before Covid-19 hit, one of every three girls in the country was wed before age 18, many with unplanned pregnancies, because of lax enforcement of laws, widespread poverty, and

of 15 million people imposed a cultural and religious practices. strict lockdown in March 2020, The spread of Covid intensiclosing schools for six months



Virginia Mavhunga accompanies her parents to sell fruits and vegetables by the roadside in Murehwa. AP

and reopening them only interfied the situation. The country mittently. Girls in particular were left idle and shut out from access to contraceptives and

clinics; the troubles of impoverished families worsened.

Faced with the rising numbers, the government in August 2020 changed a law that had long banned pregnant students from schools. Activists and authorities hailed the move as a significant step in the developing nation, but so far the new policy has largely failed. Most girls haven't returned to school, with authorities and families citing economic hardship, deep-seated cultural norms, and stigma and bullying in class.

Virginia tried to return to school while pregnant under the policy change. Officials encouraged her and her parents. But she was the butt of jokes and the sub-

New Delhi

ject of gossip in a community not accustomed to seeing a pregnant girl in a school uniform. "People would laugh at me. Some would

point and ask in ridicule: 'What's up with that belly?" she said. Zimbabwe does have figures on pregnancies in girls who drop out of school - and while they show an alarming increase, officials say they, too, likely reflect an undercount, as many girls simply leave without giving a reason. Across Africa, Zimbabwe isn't

alone: During the pandemic, Botswana, Namibia, Lesotho, Malawi, Madagascar, South Africa and Zambia "all recorded a steep rise in cases of sexual and genderbased violence, which has contributed to a reported increase in pregnancies among young and adolescent girls," according to an Amnesty International report. Virginia, however, vows to re-

turn to school someday, though. She misses her classes, her peers. She wants to graduate and be accepted to a university, so she can get a degree and repay her parents' faith in her by building them a bigger home. "I would rather return to school than get married," she said. "I am not afraid of going back to school once my child is older. They may laugh at me now, but I am dedicating all my spare time and weekends to reading and catching up. This is not the end of the road, just a forced break." AP



**SILVER** 

International market data till 1900 IS

# THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 61,150.04 \$ 533.15 (0.88%) NIFTY: 18,212.35 \$ 156.60 (0.87%) NIKKEI: 28,765.66 \$ 543.18 HANG SENG: 24,402.17 \$ 663.11 FTSE: 7,534.11 \$ 42.74 DAXS: 15,970.02 \$ 28.21

#### **SECTOR WATCH E-COMMERCE**

# Demand surges at e-grocers across cities amid Covid wave, local curbs

#### **PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

GROCERY ORDERS on e-commerce platforms, such as Tataowned e-grocer Bigbasket, across multiple addresses in Delhi's residential suburbs have started to show two-day delivery timelines, compared to what took under six to eight hours just a fortnight ago.

The delivery timeline is similar at addresses in Kolkata and Ahmedabad, while in Mumbai and Bengaluru, the timeline for order deliveries was up to one day. Bigbasket isn't the only one facing issues.

The escalating delivery timelines is reminiscent of the first wave of Covid-19 lockdowns, when online grocers were faced with an overnight surge in demand caused by people stocking up on essentials such as soaps, staples and even easy-to-consume items such as noodles and biscuits.

Online grocers are seeing this trend by across the board. Seshu Kumar Tirumala, national head-buying and merchandising, Bigbasket, said the grocer is seeing a 25-100 per cent growth across all geographies. "Growth is across the country. Cities which have stricter lockdowns like Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad

are seeing higher growth." Swiggy, for instance, which operates e-grocery delivery services under the Instamart banner, said it has recorded "a surge to the tune of 25-30 per cent in orders, with weekends seeing even higher demand" in the past few weeks. And this surge has come from across the country. "We have seen a surge in most top cities like Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, and Hyderabad. Notably, even non-metros like Jaipur, Ahmedabad, and Lucknow have seen an increase in demand in the last few weeks." on said Similarly, 10-minute grocery delivery app Zepto saw significant growth across categories. Aadit Palicha, Zepto CEO and co-founder, told The Indian Express, "We have seen significant sales growth in the last one week. We grew by 36 per cent week over week. Consumers have been doing some pantry loading of categories like cooking essentials

**Benz EVs** 

in the January-December

2021 period, registering 42.5

per cent sales growth. In

2022, it will launch the first-

everall-electric luxury sedan

and the company will also

commence local production

of this luxury EV in India, said

Martin Schwenk, MD&CEO,

New Delhi: The World Bank

has retained India's eco-

nomic growth forecast for

the current fiscal at 8.3 per

cent while upgrading out-

look for 2022-23 and 2023-

24 to 8.7 per cent and 6.8 per cent, respectively.

Labour Ministry

New Delhi: Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav stressed

on the need for women in

Mercedes-Benz India. ENS

WB, growth



#### A Swiggy delivery partner in Mumbai. File

and packaged food ...We have seen explosion of small brands in the food categories in times of pandemic. However, consumers have reaffirmed their trust in the top brands in the FMCG non-food space."

This growth has been in line with the announcements of mini-lockdowns and curfews across the country by various state authorities. Over the last weekend (January 8-9). Delhi underwent a weekend curfew, and earlier this week, ordered closure of all private offices with certain exemptions. Tamil Nadu has announced Sunday lockdowns. West Bengal, meanwhile, has declared "pocket lockdowns" in districts with higher inci-

dence of Covid-19 cases. The surge at the downstream end of the grocery pyramid was reflected at the top end too, as the rise in demand was felt by FMCG manufacturers, who say they have added capacity to meet requirements, particularly at a time when they are facing inflationary

pressures for raw materials. However, for online grocers, though, availability of labour is seemingly getting to be a bigger concern than availability of supplies. Palicha said: 'We are taking measures to ramp up our delivery fleets aggressively due to the surge in demand we're seeing. We're forecasting anywhere between a 50-100 per cent surge in demand over the next month or two, depending on he severity of t Also, we're in a position right now where we've extensively started hiring delivery partners and hiring other folks on the ground to help us withstand and capture that scale." Swiggy said it has advised all sellers at dark stores to take weekly RT-PCR tests among staff. Bigbasket said it is working on raising capacities to "ensure timely deliveries".

# UP 22.27% IN APR 2020-MAR 2021 ON ANNUALISED BASIS: RBI **Over 4L plaints to ombudsman;** most on cards, phone, e-banking

#### **GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) witnessed a 22.27 per cent rise in the volume of complaints under various ombudsman schemes during April 2020-March 2021, with ATM and debit cards, mobile banking and credit cards accounting for a bulk of the complaints. The volume of complaints stood at 4,04,143 during the period on an annualised basis.

Chandigarh, Kanpur and Delhi got the maximum number of complaints, the RBI said in its Annual Report of the Ombudsman Schemes for the year 2020-21. The major areas of complaints under the schemes pertained to ATM/debit cards, mobile/electronic banking and credit cards, which collectively accounted for 42.74 per cent of the total number of complaints as compared to 44.65 per cent in the previous year, the RBI said. It has changed the re-

porting period to April-March. "Complaints relating to credit cards, failure to meet commitments, direct selling agents (DSAs) and recovery agents increased during July 1, 2020 to March 31,

### Sale of CEL stake put on hold after employees' allegations

New Delhi: The government has put on hold the sale of Central Electronics (CEL) to Delhi-based Nandal Finance and Leasing, after allegations of undervaluation by the employees' association.

'The employees' association has raised some allegations after the press release announcing the decision. These are being examined by the IMG (inter-ministerial group). Therefore, the letter of intent is put on hold," Department of Investment and Public Asset Management Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said. "There's alcase filed by em

Major areas reported

EXPLAINED

UNDER THE various ombudsman schemes, the RBI noted in its report that most complaints pertained to ATM/debit cards, mobile/electronic banking and credit cards. In alignment with the change in the financial year of the RBI from 'July-June' to 'April-March', the volume of complaints reflects a 22.27 per cent rise on an annualised basis.

2021 as against July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 period, with complaints related to DSAs and recovery agents registering a surge of over 60.66 per cent," the RBI said. There were 60,203 complaints

about ATM and debit cards, 40,721 about credit cards and 2,440 against DSAs and recovery agents. Within the total complaints.

the shares of complaints related to ATM/debit card, mobile/electronic banking and credit card received

### 'Fast rising credit demand in Q3 indicates pvt capex cycle revival'

Credit growth, which has been lagging deposits for years, turned buoyant in Q3 at ₹3.5 lakh crore as against a steep ₹2.2 lakh crore fall in deposits, an SBI Research report said

**Credit growth across banks** picked up significantly and was at 7.3% to the week to December 17, 2021 — a tad lower than pre-pandemic level of 7.5% in December 2019

Deposits, which was consistently in double-digits since the beginning of the pandemic and was at 12.3% in . March 2021, decelerated to 9.5% in December 2021 lower than the pre-pandemic level of 10%

during July 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 stood at 17.40 per cent, 12.98 per cent and 12.36 per cent, respectively. The corresponding percentage of complaints against these grounds during July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 were 21.97 per cent, 13.38 per cent and 9.30 per cent, respectively, the RBI said.

RBI data shows that Chandigarh received the maximum complaints(28,019)duringJuly 1,2020 to March 31, 2021, accounting for 10.26 per cent of the total complaints, followed by Kanpur (21,168) and New Delhi (18,767), accounting respectively for 7.75 per cent and 6.87 per cent of the total complaints received by the 22 Offices of Banking Ombudsman (OBOs). Continuing the trend and ow-

ing to huge volume of complaints received at the ombudsman offices of Chandigarh and New Delhi, the North zone accounted for the maximum share of complaints (43.10 per cent) in 2020-21, followed by the West zone (24.35 per cent) and the South zone (19.18 per cent). East zone (13.37 per cent) continued having the least share of complaints. In terms of growth of complaints, the West zone registered the highest year-on-year growth at 13.51 per cent, followed

> US consumer prices post biggest rise in nearly 40 yrs

> > Washington: US consumer prices increased solidly in December as rental accommodation and used cars maintained their strong gains.

The consumer price index rose 0.5 per cent last month after advancing 0.8 per cent in November. In the 12 months through December, the CPI surged 7.0 per cent. That was the biggest year-onyear increase since June 1982 and followed a 6.8 per cent rise in November. This bolstered expectations that the Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates as early as March. **REUTERS** 

# Govt to hold Vi shares via SUUTI, process to be over in 'coming months'

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of January 11

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

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by North zone (12.65 per cent) and

East zone (9.00 per cent) and

scheme accounted for 90.13 per

The banking ombudsman

South zone (4.73 per cent).

total number of complaints.

System), the central bank said.

cent in the previous year. The over-

all disposal rate improved to 96.59

percent from 92.52 percent in the

previous year, despite higher vol-

ume of complaints.

(Complaint

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cent of the total complaints **DEBT-LADEN TELECOM service** (2,73,204) received under the three ombudsman schemes. The provider, Vi, formerly Vodafone Idea, which opted for the internumber of complaints received against NBFCs and digital transacest-to-equity conversion scheme tions stood at 8.89 per cent and of the Department of Telecomm-0.98 per cent, respectively, of the unications (DoT), will issue the 35.8 per cent shares to the gov-The overall disposal rate imernment on a preferential basis proved to 96.59 per cent from through the Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India 92.52 per cent in the previous year, (SUUTI), the company's manag-

despite higher volume of coming director and chief executive plaints, which can be attributed to officer, Ravinder Takkar, said. the end-to-end digitisation of complaint processing in CMS "Following conversion, the Management government will likely hold around 35.8 per cent stake while Regarding NBFCs, the RBI said both the promoters (Vodafone the major areas of complaints Group and Aditya Birla Group) will jointly 46.3 per cent. The eqwere non-adherence to Fair Practices Code, non-observance to uity shares will be issued post RBI directions and levy of charges confirmation of the final amount without prior notice, accounting as well as some procedural clarfor 75.32 per cent of the comifications from the DoT. We beplaints as compared to 63.23 per lieve the entire exercise will be

completed in the coming months," Takkar said at a virtual press conference on Wednesday. Currently, Vodafone Group owns close to 45 per cent of

Vodafone Idea, while Aditya Birla Group owns roughly 28 per cent stake.

Vi had early morning on Tuesday said that its board of directors had approved the company's plan to opt for the DoT's offer of converting interest on deferred spectrum auction payments and adjusted gross revenues (AGR) to equity.

In its release to the exchanges Vi said the net present value of interest related to spectrum auction dues and AGR would come to around Rs 16,000 crore.

Since the average price of Vi's shares on August 14, 2021, which the Supreme Court decided would be the cut-off date. was below par value, the company would issue shares to the Government at par value of Rs 10 per share.

By another resolution, the current promoters also agreed to amend the shareholder agreement and brought down the

"The equity shares will be issued post confirmation of the final amount, as well as some procedural clarifications from the DoT'

**RAVINDER TAKKAR** MD & CEO, Vi

minimum qualifying shareholding threshold from 21 per cent to 13 per cent. This means that both

Vodafone Group and Aditya Birla Group will continue to hold rights to make important decisions about the company, such as appointment of directors and other key officials

On Wednesday, Takkar also clarified that though the government would be the single largest shareholder post the equity conversion, it had not expressed any interest in running the company. "In all of our interactions with

the government...it has been very clearly stated that they do not want to run this company. They do not have the desire to take over the operations of the company. They want three private players in the market and certainly do not want a duopoly or

monopoly," Takkar said. Vi, which is reeling under debt in excess of Rs 2 lakh crore, has been looking to raise funds from investors for quite some time. The government's offer of deferred payment of adjusted gross revenue dues came as a major breather for Vi, which

owed the Department of Telecommunications(DoT)more than Rs 58,000 crore just as AGR. On Wednesday, Takkar also said that its plans to raise funds could materialise soon. He, however, refused to provide any de-

tails on the timeline. Analysts, however, believe that in order for the company to survive the long run, it will have to raise tariff in the coming times. and aim for an average revenue per user (ARPU) of up to Rs 300,

which is nearly three times the

current ARPU of Rs 109.

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**Credit growth across sectors** 

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Source: SBI Research/PTI

ployees in the Delhi High Court, praying for abandoning disinvestment," Pandey said.

On November 29, the Centre had approved the highest price bid of Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt for sale of 100 per cent government stake in CEL for Rs 210 crore. CEL works to commercially

exploit indigenous technologies developed by national laboratories and R&D institutions in the country. FE

# TCS unveils ₹18K-cr buyback; Q3 net up 12%

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAL JANUARY 12

TATA CONSULTANCY Services (TCS) on Wednesday posted a 12.27 per cent rise in consolidated net profit of Rs 9,769 crore for the guarter ended December 2021. against Rs 8,701 crore a year ago. TCS also announced a share

buyback of Rs 18,000 crore at a price of Rs 4,500 per share. The buyback is at a premium of 16.66 per cent, compared to Wednesday's closing of TCS shares at Rs 3,857.25 which closed with a loss of 1.50 per cent. This is fourth buyback of the shares by TCS.

Revenue from operations rose 16 per cent to Rs 48,885 crore in the third quarter.

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Rajesh Gopinathan, CEO and MD, said, "Our continued growth momentum is a validation of our collaborative, inside-out approach to our customers' business transformation needs."

#### Infy net up, Wipro profit falls

Infosys on Wednesday posted 12 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 5,809 crore for the

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quarter ended December 2021 as against Rs 5,197 crore a year ago. Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, Wipro ported a consolidated net profit of Rs 2,969 crore for December quarter, and said it saw strong performance in rev-

enues and order bookings.

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Transportation, Supply & Erection of 30 Mtr. Ground based self-supporting Tubular Tower including supply of material and execution of foundation work' Tender Notice & Tender Document are available on www.railtelindia.com and https://www.ireps.gov.in. All future Addendum/corrigendum etc will be uploaded in RailTel website and IREPS Portal only.

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02.11.2021 inviting Proposal for Long Term Supply of Chalky Limestone from RSMML'S Sanu mine no. 1 & 2, Jaisalmer Mines for Captive Use." this is to inform hat the last date for submission of bids under EOI(s) has been extended t 10.02.2022

Interest parties may visit our web site www.rsmm.com for details and subm their proposal to the undersigned. Proposal to the undersigned

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#### BRIEFLY — Sebi bans 6 persons for misusing social media to make 'illegal profits' Mumbai: Mercedes-Benz India delivered 11.242 units

and Avaniben Kirankumar Patel.

#### ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has banned 6 persons from securities market till further orders for alleged involvement in using social media platforms like Telegram and Twitter to artificially influence stock prices and make illegal profits. The six persons are Himanshu

Mahendrabhai Patel, Raj Mahendrabhai Patel, Jaydev Zala, Mahendrabhai Bechardas Patel. Kokilaben Mahendrabhai Patel

The regulator also impounded go up, they take contrary positions bank accounts of the six persons (selling their previously acquired for an amount of Rs 2.84 crore. shares) thereby making profits 'The modus operandi indiout of such trades executed under cated that certain entities actively such fraudulent scheme and deoperating through social media vice, Sebi said. channels are first taking a position Their Telegram channel pro-(purchasing shares) in small cap companies in bulk quantities and

vided recommendation to its subscribers for trading in both cash as well as derivatives segments, for both intra-day as well as positional trades.

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The recommendations issued with respect to the cash segment are majorly focused on small cap

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possibilities of immediate price

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higher positions for decision making to boost their participation in the workforce.

### NCLAT, Amazon

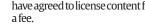
New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) will Thursday hear a petition by Amazon, challenging a recent Competition Commission order. PTI



### BERLIN, JANUARY 12

GOOGLE HAS offered to remove Google News Showcase content from general search results in Germany in a bid to end a competition inquiry, the country's Federal Cartel Office said on Wednesday.

Google launched Google News Showcase in 2020. The platform promotes content from more than 1,000 publishers that



Germany's Cartel Office said in June that it was investigating Google's Showcase product under new powers to regulate internet companies, after a complaint by Corint Media, which manages the rights of German television and radio stations

was concerned that Google's dealmaking power could lead to some news providers being squeezed out of the market.

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Google's office, Germany. Reuters file



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The Bonn-based Cartel Office

Tender No: RCIL\_ER\_2021-22\_ 1344,Dated 12.01.2022 dders for Supply of Underground Railway Jelly Filled elecom Quad Cables as per RDSO pecification IRS:TC 30/2005 Ver.-1 (with lest amendments) RailTel/E. Region invites e-tender from eligible bidders for the work of "Replacement of patches of OFC by supply and laying of PLB HDPE Duct and armoured OFC including atest amendments). Estimated cost: Rs. 1,25,09,640/all protective materials and commissioning Date of opening: 02-02-2022 2. Supply of Railway Signalling Cable 12CoreX1.5 SQ.MM size as per RDS specification no. IRS:S-63/2014 [Rev.4.0] (w latest amendments). the links by integrating with the existing OFC including mid-section splicing and termination at repeaters at various locations of atest amendments). Estimated cost : Rs. 12,67,89,817/-RailTel/Eastern Region". Tender Notice & Tender Document are Date of opening: 03-02-2022 available on www.railtelindia.com and Fender Notice & tender doc available on www.railtelindia.com https://www.ireps.gov.in. All future Addendum/corrigendum etc will be uploaded in RailTel website and IREPS Portal only. Addendum/ corrigendum will be uploaded RailTel website only.

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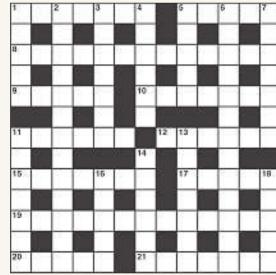


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# CALENDAR

#### **CROSSWORD 4636**



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1 Closes with performing

such an arrangement

decorative yet neater

3 She makes hats more

animals(5)

#### ACROSS

- Seen to have measles possibly (7)5 A lad's sent out to get some
- food(5)8 It has lots to get across as a
- game(7,6) 9 Cook assorted meats (5)
- 10 I see men as hostile people (7)
- 11 Spot a doctor going back to the old fellow (6)
- 12 Good man got into debt and was put away (6)
- 15 Path one straightens out for a
- carriage(7) 17 Blazing with a loud anger
- (5) 19 It may have a striking effect at
- a seance (6-7) 20 Possibly the present state of a
- nervous person(5) 21 It profoundly improves a

**JUMBLED WORDS** 

\_\_\_\_is knowing what not to \_\_\_ - Plato (7,.,4)

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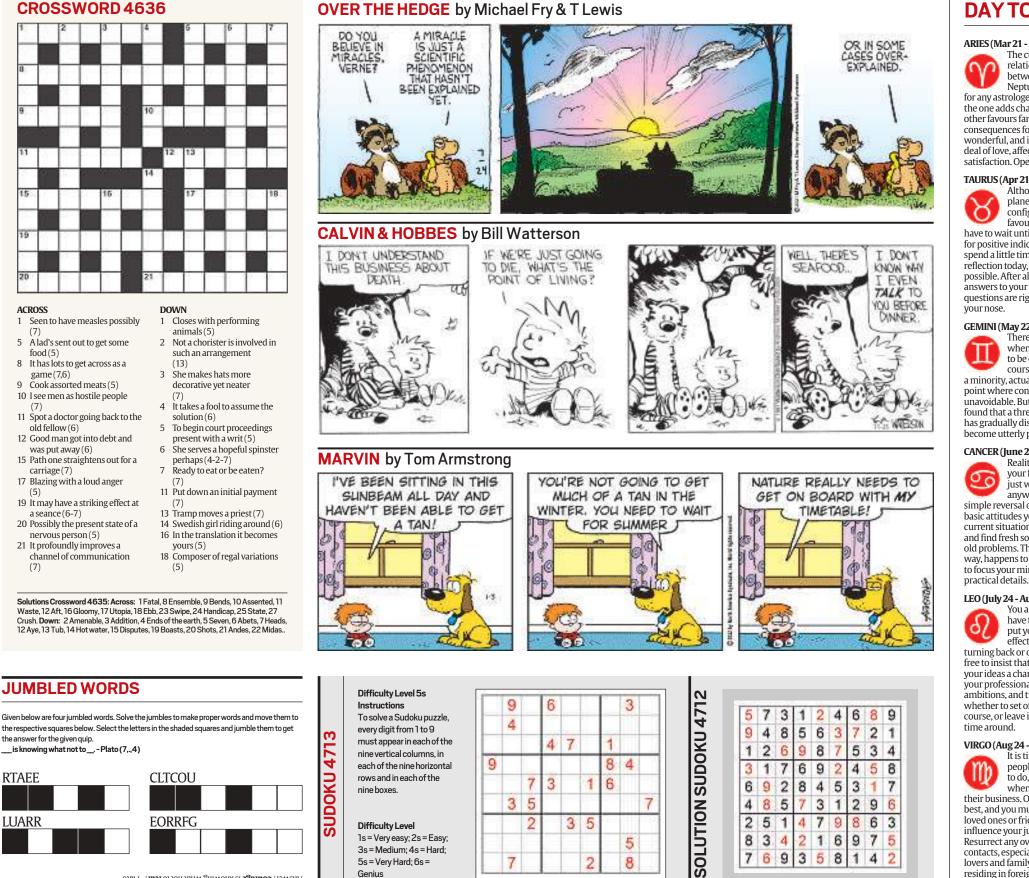
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#### **DAY TODAY**

The current

#### ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Individuals who

**BY PETER VIDAL** 

exercise a degree of

power must be won

over with charm.

relationship between Venus and Neptune is a delight for any astrologer to behold, for Nothing else will do. People who feel pushed into a corner will react sharply, and will not the one adds charm while the other favours fantasy. The consequences for you are appreciate your efforts to get your own way. And those who feel ignored might blame you wonderful, and include a great deal of love, affection and satisfaction. Open your heart. for not paying them enough attention.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Although the general planetary configuration is favourable, you may have to wait until this evening for positive indications. Do spend a little time in quiet reflection today, if at all possible. After all, some of the answers to your many questions are right in front of

course. Some of you,

#### sensitive types offer the best advice, perhaps because the qualities required at the moment are highly intuitive. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) There was a time Social events are when you appeared to be on a collision

moving your way, so you now have an opportunity to mend fences. Enjoy yourself today, for soon you receive reminders of all those boring chores. In matters of the heart, follow your desires, rather than being pressurised by social or family expectations.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

be little to bother you. Mercury and Venus form a

favourable team, encouraging

you to go for discreet get-togethers rather than riotous

gatherings. You'll be anxious

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

bring unexpected benefits, so if you're straining at

the leash now, do be patient. Social stars look favourable and

The period immediately after

the weekend will

Even though certain

individuals have

taken sides against

you, there seems to

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

Financial plans

possible. In fact, I'd suggest that you go ahead and present partners with a fait

should be formulated as fast as

accompli. Female friends and

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Reality is not always your first option, but just what is real, anyway? With a simple reversal of some of your basic attitudes you can turn the current situation on its head and find fresh solutions to tired old problems. This also, by the way, happens to be a moment to focus your mind on the to see that everyone has a fair crack of the whip.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You are about to have the chance to put your plans into effect, so there is no turning back or opting out. Feel free to insist that others give your ideas a chance. Consider your professional and worldly ambitions, and try to decide whether to set off on a new

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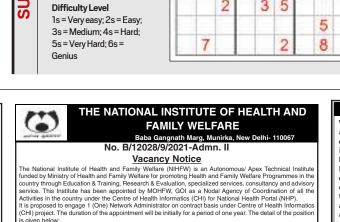
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#### JAYANT, SAINI ADDED TO ODI SQUAD

Indian off-spinner Washington Sundar was ruled out of the upcoming three-match ODI series against South Africa starting January 19 after testing positive for COVID-19 and Jayant Yadav was named as his replacement. Pacer Navdeep Saini was also added to the ODI squad as a backup for pacer Mohammed Siraj. **PTI** 

# BCCI's Plan B: IPL in South Africa or Sri Lanka

#### SANDEEP DWIVEDI NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

INDIA'S TOP cricketers might be returning to South Africa in a few months time. With India's Covid-19 curve showing an alarming upswing, the BCCI has put in place a contingency plan of holding the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) on foreign shores. In case the virus surge doesn't dip by April, when the newly expanded 10team event is expected to kick-off, the Indian board is inclined to move the IPL's Season 15 to South Africa, which had earlier hosted the T20 league in 2009.

The BCCI is also exploring the Sri Lanka option as it puts on paper its pandemic-time Plan B.

It is learnt that in wake of the rising Covid count and increasing positivity rate, the BCCI secretary Jay Shah's office was forced to redraw BCCI's 2021 schedule. Around the time the postponement of the Ranji Trophy tournament was announced, the talk about the possible shifting of IPL was initiated. Later when the domestic under-19 Cooch Behar Trophy had to be stopped mid-way because of several positive cases, the specifics started taking shape.

Unlike the past two years when BCCI's flagship event with international flavour was fully and partially held in the UAE because of the pandemic situation in the country, the Indian board was keen to look beyond the Gulf venue this time. "We can't be dependent on UAE all the time so we decided to explore more options," said a BCCI official.

What made the Indian board look at South Africa was the success of the ongoing series and also the India A tour before that.

#### Sprawling hotels, resorts

Feedback from the Test team has played a key role in the BCCI's decision. Though the team have been in a bio-bubble since the start of the tour last month, the sprawling hotels and resorts that the hosts, Cricket South Africa, have earmarked for the tour party have come as a welcome relief for players. Since the restart of sports in pandemic time, there have been concerns about the mental health of players as they have remained isolated for long spells. With the IPL consisting of 10 teams, Season 15 is to be the longest ever.

"The place where the team was staying for the second Test is spread over several acres. There were walking tracks and even a pond on the property that has made things easier for the players, who over the last couple of years have been confined to their rooms on several overseas tours," said an official.

Before the Indian team landed in South Africa last month, there were doubts around the tour. That was the time South Africa had identified the new Covid-19

# **Boom echoes through Table Mountain**

After a disappointing second innings at Jo'burg, Bumrah bounces back with 5-wicket haul to hand India advantage at Cape Town

#### **ABHISHEK PUROHIT** JANUARY 12

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

**21** SPORT

IN THE dying moments of Day One, Jasprit Bumrah had nipped out Dean Elgar. With the second ball of Day Two, he hit Aiden Markram's off-stump. In the afternoon heat, he returned to bowl an extended spell to dislodge South Africa's top-scorer Keegan Petersen; he persisted until he ended the hosts' innings on 210 to squeeze out a 13-run lead for India. In a nutshell, Bumrah was all over South Africa at Newlands, the venue where his Test career had begun four years ago.

Combined with Mohammed Shami's twin timely incisions, Bumrah's ability to maintain his intensity throughout the day – he had figures of 23.3-8-42-5 – enabled India to come back into the game after a palpably under-par first-innings score of 223.

Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara ensured that hard-earned advantage remained with the visitors after they had been reduced to 24/2 in the second innings. India go into Day Three effectively 70 runs ahead with eight wickets remaining. The vaunted depth of the Indian pace attack was on display in the second Test at Wanderers when fourth seamer Shardul Thakur produced a seven-wicket burst after the luckless lead cast of Bumrah and Shami couldn't break through and Mohammed Siraj had done his hamstring.

In Cape Town, the lead cast was back to do the heavy lifting, and did it successfully. Thakur was needed for only 12 overs even as Bumrah ended up sending down nearly double as many. The spearhead's load increased further as Shami did not take the field after tea with what seemed to be a knee niggle.

Umesh Yadav, who'd taken the new ball ahead of Shami on the second evening, plucked out two wickets but also went at four runs an over in what has been a low-scoring game thus far. That is always the risk one takes with him, which is why there was also a case for Ishant Sharma's better control, but the team management preferred Umesh's extra pace and zip.

#### India's talisman

But as is often the case these days, India seem to rise and fall with Bumrah. He'd returned 0/70 in 17 overs with only two maidens as South Africa chased 240 in Johannesburg. On Wednesday, he bowled eight maidens. When Bumrah is stringing together maidens, one can sense he is in command of the situation and that a wicket is around the corner.

He'd been driven repeatedly through the covers during the Wanderers chase as he strove to make something happen with a wet ball on the fourth evening. At Newlands, he didn't allow a single cover-driven boundary. Among the only three fours taken off him was an inside edge past the 'keeper.

Much has been spoken, and rightly so, about Kohli being super selective about the cover drive in the first innings. Here was an equally good exponent of the opposing art shutting out the same option for batsmen, an option he had provided to his team's ultimate detriment in only his previous innings. On a pitch which was not doing as much as the previous two in the series, Bumrah kept hitting the good and short-of-good lengths in his hard, heavy manner. But Petersen was able to get behind those lengths and defend solidly. It was also a surface where if the bowler strayed in line a bit on those lengths, he could easily be punched off the back foot for runs. Which Petersen, again, did regularly. It was then guite an effort from Bumrah to produce an edge eventually, making him play the incoming angle and straightening the delivery.

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couple of run-out chances were missed. A couple of LBW reviews showed the ball going over the stumps. Meanwhile, Petersen put on 67 for the fourth wicket with Rassie van der Dussen, and 47 for the fifth with Temba Bavuma. South Africa were getting closer and things weren't quite going India's way.

But their captain – absent at Wanderers with a back spasm – didn't let spirits flag for an instant with his trademark intensity from second slip, in addition to taking a sharp and another spectacular diving catch there.

As a Bumrah in-cutter agonisingly bounced just over Petersen's stumps – similar to the one that had castled Markram –- Kohli exhorted, 'matter of time, lads.'

Later, Bavuma was put down by Pujara as Rishabh Pant leaped in front of him disturbing his view. Kohli wasn't holding back though. 'Another cut coming, another cut coming,' he went when Bavuma came on strike later.

After Yadav had bowled a couple of peaches in an over, Kohli ran up to the bowler to encourage him to stick to his spot, pointing out how good those two balls had been. With no crowd around to create any atmosphere, Kohli got the reserve players in the Indian dugout to start clapping rhythmically in unison to get behind his bowlers. When umpire Marais Erasmus warned Shami for running onto the danger area, and replays showed Shami hadn't really transgressed, Kohli raised his arms in protest and ran up to have a word with the official.

Even as Shami sent back Bavuma and Kyle Verreynne in the same over, Kohli saw the opportunity to egg his troops on further. 'Eight by tea, eight by tea,' he shouted.

He didn't get eight, but Bumrah sure enough delivered the seventh at the stroke of tea with the image of the day – it showed him standing and staring with cold aggression towards Marco Jansen, with whom he had had a face-to-face confrontation in Johannesburg, and whose off stump he'd just sent cartwheeling past a futile forward defensive.

#### SCOREBOARD

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| R van der Dussen c Kohli b Yadav    | 2        |
| T Bavuma c Kohli b Shami            | 2        |
| K Verreynne c Pant b Shami          |          |
| M Jansen b Bumrah                   |          |
| K Rabada c Bumrah b Thakur          | 1        |
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Jasprit Bumrah (5/42) recorded his seventh five-for overall, and his second in South Africa. Reuters

# Three balls, two wickets: How Shami's unique skills get India back in game

#### SRIRAM VEERA JANUARY 12

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IT'S SOMETHING that Mohammed Shami did as the ball got older, around the 40-50 over mark in the middle of the day, that sets him apart from other fast bowlers on the planet. It's what enabled him to crack open the dogged South Africans and allowed Jasprit Bumrah to run through the lower order.

Before one analyses what Shami did, here is what the South Africans did, just to appreciate what Shami was up against. All the top-order South African batsmen stood on off-stump, with barely any trigger movement.

Keegan Petersen and Temba Bavuma had tackled all the Indian bowlers with assurance. The off-stump guard, combined with minimal movement, meant they knew where their offstump was. Until Shami came back in the middle of the second session.

Shami doesn't cut his fingers across the seam. At times, especially as the ball gets a



s a Mohammed Shami's straight high arm

"He takes his time to sort out the lengths to bowl on a pitch. The line is always spot-on for him. Depending on the session, he will observe what lengths work. Where to release the ball so that it either skids or bounces," Arun says.

Shami had troubled Petersen with the new ball by curving it away with bounce. Couple of edges didn't settle into the palms in the slips. Subsequently, he had another go but this time Petersen negotiated him well. "Shami will release the ball a tad earlier in the action, when he wants the length to be fuller. If he wants it to bounce higher from a shorter length, he will release the ball later during the action," Arun says. "He identifies the length and then the way he targets that area determines the way the ball goes: skiddy or bouncy," Arun says.

He re-entered the stream in the 54th over. Length, length and then a couple of them fuller, trying to sneak in through Bavuma's defence. One nearly did, but the ball clipped off the inner edge onto the pad. The ball after, he goes for the heavy ball, Bavuma is up to the task.

First ball next over. Shami tries to get one

variant Omicron. There was global panic as Gauteng province, which was to host the first two Tests, had seen a spike in the cases and hospitalisations. The Netherlands team had cut short the tour and the India A series was under a cloud of uncertainty.

These events compelled the SA board and BCCI to rejig the tour dates and delay the start of the Test series. However, with the implementation of a strict Covid protocol and the dramatic fall in the virus spread, the India-South Africa Test matches went ahead without disruption so far.

With fresh Covid-19 data emerging from South Africa pointing to a daily decline in infections, in a matter of months, the perception of South Africa as a sporting destination has changed.

#### Kohli intensity

That ball carried comfortably to Pujara at first slip, but a few hadn't in the morning. A

L Ngidi c Ashwin b Bumrah 3 **Extras** (b4, lb4, nb4, w1, pen5) 18 Total (76.3 overs): 210 Fall of Wickets: 1-10, 2-17, 3-45, 4-112, 5-159, 6-159, 7-176, 8-179, 9-200, 10-210 Bowling: Bumrah 23.3-8-42-5, Yadav 16-3-64-2, Shami 16-4-39-2, Thakur 12-2-37-1, Ashwin 9-3-15-0 India 2nd innings: 57/2 KL Rahul c Markram b Jansen 10 M Agarwal c Elgar b Rabada 7 C Pujara batting 9 V Kohli batting 14 Extras(b8, lb4, nb5)17 Total (17 overs) 57/2 Bowling: Rabada 6-1-25-1, Olivier 2-0-13-0, Jansen 5-3-7-1, Ngidi 3-3-0-0, Maharaj 1-

India lead by 70 runs

touch older, he doesn't even angle the seam either side too much. There is almost no indication about what he wants the ball to do. There are no visible cues, elsewhere too. The bowling arm is almost ramrod straight. No angles there, no crooked elbows to discern anything about the ball's behaviour.

It's not as if Shami just sends it on a prayer. But he meddles the least with the leather. A couple of years ago, Bharat Arun, then India bowling coach, explained it to this newspaper.

"He isn't trying to cut the ball all that much. As in you won't see his fingers whipping across the seam and stuff like that. So, all the focus is on releasing it with a proud seam position. The important thing is still the smooth action and the way you release, of course, which comes naturally to him. Combined with the proud and fingers on the seam's edges ensure the ball does not wobble much. *Reuters* 

seam, the ball skids. And he attacks the stumps

more than anyone on such surfaces." That was

does. He sends the ball with seam upright, and

that straight high arm and fingers on the

width movement, just enough to beat the bat

and either hit the edge, or the pad or the

success. It's the lengths and, by extension, the

vagaries of the pitch that is Shami's focus.

stumps," Arun says.

seam's edges ensure not much of a wobble.

Not many use the pitch in the way Shami

"Shami focuses on getting a half-a-bat-

Identifying the lengths is the key to Shami's

said for pitches where the ball can skid.

to kick up from a length. Bavuma, on off-stump guard, stirs as he picks up the length and creams it dreamily on the up through covers. Next ball, a tad shorter, and kicking up even

as it straightens outside off-stump. Bavuma isn't forward or back. Freezes, almost but still does other things right. The bottom hand is off the handle and he tries his best to jerk back the hand that holds the bat. Too late, though. The ball has already ricocheted off the edge towards second slip where Virat Kohli dived low to his left and forward.

Kyle Verreynne lasted two balls. Shami had sensed that the fuller length was the way to go, and produced the unsurprising edge. From 159 for 4, after that 47-run promising partnership, Shami had left South Africa on the edge. The door was ajar and Bumrah stormed in.

# UNFORCED ERRORS

# Novak admits attending interview after positive test, wrong info in form

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NOVAK DJOKOVIC knew he'd tested positive for COVID-19 when he attended a newspaper interview and photo shoot in Serbia last month, saying Wednesday he made an "error of judgment" and should have immediately gone into isolation.

In a statement posted to his social media accounts, the tennis star also blamed "human error" by his support team for failing to declare that he had traveled in the two-week period before entering Australia.

Upon arrival, his visa was revoked and then later reinstated in an ongoing saga over whether he should be allowed into the country despite not being vaccinated against COVID-19. The news that Djokovic was granted an exemption to vaccination rules to enter the country provoked an initial outcry and the ensuing dispute has since overshadowed the lead-up to the Australian Open.

Djokovic acknowledged the lapses when he sought to clarify what he called "continuing misinformation" about his movements after he became infected last month – though he did not spell out what inaccuracies he was referring to.

The statement was posted while the men's tennis No. 1 was in Rod Laver Arena holding a practice session, his third on the tournament's main court since being released from four nights in immigration detention.

The nine-time and defending Australian Open champion remains in limbo before the year's first tennis major starts next Monday. The stakes are particularly high since he is seeking a men's record 21st Grand Slam singles title.

He won a legal battle on procedural grounds Monday that allowed him to stay in the country, but he still faces the prospect of deportation because his exemption from COVID-19 vaccination rules has been questioned. That decision is entirely at the discretion of Australia's immigration minister if deemed to be in the public interest for health and safety reasons.

Deportation could result in sanctions ranging up to a three-year ban from entering Australia, a daunting prospect for a player who has won almost half of his 20 Grand



Novak Djokovic practises at Melbourne Park on Wednesday. Reuters

Slam singles titles here.

Court documents detailing Djokovic's positive test sparked speculation over the star player's attendance at events in his na-

tive Serbia last month. Further questions also were raised about errors on his immigration form that could potentially result in the cancellation of his visa. On the form, Djokovic said he had not traveled in the 14 days before his flight to Australia, despite being seen in Spain and Serbia in that period.

In his statement, Djokovic described recent commentary as "hurtful" and said he wanted to address it in the interest of "alleviating broader concern in the community about my presence in Australia."

The 34-year-old Serb said he'd taken rapid tests that were negative and he was asymptomatic before he received his positive result from a PCR test he undertook out of an "abundance of caution" after attending a basketball game in Belgrade on Dec. 14.

He received the result late Dec. 17, he said, and scrapped all his commitments except a long-standing interview with L'Equipe newspaper the following day.

"I felt obliged to go ahead ... but did ensure I socially distanced and wore a mask except when my photograph was being taken," Djokovic said. "While I went home after the interview to isolate for the required period, on reflection, this was an error of judgment."

Serbia requires those who are infected with COVID-19 to isolate for eight days, but

they can get out early if they test negative.

The L'Equipe reporter who interviewed the athlete wrote in the newspaper that he and a photographer were also masked during the session — and kept their distance except for a brief moment as Djokovic said goodbye. The reporter said he tested negative for COVID-19 on Monday, and did not mention the photographer's status.

Meanwhile, Djokovic addressed the Australian travel declaration by saying it was submitted by his support team and "my agent sincerely apologizes for the administrative mistake in ticking the incorrect box."

"This was a human error and certainly not deliberate," he wrote. "My team has provided additional information to the Australian Government to clarify this matter."

The decision could take a while — but there is time pressure since the draw to determine brackets for the Australian Open is set to take place Thursday.

Immigration Minister Alex Hawke's office issued a statement saying Djokovic's legal team had filed further documents and added: "Naturally, this will affect the timeframe for a decision." **AP** 

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# Sport

# **AFRICAN CUP OF NATIONS** Full-time at 85 minutes, restarts, a tainted referee experienced guard

THE AFRICAN Cup of Nations Group F match between Mali and Tunisia on Wednesday was supposed to give a glimpse into the title credentials of the two contenders. However, after a cagey first half, the second period of the match turned farcical following some highly controversial decisions and timekeeping by Zambian referee Janny Sikazwe.

Mali won the match 1-0 thanks to a second-half penalty by Ibrahima Kone but it was the referee who will make the headlines, for all the wrong reasons. Sikazwe - who has been suspended before on allegations of corruption - gave two highly-controversial penalties, flashed an even more debatable red card and blew the full-time whistle twice - once after 85 minutes and the second time with 11 seconds of normal time still left to play.

The tournament officials tried to restart the match - 40 minutes after it 'ended' - but Tunisian players did not take the field. Here is how the drama unfolded in the Cameroonian city of Limbe.

#### 48': Controversial penalty – goal

The referee awards a controversial penalty to Mali after Tunisian midfielder Ellyes Skhiri blocks a shot from Boubakar Kouyaté with his arms. Tunisia protested, arguing the arm was in its natural position but the referee didn't budge. Ibrahima Kone takes the penalty and sends goalkeeper Bechir Ben Said the wrong way.

#### 75': Controversial penalty – missed

This time, Sikazwe awards a controversial penalty to Tunisia after the ball hits the arm of a Mali defender. Once again, it looks like the arm was in its natural position and the referee is asked by the VAR to take a look at the pitchside screen. After looking at the replays, Sikazwe points to the spot. However, Wahbi Khazri shot is palmed away by goal-

#### 85': Full time

keeper Ibrahim Mounkoro.

As Tunisia presses ahead in a desperate search for the equalising goal, Sikazwe looks at his watch and blows the full-time whistle. With no timer in the stadium, and nothing on the giant screen, the game is halted and the players appear confused, while the Tunisian dugout is up in arms. After realising his mistake, the referee signals for the play to continue.

#### 87': Controversial red card



Tunisia head coach Mondher Kebaier remonstrates with referee Janny Sikazwe after the match. Reuters

Mali's El Bilal Toure is shown a straight red card for a late tackle on Dylan Bronn. Most referees wouldn't even have given a yellow, so the sending off infuriates the Mali bench. The VAR steps in and advises Sikazwe to review his decision. The referee takes a look and sticks to his decision, much to the disbelief of the players.

Mali are reduced to 10 men with at least three minutes remaining.

#### 89:49': Full time

With regular time coming to an end, the fourth official looks set to signal added time but Sikazwe doesn't wait for it and blows the full-time whistle once again, this time with 11 seconds remaining. Tunisia coach Mondher Kebaier and the rest of the coaching staff storm onto the pitch and charge towards the referee, pointing at their watches. In an instant, the match officials are surrounded by security guards for their protection and are ushered off the pitch.

#### Post-match drama

Twenty minutes after the 'full-time' whistle, Mali coach Mohamed Magassouba was speaking at the post-match press conference when the Confederation of African Football (CAF) officials interrupted the proceedings, implying that the remaining time would be played out. A full 40 minutes later, it was decided that the match would indeed resume. Mali players re-emerged on the pitch and fourth official Helder Martins de Carvalho replaced Sikazwe as the main referee. However, Tunisians did not turn up.

After waiting for a while, Carvalho blew the final whistle - for the third time in the match – and brought an end to a highly-controversial match.

#### 'Players were taking ice bath'

Tunisia's coach Kebaier called the referee's decisions 'inexplicable' and said his players were taking ice baths when they were recalled on the pitch.

"The players were taking ice baths for 35 minutes before they were called back out again," Kebaier said, according to Reuters. "I've been coaching for a long time and have never seen anything like it. Even the fourth official was preparing to lift the board (to show how many minutes of injury-time) and then the whistle was blown."

#### Referee's tainted past

This isn't the first time Sikazwe has been embroiled in a controversy. An experienced referee, he has officiated the 2016 Club World Cup final, the 2017 African Cup of Nations final between Cameroon and Egypt and two games at the 2018 World Cup, Belgium vs Panama and Japan vs Poland. However, he was suspended in November 2018 by the CAF on suspicion of corruption during an African Champions League match between Esperance and Primiero Agosto. Esperance won the match 4-2. However, Sikazwe had awarded them a controversial penalty, which led to their first goal and later ruled out an Agosto goal for a perceived foul. His suspension was lifted by FIFA in January 2019.

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# Young guns versus the

Malvika Bansod, 20, and Mithun Manjunath, 23, will look to upset established stars

#### **SHIVANI NAIK** MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

MITHUN MANJUNATH used to hit the mud ground a kilometre away from his Rajajinagar home in Bangalore for a 6 am daily run when the pandemic first hit. That's till the police, once, chased him off the field, where locals assembled to play cricket, since a lockdown curfew was in place.

"They couldn't catch me, because I ran away, no? But next day I returned at 4 a.m because I had to continue my runs. I didn't miss any session," the 23-year-old recalls about what became an obsessional training routine spanning the duration of the ongoing pandemic. All that training mileage will be scrunched into scrutiny of a Round 2 match at the India Open Super 500 against the big show - HS Prannoy on Thursday. In his opener, Mithun got past Frenchman Arnaud Merkle 21-16, 15-21, 21-10.

Considered Bangalore's most elegant, young shuttler, with a smooth grip and an unwrinkled cadence to his movements, Mithun was highly rated as a junior, scouted out and coached by the city's fabled trained-eye Sivakumar.

Later moving from his Malleswaram summer camp to the Padukone Academy, he found quality sparring as well as some amount of starchy rigour to his training. But not enough results.

The pandemic pushed him to shrug off his cloaking comfort zone. But Mithun would see in the nothingness of 2020-21, a chance to plug gaps in his game. "I learnt patience and to not get desperate in a rally. I like to attack, and finish off in 10-11 strokes." he recalls. It's here that the 4 am runs started.

Not unlike most talented Indian juniors, Mithun's fitness standards were abysmal. He was acquainted with the 400m scurries and high intensity interval Tabata runs occasionally, but not as a routine.

"I decided I'd improve my fitness in the pandemic since it was very poor. I started running everyday, sometimes clocking an hour," confesses the man, who admits his game was skilled, but sloppy. "I planned my own fitness based on running and it made a huge difference. I could actually stay in the rallies well beyond 15-20 strokes. My legs used to give way earlier. I realised the main thing is - "Who stands on the court longest, wins'," he says.

Coach Vimal Kumar had repeated this, and

don't bother for



Mithun (left) and Malvika will face Prannoy and Nehwal respectively. BAI

the new Korean coach Yong Sung Yoo reiterated: "He said I have very good skill, but still need to improve my fitness and power."

Against Prannoy who shut out Pablo Abian 21-14.21-7. Mithun starts a firm underdog. But there's no lack of a disruptive defiance. "With Indians we know each other's games though I lost to him at Welsh Open, I'll focus point to point and make him run. I'll play Bindaas! and give 100 percent. There should be no regrets," he states.

Known for his forehand reverse drops which he uses cannily, Mithun will look to not give Prannoy the easy lifts, which can bring on the breathing fire of the smashing dragon. "I'm fully confident. Just see," he avows, adding that there's miles to run before his fitness is considered adequate, but it's enough to fancy his chances

Four All-India ranking titles didn't interest sponsors as his family continues to struggle. But the Momota fan, with a streak of Kidambi Srikanth fondness, believes the two year investment in fitness, can give him a confidence top-up.

#### Malvika vs Saina

Young Malvika Bansod, 20, will need to prey on Saina Nehwal's dodgy fitness, because the tough as nails senior, even at an admitted 60-70 percent, can stand in one spot, roll her wrist over the shuttle, and make Bansod look

like a novice, if she doesn't drive the knife in. Nehwal's medical report card is cluttered:

there's a cartilage tear, a patella tantruming and a meniscus in rebellion. She feels her groin has acted up and in pain and her knee is in trauma. There's also a bone-medical situation, too tongue-twisting to wrap her head over. Sum total of pain that's only just subsided.

Bansod, who was 12 when she started following Saina as badminton's flagbearer, though her mother's intent was only to inculcate a healthy lifestyle in her at Nagpur, knew the icon as someone who never gives up.

The vulnerability though, is her opportunity. Bansod played Sudirman - Uber Cup for India a few months back, and came up against Akane Yamaguchi and Pornpawee Chochuwong, staying in a handful of rallies with the former, and reading deception and strategies of the latter. "Moreover, I picked crucial warm-up limber down techniques. And the long rallies," she recalls. She also watched Saina's discipline even at age 30.

"She picks every shuttle, never gives up," Bansod states. It's a rally rhythm she'd like to incite anarchy in, further distressing the lunges.

Bansod never played Nehwal before. But she would like to become the first Indian - beyond PV Sindhu - to inflict a loss. She's looked upto Saina all these years, but there's no dearth of competitiveness in her. "Tve been like that always," she says pithily.







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