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# Abusive call row: Fintech firm founder goes on leave



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**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

NEARLY A fortnight after an audio clip of him abusing a Kotak Mahindra Bank employee surfaced, BharatPe co-founder Ashneer Grover has "informed" the company's board of his decision to go on a "voluntary leave of absence" till the end of March, the company said in a statement.

"Ashneer Grover, our cofounder and MD (managing director), has today informed the Board of his decision to take voluntary of absence from BharatPe till March end. Ashneer has cobuilt BharatPe from scratch and his decision is consistent with his passionate commitment to the future success of the company," the statement read.

Grover's decision had been accepted by the BharatPe board of directors "for now" and both parties agreed that it would be "in the best interests of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### **COVID DEATHS**

# **SC pulls up states over low Covid-19** ex-gratia numbers

Don't deny claims on technical grounds, allow claimants to correct: apex court

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

EXPRESSING DISPLEASURE at the relatively low disbursal numbers in most states, the Supreme Court on Wednesday directed state governments not to reject any claims for ex-gratia payment for Covid-19 deaths on 'technical grounds".

"We make it clear that no claims be rejected on technical grounds. Claimants be given a chance to rectify their applications and such claims be seen by grievance redressal committee within a week from today," said a bench of Justices MR Shah and Sanjeev Khanna.

Hearing petitions seeking monetary compensation for

Covid-19 deaths, the court had in June last year asked the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to consider fixing the ex-gratia amount. The NDMA recommended payment of Rs 50,000 compensation -- to be paid from the State Disaster Relief Fund -- to the next of kin of the deceased. This was accepted by the court in October last year.

The court on Wednesday pointed to discrepancies in the data submitted by some states like Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. The bench, which took up the matter in the pre-lunch session via video conference, asked the chief secretaries of Andhra Pradesh and Bihar to appear be-

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## STATE OF COVID DEATH CLAIMS

	Recorded deaths	Claim forms	Claimants paid
Maharashtra	1,41,737	2,13,890	92,275
Karnataka	38,376	27,325	26,558
Tamil Nadu	36,825	57,147	41,131
Uttar Pradesh	22,928	33,958	29,141
Bengal	19,959	17,293	14,452
Punjab	16,557	8,786	6,642
Bihar	12,090	11,095	9,821
Madhya Pradesh	10,543	12,485	10,442
Gujarat	10,094	89,633	58,840
Haryana	10,077	3,003	6,065
Telangana	3,993	28,969	12,148

#### **VACCINE DOSES: BREAK-UP BY GENDER**

WICEME	Total vaccinations	Female jab ratio*	Sex ratio*
TOP 5 CITIES			
Mumbai	1.88 crore	694	832
Delhi	2.88 crore	742	868
Kolkata	0.91 crore	812	908
Chennai	0.91 crore	821	989
Bengaluru	1.61 crore	810	916
TOP 5 STATES			
Uttar Pradesh	23.65 crore	936	912
Maharashtra	14.42 crore	868	929
West Bengal	11.56 crore	1,028	950
Madhya Pradesh	10.79 crore	918	931
Bihar	10.78 crore	1,041	918
*		Cr 40.0	

\*per 1,000 males; Sources: CoWin portal as of Jan 18, Census 2011

**SKEWED RATIO** The vaccination gender gap is being seen in cities with better access to such centres

### **MORE WOMEN VACCINATED IN 9 STATES**

# Metros show gender gap in vaccination, more men get jabbed

**RUPSA CHAKRABORTY** MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

INDIA HAS clocked over 158 crore vaccines - first, second and precaution doses taken together - until January 18, at a ratio of 954 women for every 1,000 men. Overall, this is higher than the sex

ratio (933) as per the last Census

but it's the top metros that show

a gender gap in vaccination. Until January 18, Mumbai saw 1.10 crore men getting vaccinated against 76.98 lakh women, a ratio of 694 women for every 1,000 men. This is sharply lower than the city's Census sex ratio

Similar is the disparity in Delhi: 1.64 crore men got vaccinated compared to 1.22 crore among women over the last one vear – a ratio of 742 women every

1,000 men. As per the last Census, the sex ratio in Delhi is 868.

Similar is the pattern in Bengaluru and Chennai. (see

Of the 36 states and Union Territories (UT), only nine – Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Odisha, Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have reported more vaccination among women.

Uttar Pradesh, which has administered 23.65 crore vaccines-the highest in India - saw 12.18 crore doses administered to men as compared to 11.41 crore to women. This works out to a ratio of 936 female to 1,000 men – marginally better than the sex ratio of 912 as per the state's Census 2011.

Experts cite several reasons the vaccination CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# Study says: By itself, Omicron does not boost immunity level

**ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI. JANUARY 19

IN WHAT could further underline the importance of vaccination, a new study shows that an infection with the Omicron variant of the Covid virus may not generate broad immunity in unvaccinated individuals that can protect against other variants.

However, the pre-print study from the US shows that in vaccinated individuals, an Omicron infection can boost existing immunity, thereby allowing the individual to fight off another infection better.

The study has been conducted by a team comprising Nobel Laureate Jennifer Doudna, researchers from the University of California, San Francisco; University of California, Berkeley; California Department CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# US aviation hit by fears over 5G, Air India joins long list of cancellations

8 flights to US cancelled amid concerns over 5G effect on radar

**AASHISH ARYAN** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

AS GLOBAL airlines scrambled to reschedule flights amid concerns that the rollout of 5G mobile service in the US could potentially interfere with aircraft navigation systems, Air India on Wednesday said it has decided to cancel eight flights on US routes.

Air India said on Twitter that "due to deployment of the 5G communications in the US", on Wednesday, it will not operate eight of its flights on the Delhi-New York, Delhi-Chicago, Delhi-San Francisco sectors. Besides Air India, American Airlines and Delta Airlines currently operate direct flights between India and the US.

The Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is learnt to be coordinating with Indian carriers on the issue, which stems



The issue appeared to affect the Boeing 777.

from a warning issued by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on January 14 that the new 5G technology being rolled out in the US from Wednesday could potentially lead to interference with on-board instruments such as radar altimeters.

Altimeters measure how far above the ground an airplane is flying. Radar altimeters operate in the 4.2-4.4 GHz (gigahertz) frequency range and the concern being flagged by aviation authorities and airlines is that the auctioned mid-range frequencies in the US are extremely close to this band. The US had auctioned 5G bandwidth to mobile phone

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**SAYS WON'T RESIGN RUSSIA TENSIONS** 

**SOAR, US BOOSTS UKRAINE AID** 

Aparna Yadav with J P Nadda and Yogi Adityanath in New Delhi Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

# Mulayam daughter-in-law joins BJP, may get ticket

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**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

HURTING from the exit of several of its OBC leaders for the Samajwadi Party, the Wednesday got a shot in the arm as SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav's

daughter-in-law Aparna

Yadav joined the party. Top BJP leaders from Uttar Pradesh, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, met Aparna soon after she had joined the

party at the Delhi headquarters. The 32-year-old, who contested and lost in 2017 to the BJP's Rita

> Lucknow Cantt, is expected to get a BJP ticket in the coming polls. In a statement, BJP Uttar Pradesh chief Swatantra Dev Singh said: "We welcome SP leader Mulayam Singh Yadav's daughter in

Bahuguna Joshi from

law, Aparna, to the BJP." The wife of Mulayam Singh's younger son Prateek Yadav, Aparna has often praised Prime CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 on faster green nods, fewer details sought

Centre to rank states

**ESHAROY** 

IN A controversial move, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has decided to "incentivise states" by ranking them on the basis of "efficiency and timelines in grant of environmental clearances".

The State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) which clears projects in the shortest period of time, has a high rate of clearance, and seeks fewer "essential details" will be ranked the highest.

"It has been decided to incentivise the states through a starrating system, based on efficiency and timelines in grant of EC (environmental clearance). This is intended as a mode of recognition and encouragement as well as for prompting improvements where needed," the ministry said in an order issued on Monday.

The order lists the parame-

clear bulk of projects

STATE AUTHORITIES carry out the bulk of the **Environmental Impact** Assessments for proposed projects. While major 'Category A' projects like highways are cleared by the Centre, the rest, including mining, thermal plants, river valley and infra projects, fall under the purview of state bodies, except in case of huge projects.

■ An SEIAA will get 2 marks if it takes less than 80 days on average for granting clearance; 1 for less than 105 days; 0.5 for 105-120 days; and 0 for over 120 days.

■ The state authorities will also be rated on the percentage of disposal of fresh Terms of Reference (TOR) or TOR

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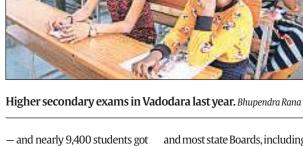
# In Covid year, a third of Gujarat Board's Class 10 students got grace marks to pass

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

**RITU SHARMA** AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 19

OVER A third of the 8.5 lakh Class 10 students of the Gujarat and Higher Secondary Secondary Education Board (GSHSEB) who were promoted to Class 11 in the 2020-2021 academic year had to be given grace marks for them to get past the threshold of 33 per cent

that's required to pass. Of the 2.66 lakh students who got grace marks, around 170 of them got up to 200 extra marks – 231 is the minimum pass marks



over 100 grace marks, data accessed by The Indian Express show. In a pandemic year, when learning took a hit and the CBSE

and most state Boards, including GSHSEB, cancelled the Class 10 and 12 term-end exams, the findings, showing how mass promotions were facilitated, are signif-

mirrored across the country. In Gujarat, all the 8.5 lakh 'regular' students who registered for the Class 10 exams in 2020-21 were promoted to Class 11. Students need a minimum of

icant since they are likely to be

33 marks for each of the seven subjects to clear Class 10. Of the 170 students who were given nearly 200 grace marks, nearly 65 are girls and over 110 boys.

A district-wise break-up shows that the highest number of those who benefited from the mass promotion were from Banaskantha, where around 19,700 students — or 40 per cent of the total 49,108 - had to be given grace marks for them to clear their Class 10.

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# **FROM PAGE ONE**

## Gender gap

gender-gap in cities where, ironically, there is better accessibility to vaccination centres.

"We have noticed the trend," said a senior Health Ministry official in Delhi, "Perhaps, it is because several workplaces have mandated that workers be vaccinated that the vaccination rates are higher among men. Special vaccination camps have also been held at construction sites, which have more men than women."

The official said that special initiatives are on to address this. "Over the past few weeks, we have held special camps for pregnant women and lactating mothers to make sure they are not being left out." he said.

Some experts say families prioritise men as their movement outside for personal and professional reasons are more than fe-

In Mumbai, officials ascribe the gap to labour migration. "Most of the migrants, who come to Mumbai for work, leave their families at home. So the share in the population of male beneficiaries is more than female," said Suresh Kakani, Additional Commissioner,

In some rural districts, like Gondia in Maharashtra, more women (9.11 lakh) have got doses than men (8.50 lakh). Asked about this, Subhas Salunke, member of the state's Covid-19 task force, attributed it to involvement of ASHA and anganwadi workers.

"These healthcare workers have been able to encourage women to get vaccinated which is lacking in urban setups. During their door-to-door vaccination, they pull out women and counsel them for vaccination." he said.

In cities, some experts say, the gender gap betrays deeper in-

Getting access to the registration portal, tracking and getting vaccination require women to "navigate" a system that is more "masculinised."

## CORRECTION

# ON 19.01.22

IN THE report headlined "Inside TMC, Abhishek Banerjee puts his foot down and sets off a churn" on page 2, the name of advocate Sanjay Basu was erroneously mentioned as Sanjay Ghosh.

The error is regretted.

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Bindhulakshmi P, chairperson at the Advanced Centre for Women's Studies in the School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Mumbai.

Moreover, she said, in many cases women home-makers delay the decision to opt for vaccination in order to facilitate the vaccination for other members of the family as they need to take care of domestic chores.

An illustrative case is that of Surekha Pandey, 24, a resident of Vardhini village in Palghar taluka. She got her first dose as late as January 6 as her in-laws didn't allow her to get the jab until the district made vaccination certificates compulsory. But her husband was one of the first in their village to get the shot

Anant Bhan, researcher in global health and health policy, flags digital literacy. As per NFHS-5, in India, 69.4% of women in urban areas and 46.6% in rural areas have a mobile that they use. But compared to 57.1% men, only 33.3% women have ever used the internet. "Apart from access to mobile phones, another concern that keeps women away from vaccination is misinformation on social media that vaccines causes infertility, interruption of menstrual cycles," he said.

Only 3.75 lakh people from other gender communities that include transgender persons and gender non-binary persons have been vaccinated.

"Historically, even in children immunization programmes like polio, hepatitis or TB, girls have always lagged behind boys under the national health programme," said Salunke.

## (WITH ENS. NEW DELHI)

# Immune shield

of Public Health; and Covid-19 testing start-up Curative Inc.

According to the study, mice were infected with the virus-type first identified in the US in 2020. the Delta variant and the Omicron variant, and tested whether their sera (a blood component) could effectively neutralise or fight against the original virus, and the Alpha(first found in UK), Beta(first found in South Africa), Delta (first found in India), Omicron (first found in South Africa) variants of the virus.

The researchers found that mice infected with Delta developed the best protection against the other variants, except the Beta variant which is known to be highly immune evasive. In con-

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trast, infection with Omicron was only effective in fighting off the Omicron variant but did not neutralise enough - meaning did not effectively protect against -- other variants, according to the study.

On the other hand, sera from mice infected with the original virus could effectively protect against another infection from the same virus, along with the Alpha and Delta variants. It could not protect effectively against Beta or Omicron infections.

Almost all the vaccines currently in use utilise modified spike proteins from the wild type of the virus to elicit immune response. This could be one of the reasons Omicron is causing a high proportion of breakthrough infections in completely vaccinated individu-

The vaccines, however, remain effective against severe disease and death. Several countries, including India, have started administering a third booster jab to offer better protection to the most vulnerable people.

After the mice study, the researchers used sera from those who had a breakthrough infection during the Delta wave and Omicron wave to see how much protection they had against the wild type as well as all the other variants.

The sera from those who had a Delta breakthrough infection (infection after complete vaccination) could effectively neutralise all variants, although the neutralisation was low for Omicron.

But the researchers also realised that sera from confirmed Omicron breakthrough infection conferred good protection against all variants.

"These findings suggest that Omicron infection can effectively boost existing immunity conferred by the vaccination against other variants, eliciting "hybrid immunity" that is effective against not only itself but also other variants," the researchers noted.

The researchers said that since Omicron infection on its own could not offer broad protection against all variants but could boost existing immunity and Delta could create broad immunity, multivalent vaccines using both Omicron and Delta could be developed in future.

Dr Anurag Agarwal, Director of Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, said, "Omicron is not nature's vaccine. Omicron infection does not give protection against infection by other variants, in unvaccinated people. Previously

#### SC pulls up states over low Covid ex gratia numbers claims of which 23,652 had been gle eligible claimant would be

Appearing for the Andhra Pradesh government, Advocate Mahfooz Nazki urged the court not to issue a showcause notice to the chief secretary. But the court did not agree. "It is unfortunate that directions of this court are taken so lightly. Your chief secretary and chief minister are not above the law. People are not at your mercy. Ask them to be present at 2 pm," said the bench.

When the two chief secretaries appeared in the afternoon, the court asked Andhra Pradesh to reach out all those whose claims had been rejected incorrectly and give them the opportunity to correct their applications. Of the 36,205 applications for claims, the state paid only 11,464. The official death count was 14,471.

"It is very serious that the record maintained by you was faulty. You are dismissing the applications on defects. Please get it rechecked. The money should reach the people and that is our goal," said Justice Shah.

Pulling up the Andhra Pradesh government, the court said: "It is unfortunate that despite our earlier directions, and directions issued from time to time, there is total callousness and negligence on the part of"

Nazki said about 31,000 claims had been cleared and would be paid soon.

The bench, however, said the state did not appear to be serious about complying with its order. 'No justification has been offered for not making payment to those whose applications are found to be in order," it said, and warned that it was tantamount to disobedience of its earlier directions and the chief secretary was liable for action under the Contempt of Courts Act.

The Andhra Pradesh chief secretary assured prompt action. "We will have it verified. We will be in contempt if it's not done,'

Recording the state chief secretary's assurance that not a sin-

deprived, the bench said: "We trust and hope that the chief secretary will stand by what he has assured to this court.' According to data submitted

by Bihar, the state recorded

12,090 deaths, received 11,095 claims, and paid compensation to 9,821 people. "We are not ready to believe that only 12,000 persons died in Bihar," the bench said. Asking for

"the actual figure", the bench said the total death count had increased in many states as they were now being honest about it. The court also questioned Gujarat on rejection of claims and sought to know the reason. "Why didn't you upload the reasons," Justice Khanna asked the

counsel appearing for Gujarat. Of

the 89,633 claims received, the

state has paid 58,840. The official

year, and had received 27,274

cancelled 20 flights to the US.

The cancellations come even

after US mobile phone carriers

AT&T and Verizon, who are slated

to launch 5G services, said they

will postpone the launch of the

higher the spectrum frequency,

the better the service. According

to industry experts, the chances of

interference of the two bands oc-

cur as telecom service operators,

in order to extract the full value of

5G and therefore give their cus-

tomers the best experience, push

operations to the highest band

possible. Similarly, altimeters of

flights need to operate at higher

frequencies in order to get the

most accurate readings possible.

is yet to commence, the frequency

range for 5G telecoms operations

is pegged around 3.3-3.68 GHz. It

is learnt that the Federation of

Indian Pilots had in its meetings

with the Department of

Telecommunications (DoT) ex-

pressed concerns about the fre-

quencies being close together. The

DoT however, assured that there

would be no interference as the

frequencies for commercial 5G

services were at least 530 MHz

away from those used by altime-

ters, a government official said

The DoT stand has also been cor-

roborated by the Cellular

Operators Association of India,

which said that commercial 5G

raised by Federation of Indian

Pilots, and the matter has been

highlighted in the past as well

wherein the authorities have

found the issue of spectrum inter-

ference uncorroborated. There is

agapof530MHz(from3670MHz

to 4200 MHz) in the transmission

of frequencies. Thus, making it safe

for 5G and aviation to co-exist,"

S P Kochhar, director general of

amendment proposals pending

for over 30 days. After a project is

screened, the authority provides

the client a Terms of Reference

(TOR) document which defines

the purpose and structures of the

project, committee, meeting, ne-

gotiation etc. The ministry has al-

lotted 1 mark for SEIAAs which

clear over 90 per cent TORs; 0.5

for 80-90 per cent; 0 for less than

fresh environmental clearances

as well as environmental amend-

ment proposals pending for over

100 days, SEIAAs will get 1 mark

for over 90 per cent clearance; 0.5

for 80-90 per cent clearance; and

also be rewarded for seeking

■ The state authorities will

New Delhi

0 for less than 80 per cent.

■ Similarly, for disposal of

80 per cent clearance.

Ranking states

COAI had said.

"We understand the concerns

and aviation could safely exist.

In India, too, where 5G rollout

In the telecom sector, the

service near some US airports.

death count is eight times less -Kerala said it recorded 49,300 deaths till January 10 this  $paid\,while\,178\,were\,rejected\,and$ 891 were returned. The bench asked why the state had received fewer applications as compared to the death toll. "Every state has received more applications, why not yours," said the bench, and asked the state to decide pending claims within a week.

The counsel appearing for Punjab said 8,786 claims had been received, of which 6,667 had been paid. The official death count is 16,557.

"The poorest may not even have the information" about the ex-gratia and how to apply, said Justice Khanna. Pointing out 'discrepancy coming in statewise", he sought to know the reason.

The bench also referred to children who had been orphaned during the pandemic and said it would be difficult for them to apply for compensation. It directed states "to reach out to those children... so that the compensation can be paid to them".

Grace marks Even Surat, the district that

telling a forest officer that the

more he visits a forest, the less

marks he will get. It violates every

**Under former Environment** 

Minister Prakash Javadekar, the

time period for providing envi-

ronmental clearance to a project

was reduced from 105 days to 75

days in order to "streamline clear-

these clearances in March 2020,

Javadekar had said that 69,414.32

hectares of forest land was di-

verted for non-forest purposes

between 2014-15 and 2018-19.

In a reply to Lok Sabha on

ance processes".

provision of the law," he said.

has traditionally been the topper with the highest pass percentage, had the second highest number of students who passed by grace marks (17,750). This is followed by Vadodara, where over 13,600 students had to be given grace marks.

With exams cancelled, the school Board had drawn up a method to calculate the total marks, as part of which marks of unit tests conducted in Classes 9 and 10 by the schools would be taken as the base to extrapolate the Board exam result.

While 40 per cent of the total marks was for the unit tests held in Class 9, the rest was for the internal tests of Class 10. Those who did not pass -- that is, those who had to be awarded grace marks -- were among those who failed in the unit tests, said sources.

Sources in the education department revealed that a report based on the analysis of grace and internal marks is being prepared, "Report from all district education officers have been sought, and they are being compiled," a senior education official

Minister Narendra Modi's policies. On Wednesday, she said she was

Ministry officials were not available for comment on

Criticising the move, environmentalists warned that the state authorities, whose mandate is to ensure protection of the environment, will now "compete" to clear projects swiftly, to increase

The SEIAAs are responsible for providing environmental clearance for a bulk of the infrastructure, developmental and industrial projects. Their main purpose is to assess the impact of the proposed project on the environment and people, and to try and

"This order is absolutely absurd. How can you grade an institution that is mandated to protect the environment according to the speed at which projects are cleared? The time frame for clearances was anyway brought down to 75 days, which was a matter of concern, and done with the express purpose of clearing projects at the cost of the environment." said environmental lawyer Ritwick Dutta.

fewer environmental details. If the percentage of EDS (essential details sought) cases is less than 10 per cent, the SEIAAs will get 1 mark; if it is 20 per cent, they will get 0.5; and if it is over 30 per cent, they will get 0.

■ SEIAAS will get 1 mark if a proposal is accepted in less than 5 days; 0.5 for 5-7 days; and 0 for more than 7 days.

■The rating system also takes into account disposal of complaints: 1 mark if all complaints are redressed: 0.5 if 50% complaints are redressed; and 0 for less than 50%. ■Based on these param

if an SEIAA gets more than 7 marks, it will be ranked as 5-star (the highest ranking). The state authorities can be ranked as 5,4,3,2 and 1-star, depending on their cumulative score. Any SEIAA which gets a total of less than 3 marks will get no star.

The ministry said in its order that the decision comes in the backdrop of a meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on November 13 last year, which raised the issue of action taken to enable "ease of doing business", especially in the context of "ranking of states based on the time taken in according clearances".

Wednesday.

state rankings.

minimise this impact.

"In India, the biggest projects are given environmental clearances by the Environment Ministry under Category A. The SEIAAs give over 90 per cent clearances across the country, primarily for construction projects. The World Bank itself has discounted the principle of ease of doing business, admitting that it does not work. This order is like

## Aparna Yadav

joining the BJP "to fulfill my duties to the country" and for her, it was always "nation first". "I have always been inspired by Prime Minister Modi... I now want to try and do better for the country. I have been impressed by the schemes of the BJP and I will do my best in the party," she said, listing measures for cleanliness and women empowerment as among those that had influenced her.

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav said he was happy that "the party's socialist ideology is spreading". He also claimed that Mulayam Singh had tried hard to convince Aparna to not take the step. Asked if the SP had denied a

Reacting to the development,

ticket to Aparna, Akhilesh said: "All the tickets have not been distributed yet, and who gets tickets and who doesn't depends on region and people and our internal surveys... I would like to congratulate the BJP that they are giving tickets to people who can't get tickets from us while our Samajwadi ideology is expanding."

Extending his best wishes and congratulations to Aparna, Akhilesh said: "Thope that our ideology will reach there (the BJP) and work to save the Constitution and democracy.' Asked if efforts had been made

to stop Aparna, he said: "Netaji (Mulayam Singh) tried very hard to convince her."

Akhilesh is Mulayam Singh's son from his first marriage, and Prateek from his second wife, A social worker who runs an organisation for women, Aparna has often been at loggerheads with the family over her political ambitions, and speculation had been rife about her crossing over to the BIP. Prateek was not present at the event in Delhi on Wednesday, where Aparna joined the BJP in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad

Maurya and Swatantra Dev. **FULL REPORTS ON** www.indianexpress.com

#### reported effects against Delta were due to enhancement of vaccine induced immune response that protects well against prior K Srinath Reddy, president of

the Public Health Foundation of India and a member of the National Covid-19 Task Force, said. "This would mean that while Omicron itself has an immune evasion capacity due to 36 spike protein mutations, the limited immunity it evokes adds to the prior immunity against spike proteins and may result in sufficiently protective effect against severe dis-

## 'Abusive call' row company", employees and in-

On January 5, an audio clip surfaced in which, voices, purportedly of Grover and his wife, were heard using "inappropriate language" and allegedly threatening a Kotal employee. On January 9, Kotak Mahindra Bank said it was

pursuing legal action An email sent to BharatPe seeking details of why Grover took leave, and whether the company had responded to Kotak Mahindra Bank's legal notice, did not elicit any response.

In his statement released later in the evening, Grover said he would be back at the company "on or before April 1, 2022" and that he was taking that leave to "rejuvenate and refresh" himself for the "next sprint of value creation".

"I expect to spend the time thinking more deeply about our next phase of product development and BharatPe's path to profitability and IPO. I will also double down on investing in myself personally. I am a builder and I know my energy is best spent creating value for the millions of Indians we serve each day," Grover said in his statement shared on Twitter.

# **US** aviation

companies in 2021 in the 3.7-3.98 GHz on the spectrum range called the C-band.

The use of C-band spectrum for deployment of 5G technology by telecom service providers has been a cause of concern for the aviation industry throughout the world. Across geographies, aviation regulatory bodies as well as airlines have argued that if the frequencies of commercial 5G deployment is "near" the frequency of the airwaves being used by wide-body airplane instruments such as the altimeter, it could dis-

turb readings. The issue is particularly of concern in the US, given the proximity of the two frequency bands. In most other countries and regions such as the European Union, where deployment of commercial 5G has started, most telecom service providers operate in the 3.4-3.8 GHz range. Similarly, in South Korea, 5G operates in the 3.42-3.7 GHz band. Both these frequencies are lower than the midband frequency of 3.7-3.98 GHz range in the US, which airlines say is extremely close to the 4.2-4.4 GHz range that the airlines' altime-

The issue appeared to particularly impact the Boeing 777, a wide-body aircraft used by carriers for long-haul operations. AI uses the 777s on the US routes.

Dubai-based Emirates announced that it would halt flights to Boston, Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, Miami, Newark, New Jersey, Orlando, Florida, San Francisco and Seattle.

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22868	Hazrat Nizamuddin - Durg Humsafar Express	26.01.2022 & 29.01.2022					
18201	Durg - Varanasi Jn - Nautanwa Express	21, 26 & 28.01.2022					
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# **DDA plans revamp for Nehru** Place, Bhikaji Cama Place

**ABHINAV RAJPUT** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) plans to refurbish two prime markets in South Delhi — Nehru Place, Bhikaji Cama Place.

The work at both markets is in progress and a provision of Rs 26.60 crore has been made for the same, said a senior DDA offi-

The redevelopment plan of Nehru Place includes a skywalk, an amphitheatre, automated parking, exhibition halls, recreational areas, and dedicated vending zones, he said.

Nehru Place is the biggest market in Delhi for computer-related products. Portable cabins and dedicated vending zones are also being readied so that the shops do not spread out in a hap-



Nehru Place is the biggest market in Delhi for computerrelated products. Archive

hazard manner, he said. The skywalk would connect the Metro station to Nehru Place, he added. An underground reservoir will also be built in the area to make it safer in case a fire breaks out, the official said.

The proposed parking at Nehru Place will have space for around 800 vehicles in addition to current surface parking lots.

Bhikaji Cama Place, which was once a popular commercial centre but has been gradually redeveloped.

A senior DDA official said the ground-floor plaza is getting beautified using granite. Escalator provision is also being thought of, he said. The sewerage line is also being relaid and the fire system is being fixed. "Currently, there is no system of getting adequate water in case of fire," he said. A multilevel car parking would also be started soon.

According to the DDA official, the corridor is being made greener and a small amphitheatre will also come up at the ground floor.

He explained that due to the ban on construction, work on the project came to a halt, but it has resumed now. Both the sites would be developed in sixmonths, he added. The idea is to beautify the space and make it safe as well, the official said.

# 'Desh ke Mentors' now have to undergo police verification

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

FOLLOWING A notice by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Delhi's Directorate of Education has now responded to the apex child right's body that it will be instituting additional safeguards to its 'Desh ke Mentor' programme, including police verification of mentors and prohibiting physical meetings between mentors and students.

The NCPCR had written to the Delhi government last week asking it to suspend this flagship programme until "all the loopholes pertaining to the safety of the children are overhauled". It had raised concerns over the possibility of children being exposed to abuse by people designated as mentors. It had raised concerns over the lack of police verification of the mentors, and questioned the 'psychometric test' that applicants are supposed to take before being enrolled as mentors.

The Directorate of Education responded to the NCPCR on Tuesday, stating that it will be adding new features for the security of students, including police verification of mentors. According to NCPCR chairperson Privank Kanoongo, the Directorate has stated that if they receive adverse reports on the

criminal record of any mentor from the police station concerned, the person shall be deregistered from the programme. The Directorate has also stated that all conversations between mentors and mentees shall be recorded and maintained by it. In any mentor meets with mentees offline, they shall be deregistered from

the programme. On Wednesday, The Indian Express had also reported that the Directorate of Education has advised that the parents of students enrolled as mentees ensure that an adult member of the family be present during phone conversations between mentors and mentees and supervise them.

Launched in October 2021, the programme aims at providing voluntary mentors to students in classes IX to XII. People between the ages of 18 and 35 can sign up to be mentors through an app created by a team at Delhi Technological University, and they will be connected with students based on mutual interests. The mentorship entails regular phone calls for a minimum of two months, which can be carried on for four more months optionally. Earlier, the Delhi government had lashed out against the Centre and NCPCR for asking that the programme be suspended, saying that safeguards had been kept in mind when it was designed.

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# Accident that killed two BSF men leaves families in despair

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

"WE WERE waiting for his call from the hospital. He had been getting treatment from different hospitals for his heart valve. We didn't know this would happen. I was at home with my mother when I received a call about the accident. My father worked in the force for nearly three decades. He was a hardworking man. We don't know what to do now. He was the sole breadwinner of the family...," said Tushar (19), son of Border Security Force head constable Yesbir Singh (52), who died in a road accident in Delhi's Shastri Park Monday.

HC Yesbir and constable Manoj Paswan (32) along with four other BSF personnel were in an ambulance that rammed into a divider and overturned near a bridge. The two personnel were thrown out of the ambulance and died at the spot. They were being taken to IHBAS and Safdarjung hospital for a regular medical check-up and treatment when the accident happened.

Yesbir's family said he didn't sustain severe injuries but died due to the "sudden shock".

"He was a heart patient and suffered a shock because of the accident. He and his colleague fell on the road. Doctors told us he had a heart attack. I wish he could have been saved. I don't know how to take care of my family members," said Tushar, a student in Meerut. Yesbir is survived by his wife and two children — a daughter and a son.

Constable Manoj also hailed from Uttar Pradesh, where his parents and wife live.

Another BSF official, who did not wish to be named, said, "We left Rohini camp in the morning and I was sitting inside the ambulance with my seniors. We were near the hospital when the vehicle collided with the divider. We were all screaming and asked the driver to stop the vehicle but he couldn't. The collision was bad... the vehicle overturned twice and two men fell on the road. I was about to fall but others held me. We were all injured but we managed to call for help."

Police said they received a call around 8.30 am about the accident. After the ambulance overturned, locals and BSF personnel rushed to the spot and admitted injured persons to different hospitals.

# BRIEFLY

## Fire breaks outat residential building

New Delhi: A fire broke out at a four-storey residential building in West Delhi's Hari Nagar on Wednesday. Officials said more than 22 people trapped in the fire were rescued by Delhi Fire Services personnel. No casualties were reported.

## No hike in property tax, says SDMC

New Delhi: SDMC standing committee chairman B K Oberoi said it has not accepted the proposal to hike property tax. SDMC, instead, will give a waiver of previous years' property tax for residents of recently regularised unauthorised colonies. **ENS** 

## Govt signs pact for 5% loan relief on autos, carts

New Delhi: Delhi government has signed an agreement with Convergence **Energy Services Limited** for providing 5% interest subvention on loans for buying electric rickshaws, autos, carts and light goods vehicles. PTI



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## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 17th January, 2022

S.O. 205(E).-- Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. No. 3604 (E) dated 03 September 2021, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under subsection (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intension to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.) maintenance, management and operation of NH10 on the stretch of land from Km, 29.65 to Km, 53 in the district of JHAJJAR in the state

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Dainik Bhaskar" and "Indian Express" both dated 11 September 2021; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas objections have been received and the same have been considered and disallowed by the Competent Authority; And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section 1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall yest absolutely in the Central Government, free from

And whereas by the sub section (1) and (2) of section 3G of the said Act, the Competent Authority is required to determine the amount to be paid in lieu of the land to be acquired.

Now, therefore, the Competent Authority before proceeding to determine the amount under sub section (1) and/or sub section (2) of the section 3G of the said Act hereby publishes a public notice inviting claims from all person interested in the land to be acquired as required by sub section (3) of section 3G under the said Act.

Particular of the said land has been specified in the Schedule annexed hereto. All persons interested in the such land are hereby required to appear in person or by an Agent or by a logal practitioner referred to in sub-section (2) of section 3C, before the Competent Authority (District Revenue Officer), Mini Secretariat, Jhajjar within 15 days of the publication this notice to submit their claims in respect of land specified in the said Schedule

This public notice has been issued under the Section 3G sub-section (2) and (3) of National Highways Act 1956 (48 of 1956).

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH10 in the stretch of land from Km. 29.65 to Km.

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2	101//5/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0607042	Harikrishna S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Ramphal S/o Bihar S/o Narendra Kumar Salyawan Ss/o Ramphal S/o Bihar Vedpal S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Bhavesh S/o Mukesh S/o Jile Singh Arnav S/o Devendra S/o Jile Singh Ishani S/o Kuldeep S/o Jile Singh101//5/3 Min
3	101//6/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Harikrishna S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Ramphal S/o Bihar S/o Narendra Kumar Salyawan Ss/o Ramphal S/o Bihar Vedpal S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Bhavesh S/o Mukesh S/o Jile Singh Arnav S/o Devendra S/o Jile Singh Ishant S/o Kuldeep S/o Jile Singh 101//6/2 Min
4	421/2 Min	Private	Path	0.0101174	Musthrka Malkan Hasab Rasad Rakwa 421/2 Min
5	422/2 Min	Private	Path	0.0025293	Musthrka Malkan Hasab Rasad Rakwa 422/2 Min
6	86//13/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0252934	13/1/1/1/1 Smt Sunita Devi W/o Joginder Singh S/o Shisram 13/1/1/1/2 Sidheshwari Realtors Pvt. Ltd. 13/1/1/2 & 13/1/2 Provincial Government 86//13/1 Min
7	86//16/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.007588	Yashpal Mehra And sons Bajriye Karta Yeshpal Mehra 86/16/1 Min
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9	86//17/2/1	Private	Agricultural	0.0278227	Ramesawar S/o Bhayram S/o Seeta Ramkanwar S/o Bhayram S/o Seeta 86//17/2/1 Min
10	86//18/1/1	Private	Agricultural	0.0025293	Meer Singh S/o Balveer, Satbir Ss/o Hariram S/o Raghvir Singh S/o Jaynarayan S/o Chandrahans S/o Sita S/o Harchand S/o Rajesh S/o Dayanand S/o Chandrah Hoshyar Singh S/o Sita S/o Harchand Ramkawar S/o Chandraram S/o Rameshwar S/o Bhayaram S/o Rajrup Surjamal Ss/o Meera Singh S/o Hariram 86/18/1/1 Min
11	86//18/3/1	Private	Agricultural	0.0126487	Raghvir S/o Chandram S/o Seeta 86//18/3/1 Min
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## IN GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR

# CM: Less than 1% of **Covid cases in UP** admitted to hospitals

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

UTTAR PRADESH Chief Minister Yogi Adiyanath said the Covid vaccination drive was progressing well and 551 oxygen plants had been set up towards making the state self-reliant, after visiting Government Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS) in Greater Noida to see the preparedness. He took a jibe at the previous CMs, stating that they never visited the area as they did not have any agenda for devel-

opment of the people. "Coming to Gautam Buddha Nagar is significant for me because my predecessors used to hesitate to come here. For them their life and their power were important; but there were no agenda for the well-being and economic development. But I have had several opportunities to come here," he said.

He added, "I am here to examine the Covid situation during the third wave as it is close to Delhi and people frequently travel to and fro.'

The CM said the hospitalisations during the current wave were low and the state was pre-

"Less than 1% of the people are admitted to the hospitals in the state... There are 9,500 active cases in Gautam Buddha Nagar



Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath arrives at the BJP office for a CEC meeting, in Delhi Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

and 200 people are admitted. And, the people in hospitals are those who already had other severe ailments. There is no need to be scared in the third wave, but all precautions have to be folowed," he said.

He added that a wave predicted for August and November could be prevented because the government was providing "free mein vaccine, sabko vaccine.

Uttar Pradesh is in a good position as compared to the national average when it comes to immunisation, the CM said, stating that 95% of the people have received first dose and 62% their tween the ages of 15 and 17 years, of the 1.4 crore who are eligible, the state has immunised 62.83 lakh.

Precaution doses have been administered to 5.29 lakh persons, according to the Chief

There were issues with oxvgen availability during the second wave and the government of India ran special oxygen trains and air force planes to help. "Towards achieving oxygen selfreliance, there are 551 oxygen plants in Uttar Pradesh. Of which, 11 are in Gautam Buddha Nagar and all of them are func-



# A FIRST

Drones being tested during the Beating Retreat rehearsal at Vijay Chowk Wednesday. To encourage an IIT-Delhi start-up, 1,000 drones will be showcased during the event. Tashi Tobgyal

# Woman, 4 kids die in their sleep, police believe suffocated by angithi smoke

**JIGNASA SINHA** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

A 33-YEAR-OLD woman and her four children died in their sleep after they inhaled toxic fumes from an angithi in their room in Delhi's Shahdara. The family had shifted to the area just days ago, and were using the angithi to keep themselves warm as temperatures plunged.

Police identified the woman as Radha (33) and her children as Komal (11), Jitin (8) Roshani (4) and Arav (3).

(Shahdara) Sathiyasundaram said they received a call around 1.30 pm that five persons were found in an unin Old Seemapuri. "We rushed to the spot and found the bodies of a woman and her three kids. We were informed that the fourth child had been taken to the hospital by his father, Mohit Kalia (35). The doctors declared the child dead on arrival." he said.

The family rented the apartment from Amarpal Singh (60), who lives in Shalimar Garden. He said he too received a call from the neighbours about the incident.

"The family moved in threefour days ago. They took the room on the top floor. I came around 11 am to collect the advance rent and IDs and knocked on the door several times, but nobody opened the door. I went back home, but neighbours

Neighbours said they too knocked on the door, but no one opened it. Later in the afternoon Mohit was heard screaming and

running with his child. Sarita, their neighbour, said, "I was sitting outside my house when I saw Mohit screaming. He said his kids weren't waking up. I got confused and asked him to pick them up. He started crying and said everyone died because of the angithi. One of his boys was still breathing. He picked up the child and started running. We all helped and took him to the hospital but the child didn't make it.

Radha worked as a domestic worker while Mohit works as a helper in private buses.

Radha's family, meanwhile, raised allegations of foul play. "I received a call around 1 pm from my relatives. How is it possible that my sister and her children suffocated but nothing happened to her husband?," said . Bantu Kumar (38), Radha's brother.

Police said they were questioning Mohit about the incident. "We found an angithi and, after local inquiry, we were informed that Mohit was staying at the rented accommodation with his wife and children. Our crime team inspected the spot and it seems they died of suffocation. There was no ventilation inside their small room. But the actual cause of death can be ascertained only after conducting

# Uptick in cases and positivity rate, Clubhouse group targeting Muslim women: Police zero Jain says Delhi may be past peak but can't ease restrictions yet

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

DELHI REPORTED a slight increase in the number of Covid cases over the previous day with 13.785 fresh cases reported on Wednesday, according to the daily health bulletin. Not only was there an increase in the absolute number of cases with more tests conducted, the positivity rate - proportion of samples tested that return positive also increased by 1.39 percentage points to 23.86%. This means just short of one in four samples tested were found to have the in-

The capital saw a downturn in the number of cases -- mostly owing to the change in testing policy that led to fewer asymptomatic samples being tested over the last four days. Significantly, it had been accompanied by a decline in the positivity rate from the high 30.64% recorded on January 14 and 15.

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain meanwhile said it was not time to ease restrictions. "The numbers have come down to 22-24% from 30%: it has reduced but it is not so low that we can open up everything. Hopefully, the numbers will decline as fast as it went up. But, we have to wait and watch."

Delhi also reported 35 deaths with the infection, taking January's toll to 353, as per the



There were 2,734 persons in city hospitals on Wednesday, of whom 761 were on oxygen support. Praveen Khanna

data. The increase in the number of cases and deaths were driven by the new omicron variant of Sars-CoV-2 causing infections even in those who have been vaccinated and have been exposed to the infection in the past. Doctors, however, state that almost all of the deaths were in extremely sick patients receiving treatment for diseases such as cancers, chronic kidney and liver

There were 57,776 tests conducted in the capital on Tuesday as reported a day later in Wednesday's bulletin. Although the number is higher than the previous day, the number has dropped from the peak of 1,05,102 during the current surge.

Jain said in an online briefing, "There has been a change in the guidelines from the Centre which states that only symptomatic and high-risk people should be tested. But, no one is being refused testing in Delhi centres, which is why we have been maintaining around 50,000 tests even when cases were low."

The minister also said that the bed occupancy continues to remain low. There were 2.734 persons in city hospitals as per Wednesday's bulletin, of whom 147 were on ventilator and 761 on oxygen support.

"In the last week, daily admissions are not increasing... It looks like we are past the peak. We have released just over 15,000 of the 37,000 planned Covid beds and only 17% occupied, which means for every bed occupied there are five empty

# in on 4-5 speakers, set to bring them in for questioning

**JIGNASA SINHA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

A DAY after the Delhi Police registered an FIR against people who allegedly made derogatory remarks against Muslim women during a session on Clubhouse app, Cyber Cell officials said they have narrowed down on four-five suspects and will bring them in

On Tuesday, the Delhi Police took cognizance of a group on Clubhouse, an audio-only app, where dozens of users participated in a discussion during which derogatory and sexually loaded remarks were made about Muslim women. The discussion was recorded and shared online, prompting the Delhi Commission for Women to

write to the police seeking ac-

Cyber Cell officials said they have sent notices to the USbased company seeking details of the users/organisers who started the group, and have also sent a notice to Google Play Store to "keep a check" on such apps.

Sources told The Indian Express that the investigating team has identified a number of participants and are now looking for four-five people who were the "speakers".

"We have found that all suspects are from adjoining states and not from Delhi. They are all adults. Mostly, the users had accounts under fake names and used aliases on Clubhouse. We heard the conversations on the app and found there were fourfive main participants. We are

tracing their location and they will be picked up soon," said a

An FIR under IPC sections 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on the ground of religion), 295A (deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion) and 354 A (sexual harassment) has been registered in

On Wednesday, a recording of another group on Clubhouse emerged where some participants can purportedly be heard making vulgar remarks.

Police said they have seen the group and found that a few of the accused in the first group were also participants in the other one. "We are looking into both the groups. We suspect a few

voices to pose as men/women. We will detain them and question them about their aliases," said a police officer.

people might be using dubbed

This comes less than a month after an app, hosted on software platform GitHub, used photos of Muslim women alongside derogatory comments meant to imply they were being "auctioned". The Delhi Police has arrested two men, from Assam and Indore, in connection with the case. And six months ago, another GitHub app held a similar "auction"

Responding groups/discussions, a Clubhouse spokesperson said, "...there is absolutely no place for hate or abuse on the platform. We invest significantly in keeping our community safe and take swift action

at any violation of our policies... If and when a violation of our Community Guidelines is reported and confirmed, swift action is taken i.e. suspended or permanently removed from the platform, depending on the severity of the incident. In this instance, the room was reported and those involved in organising were quickly actioned. As always, we can't predict what humans will say but we can respond quickly once they violate our guidelines. Community health is a top priority for the platform and we have built features such as room title reporting, blocking, shared block lists, removing replays, and NSFW filters, and improved policies that account for the unique dynamics of real-time voice conversations and group discussions...'

# Bomb scare over unattended bags

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE DELHI Police went into a tizzy after they found two unattended bags near a Metro pillar in East Delhi's Trilokpuri Metro station Wednesday afternoon. Investigation has revealed that these two bags were allegedly lifted by a thak-thak gang from a consultant's car at Barapullah and dumped near the Metro station.

The fire department said a fire tender was rushed to Metro pillar 59 after they received a call

at 1.10 pm. "Police also reached the site. They called the bomb disposal squad of their district,"

an officer said. "A PCR call was received at Kalyanpuri police station that two unattended black bags were found at Metro flyover pillar 59 near a mosque and the area was cordoned off. The bomb disposal squad also reached the spot. Nothing suspicious was found in the bags, only a laptop, cell phone, personal care items and some documents," DCP (East district) Priyanka Kashyap said.

"During the investigation, we found that both bags belonged to 23-year-old Somesh Gupta, who is working in a consulting company in Gurgaon. He was going to South Extension for shopping with his brother Sidharth Gupta. But on way to Barapullah, their bag was lifted by a thak thak gang from the rear seat of the car. This took place between 11.45 and 12 pm today. They reported the matter at Nizamuddin police station and now Kalyanpuri police station has initiated an enquiry," Kashyap said.

# Stone pelting during demolition drive, 2 held

Gurgaon: The Faridabad Police arrested two people and booked 200 people for allegedly pelting stones and assaulting police while municipal corporation officials were carrying out a demolition drive to clear encroachments from forest land in Khori village Wednesday.

However, residents have alleged that police lathicharged them, set two makeshift shelters on fire and damaged their belongings, adding that two women and a teenager were injured. Denying the allegations, police said they were under attack from locals, who had illegally en-

croached on the land. Kartar Singh, assistant engineer, municipal corporation Faridabad, said that at 10.30 am, demolition team, nine earthmovers and police reached Khori. "At least 200 people, who have been living in makeshift shelters. pelted stones at the officials. After setting fire to hay to stop the demolition, they damaged JCB machines," he said. ENS

# DOWN TO 71 WATER BIRD SPECIES FROM LAST YEAR'S 81

# Fewer bird numbers, species at Najafgarh lake this year, census finds

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE NAJAFGARH jheel, a transboundary wetland lying in Delhi and Haryana, has recorded fewer species of water birds this year as compared to the last, the Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) conducted at the jheel on Tuesday

The AWC is an annual count of waterbirds that takes place in January, and is coordinated by the Wetlands International South Asia and the Bombay Natural History Society. It is conducted in seven wetlands across Delhi-NCR.

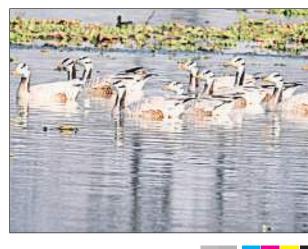
A total of 71 species of waterbirds were counted on Tuesday. while the bird population was estimated to be 10,592. Last year, as many as 81 species of waterbirds were recorded at the jheel, along with a significantly higher number of birds at 27,673.

The Najafgarh jheel is an important site for large numbers of winter migratory birds, the census affirmed. Among the winter migratory waterbird species recorded were the greylag goose and the bar-headed goose, which migrate from central Asia, and the Eurasian coot, which migrates

tal darter.

The greater spotted eagle, a migratory bird that flies in from Siberia or Russia, and is listed as 'vulnerable' in the IUCN Red List of threatened species was found at the jheel, along with the northern lapwing, another winter migratory species. A few resident species at the jheel include the sarus crane, which was also marked as vulnerable by the IUCN, the woolly-necked stork, the painted stork and the orien-

Over the past two years, the jheel has recorded a fluctuating number of bird species. In 2020,



for instance, only 54 species were recorded, lower than the number spotted last year. Only 9,453 birds were counted in 2020, even lower than the numbers recorded this year. T K Roy, AWC Delhi coordinator for Wetlands International, pegs the lower numbers on local factors like large-scale, excessive fishing in the jheel which disturbs the birds, along with a possible change in migratory patterns due to climate change.

Bar-headed geese, which migrate from central Asia. of the fish population leaves fewer resources for the birds, and the fish tend to attract birds to the wetland. "The quality of water coming from the Haryana side is very bad. There's untreated industrial effluent coming from Manesar, and under-treated sewage, which leaves low oxygen and poor quality of water. These are factors that affect bird populations," he said.

Manu Bhatnagar of the Indian

National Trust for Art and Cultural

Heritage (INTACH) said fishing is

one of the issues since depletion

INTACH first approached the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in 2014 regarding the rejuvenation of the Najafgarh lake, and filed another application in 2019 saying that both the Delhi and Haryana governments had not taken any measures, and asked the tribunal to direct both governments to declare the iheel a "wetland/waterbody". The two governments were then directed to form environment management plans for

The two plans were prepared, and a joint management plan was submitted to the NGT in December last year, Bhatnagar said. The matter is slated to be heard next on January 21.

# 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











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**ATUL GARG** BJP candidate Ghaziabad

TOTAL ASSETS: **₹22,18,22,837 MOVABLE ASSETS:** ₹7,71,21,595

Self: ₹4,07,65,207 Wife: ₹3,63,56,388 **IMMOVABLE ASSETS:** ₹14,47,01,242

Loans from banks, financial institutions ₹1,29,01,325

**Government dues** ₹6,41,20,722 (Matter under appeal before CIT(A))

**CRIMINAL CASES: Nil** 

# HASHTAG POLITICS



Stranger things

The Aam Aadmi Party declared lawyer-turned politician Amit Palekar as its chief minister face for Goa on Wednesday. On Twitter, the party chose to make the announcement by morph-

ing a scene from Bollywood movie Ajnabee. In the video, Bobby Deol googles 'Best CM for Goa', followed by montage of Palekar, while a stunned Akshay Kumar and Bipasha Basu look on. The text accompanying the video reads, "Corrupt Congress + BIP's worst nightmare is here #AAPkaCM @AmitPalekar10.'

765 LIKES, 323 RETWEETS IN 10 HOURS

### Dinkar in the Din

As all political parties engage in hectic caste arithmetic in Uttar Pradesh, on social media, BJP and Samajwadi Party are battling it out with literature. The Twitter handles of both parties are quote-tweeting each other with poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's lines on caste, taken mainly from his popular work Rashmirathi, accusing each other of playing identity politics.

1.35K LIKES, 397 RETWEETS IN 10 HOURS

# Solo act: On Akhilesh stage, a gradual fading out of the family

As an ailing Mulayam keeps away, also missing from SP poll rallies are uncles, cousins, and wife Dimple as Akhilesh guards against the parivarwad tag

**LALMANI VERMA** 

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

THE EXIT of sister-in-law Aparna Yadav from the Samajwadi Party fold Wednesday may actually fit in well with party chief Akhilesh Yadav's plans. Party insiders said the SP didn't make any special effort to hold back the 32-yearold, as Akhilesh tries to reduce the family's footprint in the party which he is leading into elections almost single handedly for the first time.

Patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav is ailing and virtually a non-presence in this election, bar the few times he dropped in recently to address party workers. More striking is the absence of others, such as Mulayam's cousin Ram Gopal Yadav, who had sided with Akhilesh during the family feud earlier.

Neither was present when Akhilesh held a series of rallies to announce alliances with smaller parties, or to welcome tall leaders from other parties. Ram Gopal is rarely seen even at the SP state headquarters. After a long gap, the SP general secretary was last seen with Akhilesh at an event in Gonda on January 7 to unveil the statue of former minister Pandit Singh.

An SP leader said Ram Gopal remains vital to the party campaign and was busy with the first two phases of the state elections, covering western UP, on

February 10 and February 14. Also absent from the SP stage



All about Akhilesh, as SP chief attempts a makeover.

is Akhilesh's cousin Dharmendra Yadav, a one-time Badaun MP who lost the last Lok Sabha election from there.

Even Akhilesh's wife Dimple, who had been a star presence constantly by his side in the 2017 campaign, has not been seen. The former MP from Kannauj, who was once seen to have a political career, has withdrawn from the public eye. Having made his way back to

the SP after his recurrent rebellions, Mulayam's brother Shivpal Singh Yadav appears to have also accepted Akhilesh's leadership. The two recently announced that the SP and Shivpal's Pragatisheel Samaj Party would contest together, with the latter fielding candidates on the SP's bicycle symbol. However, bar

that, Shivpal has remained behind the scenes.

Sources said it is a conscious decision by Akhilesh to keep family members distant to avoid charges of dynastic politics levelled at the SP. In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, while Mulayam was elected MP from Mainpuri and Azamgarh, Ramgopal's son from Firozabad, Dharmendra from Badaun and Dimple from Kannauj. Mulayam had later vacated the Mainpuri seat, and the grandson of his elder brother, the late Ratan Singh Yadav, Tej Pratap Singh Yadav, had been elected MP from there.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections swept by the BJP, the only two winners from the SP were Mulayam and Akhilesh.

One of the BIP's favourite

taunts at the SP is that it is a "parivarwadi (family-focused) party".

But now, even the larger SP family is missing, either deliberately or inadvertently, reinforcing the sense of Akhilesh's emergence from the huge shadow of father Mulayam. While prominent Muslim leader Azam Khan is in jail, former MP Naresh Agrawal joined the BJP in 2018, and big names like Beni Prasad Verma and Parasnath Yadav and veterans such as Bhagwati Singh have passed away.

Verma was a founder-member of the SP, while Parasnath was a seven-term MLA from the Yadav-dominated seat of Malhani in Jaunpur district. They were part of Mulayam's trusted inner circle.

In those appearing with Akhilesh too, there is a message for the voters. At his press conferences and party events, the SP chief has been flanked by non-Yaday OBC leaders who have either tied up with the SP or joined the party, like Ram Achal Rajbhar, Om Prakash Rajbhar, Keshav Dev Maurya and Sanjay Chauhan, Akhilesh has been trying hard to shed the impression of the SP being a party only of Yadavs and Muslims.

However, even when other leaders are present, it is mostly only Akhilesh who speaks. Earlier this month, when former BJP minister Dara Singh Chauhan joined the SP, a mediaperson tried to ask Chauhan a question. Akhilesh intervened: "Only I will answer on his behalf.



Aparna Yadav at the BJP office in New Delhi, Wednesday.

# Chhoti bahu, with the big ambitions

**MAULSHREE SETH** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

APARNA Yadav's political aspirations have kept Lucknow circles busy for years, long before her sole electoral foray ended in a defeat from Lucknow Cantonment in 2017. In the shadows of "jethji" Akhilesh Yadav and "badi bhabhi" Dimple Yadav, now the conclusive inheritors of Mulayam's legacy, Aparna has kept her hopes flickering, not deterred by even husband Prateek's obvious disinterest in politics.

In an acknowledgement of Aparna's persistence, Mulayam himself had turned out to seek votes for his then 27-year-old "chhoti bahu" in 2017, and called her election a matter of his "prestige". The BJP wave at the time had, however, not just drowned her out, but also bruised Akhilesh.

Aparna's decision to jump board to the BJP perhaps stems from the realisation that in the new Akhilesh dispensation, the space for her has further shrunk. As the son of Mulayam's second wife. Prateek's familial rights rank far below Akhilesh's, Mulayam's son from the first in the general understanding of how this tangled pie is divided.

Aparna has made herself welcome in the BJP over the years, proclaiming herself more than

once as an admirer of PM Narendra Modi. When Akhilesh was the CM, she had lauded the PM's schemes like Swachh Bharat. She had also clicked a selfie with Modi when he was a guest at a family wedding.

With CM Yogi Adityanath, Aparna shares an even more congenial relationship (Yogi was there to welcome her into the BIP on Wednesday). Her parents are Bishts from Uttarakhand, just like Adityanath, and followers of the Gorakhnath Matt that he heads. Aparna had visited the Matt after the death of Adityanath's guru Mahant Awaidhnath and called on Adityanath after he became CM in 2017.

In 2017, Aparna, the candidate of the SP-BSP-Congress Grand Alliance, had lost to the BIP's Reeta Joshi by 34,000 votes. Apart from Mulayam, Congress stalwarts like Raj Babbar had campaigned for Aparna. Even Dimple had turned out for her, despite the two daughters-in-law reportedly not on the best of terms. Mulayam had told voters: "My honour is also linked to the election. She is my son's wife, my daughter-inlaw, your sister and daughter-inlaw, ensure that we win".

Aparna has remained politically active in Lucknow Cantt, attending social events, festivals, and prayers at temples.

Having lost despite that,

# AAP names new entrant Amit Palekar as Goa CM face

**MAYURA JANWALKAR** PANAJI, JANUARY 19

THE AAM AADMI PARTY (AAP) on Wednesday declared a social activist and lawver Amit Palekar as its chief ministerial face for the 14 February Goa Assembly elections. A new entrant to politics, Palekar, 45, will be contesting the polls for the first time on AAP ticket from the St Cruz Assembly constituency in North Goa. Palekar belongs to the

Bhandari Samai, a numerically strong community among Goa's

OBCs. AAP supremo and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal had earlier said that the AAP's CM candidate in Goa would be from the Bhanadari community. "We had promised to give you a candidate whose heart beats for Goa, who can even die for Goa...a person who is educated, someone who cannot be fooled, he will work for everyone's development and he will be an honest man... He is a fresh face and Goa cannot have a better CN candidate than him," said Kejriwal in Panaji.

big community in Goan society.

He said, "Bhandari Samaj is a



**Amit Palekar** 

They have a feeling of injustice and deep hurt in their minds. Some say they make up 30 to 40 per cent of Goa's population, In 60

years, only once for two-and-ahalf years there was a CM from Bhandari Samaj....When we said we will give a CM from the Bhandari community, people accused us of playing caste politics. We are not playing caste politics. We are remedying the caste politics that other parties have played. We are putting an end to that feeling of injustice. Those parties never gave a CM from Bhandari Samaj saying it cannot be capable (CM). Bhandari Samaj has contributed blood and sweat for Goa's development. People from Bhandari Samaj are doctors,

engineers, pilots - there is no field they have not contributed to. Then why were they deprived?"

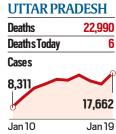
Among the main challenges facing the AAP is the perception that the party is an "outsider" in Goa. Speaking with The Indian Express, Palekar said, "Look at the Congress, BJP, TMC or any party contesting elections in Goa. Where are they registered? I am from Goa, our (state) convener is from Goa. How do you say it is an outsider party? Our leader has clearly told us that this is our **FULL REPORT ON** baby.'

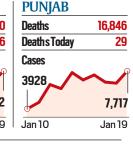
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Iqra Hasan, sister of the arrested SP candidate Nahid Hasan, with supporters. Abhinav Saha

# TRACKING COVID IN **ELECTION-BOUND** STATES





	UTTARAKHAND			
46	Deaths	7,456		
29	<b>Deaths Today</b>	6		
	Cases			
	1292			
717		4,402		
19	Jan 10	Jan 19		

	GOA	
56	Deaths	3,576
6	<b>Deaths Today</b>	7
	Cases	
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19	Jan 10	Jan 19

	MANIPUR	
6	Deaths	2,015
7	<b>Deaths Today</b>	0
	Cases	
7	72	<b>~</b> ~
6		358
9	Jan 10	Jan 19

# POLITICS & GEOGRAPHY

# Majha, Doaba, Malwa: The prisms into Punjab and why

#### **MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA**

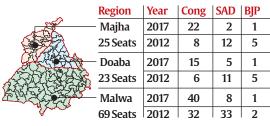
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 19

IT'S NOT enough to be a Punjabi in Punjab, you have to be either a "Malwai", a "Majhail" or a "Doabia", depending on the region of your origin. Carved out by the rivers flowing through the state, Malwa, Maiha and Doaba are not just geographically distinct but politically and culturally diverse as well. Drive around the state, and you could go from being called "Bhaaji" (in Doaba) to "Rhau" or "Veere" (Majha) and "Bai-ji" (Malwa). All three have their own distinct Punjabi dialects.

## MALWA: The epicentre of farm protests

With the AAP declaring Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann as its CM face on Tuesday, Malwa, the biggest of the three regions, with 69 Assembly seats in 12 districts, has got another shot in the arm. Nestled between the Satluj and Ghaggar rivers, this belt has had a monopoly in state CMs for the last three decades. Current CM Charanjit Singh Channi is from

# PERFORMANCE IN LAST TWO ELECTIONS



Malwa, as was his predecessor Amarinder Singh, and the Akali Dal's Parkash Singh Badal before him. Three previous Congress CMs,

Beant Singh, Rajinder Kaur Bhattal and Harcharan Brar, too were from this belt.

More recently, Malwa was the epicentre of the year-long farm agitation. The BKU (Ugrahan), the largest farm union of Puniab, draws its cadre from this region, and BS Rajewal, president of the newly-formed party by farm unions which protested in the agitation, Sanyukt Samaj Morcha, is also from this belt. It

was here the AAP won EXPLAINED four seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, In 2017, the

## MAJHA: Panthic belt, hotbed of drugs

Majha with its 25 seats is called the panthic belt, with its profusion of historic gurdwaras, including the Golden Temple and the Kartarpur corridor that leads to a revered shrine across the border in Pakistan. The Hindus here are concentrated in Amritsar and Pathankot.

party got 18 of its 20 seats

from this region.

The region has traditionally been partial to the Shiromani Akali Dal. However, in 2017, anger over sacrilege incidents had led to only two Akali leaders getting elected from here, one of them the controversial Bikram Majithia. AAP is vet to open its account here.

Majha prides itself on its warriors such as Baba Deep Singh, Maharaja Ranjit Singh, founder of the Sikh empire, and the famous general Hari Singh Nalwa, who tamed the Afghan tribals. Even today, people of the region are partial to firearms.

With the Ravi river flowing to the west, Beas in the east and Satluj in the south, Majha means 'in the middle', and it used to be the centre of undivided Punjab before Partition. Its geography makes its four districts of Amritsar, Gurdaspur, Tarn Taran and Pathankot vulnerable to trafficking of both drugs and arms from across the border, which made it the hotbed of militancy in 1980s.

#### **DOABA: Prosperous** region, home to deras Lying between the Satluj and

Beas, Doaba (meaning between two rivers), with its 23 Assembly seats, is a buffer between Malwa and Majha. Home to Bhagat Singh,

who was born in Khatkar Kalan village near Nawanshahr, and the Ghadri babas — a group of expats who founded the Ghadar Party in the US in 1913 to overthrow the British — Doaba is the most prosperous region of Punjab due to its fertile land and NRI remittances. Once notorious for 'kabootars' (illegal immigration), the region continues to see a flight of youngsters for higher studies. Dominated by Hindus and

SCs, Doaba was a stronghold of the Congress till the 1990s, after which the Akali-BJP combine made steady gains here. The biggest dera of the Ravidassias is headquartered in Jalandhar district and so are many others in its districts of Hoshiarpur, Rupnagar, Nawanshahr and Kapurthala, with a large following among Dalits, Unlike the rest of Punjab, the SC population here is better educated, more prosperous, and socially integrated. Regardless of the region or its

biases, past elections show each one of them could go from warmly embracing a party to throwing it out in the very next polls.

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# In this chapter of Kairana feud, a sister vs a daughter

**AMIL BHATNAGAR** SHAMLI, JANUARY 19

bers of two families.

WITH the arrest of the Samaiwadi Party candidate for Kairana, Nahid Hasan, a day after he filed his nomination papers, the mantle of a long-running political feud here has fallen on women mem-

Standing in for Nahid, a twotime Kairana MLA, is his sister Iqra Hasan, a 27-year-old law graduate from Europe, who says she is ready to take up any responsibility, including as a replacement for her brother. In the other corner is Mriganka Singh, the eldest of five daughters of late BIP leader and three-term Kairana MLA Hukum Singh.

In Kairana's main market, a crowd is gathered outside the Hasan house, including party workers and locals, having a heated discussion on the 34year-old Nahid's arrest under the Gangster Act. On Tuesday, a court denied him bail. A murmur rises as Iqra emerges from the house to give instructions.

Calling the charges against Nahid false, she says she is not daunted at her new role. "I have been part of the family's campaigns before... I have seen politics from a very young age... At the moment. Nahid is contesting the elections. But if there comes a point that he can't on technical grounds, I can step in, should the party take such a decision," she says, the younger of the two siblings, the experience of a panchayat poll behind her.

Awell-known Muslim leader, their father Munawwar Hasan had a long political career, from

New Delhi

# **PAST RESULTS**



BJP's Hukum Singh beat BSP's Anwar Hasan **■2014 bypoll** 

(after Hukum went to LS): Winner SP's Nahid Hasan (nephew of Anwar) **■ 2017 polls:** 

SP's Nahid beat BIP's Mriganka Singh (Hukum Singh's daughter)

the Vidhan Sabha and Parishad to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha as an SP leader, with a brief BSP fling in the middle. He was the MLA from Kairana thrice between 1991 and 1996, and was elected MP from Muzaffarnagar in 2004. He died in a car crash in 2009.

Igra pursued history from Delhi University, and after postgraduation from Law Faculty, went on to the School of Oriental and African Studies in the UK. She returned a year ago, and hopes to pursue a PhD.

With dreams of "juxtaposing politics with academics" in the future, she says: "For now I am meeting people and handling other party affairs. I have delegated work to social media accounts. All of us are supporting Nahid and people have reacted positively."

Just 6 km away, close to the

Yamuna floodplains, a cavalcade of vehicles stops in front of a small house in Morod village. The crowd raises slogans of "Bua-ji", as Mriganka steps out to receive garlands.

Once an educationist, Mriganka is now into her third attempt to wrest her father's legacy. Hukum Singh began his political career from the Congress in 1974, when he first won the Kairana Assembly seat. He won the seat twice again, one of those times on a Janta Party (Secular) ticket. After a series of losses, he joined the BIP in 1995 and went on to represent the Kairana seat for four terms. He lost the 2009 general elections, but was elected to the Lok Sabha in 2014.

In door-to-door campaigning, Mriganka says she is looking forward to "the interesting battle" with next generation of Hasans.

The BJP has been raising the alleged exodus of Hindu families from Kairana following the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013 in the campaign. Both CM Yogi Adityanath and Union minister Amit Shah have talked of it. Mriganka calls it a "legitimate concern", adding that the sense of "security" under Adityanath had convinced some of the families who left to come back. The Indian Express reports had found no basis for the exodus claims.

Interestingly, in the constituency where 60% of the 3 lakh-odd population is Muslim, the faith of Nahid and Mriganka is not a concern. Muslims have voted for Hukum Singh in the past and Hindus have supported Munawwar, locals say.

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## COMPROMISE CANDIDATE?

DESPITE AICC in-charge of Uttarakhand Devendra Yadav and state leaders, including party unit president Ganesh Godiyal and CLP leader Pritam Singh, pushing for re-inducting Harak Singh Rawat into Congress, his re-entry has been delayed because of strong opposition from Harish Rawat. But now a formula appears to have been worked out. Or at least it is in the works. Sources said Harak Singh Rawat, who was a state minister in the BIP government, will be inducted but he will not be fielded as a candidate. Instead, his daughter-in-law could be given a ticket, possibly from Lansdowne constituency. Sources said Harak Singh Rawat, who is now in a desperate situation, appears to be agreeable to the idea.

Rawat's letter to BJP president JP Nadda, just ahead of the announcement of candidate list, has amused many in the party. The party corridors were abuzz with whispers that Rawat. who has been unhappy ever since he was removed from the CM's post, had sensed that he would not get ticket from the constituency of his choice and that is the reason he wrote to Nadda, expressing unwillingness to contest the Assembly election. Sources said Rawat wanted to shift from Doiwala to Raipur. On coming to know of this, Raipur sitting MLA Umesh Sharma Kau rushed to Delhi. He told the party's top leaders that if his seat is taken away, he would quit. The party leadership then assured him it would not happen. Rawat then got the message that he would not be able to get his seat changed. Party insiders said Rawat did not inform the party leadership about his decision not to contest even when discussions on candidates took place last week.

## RETURN OF MILAN

INDIAN NAVY'S biennial multilateral exercise Milan was one of the first casualties of the pandemic for the force in 2020. When the pandemic was in its initial stages, the exercise, which was to take place in March 2020, had to be cancelled. But this year, even as Covid cases continue to rise in the country and elsewhere, the exercise will go ahead. Milan 2022 will actually be the largest ever, with navies from more than 45 nations participating. The exercise with the theme of 'Camaraderie-Cohesion-Collaboration' will begin in the last week of February in Visakhapatnam. The Final Planning Conference of the exercise was held in Delhi on Wednesday in a hybrid format, which was attended by military representatives of the participating nations.

# Boundary dispute: Assam, Meghalaya CMs to meet Shah

hood day.

further action."

AGARTALA, JANUARY 19

A DAY after Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said efforts to resolve Assam-Meghalaya boundary dispute have started bearing fruits with identification of six out of 12 "areas of difference" to be resolved in the first phase, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Wednesday said his Cabinet

He said recommendations of both Meghalaya and Assam would be submitted before Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday evening. Shah is

has approved recommendations

of all three regional committees

set up with representatives from

both sides to resolve the dispute.

Thakur: Any portal spreading lies

per the law afterwards.'

#### Haryana, Himachal to sign MoU on against India plan to revive will be blocked Saraswati river

New Delhi: In a bid to revive the New Delhi: Days after 20 YouTube Saraswati river, the governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh will enter into an agreement on Friday that entails the building of a dam to supply round-the-year water flow to the river channel, Harvan Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said. The MoU will be signed by Khattar and his conspiracy" against the country. Himachal Pradesh counterpart Iairam Thakur at Adi Badri in

Talking about the plans to revive the river, Khattar told The *Indian Express*: "We are going to sign an MoU with Himachal Pradesh on January 21, 2022, to build Adi Badri Dam at the starting point of the river, so that roundthe-year flow can be maintained. In the first phase, tourist spots will be created along the river's course till Pehowa, keeping in mind the sanctity of the river." Haryana has made provisions for projects worth Rs 800 crore for the revival of the Saraswati river. DIVYAA

Harvana's Yamunanagar district.

likely to finalise the five decade-

long dispute on Thursday, a day

before Meghalaya's 50th state-

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He later told reporters, "The

Assam CM and I would submit

our reports to Home Minister

Shah in Delhi on Thursday

evening. We shall be submitting

almost common report. The cen-

tral government will decide as

Sangma tweetd: "Cabinet

channels and two websites were blocked for spreading anti-India propaganda and fake news, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday warned that the government will continue to take such action against those "hatching

"I had ordered for action against them. I am happy that many big countries across the world took cognizance of it. YouTube also came forward and took action to block them," Thakur told reporters here.

The I&B ministry had in December last year ordered the blocking of 20 YouTube channels and two websites as they were spreading "anti-India propaganda" and "fake news". "And in future also, action will be taken to block any such account hatching conspiracy against India, spreading lies and dividing the society," the minister said. PTI

# PM to host virtual summit for Central Asian leaders on Jan 27

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

WITH THE visit of the leaders of five Central Asian nations cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation in the country, India will host the presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan – who were to be chief guests at the Republic Day function — for a virtual summit that will be held on January 27.

On Wednesday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host the "first meeting of the India-Central Asia Summit, with the participation" of the five presidents -Kazakhstan's Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Uzbekistan's Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Tajikistan's Emomali Turkmenistan's Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedow and Kyrgyz Republic's Sadyr



The meet, hosted by PM Modi, 'will be the first engagement of its kind between India and the Central Asian countries...' the MEA said. File

Japarov — in a virtual format. This, the statement said, "will

be the first engagement of its kind between India and the Central Asian countries at the level of leaders.'

The meeting is significant given that three of the five nations - Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan - share boundaries with Afghanistan, where

the takeover by the Taliban in August last year has left India concerned. Additionally, three of the five nations — Kazakhstan. Kyrgyz Republic and Tajikistan – also share land boundaries with China, with which India is involved in an over 21-month-long standoff in eastern Ladakh.

The External Affairs Ministry said on Wednesday that the first India-Central Asia Summit "is a reflection of India's growing engagement with the Central Asian countries" that are part of India's "extended neighbourhood". It mentioned that Modi "paid a historic visit to all Central Asian countries in 2015" and since then, there have been "exchanges at high-levels at bilateral and multilateral forums".

The inception of the India-Central Asia Dialogue at the Foreign Ministers' level, the statement said, the third meeting of which was held in New Delhi from December 18 to December 20 "has provided an impetus to India-Ĉentral Asia relations". Further, the participation of the Secretaries of National Security Councils of Central Asian countries in the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan held in New Delhi on November 10 last year outlined a common regional approach on Afghanistan, the MEA said.

"During the first India-Central Asia Summit, the Leaders are expected to discuss steps to take forward India-Central Asia relations to newer heights. They are also expected to exchange views on regional and international issues of interest, especially the evolving regional security situation."

The MEA called the summit symbolic of the importance at $tached\,by\,the\,leaders\,of\,India\,and$ the Central Asian countries to a comprehensive and enduring India-Central Asia partnership".

# 12 Maharashtra BJP MLAs' suspension: SC reserves judgment

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI JANUARY 19

THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday reserved its judgment on petitions filed by 12 BJP MLAs challenging their suspension from the Maharashtra legislative Assembly for one year for alleged unruly conduct in the House.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for some of the petitioners, said: "The decision of the House without hearing lacks natural justice and is extremely irrational. They cannot police an MLA for one year...This is arbitrary." He pointed out that the apex court had held that action could be struck down "if it is manifestly arbitrary".

Senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani, also appearing for some of the petitioners, said that suspension has to be with the intention to discipline. He pointed out that in a recent case of suspen-

sion of 12 Rajya Sabha MPs during the Winter Session of Parliament, "the members...were given an opportunity to apologise". He contended that in the case of the Maharashtra MLAs, what was alleged was a first-time offence.

Hearing the matter earlier, the bench comprising Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar had remarked that the suspension was prima facie unconstitutional. It had referred to Article 190(4) of the Constitution, and said that under the relevant rules, the Assembly had no power to suspend a member beyond 60 days. It also said that as per Section 151A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a constituency could not go unrepresented for a period beyond six months. The court had pointed out that it was a question of a constituency being denied representation in the

#### REQUEST DENIED Congress snubs 3-time MLA; UTTARAKHAND'S FORMER Chief Minister Trivendra Singh

Lourenco says will contest as Independent

> **MAYURA JANWALKAR** PANAJI, JANUARY 19

THREE-TIME MLA Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, who resigned from the Congress last month to join the Trinamool Congress only to leave the party 20 days later, will contest the upcoming assembly polls in Goa as an Independent candidate. The Congress, in its fifth list issued on Wednesday, declared an election candidate from Curtorim, the seat from which Lourenco has won thrice on the party's ticket.

The Central Election Committee of the Congress issued its fifth list of election candidates for the upcoming assembly election scheduled to be held on February 14, declaring Moreno Rebello as its candidate from Curtorim in South Goa.

Lourenco was named as the candidate from Curtorim in South Goa in the first list of candidates issued by the Congress later, he still left the Congress to

On Monday, Lourenco had said that he regretted joining the TMC because he faced "unbelievable" backlash in his constituency and that his voters had asked him to go back to the Congress.

A senior Congress leader said on Wednesday that the party did not agree to take Lourenco back.

"I resigned (from TMC) and I waited for them (Congress). I gave them an option. But I want to close everything and start a new chapter," Lourenco said on Wednesday. He said, "I am going to be Independent. Every election is a challenge... My people from Curtorim and my God are with me and I can assure you that I will beat them (other



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president JP Nadda, party's UP election in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan, co-incharge Anurag Thakur, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, UP Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma, and UP BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh with alliance party leaders at the BJP office in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

# BJP to fight UP polls with Apna Dal, Nishad Party, says Nadda

**LIZ MATHEW** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

UNSETTLED OVER the recent exit of prominent OBC leaders, the BJP on Wednesday brought in its allies Apna Dal and Nirbal Indian Shoshit Hamara Aam Dal

(Nishad party), both representing backward communities, to announce a joint fight in Uttar tiatives taken by the party governments at the Centre and the state for the communities. Flanked by Apna Dal leader

and Union Minister Anupriya Patel and Nishad party leader Sanjay Nishad, BJP president J P Nadda said the BJP and the two parties would fight the 403 seats together. However, the leaders did not clarify the seat distribution formula.

"In the past five years, Uttar Pradesh has progressed by leaps and bounds in all sectors and on indicators social Development, social justice and law and order were the key achievements of the BJP's double engine government," Nadda said.

"Five years ago in Uttar Pradesh, there was exodus, hooliganism, kidnapping and mafia with support of the then govern-

Countering narrative

THE BJP's move to bring in ally leaders at the party headquarters to highlight initiatives and measures taken by the party governments for the OBCs and Dalits is being seen as an tive that it did not favour the backward castes and Dalits despite the communities' overwhelming support for it in the 2017 state elections and 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

ment. All this anarchy ended in the past five years of BJP rule. Today, there is rule of law in Uttar Pradesh," Nadda, who was also accompanied by Union minister and in-charge of Uttar Pradesh elections Dharmendra Pradhan, said.

While Patel praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the measures the party governments had taken for social justice and development, Nishad said the central government has taken a number of initiatives, including creation of a

separate ministry for the welfare of the fishermen community.

Patel targeted the previous governments for "merely paying lip service to uplift Dalits and OBCs". She lauded the Modi government for introducing 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in all India medical quota for students.

Nadda said his party has been holding talks with the alliance partners for the past few days in detail Leaders of Anna Dal and Nishad party held discussions with BJP leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Wednesday as well.

The BIP's move to bring in the allies to speak for the party governments comes days after three prominent OBC leaders, who were ministers in the Adityanath government, and 11 MLAs from weaker communities guit the party, accusing it of working against the interests of the backward communities. Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) leader OPRajbhar, who was part of NDA in the 2017 elections, has also alleged that the BJP was "enemy of the OBCs". Political observers said this has not only hurt the BJP in its OBC push but also helped opposition SP leader Akhilesh Yadav in his attempts to expand his party's non-Yadav OBC base in the state.

# CDS Rawat's younger brother joins BJP

**AVANEESH MISHRA** 

AHEAD OF Assembly election in Uttarakhand, Colonel Vijay Rawat (retd), the younger brother of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat who was killed in a helicopter crash last month, joined the BJP on Wednesday at the party headquarters in Delhi. He is likely to contest the state polls.

Rawat joined the party in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, BJP national general secretary Dushyant Gautam and Uttarakhand BJP president Madan Kaushik.

Born in Dehradun in 1962, Rawat served the Army for 34 years. He has been living in Jaipur

since retirement, sources said. "I want to thank everyone that I have been given an opportunity to join the BJP," Rawat told reporters. "I had this thought for a very long time. In newly formed Uttarakhand, my father was with the BIP after retiring from Army, and now I have got this opportu-

Colonel Vijay Rawat (retired) joins the BJP in the presence

of Uttarakhand CM Pushkar

Singh Dhami, in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI nity.... The vision, thinking and thought process of our Prime

Minister is wonderful, and is farsighted. All his policies and work are for this country." CM Dhami said, "Late Gen Bipin Rawat was the pride of

Uttarakhand and always worked to strengthen the Army... I am happy that in order to take his thoughts further, his brother Col Vijay Rawat has joined the BJP... Our party has always respected the soldiers, and will always respect. You entry in the party will definitely strengthen us.'

# Maya replaces 7 candidates, fields a Brahmin in Mathura

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW. JANUARY 19

THE BSP on Wednesday replaced candidates on seven seats as it released a new list of 12 can-

The party changed its candi-Ghaziabad. dates for Garhmukteshwar, Mathura, Etmadpur, Khatauli, and Agra North Assembly seats – the names for which were declared in the first list last week.

All these seats will go to the polls in the first phase of the elections on February 10.

BSP chief Mayawati has replaced Suresh Bansal with KK Shukla in Ghaziabad, Majid Siddiqui with Kartar Singh Badhana in Khatauli, Mohd Arif with Madan Chauhan in Garhmukteshwar, Prempal Singh Jatav with Charuken Ken in Khair, Jagjeet Chaudhary with SK Sharma in Mathura, Sarvesh Bhagel with Rakesh Baghel in Etmadpur, and Murari Lal Goyal with Shabbir Abbas in Agra North.

In Mathura, where the BJP has fielded sitting MLA Shrikant Sharma, a Brahmin, the BSP has replaced its candidate there with a Brahmin nominee, SK Sharma.

## PLEA TO CRIMINALISE MARITAL RAPE

# **Exception in law favours** husband: amicus to HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

SENIOR ADVOCATE Rebecca John, amicus curiae in the case seeking criminalisation of marital rape, on Wednesday argued before Delhi High Court that the exception in law was carved out to favour conjugal rights of the husband and is based on a doctrine which believes a woman on marriage grants an irrevocable sexual consent to her husband.

The submission was made before the division bench of Justices Rajiv Shakdher and C Hari Shankar during hearing of a petition challenging Exception 2 in IPC Section 375 that protects men, who have forced non-consensual intercourse with their wives, from criminal prosecution under IPC Section 376.

Tracing the origin of the exception in Section 375, John argued that even before Thomas

Babington Macaulay, who presided over the first Law Commission, had said the exception was to protect the conjugal rights of a man, the concept finds its origins in the doctrine of coverture and implied consent. "According to this legal doctrine, legal rights of a woman were subsumed by husband after marriage. By entering into marriage, a wife was considered to have granted irrevocable sexual consent to her husband," she said. After John's submission, Justice

Shakdher observed, "She was almost treated under that doctrine as someone who is incapacitated from giving consent. It is like what we have in Contract Act that certain categories of people cannot give consent, Enunciation by itself seems a little problematic." John said it was because a

woman was then treated as property or chattel. "The husband was dominant partner and the wife was the subordinate partner."

# LEARNING LOSS DUE TO COVID IMPACT

# Fewer kids from lower grades took part in survey: Govt data

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

A NATIONWIDE survey by the Centre in November last year to capture learning loss owing to Covid-19 saw lesser participation of children in lower grades compared to those in higher grades, according to data released by the Union Ministry of Education.

The numbers "provisionally compiled" on the basis of updates shared by district level coordinators, who were associated with the National Achievement Survey (NAS) held on November 12, show that out of 6,37,867 students of class III who were supposed to turn up, 5,40,325 did, which translates to 84.71 per cent.

Total 37.86.885 students of classes III, V, VIII and X were expected to participate in the survey. Eventually, it covered 34,00,430 students, leading to an overall participation rate of 89.79 per cent. Students in three Andhra Pradesh districts and 16 districts in Tamil Nadu could not partici-

pate in survey due to heavy rain. However, the survey could not cover many younger children. The attendance of class V students was marginally better at 86.67 per cent - 5,45,910 out of 6,29,870 students - as compared to class III. Among class VIII students, 89.77 per cent students turned up -

The rate of participation was highest among students of class X with 12,59,758 out of 13,44,539 or 93.69 per cent, taking the test. A senior education ministry

10,54,437 out of 11,74,609 in terms

of absolute numbers.

official said result of the survey has been delayed by the third wave of Covid, "The results are likely to be out in March." the official said. The Indian Express had earlier

reported that the survey was re-

plete with signs of learning loss

tions, especially among children in lower grades, with many seen struggling to comprehend questions designed to assess their reading and counting skills. The last NAS was held on

caused by Covid-induced disrup-

November 13, 2017. The results of the NAS will be prepared in the form of district report cards, state/UT reports, while one will be prepared at the national level. The survey was held at a time

primary classes across states were suspended. Even in states and UTs where primary classes in government schools had resumed, private schools continued with online classeses for younger students. Delhi had requested the Centre

to defer the survey. "Whose achievement will it test when most children are not coming to school?" Education Minister Manish Sisodia had tweeted. Bihar had cited potential logistical challenges owing to Chhath Puja.

# ED action conspiracy by Centre: Channi

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Wednesday alleged that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) action against his nephew, Bhupinder Singh Honey, in a 2018 sand mining case was part a "conspiracy" by the Centre to stop him and others in the Congress party from contesting the Assembly elections. He further alleged that his Cabinet ministers too were being threatened.

ED sources on Wednesday said about Rs 10 crore cash had been seized during the raids conducted as part of its anti-money laundering investigation against illegal sand mining operations in Punjab that included about Rs 8 crore from the premises linked to Channi's nephew Honey.

ED officials said the action was taken after taking cognisance of the 2018 FIR of the Nawanshahr police and some other such police complaints against companies and individuals alleged to be involved in illegal sand mining. ENS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD boy, who was kidnapped from Balewadi last week, was found at Punawale area on Wednesday and reunited with his family. The boy, Swarnav alias Duggu, is the son of a doctor couple, Satish and Prachi Chavan Police suspect that the person who kidnapped the boy released him on Wednesday at a building

Swarnav was kidnapped from Saykar garden in Balewadi area around 9.45 am on January 11 by kidnappers who used a two-wheeler to flee. The spot where the kidnapping took place is located close to the Balewadi police chowki.

The police, meanwhile, said they are still looking for the kidnappers. "An extensive probe is still on to arrest the suspects behind kidnapping. The investigation involves teams from 20 police stations in Pune, along with squads from the Crime Branch, close to around 350 police personnel and officers. We looked at footage from CCTV cameras installed within a radius of 30-35 km. Because we had obtained the partial registration plate number of the bike, we looked at 72 bikes We checked all the people connected to the family and the daily routine of the boy and his family members. We checked historysheeters with possible links to such abductions," said Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime), Ramnath Pokale.

Joint Commissioner of Police Ravindra Shisve said the investigation was in its last stage and this case would be solved "100 per cent". Police said different angles are being probed to identify and arrest the kidnapper.

Swarnav's father, Satish Chavan, said, "My son is back and safe and he is with his loved ones. That is all that matters right now.'

Chavan had earlier left posts on social media, appealing the kidnapper to take money and return his son.

"There was support on social media. Many people shared posts about Swarnav. I guess people saw their own child in him. We firmly believe that solid support from the police and prayers of thousands of people helped us get through those difficult days," Swarnav's uncle, Sachin Chavan said.

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## **MAHARASHTRA**

# Local body polls: MVA wins, BJP is single-largest party

VISHWAS WAGHMODE & **SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE BHARATIYA Janata Party (BJP) has emerged as the single largest party by winning 384 seats, out of 1,649, followed by the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) with 344 seats, in the elections for Nagar Panchavats, the results for which were declared on Wednesday. The Congress has come third by winning 316 seats and Shiv Sena fourth with 284 seats.

State Election The Commission had announced the elections for the 106 Nagar Panchayat in November and voting took place in two phases – on December 21 and on January 19. The elections were held in two distinct phases following the Supreme Court order on December 15 that asked the SEC to convert the OBC seats to open

While voting for 73 per cent of the seats was held on December 21, the 27 per cent OBC (Other Backward Classes) seats converted into open category went to polls on January 19.

While the OBC seats were re-

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

TWO INDIGO planes avoided a

mid-air collision over the

Bengaluru airport just after their

take-off on the morning of

January 9, senior officials of avi-

ation regulator DGCA said on

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ported by the Airports Authority

of India (AAI) either, they said.

Kumar told PTI that the regula-

tor is investigating the incident

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against those found delinquent".

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statement on this matter.

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NEW DELHI. JANUARY 19

served in the local bodies by the SEC, the Supreme Court put a stay on these reservations on December 6 stating that OBC reservation can't be given until the state government fulfills triple tests — setting up a dedicated commission for collecting empirical data on the OBC population, specifying the proportion of reservation, and ensuring that the cumulative share of reserved seats does not breach 50 per cent of total seats.

On Wednesday, the SEC announced the results of the 97 Nagar Panchayats in 31 districts. Besides the four largest parties. independent candidates won 206 seats, smaller parties 82 seats, the CPI (M) 11 seats, the BSP and the MNS four each, and other parties three seats. The election on the 11 seats of the Shirdi Nagar Panchayat could not be held as no nominations were received on them. Results of the nine Nagar Panchayats of Gadchiroli will be announced on Thursday.

BIP leader Devendra Fandavis said the results showed the party remains the most prominent in the state. The MVA, meanwhile, said the results show the people have voted in their favour.

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

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Bengaluru airport.

IndiGo planes in near-miss

DGCA says will probe, take strict action

over Bengaluru airport

# SC to Maharashtra: Submit **OBC** data to commission

Triple test must for holding local polls with OBC quota: court

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REITERATING THAT the triple test laid down by it to provide quota to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) has to be followed, Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the Maharashtra government to submit data available with it on OBCs to the state-appointed commission.

This, the court said, is to enable the commission to assess correctness of the data and make recommendations for representation of members of these classes in the state's local bodies.

The court was hearing an ap-

plication filed by Maharashtra in view of its order staying election to seats reserved for OBC category in local body polls in the state, and directing that they be renotified as general category seats. On Wednesday, a bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar ordered that the triple test will

conduct local body polls providing reservation for OBC category. "In case, the State or Union Territory is not in a position to fulfill the triple test requirement and the election to any of its local body

cannot be postponed beyond the

have to be followed by states and

Union Territories if they intend to

statutory period, the (State) Election Commission ought to notify proportionate seats as open category seats, and proceed with the elections of the local bodies," the bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar, said.

In December 2021, the court had stayed elections to 27 per cent seats reserved for OBC category in local bodies in Maharashtra, concluding that the state government had not followed the mandatory triple test laid down by it before deciding to earmark the quota.

The triple test requirement is a three-pronged criterion set up by the top court in previous judgments to mandate OBC quota. It requires the state to first set up a commission to conduct rigorous empirical inquiry into the nature and implications of backwardness qua local bodies, within the state.

Second, to specify the proportion of reservation required to be provisioned per local body in light of recommendations of the panel, so as not to fall foul of overbreadth; and, third, that such reservation should not exceed aggregate 50 per cent of the total seats reserved in favour of SCs/STs/OBCs taken together.

On December 15 last year, the court asked Maharashtra governCommission (SEC) to renotify 27 per cent seats reserved for OBCs as general category and hold elections to them along with those for the remaining 73 percent.

On Wednesday, the SEC submitted a compliance report to the court, indicating that pursuant to its directions, election programmes in respect of seats, which were earlier notified as OBC category, have since been conducted as open seats and the results are likely to be notified by Thursday.

Meanwhile, Maharashtra also moved an application urging the top court to permit it to conduct the remaining elections on the basis of information/data already available with it on OBC category.

Hearing it on Wednesday, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar said, "Instead of examining the correctness of the data furnished by the State along with the application, the appropriate course for the State is to produce this data and further information as may be available before the State-appointed dedicated Commission." This panel, the court said, can in turn examine the "correctness thereof" and, if required, make recommendation to

# IE Thinc session today on Covid's impact on migrant women and children

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INDIA HAS has close to 600 million internal migrants. While most of them migrate within the same state and even within the same district, hundreds of thousands also cross several state borders to look for work Little is known about the state of millions of migrant workers; even less is known about the women and children who migrate along with men. A key feature of India's inter-

nal migration is that while most men migrate for work, a very high percentage of women migrate because of marriage. In other words, most women do not migrate for economic reasons. But even though they do migrate and work as migrant workers, their specific needs and concerns often remain a policy blind spot. Another equally worrving aspect is the fate of children of such migrant workers. How many of them get adequate

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25.01.2022 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee

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which will go live Thursday, will address these questions. Presented by Omidyar Network India, the panel discussion among the leaders from academia, private sector and civil society will also examine how Covid-induced disruptions impacted migrant women and children.

This edition will feature a keynote address by Renana Jhabvala, who is the Chair of the Self-Employed Association (SEWA-Bharat). Her address will be followed by a nanel discussion which will feature Sonalde Desai (Professor and Centre Director, NCAER-National Data Innovation Centre), Anjali Borhade (Founder Director, Disha Foundation), Raieshwari B (MGNREGA Commissioner, Jharkhand) and Dipa Sinha (Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies.

The session will be moder-The seventh edition of the ated by Udit Misra, Deputy Associate Editor, The Indian

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# **Expert panel** clears Covaxin, **Covishield for** market nod

DCGI to evaluate recommendation: regulator

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THE SUBJECT expert panel on Covid-19 vaccines on Wednesday recommended to regulator Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) to grant Serum Institute of India's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin full market authorisation with conditions for the adult population. The recommendations will be evaluated and a decision

will be taken, the regulator said. Since January last year, Covishield and Covaxin have been available under Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA). The EUA route, which in India is termed as restricted use in emergency situations, is invoked in public health emergencies like a pandemic, provided that the regulator, based on initial data from phase 3 of clinical trials, determines that potential benefits of the vaccine, when used to prevent Covid-19, outweigh its potential risks.

Scientifically, Wednesday's recommendations mean that the two vaccines meet the high standard of safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality required of a new vaccine under Drugs and Cosmetic Act.

"The subject expert committee of CDSCO has recommended for upgrade of Covishield and Covaxin status from restricted use in emergency situations to grant of new drug permission with conditions in the adult population. DCGI will evaluate the recommendations and give its decision," the regulator said in a tweet.

In August last year, Pfizer's mRNA vaccine received the full FDA approval for individuals 16 vears and older.

The expert panel's recommendations are based on longterm followup data of Covishield and Covaxin, which show significant efficacy in preventing the severe infection as well as safety profile of the vaccines.

As on Wednesday, 137 crore doses of Covishield and 21.75 crore doses of Covaxin have been administered across the country. Currently, the two vaccines can be administered only under the government's vaccination drive - and all the vials manufactured are tracked by it. Under the EUA conditions, these vaccines cannot be sold in retail market.

On Wednesday, the regulator said the panel's recommendations are based on certain conditions. Therefore, the key question that remains unanswered is whether full licensure would result in the two manufacturers selling the vaccines in retail market.

Since vaccination certificates are generated after every dose, it is likely the government will continue to track these vaccines, even if they are available in open market. Therefore, it is unlikely that these two vaccines will be made available in over the counter purchase at the chemists. Second, beneficiaries of these vaccines are monitored by trained health professionals – and adverse events are captured on government's CoWin platform on real-time basis. The new conditions are likely to have more detailed recommendations

# Sittings of 3 SC benches cancelled, some judges test positive for Covid

New Delhi: The Covid-19 wave hampered the functioning of Supreme Court on Wednesday, with sittings before three benches getting cancelled. Sources indicated that at least 10 judges of the court may have been infected by the virus.

Highly placed sources said at least five of the six judges in the three benches had tested positive while the remaining judge was only unwell and decided to stay away as a precaution.

In the first week of this month, two other judges of the court had tested positive.

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Subsequently, two more judges fell ill. On Tuesday, one more case came to light as Justice Vineet

Saran told a lawver who sought adjournment on the ground that his senior was suffering from Covid-19 that he would not deny the request as his own bench partner was suffering from it. On the spurt in cases this

week, a senior judge told The Indian Express that this may have happened as most of the judges were travelling over the long weekend. The top court was closed on January 13 and 14 for a local holiday and Makar Sankranti, respectively. Some judges who fell ill initially have recovered and resumed work, ENS

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E-TENDER NOTICE - (IInd Call) Reference Tender ID 2021\_DGDE\_495164\_1, e-Tender Notice dated 13.12.2021 duly

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Due to receipt of inadequate bids by due date, e-tender process stand cancelled. Accordingly fresh notice (IInd Call) is being issued for bids for Grant of License for use of Defence Land for placing Cell Towers on Wheels (CoWs) at various locations/sites in Bareilly Cantonment. The schedule of activities/ dates for e-tendering

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1.	Publishing date & time of E-Tender	20.01.2022 at 1700 hrs.				
2. 3.	Document Download start date & time	20.01.2022 at 1700 hrs.				
3.	Document Download end date & time	10.02.2022 at 1700 hrs.				
4.	Bid submission start date & time (cover-1 & 2)	20.01.2022 at 1700 hrs.				
5.	Bid submission end date & time (cover-1 & 2)	10.02.2022 at 1700 hrs.				
6.	Technical bid opening date & time (cover-1)	11.02.2022 at 1700 hrs.				

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#### SUMMONS

Whereas, OA/211/2021 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer Registrar on 15/01/2022.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice or the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.1,30,52,339/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

n accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under :-

i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why elief 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 3A of the original application. (iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets o

such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application fo 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 o disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal.

(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 business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security nterest over such assets. You are also directed to file the writter statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before **Registrar** on **22.02.2022 at 10:30 A.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 Weber

application/software. (ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of nearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar / Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date a DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head. (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the conce official at Ph.No.23748469.

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**VERSUS** NEERU MALHOTRA AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

1. Kusum Pandey W/o Ram Raghubir Pandey, 1, Vigyan Lok, Delhi-110092, District-

PID: 1705/2022 FOR R[3.1] IN C.A. NO.2416 AND 2418/2021 AND R[1.1] IN C.A. NO 2417 OF 2021 (SEC XIV-A)

SECTION XIV-A

Notice of Lodgement of Petition of Appeal to the Respondent (RULE 8(1) & (III) of ORDER XIX, S.C.R. 2013)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL Nos. 2416, 2417 AND 2418 OF 2021

Appeal by Special Leave granted by this Court's Order dated the 05th July, 2021 in

Petition for SLP(C) Nos. 8211, 9143 and 9144 of 2020 respectively from the Judgment and

Order dated the 18th November, 2019 of the HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI.

Seema Pandey W/o Sherdin Oman, 1, Vigyan Lok, Delhi-110092, District-Other PID: 1706/2022 FOR R[3.2) IN C.A. NO.2416 AND 2418/2021 AND R[1.2] IN C.A. NO. 2417 OF 2021 (SEC XIV-A)

3. Suman Pandey D/o Ram Raghubir Pandey, 1, Vigyan Lok, Delhi-110092, District

PID: 1707/2022 FOR R[3.3] IN C.A. NO.2416 AND 2418/2021 AND R[1.3] IN C.A. NO 2417 OF 2021 (SEC XIV-A)

4. Kiran Pandey D/o Ram Raghubir Pandey, 1, Vigyan Lok, Delhi-110092, District,

PID: 1708/2022 FOR R[3.4] IN C.A. NO.2416 AND 2418/2021 AND R[1.4) IN C.A. NO. 2417 OF 2021 (SEC XIVA)

5. M/s Fashion Flairs India Pvt. Ltd., THR. ITS DIRECTOR C-59, SECTOR-VIII, Noida, PID: 1709/2022 FOR R[41 IN C.A. NO.2416, 2417 AND 2418/2021 (SEC XIV-A)

Raman Mehta S/o H.C. Mehta, B-134, Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. District-New Delhi, Delhi

PID: 1710/2022 FOR R[5] IN C.A. NO.2416, 2417 AND 2418/2021 (SEC XIV-A) 7. Geetha Mehta W/o Raman Mehta, B-134, Dayanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi,

District- New Delhi, Delhi PID: 1711/2022 FOR R[6] IN C.A. NO.2416, 2417 AND 2418/2021 (SEC XIV-A) 8. Kuldeep Singh, Z-32, Krishna Park, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, District-New Delhi, Delhi

PID: 1712/2022 FOR R[7] IN C.A. NO.2416, 2417 AND 2418/2021 (SEC XIV-A) TAKE NOTICE that the Appellant above-named has on the 19th February, 2020 filed in the Registry of the Supreme Court, Petition for SLP(C) Nos. 8211, 9143 and 9144 of 2020 from the Judgment and Order of the High Court above mentioned and pursuant to this Court's order dated 05th July, 2021 granting Special Leave to Appeal the cases has been registered as CIVILAPPEAL Nos. 2416, 2417 and 2418 of 2021 respectively.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you that if you wish to contest the appeals, you may appeal refore this Court within thirty days of the receipt of this Notice either in person or by an Advocate-on-Record of this Court appointed by you in that behalf and take such part in the oceedings as you may be advised.

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## **E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the CONSTRUCTIVE/PHYSICAL POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Office of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 22.02.2022 (Tuesday). Other detials of the e-auction are as under:

SI. No.	Name of Borrower(s)	Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13(4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	Mr. Aftab Ansari S/o Saiyed Ali Ansari & Ajmeri Khatoon W/o Aftab Ansari	₹ 14,74,519.00 as on 27.02.2020 with further Interest from 28.02.2020 plus other charges, costs etc.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building in the name of Ajmeri Khatoon W/o Aftab Ansari covered under Sale Deed No.4861 dated 22.04.2014 situated at Mauza-Rajpur, Thana-Rajpur, Pragana vo Sub-Registry Office-Sasaram, Distt-Rohtas, Thana No.7 & Halka No.7, Khata No.576, Plot No.3855 me, Area-2 decimal. Boundary: North: Sabina Khatoon, South-Menka Kumari Hal Kharidar, East-Angad Singh, West-Rasta 6 Feet.	Ŵ/o Aftab Ansari (Mortgagor)	27.02.2020 01.07.2020	₹11,07,000/- ₹1,10,700/- ₹10,000/-
2.	Sri Nagendra Kumar & Sri Ram Gahan Ram	₹ 14,53,241.00 as on 18.12.2019 with further Interest from 19.12.2019 plus other charges, costs etc.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building in the name of Sri Ram Gahan Ram S/o Late Khokha Ram covered under Sale Deed No.9262 dated 29.06.2004 situated at Mauza-Mirzapur under Municipality- Sasaram, Ward No.27, Thana-Sasaram, Thana No.139, Distt-Rohtas, Khata No.27, Plot no.219, Area-1 Kattha. Boundary: North: Udaso Devi, South-Rasta, East-Mu. Kunti Kunwar urf Anpi Kunwar, West-Markandey Singh & others.	Ram S/o Late Khokha Ram (Mortgagor)	18.12.2019 01.07.2020	₹17,20,000/- ₹1,72,000/- ₹10,000/-
3.	Mrs. Lalita Devi W/o Sri Mohan Chaudhary & Mr. Lala Choudhary S/o Sri Mohan Chauhdary	₹ 20,79,975.00 as on 20.07.2021 with further Interest from 21.07.2021 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name of Smt. Lalita Devi W/o Mohan Chaudhary vide Deed No.12177 dated 18.07.2000 situated at Mohalla-Pratapganj Sasaram, Thana-Sasaram under Municipality Sasaram, Ward No.8, Municipal Plot 317, Khata No.56, Plot No.143, Area-15 Dhur. Boundary: North: Niz, South-Rasta 4 ft wide, East-Shivmuni Chaurasia, West-Niz.	W/o Mohan Chaudhary	20.07.2021 06.10.2021	₹15,00,000/- ₹1,50,000/-
4.	Sri Pramod Singh S/o Sri Badri Singh	₹ 15,52,772.00 as on 19.05.2020 with further Interest from 20.05.2020 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that plot of land vide Deed No.4892 dated 12.04.2010 measuring 9 Decimal in the name of Sri Pramod Singh S/o Badri Singh under Mauza-Kajhaon, Pargana & sub-Registry Office-Sasaram, Thana No.336, Halka No.08, Khata No.34, Plot No.115, Thana-Shivsagar, Distt-Rohtas. Boundary: North: Niz Vikreta, South-Chhawar, East-Dharm Singh, West-Kanhaiya Singh.	Singh S/o Badri Singh	19.05.2020 06.10.2021	₹4,97,000/- ₹49,700/- ₹10,000/-
5.	Sri Yogendra Pandey S/o Kamal Kant Pandey and Smt. Mamta Kunwar (Legal Heir & wife of Yogendra Pandey)	₹ 13,23,189.00 as on 03.12.2019 with further Interest from 04.12.2019 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that plot of land measuring 21 dhur which is equal to 3.2812 decimal, in the name of Sri Yogendra Pandey S/o Sri Kamlakant Pandey, under Mauza-Makrain, Thana-Dehri, Khata No.141, Plot No.264 Andar Nagarpalika Dehri Dalmianagar, C.O-Dehri, Thana No.146, Old Ward No.03, New Ward No.11, Dehri, sadar Registry Office-Sasaram, Distt-Rohtas of Deed No.10069 dated 22.07.2010. Boundary: North: Rajendra Singh, South-Rasta 3 feet badhu Hira Singh and Ashok Singh, East-Narayan Mahto, West-Bigan Singh.	Pandey S/o Sri Kamlakant Pandey	03.12.2019 03.12.2021	₹20,28,000/- ₹2,02,800/- ₹10,000/-
	Sri Banwarilal Chaudhary and Smt. Kumari Sneh Lata W/o Sri Rajesh Kumar Chaudhary 'alias' Sri Rajesh Kumar Bawarilal	10.11.2020 plus other charges, costs etc.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Equitable Mortgage of Land & Building measuring 1800 Sq.ft in the name of Smt. Kumari Snehlata, under Mauza-Dadar Mandi (Neem ki Bhatti Ke Nazdeek), Thana-Alamganj, Circle No.102, Ward No.20(old)/26(New)/44(Present), Sheet No.191, Municiple Survey NoPart of 2945, Sub Registry Office-Patna City, District-Patna of Deed No.2367 dated 01/06/2007. This landed property is bounded by: North-10 feet wide proposed common road, South-Sri Anil Kumar, in part of the plot, East-Nij Vikreta (Rajesh Kumar), in part of plot, West-12 feet wide proposed common road.	Snehlata (Mortgagor)	09.11.2020 20.02.2021	₹66,68,000/- ₹6,66,800/- ₹10,000/-
7.	Smt. Poonam Devi W/o Sri Chhathu Ram and Sri Chhathu Ram S/o Sri Narayan Ram	₹ 26,31,728.00 as on 16.01.2021 with further Interest from 17.01.2021 plus other charges, costs etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property in the name of Smt. Poonam Devi W/o Chhathu Ram vide Sale Deed No.7157 dated 28.05.2014 situated at Mauza-Makrain, Khata No.13, Plot No.837, Ward No.09/11, PS-Dehri (146), Anchal-Dehri, District-Rohtas, Sub-Registry Office-Sasaram Area-10 Dhur (1.5625 Decimal). Boundary: North-Baiju Ram, South-Rasta 6' then Ramjanam Mahto, East-Niz, West-Krishna Prasad.	Devi W/o Chhathu Ram	21.01.2021 25.06.2021	₹21,75,000/- ₹2,17,500/- ₹10,000/-

**E-auction Terms and Condition** . Date & Time of e-auction: 22.02.2022 (Tuesday); Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.

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The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using the mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Globa EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet musi be completed well in advance, before the auction.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through NEFT/Transfer after generation of Challan from (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Schedulec Commercial Bank, however for Transfer the bidder has to visit Indian Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques, etc will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money

Deposited shall not bear any interest. i. MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contac no. (for property related enquirey): 8811060438, 9693532979, 7544094484 (for Sl.No.1 to 6) & 9507591883 (for Sl.No.7)

6. The General Terms and Conditions of e-auction sale is available on the website: https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices

7. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidde should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unkwon to the bank The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditior shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to

rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002. This publication is also a 30 days notice to all the borrower/guarantors require under Rule 8(6) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 NB: 30 days Sale Notice to Borrower/Guarantors has already been sent by Regd. Post at their last known address. In case they do not receive the said notice then this E-auction sale Notice may be treated as substituted mode of service. The other terms and conditions of the e-Auction are published in the following websites. https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices/sarfaesi-and-others

Date: 19.01.2022 **AUTHORISED OFFICER** STATE BANK OF INDIA, SARB, PATNA

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Regulations

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WHEREAS the Director Town & WHEREAS the Director Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Chandigarh (DTCP), has granted licence no. 80 of 2021 dated 08.10.2021 to Sh. Ajay Khurana, Sh. Anuj Khurana, Sh. Hardev Singh, Sh. Raminder Singh Gujral (Collaborators) and DLF Home Developers Limited, over an area measuring 8 0396 acres in Sector measuring 8.0396 acres, in Sector 84, Gurugram.

And Whereas on the request of Collaborators, the DTCP has granted permission for proposed transfer of licence for area measuring 5.13125 acres aborators land) in favor of DLF Home Developers Limited (Developer Company), vide its memo No. LC-4258/Asstt.(MS) /2021/953 dated 11.01.2022.

And whereas, the office of DTCP as a precondition, has required seeking of objections, if any. Accordingly, vide this public notice objections, if any, are hereby invited for the above said proposed transfer of licence. The in-principle approval for the proposed transfer is also available on company website www.dlf.in.

Objections, if any, may be filed in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Gurugram, Sector 14, Gurugram, with a copy to the undersigned, within 30 days of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed transfer of licence.

For DLF Home Developers Limited 1st floor, DLF Gateway Tower, R Block, DLF City Phase III. Gurugram CIN No. U74899HR1995PLC082458 Place: Gurugram Date: 20.01.2022

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### Government of India **National Institution for Transforming India** NITI Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi- 110001.

Subject: Recruitment of 02 (Two) posts of Senior Specialist/Specialist under the Flexi Pool of NITI Aayog on deputation (including short-term contract)

Government of India, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) invites applications for 02 (Two) posts of Senior Specialist/Specialist in the areas of Climate Change and Economic Policy from:-

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	al appointment <sup>*</sup>
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(G. Nagarajan) **Under Secretary (Admn.IA)** davp 54102/11/0004/2122 Ph. No. 23096812



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	the Borrower.						
SI. No.	a) Name of the Borrower b) Name of the Guarantor c) Branch Name, Mob. No. & E-mail ID	Description of the Property	a) Demand Notice Date     b) Outstanding Balance     as per Demand Notice     c) Status of Possession	a) Reserve Price b) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) c) Bid Increase Amt.			
1.	a) VIdyadham Educational Trust b) Sh. Alok Kumar & Smt. Priyanka (Trustees) c) Fraser Road, Patna Mob. : 85274 15773 p0174@psb.co.in	Freehold Flat No. A-308, 3rd Floor, Block - A (without Roof Right Multistoreyed Building) Raj Hans Premier Apartment on Group Houseing, Plot No. 4/4, Situated at Ahinsa Khand-I, Indicapuram, Ghaziabad Tehsil & Distirict - Ghaziabad. Raj Hans Premier Apartment, Ahinsha Khand-1,	a) 02.07.2018 b) Rs. 4,37,69,653.41 c) Physical Possession	a) Rs. 30.00 Lakh b) Rs. 3.00 Lakh c) Rs. 10,000/-			

Date & Time of Inspection: 21.02.2022 (between 10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.)

Indirapuram, Ghjaziabad.

Date of E-Auction: 24.02.2022 (02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.) with an extension of 5 Minutes for unlimited times till closure of E-auc For Detailed Terms and Condition of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in : 1. https://www.bankeauctions.com, 2. https://punjabandsindbank.co.in/module/sarfaesi-list The Sale will be conducted through https://www.bankeauctions.com

Date: 20.01.2022 / Place: Patna Authorised Officer / Punjab & Sind Bank

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LOOK IN, AND OUT

UPA has much to answer for in Devas-Antrix. But government should take on board international rulings

N MONDAY, THE Supreme Court upheld the National Company Law Tribunal's order to wind up Devas Multimedia, noting that "it is a case of fraud of a huge magnitude". The government may well be within its rights to use the Court's ruling to argue against the seizure of its properties internationally by Devas and its investors who are trying to enforce the awards by international tribunals. But every time the Indian government chooses not to accept international arbitration awards, or questions their validity, or challenges them in hope of a reversal, the country's reputation as an attractive investment destination takes a beating. If the rationale for international arbitration and investment treaties is to provide safety and certainty to investors, then repeatedly seeking to contest arbitration awards — the government has in the past questioned the arbitration awards in favour of Cairn Energy and Vodafone — will only send the wrong signal to the global investor community. For a capital deficit country that is actively trying to woo foreign capital, moves such these are best avoided.

At the heart of the matter is a 2005 agreement between Antrix Corporation, the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and Devas Multimedia for a 12-year lease of transponder space on two satellites. The agreement was abruptly cancelled in 2011 by the then UPA government after allegations of impropriety and sweetheart deals surfaced. Subsequently, Devas and its various investors approached international tribunals seeking compensation for the cancellation of the agreement. In 2015, Devas was awarded compensation by an International Chamber of Commerce tribunal, which was followed by awards for its investors who are now trying to enforce them by attaching assets of public sector entity Air India, which is in the process of being sold to Tata Sons.

The Court's verdict has provoked the BJP-led government to accuse the then UPA government of undertaking a "fraud deal". Clearly, those in power during that period have much to answer for. The failure to conduct adequate due diligence on the deal, the apparent absence of checks and balances, the conflict of interest, are all too glaring to be ignored. As such, the probes by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate must continue unhindered, and be taken to their logical conclusion, despite any political linkages of the accused. It is also true that the current government has been left to face the consequences of the manner in which natural resources were distributed by the previous government. But, keeping aside the political posturing meant for a domestic audience, the government should also be mindful of the implications of not abiding by international norms. Not honouring global awards will have consequences. After all, foreign investors look for predictability in policies. Any policy or regulatory uncertainty creates apprehensions. In future dealings, both the government and the space agency need to be more careful. The government must also tighten the regulatory architecture that governs such agreements — space, after all, is an increasingly attractive business opportunity.

# TESTS MATTER

Centre has done well to nudge states to increase testing. Conflicting signals from ICMR guidelines must be sorted out

N THE PAST week, the country's daily Covid caseload graph has virtually flattened. The 2.38 lakh cases detected on Monday were the lowest in the past six days. The positivity rate has, however, continued to rise steadily, indicating that — other than in Mumbai and Delhi to an extent — the Omicron-driven third wave is weeks away from peaking in the country. It's obvious now that the discordance between the two sets of figures owes to a sharp reduction in the number of samples being tested for Covid. On Tuesday, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare flagged this concern to the state health departments. "The data available on ICMR's portal shows that testing has declined in many states and Union Territories," Additional Health Secretary Arti Ahuja wrote in a letter to the states. The nudge is much needed. But the Centre and its agencies must also clear the air on testing protocols, especially the revised set of guidelines issued by the ICMR last week. The guidelines, that do not require asymptomatic contacts of Covid-positive people to get tested, seem to have created an impression that testing benchmarks can be lowered during the current outbreak. By all accounts, the fall in the number of tests has followed the notification of these protocols. While the health ministry has rightly pulled up states for their laxity, its letter continues to give conflicting signals by reiterating the ICMR guidelines.

Given that Omicron has been behaving differently from the variants that drove the first two waves, many epidemiologists advocate a different set of metrics. These include making hospitalisation rates — and not the case count — the yardsticks for ascertaining the virus's virulence. But these experts have also cautioned that the high transmissibility of the virus could offset its relatively milder character. Therefore, while tweaks in testing protocols and measures such as home testing may well be in order, these norms must be implemented in ways that do not undermine the importance of tests as a pandemic-management instrument or downplay their significance as an exercise to understand the trajectory of the current wave. It's apparent from testing data that this message of caution has not been conveyed adequately: While the country's daily case burden is about the same as June last year, states are barely testing 60 per cent of what they were doing seven months ago.

The health ministry and the ICMR must elaborate on the testing protocols — and, if need be, revise them or issue clarifications. The message must be unequivocal: Testing remains crucial to dealing with the third wave.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD HEROES

Narayan Debnath's comic universe was home for the peculiar joys of a certain kind of Bengali childhood

OR OVER HALF a century, from his home in Shibpur, Howrah, a suburb near Calcutta, Narayan Debnath, who died on Tuesday, drew a comic universe that would become a home for the peculiar joys of a certain kind of Bengali childhood. This world was not glossy, nor glamorous, and was scandalously short of female presence. But it was full of slapstick antics of hawai-chappal-shod boys, always eager for a hearty meal and mostly smart enough to escape a hiding from grown-ups in authority. All the blundering action took place in the para — a place that could pass for the scruffy lanes of any small town in Bengal, where children (and even superheroes) are regularly cut to size with cruel nicknames.

Was ordinariness this artist's superpower? Even the superhero he created — Bantul the Great — first appeared in *Shuktara*, a children's magazine, in 1965 as a bald, barefoot hulk wearing a pink banian and black half-pants, mortally fearful of his irascible aunt. Bantul's greatness was his strength. In later editions, he would go on to hurl tanks at the Pakistani army, disable all firepower by simply having bullets bounce off his 40-inch chest and crumble walls with a gentle touch. The other iconic characters Debnath created were Handa-Bhonda (Stupid and Stupider), the Laurel-Hardy like heroes of his first comic, and later Nonte-Fonte (another pair of boys trying to survive hostel life and its tormentors).

Debnath was an illustrator and artist of some feat, but it was the long life of his comics that made him a cultural institution. For those who grew up on Debnath's friendly neighbourhood heroes, the energy of his panels, the prankster mischief and even the onomatopoeic speech bubbles he drew are a part of an older, analogue innocence. May they live on, for future generations, as in-jokes, memories and memes.

# The shifting sands

As Goa heads to polls, defections frame complex predicament, raise legal and moral questions



AFFLUENT GOA WITH a very high literacy rate has long overtaken Haryana, where the term Aya Ram-Gaya Ram originated, as home of the most brazen political turncoats. The Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) reckons that in the outgoing legislature's five-year term, 67 per cent of the 40 members switched sides. With another poll approaching, freeway political traffic is once again frenetic.

Goa's Game of Thrones began the day election results were declared in March 2017. The Congress won 17 seats and the BJP only 13. But, despite the odds, in less than 48 hours, Manohar Parrikar resigned as defence minister and staked his claim as chief minister with the support of the two smaller parties, Goa Forward Party and Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party.

There are many theories about how the BJP turned the tables on Congress. The Congress's Digvijaya Singh, who flew down from Delhi, was curiously laid back in handing over his list of MLAs to the governor, while the BJP's Nitin Gadkari was quick on the draw. Whatever the rights and wrongs, the early bird certainly got the worm and the GFP, which was earlier at daggers drawn with the BJP, joined the government and its leader, Vijai Sardesai, was appointed deputy chief minister.

Ever since, through a series of wily manoeuvres, the BJP retained power, despite the tragic death of Parrikar and the party's attempt to clip its alliance partners' wings. The Goa government remained afloat because of a series of defections. The biggest setback for the Opposition was in 2019 when 10 MLAs from Congress and two from the MGP joined the ruling party. When elections were announced this month, Congress was down from 17 MLAs to two. With polls around the corner, however, a reverse trend has begun. Many politicians are now making a beeline for Congress, which has indicated that it will not take back defectors.

There are two aspects to Goa's defection games — legal and moral. The 10 Congress MLAs who crossed over to the BJP in 2019 claimed protection under the anti-defection act, which stipulates that if two-thirds of the legislators switch sides it is not a defection but

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a merger. But can two-thirds of legislators defecting in a lone legislature rather than at a national level escape the rigours of the defection law? The Goa bench of the Bombay High Court is yet to deliver a judgment on the Goa Speaker's ruling. The Supreme Court did not direct the high court to dispose of the matter speedily and the issue is now infructuous.

The Goa defections expose the inadequacies of the 1985 constitutional amendment, known as the anti-defection law, which seeks to prevent groups of individuals from destabilising governments for dishonest and self-serving purposes. Political parties and MLAs have repeatedly bypassed and exploited the law since partisan assembly speakers shun the neutrality which is expected of the high office they hold.

The legal position apart, the ADR Goa coordinator Bhaskar Assoldekar dubs such behaviour "a clear reflection of the utter disrespect to the voters, smacking of greed and a lack of ethics." Some, however, question whether Goa's voters feel the same sense of betrayal by their elected representatives who switch parties, as does the rest of India. They point to the example of three defecting MLAs in the outgoing assembly, Vishwajit Rane, Subhash Shirodkar and Dayanand Sopte, who were re-elected in by-elections from their respective constituencies despite resigning from the Congress and contesting on a BJP ticket.

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Recently, a political columnist who covered the eastern UP election campaign was struck by the complete helplessness of the ruling party legislators in Ghazipur, since all powers for development work were entrusted to the district administration. The local legislator could not implement basic development works outside her own house, let alone the rest of the village. In contrast, some powerful

Goan politicians, backed by business lobbies, believe they are larger than the party and political parties avoid crossing swords with them because of their winnability factor. Assoldekar feels that it is not a healthy trend for politicians to assume they are bigger than the party.

MIAs in Goa benefit from the fact that constituencies are small — on average, around 30,000 voters — and local bodies like panchayats wield much power and influence. Some constituencies were once regarded as practically family fiefdoms.

In the 2017 elections, nine political families fielded 16 candidates and each family gained one representative to the assembly, regardless of party affiliation. Family seats such as Benaulim associated with the Alemao family, Valpoi represented by the powerful Rane clan, or Taleigao, held alternatively by Atanasio Monserrate and his wife Jennifer, were once common in Goa. Reportedly, the BJP is currently in a dilemma over whether to declare Utpal Parrikar, son of the late chief minister on whose legacy the party is still seeking votes, or Atanasio Monserrate, as its candidate from Paniim.

One reason why Mamata Banerjee set her sights on Goa is that she assumed that she could easily pick up a neta or two with shifting loyalties capable of delivering a constituency. But Goa's hardened political heavyweights are perhaps no longer invincible. Television journalist Pramod Acharya believes that "The disgust level over defections is high among voters and party workers and many former MLAs are getting a negative feedback from their constituencies."

He is probably right, the tide may be turning against defectors. Which explains why Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, for instance, who resigned as a Congress MLA last month and joined the TMC, quit his new party on Sunday and is expected to attempt a ghar wapsi. Similarly the MGP candidate from Bicholim declined a BJP offer of the party ticket, though the constituency is considered a BJP stronghold.

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# 6

# A NEW ALIGNMENT IN UP

Possible consolidation of OBC identity could pose a challenge for BJP

SURYAKANT WAGHMORE

SWAMI PRASAD MAURYA and Dharam Singh Saini shifting to the Samajwadi Party must be a matter of urgent concern for the BJP. In several ways, OBCs constitute the lifeblood of the BJP in Uttar Pradesh. While "pure castes" (Max Weber uses this term to refer to "upper" castes) like Thakurs and Brahmins will continue pledging support to the BJP in coming assembly elections, the party's future in UP rests substantially on the shoulders of OBCs.

The last five years of Yogi Adityanath's rule have seen an elected Thakur priest turning the state machinery into a temple apparatus, with privileged and exclusive access for certain castes. What has been extraordinary is the apparent subduing of Muslim and Dalit citizens in this caste-temple-state nexus. The force used by the state against anti-CAA protestors (Muslims), or even farmers (dominant middle-castes) and the use and abuse of sedition laws are viewed as both a moral and martial victory for the "upper" castes. The damage inflicted by the mismanagement at the state and central levels during the first and second waves of Covid-19, rising fuel prices, inflation, job losses and a crumbling economy have had devastating consequences for all castes. But elections are not only about rational economic choices. Caste morality is equally at play. The normalised anti-Muslim, anti-Constitution discourse is a sign of anxiety of the privileged castes, who perceive that their social power is under threat, and the BIP remains the only rational choice for most of them.

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major groups amongst Scheduled Castes may, arguably, not vote for Yogi. While the BJP-RSS emphasise and even attempt inclusivity for Dalits, the power vested in the temple-state apparatus invariably releases caste sentiments against these groups. Yogi rule has sent a message that Scheduled Castes cannot be Hindus in substantive social life — their inclusion can only be political and decorative. Mayawati may well continue to be the foremost choice for SCs in UP.

The attraction of Hindutva amongst OBCs, on the other hand, is driven by their proximity to Brahmanism. Despite the Mandalisation of politics in north India, OBCs are more politically scattered and do not constitute a politicised collective. What we have, therefore, are individual caste-centric parties like the SP that develop pragmatic political patronage and alliances with other castes and Muslims.

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All of this may have begun with Yogi "purifying" the CM's residence on the evacuation

of Akhilesh Yadav and, thereafter, showing Yadavs their "place" in several ways. The reservation for "upper" castes (EWS) and underrepresentation of OBCs in the state apparatus has mobilised a collective feeling amongst OBCs. The SP is making the most of this by forging alliances with similarly placed castes.

OBC consolidation under the SP, even if temporary, may be an omen for the recovery of Akhilesh Yadav and simultaneously points to the possibilities of a new collective identity amongst OBCs. Further, the RLD aligning with SP has added the "farmer" (Jat) advantage to the SP's political campaign. While the SP seems to be ahead in the pack of Opposition parties right now, all Opposition parties could also be staring at the possibility of a hung assembly.

The consolidation and politicisation of OBCs and the making of a new collective identity could be a positive political development in the long run. However, upper OBCs are like "pure castes"-in-the-making or, at best, they straddle different aspirations. And Akhilesh Yadav's dreams are a signifier of this straddling — he dreamt recently of Lord Krishna assuring him of a "Ram Rajya" under his leadership. Yadav has in the past also promised to "repurify" the CM's residence once Yogi Adityanath vacates the premises.

In this battle for Ram Rajya across castes, who wins is yet to be seen. One only hopes that constitutional principles and morality do not continue to be a casualty.

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# JANUARY 20, 1982, FORTY YEARS AGO

## DIPLOMATIC ROW

THE INDIAN MILITARY attache's chauffeur was detained illegally and beaten up by Pakistan security agents in Islamabad evoking strong protests from India. India lodged a strong protest with the Pakistan foreign office in Islamabad as also with the embassy in Delhi over the detention of Karan Singh who was released in the hours of January 18 after having been whisked away from Islamabad about 30 km away. The Indian charge d affairs in Islamabad, S Lamba, met the general secretary of the Pakistan foreign office Shah Nawaz and lodged a protest. The Pakistani ambassador in Delhi was also summoned to the foreign office for the same pur-

pose. Shah Nawaz assured Lamba that inquiries will be made about the incident and conveyed to Indian authorities.

## Assam Talks

CENTRAL MINISTERS, OPPOSITION leaders and representatives of the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad at the first tripartite meeting on the complex issue of foreigners discussed the question of strengthening the border to check further infiltration. The government is expected to place before the resumed meeting its draft proposal for streamlining the machinery to protect the border against further infiltration. It was broadly

agreed that the government must strengthen the country's borders with Bangladesh.

## JUDGES AND TAX

A JUDGE OF the Allahabad High Court Deoki Nandan Aggarwala appeared before the SC seeking immunity from income taxes, arguing that the salary of a judge shouldn't be subjected to taxes. The SC has issued notices to the Union government seeking its views and posted the case for hearing on January 29.

There was no edition of the paper on January 20. The above are excerpts from the January 19 edition

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Beijing seems to see its population as a commodity to be managed. But the abuses of the one-child era should not be replaced by pro-natalist infringements of people's rights."

—THE GUARDIAN

# The manufacturing opportunity

A judicious mix of protection and incentives has helped increase production and grow exports in mobile phones, room ACs. That model must be expanded to other sectors



Nilesh Shah and Pankaj Tibrewal

INDIA AND CHINA had similar per capita GDP in 1983. However, Chinese per capita GDP will be five times that of India's in 2022. Manufacturing and exports have played a significant role in the Chinese economy, transiting it from lower to higher per capita GDP.

The mobile phones and room air conditioners (RAC) sectors in recent times have shown us the formulae for expansion of the manufacturing sector and growing exports.

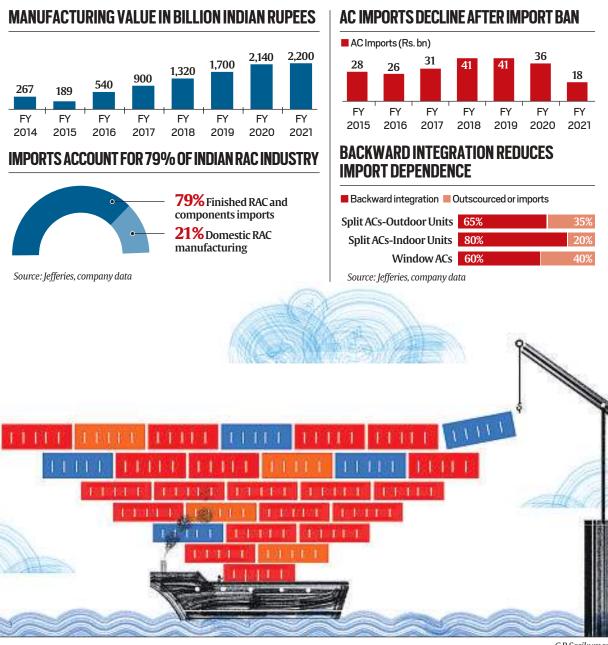
We were one of the largest consumers of mobile phones in 2014. In 2014-15, our mobile phone imports exceeded \$8 billion. Our electronics imports were threatening to exceed our oil imports. The government took many steps like 100 per cent automatic FDI, levy of import duties to protect local manufacturers, the Phased Manufacturing Plan (PMP), manufacturing clusters (EMC2.0) and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme. Despite some execution challenges on the ground, these steps have developed our mobile phone manufacturing base. They have attracted investments, created lakhs of jobs, and have moved us from being a net importer to a net exporter.

Our mobile phone manufacturing value has jumped more than eight times from Rs 0.27 trillion in 2013-14 to Rs 2.2 trillion in 2020-21. Samsung runs the world's single-largest location mobile handset manufacturing plant in Uttar Pradesh. We have surpassed the US and South Korea to become the second-largest manufacturer globally.

The next frontier for us is to boost exports and increase value addition. Our mobile phone exports are primarily limited to feature phones and low-value smartphones. India must aim for a significant increase in exports from the current \$4 billion. China exports \$200 billion, and Vietnam exports \$60 billion worth of mobile phones. The PLI scheme aims to achieve the same by allocating incentives of Rs 410 billion for the mobile phone category over the next five years. Global giants like Foxconn, Samsung, Wistron, and domestic companies like Dixon committing investments augurs well for this.

Our value addition in mobile phone manufacturing is currently limited to 15-20 per cent versus more than 40 per cent in China. The scheme for promoting the manufacturing of electronic components and semiconductors (SPECS) is a step in the right direction. Many parts like display panel assembly, camera modules, batteries, chargers, PCB assembly, etc, are being manufactured/proposed to be manufactured in India. This will increase the value-added to the Chinese level over the next few years. We must focus on setting up a fabrication plant to manufacture semiconductor chips to facilitate complete vertical integration. We should leverage our common interests with Taiwan, a global

leader in chip manufacturing, for a head start. The room AC (RAC) sector has performed similarly. We imported RACs worth Rs 41 bil-



C R Sasikumar

multiple measures such as the PMP scheme, banning the import of refrigerant-filled ACs, increasing the import duty on RACs and critical components, and the PLI scheme. From 2017-18, RAC imports have declined by 56 per cent to Rs 18 billion in 2020-21. Our import of RACs has shifted from China to an FTA country like Thailand, where import duty isn't applicable.

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With the PLI scheme explicitly incentivising component manufacturing, several component manufacturing facilities, especially for compressors, PCBs, motors, etc, are being set up. From importing 79 per cent of RACs, the value addition will move to 60-80 per cent in RACs in a few years.

Ajudicious mix of protection (levy of import duty/banning of finished goods) and incentives (PMP, PLI scheme, 100 per cent FDI) has developed local manufacturing, created jobs, and turned a trade surplus. Imagine the opportunity to replicate this success across sectors like speciality steel, automobiles, auto components, toys, bulk drugs, technical textiles, food products, solar PV modules, and medical devices.

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It will still be a long and arduous journey to attain a stature close to Vietnam or China in exports. To achieve our true potential we need close coordination and seamless working between central, state, and local governments, the rule of law, improvements in infrastructure, especially logistics and flexible labour laws. As India emerges as a credible alternative to China, China will react. From leveraging their financial muscle to cyberwarfare, they will use saam, daam, dand, and bhed to maintain their lead. We need to be adequately prepared.

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# Young and jobless

Unemployment crisis calls for a national conversation. Government needs to create public assets, invest in human capital and 'green' jobs



Feroze Varun Gandhi

INDIA'S JOBLESSNESS rate hit a four-month high of 7.9 per cent in December 2021, with urban unemployment rising to 9.3 per cent — a reflection of how Indians have been hit hard by a dismal economy and the pandemic. It gets worse — in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, the labour force has risen from 149.5 million to 170.7 million in the past five years, while the percentage of those employed (as a share of the working-age population) has actually fallen, from 38.5 per cent to 32.8 per cent during the same period, according to CMIE data.

Such policy disappointment has real-world implications, particularly for the youth, for whom the unemployment rate has risen steeply in the last few years, from about 15.66 per cent in 2016-17 to 28.26 per cent in 2020-21 (it was 32.03 per cent in August 2021). Even getting a degree is no guarantee for a job — 9 million of 55 million graduate degree holders were unemployed in 2019. We seem to be wasting our nation's demographic potential — our youth stay unemployed for longer, desperately awaiting a chance to crack a government job. And if they don't, then the only option is to get an informal job as a labourer.

Our policymakers may have mastered the art of populism but have they put up their hands on job creation? The challenge keeps getting tougher — India needs to create 90 million non-farm jobs between 2023 and 2030, to ensure our demographic surplus is absorbed. Instead, we have tinkered with short-term fixes, hoping the newest trends will solve this problem. Only a decade ago, policymakers expected India to be the world's back office, with our people being gainfully employed. Now, we hope that the gig economy, fostered by new-age start-ups, can achieve this. A reality check — as of July 2021, there were more than 53,000 recognised start-ups in India, which had created about 5.7 lakh jobs (not counting the jobs they may have destroyed by optimising value-chains). Meanwhile, the old tap of public sector jobs has gone dry - there were 11.3 lakh employees in Central Public Sector Enterprises as of March 31, 2017; by 2019, this had dipped down to 10.3 lakh.

India's poor have reacted as they always did — by continuing to till the field and working as labour at construction sites. For some, it is a continuing set of disappointments with the Indian state — many have simply stopped searching for jobs; the labour force participation rate has dropped to 40–42 per cent from 47.26 per cent in August 2016 — 60 per cent of our workforce is simply not looking for work. However, in recent years, the bill increasingly comes to the state — demand for state—assured labour jobs under the National Employment Guarantee Scheme has gone up, with 85.6 million individuals participating between April and October 2021, signifi-

cantly higher than between 2017 and 2019. And so India muddles along, hoping this time that manufacturing jobs will shift from China. But perhaps a different state could

emerge, one that fostered the creation of public assets and invested in human capital. And as we simplified regulations and incentivised production, jobs would be created. An initial step would be to rejuvenate the state by dramatically expanding basic public services. As of 2019, before the pandemic, there were about 2,00,000 million health worker vacancies, 1 million teacher vacancies and 1.17 million anganwadi worker positions — totalling over 2.5 million vacancies. Additionally, there is a clear need to expand capacity in healthcare by 2,90,000-4,20,000 health workers. It's not enough to simply announce a new AI-IMS every campaigning season. We also have a moral duty to regularise contractual and seasonal workers in these sectors. Doing this would create over 5.2 million jobs.

At the same time, we need to help up-skill the existing labour force, particularly in urban India. A national urban employment guarantee scheme, with a focus on creating public assets, would help improve skill sets, provide certification and give income support. Such a scheme could cover 20 million urban casual workers for 100 days, at a wage rate of Rs 300 per day, with an overall cost of Rs 1 lakh crore annually. The state of Indian cities continues to be poor — with significant rehabilitation and expansion of public works required. Such a scheme could help.

Another way out could be to foster "green jobs" — including those traditionally under the remit of public services (water conservation, waste management). It is estimated that a municipal council-based town could create about 650 "green jobs" in such categories, while a city municipal council could lead to the creation of 1,875 jobs and a full-fledged municipal corporation could lead to 9,085 jobs. About 150-2,500 of these jobs in the latter area would be generated in the renewables sector, while an additional 300-2,000 jobs would be in waste management, 80-1,700 in urban farming and 300-2,000 jobs in waste management.

Continuing to be reactive will have significant societal consequences. In 2021, Shivpuri, in Madhya Pradesh, was witness to scenes of pandemonium, as about 8,000 citizens waited in line for a chance to become one of the 20 peons being recruited for the district court. In Gwalior, 15 openings for various junior roles (from a driver to a watchman) saw over 11,000 unemployed young men flock to collect forms. Often, the same person (educated to an MBA or PhD) would be applying for the role of a peon, while preparing for a judge's exam.

India's cities can be magnets for job creation, if the right policies are implemented. We need a national conversation on urban unemployment, with roundtable meetings for government officials, MPs and MLAs to hear the needs of youth, along with more detailed thoughts on the development and implementation of this strategy. We need to face the challenge of job creation and up-skilling of youth for the labour market to ensure that India's demographic dividend does not become a demographic disaster. Mere rhetoric will no longer be enough.

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# Sanitation reality check

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NFHS data challenges official claims of Swachh Bharat success

P C Mohanan

OVER THE years, the National Family Health Surveys (NFHS) have evolved into a major source of data, producing a vast array of indicators on the demographic, health, nutrition and socio-economic status of people. The technical and resource support provided by national and international agencies enables NFHS to be ambitious in its coverage of topics and attempts to satisfy the expectations of all stakeholders. The recently conducted NFHS-5 (2019-20) gathered information from around 6.4 lakh households. This is much beyond what the NSSO or any other national survey usually covers. With such a large sample size, it legitimately claims to be capable of producing reliable estimates, even at the district level.

Survey agencies usually try to collect as much data as possible not only to satisfy the funding agencies but also to meet the interests of an ever-widening data user community. We have commented on how some estimates of population sex ratio from NFHS-5 could have come from its emphasis on surveying "families", leaving out single member male-headed households like defence forces, student hostels, workers/migrant camps, etc ("When numbers hide", IE, December 8). We now look at another set of indicators relating to household sanitation.

Sanitation practices are indeed the most

Sanitation practices are indeed the most influential in family health and collecting such data is vital to understanding the health behaviour of the people. Fortunately, sanitation has also been studied in a special series

of surveys conducted by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the most recent results are from its National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) Round-3 (2019-20). We also had an NSSO survey on sanitation and housing conditions in 2018. It will be interesting to situate the findings of NFHS-5 along with the claims of the government on sanitation for two reasons: How far NFHS-5 matches with the NARSS sponsored by the implementing ministry and whether the rejection of an earlier NSSO survey finding by the government stands up to scrutiny.

sanitation-related indicators have come to be of immense importance in the backdrop of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). All villages, gram panchayats, districts, states and Union territories in India declared themselves "open-defecation free" (ODF) by October 2, 2019, by constructing over 100 million toilets in rural India. The government is now moving towards the next Phase II of SBMG to reinforce ODF behaviours and focus on providing interventions for the safe management of solid and liquid waste in villages.

NFHS collects sanitation data in great detail from surveyed households. These include the type of toilet facility used, its location, access, sharing, and drainage system. Usually, in surveys, collection of visible and verifiable physical information has the advantage of fewer response errors, unlike quantitative information and any omission of homeless or marginalised homes can only lead to the presentation of an improved picture rather

than a dismal one. It is in this context that we look at the findings of NFHS on sanitation.

An improved sanitation facility in NFHS means having any kind of flushing out facility, pit latrine or one not shared with any other household. The NARSS, however, is aligned with the SBM and is implemented through private agencies with the express purpose of deriving Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI). NARSS thus measures the performance of each state with respect to the DLIs and the survey components included a household sample survey and a village survey. DLI 1 focuses on the reduction in the prevalence of open defecation. The indicator is based on the rural population having access to sanitation facilities and their use determined on the basis of access to a toilet, functionality of the toilet, safe disposal mechanism of human excreta, hygiene status of toilet and safe disposal of child faeces. DLI 2 measures the rural population of ODF villages showing a sustained ODF status. This is calculated based on households having access and use of a toilet, besides the use of a toilet in schools and public places and absence of visible faeces in village surroundings and places historically used for open defecation. The estimates of improved sanitation and the population living in ODF villages are thus comparable with the DLI published by NARSS.

So far, only a few detailed state reports are available from NFHS. However, we have fact sheets that give key indicators for all states and the all-India level. The percent-

age of the rural population with improved sanitation is poor for many states. For states for which detailed reports are in the public domain, besides the percentage of the population not having improved sanitation, we also have the percentage not using any toilet facility and using open spaces or fields. The NARSS reports a very rosy picture of SBM achievements. Except for Kerala, where all indicators converge, we observe the NFHS findings strongly challenging the claimed achievements in sanitation for most other states. The NSSO had conducted a survey during July-December 2018 covering drinking water, sanitation, hygiene, etc. It had reported 71.3 per cent of households having access to latrine — far lower than the NARSS 2018-19 figure of 93.3 per cent. Though the NSSO findings did show a vast improvement in sanitation practices in rural areas, these findings were not accepted by officials who then pointed fingers at the possibility of the NSSO respondents underreporting access to toilets to grab benefits from government schemes.

If one were to accept official claims, the findings from NFHS-5, though available partially, clearly indicate the need for reinforcing the behavioural change the government plans to sustain during Phase II of SBM. These findings also highlight the need for cross-validating administrative data by independent sample surveys.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Dangerous trend

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'The politics of victimhood' (IE, January 19). That aggressive Hindu nationalism has led to a series of attacks on minorities and open calls for genocide is undeniable. Anticonversion laws are now used as legitimate tools to harass priests and nuns. In this light, the freezing of accounts of the Missionaries of Charity over FCRA laws on Christmas day provokes condemnation. No doubt, the law of the land must be followed. But the use of laws to target minorities is a dangerous trend and violation of fundamental rights.

**Ila Railkar,** Mumbai

## RAID POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'ED searches residence of Punjab CM's kin in sand mining case' (IE, January 19). As usual, the Congress will condemn the searches by the ED in places including those linked to the nephew of Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi over a 2018 sand mining case. But this raid will substantiate Punjab Congress Chief Navjot Singh Sidhu's pet charge that illegal sand mining is continuing in the poll-bound state despite the party's new government.

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

## JUDGE ACTIONS

New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Challenge next door' (IE, January 19). While the

"Bajwa doctrine" may sound good on paper, we need to keep history in mind even as we tread into the future. Pakistan's military may be presenting a good facade but this could just be a tactic to save themselves from becoming a Chinese colony. The problem lies in the ever differing approaches of the Pakistan government and army. India has tried multiple times in the past to be friendly but ended up burning itself. It's better if we stay away and watch their actions instead of words.

**Gaurav Gupta,** Pune

# Not genuine

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The choice before Pakistan' (IE, January 18). Pakistan's first-ever national security policy proposes improving the relationship with India. However, the same policy document places the resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute at the core of the bilateral relationship with India, knowing very well the sensitivities surrounding the issue in the power corridors of New Delhi. Islamabad is not genuine in its effort to reach out to India with an olive branch anytime soon, as the success of the democratic experiment in India in the middle of the last century reminds the Islamic republic of its own flawed foundations. Pakistani political elite is living in fool's paradise if it still believes that the vibrancy of the Indian polity is a chimaera and Balkanisation of the Indian Union is a matter of time.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat

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# **M**EANWHILE

FASHION INDUSTRY FORCE ANDRÉ TALLEY DIES André Leon Talley, a larger-than-life fashion editor who shattered his industry's glass ceiling, has died. He was 73. The influential former creative director and editor at large of

Vogue magazine was known to have had health struggles in recent years. In a 2013 Vanity Fair spread titled 'The Eyeful Tower,' Talley was described as 'perhaps the industry's most

# WORLD



### **UNITED STATES**

## Trump's firm misled banks: New York AG

New York: The New York attorney general's office late on Tuesday told a court its investigators had uncovered evidence that former President Donald Trump's company used "fraudulent or misleading" asset valuations to get loans and tax benefits. The court filing said state authorities haven't yet decided whether to bring a civil lawsuit in connection with the allegations, but that investigators need to question Trump and his two eldest children as part of the probe. Trump and his lawyers say the investigation is politically motivated .In the court documents, Attorney General Letitia James' office gave its most detailed accounting yet of a long-running investigation of allegations that Trump's company exaggerated the value of assets to get favorable loan terms.

## World's oldest man dies at 112 in NW Spain

Madrid: Saturnino de la Fuente, a Spaniard described by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest man, died on Tuesday at the age of 112, the records agency said. De la Fuente passed away at home in León, a city in northwest Spain, the state-owned news agency FFF said, Guinness World Records named De la Fuente as the world's oldest man in September, when he was 112 years and 211 days. It said he was born in the Puente Castro neighborhood of León on Feb. 11,

## Lanka's Tamil legislators write to PM Modi

Colombo: Prominent Tamil legislators from Sri Lanka's Northern province have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, seeking India's intervention in ensuring a lasting political solution to the long-standing Tamil issue and the implementation of the contentious 13th Amendment. The 13th Amendment was the result of the Indo-Lanka Prime Minister Modi has been urged to "ensure Tamil speaking people to live with dignity, self-respect, peace and security in the areas of their natural habitation exercising the right to self-determination within the framework of a united undivided country".

# Al-Qaida's links with Dak-based terror UK's Johnson defies calls to quit Pak-based terror groups continue to grow: India at UN

YOSHITA SINGH

NEW YORK, JANUARY 19

AL-QAIDA'S LINKAGES with UNSC proscribed Pakistan-based terror groups like LeT and JeM has continued to strengthen, India's envoy to the UN has said, underlining that the recent developments in Afghanistan have only served to re-energise the terrorist group.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador T S Tirumurti told the International Counter-Terrorism Conference 2022 organised by the Global Counter-Terrorism Council on Tuesday that the Islamic State (ISIS) has changed its modus operandi with its core focus is now on regaining ground in Syria and Iraq, and its regional affiliates are strengthening their expansion, especially in Africa and in Asia.

"Similarly, al-Qaida remains a major threat and recent developments in Afghanistan have only served to re-energise them. Al-Qaida's linkages with Security Council proscribed terrorist entities like Lashkare-Taiba and Jaishe-Mohammed has continued to strengthen. Its regional affiliates in Africa continue to expand," he said.

Tirumurti, who is also the Chair of the UNSC Counter-terrorism Committee for 2022, said that in the global counter-terrorism domain, the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001 had proved to be a 'turning point in our approach towards terrorism."

Tirumurti also said that terrorism in one place can directly impact peace and security in another. 'Consequently, the era of classifying terrorists as 'your terrorist' and 'my terrorist' was over. Terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is to be condemned and there cannot be any exception or justification for any act of terrorism, regardless of motivations behind such acts, and wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed,? he said, adding that the menace of terrorism should not be associated with any reli-

# Pak to pay 36 Chinese victims of hydropower project terror attack

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 19

THE PAKISTAN government will compensate the 36 Chinese nationals working on a major hydropower project who either died or were injured in a terrorist attack in the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province last year, a move aimed at placating its all-weather ally, a media report said on Wednesday.

On July 13 last year, 10 Chinese nationals, mostly engineers, were killed and 26 others were seriously injured after a suicide attack on a bus that was ferrying them to the work site of the Dasu Hydropower Project in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

Pakistan's Economic Coordination Committee (ECC), headed by Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin, will decide on the quantum of compensation to be paid to these Chinese victims, with figures starting at \$4.6 million and spanning up to \$20.3 million, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

**ALAN BLINDER** 

THE UNIVERSITY of Michigan

said Wednesday that it had

agreed to pay \$490 million to

more than 1,000 people who had

accused a doctor who worked

with football players and other

largest by an American university

to settle allegations of sexual

abuse, was hammered out in pri-

vate talks that concluded this

week, over three years after a for-

mer student wrote to Michigan's

athletic director and reported

The agreement, among the

students of sexual abuse.

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The Dasu Hydropower Project is funded by the World Bank and does not fall under the ambit of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

The compensation payment is aimed at removing a major irritant in bilateral relations, the report said. Cash-strapped Pakistan has decided to make the payment despite there was no legal or contractual obligation on the government, it said. China reportedly retaliated and

cancelled a scheduled meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee of the CPEC, the report said. Following the terror attack, the Chinese contractors had also stopped work on the project and demanded a compensation to the tune of \$37 million, which was a whopping 500 per cent more than what the Chinese government would have provided if the attack had occurred in China, the report said. The Pakistan government had initially tried to downplay the terror attack, but later Islamabad acknowledged that

University of Michigan will pay

Dr. Robert

Anderson

\$490 mn to settle abuse cases

misconduct from the 1970s.

That former student, and,

eventually, scores of others, said

that Dr Robert E Anderson had mo-

lested them during physical exam-

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quired to participate in athletic

programmes at Michigan. In some

instances, investigators concluded.

Anderson performed examina-

tions that were unnecessary and

gion, nationality, civilisation or

government imposed on the country have helped the Labour Party open up a double-digit opinion poll lead on the Conservatives, but Johnson doesn't have to face voters until the next general election, scheduled for 2024. His bigger danger is from his own Conservative Party, which has a history of ousting leaders once they become liabilities.

Conservatives are weighing whether to trigger a no-confidence vote in Johnson amid the public anger over the scandal dubbed "partygate" – a stunning reversal of fortune for a politician who just over two years ago led

Lifts Covid curbs,

wave 'has peaked'

**BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris** 

Johnson defied calls to resign in a

feisty performance Wednesday in

Parliament - but it may be too little

to prevent a push by his Conservative

Party's lawmakers to oust him over

a series of lockdown-flouting gov-

Pressure on the PM grew as

one Conservative lawmaker de-

fected to the opposition Labour

Party and a former Conservative

Cabinet Minister told him: "In the

The demand from former

Brexit Secretary David Davis came

during a combative Prime

Minister's Questions session in the

House of Commons, where

Johnson defended his govern-

ment's record in running the

economy, fighting crime and deal-

and his staff broke restrictions the

The allegations that Johnson

ing with the pandemic.

says Omicron

**JILL LAWLESS** 

ernment parties.

name of God, go!"

LONDON, JANUARY 19

# Activist Sarah Gill

Islamabad: Leading activist Sarah Gill has become Pakistan's first community in Pakistan.

came a doctor," she added.

# becomes Pak's first transgender doctor

transgender doctor after clearing the MBBS (Final) examination from Karachi's Jinnah Medical and Dental College. Gill, 23, is also associated with an NGO working for the welfare of the transgender

"I am proud to be Pakistan's first [transgender]doctor.I will work for the welfare of my community," Gill said. "No one can stop you from achieving something if you're passionate about it. There are difficulties in life. I wanted to make Pakistan famous and my parents have also accepted me after I be-

improper; he insisted, for instance,

on a pelvic exam for a woman who

"The University of Michigan

had complained of a sore throat.

has accepted responsibility fi-

nancially and otherwise for

harm that was caused by

Anderson to so many young

people that could have been

avoided," Jamie White, a lawyer

for many of Anderson's victims,

said in a statement. "The univer-

sity should be commended and

Michigan said in February

2020 that it was investigating

the matter and asked people

who believed they had been vic-

timized to come forward NYT

not condemned.

Johnson speaks during Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons, London, Wednesday. AF



THE NEWS to ease restriction was welcomed by businesses, especially those relying on workers re-populating city centers, as well as hospitality and tourism. But some said officials need to give more details about their plans to cope with the coronavirus in the longer term.

the Conservatives to their biggest election victory in almost 40 years.

**Under Conservative Party** rules, a no-confidence vote in the party's leader can be triggered if 54 party lawmakers -15% of the party's House of Commons total — write letters to a party official demanding it.

If Johnson lost a confidence vote among the party's 359 lawmakers, it would trigger a contest to replace him as Conservative leader. The winner would also become prime minister. If Johnson won the vote, he would be safe from a similar challenge for a year.

Johnson on Wednesday announced he was lifting mask mandates and most other coronavirus restrictions in England beginning next week, as he tried to change the subject and brush aside questions about the scandal.

"Our scientists believe it is likely that the Omicron wave has now peaked nationally... because of the extraordinary booster campaign, together with the way the public have responded to the Plan B measures, we can return to Plan A." He said none of the Plan R measures would remain, as face masks would not be legally enforced anywhere, Covid passes would not be mandatory and advice to work

from home would end.

The government will no longer advise people to work from home and beginning next Thursday mandatory Covid-19 passes will not be required to gain entry to large-scale events.

Compulsory face masks will be scrapped in classrooms startrequired anywhere in England.

ing Thursday as well, and from next week they will not be legally "We will trust the judgment of the British people and no longer

criminalize anyone who chooses

not to wear one," Johnson said. AP

# WHO counts 18 mn cases last week as **Omicron slows**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** GENEVA, JANUARY 19

THE NUMBER of new coronavirus cases globally rose by 20% last week to over18 million, marking a slowdown in the surge caused by the Omicron variant's spread, according to the World Health Organization.

In its weekly report on the pandemic, the UN health agency said the number of new Covid infections increased in every world region except for Africa, where cases fell by nearly a third. The number of deaths globally remained similar to the previous week, at about 45,000.

Confirmed Covid cases jumped by about 50% the week before last, and earlier this month, WHO reported the biggest single-week increase in cases of the pandemic.

WHO said in its report issued late Tuesday that Southeast Asia had the biggest rise in coronavirus cases last week, with the number of newly infected people spiking by 145%. The Middle East saw a 68% weekly rise. The smallest increases were noted in the US and Europe, at 17% and 10%, respectively.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Tuesday that that the highly infectious variant "continues to sweep the world". He said it was "misleading" to consider it as causing mild disease, although studies have shown Omicron is less likely to result in severe illness or hospi-

## US TO ISSUE 400 MN **MASKS FROM** NATIONAL STOCKPILE

Washington: The Biden administration, facing calls from public health experts to distribute high-quality masks to the American public, will announce on Wednesday that it is making 400 million nonsurgical N95 masks available, free of charge, at community health centers and retail pharmacies across the United States. Wednesday was also the formal launch day for covidtests.gov, the administration's new website enabling Americans to order at-home coronavirus tests free of charge updated its mask guidance to acknowledge that cloth masks do not offer as much protection as surgical masks or respirators.

## **NEPAL ISSUES CURBS AMID RISE IN CASES**

Kathmandu: Nepal's Supreme Court on Wednesday further scaled down its operations following massive spread of Covid-19 cases across the country. A total 11,352 people of the 23,389 examined tested positive in the past 24 hours. As many as 11,628 people have died due to Covid in the country so far. Government offices, schools and other public service systems have been also been shut down. The full court of the SC has decided to take up only habeas corpus and other emergency issues, including the ones related with health YUBARAJGHIMIRE

# Blinken urges unity to fight 'relentless' Russian aggression

**MATTHEW LEE** KYIV, JANUARY 19

US SECRETARY of State Antony Blinken urged western nations Wednesday to remain united in the face of what he called "relentless" Russian aggression against Ukraine and reassured Ukraine's leader of their support.

Blinken told Ukrainian resident Volodymyr Zelenskyy during a visit to Kyiv that the US and its allies were steadfast in backing his country and its democratic aspirations amid growing fears of a potentially imminent Russian invasion.

"Our strength depends on preserving our unity and that includes unity within Ukraine," he said to Zelenskyy. "I think one of Moscow's long-standing goals has been to try to sow divisions between and within our countries and quite simply, we cannot and will not let them do that."

The Biden administration said earlier it was providing an additional \$200 million in defensive military aid to Ukraine to help protect its sovereignty and territorial integrity. Zelenskyy thanked Blinken

for the assistance.

"This (military) support not only speaks to our strategic plans of Ukraine joining the alliance, but more importantly to the level of our military, our military supplies," he said, referring to Kyiv's desire to join NATO over Russia's strong objections. AP

MÁRQUEZ NAMED THEIR DAUGHTER INDIRA, WHO IS DOCUMENTAY PRODUCER IN MEXICO CITY



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, stands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy before their meeting at the Bankova on Wednesday. Reuters

# Russia: Will take nothing less than NATO expansion ban Moscow: Russia maintained a

tough posture on Wednesday amid the tensions over its troop buildup near Ukraine, with a top diplomat warning that Moscow will accept nothing less but "watertight" US guarantees precluding NATO's expansion to Ukraine.

Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, who led the Russian delegation at the security talks with the US in Geneva last week, reaffirmed that Moscow has no intentions of invading Ukraine as the West fears, but said that receiving Western security guarantees is an imperative for Moscow.

The talks in Geneva and a related NATO-Russia meeting in Brussels last week were held as Russia has

five decades to Mercedes Barcha

and the couple had two children

named Rodrigo and Gonzalo.

They lived in Mexico City for

early 1990s García Márquez had

El Universal said that in the

much of their lives.

amassed an estimated 100,000 troops near Ukraine in what the West fears might herald an invasion. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry

Peskov told reporters on Wednesday that talks between Blinken and his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov set for Friday in Geneva are "extremely important."

In a move that further beefs up forces near Ukraine, Russia has sent an unspecified number of troops from the country's far east to its ally Belarus, which shares a border with Ukraine, for major war games next month. Jkrainian officials have said that Moscow could use Belarusian territory to launch a potential multi-pronged invasion.

# bill filibuster **ASSOCIATED PRESS** WASHINGTON, JANUARY 19 SENATORS FACED off in emo-

Raw Senate

debate in fight

to end voting

tional, raw debate Wednesday on voting legislation that Democrats and civil rights leaders say is vital for protecting democracy but that's almost certain to be defeated without a filibuster rules change. It's a stunning setback for

President Joe Biden and his party. Despite his late push, Biden has

been unable to persuade two holdout Democrats, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, to change Senate rules so the party can overpower a Republican filibuster that is blocking the voting bill. The two senators have withstood an onslaught of criticism from Black leaders and civil rights organizations, and they risk further political fallout as other groups and even their own colleagues threaten to yank campaign support.

In piercing speeches, the debate is carrying echoes of an earlier era when the Senate filibuster was deployed by opponents of civil rights legislation. It comes as Democrats and other voting advocates nationwide warn that Republican-led states are passing laws making it more difficult for Black Americans and others to vote by consolidating polling locations. requiring certain types of identification and ordering other changes.

# Gaspard Ulliel, star of French cinema, dies in skiing accident

London: Gaspard Ulliel, a star of French cinema best known outside his native country for portraying the young Hannibal Lecter in "Hannibal Rising" and the fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent in "Saint Laurent," died on Wednesday, the day after a skiing accident in France. He was 37.

Ulliel's family confirmed his death in a statement to Agence France-Presse, the French news service. Roselyne Bachelot, France's culture minister, was among the many French political and cultural figures to pay tribute to him. "His sensitivity and the intensity of his acting made Gaspard Ulliel an exceptional actor," Bachelot said on Twitter. "Cinema today loses an immense talent."



Ulliel

His death, from a head injury according to the French press,

versity in Paris, but told The New interview that he had to drop out A return to directing was "still in my mind," he said. In the same interview he talked of his love for skiing, saying "Half my family comes from the French Alps. As a child, I



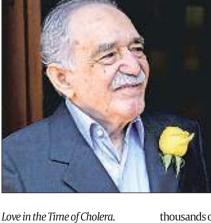
comes just weeks before Ulliel is set to appear in Marvel's "Moon Knight" series for Disney+, scheduled to debut March 30. Ulliel studied cinema at a uni-

York Times's T Magazine in a 2010 because his acting career took off. almost skied before I walked." NYT

# **ASTRID SUÁREZ**

FOR DECADES renowned Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez kept the public from knowing about an intimate aspect of his life: He had a daughter with a Mexican writer, with whom he had an extramarital affair in the early 1990s.

The closely guarded secret was published by Colombian newspaper El Universal on Sunday and confirmed to the Associated Press by two relatives of the Nobel Prize-winning author, who is famous for novels like One Hundred Years of Solitude and



García Márquez died in

Mexico City in 2014, where

thousands of his readers lined up to see his casket in a concert hall. He was married for more than

laureate Marquez. AP

Literature Gabriel Garcia

Nobel

a daughter with Susana Cato, a Colombian writer and journalist who worked with García Márquez on two movie scripts and who also interviewed him for a 1996 magazine story. Cato and García Márquez named their daughter

Colombian author García Márquez had secret Mexican daughter

Shani García Márquez, one of the writer's nieces, told the AP that she had known for years about her cousin Indira, but had

New Delhi

Indira: She is now in her early 30s

and uses her mother's surname.

not mentioned her to the media because her parents always asked her to be discrete about her uncle's personal life.

Gabriel Eligio Torres García, who is also a nephew of the Colombian writer, said he has been in touch with Indira Cato through social media, though he has never met her in person.

"My cousins Rodrigo and Gonzalo told me about her casually during a reunion," he said.

Other members of García Márquez's family, cited by El Universal, said they had not spoken about the writer's daughter previously out of "respect" for Mercedes Barcha who died in August 2020. Torres García said that Indira Cato's mother, Susana, had also been discrete about her daughter's lineage, to keep her away from the media spotlight. Indira Cato is now a docu-

mentary producer in Mexico

City. She won several awards for a 2014 documentary on migrants passing through Mexico. García Márquez' family said they didn't want to share her contact information because

so, and the AP could not contact Indira Cato independently. "She leads a very artistic lifestyle, like many people in this family," said Shani García. "It

they were not authorized to do

makes us very happy that she has shined on her own."

**Deaths** 

Weekly

positivity

14.86%

21.14%

26.83%

10.92%

15.27%

441

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

DASHBOARD, AS ON JAN 18

**Active cases** 

18,31,000

Weekly CFR: 1.22% | Overall CFR: 1.39% | Total deaths: 4,87,202

**LAST 10 DAYS** 

**ON JANUARY 18** 

**Active Cases** 

2,50,410

2,67,659

1,43,219

79,600

1,61,171

25.000 7 19,474

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**WEEKLY POSITIVITY** 

**15.07%** 

(Adults 1st dose: 87,89,40,780; adults second dose: 66,69,35,818;

15-18 age group first dose: 3,73,04,693; precautionary doses: 56,66,263)

LAST 10 DAYS (daily)

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158,88,47,554

**JANUARY 18: 84,05,784** 

19,35,149 •

45,15,018 •

**5.36%** 

New cases

NEW CASES, DAILY

SURGE IN THE STATES

**New Cases** 

41,457

39,207

28,481

27,119

23,888

CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS

3,00,000 ¬

2,00,000

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Karnataka

Kerala

Gujarat

Maharashtra

Tamil Nadu

12,000 7 6,464

TOTAL TESTS

INDIA TOTAL DOSES

First dose Second dose

17.57.225

**TESTS ON JAN 18** 

20,10,225

60,00,000

30,00,000

2,82,970

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# SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# The debate over marital rape

The Delhi High Court is hearing a challenge to the validity of the IPC provision for marital rape immunity. Why is the provision in place, what rights does it infringe on, and what are the arguments before the court?

### APURVA VISHWANATH

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

THE DELHI High Court is hearing a challenge to the constitutional validity of the 'marital rape immunity' provided for in the Indian Penal Code. The case has put the spotlight on crucial issues concerning consent, the extent of state control on female sexual autonomy, and correcting historical prejudices in law.

#### What is the case about?

A two-judge Bench of Justices Rajiv Shakder and C Hari Shankar is hearing a clutch of four petitions challenging the constitutionality of the exception to Section 375 of the Indian Penal Code that deals with rape. Apart from the petitioners, who include the All India Democratic Women's Association, the court will also be hearing *amicus curiae* Raajshekhar Rao and Rebecca John, senior advocates.

IPC Section 375 defines rape and lists seven notions of consent that, if vitiated, would constitute the offence of rape by a man. The crucial exemption: "Sexual intercourse or sexual acts by a man with his own wife, the wife not being under eighteen years of age, is not rape."

This exemption essentially allows a marital right to a "husband", who can with legal sanction exercise his right to consensual or non-consensual sex with his "wife". This exemption is being challenged as unconstitutional as it undermines consent of a woman based on her marital status.

#### Why is this provision in place?

Marital rape immunity is known to several post-colonial common law countries. It is premised on broadly two assumptions:

CONSENT IN PERPETUITY: This is the assumption that on marriage a woman gives consent held by her husband in perpetuity which she cannot retract. This concept in the colonial-era law has roots in the antiquated idea that a woman is the property of her man. EXPECTATION OF SEX: This is the as-

sumption that a woman is duty-bound or is obligated to fulfil sexual responsibilities in a marriage since the aim of marriage is procreation. Since the husband has a reasonable expectation of sex in a marriage, the provision implies that a woman cannot deny it.

The reasons for not outlawing the provision so far, too, are crucial. In a 2010 paper ('Rape Within Marriage in India: Revisited'), Prof (Dr) KIVibhute observed that the "preservation of the institution of the family" is what mainly allows the provision to gain legitimacy.



"... the preservation of the family institution by ruling out the possibility of false, fabricated and motivated complaints of 'rape' by 'wife' against her 'husband' and the pragmatic procedural difficulties that might arise in such a legal proceeding'.

#### Does the law exist in the UK?

The marital rape exception was overturned by the House of Lords in 1991. Canada (1983), South Africa (1993), Australia (1981 onwards) enacted laws that criminalise marital rape.

#### What are the arguments before the court?

The challenge to marital rape has been possible because of a slew of Supreme Court rulings—the 2017 Aadhaar ruling that cemented the right to privacy; the 2017 ruling that struck down the practice of instant triple talaq as unconstitutional and held that laws cannot be "manifestly arbitrary"; the 2018 ruling that held IPC Section 377 unconstitutional to the extent that it criminalised homosexuality; the 2018 decision decriminalising adultery; and the 2018 Sabarimala temple entry verdict that religious or social practices that are gender-discriminatory are unconstitutional.

Marital rape immunity stands against the light of the right to equality, the right to life with dignity, personhood, sexual, and personal autonomy—all fundamental rights protected under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution respectively. The question before the court is, in fact, to what end or reason the law can validate the encroachment of these rights.

The petitioners have also argued that it creates an unreasonable classification between married and unmarried women and, by corollary, takes away the right of a married woman to give consent to a sexual activity.

The petitioners have argued that since courts have recognised that consent can be withdrawn even during/in-between a sexual act, the assumption of "consent in perpetuity"

cannot be legally valid. On the "reasonable expectation of sex" reasoning, the petitioners have argued that even though there is a reasonable expectation of sex from a sex worker or other domestic relationships as well, consent is not irrevocable.

The JS Verma Committee, set up

December 2012

gangrape and

recommended

removing the

marital rape

exception.
Express Archive

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The judges sought to distinguish between sex in a marriage and sex with a sex worker. This distinction is based on the idea that marriage must lead to procreation. This again prompts the question as to whether the law can de-legitimise sexual consent of women in favour of procreation while also recognising an exception — the right to abortion.

Another crucial aspect for the court to consider will be whether the protection of marriage and family can be a compelling or even legitimate interest for the state to the extent that it can make laws that violate fundamental rights. Courts apply a balancing test on violation of fundamental rights when the state has a legitimate or compelling interest on the issue: for example, national security, public health and order.

#### What is the government's stand?

In an affidavit, the Centre defended marital rape immunity. The government's arguments spanned from protecting men from possible misuse of the law by wives, to protecting the institution of marriage. However, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta also told the court that wider deliberations are required on the issue. He brought to the court's notice a 2019 committee set up by the Ministry of Home Affairs to review criminal laws in the country.

The Delhi government too has defended the law on the ground that married women who might be subjected to rape by their husbands have other legal recourses such as filing for divorce or a case of domestic violence. The government has also said that since the law on restitution of conjugal rights, a provision in the Hindu Marriage Act that allows a court to com-

pel a spouse to conabit with the husband, is valid, so is the exception to marital rape, by extension. However, restitution of conjugal rights is a provision in personal laws and not in penal laws and even that provision is currently under challenge before the Supreme Court.

In the past, as in the cases challenging homosexuality under Section 377, governments have preferred continuity and showed reluctance in doing away with such provisions.

In 2013, the JS Verma Committee, set up to look into criminal law reforms following the brutal gangrape and murder of a 23-year-old paramedic in Delhi in 2012, had recommended removing the marital rape exception. Although it implemented several key progressive recommendations by the committee, the Congress-led government did not change the law on marital rape. Recently, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi tweeted in favour of striking down marital rape immunity.

The petitioners have argued that since the provision was inserted before the Constitution came into force, the provision cannot be presumed to be constitutional.

# What about apprehensions on "fake cases" against men?

While it is crucial to ensure that any law is not misused, the court will have to look into whether the only way to prevent misuse is by giving a blanket legal immunity for married men against marital rape.

Legal experts also cite the "false acquittal" phenomenon — where a person accused of rape might be acquitted by courts for lack of evidence — to counter the narrative of "false convictions" cited as misuse of the law.

Experts have routinely flagged massive underreporting of sexual crimes in India, suggesting that the misuse argument might be exaggerated. A 2010 South African case suggested that even though 18.8% of women were raped by their partners on one or more occasions, rates of reporting and conviction remain low and that judges regarded it as a "less serious" form of rape. South Africa, in fact, passed a special legislation in 2007 that clarified the relationship between the accused and the complainant.

The JS Verma committee had quoted the response of Prof Sandra Fredman of the University of Oxford to the committee, that it would take "training and awareness programmes should be provided to ensure that all levels of the criminal justice system and ordinary people are aware that marriage should not be regarded as extinguishing the legal or sexual autonomy of the wife".

# The global toll of bacterial resistance to drugs

#### **ANURADHA MASCARENHAS** PUNE, JANUARY 19

HUNDREDS OF thousands of deaths occur today due to previously treatable infections such as lower respiratory and bloodstream infections — because the bacteria that cause them have become resistant to treatment. A comprehensive estimate of the global impact of antimicrobial resistance (AMR), covering 204 countries and territories and published in *The Lancet*, has found than 1.27 million people died in 2019 as a direct result of AMR, which is now a leading cause of death worldwide, higher than HIV/AIDS or malaria.

## The analysis

The Global Research on Antimicrobial Resistance (GRAM) report used statistical modelling to estimate deaths linked to 23 pathogens and 88 pathogen-drug combinations. Apart from 12.7 lakh deaths caused directly by AMR (these would not have occurred had the infections been drug-susceptible), another 49.5 lakh deaths were associated with

#### Direct Associated **INFECTION** Lower 4 lakh 15 lakh respiratory Bloodstream 3.7 lakh 15 lakh Inter-2.1 lakh abdominal 8 lakh **REGION** Sub-Saharan 2.55 lakh 10 lakh Africa 3.89 lakh 13.9 lakh South Asia

AMR-RELATED DEATHS

AMR (a drug-resistant infection was implicated, but resistance itself may or may not have been the direct cause of death). HIV/AIDS and malaria were estimated to have caused 8.6 lakh and 6.4 lakh deaths respectively in 2019.

Of the 23 pathogens studied, drug resistance in six (E coli, S aureus, K pneumoniae, S

led directly to 9.29 lakh deaths and was associated with 3.57 million. One pathogen-drug combination – methicillin-resistant *S aureus*, or MRSA – directly caused more than 1 lakh deaths. Resistance to two classes of antibiotics often considered the first line of defence against severe infections – fluoroquinolones and beta-lactam antibiotics – accounted for more than 70% of deaths caused by AMR.

## Antibiotics in Covid

"There is a lot of improper use of antibiotics happening in Covid too. A study reported by ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) from 10 hospitals showed that when Covid patients acquire drug-resistant infections in hospitals, the mortality is almost 50-60%," said Dr Kamini Walia, programme officer, AMR, ICMR, "However data is difficult to collect because of absence of hospital information systems in most hospitals. The real impact of drug-resistant infections in patients can be determined when the laboratory reports are connected with the clinical outcome." Dr Walia said.

Dr Ramanan Laxminarayan, Center for

who was not involved in the study, told *The Indian Express* that until changes in ICMR guidelines earlier this week, azithromycin was routinely prescribed for all Covid patients even though there is no evidence that this is helpful. "... The absolute lack of regard for the life-saving value of antibiotics may come back to haunt us when we need these drugs for bacterial infections," he said.

## Why data matter

"This is the first time we have evidence-based numbers as to what could be the toll of drug resistance in terms of morbidity and mortality," Dr Walia said. "We have tried to come up with what could be the burden of these infections in the country. However deaths are not recorded due to drug-resistant infections but reported mainly as symptoms or the disease with which the patient got admitted," Dr Walia said. "... it (drug resistance) has yet to be linked with clinical outcomes. That has been one of the key reasons why we have not got the policymakers' attention to do something substantial to address the problem."

# Houthis and the war in Yemen, in which Indian lives have now been lost

#### KRISHN KAUSHIK & RAHEL PHILIPOSE

RAHEL PHILIPOSE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

TWO INDIANS and a Pakistani were killed and six other people including two Indians were injured in an attack by suspected drones on three petroleum tankers at an oil facility in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Monday.

The attack was claimed by the Iranbacked Houthi rebels of Yemen. Indians were not the target of the attack. Brig Gen Yahya Sare'e, the Houthi military spokesman, tweeted that the "UAE is an unsafe state as long as its aggressive escalation

against Yemen continues".

Yemen is located at the junction of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, its coastline commanding the strategic strait of Bab al-Mandab. The country has been wracked by civil war for more than seven years now, and the Houthis control the western part of the country, including the capital Sana'a.

The war involves several nations directly or indirectly, and the attack in Abu Dhabi spotlights the multiple conflicts that are playing out in Yemen and the wider region as a whole.

# Who are the Houthis, and why is there a war in Yemen?

The Houthis are a large clan belonging to the Zaidi Shia sect, with roots in Yemen's northwestern Saada province. Zaidis make up around 35 per cent of Yemen's population.

The Zaidis ruled over Yemen for over a thousand years until 1962, when they were overthrown and a civil war followed, which lasted until 1970. The Houthi clan began to revive the Zaidi tradition from the 1980s, resisting the increasing influence of the Salafists, who were funded by the state.

In 2004, the Houthis began an insurgent movement against the Yemeni government, naming themselves after the political, military, and religious leader Hussein Badreddin al-Houthi, who was assassinated by Yemeni security forces in September of that year. Several years of conflict between the Houthis and Yemen's Sunni majority government followed.

In 2012, Ali Abdullah Saleh, who had been Yemen's president since 1990 (and before that, president of the pre-unification country of North Yemen from 1978 onward), was forced to step down in the wake of the Arab Spring protests. He was succeeded by his vice-president, Abd Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

In 2015, Saleh aligned himself with the Houthis against Hadi, and the insurgency — which at the time had the support of many ordinary Yemenis including Sunnis — captured Sana'a. The president fled to Aden and subsequently to Saudi Arabia, where he continues to spend most of his time.

In 2017, however, Saleh broke his alliance with the Houthis, and crossed over to the side of their enemies — the Saudis, the UAE, and President Hadi. That December, Saleh was assassinated.

# How did Saudi and UAE get involved in the war?

In March 2015, soon after Hadi was forced from power, a nine-nation coalition led by Saudi Arabia, which received logistic and intelligence support from the United States, began a bombing campaign against the Houthis. The air attacks were in support of Hadi's forces, who were seeking to take back Sana'a from Houthi control.

At the heart of the intervention, however, lay the region's fundamental power struggle — between Saudi Arabia and Iran. Riyadh and the west believe that the Houthis are backed militarily and financially by the regime in Tehran.

Saudi Arabia shares an over 1,300-km border with Yemen. In the beginning, Riyadh claimed that the war would be over in just a few months. However, the coalition has made only limited progress since then, the war is stalemated, the Houthis remain in power in Sana'a, and a humanitarian catastrophe has unfolded in Yemen.

Since 2015, the battle has constantly

shifted shape, with the participants switching sides among the Saudi-backed forces known as Popular Resistance Committees, the Iran-backed groups, and various shades of Islamist militants including those linked with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State.

# Is that why the Houthis targeted the UAE?

Brig Gen Sare'e said Monday's attack had been launched "deep in the UAE", and warned the "countries of aggression that they will receive more painful and painful blows"

He told the Houthi-controlled Al Masirah TV that five ballistic missiles and a large number of drones were used in "Operation Hurricane Yemen" that targeted the Dubai and Abu Dhabi airports, the Musaffah oil refinery in Abu Dhabi, and other facilities, CNN reported.

The UAE had since 2019 dialled down its involvement in directly attacking Houthi groups inside Yemen; however, in the past few months, some of the UAE-backed

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groups have launched an offensive against the Houthis.

The Houthis have sought to take credit

for attacks inside UAE earlier too — the most recent of these claims was made in 2018. While the Emirati authorities had denied those earlier claims, the country's foreign ministry blamed "the Houthi militia" for Monday's "targeting of civilian areas and facilities on UAE soil".

More than the UAE, it is Saudi Arabia that has been in the crosshairs of the Houthis. Since 2015, they have repeatedly fired missiles and mortar at Saudi military and civilian facilities including airports and oil facilities, and killed many Saudi soldiers. Over the last year, the two sides have been engaged in a tense battle to capture the Marib province, which is the government's only remaining stronghold in northern Yemen, and houses vast oil and gas infrastructure.

Following Monday's attack, the Saudi coalition announced that it had launched air strikes targeting Sana'a and Marib, and killed hundreds of Houthi fighters.

# CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

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### **PERSONAL**

I.hitherto known as Mr R u Lokendra Raja Pandit,s/o Ram deo Sharma, R/0-140 room/101 katwaria sarai Janta-flats.delhi -110016,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Lokendra Pandit.

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I,NASIMA AKHTAR W/O. JAHIR AHMED, ADD-N76/164, NEW OM NAGAR DHOBI GHAT RANA PARTAP BAGH NORTH WEST DELHI-110007, Changed my name To NASSIMA BEGUM, permanently. 0040599848-4

I,VIJAYA PRAKASH BIJENDRANATH SINGH,S/O BIJENDRA NATH SINGH,R/O D-16, Sahyog-Appartment, Sector-9, Mahaveer-Chowk, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP-201012, have changed my name to VIJAY PRAKASH SINGH.

0040599854-4

I,Taranpreet Kaur,W/o Kanwaljit Singh Sethi, R/o 41, Gopal-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New-Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Taranpreet Kaur Sethi, for all 0040599854-1 purposes.

**I,Sanjay** Sharma,S/o Sh. K.K. Sharma R/o House.No.2-C, Type-4, Police-Colony, Model Town-2, North-West, Delhi-110009, have changed the name of my minor son, from Aryaveer Sharma to Aryaveer Lath, for all purpose. 0040599843-6

I,Sandeep Kumar,S/o-Prem Chand Aggarwal, R/o-407, School Block, Mandawali, Delhi-110092, have changed my name, from Sandeep Kumar, to Sandeep Bindal, for all future purposes. 0040599854-10

I,SUKHBIR SINGH DAHIYA S/O RANDHIR SINGH R/O 10/7 3RD FLOOR SARVAPRIYA VIHAR SOUTH DELHI-110016 have SINGH TO SUKHBIR SINGH DAHIYA for all future purposes. 0040599782-1

I,SOFIYA KHAN,D/O AQLEEM UDDIN W/O BASIT ALI KHAN. R/O-161/10,JOGA-BAI JAMIA NAGAR, NEW-DELHI-110025 IN MY 10TH-MARKSHEET MY NAME WRONGLY MENTION

SOFIYA BUT MY CORRECT-

NAME IS SOFIYA KHAN.

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I,Rachna Soni W/O Mukesh Soni,R/O, 1/5126,Durga Niwas Gali No-4.Balbir-Nagar. Shahdara,Delhi-110032,have changed my name to Rachana Soni. 0040599843-5

I,RENUKA ARORA W/O MAHINDER ARORA R/O B-177, STREETNO.2, MAJLIS PARK, ADARSH NAGAR, DELHI-110033. CHANGED MY NAME TO RENU 0040599843-1 RANI.

I,RENU SAINI W/O DAVINDER SINGH SAINLR/O-O-42 1ST FLOOR RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110027, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KIRAN SAINI

I,Paramjeet Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o-Plot-No.130, U.G.F., DDA-1, New Rajender Nagar, changed my name to Parmjit 0040599854-8

I,Nidhi Verma W/O Harsh Sawnani R/O, Flat, No-34 Arunodaya Apartment Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Nidhi 0040599843-4 Sawnani.

I.Navdeep Bhardwai S/o Rajan Kishore R/o-H.No.235-C. Ground-Floor, Block-D, Gali-No.9.Patel-Garden Extn.. Kakrola, N.Delhi-78, have changed my name to Navdeep.

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LMohd Muiib R/o Y-542-543 Mangol-Puri, Delhi-110083 do hereby declare that in my Son Sohil's School Tranfer-Certificate my name is wrongly-mentioned as Mohd. Mujeeb. The correct name is 0040599806-1 Mohd. Mujib.

**I,Sudhir** Kumar Jain,S/o Phool Chand Jain,R/o A-4/227, Sunrise Apartments Sector-13. Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Sudhir Jain. 0040599854-9

I.MOHD YUSUF.R/O.2787 GALI GARHAIYA-KUCHA CHELAN, **DELHI-2 CORRECT-MY NAME** FROM YOUSUF KHAN TO MOHD YUSUF AND MY SON NAME, FROM ABDULLA KHAN TO ABDULLA.FOR ALL PURPOSES.

I, DAVID KUMAR alias DEVID KUMAR, S/o RAM GOPAL SHARMA, Employed as CONSTABLE at Railway Protection Special Force, UIN No.03SF1517276, Posting Address: 3BN/RPSF/LKO, Alambagh, Uttar Pradesh 226011, R/o Vill Heerpur Husainapur, Post Manti Basai, Aligarh, UttarPradesh-202123, having Permanent Address: Vill Heerpur Husainapur, Post Manti Basai, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202123, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DEVESH KUMAR SHARMA. 0070769210-1

I,MOHAMMAD ARBI, S/O.MOHD ALI, ADD-E-20, A-429 BLOCK-D JHUGGIES JAWAHAR MOHALLA PATPARGANJ EAST DELHI-110091, Changed my name To MOHD ARBI, permanently.

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I,DAYAWATI DAHIYA W/O SUKHBIR SINGH DAHIYA R/O 10/7 3RD FLOOR SARVAPRIYA VIHAR SOUTH DELHI-110016 have changed my name DAYAWATI TO DAYAWATI DAHIYA for all future purposes.

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I.MAHA RAM S/O RATI RAM R/O HNO.379.NEAR PANI KI TANKI. ATEMA, SONIPAT-131023. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHA 0040599843-2

I,Khasti Ballabh Joshi,S/o Sh. Girdhari Joshi, R/o. A-7, Block-A,Gali.No-15/4,KamalPur, Kamal-Vihar.Burari.Delhi-110084,states that,I also known by the name as Khemanand Joshi and Khatri Ballabh Joshi All these names are of mine and is same person.

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I,Harmeet Singh,S/o Ajeet Singh,R/o WZ-B/50A,Vishnu-Garden Part-1,Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Harmeet Singh Sohal. 0040599854-3

**I,Harkish** Kaur Sethi,D/o Kanwaljit Singh R/o.41,Gopal-Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have changed my father name to Kanwaljit Singh Sethi, for all purposes.

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I,Anil,S/O-Late Shri Yogeshwar Prasad,R/O-Plot No.65-66, Block-C, Khasra No. 42/15, 42/16, First Floor, Gali No-12, Burari,Delhi-110084,have changed my name to Anil Bhatt, for all future purposes

0040599848-9

I,Anil Kumar,S/o.Om Parkash, residing at,4/1628,Mahavir-Block.Gali No.6.Bholanath-Nagar,Shahdara,Delhi-110032, have changed the name of my minor son Dishant (11Years) and he shall hereafter be known as Dishant Suri

0040599843-10

I.Akash.S/O-Shri Pradeep Rai. R/O-12/392.Lalita Park.Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Akash Rai, for all purposes. 0040599848-10

I, Yash Gupta S/o Shri.Pankaj Gupta, R/o-H.No.6, Sector-18A, Faridabad, have changed my name Yohan Gupta to Yash Gupta, for all future purposes.

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I, Venktesh S/o Mastan R/o, A67/H113, Katputli Colony, New-Patel Nagar, New-Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Chilla Krishnamurthy for-allpurposes.

I, VISHAL THAPLIYAL, S/O. CHANDI PRASAD THAPLIYAL. ADD-12- BLOCK-211 LODHI-COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, Changed my name To VISHAL MANI, permanently.

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I, Seema Gupta alias Seema Aggarwal W/o Sh. Sanjay Gupta, R/o B-79/1, DDA Flats, East of Kailash, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Seema Gupta for all future purposes. 0040599776-1

I, SHABINA, D/O. ABDUL MAJID, ADD-H.NO.376,BLOCK 2 DAKSHIN PURI EXTENSION. SOUTH DELHI-110062, Changed my name To SHABINA SHEIKH, permanently. 0040599848-5

L Jasnreet Singh S/o Paramieet Singh Padam R/o B-46, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to JASPREET SINGH PADAM 0040599777-1

I, Rashmi Chauhan W/o, Mani Bhushan Sharma D/o Kuldeep Kumar R/o-Plot.No-A153. Khasra-No.959, Raja-Vihar, Delhi-110042,have changed my name to Rashmi Sharma

0040599783-2

I. Raiesh Kumar Gupta, S/o Ram Prasad, R/o S 8/252, A-9A, Hukulganj Road, Pandeypur, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221002, have changed my minor Daughter's name from Shruti Kumari Alias Shruti aged 14 years to Shruti Gupta 0070769182-1

I, Qamar Khan W/o Abbas Khan R/o 135, Street no-2, Moonga nagar, Karawal nagar road, Northeast Delhi-110094, have changed my name to Kamar Jahan, permanently.

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I, Priyanka, D/o Rajeev Kumar, R/o C-8/31-A. Keshav Puram. Delhi-110035, have changed my name Priyanka Wadhawan for all purposes. 0070769205-1

I, Paramjeet Singh /Paramjit Singh S/o Bahadur Singh R/o B-46, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to PARAMJEET SINGH PADAM

0040599777-2 I, DUSHASAN, S/O CHANDRA PAL

SINGH, Employed as Constable at Railways Protection Special Force, UIN No. 03SF1515727, Posting Address: 3BN/RPSF/LKO, A COY. Alambagh, Uttar Pradesh-226011, R/o Bithana, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202002, having Permanent Address: Bithana, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as DEEPESH SINGH. 0070769209-1

I, Muniyyama W/o Chilla Krishnamurthy R/o,A67/H113, Katputli Colony, New-Patel Nagar, New-Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Chilla Alivela for-all-purposes.

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I, Manjeet Kaur / Manjit Kaur W/o Paramjeet Singh Padam R/o B-46, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to MANJEET KAUR PADAM

0040599777-3

I. LABHINDER KAUR DHILLON. W/o SUDHIR JOSHI, R/o Paper Mill Road, Saharanpur Public School, Saharanpur, Nakur Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh-247001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as LABHINDER JOSHI.

0070769212-1

I, Kishan Lal Chawla, S/o Veer Bhan Chawla, R/o WP-163-C, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Kishan Chawla. Both Kishan Lal Chawla and Kishan Chawla are one and same person.

0070769203-1

I, MANJU AGGARWAL, W/o Sanjeev Aggarwal, R/o 7/44A, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KOMAL AGGARWAL.

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I, Deepty Gupta alias Bharti Tekriwal D/o Rajender Kumar W/o Late Amit Tekriwal R/o-396,First-Floor,Bhera Enclave Paschim, Vihar Sunder, Vihar, West Delhi Delhi-110087, have changed my name to 0040599848-3 Deepty Gupta.

I, Avani alias Avani Prabhakar, W/O Ashim Prabhakar R/o J-301, BPTP Freedom Park Life Sector-57, Gurgaon, Haryana-122003 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Avani Solanki which is also my maiden name. 0070769227-1

I, Anurag Kaur W/o Harbir Singh R/o A-3/194, Janak Puri, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to ANURAG 0040599777-4

I Veena D/o Late Sh. Darshan Lal W/o Sh. Sanjeev Anand R/o V-210, Rajouri Garden, Tagore Garden, West Delhi, Delhi-110027 have changed my name to Veena Anand for all purposes. 0040 0040599786-2

l Urmila Devi Wife of Om Prakash Chowdhary Resident of D-63, 3rd Floor, Street No-5, Bhagat Singh Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to Urmila Chowdhary for all purposes

0070769202-1

Road, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sunil Kumar. 0070769201-1 I Shiyi Bhasin D/o Vinay Bhasin

I Sunil Chaudhary S/o Jile Singh

R/o 517, Baba Nagar, Meerut

R/o 64/2-A, Chander Nagar, Near Mithai Lal Shop, Alambagh Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226005, have changed my name to Tanisha Bhasin 0070769207-1

ISK Chaudhary S/o Jile Singh

R/o 517, Baba Nagar, Meerut

Road, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sunil Kumar.

0070769200-1 I Palak Singh D/O, Gyanendra Pratap Singh R/o B-72 Sector 49 Noida 201301 have changed my name to Palak Singh Rathour

for all purposes. 0040599791-1 I Himani alias Harshita D/o Sh. Bablu Gupta R/o B-74/Y, DDA Flats, Jahangir Puri, North West Delhi-110033 have changed my name to Himani Gupta for all future purposes. 0040599786-1

l Darshan Kumar S/O, Ranjit Singh R/o H No-203.p.p And Staff Qtrs, C-block, Janakpuri West Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Darshan Dadwal for all purposes.

I,SAUHARD,S/O.VISHAL MANI,

0040599792-1

ADD-12-BLOCK-211 LODHI COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, Changed my name To SAUHARD THAPLIYAL, 0040599848-7 permanently.

I,Varun Handa S/o Sawtenter Kumar, R/o T-62, Baljeet-Nagar New Delhi-8, have changed my name to Varun Kumar Handa.

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## **LOST & FOUND**

I. Prem Lata Srivastava W/o Igbal Narain R/o YB-6 Sah Vikas Apartments, Plot No. 68, I.P. Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have lost my original Share certificate of my above mentioned residence address property. Finder please contact 9373500952, 40599802-1

It is notified for information that my original Transcript (marksheet)and Graduation Certificate issued by JNU(NDA) on 21.Nov.1996 bearing No. NDA/90/214 and Academy No.22720 has actually been lost.Name Maneesh Kumar Dubey, S/O Raj Deo Dubey Address:Gate.no.1 Parade Ground RPSO Complex, Delhi-Cantt-110010.Mob-No. 8403982349. 0040599854-11

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This is to inform the Public at large that I Jient Smt. Deepa Koli Wo. Sh. Mahenc Koli is the Title Holder in possession of DI Tiatt No. 191-E. 2nd Floor, Pocket-frilokpuri Residential Scheme, Mayur Vin Phase-I. New Deliti-91', hereinafter referr o as the 'Schedule Property vide Sale De egistered as Regn. No. 3287, Book No. (Ol. No. 1643, p. 34-40 on 23,0205 in 1 Diffice of Sub Registrar-VIII, New Delhi, Th Schedule Property was allotted by De Office of Sub Registrar-VIII, New Delhi. The Schedule Properly was allotted by Delh Development Authority to Sh. Shambi Barman and upon his demise was transferred in favour of his son, Sh. Devi Deen vidin Transfer Letter dated 15.04.1997. Further Sh. Devi Deen executed a General Power or Sh. Devi Deen executed a General Power or Sh. Devi Deen executed a General Power of Sh. Cheville Properly converted into freehold Schedule Properly converted into freehold vide Conveyance Deed dated 03.12.200 Smt. Deepa Koli. That the Origina Smt. Deepa Koli. That the Origina Documents, i.e. Allotment Letter dated 15.11.82, Offer to Possession Letter dated 17.11.83, NOC for Water & Blectricity dated nt. Duesp...

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Name[s] of holder[s] [And jt. Holder[s], if any	Anshruta Jain
Kind of Securities and No. of Securities Distinctive face value	Equity Share Each of Re.1/-
No.of Securities	17
Distinctive Number[s]	489525528 489525544

[Place] New Delhi Date: 18-01-2022 Anshruta Iain [Name[s] of holder[s] /

Applicant[s]]

PUBLIC NOTICE Arora W/o I ate Pradeen Kumai Arora r/o Flat No. 42-F, Pocket-I Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Eas Delhi-92 has deharred his son Karan Arora, his wife Shweta Arora and Anaya from his moveable or immoveable properties from today i.e., 17th January 2022. Any person company or anybody dealing with Karan Arora, Shweta Arora & Anaya in any manner, he / she shall be doing so at his / her own risk, responsibilities, cost and consequences. This notice issued in the interest of family.

# J-27, LGF, South Extension **COURT NOTICE**

Sagar Singh, Advocate

Part-I, New Delh

IN THE COURT OF MS. SUNENA SHARMA, ADJ-04 (NEW DELHI) PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF RESPONDENT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Civil Procedure) CS No. 400/19 NDOH- 25/04/2022

M/S ZEN OVERSEAS M/S ZEN OVERSEAS, THROUGH: RAGHAV MALHOTRA PROPRIETOR, ZEN OVERSEAS, A-35 SECTOR-1, BAWANA INDUSTRIAL AREA, DELHI -110039

TOYO INK INDIA PVT. LTD.

ALSO AT: 46, 3RD FLOOR, SHRESHTHA VIHAR, OPP. YOJNA VIHAR, DELHI WHEREAS you are intentionally evadir service of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 25/04/2022 the day fixed for the fina disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 7TH DECEMBER, 2021

Seal ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE-04 Court Room no. 1 Lock Up Building Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001

E-Mail:- emhriind1@email.com Online Application 21-01-2022 to 28-01-2022 Advertisement for Engagement of Apprentices

Under the provisions of Apprentices Act, 1961, General Manager Haryana Roadways Jind invites applications for engagement of Apprenticeship for one year training in the following disciplines/trades:-

Sr.	Apprentice Trade	Total	Qualification	Monthly
No.		Vacancy		Stipend
1	Steno Typist Hindi	3	ITI Pass in concerned/relevant	Rs. 7700/-
2	COPA	3	trade	Rs. 7700/-
3	Electrician	9		Rs. 7700/-
4	MMV	12		Rs. 8050/-
5	Mechanic Diesel	14		Rs. 8050/-
6	Welder (G&E)	3		Rs. 7700/-
7	Carpender	5		Rs. 7700/-
8	Turner	1		Rs. 7700/-
9	Painter General	1		Rs. 8050/-
	Total	51		Rs. 8050/-

Note:

(a) In case any vacancy earmarked for any reservation category cannot be filled up in a recruitment year due to non availability of suitable candidates in the relevant category of reservation, such vacancies for that particular recruitment year shall not be carried forward to the next recruitment year as back

(b) Apprenticeship training is one time opportunity to the candidates. If any candidate previously completed apprenticeship training in the same/different establishment, apprenticeship Act 1961 individual is not eligible for apprenticeship training for second time.

Application Procedure:-Candidates are required to apply through NAPS portal i.e. www.apprenticeshipindia.org All the required documents/certificates should be uploaded on portal.

After applying at above mentioned portal, candidates are required to send Apprentice profile and self attested photocopies of all the relevant documents/certificates (10th class mark sheet, ITI nass Certificate & Mark sheet, Caste Certificate & Haryana Domicile (if applicable), ID proof, etc. ) by speed post at office address: - General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Jind, 126102

or by e-mail in one pdf at gmhrjind1@gmall.com Online application will be accepted between 21.01.2022 and 28.01.2022 & last date for submission of their documents hard copy is 01.02.2022.

Both online (profile registration at web portal) and offline (hard copy of application by post) are mandatory for considering candidature of an applicant for further scrutiny. Non receipt of both (Online & Offline) application would disqualify the candidature of applicant automatically.

Application received after due date/incomplete are liable to be

Candidate shall be selected on merit basis of ITI Marks and pref-

Selection Procedure:-The selection board of GM HR Jind shall go through the application and shortlist the candidates (as per the vacancies indicated

erence will be given to nearby area. Date of commencement of Training:- Shall be intimated to the shortlisted candidates through E-Mail only as per contract General Instruction:-

Candidate profile must be Aadhar Verified. Candidate Name/ Father's name/Date of birth must be same as on portal & 10th and ITI Mark sheet.

In Candidate profile on portal 10th and ITI trade description is Physical Joining of candidate will be taken after acceptance of contract from Principal, Govt. ITI Jind.

and candidate cannot claim for the same.

The offer of Apprenticeship does not confer any right of employment in Harvana Roadways. There is no provision for appointment of the Apprenticeship Trainee in Haryana Roadways after the completion of training

Selected candidates shall be required to report at O/.GM HR jind. Age of the apprentice should not be less than 14 years as on closing date of online application.

Candidates for Apprentice must have registered their name at NAPS portal i.e. www.apprenticeshipindla.org. and can apply through portal only. Candidates are advised to check their emails periodically and

keep the same active during the selection process. Reservation will be applies as per provisions of the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 and Apprenticeship Rules 1992 a's amended from time to time. Candidates claiming reservation under SC/BC A/BC B must mention same at the time of registration in NAPS portal otherwise they will be considered in General Also, those registered under SC/BC AIBC B must bring original

certificate to this effect at the time of joining. Suppression of fact by the applicant shall lead to disqualification at any stage of selection process/training. The apprentices shall, not be, provided any quarter/hostel

ing period. Selected candidates are entitled for stipend as per provision of Apprenticeship Act, 1961.

accommodation/ transport by this establishment during the train-

General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Jind reserve the right to increase/decrease the number of vacancies for apprentices The training of the apprentice shall be terminated without intima tion following unauthorized absence of the candidate to training

for a period of more than 15 days. No TA&DA shall be admissible for joining, if selected. The selected candidates must execute a contract for a period of

and rules framed there under. Any canvassing or personal follow up with an intention of inducing the process of selection of apprentice by and on behalf of any candidate shall lead to immediate cancellation of candidature. 20. In case of any dispute, the decision of the GM HR Jind manage-

one year of training as per provision of Apprenticeship Act, 1961

21. candidate must follow the rule/instruction regarding COVID-19.

General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Jind.

New Delhi

#### TEACHING STAFF ON REGULAR BASIS Advt. No. CBLU/Estt./T-1/01/2022 Applications are invited on the prescribed Application Form, available on the University website, from the eligible candidates for appointment to

Bhiwani-127021 (Haryana)

the posts of Professor/Associate Professor on Regular basis in the various Departments of the University. The last Date for Submission of the Application along with enclosures is 08.02.2022 upto 05.00 P.M.

(www.cblu.ac.in)

**REQUIREMENT OF** 

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#### **Public Notice**

Details are available on the University website

Notice is hereby given to the public that Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o Sh. Karnail Singh resident of Village Thandran, Tehsil Ismailabad. District Kurukshetra, the owner of shop plot no. 149 size 20x85 feet situated at New Grain Market Ismailabad, has expired on 01.02.2021. Now the application has been received for transferring the said plot in his name by way of Registered 'Will' executed by deceased allottee in favour of his son Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o Sh. Karnail Singh vide parlekh no. 27, dated 05.10.2020.

On behalf of applicant claimant the undersigned hereby invite claims or objections if any person having any claim/objections of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said shop he/she/they may submit their objections in writing along with the documentry proof thereof at the undersigned office of the Market Committee, Ismailabad within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which if no claims/objections are received within the period prescribed above no objections will be entertained thereafter and the title of the ownership will be transferred in the name of applicant claimant namely Sh. Krishan Kumar S/o Sh. Karnail Singh Village Thandran, Teh, Ismailabad, District Kurukshetra, Harvana

> Sd/ Secretary cum Executive officer Market Committee Ismailabad

जिला उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर (छ.ग.) कांकेर, दिनांक-18/01/22 क्रमांक/1537/मबावि/लेखा/2021-22

## निविदा सूचना

कार्यालय कलेक्टर (महिला एवं बाल विकास)

कांकेर जिले में मुख्यमंत्री कन्या विवाह योजना अंतर्गत वर्ष 2021-22 में आयोजित होने वाले सामूहिक विवाह में कन्याओं को आर्थिक सहायता के रुप में दिये जाने वाले सामग्रियों का क्रय हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व विस्तृत जानकारी 0235 सामाजिक सुरक्षा और कल्याण 008 अन्य प्राप्तियों मद में राशि 1000/- रु. (अक्षरी एक हजार रुपये) मात्र चालान से जमा करने के पश्चात चालान की एक प्रति कार्यालयीन समय में कार्यालय, जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास, जिला-उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर में प्रस्तुत कर प्राप्त

निविदा प्रपत्र, निविदा विज्ञापन के प्रकाशन बाद **दिनांक** 10.02.2022 **दोपह**र 01.00 **बजे तक प्राप्त की जा सकती है,** तथा पूर्ण रुप से भरी हुई सीलबंद निविदायें दिनांक 10.02.2022 को दोपहर 02.00 बजे तक कार्यालय जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी, महिला एवं बाल विकास कांकेर में स्वीकार की जावेगी तथा **दिनांक 10.02.2022 को अपरान्ह 04.00 बजे** उपस्थित निविदाकारों के समक्ष खोली जावेगी।

> हस्ता/-जिला कार्यक्रम अधिकारी महिला एवं बाल विकास उत्तर बस्तर कांकेर

MEDISTRE OF THE NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/FHAIL DARD/CORP./AUD HAVE OF WORK NOTICE TENDER REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING SMAN WAFER HARRISTING SYSTEM IN SECTION 19,34005THOSE AREA I AND IL WARD NO, IS AND S. WAYCHAULA, RECALL + 1 GTHER BICKE MUNICIPAL 0172-2583094 43.64 LACS High Victorskon, hip me.in CONSTRUCTION OF RESET FORD STREET PARKET IN SECTOR 26, WARD AILLIS, 25 PANCHEZIA, RECALL + 2 OTHER WORK 0372-2583094 townspli@gmeEcom 17/01-2012 01/01-2022 78.35 LACS texas //www.try.nc.ir EMPARENCE METHOD RESIDENCE SECTION PRODUCTIVES (PRES) OF CENTRACIATION (AD1.322) EMPORTMENT WITH USEAN LOCAL ROOMS DENAITHENT, HARVANA TO PROVIDE SHOULD SHOULD EVALUATE THE METHOD SHOULD SHOU FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

# Office General Manager Haryana Roadways Jind Telephone: - 01681-245430

# ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LTD VIDYUTH SOUDHA: VIJAYAWADA **TENDER NOTICES**

APGENCO invites the following tenders: 1) NIT.No:610000899: "Maintenance of APGENCO offices in Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada for the period from 01-04-2022 to 31-03-2024" through e-procurement. Estimated value of Work: Rs. 1,10,00,052/-

2) NIT.No: 610000900: "Housekeeping (mechanised) of 3rd, 4th&5th floors of Vidyut Soudha main building and 2nd floor of canteen building (APGENCO premises) at Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2024" through e-procurement. Estimated value of Work: Rs. 92,73,280/-

3) NIT.No:610000901: "Providing security services round the clock for the premises of Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala, Vijayawada for the period from 01-04-2022 to 31-03-2024" through e-procurement. Estimated value of Work: Rs. 94,58,880/-Bid Schedule available Date & Time for 1, 2 & 3 above: From 6.00 PM 21.01.2022 on onwards

Bid Submission Closing Date & Time for 1 & 2 above: up to 3.00 PM on 09.02.2022. Bid Submission Closing Date & Time for **3** above: up to 3.00 PM on 10.02.2022. For further details visit website: www.apgenco.gov.in or https://etender.apgenco.gov.in/irj/portal

### OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II **DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DEHRADUN** Paras Tower, 2nd Floor, Majra Niranjanpur, Saharanpur Road, Dehradu

**DEMAND NOTICE** NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

Date: 07.01.2022 RC/41/2021 CANARA BANK V/s HASAN STEELS AND ALLOYS PVT LTD.

CD.1: Hasan steels and alloys pvt Ltd. through any of its Directors having its registrered office at Mohalla Ali Darmiyan, Kairana, District Shamli, U.F Second Address: Factory Address at Jaganpur Road, near Shamli Panipat Road, Kairana, District Shamli, U.P.

CD.2: Chaudhary Kanwar Hassan S/o Sh. Akhtar Hasan, R/o Al Darmiyan Kairana, District Shamili, U.P.

CD.3: Manoj Jain S/o Sh. Vinay Jain, R/o 86/2, Prempuri, Muzaffarnagar, U.P. This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DEHRADUN in TA/499/2018 an amount of Rs. 11,38,474.22 (Rupees Eleven Crores Thrity Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousands Four Hundred Seventy Four And Paise Twenty Two

Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. 15.02.2017 till realization and costs of **Rs** 285005.00 has become due against you (Jointly and severally). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules

Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @ 14.25% per annun

here under. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. Your are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 07.03.2022 a 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after thi notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this otice and warrants and other processes and all other proceeding taken fo

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 07.01.2022. Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal Dehradun

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 297/2021-22 (Request for Expression of Interest)

राजस्थान राज्य सड़क विकास एवं निर्माण निगम लि. के विभिन्न कार्यों के लिये योग्य एवं अनुभवी कर्मों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-पंजीयन प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाइन पात्रता निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं:-

ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड करने की अविधि दिनांक 17.01.2022 प्रातः 09.00 वर्ग से 07.02.2022 सार्व 06.00 वर्ग त

निविद्य से संबंधित समस्त विदयण एवं संशोधन वेबसाईट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने हिनिटल हस्ताधर के

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD SE/Transmission - III T-2223

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission . opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit website, www.tantransco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app

பிப்பிட்காரு சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்தீரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்தீரம் படைப்



Regarding Appointment of Contractor for the Work of "Scientific Dumpsite Land Reclamation through Bio-mining, Resource Recovery and Development of Scientific Landfill for Disposal of Scientific Rejects in this landfill site" at Tuljapur Road, Solapur

-: E-Tender Notice :-

Tender ID: 2022 SMC 758104 1 This tender is available to view on https://mahatenders.gov.in from 18/01/2022 from 11.00 AM.

> Sd/- Dhanraj Pande Dy. Commissioner-1 Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

TAMILNADU SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE, CHENNAI - 25 (Established by Government of Tamilnadu) (Established by Government of Tamilnadu) Gandhi Mandapam Road, Chennai – 600 025

Advertisement No. 01/B1/2022 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR PROCUREMENT OF FULL DOME DIGITAL PLANETARIUM PROJECTION SYSTEM FOR ANNA SCIENCE CENTRE - PLANETARIUM, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 007 Sealed tenders are invited from reputed Indian or foreign / Manufacturers

Suppliers / Vendors who are capable of supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Full Dome Digital Planetarium Projection System for Anna Science Centre Planetarium, Tiruchirappalli, Interested eligible Bidders may download the der document from the following websites : http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in and https://www.tnstc.gov.in from 20.01.2022 onwards. The filled in tender documents with all credentials must be submitted to this office upto 3.30 p.m. on 04.03.2022. The Technical bids will be opened at 4.00 p.m. on the same day (04.03.2022) in the presence of the bidders EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR I/o DIPR/413/Tender/2022

## **E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE**

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India, invites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work:-

1. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/57 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214579\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: improvement of Streets and side drain at Sainik Enclave II, Opposite CRPF Camp, Jharoda Kalan, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110072 (Reg. No. 645). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 9,40,402/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 18,808/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/58 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214602\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain at Shri Krishna Enclave Part-II, Dichaon Kalan road, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110072 (Reg. No. 685). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 13,60,075/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 27,202/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

3. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/59 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214606\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain in Kashmiri Enclave, Kishan Chand Enclave, Bosco Colony, Arya Nagar, Gopal Nagar Extension, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043, AC-35 (Reg. No. 733). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 29,90,639/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 59,813/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/60 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214608\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: improvement of Streets and side drain at Shri Krishna Colony, Surakhpur road, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 (Reg. No. 253). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 24,01,244/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 48,025/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively

5. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/61 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214609\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain at Saraswati kuni, C.R.P.F. road, Jharoda Kalan, Najafqarh, New Delhi-110043 (Reg. No. 170). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 45,87,129/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 91,743/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

 NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/62 (ID No. 2022 IFC 214613 1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain at Saraswati Enclave, Gopal Nagar, Surakhpur road, Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043 (Reg. No. 417). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 35,38,468/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 70,769/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

 NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/63 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214619\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain at Gopal Nagar Extension Phase-I main Khera road, New Delhi-110043 (Reg. No. 1053). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 10,95,783/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 21,916/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

8. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/64 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214626\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and side drain at Sainik Enclave-3 Vinoba Enclave Block A, B and C Jharoda road, Najafgarh (Reg. No. 495). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 44,56,240/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 89,125/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

 NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/65 (ID No. 2022 IFC 214756 1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement and Reconstruction of Internal Streets and side drains of B and C Block Vikas Nagar Extn. In Vikaspuri Constituency AC-31 (Reg. No. 913). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 42,81,556/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 85,631/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

 NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/66 (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214845\_1) Major Head of Account 2217(MLALAD) Name of Work: Improvement and Repair of existing pond bearing Kh. No. 52 at village Nangli Sakrawati in N.G. Block. Providing and fixing of Cement Concrete Benches (SFRC Benches) at village Nangli Sakrawati in AC-34 N.G. Block. (Balance Work). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 5,52,874/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 11,057/-Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/67 (I.D No. 2022\_IFC\_214853\_1) Major Head of Account 4515(RDB) Colonies) Name of Work: Construction of Double Storey Community Centre in Hans Nagar Colony, Pandwala Kalan in N.G. Block, AC-34. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 85,45,528/- Earnest Money (in Rs) 1,70,911/- Time allowed 240 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

12. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2021-22/38(3RD Call) (ID No. 2022\_IFC\_214880\_1) Major Head of Account 4217(Development Unauthorized Colonies) Name of Work: Improvement of Streets and construction of side drain Nathu Ram Park, Najafgarh, AC-35 (Reg. No. 172). Construction of main road from Najafgarh Tilak Nagar road to Nathu Ram Park, Najafgarh Block (Balance Work). Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 91,76,034/-Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,83,521/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 24-01-2022 on 03.00 Hrs & 03.05 Hrs respectively.

Note:- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web site https://govteprocurement.delhi.gov.in

2) Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.

3) EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt. within the period of bid submission.

MADHYA PRADESH ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPN. LTD.

(M.P. State Highway Authority) (Govt. of MP Undertaking) 45-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011, Phone No.: 0755-2597290/ 2765205, Fax: 2572643, Website: www.mprdc.gov.in CIM: U45203MP2004SGC016758

क. 15371/MPRDC/स्था/858/BDC/22 भोपाल, दिनांक : 19.01.22

### "CORRIGENDUM"

निगम द्वारा विज्ञापन ऋमांक 14985-87 दिनांक 12.01.2022 के माध्वम से भवन निर्माण परियोजनाओं के कियान्ययन हेत् प्रमुख अभिवंता के पद हेत् आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये हैं। विज्ञापन के साथ संसन्न निवम-पुस्तिका की कॅडिका-8 में चयन संबंधी प्रक्रिया B में Professional Experience on equivalent post के स्थान पर Professional Experience of Building/ Road Project अकित किया जाता है। ब्रेप यथावत रहेगा।

म.प्र. माध्यम/103360/2022 मुख्य महाप्रबंधक (प्रशा.)

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता. लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, महासमृन्द (छ.ग.)

निविदा संशोधन सूचना क्र. 1

## Phone No.:- 07723-223731 Email: eephe-mah-cg@nic.in

इस कार्यालय का निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक 424 (ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 88602), 425 (ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 88603), 426 (ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 88604), 427 (ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 88605), 432 (ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट **सिस्टम निविदा क्रमांक 88610) जी. न. 65909** में किसी भी निविदाकार के भाग न लेने के कारण से निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है।

14 February, 2022 17:30:00 PM IST Bid Due Date Physical Doc Submission End Date 18 February, 2022 17:30:00 AM IST Bid Open Date for Envelope "A" 19 February, 2022 10:30:00 AM IST & "B" (Scheduled)

निविदा की शेष नियम एवं शर्ते यथावत रहेगी।

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड महासमुन्द (छ.ग.)

# SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that one 22 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Fair, Yellow colour kurti, black colour salwar and chappal in feet has been missing/kidnapped

efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a case FIR No. 1088/21 dated 22.12.2021 U/S 365/367/368/307/506/34/120B IPC has been registered at PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped gril may kindly inform to the follwing.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in

Fax: 011-23011334

PS: Rajouri Garden, Delhi

## 66931



girl namely Menka D/o Rajesh @ Monu R/o RZ-20/A2, Main Sagarpur, Delhi. Age Round Face, Thin Built, Identification Mark Tattoo of Raman on right hand, Wearing since 22.12.2021 from her house. Sincere

Email: cic@cbi.gov.in

Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218 DP/698/WD/2022

B-1006

Ph.: 011-25453990, 8750871127

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### INDIAN RAILWAYS

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(RAILWAY BOARD) No.2021/RS/(WTA)-149/Tender/521 New Delhi, dated 19.01.2022

Global e-Tender No: WTA-521 opening on 10.03.2022 for procurement of Wheels for WAG-9/WAP-7 Locomotives & Train-18 (Vande Bharat Train). ectronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for rocurement of Wheels for WAG-9/WAP-7 Locomotives & Train-18 (Vande Bhara Frain). The interested bidders are advised to visit the website http://ireps.gov.in for

rther details, downloading of the tender documents and submission of their e-bids.



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#### **NORTHERN RAILWAY**

#### **Public Notice**

Sh. Appaturaee, HKA/NDLS, is unauthorized absent from his duty w.e.f. 30.07.2020 to till date He was issued a major penalty charge sheet dated 15.01.2021 which wa not received by him, so the same has been Speed Post at his last known residing address, which was showing delivered but he did not respond to that. Further Inquir has been marked to IO on 16.04.2021 but he did not reported for enquiry on any fixe dates. Inquiry Officer submitted the report on 09.09.2021 which was again no eceived by him and the same has been speed post at his last known residing addres on 22.09.2021 but again Sh. Appaturaee didn't turned up. Therefore, Sh. Appaturaee s hereby informed through this notice that if he desires to say anything in his defend egarding D&AR proceedings against him, he may do so within 15 days. If he require any documents for this purpose, he may contact Security Cell/Comml. DRM Office New Delhi for the same. If no response is received from her within 15 days, ex-part ecision will be taken by Disciplinary Authority against her on the basis of evidence of

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# GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD 0/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500 500 004. T.S.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION Name of Work No. & Date

EP No. 117, 118 & Supply, delivery and fixing of various Rs. 198.34 Lakhs 20.01.2022 mandatory spares for 132/6.6KV substations having 12/16 MVA power transformers and 6.6 KV pumping stations having 36 No's of Rs. 197.41 Lakhs T3 / Electrical Spares / KDWSP Ph-I, II & III / O&M Div.XI / 2021-22, III & III pumping stations having so No Society Phase-I, Div.XI / 2021-22, III & III pumping stations at Kodandapur, III & III pumping stations having so No Society Phase-I, III & III pumping stations having so No Society Phase-I, III & III pumping stations having so No Society Phase-I, III was not so No Society Phase-III was not so No Society 10:30 am

Division-XI. The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on www.eprocurement.gov.in.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, T.S.

## **APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown s/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 65 years, Height: 5'7", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Wearing: Check shirt, pant and blue Colour jacket. who was found at foothpath, Asaf Ali Road, near ICICI Bank, Darya



Ganj, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 120-A dated 17.01.2022 has been registered at PS: Darya Ganj,

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned

on the following address or telephone nos. Sd/- SHO

P. S: Darya Ganj, Delhi DP/1209/CD/2022(UIDB) Tel.011-23274683,23279331

## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR

1ST Corrigendum to T.C.N bearing Bid Identification No.CCENC(R&B) /19/2021-22 ORDER NO. 17 Dtd. 05.01.2022

TENDER REFERENCE NO: SENC(R&B)/19/2021-22 (TCN No. 3682 Dtd.23.12.2021)

Due to unavoidable circumstances the following modification is made to the tender call notice mentioned above Description of Activity Schedule Date Extanded Date Availability of Bid documents in the 06.01.2022 to 17.00 20.01.2022 to 17.00 Hours of 04.02.2022 Hours of 24.01.2022 25.01.2022 at 11.00 Hours 2 Opening of Techincal Bid 07.02.2022 at 11.00 Hours

All other terms and Conditions remain unchanged

**Chief Construction Enginee** Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpu

### STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF JHARKHAND **Government of Jharkhand** e-procurement Notice inviting Request For Proposal

for Construction Supervision Consultancy Services (1st Call) RFP No: SHAJ/PROCU/CW/SC/01/2022 Date: 18.01.2022

State Highways Authority of Jharkhand, Ranchi invites Request of Proposal for services of "Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for Widening / Strengthening and Reconstruction of Barlanga - Nemra -Pirgul - Kasmar (Bahadurpur (on NH-23) - Kasmar -Kherachater upto West Bengal Border) road (Length-27.608km.) into 2 lane with pave shoulder." on SBD mode in State of Jharkhand. The approximate cost of the work is Rs.133.00

The interested consultancy firm who have experience in services of similar works and required technical & financial strength may obtain Request of Proposal (RFP) document from e-tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in from 27.01.2022 (15:00 hrs) to 16.02.2022.(15:00 hrs). The complete RFP Application shall be submitted online by 16.02.2022 (upto 15:00 hrs) on e tendering portal www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in as per instruction in RFP-Instruction to Bidder for g. All the details regarding this RFP will be available on the above mentioned website No claim shall be entertained on account of disruption of internet services being used by bidders. Bidders are advised to upload their bids well in advance to avoid last minute technical snag.

To participate in the bidding, it is mandatory for the applicants to get registered their firm /Joint

Venture with e-tendering portal of http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in to have user ID & password. The consultancy firm are required to submit non-refundable document fee of Rs. 30,000/- (Rs.

Thirty thousand only) in the form of Demand Draft in favour of "State Highways Authority of **Jharkhand Fund**" payable at **Ranchi** and **Bid Security of Rs. 1,00,000/**-(Rs. one lac only) in the form of Bank Guarantee from a Schedule Commercial Bank as per prescribed format. The document fee & Bid Security should be submitted to the office of undersigned latest by 16.02.2022 (upto 15:00 hrs). The undersigned will open the received bid online on 17.02.2022 at 15:30 hrs.

Member (Technical)
State Highways Authority of Jharkhand
Deen Dayal Nagar
(Near Office of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Ranchi)

Booty Road, Ranchi-834008. Ph.: 0651-2361306. PR 261974 State Highway Authority of Jharkhand(21-22)D



## INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH

**AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTE Established by Govt. of Karnataka** (A Postgraduate Institute of Higher Medical Sciences) Recognised Under Societies Registration Act. Reg. No. 132/85-86 South Hospital Complex, Dharmaram College Post, Bangalore-560029. e-mail: ihealthchild@yahoo.in Website: www.igich.in

FT No.: IGICH/SUP(1)/DRG.MPS./2021-22 Date: 19.01.2022 **E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION** Two Cover Tenders are invited for the e-Procurement of the following through the e-Procurement period. Ref. No Name of the Items E.M.D. (Rs.) Annual Turnover

IGICH/SUP(1)/LSD.DRUGS/2021-22 LSD DRUGS Rs. 5,00,000/-Rs. 5,00,00,000/-IGICH/SUP(1)/DRG.DIS./2021-22 DRUGS, DISPOSABLE Rs. 30,000/-Rs. 5,00,00,000/-HOUSE KEEPING SERVICE Rs. 2,50,000/-Rs. 50,00,000/-IGICH/TND/MPS/1/2021-22 SECURITY SERVICE Rs. 1.50.000/-The Tender Documents will be available online for download from 19.01.2022 to 17.02.2022 in the e-Procurement portal eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The last date and

time for submission of bids online in the e-Procurement portal is 17.02.2022 at 5.00 PM. E-Procurement portal fees shall be payable. Tender(s) received will be opened online in the e-Procurement portal on 19.02.2022. Tender accepting authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender(s) without assigning. Sd/- Director.

Indira Gandhi, Institute of Child Health, Bengaluru DIPR/DDU/BCPL/2929/2021-22 HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19? CALL APTHAMITRA ON 14410



E-TENDER NOTICE Name of Work: Solid waste manageme

[i.e. collection, transportation of road side garbage, refuse, ashes, etc. and other job such as road sweeping, transportation of dead bodies (on application of party), disposal of carcasses, transportation of store materials, cleaning of outside cemented area of "D' type Qrs. to senior bungalows, landfill site spray, Anti-Snake spray, etc.1 in Zone-A of anjan township for the period of one [] Tender Notice No.: PH-S-1-40-1

23. [3] Contract Type: Service. [4] Bidding System: Single Packet System. [5] Tender Value: ₹39,31,138.90 (Rupees Thirty nin lakh thirty one thousand one hundred thirty eight and paise ninety) only. [6] Cost of Tender Document: NIL. [7] Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): ₹78,700.00. [8] Period of the work: One year. [9] Tender Closing Date & Time: 14.02.2022 at 13.00 hrs. [10] Validity of offer: 90 days. [11] Complete details of tender can be seen in the Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

-23. [2] Tender No.: PH-S-1-40-1-2022-

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#### NEST CENTRAL RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Date: 19.01.2022

Open E-Tender Notice Sr. DEN/CO. WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India. invites E

enders against following works. upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detai information regarding tender. i available on the website http://www.ireps.gov.in . NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRM (W)/WCR Bhopal office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders For any correction, in these tenders, i necessary. corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tende opening date and copy of corrigendur will be placed on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tender opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tenders according to the provisions of GSTACT 2017, NIT No. 21-22-W-22-103, Date - 18.01.2022 Name of work including Location Dewatering of stagnating. accumulated rain water during monsoon from LHS / RUB unde ADEN Shajapur & ADEN Shivpur Section., Estimated cost of Tender Rs.- 1042874/-, Earnest Money 20900/-, Last date for Submitting Tender - 14.02.2022, NIT No. - 21-22 W-23-104. Date - 18.01.2022. Name of work including Location - (A Provision of equipment building a Biora Rajgarh in view of replacemen of indoor with new El and outdoo alteration in connection of towe wagon siding. (B) Provision of equipment building at Shajapur in viev of replacement of indoor with new E and outdoor alteration in connectior Of tower wagon siding , Estimated cost of Tender Rs.- 6435873/-, Earnest Money- 128700/-, Last date for Submitting Tender - 07.02.2022 DRM (W) WCR, Bhopa

DIP/SHABDARTH/0588/21-22 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD.XIII.** 



भाकुअनुप - केन्द्रीय गोवंश अनुसंधान संस्थान ग्रास फर्म रोड, मेरठ छावनी— 250001 (उ.प्र.)

पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानों की नीलामी हेतु निविदा सूचना

संस्थान द्वारा पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानो की नीलामी के लिए मुहरबन्द निविदायें सक्षम अधिकारी के अनुमोदन से आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा जमाँ करने की अन्तिम तिथि 14.02.2022 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक है जिन्हे उसी दिन अपरान्ह 03.30 बजे खोला जायेगा। पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानों का विवरण, नियम व शर्तें तथा निविदा प्रपत्र संस्थान की वेबसाईट www.circ.icar.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है |

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IT-Partner Relationships & BNCC Department, State Bank of India, Global IT Centre, Sector-11, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai - 400614

#### CORRIGENDUM-1

Please refer to RFP NO: SBI/GITC/Partner Relationships/2021/2022/820 dated 03.01.2022 for Empanelment of Service Providers and Rate Discovery for e-Tendering, Forward Auction and Reverse Auction Services 'Corrigendum" of this RFP has been issued. For details, please visit Procurement news' at https://www.sbi.co.in and e-Procurement agency portal https://etender.sbi/SBI/

Place: Navi Mumbai Date: 20.01.2022

**Deputy General Manager** IT-Partner Relationships & BNCC

#### Office of the Superintending Engineer PHED, Project Circle, Jaipur, Sector 26, Near Ayush Bhawan, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur Email: sedtuprojectjaipur@yahoo.in

Corrigendum 1 Notice Under NIB No. 10/2021-22 Online bids behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan were invited for the work vide this office NIT No. 10/2021-22. Corrigendum regarding Bid Security/ Earnest Money, Performance security and Appellate Authority is hereby approved and to be published. Please check details on web site http://sppp.raiasthan.gov.in and www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, <u> http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in</u>.

UBN: PHE2122WLOB10823 RO No.- 13005 (21.12.2021)

DIPR/C/551/2022

Sd/- (Bharat Lal Meena) Superintending Engineer. PHED, Project Circle, Jaipur

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग,

वृत-बीकानेर **क्रमांक**- 2501 ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2021-22

ाजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सड़क निर्माण कार्यों हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण वेभाग, राजस्थान में पंजीकत संवेदकों एवं केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार व उनके अधिकत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय तोक निर्माण/डाक एवं दर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकत संवेदको, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के विभिन्न श्रेणी के संवेदको के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 01 पैकेज के 3 कार्यों, जिनकी ज़्ल लागत राशि रू 525.00 लाख है, के लिए ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड़ करने की 14.01.2022 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 04.02.2022 तारीख एवं समय सांय 6.00 बजे तक

ाविदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट www.dipronline.org पर एवं निविदा दस्तावेज का https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in vww.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया ttps://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जावेगी।

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हस्ता/-मुकेश गुप्ता अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सानिवि वृत्त-बीकानेर

# PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused two persons namely (1) Sachin S/o Lalmani R/o Vill Dhandhar, PS Aaspur Deosra, Distt: Pratapgarh, U.P. and (2) Rajesh S/o Ramesh Kumar R/o Vill Dhangarh Sarai Chhulaha, Pratapgarh, UP have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 499/21 u/s 307/34/120B IPC & 25/27 Arms Act Dt. 11.08.2021 PS: Narela Industrial Area, Delhi and it have been returned to a warrants of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Sachin (2) Rajesh could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Sachin (2) Raiesh Jain have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused persons (1) Sachin (2) Rajesh of FIR No. 499/21 u/s 307/34/120B IPC & 25/27 Arms Act Dt. 11.08.2021 PS: Narela Industrial, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.02.2022. By order

Ms. Richa Sharma

Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No.06 Ground Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi DP/1521/ON/2022

## **SEARCH OF MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one male (depicted in the photo), Namely: Amit Shah S/o: Baban Shah, R/o: H.No. A-1889, Ph-2, Metro Vihar, Holambi Kalan, Delhi. Aged: 22 years has been missing since 13.11.2021 at 07:30 from his House. In this Regard a DD No.: 43A, Dated 20.11.2021, has been lodged at P.S. N.I.A. Delhi. Her

physical description is as under:



Amit Shah

Height: 5'5" feet, Complexion: Shallow, Face: Oval, Built: Medium, Clothing: Blue Jeans white colour shirt and shoes in feet. Any person is having any information/clue about this missing male, may inform SHO. N.I.A., Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

DP/1472/ON/2021

P.S. NIA, Delhi Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593

Dept. for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Ground Floor, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-22860907, 080-22866066

No: VIHINI/SIBBANDI/C1/14/2021-22 Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement only)

Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowermen of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procuremer platform/e-portal in two parts (i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid system from the original vehicle equipment manufacturers or thei authorized dealers for supply of 1500 Motorised Two Wheele 124CC and above (Gearless)(BS-VI)with Retrofitment of additional wo wheels attachment for the use of severely affected orthopedically handicapped persons for the year 2021-22 to the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senion Citizens, The interesting bidders may see further details and may

ogin in website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

The tender can be submitted on or before 18.02.2022 till 04:00 p.m. The technical bid will be opened on 19.02.2022 at 04:30 p.m. and he financial bid will be opened on 22.02.2022 at 11:00 a.m. Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details cal be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Towe Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No: 080 22866066, 28860907. For more info please see departmen vebsite www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Director Department for the Empowerment of Differently

DDU/AAPL/RO2926/21-22 Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru. STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CUR Wear Mask Pollow Physical Distancing

# भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.

NSIC Business Park, New MDBP Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate, New Delhi-110020
TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)

DNCOR invites Online tender in Single bid system for below mentioned work, only through e-tendering mode. The becument can only be downloaded after paying Rs. 1000!-1 through online from the website (www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL) loaded after paying Ns. 1000-\* through online from the website (www.tenderwixard.com/CCIL).

CON/Area-1/C8O/Dom. Cont. Repair/2021-22

E-Tender for Appointment of Container Repair Agencies for Repair of Domestic Containers for Cluster-1: (Gotan, Kharla, RCT-Dhappar, ICD-Phillaur, ICD-Kota) Cluster-2: (ICD-Tughlakabad & IOCL-Panipat, ICD-Dadri) of AREA-1

For Cluster 1 - Rs. 13781985/-,

For Cluster 2 - Rs. 10788367/I- + Rs. 1353947/I- = Rs. 109237618/-,

Tabl. Re. 13204660/; For Cluster 2 - Rs. 197806607.

Period of Contract

36 Months (3 years) plus four months obligatory period.

Samest Money Deposit

Rs. 1,20319603- for all clusters as mentioned above.

36 Months (3 years) plus four months obligatory period.

Samest Money Deposit

Rs. 7,65,100 /- (through e-payment only)

Cost of Document

Rs.1,000/- inclusive of all taxes and duties through e-payment which is non-refundable.

Date of Sale (Online)

From 20,01,2022 at 15,30 Hrs. to 04,02,2022 up to 16,00 Hrs.

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#### Govt. of Jharkhand **ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT** Road Divison, Seraikella-Kharsawan

e-Procurement Notice

_		RAIKELLA/23 Date :- 19.01.20
1.	Name of the work	Widening and Strengthening Work of
		Adityapur (R.I.T. More on Adityapur
		Kandra, SH-05) Mahuldih - Hesal Ma
		Road (Aidal More of Hata - Chaibasa Roa
		SH-06) (Total Length 23.95 Km.) for the
		year 2021 -22
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs.67,29,49,371.94
		(Rupees Sixty seven Crore Twenty nin
		lakhForty nine thousand Threehundre
		Seventy one and Paise Ninety four onl
3.	Time of Completion	15 (Fifteen) months
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	17.02.2022 (12.00Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on	24.01.2022 (10.30AM)
	website	
6.	Date and Place of Pre -	27.01.2022 (11:30 A.M.)
	hid Mastins	Office of the Chief Engineer (C), Roa
	bid Meeting	Construction Department, Jharkhand, Fi
		Floor, Engineers Hostel No02, Dhurw
		Ranchi
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting	Ganesh Ram Hembrom
	tender	O/o Executive Engineer ,
		Road Construction Department,
		Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Office	er 8809347906
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement	06512401010
	cell	

Further details can be seen on website Executive Engineer http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in RCD, Road Division PR 262018(Road)21-22\*D

#### OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (SHIMLA ZONE) **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH INVITATION FOR BIDS**

Date:

Invitation for Bids No.: RLC/01/2021-22

Loan No. and Title: Loan No. 3573IND/ Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project.

Contract Package No. and Title: PWD/07R3 (RLC Nalagarh); Detailed Design and Construction of. Rural livelihood Centre Building at Karpalpur, Nalagarh Distt. Solan under Asian Development Bank assisted HPSDP. (SH: C/O Main building shall be pre- engineered, Site Development, Site Development i.e. retaining structure, WS & SI, EI, septic tank, rain water harvesting tank & underground water recharging tank/ pit, boundary wall and gate, Air conditioning in selected areaas, CCTV, indoor/ outdoor transformer, HIT & LIT panels, Cabling, DG Set, Solar system, Fire-fighting and yard lighting system, fire alarm system, Land scaping, environment management, safety measures and other miscellaneous item etc. as per scope of

Deadline for Submission of Bids 23 February 2022 at 11:00 hrs

- The India has receivedfinancing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of "Himachal Pradesh Skill Development Project". Part of this financing will be used for payments under the ContractPackage named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB. The "Public Works Department, Government of Himachal
- Pradesh, represented by Chief Engineer, (Shimla Zone)" Shimla ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Detailed Design and Construction of Rural livelihood Centre Building at Karpalpur, Nalagarh Distt. Solan under Asian Development Bank assisted HPSDP. (SH: C/O Main building shall be pre- engineered, Site Development, Site Development i.e. retaining structure, WS & SI, EI, septic tank, rain water har vesting tank & underground water recharging tank/ pit, boundary wall and gate, Air conditioning in selected area as, CCTV indoor/ outdoor transformer, HIT & LIT panels, Cabling, DG Set, Solar system, Fire-fighting and yard lighting system, fire alarm system, Land scaping, environment management, safety measures and other miscellaneous item etc. as per scope of work("the Works").
- National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-stage: Two-envelope procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
- a) Participation in at least one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 44 million (INR 4.4 Crore); Construction Experience in Key Activities as follows
  - a. Participation as contractor in at least 1 contract within in the last five years, that has been successfully or are substantially completed, and that include Detailed Design and Construction of Building Works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 30.0 million. The contractor should have design experience for designing of a building a similar nature of atleast 600 Sq. Mtr.
- b. Participation as contractor in at least 1 contract within in the last five years, that has been successfully or are substantially completed, and that include pre-engineered material, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds INR 14.0 million. b) Minimum average annual construction turnover of INR 140
- million (INR 14 Crore), calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years c) Has financial resources to meet its current contract commit-
- ments, plus INR 9 million (INR 90 Lakh) requirements for the Subject Contract d) Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stip-
- ulated in the Bidding Document. However for complete eligibility and qualification requirements

oid document should be referred. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding docu-

ments, Bidders should contact:

Attention - Er. Ajay Kumar Sharma,

E.E Nalagarh Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department (HPPWD)

District Solan - 174101 **Himachal Pradesh** 

India Telephone/Fax: 01795-222199 E-mail address: ee-nal-hp@nic.in

The eligible bidders may download the bidding document for the aforesaid Contract Package in English language from the website http://hppwd.gov.in/tender.htm; To purchase the bidding document n English language, eligible Bidders should visit the office of the Employer at address stated above with a nonrefundable fee of INR 5.000 in the form of Bank Demand Draft payable at Nalagarh.

Deliver your bid to the address above

6344/HP

- on or before the deadline: 23 February 2022 at 11:00 hrs (IST)
- together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
- Bids will be opened on 23 February 2022, at 11:30 hrs (IST) ir the presence of Bidders/representatives who choose to attend

(Er. Ajay Kumar Sharma) **Executive Engineer** Nalagarh Division, HP.PWD. Nalagarh District Solan - 174101

### झारखण्ड सरकार पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग।

इस कार्यालय द्वारा प्रकाशित "Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Third Party Inspection Agency to carry out inspection of all engineering works relating to civil, mechanical and electrical components of Rural water supply scheme executed under Jal Jeevan Mission" (RFP No. 01/CDO/Ranchi/TPIA/2021-22) जिसका PR. No.-260743 Drinking Water & Sanitation (21-22)\*D ਵੈ, ਸੇਂ Last date & time of online submission: 25.01.2022 upto 6.00 PM को संशोधित करते हुए 01.02.2022 upto 6.00 PM; Last date & time for submission of hard copy : 27.01.2022 upto 5.00 PM को संशोधित करते हुए 02.02.2022 upto 5:00 PM एवं Opening date of technical bid : 28.01.2022 at 3.30PM को संशोधित करते हुए 03.02.2022 at 3:30 PM किया जाता है। साथ ही 9 (नौ) अदद् अंचल (Zone) हेतु 9 (नौ) अदद् BOQ Upload किया जाता है, शेष यथावत रहेगा।

> (सुनील कुमार) कार्यपालक अभियन्ता (गुण नियंत्रण) सी०डी०ओ०, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।

PR 262010 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY **NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**

1. TENDER NOTIFICATION

Name of work: Miscellaneous repair and maintenance works of MEMU coaches in MEMU Car shed Saharanpur for 02 years.

Tender Notice No.:-1/2021-22 1.1 General:- UMB division of northern railway inivites Open tender through

E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification ceritera as stipulated in tender document for "Miscellaneous repair and maintenance works of MEMU coaches in MEMU Car Shed Saharanpur for 02 years".

.2 The key details are as follows:	
Open Tender No.	30-EL-MEMU-T-01-21-22
Name of works	Miscellaneous repair and maintenance works of MEMU coaches in MEMU Car Shed Saharanpur for 02 years.
Approximate Cost	Rs. 11,61,351/-
Earnest Money	NIL
Completion Period	24 months from the date of issue of the letter of acceptance.
Validity of offer	45 days
Date of closing/opening	09.02.2022 at 10.30 Hrs./thereafter
Cost of tender document	Free
OTE:-	

- Tenderer must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date
- Public procure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Dt. 16.03.2018 shall be followed.
- The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under

Website portal: https://www.ireps.gov.ln

Name of works

Cleaning of Gravity Duct No. 2

from Kilokari SPS to Okhla STP.

2022\_DJB\_215005\_1

No.

Serving Customers with a Smile

**Estimated** 

2,31,55,056/

# CONSTRUCTION OF PIT LINE, SICK LINE AND OFFICE BUILDING

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. KIR/Engg./ 04 of 2022; dated: 17-01-2022, E-tend are invited by the undersigned for the following works: Tender No.1, Brief Description of Work: At Balunghal Construction of Pit Line. Tender Value 77,65,81,664.02; Earnest Money 75,32,900.00. Tender No.2. Brief Description of Work: At Balanghat-Construction of Sick Line Shed, Industrial Flooring and Dock Pit. Tender Value £2,10,92,886.50; Earnest Money 72,55,500.00. Tender No.3. Brie Description of Work: At Balurghat Construction of Office Building for Pit Line Sick Line and Approach Road. Tender Value: 750,70,842.73; Earnest Money 1 81 500.00. E-tenders will be close at 15:00 hrs. and Opened at 15:30 hrs on 11-02-2022. The complete information with the tender document of above a tenders will be available up to 15,00 hrs. o 11-02-2022 in website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>

DRM(Works), Kalihar

MORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

### WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY (E-Tender Notice for the supply

of stores No. E-99215499A Due on 16.02.2022) Sr.DMM/WCR/KOTA on behalf of the president of India invites the following advertised tender through

E-procurement system No manual/postal offers shall be entertained. Tenders can be accessed under the link www.ireps.gov.in for detail for submission of tender. Tender No. E-99215499A . Short Description GPS based tracking devices with Pre-installed SIM two way calling with family numbers and SOS facility (Operation validity for three years from date of commissioning) for effective monitoring of all types of patrolling along with mapping, Customization in software, Software installation, Android Application Report Generation and related assistance with exception reports daily (Replacement of 25% devices free of cost after completion of one year warranty period) **Tender Qty.** 650 Nos., Opening Date 16/02/2022 12:30 Hrs.

Senior Divisional Material Manage West Central Railway, Kota कोरोना को है हराना,

**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E **SRINIWASPURI: NEW DELHI: 110 065** 

Last date / time of receipt of tender through eprocurement solution 07 02 2022

up to 3:00 P.M

\*Further detail in this regard can be seen at <a href="https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgep/app">https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgep/app</a> ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) EX. ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E

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Date of release of

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

"STOP CORONA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygier

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bhoranj Distt. Hamirpur H.P. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electro dering system from the eligible class for the works as detailed in the table.

Press N.I.T. No. 47 (2021-22)

	Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Starting Date for downloading Bid	Deadline for Submission of Bid
I	1.	C/O Govt. Primary School at Chamboh in Tehsil Bhoranj Distt, Hamirpur (HP) (SH:- C/O building portion).	11,46,589/-	23,000/-	27/01/2021	04/02/2022
	2.	S/R Govt. Degree college Bhoranj (SH:-C/O shed for Parking).	23,14,078/-	42,500/-	27/01/2021	04/02/2022
	3.	Construction of Divisional office building at Bhoranj District Hamirpur (H.P.)(SH:- Construction of building portion, providing water supply and sanitary installation Septic tank, rain water harvesting tank and site development i/c boundary wall and solar water heater).	1,84,29,314/-	2,20,000/-	27/01/2022	04/02/2022

Bhoranj Division, HPPWD, Bhoranj. Pin Code 176045 Telephone No. 01972-266099 e-mail: eepwd-bhoranj-hp@gov On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

## **GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, PWD (BUILDING) **ASSAM, CHANDMARI, GUWAHATI-3**

No. CE/BLDG/ARC-N/14/2020/07

## **CANCELLATION NOTICE**

On behalf of the Governor of Assam, the chief engineer, P.W.D (Building) cancels the Expression of Interest" (EOI) vide letter No: No. CE/BLDG/ARC-N/14/2020/05 Dated Guwahati the 10th December 2021. due to technical reasons for the following project:

SI. No.	Name of work	Total Approx. project cost considered
	Construction of Maniram Dewan Trade Centre Phase II	66.4 Crore
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Janasanyog/C/10735/21

Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD, (Bldg.) Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3

#### **Himachal Pradesh Public Work Department** INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids n electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractor registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table Estimated Earnest Cost of Eligible Starting

No.		Cost	Money	Tender	class of Contractor	date for download ing bid	for submissio of bid
1	Construction of Pharmacy collage at Bagsaid Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/o Giris Hostel, W.S. & S.I., Septic tank, soak pit, Rain Water Harvesting System and site development	8,49,51,085/-	16,99,100/-	5000/-	Class-A-B	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 AM
2	Construction of Additional Accommodation Govt. Senior Secondary School at Kholanal in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/o building portion, W.S. &S.I., Rain Water Harvesting System and Septic tank	2,56,77,834/-	5,13,600/-	5000/-	Class-A-B	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 AM
3	Construction of 25.00 mtr span Jeepable bridge over Khala Khad in GP Lehthach and Kyoli(SH:- C/o Sub structure, super structure and both side approaches)	1,32,22,866/-	2,65,500/-	5000/-	Class-C-B	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 Af
4	Construction of Link road from Jagrunallah to Ukhali Bekhali Katwanoo road Km 0/000 to 2/250 (SH;- C/o R/Wall at RD 0/060 to 0/090	31,88,937/-	63,800/-	1500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 Al
5	Construction of road from Janjehali Bhekhali Khauli Gadagushani road Km 0/000 to 20/400 (SH;- F/C 5/7 mtr width in Km 9/600 to 10/900	54,37,045/-	1,08,740/-	2000/-	Class-B-C	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A
6	Restoration of Rain Damage Pandoh to Kandha road 0/000 to 24/000 (SH;- C/o R/Wall at RD 2/035 to 2/051)	18,76,153/-	37,600/-	500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A
7	Missing CD on Khalimod to Surah in GP Murag Km 0/000 to 5/070 (SH;- C/o vented couse way with wing wall at Km 1/315)	8,73,926/-	17,500/-	500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A
8	A/R & M/O on Pandoh to Kandha road Km 0/000 to 24/000 ( SH;- C/o R/Wall at RD 2/035 to 2/051)	18,64,065/-	37,500/-	500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A
9	C/o 8.00 Mtr span slab culvert over Bagsaid Khad on Lalikhanda to RD 3/125)	15,45,870/-	31,000/-	500/-	Class -C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A
10	C/o 8.00 Mtr span slab culvert over Jwal Khad on link road to Village Sharan road at RD 0/060)	15,45,870/-	31,000/-	500/-	Class C-D	27.01.202 2 at 11.00 AM	05.02.202 at 09.00 A

The bidder are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website www, hptenders.gov.in

New Delhi

Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt Mandi H.F

## निविदा सूचना

विद्यालय विकासपरी दिल्ली, इच्छक एवं अनभवी कंपनियों से हाउस कीपिंग सिक्योरिटी, बागवानी एव सब–स्टाफ सेवाओं हेतु मुहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित करता है। इच्छ्क फर्मे एवं एजेंसिया 21 दिनों के अन्तर्गत विद्यालय कार्यालय से प्रातः 10 बजे से 01 बजे तक निविदा प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

प्राचार्य

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

to be known to all that I. Amelta Acora No Late Gurvinder Kaur, W/o Iqbal Singh, R/o 1-63, Chanakya Plate, Part-I, Pankha Road Uttam Nagar, New Delbi-110059, Allotze purchaser of Flat No. 607, 3rd Floor, Pocket-C irea of East of Loni Road, Delhi has applied for converstion of the above flat from lease hold to freehold vide application No. 2944 dated 01.12.2016 in DDA. All the original donuments i.e. Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, N.O.C. to Electric and Water Connection and site possession letter/sale purchase documents i.e. G.P.A. and Agreement to Sale of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the Police Station, The signature of original-allottee are differ or sale documents.

Any personis) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contract with above named person at above Address / Phone No. 9211582922 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property, can personally inform or write to Deputy Director (LAE) Housing o Director (H) L D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NORTHERN REGION In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of the

2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014.

AND
In the matter of Agnize Life Science Private Limited (U24239DL2019PTC345358) having its registered office at House No 25, 2nd Floor, Block B, Pocket 4, Sector 8, Rohini New Delhi North east-110085 ... Petitioner NOTICE

{Pursuant To Rule 30 of The Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014) Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application to the Central Government Under section 13 of the Companies. 'Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 13th January, 2022 to enable the company to shift its Registered office from "State of National Capital Territory" to "State of Bihar".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the special register of special register of the special

Interioring to "State of Bilhar".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the office of regional director, Northern region, Ministry of Corporate affairs, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryawaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office address as stated above. For and On Behalf of
Agnize life Science Private Limited
Sushil Prasad, Director

DIN: 01483872 Place: New Delhi Date: 20.01.2022

#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🎉 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited for execution of the following works by Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbad: 1. E-Tender No. 158-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Supply of 55,000 Cum of 50 mm size machine crushed track stone ballast as pe Railway specification and loading the sam into any type of Railway wagons F.O.R Pakur regarding raising of speed to 160 kmph on exiting PKA-MPO-section in Grand Chord route of DHN Division under Sr.

DEN/2/DHN.06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.): ₹7,15,89,650/-.

2. E-Tender No. 159-DHN-2021-22, Name

of the work with its location & completion period · Zonal contract in Zone No- 10 fo General, Pipe & Sanitary, wood and Road work of Gomoh Sub-Division under Asstt. Engineer (1), E.C. Rly, Gomoh. (30.06.2022) Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) :₹18,25,000/-3. E-Tender No. 160-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Zonal contract in Zone No- 11 for General, Pipe & Sanitary, wood and Road

work of Gomoh Sub-Division under

Asstt. Engineer (1), E.C. Rly, Gomoh

(30.06.2022). Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) :₹19.25.000/-4. E-Tender No. 161-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Zonal contract in Zone No- 15 for General, Pipe & Sanitary, wood and Road work of Gujhandi Sub-Division under Asstl Engineer, E.C. Rly, Gujhandi (30.06.2022)

Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) :₹29,75,000/-5. E-Tender No. 162-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Extension of FOB due to Utility shifting of DFCCIL alignment from GMO to BNF (km. 300-462) in GC section of Dhanbad Division under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/2/DHN of E. C. Railway, 09 (Nine Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) ₹18.28.48.223.59

6. E-Tender No. 163-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Repairs to damaged RCC over head tank in Bekarbandh colony Dhanbad under SSE(W)/1/Dhanbad. 06 (Six) Months Approx. cost of work (In Rs.):₹9,72,197.74 E-Tender No. 164-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period : Improvement of water booths & Gutter of PF Shed at Dhanbad Station, 06

(Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) ₹26.65.936.26 8. E-Tender No. 165-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Balance work of - 02 Nos. deep tube well & other ancillary works & desilting of G.T. No. 5, construction of boundary wall around G.T. No. 5 & replacement of C.I. pipe & fitting in the section SSE(W)/BRKA under Asstt. Divl. Engineer, E.C. Railway

Barkakana. 06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost o

work (In Rs.) :₹56,79,372.37 9. E-Tender No. 166-DHN-2021-22, Name of the work with its location & completion period: Earth work in cutting & linking of new BG track for line No.4 and construction of central drain & other ancillary works in connection to provision of two additiona loop lines and wharf along with yard remodeling at BES station under ADEN/ KQR. 18 (Eighteen) Months. Approx. cost o work (In Rs.): ₹2,54,85,288.76

Earnest Money (In Rs.) Earnest Money is applicable as shown in http://www.ireps.gov.in Portal. Date & Time for closing and opening of e-tender: Date of closing of e-tender at 17.00 hours on 14.02.2022. Date of opening of e-terder from 12:00 hrs. on 15.02.2022 Website particulars : http://www.ireps.gov.in No manual tender will be accepted againist e-tenderina.

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Women, while joining

workforce, should go

for the top: Sandberg

Sheryl Sandberg in conversation with Anant Goenka at Express Awards for Women Entrepreneurs

SHERYL SANDBERG, Chief Operating Officer, Meta, spoke

to ANANT GOENKA, Executive Director, Indian Express

Group, about how women can break the glass ceiling,

at the Express Awards for Women Entrepreneurs

**887.03** 

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of January 18

**ᢙ** ₹63,435

SENSEX: 60,098.82 ▼ 656.04 (-1.08%) NIFTY: 17,938.40 ▼ 174.65 (-0.96%) NIKKEI: 27,467.23 ▼ 790.02 HANG SENG: 24,127.85 ▲ 15.07 FTSE: 7,594.09 ▲ 30.54 DAX: 15,827.30 ▲ 54.74

## **WILL NOT MAJORLY IMPACT GIC RE**

# cession to GIC Recut to 4% from FY23

**GEORGE MATHEW** 

the business of foreign reinsurers in India, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has reduced the percentage of obligatory cession from the domestic general insurance industry for state-owned GIC Re to 4 per cent from 5 per cent.

part of the business that general insurance companies have to mandatorily cede to the national

lakh crore in 2020-21. It has been growing at over 15 per cent in re-

**AASHISHARYAN** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

INDIA'S POLICY of adopting

high tariffs on import of elec-

tronics component to reduce

risks from global competition

and save domestic companies

might prove to be counterpro-

ductive to its schemes, aimed

at increasing domestic produc-

tion of electronic products, a

report by the Indian Cellular &

Electronics Association (ICEA)

years when it faced many challenges due to the pandemic, and has grown in single digits. The approximate size of the Indian reinsurance market was around

tory cession, which will be effective from April 1, 2022, was notified by the government on Monday. Domestic general insurers will have to cede 4 per cent of their premium to GIC Re on every general insurance policy they sell during the next financial year.

### WHAT IS THIS CESS

■Obligatory cession

has to be reinsured with GIC Re, Irdai said. The reduction of just 1 percentage point obligatory cesdustry pie is growing every year. "Despite GIC Re having a mandatory obligatory cession, foreign

erations in India for the last 3 years. There would be no limit on April 1,2022 to March 31,2023. GIC Re may require the ceding insurer to give immediate notice of underwriting information of any cession exceeding an amount as specified by the former. The ceding insurer has to inform the GICRe at all times whenever the cession exceeds such specified limits, Irdai said.

The percentage of commission on obligatory cession for different classes of business will be: minimum 5 per cent for motor third party and oil & energy insurance, minimum 10 per cent for group

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#### THE EXPRESS Awards for Women Entrepreneurs, initiated while doing cross-border by Financial Express and FICCI-FLO, aims to award women who

98% of the surveyed Indian businesses

Source: Paypal & Edelman

Data and Intelligence/PTI

#### you wrote Lean In. If you were to write it all over again, how much of its central thesis would you change? I wrote Lean In in 2015 as a

have not only shown courage to

take up leadership positions but

have braved numerous chal-

lenges to reach the top and set

examples for future entrepre-

neurs. The keynote interview set the tone for the awards.

It has been eight years since

tech exec and put a lot of my story into it. So it read too much about women like me, White women from California in tech. Now I would have put so many stories in. The good news is that my foundation, Lean In, did that. On the website, there are hundreds of stories of women from all countries, races, backgrounds, ages and industries. We started Lean In in circles, Our goal was to have a thousand women. Today we have over 58,000 circles all over the world, including those thriving in India.

#### The pandemic has been a setback for women at the workplace. Your own survey shows that 25 per cent of the women are now considering leaving work due to burnout.

nomic crisis and a gender equality crisis. Before Covid, women all over the world were working in double shifts. When working women came home, they did the majority of the housework and childcare. Then Covid happened. Now we're at double-double shift. Which is elderly parents to take care of, illness, kids home from school, kids who have to quarantine because they get an exposure.

My foundation was the first one to survey how women were going to drop out from the workforce. Women's workforce participation in the US is reaching low levels in decades. Women are still not getting close to their share of leadership roles. It's 5-7 per cent of the top CEO roles in top countries like the US. This has not changed and Covid is not helping.

I don't think the trend is very different in India. Can vou iust remind all of us about the importance of insisting on diversity and having women well-represented in organisations?

We have said for a long time that we should have diversity

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because it's the right thing to do. But the message I will take to businesses is it's also the smart thing to do. Teams that are more diverse perform better. It's not iust in the company's interest but in your individual interest to hire, promote and have a diverse

All statistics tend to show that there have never been as many women in colleges in India as there are today and there are certain subjects where there are more women than men. What advice would you give these women when they step out and see a glass ceiling?

management team.

Did anyone ever ask you that you shouldn't become a journalkids? Of course not. You're a man. You know how many people have asked me this question? When men enter the workforce. we tell them to go for it. When women enter the workforce, we say 'you can't have it all.' Because 'what have it all' means is a job and a family. But most women actually have to work, take up jobs and families. So, telling women they can't do something they are going to have to do anyway is cruel and leads to the situation we are in.

When I ask women to 'Lean In', they should go into the workforce striving for the top. Don't go in holding back because you know what's going to happen? Suppose you are competing with some guy. Fast forward to 10 years when you have a family, you are working for him, he is higher paid, he is making the decisions. If he is working for you instead, you can afford childcare and stay in the workforce; you just give yourself options. So, to every young woman out there, "you can have it all." Go for it and then give yourself more flexibility.

One question from my wife's book club was about privilege. She said, "I can 'Lean In' and go to the workplace because I have the privilege of being able to hire some other woman who doesn't have that privilege to take care of my child." How

would you respond to that? A lot of women hold back and they wind up working the same hours for less pay, less responsibility, less impact and less flexibility. I ask aspirants, do you want to be CEO? All of them will say yes, most women will say no. As a CEO, I have probably more flexibility than I had when I was a junior. As you get more senior, you get paid more, have more control, and can create more impact. So the idea

#### Is there a glass ceiling that Silicon Valley has which is tough to break?

to have flexibility is a wrong idea.

There is a glass ceiling but the thing that my foundation, Lean In, is really focussed on is even before we get to that glass ceiling, there is a broken wrong and it is that first promotion to manager. Men are promoted and hired based on their potential, women have to prove it. Women fall out during the first promotion to manager. Why? Because you cannot prove to your manager until you do it.

## One thing you have learnt

from women in India. I have heard so many stories, I will just share one. There is a network leader with LinkedIn in Bengaluru who, during Covid, started an initiative to bring women back to the workforce by reaching out to their husbands and family members. Almost all the women who left the workplace in her circle are now back in. That is inspiring.

Full interview on www.financialexpress.com

# **RBI: Digital payments**

Payment Index, which shows the deepening of payments through digital modes in India, rose by 39.64 per cent to 304.06 in September 2021 against 217.74 in

Constructed with March 2018 as the base period — DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100 — the RBI-DPI was 173.49 in September 2019. Digital payments increased after Covid hit the nation in March 2020 and the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) an-

The RBI-DPI comprises five broad parameters that enable

the country over different time periods, viz. payment enablers (with 25 per cent weight), payment infrastructure—demandside factors (10 per cent), payment infrastructure—supply-side factors (15 per cent), payment performance (45 per cent) and consumer centricity (5 per cent). These parameters have sub-parameters which, in turn, consist of various measurable indicators.

The DPI for March 2019 and March 2020 work out to 153.47 and 207.84, respectively. The RBI said the DPI would be based on multiple parameters and will reflect accurately penetration of var-

# Hero Electric, Mahindra ink pact to collaborate on electric vehicles

New Delhi: Hero Electric and Mahindra Group have announced a strategic pact in the electric vehicle space. As part of the partnership, Mahindra Group will manufacture Hero Electric's electric bikes — Optima & NYX — at their Pithampur plant, in Madhya Pradesh to meet the growing demands of the market, the companies said in a joint statement.

"To further deepen its roots and strengthen leadership, Hero Electric has announced a partnership with the Mahindra Group, which is leading the EV transition in the electric three and four wheelers space," Hero Electric MD Naveen

# **Boost to foreign reinsurers: Obligatory**

MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

The size of the Indian general

insurance market was over Rs 2

Rs 55,000 crore in FY21.

sum insured on each general insurance policy to be reinsured with the Indian reinsurer(s) shall be 4 per cent in respect of insurance attaching during the finan-

refers to the part of the business that general insurance companies have to mandatorily

cial year starting April 1, 2022, till March 31, 2023, except the terrorism premium and premium ceded to Nuclear Pool, wherein it

sion would not make any differ-

reinsurers including Munich Re. Swiss Re. SCOR and Allianz have been growing their market shares in India efficiently," said an analyst. To begin with, obligatory cession was 10 per cent, which was

obligatory cession for GICRe to cre-Indian reinsurance market. There are currently 10 global reinsurers, which have branch op-

'Exchange, fraud issues dampen

MSMEs have cited challenges related to high costs, exchange

as per a PayPal survey with Edelman Data and Intelligence

issues and fraud concerns while doing business across borders,

cross-border biz for MSMEs'

Major challenges for MSMEs

# 'Governance issue': PFS independent dirs resign

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

**ALLTHREE** independent directors on the board of PTC India Financial Services (PFS), a non-banking financial company, resigned on Wednesday over corporate governance and other issues.

The three independent directors who have resigned from the board with immediate effect are Kamlesh Shivji Vikamsey, Santosh B Nayar and Thomas Mathew T, according to a regulatory filing.

have alleged that certain actions of the Chairman of the Board and pany are "ultra-vires" and "in violation" of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013. Pawan Singh is the MD and

Managing Director of the com-

CEO of the company. The two nominee directors are Rajib Kumar Mishra and Pankaj Goel. The independent directors

have also referred to the issues regarding Rs 125 crore-bridge loan given to NSL Nagapatnam Power and Infratech Pvt Ltd, besides alleging that "no action" has been taken on certain corporate governance issues. They said, "Such nonmanagement and the company is

# Kotak tells startups: Have thorough 'health check-up' before IPOs

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

KOTAK MAHINDRA Bank vice chairman and MD Uday Kotak on Wednesday cautioned startups to follow the law and conduct a "health check-up" while aggressively pushing their businesses and initial public offerings (IPOs).

While in the early stages, startups have the need to be aggressive, being aggressive has "to be consistent with following the law and ensure you are within four corners of law", Kotak said while speaking at the Institutional Investor Advisory Services' (IiAS) conference on 'The Start-up Boardroom: Building for the Future'. A host of new age startup companies with hardly any track record have lined up for IPOs to raise funds from the public.

Kotak advised startups to go



for "health check-ups" before raising public funds. "Have a thorough health check-up of your firm in every which way by getting an independent governance expert, investment banker or a lawyer to do a top-to-bottom check-up of how ready you are for coming to the

"The Cinderella times won't last forever, and we're not far away from the clock striking midnight.

public markets. Pre-mature

launches (of IPOs) run the risk of

accidents along the way," he said.

# BRIEFLY —

global value chains, are reluc-

tant to enter India when tariffs

for components are high. The

report also noted although

globally companies, such as in

the US, are increasing tariffs on

import of electronic compo-

sday 656 points to 60,098.82 and Nifty by 175 points to 17,938.4. Brent and US WTI futures rose to \$88.82 and

infusion of Rs 1,500 crore in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency to boost its ability to fund renewable energy projects. ENS

**Activision Blizzard campus** 

in Irvine, California Reuters file

initions, the simplest explanation

for metaverse is that it is a virtual

world where avatars or online

WITH ACTIVISION BLIZZARD ACQUISITION FOR \$68.7 BILLION

ters as well. This means that instead of just viewing or listening to content on internet, people can be inside the world of internet, creating content in real time for others, while also experiencing the same. One of the first and major applications of this would be games. For instance, games where players can team up with others through internet will

Microsoft's metaverse foray

Microsoft has been trying to become a major player in the gaming industry for quite some time now. Though it has the Xbox console, it has not been able to crack the interactive game software area as well as others like Zvnga, which was acquired by GTA maker Take-Two Interactive.

in its kitty games such as Call of Duty, Warcraft, Candy Crush, Tony Hawk, among others. Full report on

# up 39.6% in Sept 2021 penetration of digital payments in

the year-ago month.

nounced several measures to boost digital payments.

measurement of deepening and

ious digital payment modes. **ENS** 

Munjal noted. ENS, WITH PTI

## Gaming: Gateway to metaverse Though it can have varied def-

major push for metaverse.

# IN A move that will further boost

The new quantum of obliga-Obligatory cession refers to the

**SECTOR WATCH** 

**MANUFACTURING** 

How high tariffs on

negate PLI gains

electronic gears may

India was at the

export, as per an

**ICEA report** 

**28th spot in 2019 for** 

electronics product

40th position in the 1980s, has

gained and lost positions to

reach 28th position by 2019.

How do high import tariffs

heavy reliance on

hurt India's domestic

electronics industry?

"The percentage cession of the

# cede to the national reinsurer, GIC Re

would be made 'nil'," the Irdai said. The entire obligatory cession

reduced to 5 per cent afterwards Foreign reinsurers that have branches in India have been demanding the total removal of the ate a level playing field in the

sum insured applicable for the ces-

health insurance, minimum 7.50 per cent for crop and average terms for aviation insurance, minimum 15 per cent for all other classes of insurance business. Full report on

■ High costs (74%) ■ Exchange-related issues Concerns over frauds (30%)

business:

expressed interest to invest in more payment options

# FinMin to **Ministries:** Keep spends

Comparing these rankings, the ICEA noted in its report that NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19 though all these countries fol-

lowed nearly the same policy to boost domestic electronics manufacturing; one major difference between Indian and rest of the countries was

tariffs. It adds and electronic ers shy away from India since the participation of the country in global value chains has remained low. Why does ICEA believe high import tariffs are counterproductive to PLI schemes? Companies with extensive

The proposal for Supplementary Demands for Grants may be projected after a thorough and objective assessment of additional

The Ministry has also notified the 'e-advance rulings Scheme', enabling taxpayers to file their application for advance ruling via email, a move that will majorly ben-

# within RE **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

ISSUING GUIDELINES for the third batch of supplementary demands for grants, the Finance Ministry has asked ministries and departments to restrict their expenses within the revised estimates.

seeking proposals for the third and final batch of Supplementary Demands for Grants, the economic affairs department under the finance ministry has asked the ministries and departments to submit their proposals by February 10. The ministry has issued this office memorandum ahead of the Union Budget 2022-23 presentation on February 1, which is likely to help

deficit within the target.

requirements of funds, it said.

In an office memorandum

the government keep its fiscal

# nents, India must keep its tariff at a bare minimum. Full report on www.indianexpress.com efit non-resident assesses

Mumbai: Sensex fell Wedne-Wednesday approved providing additional funds of Rs 973.74 crore to State Bank of India for implementing the waiver on levy of compound interest, or interest on

**AASHISHARYAN** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

MICROSOFT ON Tuesday an-

nounced it was acquiring gaming

company Activision Blizzard for

\$68.7 billion. With this, Microsoft

will become the world's third

largest gaming company by rev-

enue, behind Tencent and Sony.

The acquisition is also seen as a

personal loans up to Rs 2 crore.

# ₹973.7 cr for ex-gratia to borrowers approved

interest, on MSME, housing and

The Centre, in October 2020, announced that it will foot the bill

a relief to borrowers, who were liable to pay interest on interest on accumulated loan amount during the moratorium period.

The Cabinet also approved an

Microsoft throws hat in metaverse ring

identities of people can interact

with each other and other charac-

evolve to be more interactive.

With the acquisition of Activision Blizzard, Microsoft will have

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New Delhi

## How does India fare compared to other electronics manufacturing nations? ance of India with that of China, Vietnam, Mexico and Thailand, the report highlights how all countries have domestic production of electronic goods by

has said.

with global value chains. Since 1980, from when the data has been compared, China has improved its ranking in terms of office and telecom equipment export from 35 to 1, while Vietnam, which did not export any such electronic products up until 1990s, has climbed the ladder to become the eight largest export

in just 20 years. On the other

hand, India, which started at

By comparing the perform-

adopting almost similar strategies, such as attracting foreign direct investment, improving domestic capabilities and competitiveness, increasing exports and then linking their markets

# Markets slide

\$87.36, respectively, highest levels since October 2014. **NSE** derivative

## Labour centres New Delhi: Labour Ministry

Saa<sup>₹</sup>thi app

CarryMinati, is WinZO's brand ambassador. ENS

Mumbai: NSE in 2021 was the biggest derivatives bou-

rse by contracts traded. **ENS** 

New Delhi: Sebi launched mobile app Saa₹thi to create investor awareness. PTI

## has re-activated 21 monitoring centres nationally to help migrant workers.

# WinZO app New Delhi: Ajey Nagar, alias

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# Blistering Sania forehand starts its final descent into glorious sunset

SHAHIDJUDGE

MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

IN A POSH Mumbai hotel in December 2016, Sania Mirza spoke, with a smile on her face and an unblinking stare, about how there should be no leader in a successful doubles partnership. This was just a few months after the famous 'Santina' team – of Martina Hingis and Mirza - had separated. But the Indian made it clear that despite Hingis' seniority, both played on equal terms.

"You don't lead in a partnership, you are equal on the team," she had said, making it clear that she will not be led.

In many ways, it's a statement that has defined Mirza's career. She is the trailblazer who set the path to the top of her sport for generations of Indian women to follow. She's played her tennis - free-flowing, hard-hitting, unfazed - her way. Now the 35-yearold has decided that the end of this season will mark the end of her playing career. And she will do it on her terms.

Following her opening round loss at the Australian Open on Wednesday, Mirza made the announcement. "I do feel my recovery is taking longer, I'm putting my 3-year-old son at risk by travelling so much with him, that's something I have to take into account, I think my body is wearing down," she said after her match. "Also, for me to find that motivation every day to come out, the energy is not the same anymore. There are more days than there used to be where I don't feel like doing

"Having said that, I still want to play the season because I'm enjoying it enough to play the year. I've worked very hard to come back, get fit, lose weight and try to set a good example for mothers, new mothers to follow their dreams as much as they can. Beyond this season, I don't feel my body doing it. It's beat." The body has faced severe niggles - often needing surgery - over the years but Mirza would simply not go away. She'd take a break, get back on court again and start edging her way back to the top. From 2017, she spent a good chunk of time away from the game, nursing an injury and then finally returning to the tour in 2020 after childbirth winning her first tournament back in Hobart.

She's climbed back to as high as 68th in the world in doubles, but now she will play simply for the joy of the sport rather than engaging in the grind. And deservedly so. For, now is the time her career will be celebrated for all that she's achieved.

### Long list of achievements

A six-time Grand Slam champion, 42time tour winner, the first Indian woman and third from the country to be the World No. 1 doubles player, the only Indian woman to



India's greatest women's tennis player says 2022 will be her last season. File

break into the top 30 in singles, and a twotime Asian Games gold medallist. These are the stats that top the list of achievements, but one could already tell that Mirza was destined for big things when she was still a

"The first time I really interacted with her was when she was 15, at the 2002 Asian Games," recalls India's Billie Jean King Cup captain Vishal Uppal. "She had this attitude, this tenacity in the way she played. This feistv and aggressive approach. Many players will go into a shell after a few unforced errors, but Sania would continue hammering the ball the way she wanted.'

It's a style – previously unseen from an Indian women's player - that saw her challenge and beat the best in the world – the likes of Hingis (former singles No. 1) Svetlana Kuznetsova (former No. 2) and former No. 3 Nadia Petrova were scalps she picked up in 2006 alone.

A year later, she'd reach her career high of No. 27 in the world. At that stage, she had already become the first Indian to win a tour title, winning the WTA event in her hometown Hyderabad in 2005. But for a player of her calibre, Grand Slam titles beckoned. Come the 2009 Australian Open, she was ready to break the duck.

"The previous year we lost in the final. (In 2009) she was ready to break through and win her first," says Mahesh Bhupathi, who

partnered Mirza to her first Major title. "She's won six now, so she's leaving quite a legacy. She will be remembered as the greatest women's tennis player India has ever produced." Uppal adds: "She's set the bar for women's players from India. Younger generations will now have someone to try to match, and do better than."

She's set the standard, but didn't have anybody's shoes to fill herself. A benchmark hadn't been set, and her rise was left to her own devices. There was no Indian woman to have won more than a round in singles at a Grand Slam, nobody had broken into the top 100. Nobody had won a tour title. Mirza did it all before her 20th birthday.

But just like the success, controversies followed her. Marrying Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik too prompted some to voice their opinions. Yet through the turbulence, she stayed determined to excel.

'Sania was always focused about what she wanted to do when it came to tennis, Bhupathi says. "She did an amazing job of blocking the noise around and focused on getting to the top, which she was able to do. With such discipline, will power and focus, there's not much that can stop you from doing what you want to do.'

She first appeared on the ITF Futures tour in 2001. Now, 21 years later, Mirza, who refused to be led, leaves a legacy for many to

# Can good hosts find back of net?

Indian women's football team in the spotlight at Asian Cup; faces Iran today

MIHIR VASAVDA JANUARY 19

GROWING UP in Thoubal, Manipur, Yumnam Kamala Devi didn't know there was such a thing called women's football.

She'd cut her hair short to be 'one of the boys'; she'd sneak out of her house to avoid facing the wrath of her parents for playing a 'boys' game'; she'd humiliate other players with her body feints and dribbles, and score goals for fun, without ever knowing there was a professional set-up. Kamala, who was All India Football Federation's Player of the Year in 2017, wasn't the only one to think so.

Save for the last couple of years, women's football has virtually been non-existent in the country. There has been no youth programme, the domestic league lasts for barely a couple of months and the last time the national team played an international tournament of some significance was the 2014 Asian Games. In the total absence of a structure and with very limited opportunities to make a living from it, the only thing that kept Kamala and her teammates driven was – at the risk of sounding too cliché - their passion for the game. In this context, the Asian Cup, which kicks off on Thursday in Mumbai, has the potential to become the turning point for women's football in India. The hosting of the continental showpiece event is in continuation of the AIFF's top-down approach, in which they bring big-ticket tournaments to the country and then build an ecosystem

#### Top-down approach

This was first tried with the under-17 men's World Cup in 2017, which was used to strengthen the grassroots. The jury is still out whether it brought any long-lasting change, Again, how helpful will hosting the Asian meet later in the year, be in the long term, no one knows. But the pressure of fielding a competitive team has forced the AIFF to course correct. Thanks to the Asian Cup, the team got its first foreign coach, Sweden's Thomas Dennerby, with a proper pedigree. The players got the facilities and the attention they deserved. And have played more matches against opponents from outside the South Asian zone since 2019 compared to an entire decade before that. For all the attention that has been showered upon them in the last few months, it's what the team, led by Loitongbam Ashalata Devi, does in the next 10 days that may actually define the way forward for women's football.

India begin their campaign on Thursday against Asian Cup debutants Iran. Once they navigate past a tricky opener, they will face Chinese Taipei. India beat them 1-0 in October last year and it's a match coach Dennerby believes his team can win. In fact,



The Indian women's football team is one of the youngest in the competition. AIFF

#### **INDIA'S SCHEDULE**

vs Iran, January 20 vs Chinese Taipei, January 23 vs China, January 26

All matches Live on Eurosport, 7.30pm

it's a match they will have to win to stand a chance to progress to the quarterfinals given their final group-stage opponent are eighttime champions China, whom they will face on Ianuary 26. The fact that there is even a talk about India reaching the quarterfinals shows how much the team has improved recently. In 2017, during the qualifiers for the 2018 Asian Cup, India played three matches, lost all three, conceded 25 goals and scored iust one. Before that, in the 2014 Asian Games, the team was thumped 10-0 by both South Korea and Thailand.

#### Playing with speed, flair

The greater attention on their fitness, technical and tactical training, along with exposure trips to Brazil, Sweden, Turkey, Bahrain and the UAE means such lopsided score lines are now rare.

Instead, India, ranked 55 in the world and 11 in Asia, play with flair and freedom seldom seen in the earlier teams. One of the youngest sides in the competition – with an average age of 23, and with 15 out of the 23 players below the age of 25 - India play with a lot of speed although it remains to be seen if they can maintain the same level of intensity throughout. Their first target is reaching the quarterfinals. Goalkeeper Aditi Chauhan has grown in stature since her stint with West Ham Ladies; captain Ashalata Devi, one of the team's most experienced players and one of the final three nominees for Asia's Player of the Year in 2019, will lead the defence, where she will pair up with the tournament's youngest player, 16-year-old Shilky

Devi Hemam; midfielder Indumathi Kathiresan has been instrumental in the midfield while Dangmei Grace and Manisha Kalyan, who scored against Brazil, will lead the forward line. These national team stars, who've played in obscurity for almost their entire career, will suddenly share the stage with some of the sport's global icons, including Australia's Sam Kerr, who finished second in the FIFA Best Awards earlier this week, her Chelsea teammate Ji So-yun of South Korea and Japan's Saki Kumagai, who plays for Bayern Munich.

#### World Cup qualification

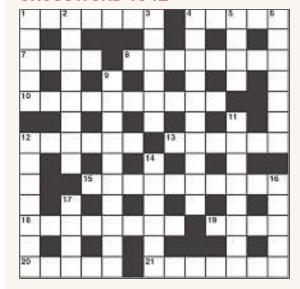
There's an additional carrot, too - a place in the 2023 World Cup. Asia has six direct slots, of which one has already been handed to Australia, who'll co-host the tournament with New Zealand. The 11 other teams will fight for the remaining five direct berths. If India manage to meet their target of reaching the quarterfinals, they'll come closer than ever before to a World Cup spot.

However, any talk of the World Cup is still premature. For India, the tournament will be a success even if it manages to put sustained focus on women's football. "It's a dream even to play in a tournament like this. Now, we have to build on this dream," Ashalata, who like Kamala used to sneak out of her house and play with boys, says. Chauhan adds: "We are fighting for women's football, and we hope to make some impact in our country, no matter how small it is." After years of neglect, this is their moment under the sun.

### Two Covid + in Indian team

Two members of the Indian women's team tested positive for Covid-19, and are currently in isolation at a designated medical care facility, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) said in a statement on Wednesday. It is learnt that one of the players was set to start in the team's opening match against Iran on Thursday.

# CROSSWORD 4642



## ACROSS

(8.10)

- They take notes and give
- 4 Goes very suddenly for game
- 7 They are charged for half portions (4) 8 and 15 Across: Not a surprise ending apparently
- 10 Will such a contractor quote a knockdown price?
- 12 Air force (6)
- 13 Consequence of reforming Ulster(6) 15 See 8 Across
- 18 It's instrumental in giving the
- team something to beat (4,4)
  19 Heartless about what adjacent properties do (4) 20 Chopper blade (5)
- $21 \quad Urge \ on \ the \ principal \ scholar$

- Tired out and annoyed
- Countryman may help you when lost (8)
- Current faults in boy's clothes
- 4 Put on the rack and extracted
- Rebel king I turn to
- 6 Perhaps he's right to gamble and drink(7) A full complement of monks is
- quite proper (3,2,5) 11 Not free of tax but ideal
- otherwise(8) 12 Cut and is cross perhaps (7)
- 14 Make a legal charge (6) 16 Marked rise of French weight
- 17 Arrange with some expedition

Solutions Crossword 4641: Across: 1 Pretty penny, 9 Harness, 10 Eider, 11 Roll, 12 Reveille, 14 Tartar, 16 Stay up, 18 Becoming, 19 Icon, 22 Later, 23 Asperse, 24 Adversaries. Down: 2 Rural, 3 Thee, 4 Yes-men, 5 Elements, 6 Nodelay, 7 Charity ball, 8 Free spender, 13 Palm tree, 15 Recited, 17 Annals, 20 Circe, 21 Spar

# **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis





# **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson







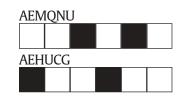
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# JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip





Answer: Politics is the science of **urgencies.** - Theodore Parker SOLUTION: BERET, AEGIS, MANQUE, CAUCHE

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## **DAY TODAY**

Lovers and children are both adding to

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) or chapter in your personal life is now

The real situation is very complex, as what was once so people and fresh, exciting possibilities. Still, there's no reason why life shouldn't be more complicated. It might even do you some good.

#### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Emotional



run into a holiday romance, or even if you're staying put, someone from far away might soon come calling. If we look at your deeper needs, we see a desire for change,

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) You will begin to see what other people are really talking about. The funny thing is that even if they're speaking total nonsense, you'll see the answers to a

whole set of current questions.

You might realise that you

were looking in the

wrong place. CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You may be trapped between the devil and the deep blue sea, unable to make

up your mind. The phrase which comes to the fore is 'why bother?', although in your heart you know that you will soon find a way forward. If you want, wait until circumstances have moved on slightly.

## LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

At work, everything depends on how well you get on with colleagues. Even at home personal relationships are now vital, and if there are any problems at all, I suggest you devote great effort towards persuading others to see eye to eve with you.

#### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Affairs of the heart could be about to take off once

New Delhi

again. An almost perfect alignment in your chart indicates a nearly ideal prospect of passionate encounters, while a further planetary aspect indicates that no effort will be spared. Your rewards will

## BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

the weight of which is gradually spreading across your shoulders. You should be aware of the extent to which you can inadvertently encourage such burdens and learn to say 'no' when once you said 'yes'.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Personal pressures



want. Only when you are clear in your own mind will you be able to set about persuading family members, or anyone else you live with, that you are right. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

Home and family affairs will provide a welcome distraction from

more weighty concerns, such as what to do about financial commitments that are starting to run out of control. You may seize whatever opportunity you can to assert your own authority. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

You may be slightly perplexed or bemused, but it probably doesn't

matter, not too much, at any

rate. All the indications are that you will be able to manipulate and manage other people with a smile here, a firm word there. and they'll love every minute. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) In affairs of the

heart, the demand for security and stability is now increasing quite fast. You will therefore be beginning to lose interest in friends

who are passing through, and will be growing very much more concerned with long-term bets. That's probably a good thing. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

It's a fine time to take on more responsibilities at work. This might sound like strange advice,

but the professional arena is probably the best venue for the exercise of your maternal qualities: if others are depending on you, exercise your power with wisdom.

We are allowed to go outside to eat, allowed to do whatever we want... We're not getting tested, so I think if we would get tested there would be probably more positives than there are now, in a way."

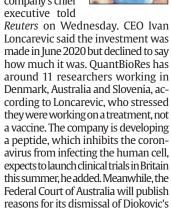
ALEXANDER ZVEREV, WORLD NO. 3, BELIEVES MORE PLAYERS PROBABLY HAVE COVID-19 AT THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN

# **BRIEFLY** —

# Djokovic holds 80% of firm developing Covid treatment

Copenhagen: Tennis champion Novak Djokovic has an 80% stake of Danish

biotech firm QuantBioRes, which is aiming to develop a medical treatment to counter Covid-19, the company's chief



## Top javelin thrower under dope scanner

on Thursday.

challenge to the cancellation of his visa

**REUTERS** 

New Delhi: A top Indian javelin thrower has been provisionally suspended after failing an out-of-competition dope test and is awaiting a hearing by the National Anti-Doping Agency's Disciplinary Panel. According to sources, the test was conducted after the Tokyo Olympics when there was no national camp in operation. PTI is withholding the identity of the athlete in question as no official is willing to confirm it at this point.

# Kerala Blasters vs ATKMB postponed

New Delhi: The organisers of the Indian  $Super\,League\,(ISL\bar{)}\,on\,Wednesday\,said$ the upcoming match between Kerala Blasters FC and ATK Mohun Bagan has been postponed due to unavailability of enough players in the former's ranks after being hit by Covid-19. The game was scheduled to take pace at Tilak  $Maidan\,Stadium\,in\,Vasco\,on\,Thursday.$ Additionally, the match between ATK Mohun Bagan and Odisha FC has been rescheduled to Sunday, January 23, at the PJN Stadium in Margao. **PTI** 

# Syed Modi: Sindhu into second round

Lucknow: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu stormed into the second Super 300 tournament with a 21-9, 21-9 win over compatriot Tanya Hemanth on Wednesday. In other matches, Samiya Imad Farooqui beat Shruti Mundada 17-21, 21-11, 21-10, while Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukka defeated Anjana Kumari 21-9, 21-12. In the men's singles, Kaushal Dharmamer, Chirag Sen, Mithun Manjunath and Raghu Mariswamy won their matches. PTI

# India go south in Africa

No respite after Test series defeat as KL Rahul's one-day captaincy debut ends in 31-run loss

**SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** JANUARY 19

JUST WHEN it felt like Shikhar Dhawan and Virat Kohli were laying the foundation for a win at Paarl, the former was gone. Close on Dhawan's heels, Kohli returned to the pavilion, looking in total control until he played an uncharacteristic sweep shot. As it turned out, chasing 297 for victory, a 92-run second wicket partnership was India's only piece of resistance. From 138/2, they quickly slumped to 188/6. India lost the first ODI by 31 runs.

Twice the tourists surrendered the initiative in this game. Allowing South Africa to make a spectacular recovery, through twin tons of Temba Bavuma and Rassie van der Dussen, was the first. A sub-300 total was still pretty gettable on a sluggish Boland Park pitch. Failure to build on the partnership between Dhawan and Kohli hit India even harder.

Wrong team selection and ordinary captaincy from KL Rahul contributed to this defeat as well, but we would come to that later.

The day belonged to Van der Dussen in particular, for he swept the wind out of India's sails. At 68/3, batting first, the hosts were in trouble. On a dry surface, the ball was turning a bit. Bounce was low and Ravichandran Ashwin had just cleaned up Quinton de Kock by making one skid off the turf. Aiden Markram's runout, courtesy a direct hit from Venkatesh Iyer, came in quick succession.

Yuzvendra Chahal at the other end was getting the drift and making the ball turn. Van der Dussen's response was a reverse sweep for a four. The batsman then brought out a conventional sweep to get another four in Chahal's next over. The sweep was out again and a four followed by a couple ensued. As the leg-spinner was neutered, India lacked a Plan B.

Bayuma, too, grew in confidence and attacked Chahal. Together the Saffers duo started to impose themselves on Indian bowling. In sweltering heat, the bowlers gradually ran out of steam. Bavuma eventually got out for 110 off 143 balls in the 49th over. Van der Dussen remained unbeaten on 129 off 96 deliveries, including nine fours and four sixes. Together they added 204 runs for the fourth wicket, a partnership where Van der Dussen was the en-



During their 204-run partnership for the fourth wicket, Rassie van der Dussen was the enforcer and Temba Bavuma the anchor. Reuters

forcer and Bayuma the anchor. The Proteas posted 296/4. India ended up scoring 265/8.

Backin 2013, de Kock and AB de Villiers had added 171 runs for the fourth wicket against India in an ODI at Centurion. Van der Dussen and Bavuma broke the record, both scoring their second ODI centuries, with the former getting to his career-best. Van de Dussen thrived on his proactive approach.

#### Iyer unused as bowler

Why didn't Rahul use Iyer at all as a bowler was anybody's guess.

At the pre-match press conference, India's stand-in skipper had spoken about how a seaming all-rounder could be an asset to the team, offering words of praise for the newcomer. Iyer was handed his ODI debut, ostensibly to have an extra bowling option, while Suryakumar Yadav warmed the bench. The debutant, though, was left unused despite Shardul Thakur leaking runs, including a 17run over. Rahul chose to stick to his five specialist bowlers, only Jasprit Bumrah making an

The positive takeaway for India from this game was Dhawan's batting. He returned to the international fold after a six-month gap and middled the ball from the outset. His handling of Marco Jansen, the left-arm quick who created a lot of problems for India in the Test series, was very impressive. After scoring 79 off 84 balls. Dhawan was dismissed by Keshav Maharaj, misjudging the length and the turn.

Kohli was batting like a king. A wristy flick through mid-wicket for a four to a Lungi Ngidi

## Will learn from mistakes: Rahul

Paarl: India skipper KL Rahul blamed lack of wickets in the middle overs and below-par show by the middle order batters for the team's defeat. "We started off really well, we couldn't get wickets in the middle. We'll look to see how we get wickets in the middle overs and stop the opposition," Rahul said at the post-match presentation cere-

"The middle order couldn't get going. We were on par for the first 20-25 overs of the game. I thought we would chase it down easily but SA bowled really well and got crucial wickets," said Rahul. "We want to get the best XI on the park. We'll make mistakes but we'll learn from them," he said in reference to the World Cup.

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delivery that landed pretty wide outside the off stump, was easily the shot of the match. The next ball, almost identical, was driven to sweeper cover. Kohli made 51 off 63 deliveries, but yet again, he failed to convert. An attempted sweep against Tabraiz Shamsi was a little uncharacteristic. The ball hardly arrived and hit the toe-end of the bat.

Across formats, India have now lost three games on the spin in a tour where they went as overwhelming favourites. Yet again, India's middle-order batting left much to be desired. Catching, wasn't up to scratch either. Also, at a venue that offered a home feel, Indian spinners were outbowled by their South African counterparts. While Ashwin and Chahal gave away 106 runs between them for a wicket; Shamsi, Maharaj and part-timer Markram – he opened the bowling – accounted for four scalps, conceding 124 runs.

**BRIEF SCORES: South Africa** 296 for 4 (van der Dussen 129\*, Bavuma 110, Bumrah 2-48) beat India 265 for 8 (Dhawan 79, Kohli 51, Thakur 50\*, Ngidi 2-64, Shamsi 2-52, Phehlukwayo 2-26) by 31 runs

# U-19 World Cup: 4 India players test positive

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

FOUR INDIA Under-19 players at the ongoing World Cup, including captain Yash Dhull and vice-captain SK Rasheed, were unavailable for selection for the Group B game against Ireland in Tarouba, Trinidad and Tobago, after testing positive for Covid-19 following results of Rapid Antigen tests. As a result of not having enough players in the dressing room, coaches were seen carrying the drinks to the middle during the India innings.

Siddharth Yadav and wicket-keeper batsman Aaradhya Yadav are the other two players who were found to be positive in Rapid Antigen tests on the morning of the team's second league game against Ireland. In addition to the positive cases, two other players were showing symptoms but their Rapid Antigen tests were negative. The BCCI confirmed that Dhull, Rasheed, Siddharth and Aaradhya had tested positive following Rapid Antigen tests.

The Indian Express understands that the BCCI is awaiting the RT-PCR test results of the four players which is expected by Wednesday evening. "We don't know whether it's a false positive. So we have taken precaution and decided not to field these players until the result of the RT-PCR tests. Rapid antigen tests can sometimes be inaccurate, so we wanted to do fresh testing of players," a BCCI official told The Indian Express

Yadav was the first player to test positive. Once he tested positive four days ago, Anneshwar Gautam, who was his close contact, was also put in isolation. Vasu Vats was also told to isolate as he was a close contact of the four players who tested positive. Another player Manav Parakh has a fever but his Rapid Antigen test, like Vats' result, was negative.

"Siddharth Yadav had tested positive four days ago, so the Indian team management had decided to isolate him and Anneshwar Gautam, who was his close contact," a BCCI official added

In a statement the BCCI said: "The Board is monitoring the situation closely and is in touch with the management and the coaching group. The players will remain in isolation but will be under the constant supervision of the BCCI

# Dhawan proves his resilience & resourcefulness... yet again

**SANDIP G** JANUARY 19

SHIKHAR DHAWAN, with his exuberant disposition, infuses the team with a sudden lightness. If there indeed hung a heavy air of tenseness around the team, with off-field developments stewing in the background, Dhawan provided the perfect antidote. There was the usual broad smile and laughter, jokes and banter flying round, as he and Virat Kohli breezed through their partnership and there was a sense of India enjoying their cricket

He came back into the team as though he had never been away; as though he had always been there, like an invisible shadow. And not someone who is, these days, reduced to sporadic appearances, like resourceful but bit-part actors. The last time he turned up for his country was in August, during a bilateral series in Sri Lanka, skippering the young team in the absence of most sen-

iors. In a year the priorities of Team India fluctuated between the T20 World Cup and Test series, Dhawan, like the format of the game he is considered for these days, was a forgotten figure. India played just six ODIs. Dhawan featured in all of them, and scored reasonably heavily to end the year as India's highest run-getter. But who remembers? But the left-hander barely betrayed signs

of someone who has not played international cricket for a while. He fitted in smoothly the throws from the deep were as accurate as ever before, the energy on the field was infectious, and he batted with the composure and fluency of someone who had never been away. There was no sign of rustiness or nervousness, of rage or rancour.

On a hideously slow surface, on which almost every Indian batsman struggled, Dhawan batted like a dream. Nothing troubled him apart from an edged boundary off Marco Jansen in the early exchanges and a misjudgement off Keshav Maharaj that ended his knock—neither the lack of pace nor the lack of



Shikhar Dhawan has scored 6,105 runs in ODIs at an average of 45 and strike rate of 93. AP

practice. On a difficult surface to drive, he drove regally, the front-foot striding out emphatically, and flicked nonchalantly.

The slowness of the pitch helped Dhawan's horizontal bat shots; he needn't worry about

getting hustled. The gangly left-armer Jansen was majestically pulled, before he was cut with the ruthless finesse of a swordsman. He unsettled the spinners by sweeping, stepping out and cutting them, all the while knocking them around for singles and twos.

## Striving to get better

If there had been accusations in the past that he soaks too many dot balls, he has massively improved, and is as much a master in the art of tip-and-run singles as Kohli. Like the former India captain. Dhawan has nuanced the craft of ODI batsmanship. His stats are golden — 6,105 runs at an average of 45 and strike rate of 93, and runs coming everywhere and in big tournaments too. Had he lived in a more glamorous era of ODIs, he would have been bestowed superstardom, like Kohli, Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul.

But beneath the warm smile and bright laughter runs a tragic streak. He had his flaws in Test cricket, but worked around it to score tough runs. He opened in some of the most

forded a longish run. He is almost completely out of the race in Test cricket, but in eight innings before his last, he had scored a hundred. He is a retooled T20 cricketer, and scores his runs at a faster clip than before, but was overlooked for the T20 World Cup. He was Delhi Capitals' highest run-getter in the last two editions of the Indian Premier League, yet he was not retained ahead of the mega shuffle next month.

Circumstances could conspire against him in ODIs too. When Rohit, the designated ODI captain returns, Dhawan's slot would be uncertain.

Now that Rahul is the vice-captain, it's unlikely that he would be pushed down the order. Kohli has locked the No. 3 spot, and vacancies are drying up in the middle order. Such a fate would be cruel on one of the most remarkable ODI players of his generation. But Dhawan is no stranger to setbacks and misfortunes that swim beneath his warm smile and bright laughter.

# Osaka stays on track for potential Barty clash

DEFENDING CHAMPION Naomi Osaka was pleased that she found a way out of a second-set blip to beat American Madison Brengle 6-0 6-4 and reach the Australian Open third round, staying on course for a potential fourthround clash with top-ranked Ash Barty. The Japanese 24-year-old, who also won the Melbourne Park title in 2019, will next meet 60thranked American Amanda Anisimova with a mouthwatering clash against Australian Barty potentially waiting in the round of 16.

Barty was equally ruthless in her 6-1 6-1 second-round win over qualifier Lucia Bronzetti earlier on the Rod Laver Arena and will next take on Italian Camila Giorgi. Brengle won just nine points in the first set as an aggressive Osaka served superbly, and returned strong to breeze through the set in just 20 minutes. Rafa Nadal said his game is improving with every match since his return from a lengthy injury break after the Spaniard eased past Yannick Hanfmann 6-26-36-4 to reach the third round. "I said here before the tournament start, things are not going to be perfect. but every day that I'm going to spend on court, the chances to play better are higher," said Nadal, who won an Australian Open tune-up event this month in his first event since August. **SECOND ROUND** Men's singles:

7-M Berrettini (ITA) beat S Kozlov (USA) 6-1 4-6 6-4 6-1, 3-A Zverev (GER) beat J Millman (AUS) 6-46-4 6-0, 6-R Nadal (ESP) beat Y Hanfmann (GER) 6-2 6-3 6-4; Women's singles: 1-A Barty (AUS)beat LBronzetti (ITA)6-16-1, 13-N Osaka (JPN) beat M Brengle (USA) 6-0 6-4, 5-M Sakkari (GRE) beat Q Zheng (CHN) 6-1 6-4, 8-P Badosa (ESP) beat Martina Trevisan (ITA) 6-06-3

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# Internal migration: Impact on women and children

India has close to 600 million internal migrants. A key feature of India's internal migration is that while most men migrate for work reasons, a very high percentage of women migrate because of marriage, not for economic reasons. And yet, they do contribute as migrant workers. But little is known about their specific needs and concerns. Another equally worrying aspect is the fate of children of such migrant workers. How many of them get adequate food, nutrition and education? How do deep-set gender biases against women, and especially the girl child, impact migrant women and children and what can policymakers do about it?

Join us as we delve into these questions and more.



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