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**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 disbursement 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 before it at 2 pm.

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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

## Abusive call row: Fintech firm founder goes on leave



Will be back by April 1: Ashneer Grover

**ENSECONOMIC 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 co-founder and MD (managing director), has today informed the Board of his decision to take voluntary of absence from BharatPe till March end. Ashneer has co-built 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

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

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

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

HURTING from the exit of several of its OBC leaders for the Samajwadi Party, the BJP 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 Bahuguna Joshi from 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 law, Aparna, to the BJP."

The wife of Mulayam Singh's younger son Prateek Yadav, Aparna has often praised Prime

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## Centre to rank states on faster green nods, fewer details sought

**ESHAROY**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

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 star-rating 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 parameters for the rating system:

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

	Total vaccinations	Female jab ratio*	Sex ratio*
<b>TOP 5 CITIES</b>			
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
<b>TOP 5 STATES</b>			
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

\*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 of 832.

Similar is the disparity in Delhi: 1.64 crore men got vaccinated compared to 1.22 crore among women over the last one year -- 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 chart).

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 behind the vaccination

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## 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

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## 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. *Airindia.in*

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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## 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 Secondary and Higher 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



Higher secondary exams in Vadodara last year. Bhupendra Rana

-- and nearly 9,400 students got 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 significant since they are likely to be mirrored across the country.

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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 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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# 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 official.

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 computer-related 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

losing its sheen, would also be 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 multi-level 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 six-months, 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 Priyanka 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.

## Accident that killed two BSF men leaves families in despair

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"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.

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#### Fire breaks out at 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 unauthorised 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 sub-section (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 intention 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 of HARYANA;

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 Central Government;

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 for the aforesaid purpose;

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 vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

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 legal 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. 53 (Mini Secretariat Jhajjar) in the district of JHAJJAR in the state of HARYANA.

State: HARYANA		District: JHAJJAR			
Sl. No.	Survey Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area in Hectare	Name of the Land Owner/Interested Person Part Survey No.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Taluk: Bahadurgarh					
Village: Rohad (25)					
1	101/4 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.1011736	Harikrishna S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Ramphal S/o Bihari S/o Narendra Kumar Salyawan S/o Ramphal S/o Bihari Vedpal S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Bhavesh S/o Mukesh S/o Jile Singh Amay S/o Devendra S/o Jile Singh Ishant S/o Kuldeep S/o Jile Singh 101/4 Min
2	101/5/3 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0907042	Harikrishna S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Ramphal S/o Bihari S/o Narendra Kumar Salyawan S/o Ramphal S/o Bihari Vedpal S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Bhavesh S/o Mukesh S/o Jile Singh Amay S/o Devendra S/o Jile Singh Ishant S/o Kuldeep S/o Jile Singh 101/5/3 Min
3	101/6/2 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Harikrishna S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Ramphal S/o Bihari S/o Narendra Kumar Salyawan S/o Ramphal S/o Bihari Vedpal S/o Jile Singh S/o Bihari Bhavesh S/o Mukesh S/o Jile Singh Amay 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	Mushrika Malkan Hasab Rasad Rakwa 421/2 Min
5	422/2 Min	Private	Path	0.0025293	Mushrika Malkan Hasab Rasad Rakwa 422/2 Min
6	86/13/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0252934	13/1/1/1 Smt Sumita 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 Karla Yashpal Mehra 86/16/1 Min
8	86/17/1/1/1/1 Min	Private	Agricultural	0.0276227	17/1/1/1/1 Min Yashpal Mehra And sons Bajriye Karla Yashpal Mehra 17/1/1/1/1 Min Smt Anguri D/o va Ramphal S/o Bhim Singh S/o Sukhlal S/o Bholar Smt Gyandhri W/o va Balwan, Mahasingh S/o and Smt Sumitra, Krishna D/o Surajbhan S/o Balwan, Mahasingh S/o And Smt Sumitra Krishna D/o Surajbhan S/o Sukhlal Smt Savatri W/o and Aashish Dattak S/o Ramehar S/o Bhimsingh 86/17/1/1/1/1 Min
9	86/17/2/1	Private	Agricultural	0.0276227	Rameswar S/o Bhayram S/o Seeta Ramankar 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, Balbir S/o Hariram S/o Raghuir Singh S/o Jaynarayan S/o Chandrans S/o Sita S/o Harchand S/o Rajesh S/o Dayanand S/o Chandram Hoshiyar Singh S/o Sita S/o Harchand Ramkaur S/o Chandaram S/o Rameshwar S/o Bhayram S/o Rajrup, Surajmal S/o Meer Singh S/o Hariram 86/18/1/1 Min
11	86/18/3/1	Private	Agricultural	0.0126467	Raghuir S/o Chandram S/o Seeta 86/18/3/1 Min
12	86/18/3/2	Private	Agricultural	0.0303521	Jaynarayan S/o Chandaram S/o Seeta 86/18/3/2 Min
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RAJESH GUPTA, Director



## 4 THE CITY



VACCINATIONS IN  
LAST 24 HOURS  
**1,25,611**

OMICRON  
CASES  
**549**

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 2,734  
OXYGEN SUPPORT **761**  
VENTILATOR SUPPORT **147**

DELHI: TOTAL  
CASES  
**17,47,966**

Total  
HOSPITAL BEDS **15,589**  
ICU BEDS **4,510**

Vacant  
**12,834**  
**3,618**

	Cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Jan 18	11,684	17,516	38	52,002
Jan 19	13,785	16,580	35	57,776
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,282*</b>	<b>16,47,224</b>	<b>25,460</b>	<b>3,42,14,603</b>

\*Total active cases in Delhi

Noida		
	Jan 18	Jan 19
Cases	1,262	1,403
Deaths	0	0
Gurgaon		
Cases	3,141	2,918
Deaths	0	2

## 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 Adityanath 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 development 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 prepared.

"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 followed," 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 second dose. In children be-

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 Minister.

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



## 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*

## Uptick in cases and positivity rate, 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 infection.

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 diseases.

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 beds," said Jain.

## Clubhouse group targeting Muslim women: Police zero 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 for questioning.

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 action.

Cyber Cell officials said they have sent notices to the US-based 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 four-five main participants. We are

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

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 the matter.

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

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

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 to the 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 Khorivillage 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 encroached on the land.

Kartar Singh, assistant engineer, municipal corporation Faridabad, said that at 10.30 am, demolition team, nine earth-movers and police reached Khorivillage. "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 trans-boundary 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 has found.

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

from north Asia.

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 oriental darter.

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.

TK Roy

Manu Bhatnagar of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) said fishing is one of the issues since depletion 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.

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 jheel a "wetland/waterbody". The two governments were then directed to form environment management plans for the lake.

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

<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>	<b>Loans from banks, financial institutions</b>
<b>₹22,18,22,837</b>	<b>₹1,29,01,325</b>
<b>MOVABLE ASSETS:</b>	<b>Government dues</b>
<b>₹7,71,21,595</b>	<b>₹6,41,20,722</b>
<b>Self: ₹4,07,65,207</b>	<b>(Matter under appeal before CIT(A))</b>
<b>Wife: ₹3,63,56,388</b>	<b>CRIMINAL CASES: Nil</b>
<b>IMMOVABLE ASSETS:</b>	
<b>₹14,47,01,242</b>	

## 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 morphing 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 + BJP'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-year-old, 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



Vishal Srivastava

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 won 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 BJP'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 Paras Nath Yadav and veterans such as Bhagwati Singh have passed away.

Verma was a founder-member of the SP, while Paras Nath was a seven-term MLA from the Yadav-dominated seat of Malhahi 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-Yadav 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 media person 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. Praveen Khanna

## 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 BJP 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 BJP'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-in-law, your sister and daughter-in-law, ensure that we win".

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

## 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 lawyer 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 Samaj, 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 Bhandari 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 CM candidate than him," said Kejriwal in Panaji.

He said, "Bhandari Samaj is a big community in Goan society.



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-a-half 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 baby."

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

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

AMIL BHATNAGAR  
SHAMLI, JANUARY 19

WITH the arrest of the Samajwadi 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 members of two families.

Standing in for Nahid, a two-time 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 BJP 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 34-year-old Nahid's arrest under the Gangster Act. On Tuesday, a court denied him bail. Ammurur 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 pan-chayat poll behind her.

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

## PAST RESULTS



■ **2012 polls:** 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 BJP'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.

Iqra pursued history from Delhi University, and after post-graduation 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 BJP 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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## POLITICS &amp; GEOGRAPHY

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

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SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 19

IT'S NOT enough to be a Punjabi in Punjab, you have to be either a "Malwai", a "Majhai" or a "Doabia", depending on the region of your origin. Carved out by the rivers flowing through the state, Malwa, Majha 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 "Bhau" 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

Region	Year	Cong	SAD	BJP
Majha 25 Seats	2017	22	2	1
	2012	8	12	5
Doaba 23 Seats	2017	15	5	1
	2012	6	11	5
Malwa 69 Seats	2017	40	8	1
	2012	32	33	2

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 Punjab, draws its cadre from the 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

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was here the AAP won four seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls. In 2017, the party got 18 of its 20 seats from this region.

## 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.

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 yet 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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## 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 BJP 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.

## REQUEST DENIED

UTTARAKHAND'S FORMER Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat's letter to BJP president J P 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

DEBRAJ DEB  
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 has approved recommendations of all three regional committees set up with representatives from both sides to resolve the dispute.

He said recommendations of both Meghalaya and Assam would be submitted before Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday evening. Shah is likely to finalise the five decade-long dispute on Thursday, a day before Meghalaya's 50th statehood day.

Sangma tweetd: "Cabinet has approved the recommendations of all 3 Regional Committees as process to resolve the Meghalaya-Assam border issue. The recommendations of both states will be submitted to MHA. Along with HCM @himantabiswa we will meet with Hon'ble HM @AmitShah ji for further action."

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 central government will decide as per the law afterwards."

## Haryana, Himachal to sign MoU on plan to revive Saraswati river

New Delhi: In a bid to revive the 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, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said. The MoU will be signed by Khattar and his Himachal Pradesh counterpart Jairam Thakur at Adi Badri in Haryana's Yamunanagar district.

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 round-the-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**

## Thakur: Any portal spreading lies against India will be blocked

New Delhi: Days after 20 YouTube 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 conspiracy" against the country.

"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

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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 Rahmon, Turkmenistan's Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov 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-Central 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 attached by the leaders of India and the Central Asian countries to a comprehensive and enduring India-Central Asia partnership".



**Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP national president J P 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 Pradesh and to highlight the initiatives 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 all social indicators. 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-

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**E** 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 attempt to counter the narrative 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 Apna Dal and Nishad party held discussions with BJP leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Wednesday as well.

The BJP'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 quit the party, accusing it of working against the interests of the backward communities. Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) leader O P Rajbhar, 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.

## 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**

## 12 Maharashtra BJP MLAs' suspension: SC reserves judgment

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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 C T 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 legislature.

## CDS Rawat's younger brother joins BJP

AVANEESH MISHRA  
DEHRADUN, JANUARY 19

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 BJP 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 far-sighted. 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 candidates here.

The party changed its candidates for Ghaziabad, Garhmukteshwar, Khair, 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 Shukdhur 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 Shukdhur 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."



Kidnapped last week, 4-yr-old Pune boy ‘released’

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE  
PUNE, JANUARY 19

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 in Punawale.

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 history-sheets 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.

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 Panchayats, the results for which were declared on Wednesday. The Congress has come third by winning 316 seats and Shiv Sena fourth with 284 seats.

The State Election 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 category.

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-

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.

BJP leader Devendra Fadnis 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.

IndiGo planes in near-miss over Bengaluru airport

DGCA says will probe, take strict action

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

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 aviation regulator DGCA said on Wednesday.

The incident was not logged in any logbook and it was not reported by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) either, they said.

Meanwhile, DGCA chief Arun Kumar told PTI that the regulator is investigating the incident “and shall take strictest action against those found delinquent”.

IndiGo and the AAI did not respond to PTI’s request for a statement on this matter.

Officials of Directorate

General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said that the two IndiGo planes – 6E455 (Bengaluru to Kolkata) and 6E246 (Bengaluru to Bhubaneswar) – were involved in ‘breach of separation’ at Bengaluru airport.

Breach of separation happens when two aircraft cross the minimum mandatory vertical or horizontal distance in an airspace. Both these aircraft departed from the Bengaluru airport within a span of approximately 5 minutes on the morning of January 9, the officials said.

“Both aircraft after departure were on converging heading i.e. moving towards each other. Approach radar controller gave diverging heading and avoided mid-air collision,” one of the officials said.

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 application 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 have to be followed by states and Union Territories if they intend to 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

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 govern-

ment and State Election Commission (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 per cent.

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 the state.

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 internal 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 worrying aspect is the fate of children of such migrant workers. How many of them get adequate



food, nutrition and education? How do the deep-set gender biases against women, and especially the girl child, play out among migrant women and children?

The seventh edition of the eight-part webinar series Thinc Migration by *The Indian Express*,

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 Women’s Association (SEWA-Bharat). Her address will be followed by a panel discussion which will feature Sonalde Desai (Professor and Centre Director, NCAER-National Data Innovation Centre), Anjali Borhade (Founder Director, Disha Foundation), Rajeshwari B (MGNREGA Commissioner, Jharkhand) and Dipa Sinha (Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University).

The session will be moderated by Udit Misra, Deputy Associate Editor, *The Indian Express*.

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.

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.

Subsequently, two more judges fell ill. On Tuesday, one more case came to light as Justice Vineet Saran told a lawyer 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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5	312/400	C-203 Improvement of Road and Drainage system from FOD Junction to RC pump house below thicker.	Rs.34,500	22/02/2022
6	313/401	C-204 Miscellaneous Face-Lining works at Type-IV/TS qtrs, III/TS qtrs, II/TS qtrs & II-Apollo qtrs. In South Block.	Rs.85,800	22/02/2022
7	314/402	C-205 Providing and Fixing CGI Sheet & Transparent Sheet (Broken Sheet, Missing, Damaged Sheet/ As where required) in plant area from Loading Plant/ Sp-5, SP-10&11A, TC Plant, including all conveyor walk/ roof from Loading Plant area up to D-10&11A Crushing Plant, Junction House etc.	Rs.18,500	24/02/2022
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Sale of Bid	20.01.2022 to 05.02.2022 upto 17.45 Hours
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EMD Payable at	The Executive Engineer, TWAD, Project Division, Kangeyam
Pre-Bid meeting	25.01.2022 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	07.02.2022 before 15.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website <a href="http://www.tntenders.gov.in">www.tntenders.gov.in</a>
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Sl. No.	Activity	Date & Time
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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.
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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

ON 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 sweet-heart 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 must 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

IN 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

FOR 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 *Shuklara*, 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.



COOMI KAPOOR

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 aloof 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

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

A disturbing political trend in India is the gradual emasculation of MLAs and MPs by their political parties, which allot tickets less on merit and more on perceived meekness and caste affiliations. Which is why some argue that MLAs with minds of their own are a refreshing change and act as a curb on an autocratic party high command culture. 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.

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 co-ordinator 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.

MLAs 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 Benaullim 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 Panjim.

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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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 BJP remains the only rational choice for most of them.

With several cases of caste atrocities reported and highlighted in the (social) media,

## A NEW ALIGNMENT IN UP

Possible consolidation of OBC identity could pose a challenge for BJP

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.

Material opportunities and advancement in a neoliberal economy coupled with an increased presence in the state structure have, over the past three decades, led to a major churning amongst OBCs. A sense of Hinduness driven by anti-Muslim sentiments was mobilised under the nationalist Hindutva project of the BJP. Together with their material and political advancement, this has evoked a sense of proximity with the 'upper-caste' Hindu social world amongst OBCs. However, the BJP's regime of the last five years in UP may have led to a sense of fraternity amongst different castes identified as OBCs.

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

of Akhilesh Yadav and, thereafter, showing Yadav's their "place" in several ways. The reservation for "upper" castes (EWS) and under-representation 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 purpose.

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*



New Delhi





# THE IDEAS PAGE

## 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.

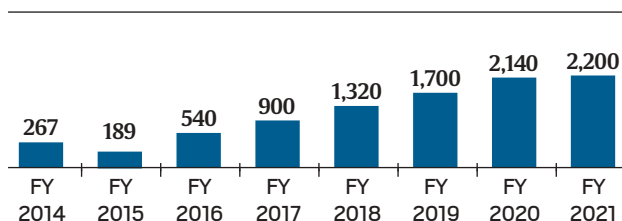
Our mobile phone manufacturing value has jumped more than eight times from Rs 0.27 trillion in 2013-14 to Rs 2.2 trillion in 2020-21. Samsung runs the world's single-largest location mobile handset manufacturing plant in Uttar Pradesh. We have surpassed the US and South Korea to become the second-largest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

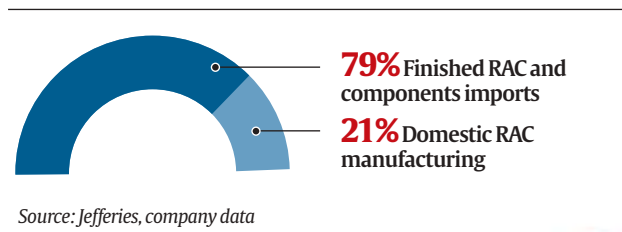
Our value addition in mobile phone manufacturing is currently limited to 15-20 per cent versus more than 40 per cent in China. The scheme for promoting the manufacturing of electronic components and semiconductors (SPECS) is a step in the right direction. Many parts like display panel assembly, camera 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-

### MANUFACTURING VALUE IN BILLION INDIAN RUPEES

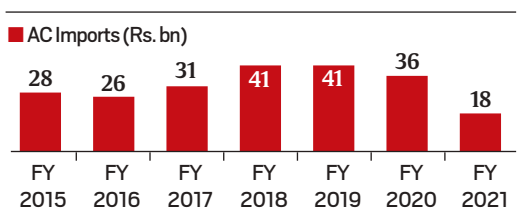


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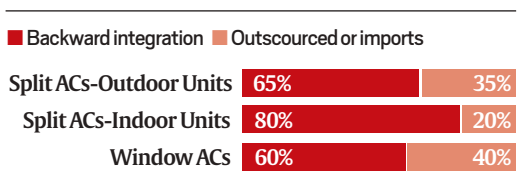


Source: Jefferies, company data

### AC IMPORTS DECLINE AFTER IMPORT BAN



### BACKWARD INTEGRATION REDUCES IMPORT DEPENDENCE



Source: Jefferies, company data



C R Sasikumar

lion in 2017-18. The government initiated 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.

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.

A judicious 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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in the 1980s. We did excel in services like software to become back office to the world. With China+1 becoming a geopolitical imperative, it is an opportune time for us to expand the manufacturing sector and improve our export market share. Many of our peers are ahead of us in ease of doing business, but none of them has a large domestic market like us. The automobile and generic pharma sector in the past and the mobile phone/RAC sectors recently have shown that we know the formulae.

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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## 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

## 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 health-care 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

NFHS data challenges official claims of Swachh Bharat success

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 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 SBM 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. Anti-conversion 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

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 Pakistani 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 chimera and Balkanisation of the Indian Union is a matter of time.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Barasat



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## TOPOF THE WORLD



Donald Trump

## 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 filings 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. **AP**

## SPAIN

## 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 EFE 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, 1909. **AP**

## SRI LANKA

## 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". **PTI**

## Al-Qaida's links with 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 Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-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 religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group. **PTI**

## 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 Shaikat 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

JANUARY 19

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 students of sexual abuse.

The agreement, among the largest by an American university to settle allegations of sexual abuse, was hammered out in private talks that concluded this week, over three years after a former student wrote to Michigan's athletic director and reported



Dr. Robert Anderson

misconduct from the 1970s.

That former student, and, eventually, scores of others, said that Dr Robert E Anderson had molested them during physical examinations, many of which were required to participate in athletic programmes at Michigan. In some instances, investigators concluded, Anderson performed examinations that were unnecessary and

## UK's Johnson defies calls to quit

Lifts Covid curbs, says Omicron wave 'has peaked'

JILL LAWLESS

LONDON, JANUARY 19

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 government parties.

Pressure on the PM grew as one Conservative lawmaker defected to the opposition Labour Party and a former Conservative Cabinet Minister told him: "In the name of God, go!"

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 government's record in running the economy, fighting crime and dealing with the pandemic.

The allegations that Johnson and his staff broke restrictions the 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

## Activist Sarah Gill becomes Pak's first transgender doctor

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

"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 became a doctor," she added. **PTI**

## 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."



Gaspard Ulliel

His death, from a head injury according to the French press, 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 university in Paris, but told *The New York Times's T Magazine* in a 2010 interview that he had to drop out because his acting career took off. 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 almost skied before I walked." **NYT**

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

## Colombian author García Márquez had secret Mexican daughter

ASTRID SUÁREZ

BOGOTÁ, JANUARY 19

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



Love in the Time of Cholera.

García Márquez died in Mexico City in 2014, where



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

## Easing curbs welcomed

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.

## 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 President 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**

## MEANWHILE

## 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 important link to the past.'



## 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 over 18 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 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 hospitalisation than its predecessors. **AP**



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, right, stands with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy 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 "water-tight" 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

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. Ukrainian officials have said that Moscow could use Belarusian territory to launch a potential multi-pronged invasion. **AP**

## 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 non-surgical 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. **NYT**

## 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. **YUBARAJ GHIMIRE**

## Raw Senate debate in fight to end voting bill filibuster

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 19

SENATORS FACED off in emotional, 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 hold-out 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.





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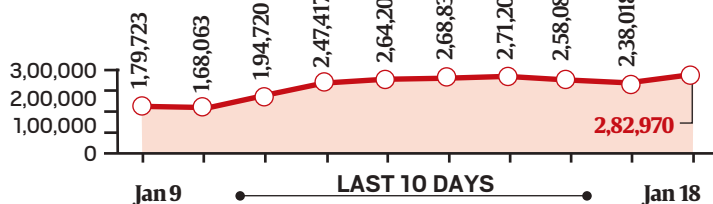
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## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

### DASHBOARD, AS ON JAN 18

<b>688</b> DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN	<b>New cases</b> <b>2,82,970</b>	<b>Active cases</b> <b>18,31,000</b>	<b>Deaths</b> <b>441</b>
Weekly CFR: <b>1.22%</b>   Overall CFR: <b>1.39%</b>   Total deaths: <b>4,87,202</b>			

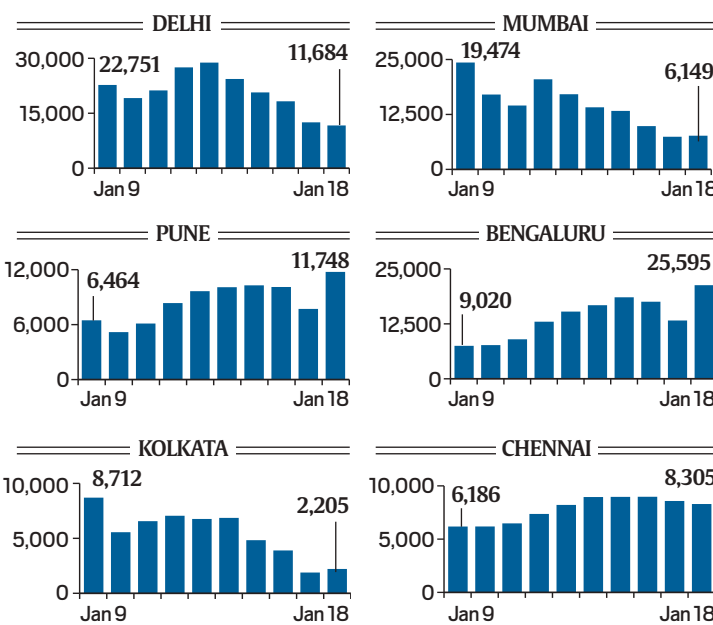
### NEW CASES, DAILY



### SURGE IN THE STATES

State	ON JANUARY 18			Weekly positivity
	New Cases	Active Cases	Deaths	
Karnataka	41,457	2,50,410	20	14.86%
Maharashtra	39,207	2,67,659	58	21.14%
Kerala	28,481	1,43,219	122	26.83%
Gujarat	27,119	79,600	10	10.92%
Tamil Nadu	23,888	1,61,171	29	15.27%

### CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS



### TOTAL TESTS

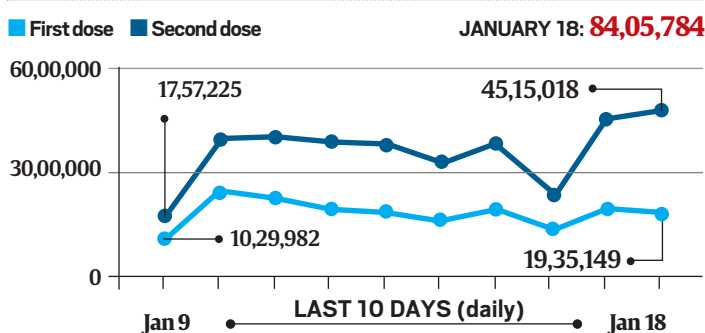
70,74,21,650

TESTS ON JAN 18	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	OVERALL POSITIVITY
20,10,225	15.07%	5.36%

### INDIA TOTAL DOSES

158,88,47,554

(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**)



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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* Rajasekhhar 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 assumption 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) KJ Vibhute observed that the "preservation of the institution of the family" is what mainly allows the provision to gain legitimacy.



The JS Verma Committee, set up after the December 2012 gangrape and murder, had recommended removing the marital rape exception.  
*Express Archive*

"... 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 also 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 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 of 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 cohabit 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

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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 that 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 Resistance 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

### AMR-RELATED DEATHS

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

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*

*pneumoniae*, *A baumannii*, and *P aeruginosa*) 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

Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy (US), 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

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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 Iran-backed 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 Houthi 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 Salafis, 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

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

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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 RANI. 0040599843-1

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

0040599843-9

**I,Paramjeet** Kaur W/o Jatinder Singh R/o-Plot-No.130,U.G.F., DDA-1, New Rajender Nagar, New-Delhi-110060 have changed my name to Parmjit Kaur. 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 Sawnani. 0040599843-4

**I,Navdeep** Bhardwaj 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. 0040599854-5

**I,Mohd** Mujib 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 Mohd. Mujib. 0040599806-1

**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.**

0040599843-8

**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/Bithana, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202002, having Permanent Address: Bithana, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh-202123, having Permanent Address: Vill Heerpur Husainapur, Post Mant Basai, Aligarh, UttarPradesh-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.

0040599848-6

**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.

0040599782-2

**I,MAHA** RAM S/O RATI RAM R/O H.No.379,NEAR PANI KI TANKI, ATEMA,SONIPAT-131023.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHA SINGH. 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.

0040599848-2

**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.

0040599854-2

**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.

0040599783-1

**I, Venktesh S/O Mastan R/o**, A67/H113, Katpuli Colony, New-Patel Nagar, New-Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Chilla Krishnamurthy for-all-purposes. 0040599854-6

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

0040599848-8

**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

**I, Jaspreet** Singh S/o Paramjeet 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, Rajesh** 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 forever. 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.

0060087584-1

**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, Muniyamma W/o Chilla** Krishnamurthy R/O,A67/H113, Katpuli Colony, New-Patel Nagar, New-Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Chilla Alivela for-all-purposes.

0040599854-7

**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 KAU** 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/744A, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as KOMAL AGGARWAL.

0070769211-1

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

**I, Avani alias** AvaniPrabhakar, 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. 0040599786-2

**I 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

**I Sunil** Chaudhary S/o Jile Singh R/O 517, Baba Nagar, Meerut Road, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sunil Kumar.

0070769201-1

**I Shivi** Bhasin D/o Vinay Bhasin R/o64/2-A, Chander Nagar, Near Mitthal Lal Shop, Alambagh Lucknow Uttar Pradesh 226005, have changed my name to Tanisha Bhasin

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**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

**I** 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.

0040599792-1

**I,SAUHARD,S/O,VISHAL MANI**, ADD-12- BLOCK-211 LODHI COLONY, NEW DELHI-110003, Changed my name to SAUHARD THAPLIYAL, permanently. 0040599848-7

**I,Varun** Handa S/o Sawnteer Kumar,R/O F-62,Baljeet-Nagar New Delhi-8,have changed my name to Varun Kumar Handa.

0040599843-3

### LOST & FOUND

**I, Prem** Lata Srivastava W/o Iqbal 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

**I**t 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 RPSC Complex, Delhi-Cantt-110010.Mob-No. 8403982349. 0040599854-11

**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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby notified that my clients, (i) Mr. Hans Raj Dang S/o Late Shri Kewal Ram Dang R/o A-161, Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092, and (ii) Mrs. Sushila Gulati W/o Late Shri Mukh Raj Gulati R/o C-193, Sarvodaya Enclave, New Delhi-110017, declare That we are the owners and in possession of Built up First Floor portion of Property Bearing No. A-52 situated at Preet Vihar, Delhi-110092 by Virtue of SALE DEED dated 20.01.2015, duly regd. as Document No. 267, in Book No. 1, Volume No. 433, on Pages 40 to 46, Dated 20.01.2015 in the office of S.R. VIIIA, Preet Vihar, Delhi. That the above said Original Sale Deed of the aforesaid property has been lost/ misplaced somewhere and not traceable by our best efforts.

That we, now intend to sell the above said First Floor of the said property to the third party and if anyone has any objections/claim for any type, such as loan, mortgage, surety, security, etc. over the said property, then contact the undersigned within 15 days of this notice. Thereafter, nobody will have any right/claim whatsoever on the said property.

**Sahil Arora (Advocate)**  
Off. No. 107, First Floor, M.S. Chambers, C-1/A, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092

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Name[s] of holder[s] [And if 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 Jain [Name[s] of holder[s] / Applicant[s]]

### PUBLIC NOTICE

*That my client* **Smt. Sheela Arora** *W/o Late Pradeep Kumar Arora* *ro Flat No. 42-F, Pocket-I, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, East Delhi-92* has debarred his son Karan Arora, his wife Shweta Arora and Anyara from his moveable or immovable properties from today i.e., 17th January 2022. Any person / company or anybody dealing with Karan Arora, Shweta Arora & Anyara 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.

**Sagar Singh**, Advocate  
J-27, LGF, South Extension, Part-I, New Delhi

### COURT NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF MS. SUNEHA SHARMA, ADD-44 (NEW DELHI) PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, NEW DELHI  
**PROSECUTION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF RESPONDENT (Order 5, Rule 26 of the Civil Procedure)**  
CS No. 400/19 (NCDH- 2504/2022  
TOY INK INDIA PVT. LTD.

VS.  
MIS ZEN OVERSEAS,  
THROUGH: RAGHAV MALHOTRA, PROPRIETOR, ZEN OVERSEAS, A-35, SECTOR-1, BAWANA INDUSTRIAL AREA, DELHI -110039  
ALD AT: 46, 3RD FLOOR, SHRESHTHA VIHAR, OPP. YOUNA VIHAR, DELHI-110092  
WHEREAS you are intentionally evading 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 final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 7TH DECEMBER, 2021


(Judge)  
ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE-04  
Court Room no. 1 Lock Up Building Patiala House Courts, New Delhi-110001

MANAJI DESHMUKH VETERINARY SCIENCE UNIVERSITY, JABALPUR, 482004 M.P.	
No. 172 /Tenders/Registrar/2022	Dated 18.01.2022
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**1) NIT.No:610000899:** "Maintenance of APGENCO offices in Viduyt 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 Viduyt Soudha main building and 2nd floor of canteen building (APGENCO premises) at Viduyt 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 Viduyt 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.

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**"CORRIGENDUM"**

निगम द्वारा विज्ञापन क्रमांक 14985-87 दिनांक 12.01.2022 के माध्यम से भवन निर्माण परियोजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन हेतु प्रमुख अभियंता के पद हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रित किये गये हैं। विज्ञापन के साथ संलग्न निदेश-पुस्तिका को कठिनाई-8 में वयन संबंधी प्रक्रिया II में Professional Experience on equivalent post के स्थान पर Professional Experience of Building/ Road Project अंकित किया जाता है। डीप बयानत रखा।

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(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).** Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for procurement of Wheels for WAG-9/WAP-7 Locomotives & Train-18 (Vande Bharat Train). The interested bidders are advised to visit the website <http://ireps.gov.in> for further details, downloading of the tender documents and submission of their e-bids.

**Director Railway Stores(M)**  
**Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)**  
Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road  
New Delhi-110001 Tel No. 011-2373191  
E-mail id: [drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in](mailto:drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in)

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**OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DEHRADUN**  
Paras Tower, 2nd Floor, Majra Niranjanpur, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun

**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.

RC/41/2021 Date: 07.01.2022

**CANARA BANK V/s HASAN STEELS AND ALLOYS PVT LTD.**

To, **CD.1:** Hasan steels and alloys pvt Ltd. through any of its Directors having its registered office at Mohalla Ali Darimyan, Kairana, District Shamli, U.P. **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 Ali Darimyan, Kairana, District Shamli, 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 Thirty Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four And Paise Twenty Two Only) along with pendulites and future interest @ **14.25%** per annum 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 there under.

3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. Your are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on **07.03.2022** at 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 are payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceeding taken for recovering the amount due.

**Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 07.01.2022.**

Recovery Officer  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Dehradun

**Solapur Municipal Corporation**  
**Swachh Bharat Mission**  
Solid Waste Management Department

**-- E-Tender Notice --**

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

**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.

**Date: 18/01/2022**

Sd/- **Dhanraj Pande**  
**Dy. Commissioner-1**  
Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

**Solapur Municipal Corporation**  
**Swachh Bharat Mission**  
Solid Waste Management Department

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
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Solapur Municipal Corporation, Solapur

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
Public Notice

Sh. Appaturae, 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 was 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 Inquiry has been marked to IO on 16.04.2021 but he did not reported for enquiry on any fixed dates. Inquiry Officer submitted the report on 09.09.2021 which was again not received by him and the same has been speed post at his last known residing address on 22.09.2021 but again Sh. Appaturae didn't turned up. Therefore, Sh. Appaturae, is hereby informed through this notice that if he desires to say anything in his defence regarding D&AR proceedings against him, he may do so within 15 days. If he requires any documents for this purpose, he may contact Security Cell/Comm. DRM Office, New Delhi for the same. If no response is received from her within 15 days, ex-parte decision will be taken by Disciplinary Authority against her on the basis of evidence on record.

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**  
**HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD**

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Transmission Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500 004, T.S.

**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION**

'e-Tender No. & Date	Name of Work	Ranging (approx.)	Bid document download start date
EP No. 117, 118 & 119/ COME/1/ TC/ TS/ Electrical Spares/ KOWSP Ph.I, II & III/ O&M Div.XI/ 2021-22, Dtd: 20.01.2022	Supply, delivery and fixing of various mandatory spares for 132/6.6KV substations having 12/16 MVA power transformers and 6.6 KV pumping stations having 36 No's of 1300/1475/1425KW pump sets for Phase-I, II & III pumping stations at Kodandagur, Nasaripally and Godakonda under O&M Division-XI.	Rs. 198.34 Lakhs Rs. 197.41 Lakhs Rs. 196.72 Lakhs	20.01.2022 @ 10:30 am

The Tenderers are requested to upload the information on the Zip format preferably. Further details can be seen on [www.eprocurement.gov.in](http://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 **Name: 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 footpath, 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, Delhi.**

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**

**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:-

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 kunj, C.R.P.F. road, Jharoda Kalan, Najafgarh, 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.
- 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(MLAD) 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.
- 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://govtprocurement.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.

Sd/-  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD.XIII.**


**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL**

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Menka D/o Rajesh @ Monu R/o RZ-20/A2, Main Sagarpur, Delhi.** Age 22 years, Height 5'6", Complexion Fair, Round Face, Thin Built, Identification Mark Tattoo of Raman on right hand, Wearing Yellow colour kurti, black colour salwar and chappal in fact has been missing/kidnapped since 22.12.2021 from her house. Sincere 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 girl may kindly inform to the following.

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-23011334  
Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218  
DP/698/WD/2022

**SHO**  
**PS: Rajouri Garden, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011-25453990, 8750871127**

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR**

B-1006

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.

Sl No	Description of Activity	Schedule Date	Extended Date
1	Availability of Bid documents in the web site	06.01.2022 to 17.00 Hours of 24.01.2022	20.01.2022 to 17.00 Hours of 04.02.2022
2	Opening of Technical Bid	25.01.2022 at 11.00 Hours	07.02.2022 at 11.00 Hours

**All other terms and Conditions remain unchanged.**

Sd/-  
**Chief Construction Engineer**  
**Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur**  
OIPR-34035/11/0026/2122

**STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY OF JHARKHAND**  
**Government of Jharkhand**  
**e-procurement Notice inviting Request For Proposal**

**for Construction Supervision Consultancy Services (1<sup>st</sup> 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 - Kasmir (Bahadurpur (on NH-23) - Kasmir - Kherachapter 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 Crore.**
- 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](http://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](http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in) as per instruction in RFP-Instruction to Bidder for e-tendering. 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.**

Sd/-  
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.  
E-mail: [membertechnical.shaj2@gmail.com](mailto:membertechnical.shaj2@gmail.com)

PR 261974 State Highway Authority of Jharkhand(21-22)D

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e-mail: [ihhealthchild@yahoo.in](mailto:ihhealthchild@yahoo.in) Website: [www.igich.in](http://www.igich.in)

IFT 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/-
IGICH/TND/MPS/1/2021-22	HOUSE KEEPING SERVICE	Rs. 2,50,000/-	Rs. 50,00,000/-
	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](http://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 APATHMITRA ON 14410**

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**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Name of Work: Solid waste management [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 maintenance, special cleaning, Anti-Mosquito spray, Anti-Snake spray, etc.] in Zone-A of Chittaranjan township for the period of one year. [1] Tender Notice No.: PH-S-1-40-1-2022-23. [2] Tender No.: PH-S-1-40-1-2022-23. [3] Contract Type: Service. [4] Bidding System: Single Packet System. [5] Tender Value: ₹39,31,138.90 (Rupees Thirty nine lakh thirty one thousand one hundred thirty eight and paise ninety only). [6] Cost of Tender Document: Nil. [7] Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): ₹75,700.00. [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](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
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**WEST 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-Tenders against following works: upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and detail information regarding tender, is 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, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum 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 GST ACT 2017. NIT No. - 21-22-W-22-103, Date - 18.01.2022, Name of work including Location - (A) Dewatering of stagnating/ accumulated rain water during monsoon from LHS / RUB under ADEN Shajapur & ADEN Shivpuri 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 at Biora Rajgarh in view of replacement of indoor with new EI and outdoor alteration in connection of tower wagon siding. (B) Provision of equipment building at Shajapur in view of replacement of indoor with new EI and outdoor alteration in connection Of tower wagon siding , Estimated cost of Tender Rs.- 6435873/-, Earnest Money- 128700/-, Last date for Submitting Tender- 07.02.2022, DRM (W) WCR, Bhopal

कोरोना के हो हवाना, तो टीकाकरण जरूर करना






**भारकृअनुप** – केन्द्रीय गोवंश अनुसंधान संस्थान  
ग्रास फर्म सेड, मेरल छावनी – 250001 (उ.प्र.)



**पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानों की नीलामी हेतु निविदा सूचना**

संस्थान द्वारा पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानों की नीलामी के लिए मुहरबन्द निविदायें सक्षम अधिकारी के अनुमोदन से आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि 14.02.2022 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक है जिन्हे उसी दिन अपराह्न 03.30 बजे खोला जायेगा। पुराने अनुपयोगी सामानों का विवरण, नियम व शर्तें तथा निविदा प्रपत्र संस्थान की वेबसाईट [www.circ.icar.gov.in](http://www.circ.icar.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध हैं।

**प्रचारी भंडार एवं क्रय अनुभाग**



**OSBI**  
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/>

**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](mailto: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 [www.dipr.rajabhaskar.gov.in](http://www.dipr.rajabhaskar.gov.in), <http://sppp.rajabhaskar.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajabhaskar.gov.in>  
UBN: PHE2122WLOB10823  
RO No. - 13005 (21.12.2021)

Sd/- (Bharat Lal Meena)  
Superintending Engineer,  
PHED, Project Circle, Jaipur

DIPRC/551/2022

**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त-बीकानेर**

क्रमांक - 2501 तिनांक - 12.01.2022

**ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2021-22**  
राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से सहक निर्माण कार्य हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार व उनके अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण/डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/रेलवे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के विभिन्न श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हों, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 01 पैकेज के 3 कार्यों, जिनकी कुल लागत राशि रु 525.00 लाख है, के लिए ई-टेंडरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि एवं समय 14.01.2022 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से 04.02.2022 प्रातः 6.00 बजे तक

निविदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट [www.dipronline.org](http://www.dipronline.org) पर एवं निविदा रस्तावेज का विवरण वेबसाईट <https://eproc.rajabhaskar.gov.in> एवं [www.sppp.rajabhaskar.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajabhaskar.gov.in) पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया <https://eproc.rajabhaskar.gov.in> पर ऑनलाइन सम्पादित की जावेगी।

NIB No. - PWD2122A2836  
PWD2122WLOB13898

हस्ता/-  
मुख्य गुणा  
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता  
सानिब वृत्त-बीकानेर

DIPRC/ 581/2022

**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 Dhandgarh 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) Rajesh 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:  
**Height:** 5'5" feet, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Face:** Oval, **Build:** 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](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.nic.in) or website : <http://cbi.nic.in> Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

S.H.O  
P.S. NIA, Delhi  
Ph.: 011-27787592, 27787593

DP/1472/ON/2021



**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/C/14/2021-22 Date :19.01.2022**  
**Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement only)**  
Tender is invited by the Director, Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, under e-Procurement platform/portal in two parts (i.e., Technical bid and Financial bid) system from the original vehicle equipment manufacturers or their authorized dealers for supply of 1500 Motorised Two Wheeler 124CC and above (Gearless)-(BS-VI) with Retrofitment of additional two 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 Senior Citizens. The interested bidders may see further details and may login in website : [www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in](http://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 the 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 can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V.V. Tower, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No: 080-22866066, 22860907. For more info please see department website [www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in](http://www.dwdsc.karnataka.gov.in)  
Sd/- Director  
Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Bengaluru.  
STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.  
Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene



**भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड**  
**CONTAINER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking) (A Navratna Company)  
NSIC Business Park, New MDPB Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Ind. Estate, New Delhi-110020  
**TENDER NOTICE (E-Tendering Mode Only)**  
CONCOR invites Online tender in Single bid system for below mentioned work, only through e-tendering mode. The bid document can only be downloaded after paying Rs.1000/- through online from the website [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL-1](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL-1)

**Name of Work**  
E-Tender for Appointment of Container Repair Agencies for Repair of Domestic Containers for Cluster-1: (Golan, Kharia, RCT-Dhappar, ICD-Phillaur, ICD-Kota), Cluster-2: (ICD-Tughlakabad & ICD-Panipat, ICD-Dadri) of AREA-1  
**Estimated Value**  
For Cluster 1 - Rs. 13781985/-  
For Cluster 2 - Rs. 10786371/- + Rs. 1353947/- + Rs. 109237618/-  
Total - Rs. 123019603/- for all clusters as mentioned above.  
**Period of Contract**  
36 Months (3 years) plus four months obligatory period.  
**Earnest 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.  
**Tender Processing Fee**  
Rs. 4720/- inclusive of all through e-payment which is non-refundable.  
**Date of Sale (Online)**  
From 20.01.2022 at 15:30 Hrs. to 04.02.2022 upto 16:00 Hrs.  
**Date and time of Submission of Tender (online)**  
05.02.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.  
**Date & Time of opening of tender**  
07.02.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.  
**Place of opening and Communication Address**  
Office of the Senior General Manager/C&O/Area-1, NSIC New MDPB Building, 2nd Floor, Okhla Industrial Estate, (Opp. NSIC Okhla Metro Station), New Delhi-110020  
\*Exemption for MSE - CONCOR reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof. For complete details login to [www.tenderwizard.com/CCL-1](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CCL-1).  
Sr. General Manager/C&O/Area-1

**Govt. of Jharkhand**  
**ROAD CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**  
**Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan**  
**e-Procurement Notice**

**Tender Reference No. RCD/SERAIKELLA/23 Date :- 19.01.2022**

1.	Name of the work	Widening and Strengthening Work of Adityapur (R.I.T. More on Adityapur Kandara, SH-05) Mahuldhri - Hesal Main Road (Aidal More of Hata - Chaibasa Road, 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 nine lakh forty nine thousand Three hundred Seventy one and Paise Ninety four only)
3.	Time of Completion	15 (Fifteen) months
4.	Last Date /Time for receipt of bids	17.02.2022 (12.00 Noon)
5.	Date of Publication of Tender on website	24.01.2022 (10.30AM)
6.	Date and Place of Pre bid Meeting	27.01.2022 (11:30 A.M.) Office of the Chief Engineer (C ), Road Construction Department, Jharkhand, First Floor, Engineers Hostel No -02, Dhurwa, Ranchi
7.	Name & Address of office Inviting tender	Ganesh Ram Hembram O/o Executive Engineer , Road Construction Department , Road Division , Seraikella-Kharsawan
8.	Contact no. of Procurement Officer	8809347906
9.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell	06512401010

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>  
PR 262018(Road)21-22'D

**Executive Engineer**  
**RCD , Road Division**  
**Seraikella-harsawan**

**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 Karpalpaur, Nalagarh Distt. Solan under Asian Development Bank assisted HPSPD. (SH: C/O Main building shall be pre- engineered, Site Development, Site Development i.e. retaining structure, WS & SI, El, septic tank, rain water harvesting tank & underground water recharging tank/ pit, boundary wall and gate, Air conditioning in selected areas, 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.

**Deadline for Submission of Bids** 23 February 2022 at 11:00 hrs (IST)

- The India has received financing 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 Contract Package 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 Karpalpaur, Nalagarh Distt. Solan under Asian Development Bank assisted HPSPD. (SH: C/O Main building shall be pre- engineered, Site Development, Site Development i.e. retaining structure, WS & SI, El, septic tank, rain water harvesting 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 Document.
- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
  - 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:
    - 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.
    - 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.
  - 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
  - Has financial resources to meet its current contract commitments, plus INR 9 million (INR 90 Lakh) requirements for the Subject Contract
  - Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Document.

However for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid document should be referred.

- To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, 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@cnic.in**

The eligible bidders may download the bidding document from the website <http://hppwd.gov.in/tender.htm>; To purchase the bidding document in 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
  - on or before the deadline: 23 February 2021 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) in the presence of Bidders/representatives who choose to attend.

(Er. Ajay Kumar Sharma)  
**Executive Engineer**  
**Nalagarh Division, H.P.PWD, Nalagarh District Solan – 174101**

6344/HP

**झारखण्ड सरकार**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग।**

**शुद्धि-प्र**

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** है, में 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) अदद अंचल (Zone) हेतु 9 (नौ) अदद BOQ Upload किया जाता है, शेष यथावत रहेगा।

हं/-  
(सुनील कुमार)  
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता (पुन 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 invites Open tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender document for "Miscellaneous repair and maintenance works of MEMU coaches in MEMU Car Shed Saharanpur for 02 years".


**1.2** The key details are as follows:

<b>Open Tender No.</b>	30-EL-MEMU-T-01-21-22
<b>Name of works</b>	Miscellaneous repair and maintenance works of MEMU coaches in MEMU Car Shed Saharanpur for 02 years.
<b>Approximate Cost</b>	Rs. 11,61,351/-
<b>Earnest Money</b>	NIL
<b>Completion Period</b>	24 months from the date of issue of the letter of acceptance.
<b>Validity of offer</b>	45 days
<b>Date of closing/opening</b>	09.02.2022 at 10.30 Hrs./thereafter
<b>Cost of tender document</b>	Free


**NOTE:-**

- Tenderer must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of opening of tender.
- 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.irops.gov.in> **119/2022**

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**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E**  
**SRINIWASPURI : NEW DELHI: 110 065**



**Press N.I.T. No. 47 (2021-22)**

S. No.	Name of works	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1.	Cleaning of Gravity Duct No. 2 from Kiloakari SPS to Okhla STP. 2022_DJB_215005_1	2,31,55,056/-	19.01.2022	07.02.2022 up to 3:00 P.M.

\*Further detail in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgep/app>

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1026 (2021-22)  
Sd/-  
**EX. ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E**  
"STOP CORONA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Bhoranj Distt. Himachal P.R. on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class for the works as detailed in the table:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money	Starting date for downloading Bid	Deadline for Submission of Bid
1.	C/O Govt. Primary School at Chambh in Tehsil Bhoranj Distt. Hamirpur (HP) (SH:- C/O building portion)	11,46,589/-	23,000/-	27/01/2021	04/02/2022
2.	SIR 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.e boundary wall and solar water heater).	1,84,29,314/-	2,20,000/-	27/01/2022	04/02/2022

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).  
Executive Engineer, Bhoranj Division, HPPWD, Bhoranj, Pin Code 176045  
Telephone No. 01972-266099 e-mail: [sepwd-bhoranj-hp@govt.in](mailto:sepwd-bhoranj-hp@govt.in)  
On behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh

6327/HP **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:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Total Approx. project cost considered
1	Construction of Maniram Dewan Trade Centre Phase II	66.4 Crore

**Sd/- Chief Engineer, PWD, (Bldg.)**  
**Assam, Chandmari, Guwahati-3**

**Janasanyog/C/10735/21**

**Himachal Pradesh**  
**Public Work Department**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer Seraj Division H.P.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of Governor of H.P invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of contractor registered with HP PWD for the works as detailed in the table :-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Eligible class of Contractor	Starting date for download ing bid	Deadline for submission of bid
1	Construction of Pharmacy collage at Bagaad Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/o Girls Hostel, W.S. & S.L., Septic tank, soak pit, Rain Water Harvesting System and site development	8,49,51,085/-	16,99,100/-	5000/-	Class-A-B	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
2	Construction of Additional Accommodation Govt. Senior Secondary School at Kholanal in Tehsil Balchokw Distt. Mandi (HP) (SH:- C/o building portion, W.S. & S.L., Rain Water Harvesting, System and Septic tank	2,56,77,834/-	5,13,600/-	5000/-	Class-A-B	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
3	Construction of 25.00 mtr span Jeepable bridge over Khala Khad in GP Lehtlach and KholiSH:- C/o Sub structure, super structure and both side approaches)	1,32,22,866/-	2,65,500/-	5000/-	Class-C-B	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
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 0/000 to 0/050)	31,88,937/-	63,800/-	1500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
5	Construction of road from Janjehli, Bhekhal Khali Gadagushari 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	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
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	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
7	Missing CD on Khalimod to Surah in GP Murag Km 0/000 to 5/070 (SH:- C/o vented cause way with wing wall at Km 1/315)	8,73,926/-	17,500/-	500/-	Class-C-D	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
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	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
9	C/O 8.00 Mtr span slab culvert over Bagaad Khad on Laikhalha to RD 3/125)	15,45,870/-	31,000/-	500/-	Class -C-D	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM
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	27.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	05.02.2022 at 09.00 AM

The bidder are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)

Executive Engineer Seraj Division H.P.PWD Janjehli Distt Mandi H.P

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**निविदा सूचना**

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**प्राचार्य**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

To be known to all that I, Amrita Arora D/o Late Gurvir Singh, W/o Iqbal Singh, R/o A-63, Chansky Plaza, Part-I, Panikha Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Allottee/ purchaser of Flat No. 507, 3rd Floor, Pocket-C, area of East of Lodi Road, Delhi has applied for conversion of the above flat from lease hold to freehold vide application No. 2944 dated 01.12.2015 in CDA. All the original documents 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 in this effect has been lodged in the Police Station. The signature of original allottee are differ on sale documents. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contrast with above named person at above Address / Phone No. 921158232 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 (L&E) Housing or Director (H.O Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

**Rajat Kohli**  
Advocate

**BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NORTHERN REGION**  
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 134(a) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014, AND  
In the matter of Agnize Life Science Private Limited (U24239DL2019PTC034358) 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 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 grounds 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, Parvathan 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:

- 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 per Railway specification and loading the same into any type of Railway wagons F.O.R. Pakur regarding raising of speed to 160 kmph on existing PKA-MPO-section in Grand Chord route of DHN Division under Sr. DEN2/DHN.06 (Six) Months. Approx. cost of work (In Rs.) : ₹7,15,89,650/-
- E-Tender No. 159-DHN-2021-22. Name of the work with its location & completion period : Zonal contract in Zone No- 10 for General, Pipe & Sanitary, wood and Road work of Gomoh Sub-Div



## WILL NOT MAJORLY IMPACT GIC RE

## Boost to foreign reinsurers: Obligatory cession to GIC Re cut to 4% from FY23

GEORGE MATHEW  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

IN A move that will further boost 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.

Obligatory cession refers to the part of the business that general insurance companies have to mandatorily cede to the national reinsurer, GIC Re.

The size of the Indian general insurance market was over Rs 2 lakh crore in 2020-21. It has been growing at over 15 per cent in re-

cent years except for the last two 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 Rs 55,000 crore in FY21.

The new quantum of obligatory 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.

"The percentage cession of the 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-

## WHAT IS THIS CESS

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cial year starting April 1, 2022, till March 31, 2023, except the terrorism premium and premium ceded to Nuclear Pool, wherein it would be made 'nil', the Irdai said.

The entire obligatory cession has to be reinsured with GIC Re, Irdai said. The reduction of just 1 percentage point obligatory cession would not make any differ-

ence to GIC Re as the general industry pie is growing every year. "Despite GIC Re having a mandatory obligatory cession, foreign 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 reduced to 5 per cent afterwards. Foreign reinsurers that have branches in India have been demanding the total removal of the obligatory cession for GIC Re to create a level playing field in the Indian reinsurance market.

There are currently 10 global reinsurers, which have branch operations in India for the last 3 years.

There would be no limit on sum insured applicable for the ces-

sions made during the period from 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 GIC Re 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 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 www.indianexpress.com*

## 'Exchange, fraud issues dampen cross-border biz for MSMEs'

MSMEs have cited challenges related to high costs, exchange issues and fraud concerns while doing business across borders, as per a PayPal survey with Edelman Data and Intelligence



**Major challenges for MSMEs while doing cross-border business:**

- High costs (74%)
- Exchange-related issues (31%)
- Concerns over frauds (30%)

**98%** of the surveyed Indian businesses expressed interest to invest in more payment options

Source: PayPal & Edelman Data and Intelligence/PTI

## FinMin to Ministries: Keep spends within RE

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

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.

In an office memorandum 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 the government keep its fiscal deficit within the target.

The proposal for Supplementary Demands for Grants may be projected after a thorough and objective assessment of additional requirements of funds, it said.

The Ministry has also notified the 'e-advance rulings Scheme', enabling taxpayers to file their application for advance ruling via e-mail, a move that will majority benefit non-resident assesses.

## 'Governance issue': PFS independent dirs resign

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

ALL THREE 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.

In the resignation letters, they have alleged that certain actions of the Chairman of the Board and

Managing Director of the company are "ultra-vires" and "in violation" of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

Pawan Singh is the MD and 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 non-cooperation on the part of the management and the company is unfortunate..." **WITH PTI**

## Kotak tells startups: Have thorough 'health check-up' before IPOs

ENSECONOMICBUREAU  
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



UDAY KOTAK  
Vice chairman-MD, Kotak Mahindra Bank. File

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 public markets. Pre-mature launches (of IPOs) run the risk of accidents along the way," he said.

"The Cinderella times won't last forever, and we're not far away from the clock striking midnight."

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 Zynga, which was acquired by GTA maker Take-Two Interactive.

With the acquisition of Activision Blizzard, Microsoft will have in its kitty games such as Call of Duty, Warcraft, Candy Crush, Tony Hawk, among others.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

Microsoft's metaverse foray



Activision Blizzard campus in Irvine, California Reuters/File

inations, the simplest explanation for metaverse is that it is a virtual world where avatars or online

## India was at the 28th spot in 2019 for electronics product export, as per an ICEA report

40th position in the 1980s, has gained and lost positions to reach 28th position by 2019.

## How do high import tariffs hurt India's domestic electronics industry?

Comparing these rankings, the ICEA noted in its report that though all these countries followed nearly the same policy to boost domestic electronics manufacturing, one major difference between Indian and rest of the countries was heavy reliance on tariffs. It adds global investors and electronic component makers 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 counter-productive to PLI schemes? Companies, with extensive global value chains, are reluctant 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 components, India must keep its tariff at a bare minimum. *Full report on www.indianexpress.com*

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## ₹973.7 cr for ex-gratia to borrowers approved

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on 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 interest, on MSME, housing and personal loans up to Rs 2 crore.

The Centre, in October 2020, announced that it will foot the bill

for compound interest to provide 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 infusion of Rs 1,500 crore in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency to boost its ability to fund renewable energy projects. **ENS**

AASHISH ARYAN  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

MICROSOFT ON Tuesday announced it was acquiring gaming company Activision Blizzard for \$68.7 billion. With this, Microsoft will become the world's third largest gaming company by revenue, behind Tencent and Sony. The acquisition is also seen as a major push for metaverse.

Gaming: Gateway to metaverse Though it can have varied def-

SECTOR WATCH  
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## How high tariffs on electronic gears may negate PLI gains

AASHISH ARYAN  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

INDIA'S POLICY of adopting high tariffs on import of electronics component to reduce risks from global competition and save domestic companies might prove to be counter-productive to its schemes, aimed at increasing domestic production of electronic products, a report by the Indian Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA) has said.

## How does India fare compared to other electronics manufacturing nations?

By comparing the performance of India with that of China, Vietnam, Mexico and Thailand, the report highlights how all countries have tried to encourage the domestic production of electronic goods by adopting almost similar strategies, such as attracting foreign direct investment, improving domestic capabilities and competitiveness, increasing exports and then linking their markets 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

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BRIEFLY  
Markets slide

Mumbai: Sensex fell Wednesday 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 \$87.36, respectively, highest levels since October 2014.

## NSE derivative

Mumbai: NSE in 2021 was the biggest derivatives bourse by contracts traded. **ENS**

## Labour centres

New Delhi: Labour Ministry has re-activated 21 monitoring centres nationally to help migrant workers.

## Saaṛthi app

New Delhi: Sebi launched mobile app Saaṛthi to create investor awareness. **PTI**

## WinZO app

New Delhi: Ajey Nagar, alias CarryMinati, is WinZO's brand ambassador. **ENS**

## 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

THE EXPRESS Awards for Women Entrepreneurs, initiated by Financial Express and FICCI-FLO, aims to award women who have not only shown courage to take up leadership positions but have braved numerous challenges to reach the top and set examples for future entrepreneurs. The keynote interview set the tone for the awards.

It has been eight years since 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 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.

Covid is a health crisis, an economic 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 you just 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



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 just in the company's interest but in your individual interest to hire, promote and have a diverse management team.

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?

Did anyone ever ask you that you shouldn't become a journalist because you might want kids? 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 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

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 you don't want to go for it in order to have flexibility is a wrong idea.

Is there a glass ceiling that Silicon Valley has which is tough to break?

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.

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## 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 Munjal noted. **ENS, WITH PTI**



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**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 executive told *Reuters* on Wednesday. CEO Ivan Loncarevic said the investment was made in June 2020 but declined to say how much it was. QuantBioRes has around 11 researchers working in Denmark, Australia and Slovenia, according to Loncarevic, who stressed they were working on a treatment, not a vaccine. The company is developing a peptide, which inhibits the coronavirus from infecting the human cell, expects to launch clinical trials in Britain this summer, he added. Meanwhile, the Federal Court of Australia will publish reasons for its dismissal of Djokovic's challenge to the cancellation of his visa on Thursday. **REUTERS**



### Top javelin thrower under dope scanner

**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. **PTI**

### Kerala Blasters vs ATKMB postponed

**New Delhi:** The organisers of the Indian Super League (ISL) 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 place 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 P.J.N Stadium in Margao. **PTI**

### Syed Modi: Sindhu into second round

**Lucknow:** Two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu stormed into the second round of the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament with a 21-9, 21-9 win over compatriot Tanya Hemant on Wednesday. In other matches, Samiyya 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 Dharmam, 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 run-out, 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.

Bavuma, 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 Bavuma the anchor. The Proteas posted 296/4. India ended up scoring 265/8.

Back in 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 17-run over. Rahul chose to stick to his five specialist bowlers, only Jasprit Bumrah making an impact.

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 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.

### 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 ceremony.

"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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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

# Dhawan proves his resilience & resourcefulness... yet again

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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 again.

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, skipping 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 announced 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

capricious conditions abroad, but was not afforded 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

DEPENDING 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 fourth-round clash with top-ranked Ash Barty. The Japanese 24-year-old, who also won the Melbourne Park title in 2019, will next meet 60th-ranked 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 im-

proving with every match since his return from a lengthy injury break after the Spaniard eased past Yannick Hanfmann 6-2 6-3 6-4 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. **AP**

**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) 6-4 6-0, 6-R Nadal (ESP) beat Y Hanfmann (GER) 6-2 6-3 6-4; **Women's singles:** 1-A Barty (AUS) beat L Bronzetti (ITA) 6-1 6-1, 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) 6-0 6-3

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