



The Express e.Adda
with Nandan Nilekani
scheduled today, January
25, has been postponed.
The inconvenience is
deeply regretted.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNAY



FED MEETING THIS WEEK

Eyes on US amid global dip, Sensex down over 2.6%

Sharp fall across all sectors, metal and realty indices among biggest losers

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

VOLATILE STOCK markets are undergoing a sharp correction driven by a sell-off in global markets amid indications that the US Federal Reserve will tighten liquidity and hike interest rates.

On Monday, the benchmark Sensex crashed by 2,000 points intra-day, or 2.62 per cent, before closing with a loss of 1,546 points at 57,491.51 — over the last five trading sessions, it has lost 3817 points or 6.2 per cent. The NSE Nifty Index plunged 468 points, or 2.66 per cent, to reach 17,149.10.

The fall was in line with weakness in the European and US markets. While premier indices in UK and Germany fell 2.4

EXPLAINED
E Rough winds ahead

INVESTORS EXPECT the US Fed to hike interest rates in March — the first such hike since the start of the pandemic. When interest rates go up in the US, foreign investors tend to pull out funds from emerging markets like India and invest in the US.

per cent and 3.5 per cent, respectively, the Dow Jones Industrial in US was down 1,080 points or 3.2 per cent Monday (11 pm IST).

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Air India set to be handed to Tata Group on January 27

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

AIR INDIA will likely be handed over to the Tata Group on January 27 with the disinvestment process reaching the final stages, according to the airline's officials. The airline's balance sheet was finalised and shared with the Mumbai-based conglomerate on Monday, and the company is expected to review it by Wednesday, following which the transfer will be made.

On October 11, the central government had issued the Letter of Intent (LoI) to the Tata Group, confirming its willingness to transfer 100 per cent stake in the airline. At the time, the expected timeline for transfer was set for December-end. This was extended to January-end on account of various pending approvals from global regulators and finalisation of the balance sheet by the lenders and the airline's lessors.

The closing date of the balance sheet has been set at January 20.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

BJP draws up more names for UP, may drop 80 MLAs

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

A HIGH-LEVEL BJP meeting on Monday finalised the remaining candidates for the coming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, with around 80 sitting MLAs likely to be dropped and seats changed for almost a dozen overall, sources said.

The core committee of the party met at the BJP headquarters here, with Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath attending. The Central Election Committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will meet Tuesday to give the final approval to the list.

The BJP is expected to contest around 380 seats of the total 403 in the state, leaving the remaining for its allies Apna Dal (S) and

DECISION 2022
PAGE 7

Cocaine in cricket's new fix: Trapped by Indian bookies, says ex-Zimbabwe star

DEVENDRA PANDEY & ABHISHEK PUROHIT
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

BRENDAN TAYLOR, the former Zimbabwe captain, is set to become the second big name from his country after former fast bowler Heath Streak to have breached the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Anti-Corruption Code in recent times.

In a statement posted on



Brendan Taylor says he faces a 'multi-year ban'

Taylor's Twitter handle on Monday, the recently retired 35-year-old wicketkeeper-batter said the ICC is about to impose a "multi-year ban" on him after he delayed reporting a corrupt ap-

proach by "an Indian businessman" to the governing body for four months.

The Harare-born Taylor, who had a long playing career for Zimbabwe from 2004 to 2021, said that in October 2019, he had been requested by the businessman to come to India to discuss sponsorships and the potential launch of a T20 tournament in the African country. He said he was told he would be paid

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

UMAR KHALID CASE

All anti-CAA protest sites chosen near mosques, says prosecutor

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE PROSECUTION opposing former JNU student Umar Khalid's bail in a Northeast Delhi riots case has told a Delhi court that all 25 sites where protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act were held in Delhi were picked because of their proximity to mosques, but were "purposefully given secular names".

To support this claim, Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad told Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat: "The Shriram

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

SHARJEEL IMAM CASE: COURT FRAMES SEDITION CHARGES P 5

Shopian set to be fourth DDC in J&K to bring no-trust vote against chairperson

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JANUARY 24

IN A sign of growing discontent within District Development Councils (DDC) in Jammu and Kashmir over their functioning, a fourth DDC is considering moving a motion of no-confidence against

its chairperson even as three other such notices gather dust.

Members of the Shopian DDC are planning to bring a no-confidence motion against Bilquis Jan of the J&K Apni Party on grounds that no meetings have been convened by the chairperson since the first meeting of the council after it was

constituted in March 2021.

This comes months after members of three central Kashmir DDCs — Budgam, Ganderbal and Srinagar — moved no-confidence motions against their respective chairpersons.

The 20 DDCs — 10 each in Kashmir and Jammu — were set

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

In Rajasthan village, with some official help: 'I'm first Dalit groom to ride mare'

PAGE 1
ANCHOR

DEEP MUKHERJEE
CHADI (BUNDI), JANUARY 24

DRESSED IN a white sherwani and holding the handle of a sheathed sword hanging down his right side, 27-year-old Shriram Meghwal flashes a wide grin, as the mare he is perched on trots towards his wedding venue in Chadi village of Rajasthan's Bundi district.

Meghwal is flanked by a group



Police deployed for the wedding in Rajasthan. Deep Mukherjee

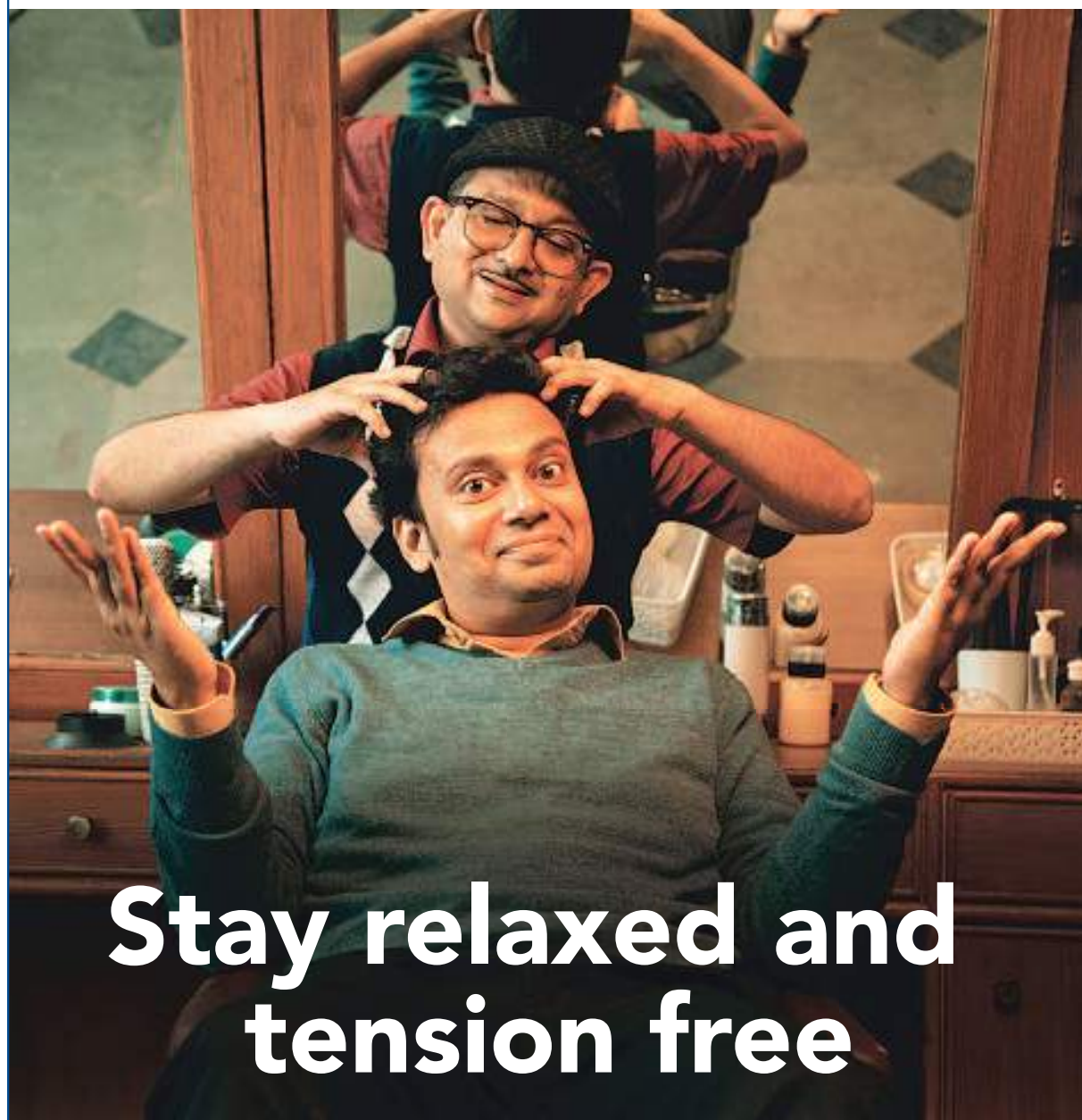
of policemen in khaki — some of them holding lathis — as the procession goes past brick houses and open drains, circling the village. Other police personnel are stationed all around the venue keeping a keen eye on bystanders.

In between Bollywood chartbusters, the DJ lets out loud, melodious rendition of the slogan 'Jai Bhim'. Women dance and children clap as the music blares out amidst flashing lights.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

MP: DALIT GROOM'S HOUSE ATTACKED P 10

HDFC
MUTUAL FUND
BHAROSA APNO KA



Stay relaxed and tension free

Diversifying your investments across asset classes helps to mitigate the impact of market fluctuations. In a world of uncertainties, asset allocation is critical. Thankfully, various categories of hybrid schemes - investing in a combination of asset classes, provide a convenient route to asset allocation and keep your tension away!

Choose from asset allocation solutions and start your **SIP** today!

- Conservative Hybrid Fund
- Equity Savings Fund
- Multi Asset Allocation Fund
- Balanced Advantage Fund
- Aggressive Hybrid Fund

Contact your
MFD/RIA.

SIP - Systematic Investment Plan



An Investor Education Initiative by HDFC Mutual Fund

For KYC, change of address, investor complaints redressal, etc. visit, <https://www.hdfcfund.com/information/key-know-how>.

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

FROM PAGE ONE

Sensex down

Nasdaq, too, was down 4.5 per cent.

In India, the fall was driven by FPIs liquidating their position in anticipation of liquidity absorption moves by the US Federal Reserve in response to high inflation. According to the provisional data with stock exchanges, the FPIs pulled out a net of Rs 3,751 crore from Indian equities on Monday, taking their net outflow over the last nine trading sessions to Rs 15,817 crore.

Experts say markets are likely to remain weak and volatile in the near term as investors are bracing for the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on January 25-26, where it is expected to confirm how soon it will start sucking out the liquidity that has supercharged growth in stocks in recent years.

According to a Morgan Stanley report, the reason for the Fed's sharp pivot is obvious as inflation has overshot its goals, leading to turbulence for the real economy and a political tightrope walk for the White House. When the Fed first announced its inflation-targeting policy in summer 2020, it was appropriate given the deflationary effects of the pandemic. Therefore, it's now just as appropriate for the Fed to tighten at an accelerated pace to fight the inflation overshoot, the report said.

Adding to the caution were concerns about a possible Russian attack on Ukraine with the US State Department pulling out family members of its embassy staff from Kyiv. US President Joe Biden was considering sending thousands of US troops to NATO allies in Europe along with warships and aircraft.

The prospect of higher borrowing costs and more attractive bond yields has taken a toll on tech stocks with their lofty valuations, leaving the Nasdaq down 12 per cent so far this year and the S&P 500 nearly 8 per cent. The rout was exacerbated by a slide in Netflix, which tumbled almost 22 per cent on a gloomy forecast for subscriber growth, shedding \$44 billion in market value.

"Fear of Fed tapering, increase in interest rates and tightening of fiscal policy by the RBI are some reasons for not letting the market

get confidence. The earning season hints at shrinking margins and a decrease in rural demand," said Sonam Srivastava, Founder at Wright Research, an investment advisory firm.

While Monday witnessed a sharp fall across all sectors, metal and realty indices emerged as the biggest loser. While the realty index fell 5.9 per cent, the metal index fell 5 per cent. The basic materials index and consumer durables index, too, lost over 4 per cent. Banking index was the most resilient as it fell the least, by 1.65 per cent. Of the 3,706 stocks traded on BSE, 3,106 witnessed decline in their share price on Monday as against 486 advances. The mid cap and small cap indices, too, fell 3.8 per cent and 4.4 per cent, respectively.

In an interesting trend, some of the new-age technology companies, which had recently listed on stock exchanges with much fanfare, fell sharply on Monday.

Zomato fell 19.6 per cent to close at its lowest since listing, and FSN E-Commerce Ventures (Nykaa) saw its shares fall 12.9 per cent to also close at its lowest since listing. Paytm, which has been witnessing a slide in its share price, fell 4.4 per cent to close at 917—its lowest closing since listing last year.

While global investors are extremely sensitive to the Fed commentary that will become available mid-week, analysts say leveraged positions will continue to be unwound, sharply and forcefully in some cases, leading to further corrections.

On the domestic front, the market movement will be influenced by the forthcoming Union Budget in February. The monetary policy review by the Reserve Bank of India in the first week of February will also give an indication about the normalisation of accommodative monetary policy.

Dalit groom

"I am the first Dalit groom to ride a mare through these roads. This will change the mentality that *Dalit neeche hain, toh neeche hi rehne do* (Dalits are downtrodden, let them remain downtrodden). This is one step towards equality," Meghwal, a contractual employee with a gram panchayat, says.

The wedding of Meghwal and

his bride Dropadi on Monday was the first ceremony held under an initiative of the Bundi police and district administration, titled 'Operation Samanta (Operation Equality)', to break taboos enforced on Dalits, such as not letting Scheduled Caste grooms ride a horse (mostly a female) to their wedding ceremony.

With casteism entrenched in the state with its long feudal history, Rajasthan frequently sees attacks on Dalit wedding processions over issues such as the groom riding a horse—seen by the upper castes as an act of assertion and defiance.

Recently, the Rajasthan Police revealed that in the past 10 years, they had registered 76 cases over Dalit grooms being stopped from riding a horse.

Bundi SP Jai Yadav told *The Indian Express*: "We surveyed Bundi district and identified around 30 such villages where Dalits have never got onto a horse as part of wedding rites. In some places, people objected. We started 'Operation Samanta' and constituted Samanta committees in these villages with the sarpanch, police, gram rakshak and police mitras being members."

These committees meet Dalit families to make them aware of their rights. "If we find there are people who can create problems for Dalit families who want to use a horse at a wedding, we take strict action against them," said Yadav, who was present at Meghwal's wedding Monday along with the District Collector.

The SP said that in Chadi, they received a positive response from people of all communities.

Thanking the administration for its support, Babulal Meghwal, the father of the bride, said: "Earlier, because of fear, Dalit grooms would not ride a horse. But my son-in-law has changed this." Police officials said around 60 personnel from three different police stations were deployed for the wedding.

After completing a full circle of the village as part of the wedding procession, Meghwal headed to the stage, where a large photo of B R Ambedkar formed the backdrop. Doing a high-five with his friends who stood in front of the stage, he said: "Now, there will be more grooms from the Dalit community who will ride a horse to their wedding procession. Our society is changing."

Air India

In a communication to the airline's employees on Monday, Air India's Director, Finance, Vinod Hejmadi wrote: "The disinvestment of Air India is now decided to be on the 27th January, 2022. The closing balance sheet as on 20th January has to be provided today, 24th January, so that it can be reviewed by Tatas and any changes can be effected on Wednesday".

"We have done an excellent job till now in providing all support for the disinvestment exercise. The next three days will be hectic for our department and I request all of you to give your best in these last three-four days before we get divested. We may have to work late in the night to complete the task given to us. I seek the co-operation of one and all," he wrote.

The Indian Express has reviewed the communication.

In October, the government had announced that the Tata Group placed the winning bid for 100 per cent stake in Air India at Rs 18,000 crore, of which Rs 15,300 crore was the debt component and Rs 2,700 crore was the cash component to be paid to the government.

The final balance sheet has been prepared with approvals from the regulators, lenders and lessors of the airline. This balance sheet, provided to the Tata Group, is expected to account for the Rs 20 crore loss being incurred by Air India on a daily basis, till the cutoff date of January 20.

BJP MLAs

NISHAD Party. On Monday, names were finalised for the last three phases of the seven-phase election, involving 172 seats, with the party having already announced names of 197 candidates earlier.

BJP leaders said the only criteria for dropping sitting MLAs was "winnability" while pointing that a large number of the party's 312 winning candidates last time were new faces. "The feedback from the constituency, the performance of the MLAs in the constituency and in the organisation, and the credibility of the person, were factored in for taking a final decision.

WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM

DOWNLOAD APP

- VISUAL STORIES
- DAILY BRIEFING
- PODCASTS
- CUSTOMIZABLE NEWS EXPERIENCE

Indian Express
★★★★★ 4.6

SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

EXPRESS AUDIO

The Amar Jawan Jyoti controversy

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

Today on the 3 Things podcast, we talk about why the Amar Jawan Jyoti was extinguished, and the reasons why military veterans are divided about it

Certainly, there were a few constituencies where the party had to seek consensus when there were more than one candidate with good credentials," a person involved in the process said.

Sources said the BJP leadership was keen on dropping more sitting MLAs but after the recent exit of three ministers and almost a dozen MLAs, it decided to proceed with caution, "taking into account disturbances on the ground" if an MLA was changed.

The Apna Dal(S) has been demanding more than double the 11 seats it contested in 2017, and the NISHAD Party 15 seats. However, the BJP has reportedly decided not to concede more than two-three extra seats from 2017 for the Apna Dal, which had won nine seats then. The NISHAD Party, formed in 2016, had contested 72 seats last time and won only one, Gyanpur in Bhadohi.

The BJP had fought 384 seats last time, when apart from the Apna Dal(S) it had tied up with the SBSP (Suheildev Bhartiya Samaj Party). The SBSP had contested eight seats and won four.

The BJP is most apprehensive about eastern UP, where the exit of some prominent OBC faces, including ministers Swami Prasad Maurya and Dara Singh Chaudhan, is expected to have an impact, especially on support for the party among backward castes.

Monday's meeting was also attended by Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is in charge of Uttar Pradesh, and UP Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dinesh Sharma, among others.

tracking; players from smaller international teams, where official compensation isn't usually lucrative and can be delayed, being increasingly targeted by bookies, mainly from India.

BCCI's ACU chief, Shabbir Khandwawala, says the board is aware of Taylor's situation, and that the "usual targets" are "such players from vulnerable countries who are not big enough or don't have enough money".

"But the good part is that players have started to report to ACU, and they inform if anyone has approached them. In India, we have sessions where the ACU informs and educates players on how bookies will try to lure them, and make them understand each and every point. As India is cricket's hub, we are aware of the challenges going ahead. In the past few years, the BCCI has managed to register complaints across India and that has also helped us," Khandwawala said.

According to Taylor, meanwhile, the stress triggered by the incident impacted his health so much that he was diagnosed with shingles—an infection that causes rash — and was prescribed amitriptyline, which is used to treat depression. He said he will be checking into a rehabilitation centre from Tuesday to deal with his substance abuse. Taylor said he tried to explain to the ICC that he had delayed reporting the approach as he wanted to protect his family but the governing body refused to entertain his argument. The ICC is yet to issue an official comment on the incident.

Despite belatedly admitting to the approach, Taylor claimed he had never been involved in match-fixing. "I may be many things but I am not a cheat. My love for the beautiful game of cricket far outweighs and surpasses any threats which could be thrown my way," he said.

Taylor played 34 Tests, 205 ODIs and 45 T20Is for Zimbabwe until his retirement in September 2021. He was also a Kolpak player in English domestic cricket for a couple of years in between, having quit playing for Zimbabwe after their last 2015 World Cup game against India. He returned from the UK to make his Zimbabwe comeback in late 2017.

In April 2021, another Zimbabwean star, Heath Streak, was banned for eight years for passing on information and introducing players to an Indian businessman, who was a known corruptor. Streak had allegedly received bitcoins valued at \$70,000. Streak, as per an ICC ACU investigation, had given inside information and failed to disclose potentially corrupt approaches related to the Zimbabwe team, the Indian Premier League, the Bangladesh Premier League, the Pakistan Super League and the Afghanistan Premier League.

Invariably, there has been an Indian connection in most cases.

In 2018, the ICC's then ACU chief Alex Marshall had warned that "it is mostly corrupt Indian bookies" who have been approaching players. In the same

Cricket's new fix

US\$ 15,000 for the trip.

"The timing was such that we hadn't been paid for 6 months by Zimbabwe cricket (the country's cricket board) and it was questionable whether Zimbabwe would be able to continue playing in the international arena. So I made the journey," Taylor stated.

At a celebratory dinner with the businessman and his colleagues, Taylor said he was offered cocaine, and he "foolishly took the bait". The next morning, Taylor claimed he was blackmailed by the same group of men that if he did not spot-fix during international games for them, they would make their video of him taking cocaine public.

"I was cornered. And with 6 of these individuals in my hotel room, I was scared for my own safety. I'd fallen for it. I'd willingly walked into a situation that has changed my life forever," he said.

Taylor added that he was given the promised US\$ 15,000 but was also told that it was a "deposit" for spot-fixing and that an additional US\$ 20,000 would be paid once he carried out the fix. "I took the money so I could get on a plane and leave India. I felt I had no choice at the time because saying no was clearly not an option. All I knew was I had to get out of there," he said.

Taylor's case is the latest illustrative example of what the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit has been

REPUBLIC DAY-2022

Invitees/Ticket holders visiting the Republic Day 2022 function at the Rajpath are requested not to bring the following prohibited items:

आमंत्रित अतिथियों / टिकट धारकों से अनुरोध है कि राजपथ पर गणतंत्र दिवस 2022 के समारोह में निम्नलिखित प्रतिबंधित वस्तुएं साथ में न लाएं:

Entry strictly through invitation card / ticket only
प्रवेश सिर्फ आमंत्रण पत्र/टिकट के द्वारा ही होगा

Prohibited Items	वर्जित वस्तुएं
Photo/फोटो	Photo/फोटो
Particulars / विवरण	Particulars / विवरण
Eatables खाने-पीने की चीजें	Cigarettes, Bids, Lighter सिगरेट, बीड़ी, लाईटर
Bag, Briefcase थैला, ब्रीफकेस	Alcohol, Perfumes, Spray शराब, इत्र, स्प्रे
Radio, Transistor, Tape Recorder, CD, DVD, MP3 Players रेडियो, ट्रांजिस्टर, टेपरेकार्डर, सीडी, डीवीडी, एमपी3 प्लेयर	Dagger, Sword, Cutting Material, Sharp/Pointed Edged Material, Screw Drivers नुकीला हथियार, चाकू, पेंचकस
Camera, Binocular, Handycam कैमरा, दूरबीन, हैंडिकैम	Umbrella, Replica Fire Arms, Toy Gun or Toys छाता, आग्नेयास्त्र, खिलौना पिस्तौल और खिलौने
Thermos Flasks, Water Bottles, Cans थर्मस, पानी की बोतल, कैन	Knives, Scissors, Razors, Blades, Wire, Pluckers चाकू, कैंची, रेजर, ब्लेड, तार, प्लकर
Inflammable Items, Match Boxes ज्वलनशील पदार्थ, दियासलाई	Arms & Ammunition, Fireworks, Crackers Explosive etc. हथियार और गोला बारूद, पटाखे आदि
Various Electronic Gadgets, Devices e. g. I-Pad, I-Pod, Palm Top/Laptop, Computer, Tablets, Power Bank etc. विभिन्न इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरणों जैसे आई-पैड, आई-पोड, पाम टॉप/लैपटॉप, कम्प्यूटर, टैब्लेट, पावर बैंक इत्यादि	Avoid keeping Mobile Phones, Remote Controlled Car Keys as it may delay your entry due to checking मोबाईल फोन, रिमोट कंट्रोल कार चाबी रखने से बचें क्योंकि इससे जांच के दौरान आपके प्रवेश में देरी हो सकती है

Any unidentified object, if noticed, may be brought to the notice of the nearest Security Personnel
यदि कोई लावारिस वस्तु दिखाई दे, तो निकटतम सुरक्षाकर्मियों के नोटिस में लाएं

Please co-operate with Police for searching/frisking
कृपया तलाशी देने में पुलिस के साथ सहयोग करें

Please be alert to your surroundings
कृपया अपने आस पास नज़र रखें

Maintain Covid Appropriate Behaviour/Protocol
कोविड अनुरूप व्यवहार/शिष्टाचार बनाएं रखें

E-mail to CP, Delhi at: cp.rakeshasthana@delhipolice.gov.in | Write to: CP, Delhi at P.O. Box. No. 171, GPO, New Delhi

FOR IMMEDIATE POLICE HELP CALL 112

TO SHARE INFORMATION CALL 1090

EXPRESS EDUCATION

ANTHROPOLOGY

by Vijay Singh

34th Years of Guiding Experience
(Author of Book "Social & Physical Anthro")

Books Available on

LIVE ONLINE BATCH STARTS FROM 3rd FEB

Hindi Medium @ 1.30 PM | English Medium @ 6.30 PM

Watch Recent Demo Videos in English Medium & Hindi Medium
www.vijayclasses.com | Also on YouTube Anthrology by Vijay Singh

6203561263, 9560633328

4th Floor, Croma Building, Near Karol Bagh Metro, Delhi

Contact for Advt. Booking: M/s Friends Publicity Service
(M): 9212665841, 9212008155

year, a Zimbabwe cricket official of Indian origin was banned for allegedly offering then captain Graeme Creamer money to fix a game. Bangladesh allrounder Shakib Al Hasan is the most high-profile player to have been banned in recent times — October 2019 — for not reporting approaches from an Indian businessman.

J&K DDC

up as a third tier of governance in J&K with its maiden election held in 2020. In the absence of an elected Assembly, the 14-member councils in each of the 20 districts serve as planning and monitoring bodies for developmental works across J&K. However, since they were set up early last year, the new system has been beset with problems, with members raising concerns of bureaucratic apathy, insufficient remuneration and restricted mobility.

Shopian DDC member Raja Waheed of the PDP told *The Indian Express*, "The chairperson has not called a single meeting ever since the introductory meeting of the council was held in March last year." According to The Jammu and Kashmir Panchayati Raj Act, 1989, which governs the creation and conduct of the DDCs, "the Chairperson shall convene at least four meetings of the District Development Council in a financial year, one in each quarter, which shall be called the ordinary or general meeting."

Another member of the Shopian council, Ajaz Ahmad Mir of the PDP, said members have been "working entirely on their own and there is no attention to the council on part of the chairperson. Only around 15 per cent of the council's funds have been utilised in almost 10 months since the plans were approved."

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Shopian DDC chairperson Bilquis Jan said meetings could not be held "given the heavy snowfall" in Kashmir. A meeting was called for January 7 this year to set up a sub-committee for the DDC but was cancelled on the grounds that not all members were present in the district. The 14-member Shopian council has four members from the PDP, three from the NC, three Independents, two from Apni Party and two from the Congress.

"We are considering moving a no-confidence motion. However, seeing that there has been no movement on these proposals in other councils, we are evaluating our options," said Waheed.

The councils of Budgam, Ganderbal and Srinagar had earlier passed no-confidence motions against their DDCs on different grounds, however, the motions remain unaddressed since the councils have not met since then. The Srinagar council is chaired by Apni Party's Malik Aftab, while Ganderbal is chaired by the National Conference's (NC) Nuzhat Ishaq and Budgam by Independent member Nazir Ahmad Khan.

The Budgam DDC was the first to move a no-confidence motion against its chairperson Nazir Ahmad Khan. In July last year, a resolution to this effect was signed by 10 members of the council who alleged that the chairperson "had failed to deliver any kind of developmental goals on the ground". Members had also accused him of being "selected and not elected" since he is an Independent and the council has a majority of members from parties of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration that contested the polls together.

Then in October last year, 10 out of 14 members of the Ganderbal council moved a vote of no-confidence against both chairperson Nuzhat Ishaq of the NC and vice-chairperson Bilal Ahmad of the PDP, citing "their inability to discharge their duties/responsibilities" and a "neglect of their duties". They also stated in their letter that the behaviour of the chairperson and vice-chairperson towards other members of the council was "untoward".

But in this case, too, the motion has not been taken up since the DDC has not met since then.

According to the Act, the chairperson or vice chairperson "shall be deemed to have vacated his office" if a no-confidence resolution is passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the directly elected members of the council "at a meeting specifically convened for the purpose in the prescribed manner". The grounds for such removal include gross misconduct, neglect of duty and failure to attend "three consecutive meetings of the District Development Council", among other reasons.

In response to queries from *The Indian Express*, the office of the Ganderbal Deputy Commissioner Kritika Jyotsana said, "The relevant documents pertaining to the no-confidence motion were sent to the government. However, there has been no response from higher authorities so far."

Abdul Ahad Dar, member of the Budgam council, said that with the chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as the authorities for convening a meeting, "it is convenient for them not to call a meeting at all".

The Additional District Development Commissioner or the ADC of the district, an administrative official, functions as the CEO of the DDC. Srinagar Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ajaz said, "There is no clarity in the rules on who can admit and approve such a proposal. We have written to the administrative department seeking clarity on this matter."

Budgam Deputy Commissioner Shabaz Mirza could not be reached for comment. With no meeting yet to take up the no-confidence motions, the three DDCs, including Srinagar, remain in limbo.

Anti-CAA stir

Colony protest site was actually the Noorani Masjid protest. Brijpuri Pulia is Farooqui Masjid. Inderlok Metro Station site was actually Mohammadi Masjid. The Sadar Bazar protest site was Shahi Idgah. The Shastri Park protest site was actually Wahid Jama Masjid. The Gandhi Park protest site was actually Jamila Masjid...All 25 protest sites I have pointed out are in close vicinity of Masjids. That is the identification of these protest sites."

Arguing that the organisers of the protests wanted to "create groundwork for 24X7 sit-in protests", the prosecutor said: "They spread misinformation and instigated the Muslim community to join the protests, including women and children."

Prasad also claimed that the protests were not organic in nature and that "hidden elements were PFI (People's Front of India) and Jamaat-e-Islami". Also naming the Jamia Awareness Campaign Team, he said it was meant to "spread disinformation and instigate Muslims about the CAA, NRC and to induce their women and children to join protests". While people protesting was "not an issue since it was their right", Prasad argued, "When you start the protest and you organise the protest in a particular format, that is where the problem lies. You get people, you get funds from various places including abroad, you develop the idea of a disruptive chakka jam for promoting enmity between different religious groups, you target police and government properties, you then want to increase the number of sit-in protests pan-India. All this agenda was given shape by the protestors."

On Umar Khalid, the prosecutor said there was "a public perception that Umar Khalid is an atheist and studying in JNU, which vouches for being secular". Then why did you join a Muslim group (Muslim Students of JNU)? You portray yourself as something else for public knowledge," Prasad said.

He drew parallels between incidents in the 2020 riots and the anti-CAA-NRC protests. The arguments could not be concluded and the hearing will continue on January 28.

FULL REPORTSON
www.indianexpress.com



प्रौद्योगिकी विकास बोर्ड
विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग
भारत सरकार

हमने इस क्षेत्र में अनुसंधान और नवाचार को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए सेमी-कंडक्टर पर एक निर्णायक कदम उठाया है। यह विनिर्माण को भी बढ़ावा देगा और इस प्रकार एक आत्मनिर्भर भारत के सपने को मजबूत करेगा।



सेमीकंडक्टर्स और सेंसर प्रौद्योगिकियों के नवाचार और स्वदेशीकरण का मार्ग प्रशस्त करने की ओर एक कदम।



टी.डी.बी., सेमीकंडक्टर और सेंसर कार्यक्षेत्र आदि में प्रगतिशील / स्वदेशी प्रौद्योगिकियों वाली भारतीय कंपनियों से प्रस्ताव आमंत्रित कर रहा है।



प्रमुख विशेषताएँ

- भारतीय कंपनियों को वाणिज्यीकरण के लिए वित्तीय सहायता |
- वैज्ञानिक, तकनीकी, वित्तीय और वाणिज्यिक योग्यता के आधार पर मूल्यांकन |
- ऋण, इक्विटी और/या अनुदान के रूप में वित्तीय सहायता।

कौन आवेदन कर सकता है?

(क) भारतीय कंपनियाँ (कंपनी अधिनियम 1956 /2013 के अनुसार)
(ख) स्टार्ट-अप जिनके पास डीपीआईआईटी से मान्यता प्रमाण पत्र है।

आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि 26 मार्च, 2022

वित्त पोषण दिशानिर्देशों और प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, टीडीबी वेबसाइट www.tdb.gov.in देखें या QR कोड स्कैन करें।



अतिरिक्त जानकारी के लिए, कृपया संपर्क करें: media-coordinator@tdb.gov.in

davp 36106/15/0010/2122



ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
wishes all Voters on the occasion of

12th NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY

January 25, 2022

NVD Theme
Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible, Participative



Services for voters

JUST A CLICK AWAY

PwDapp
For Persons With Disability

eVigil app
To report MCD violations

KYC app
Know your candidate and their connection

Voter Helpline app
Voter related service

www.nvsp.in

Voter Awareness Contest
MY VOTE IS MY FUTURE
Power of One Vote
SARE • QR • POSTER • VIDEO • BLOG

National Voter Awareness Contest

Log on to www.voterawarenesscontest.in

Scan here




DIAL 1950
for any Voter related query

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA
www.eci.gov.in

NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND

Facebook: [fb.com/eci](https://www.facebook.com/eci) | Twitter: [@ECISVEEP](https://twitter.com/ECISVEEP) | Instagram: [@ECISVEEP](https://www.instagram.com/ECISVEEP) | YouTube: [youtube.com/ECI](https://www.youtube.com/ECI)



DELHI POLICE
SHANTI SEWA NYAYA

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

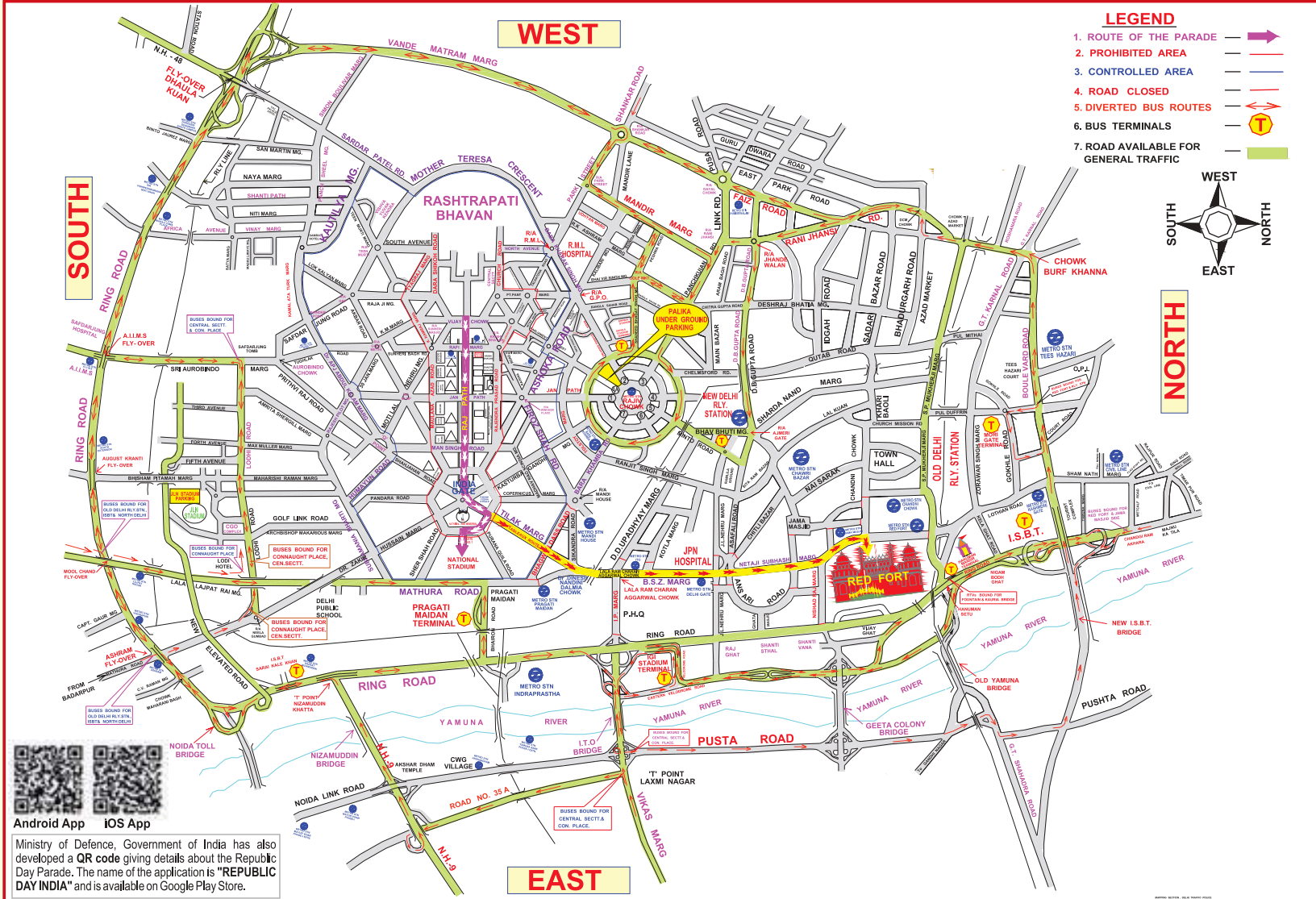
REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

26th JANUARY 2022

ROUTE OF THE PARADE:- Vijay Chowk ▶ Rajpath ▶ Amar Jawan Jyoti ▶ India Gate ▶ R/A Princess Palace ▶ T/L Tilak Marg ▶ Turn right on "C" Hexagon ▶ Turn left and enter National Stadium from Gate No. 1

ROUTE OF THE TABLEAUX:- Vijay Chowk ▶ Rajpath ▶ Amar Jawan Jyoti ▶ India Gate ▶ R/A Princess Palace ▶ T/L Tilak Marg ▶ Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg ▶ Netaji Subhash Marg ▶ Red Fort

Republic Day will be held on 26th January, 2022. The Parade will start at 10.20 AM, it will move from Vijay Chowk and proceed for Red Fort Grounds. There would be elaborate traffic arrangements and restrictions in place for smooth conduct of the Parade along the route.



LEGEND

- ROUTE OF THE PARADE
- PROHIBITED AREA
- CONTROLLED AREA
- ROAD CLOSED
- DIVERTED BUS ROUTES
- BUS TERMINALS
- ROAD AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC

WEST
SOUTH
NORTH
EAST

Android App | iOS App

Ministry of Defence, Government of India has also developed a QR code giving details about the Republic Day Parade. The name of the application is "REPUBLIC DAY INDIA" and is available on Google Play Store.

TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC

In order to facilitate smooth passage of the Parade, movement of traffic on certain roads leading to the route of the Parade will be restricted as under:-

- No traffic on Rajpath from Vijay Chowk to India Gate from 06.00 PM on 25.01.2022 till Parade is over.
- No cross traffic on Rajpath from 11.00 PM on 25.01.2022 at Rafi Marg, Janpath, Man Singh Road till Parade is over.
- "C"-Hexagon-India Gate will be closed for traffic from 02.00 AM on 26.01.2022 till Parade crosses Tilak Marg.
- From 04.00 AM on 26.01.2022 Traffic on Tilak Marg, BSZ Marg and Subhash Marg will not be allowed on both directions. Cross traffic will only be allowed depending upon the movement of the Parade.

Road users are requested to plan their journey in advance accordingly and avoid the route of Parade, from 02.00 hours to 12.30 hours, for their own convenience.

SUGGESTED ROUTES

However, if the journey is unavoidable, the road users are advised to take following routes:-

NORTH - SOUTH CORRIDOR

- Ring Road – Ashram Chowk – Sarai Kale Khan – I.P. Flyover – Rajghat – Ring Road
- From Madarsa – Lodhi Road "T" point – Aurobindo Marg – AIIMS Chowk – Ring Road – Dhaula Kuan – Vande Matram Marg – Shankar Road – Park Street or Mandir Marg

EAST- WEST CORRIDOR

- Ring Road – Bhairon Road – Mathura Road – Subramaniam Bharti Marg – Rajesh Pilot Marg – Prithvi Raj Road – Safdarjung Road – Kamal Ataturk Marg – Panchsheel Marg – Simon Boliver Marg – Upper Ridge Road/ Vande Matram Marg
- Ring road – ISBT – Chandgi Ram Akhara – Mall Road – Azad Pur – Ring Road
- Ring Road – Bhairon Road – Mathura Road – Lodhi Road – Aurobindo Marg – Safdarjung Road – Teen Murti Marg – Mother Teresa Crescent – Park Street – Shankar Road – Vande Matram Marg

FOR NEW DELHI RAILWAY STATION

- From South Delhi:- Dhaula Kuan – Vande Matram Marg – Panchkula Road – Outer Circle Connaught Place – Chelmsford Road for Paharganj side or Minto Road – Bhavbhuti Marg for Ajmeri Gate side
- From East Delhi:- Boulevard Road via ISBT Bridge – Rani Jhansi Flyover – R/A Jhandewalan – D.B. Gupta Road – Sheela Cinema Road – Paharganj Bridge and reach New Delhi Rly Station

FOR OLD DELHI RAILWAY STATION

- From South Delhi:- Ring Road – Ashram Chowk – Sarai Kale Khan – Ring Road – Rajghat – Ring Road – Yamuna Bazar Chowk – S.P. Mukherjee Marg – Chhatta Rai – Kauria Bridge and reach Old Delhi Rly. Station

Though there will be no restriction for people from North Delhi going towards New Delhi Railway Station or Old Delhi Railway Station yet it is advised that they plan their journey in advance and take sufficient extra time to reach their destination to avoid possible delay

BUS TERMINATING POINTS

Movement of the City Bus Services will be curtailed at the following Terminal points:-

➤ Park Street/Udyan Marg	➤ Aram Bagh Road (Pahar Ganj)
➤ R/A Kamla Market	➤ Delhi Sachivalaya (IG Stadium)
➤ Pragati Maidan (Bhairon Road)	➤ Hanuman Mandir (Yamuna Bazar)
➤ Mori Gate	➤ ISBT Kashmiri Gate
➤ ISBT Sarai Kale Khan	➤ Tis Hazari Court

INTER STATE BUSES

(I) Buses from Ghaziabad bound for Shivaji Stadium shall take NH-24, Ring Road and terminate at Bhairon Road.
(II) Buses coming from NH-24 shall take right turn on Road No. 56 and terminate at ISBT Anand Vihar.
(III) Buses coming from Ghaziabad side will be diverted at Mohan Nagar towards Bhopra Chungi for Wazirabad Bridge.
(IV) All Inter State buses coming from Dhaula Kuan side shall terminate at Dhaula Kuan.

METRO SERVICES

Metro Rail Service shall remain available for commuters at all Metro Stations during the Republic Day Parade on 26th January, 2022. However, Boarding/De-boarding at the below mentioned station will not be permitted as per schedule given:-

Name of Metro Station • Kendriya Sachivalaya, Udyog Bhawan • Lok Kalyan Marg (Race Course), Patel Chowk	Boarding/De-boarding not allowed From 5.00 AM till 12.00 Noon on 26.01.2022 From 8.45 AM to 12.00 Noon on 26.01.2022
--	---

INSTRUCTIONS TO GENERAL PUBLIC

In case any unidentified object or suspicious person is seen, information must be conveyed to the nearest policeman on duty.

Flying of sub conventional aerial platforms like para-gliders, para motors, hang gliders, UAVs, UASs, microflight aircrafts, remotely piloted aircrafts, hot air balloons, small size powered aircrafts, quadcopters or para jumping from aircraft etc. are prohibited over the jurisdiction of national Capital Territory of Delhi from 20.01.2022 upto 15.02.2022 (both are inclusive)

General public and motorists are advised to keep patience, observe traffic rules & road discipline and follow directions of traffic personnel deployed at all intersections and remain updated through Traffic Police Facebook page, Twitter handle and Traffic Police Helpline. People are requested to plan their journey in advance and keep sufficient time in hand to avoid inconvenience.

TSR/TAXIS



No TSR and Taxi will be allowed to enter or ply after 07.00 hours on 26.01.2022 in the Area bound by:-

MOTHER TERESA CRESCENT – BABA KHARAK SINGH MARG – ASHOKA ROAD UPTO R/A PATEL CHOWK – SANSAD MARG UPTO TOLSTOY MARG – TOLSTOY MARG UPTO KASTURBA GANDHI MARG – KASTURBA GANDHI MARG UPTO FERROZESHAH ROAD – FERROZESHAH ROAD UPTO R/A MANDI HOUSE – BHAGWAN DASS ROAD – MATHURA ROAD – SUBRAMANIAM BHARTI MARG – HUMAYUN ROAD – A.P.J ABDUL KALAM MARG – KAMAL ATATURK MARG – KAUTILYA MARG AND SARDAR PATEL ROAD (EXCLUDING).

HTVs/LGVs

No HTV/LGV will be allowed to enter Delhi from borders from 22.00 hrs on 25.01.2022 till the Parade is over.

No HTV/LGV will be allowed to ply between I.S.B.T. Sarai kale Khan and I.S.B.T. Kashmiri Gate on Ring Road from 07.30 hrs to 13.30 hrs on 26.01.2022.

BE A TRAFFIC SENTINEL Download App from  

24 Hrs. Traffic Helpline: 011-25844444/1095

TO SHARE INFORMATION CALL 1090

FOR IMMEDIATE POLICE HELP CALL 112

New Delhi

CORONA ISN'T OVER YET! REMEMBER TO GET VACCINATED



**Children in the 15-18 age group
must get the Covid-19 vaccine**

(All those born before 31st December, 2007 are eligible)



**Health care workers and front line
workers must get the Precaution
Dose of Covid-19 vaccine**

(On completion of 9 months/39 weeks from the date of 2nd dose)



**60 years + with co-morbidities
must take the Precaution Dose
of Covid-19 vaccine**

(On completion of 9 months/39 weeks from the date of 2nd dose)

"According to experts, Omicron spreads very rapidly, but there is no need to panic. Continue to wear your mask, follow all covid norms and when it's time, remember to get your Precaution Dose of the Covid-19 vaccine"

- Arvind Kejriwal

UNDER NEW EXCISE POLICY

Govt reduces ‘dry days’ to just 3, industry cheers move

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

LIQUOR SHOPS across the capital will be closed on Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti this year, with Delhi government reducing the number of ‘dry days’ from 21 to just three.

The changes in the number of ‘dry days’ were made under the new excise policy, with the official notification being issued on Monday. Delhi used to observe the largest number of ‘dry days’ as compared to any other state.

“In pursuance of the provisions of Rule 52 of Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, it is hereby ordered that the following dates shall be observed as ‘Dry Day’ in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by all licensees of the Excise department and opium vends located in Delhi for the year 2022 – Republic Day, Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti. Apart from the above three dry days, the government may declare any other day in the year as ‘dry day’ from



Liquor shops across the city will be closed on Republic day, Gandhi Jayanti and Independence day. Archive

time to time,” read the order issued by Deputy Commissioner (Excise) Anand Kumar Tiwari. “The licensees shall not be entitled to any compensation on account of any changes effected in the above list. The restriction of sale on liquor on ‘dry days’ mentioned above shall not apply to the service of liquor to residents in case of hotels having the L-15 licence. All licensees shall exhibit this order at some conspicuous place of their licensed premises. The business premises

of a licensee shall be kept closed on a ‘dry day,’” read the order. The decision was welcomed by the hospitality industry in Delhi. “This move will benefit both consumers as well as traders. It will save us from losses that earlier occurred due to more ‘dry days’ that meant closure of shops and restaurants and business despite paying full licence fee for the year,” said Kabir Suri, president of National Restaurants Association of India. Meanwhile, the BJP, which

had staged a chakka jam against the new excise policy earlier this month, called the move a ‘political stunt’ and said they will protest if any new liquor shop is opened in Delhi. Leader of Opposition in Delhi Assembly, Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, said, “There were about 500 active liquor vends and now it has gone up to 850, which makes the intention of the state government clear — to make Delhi a city of liquor. Earlier, these shops used to remain open till 11 pm; now, they will be open till 3 am. In such an atmosphere, one cannot think of a peaceful society.”

He appealed to residents to inform the party if new liquor shop opens in their area, and said BJP MLAs will go there and oppose it: “We will force the state government to withdraw its new excise policy. Earlier, there used to be ‘dry days’ on birth anniversaries of great leaders. Now, there will be only three dry days, which shows that the government can go to any extent to increase its revenue.” (WITHPTINPUTS)

HC seeks progress report on Sarojini Nagar market

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday directed the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) and Delhi Police to continue their action against “unauthorised squatting” at Sarojini Nagar market and also asked police to inform it about the procurement of a head count system for the area. The division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Jasmeet

Singh also asked the NDMC and police to inform it about the steps being taken for fencing the market and installing CCTV cameras there.

“... We would like to see further progress in the matter, while we appreciate the efforts already undertaken. Let further status reports be filed before the next date,” said the court. ENS

EXPRESS Careers

S.N.D.T. WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY
1, Nathibai Thackersey Road, New Marine Lines, Mumbai – 400 020.
Adv. No.01 of 2022
Applications are invited for the following posts in the prescribed format to be filled at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai:

- 1) Registrar (05 years - Tenure post)
- 2) Finance and Accounts Officer (05 years – Tenure post)
- 3) Dean, Faculty of Humanities (Post co-terminus with the term of office of present Vice-Chancellor)
- 4) Director of Sports and Physical Education (05 years - Tenure post)
- 5) Professor - Dr. Ambedkar Chair, (Interdisciplinary Studies and Applications of thoughts of Dr. Ambedkar) (Tenure Post for 05 years or less)

All above posts are unreserved i.e. Open to all categories.
For details and prescribed application form, visit to the University website www.sndt.ac.in
Cost of application form is Rs. 500/- for Reserved Category and Rs. 1000/- for Open Category and the prescribed fee should reach the office of the Registrar on or before 25.02.2022 till 5:30 p.m., at the above-mentioned address.
Sd/- Registrar (Addl.Charge)
Place:- Mumbai Date:- 25.01.2022

MUMBAI PORT TRUST
Invites Applications for the Post of **Technical Advisor (Information Technology) on Contract Basis**. Detailed conditions regarding Educational Qualifications, Age, Experience etc. and Application Form are available on Port's website: www.mumbaiport.gov.in under "media / vacancy" Menu. For submission of applications kindly refer to detailed advertisement on Mumbai Port Trust website. **Last Date for Receipt of Application is 07/02/2022.**

MbPT-25-2022 Secretary

SMT SHATABEN HARIBHAI GAJERA CHARITABLE TRUST, SURAT MANAGED
LAXMI VIDYAPEETH
SARIGAM-396155
LAXMI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Departments	Degree Program			Diploma Program	
	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor	HOD	Lecturer
Mechanical	2	7	4	1	1
Civil	2	7	5	1	1
Electrical	1	4	4	1	1
Automobile	1	4	6	1	1
Computer Engineering	1	4	4	-	-
Information Technology	1	4	4	-	-
Software Development	-	-	4	-	4
Principal (Diploma)	1				
Campus Placement Officer	1				
Registrar	1				
Submit Soft Copy of CV on : lit.director@laxmi.edu.in					
LAXMI INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT					
Associate Professor	2				
Assistant Professor	2				
Submit Soft Copy of CV on: director.lim@laxmi.edu.in					
Qualification and pay scale are as prescribed by UGC/AICTE & GTU. The applicants may send their application along with the copies of mark sheets/certificates & Aadhar/PAN card registered post to "HR Dept, Laxmi Vidyapeeth, PB. No 15, Sarigam -396155", mentioned post applied for and institute name at the top of sealed envelope and email soft copy on the aforementioned email ids within 30 days from the date of advertisement					
President, Gajera Trust					

ATHENA INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED
CIN: U70109DL2006PLC151538
"Indiabulls House" 448-451, Udyog Vihar, Phase – V, Gurugram-122001
PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana ("DTCP") has granted in-principle approval to Athena Infrastructure Limited ("Company") vide Memo No. LC-4365-JE(DS)/2021/783 dated 10.01.2022 ("LOI") for setting up Affordable Group Housing Colony over an area measuring 5.88125 acres under migration policy ("said migration"), from License No. 155 of 2014 dated 10.09.2014 granted for setting up of Group Housing Colony on additional land measuring 5.88125 acres falling in the revenue estate of village Pawala Khusrupur, Sector – 105, Gurugram. Before grant of final approval for migration to affordable group housing colony, DTCP has asked the Company to invite objections / suggestions from the existing allottees of License Nos. 213 of 2007, 10 of 2011, 64 of 2012 and 155 of 2014 in compliance of office order dated 25.01.2021 ("said order"). Whereas there are no existing allottees in the License No. 155 of 2014. Accordingly, the objections / suggestions are hereby invited from the existing allottees of the Group Housing Colony being developed under the terms and conditions of License Nos. 213 of 2007, 10 of 2011 & 64 of 2012 w.r.t. the above said in-principle approval for said migration in compliance of the said order. In this regard, a copy of the above said LOI and the site plan of the existing group housing colony under License Nos. 213 of 2007, 10 of 2011 & 64 of 2012 and 155 of 2014 is made available for the perusal of the general public at: - (a) in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Gurugram at HSVP Complex, Sector – 14, Gurugram & (b) in the office of the undersigned. Accordingly, the existing allottee(s) having objections / suggestions, if any, on the proposed said migration may file the same either in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Gurugram and / or the undersigned within 30 days of this public notice i.e. upto 24.02.2022, failing which it shall be assumed that there is no objection to the above said in-principle approval of migration. Sd/-

Place: Gurugram For Athena Infrastructure Limited
Date: 25.01.2022 Authorised Signatory

Court frames sedition charges against Sharjeel over Jamia speech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

A DELHI court Monday framed charges against JNU student Sharjeel Imam for allegedly making inflammatory speeches at Aligarh Muslim University and in Delhi's Jamia area against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), based on an FIR filed on January 25, 2020.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat framed the charges under IPC sections 124A (sedition), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups



The court also rejected Sharjeel Imam's bail in this case

on grounds of religion, etc), 153B (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration), 505 (statements conducting to public mischief) along with Section 13 (punishment for unlawful activities) of the UAPA. The court also rejected

Imam's bail in this case, which was argued by his lawyer, Tanvir Ahmed Mir. The prosecution, during arguments, told the court that his speeches give a clear indication that Muslims have no hope and his alleged call to burn detention camps was not peaceful. Imam's lawyers had submitted that without criticism, a society dies and becomes a heap of sheep. Mir argued that there was nothing in the impugned speech made by Imam that "directly or indirectly calls for violence".

The 2020 FIR, filed at the Crime Branch police station, was in connection with speeches

made in Delhi's Jamia area on December 13, 2019. The Delhi Police Crime Branch has accused him of giving "inflammatory and instigatory speeches against the Government of India on the issue of CAA and NRC".

"He, through his speeches, repeatedly incited the public to commit acts which would jeopardise public tranquillity, attempts to cause disaffection towards lawfully elected government of the country in the garb of democratically opposing the CAA. His oration and acts are seditious in nature," states the chargesheet.

EXPRESS explained.Live

Are we really in the pandemic's endgame?

In conversation with

Anurag Agarwal
Director, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology

Amitabh Sinha
Resident Editor, Pune
The Indian Express

About 100 million people have been infected with Covid19 virus in just the last two months, the most during any equivalent period during the pandemic. And yet, there have been suggestions this might be the beginning of the end of the two-year-old pandemic.

Is this really the endgame?
Is Omicron likely to be the last major variant of this coronavirus?
Is it possible to predict how the virus would mutate in future?
Dr, do we need to reconcile ourselves to living with periodic, but regular, waves of infection in future?
Is there anything we can do to prevent future waves?
Or, are we helpless?

These, and many such, questions are the uppermost on the minds of everyone as India negotiates its third wave of infections. There are few people in the country who understand these questions better than Dr. Anurag Agrawal, director of Delhi-based Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, a CSIR research laboratory. As head of an institution that is currently involved in generating scientific information required to prepare response measures for the pandemic, Dr. Agrawal is one of the key voices in the government's decision-making apparatus.

To register, SMS - IEEEXP <space> "IE" <space> "Your name and email ID" to 56161
Confirmation SMS will be your registration

Associate Partner **YOJNA IAS**

The Indian EXPRESS
JOURNALISM OF COURAGE

IndianExpress.com/apps | twitter.com/IndianExpress | facebook.com/IndianExpress

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India
Regional Office, Mauryalok Complex, Patna-1
POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement (Security) Interest Act. 2002 (54 of 2002), and in exercise of power conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002. The Authorized Officer issued a Demand Notice on the dates noted against account as mentioned herein after, calling them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the under noted borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sec. 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned against account. The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Central Bank of India** for the amount and interest thereon mentioned against account herein below. **The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.**

Sr. No.	Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower/ Guarantor	Name of the Owner & Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of Demand Notice	Amount outstanding as on date of Possession Notice
1.	Central Bank of India, H.D. Jain College Branch, Arrah	Borrower: Mrs. Krishna Devi W/o Mr. Radheshyam Prasad and co-borrower: Mr. Radheshyam Prasad	Description of the Immovable Property (Land & Building): Name of the Mortgagor: Mrs. Krishna Devi, W/o Mr. Radheshyam Prasad, Full particulars of Property:- Sale Deed No. 818 dtd. 22.01.2016, Area: 01.5625 Decimal (10 Dhur), Thana No. 241, Survey Khata No. 382, Survey Khesra No. 763, Chak Khata No. 325, Chak Khesra No. 620, Mauza: Sanadiya, Thana & Anchal: Arrah, Sub Registry & Dist.: Arrah, Dist.: Bhojpur, Boundary: North : 5 Feet Private Rasta, South : Guljari Rai, East : Nij Mokir, West : 2 Feet Private Rasta.	03.11.2021	19.01.2022	₹ 9,82,229/- (Rupees Nine lakhs eighty two thousand two hundred twenty nine only) with future Interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 03.11.2021	₹ 9,82,229/- (Rupees Nine lakhs eighty two thousand two hundred twenty nine only) and interest thereon
2.	Central Bank of India, Veer Kunwar Singh University Branch, Arrah	Borrower: Mr. Jai Kishor Rai S/o Late Balbhadra Rai and Co-borrower/ Guarantor: Mr. Kaushal Kumar Rai S/o Late Balbhadra Rai	Description of the Immovable Property (Land & Building): Name of the Mortgagor: Mr. Kaushal Kumar Rai, S/o Late Balbhadra Rai and Jai Kishor Rai S/o Late Balbhadra Rai, Address of the Mortgagors: Gautam Budh Nagar, Godhna Road, Shivala Gali, Anaiht Arrah, Full particulars of Property:- Sale Deed No. 14039 dtd. 28.12.1992, Area: 1 Katha 6 dhur 9 dhurki, Thana No. 227, CS Khata No. 22, RS Khata No. 71, CS Khesra No. 2820 P, RS Khesra No. 7079 P, Location of the property: Mauza: Anaiht, Mohallah: Anaiht, Thana: Nawada, Registry & Sub-registry: Arrah, Dist.: Bhojpur, Boundary: North : Niz Man Mokir, South : Rasta, East : Niz Man Mokir, West : 10 Feet man Mokir Ke Taraf se Rasta 1 feet mokir aleh ke taraph se.	10.02.2021	19.01.2022	₹ 22,40,212/- (Rupees Twenty two lakh forty thousand two hundred twelve only) with future Interest and incidental charges w.e.f. 10.02.2021	₹ 22,40,212/- (Rupees Twenty two lakh forty thousand two hundred twelve only) and interest thereon

Date : 24.01.2022
Place : Patna

Authorised officer
CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

6 THE CITY


**VACCINATIONS IN
LAST 24 HOURS**
11,723
**OMICRON
CASES**
549
PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL: 2,394
OXYGEN SUPPORT 648
VENTILATOR SUPPORT 160
**DELHI: TOTAL
CASES**
17,97,471
HOSPITAL BEDS
15,417
ICU BEDS 4,447
VACANT
13,060
3,610
NOIDA
Cases 968
Deaths 0
Jan 23
501
Deaths 0
0
Gurgaon
Cases 2,102
Deaths 1
2,057
2
Total active cases in Delhi

‘He grabbed my neck... I jumped off moving vehicle’: Woman molested by auto driver near IGI stadium

**MAHENDER SINGH
MANRAL**
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

A 23-YEAR-OLD assistant manager working with a public sector bank was allegedly molested and robbed by an autorickshaw driver near Indira Gandhi International Stadium in Central Delhi early Monday morning. The woman said she got into a scuffle with the man when he grabbed her, and that she also tried to stop him, but he managed to flee with her phone. By Monday night, police had arrested the accused, Gopal (28), from his house in Kardampuri.

Police said they were informed around 6.40 am after the woman stopped a passerby and made a PCR call.

DCP (Central district) Shweta Chauhan said, “We immediately rushed to the spot after she made the call. We recorded her statement and took details of the auto from the regional transport office (RTO). We found that it was initially purchased by a man but was resold several times. We have arrested the accused, Gopal, and recovered the victim’s phone from his possession.”

The woman told *The Indian Express* that the incident took place when she was travelling in the autorickshaw, and the driver said he needed to stop to answer nature’s call. “I was sitting inside and, within minutes, he came back and grabbed me. I was shocked and told him to stop, but he continued to misbehave. I punched him and started screaming for help,” she said.

She said that at one point, he began choking her and she stopped resisting, pleading with him to not kill her. But, she said, she mustered courage and started punching him. “He tried

to grab my neck, but I was wearing a jacket and a scarf, so he was not able to grip it. At one point he slipped, and I immediately started kicking and punching him. He got scared and began to drive. I was still inside the auto and he threatened me that now he would kill me,” she said. “I tried to stop him but he scratched my face. He accelerated... I jumped off the moving vehicle as it briefly slowed down after 500 metres. I was lucky... He fled with my bag which had my phone,” she said.

The woman’s mother told *The Indian Express* that her daughter

is posted at a bank in Uttar Pradesh, and had returned to Delhi two weeks ago after testing positive for Covid: “She had just recovered and was returning to work. I went with her outside my home, from where she had boarded the auto for Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station after paying Rs 200. There was dense fog, and I took a picture of the vehicle and asked my daughter to be in touch on the phone.”

“She was taken to IP Estate police station and she informed me about the incident. We provided all pictures to the police,” her mother added.

LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN

For boost in poll-bound states, Kejriwal seeks support from Delhiites

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

WITH AN eye on the upcoming Assembly elections in Punjab, Goa, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday urged Delhiites to campaign for him and the Aam Aadmi Party. The party is contesting on all seats in these states.

Launching a campaign called ‘Ek Mauka Kejriwal Ko’, he asked people from the national capital to make videos of development work done for them and the welfare of the city by the AAP government, and appeal to people of poll-bound states to vote for the party.

“From health, education to infrastructure, Delhi has developed a lot since the AAP took charge. People are getting free electricity, 24-hour water supply, and good schools. The mohalla clinic initiative was appreciated by the United Nations, and the wife of a former US president visited our school and participated in the happiness curriculum. All this happened be-



Kejriwal asked residents to make videos of development work done for them and the city’s welfare by the govt

cause you gave AAP a chance in 2013, 2015 and 2020. So, to develop other states like Delhi, we need your support. Appeal to the people of neighbouring states, if you want others to enjoy the same development and benefits you enjoy in Delhi,” said Kejriwal.

“We are launching a digital campaign named ‘Ek Mauka Kejriwal Ko’. Under this, I request you all to make a video and capture the development that took place in Delhi since AAP took charge and talk about how these

schemes — free electricity, water, school, mohalla clinic or any other government scheme — benefited you. Post these videos on your social media account — Facebook, Twitter, Instagram — and forward it on WhatsApp. Appeal to all your relatives, friends, and other people in neighbouring states to vote for AAP,” he said.

The CM also directed AAP volunteers to widely share such videos. About 50 people, whose videos go viral and reach the largest number of people online, will get a chance to have dinner with Kejriwal.

“I request all AAP volunteers to share these videos as much as you can and make them viral. After I win the elections, I will have dinner with the 50 persons whose videos go viral and reach a large number of people. I will have dinner with you at my home after the elections are over. I don’t have crores to spend on campaigning. All I can do is ask you to support me and tell people in other states about the good work done by AAP in Delhi,” the CM said.



SECURITY CHECK

Security personnel at Rajpath, ahead of Republic Day, on Monday. Delhi Police chief Rakesh Asthana had said over 27,000 police personnel have been deployed for security duties in the capital and anti-terror measures intensified. *Amit Mehra*

Govt holds discussions on draft policy for aggregators

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE DELHI government Monday convened a virtual round-table consultation to facilitate a discussion on the Draft Aggregator Scheme 2021. The government last week had announced its draft policy to “mandate a transition to e-vehicles in the ride aggregators and delivery services sectors”.

“The consultation was attended by over 100 participants from on-demand service mobility operators, fleet aggregators, Original Equipment Manufacturers, last-mile delivery operators, civil society organisations and experts... Over 80 industry leaders... shared their feedback and suggestions on the seamless implementation of the fleet aggregator scheme,” the government said in a statement.

Speaking at the meeting, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, “Under the leadership of CM Arvind Kejriwal, we are fulfilling our promises towards a successful implementation of the EV policy. Delhi has become the first state government to notify an Aggregator Policy to mandate electric vehicle fleets for ride aggregators and delivery services.”

Cryptocurrency stolen in 2019 lands in Hamas e-wallet, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE DELHI Police Cyber Cell has identified scamsters who allegedly stole cryptocurrency from a city-based businessman and transferred the amount to the wallets of Al-Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Palestinian militant group Hamas.

The current value of the cryptocurrency is Rs 4 crore.

In 2019, the businessman had filed a complaint at Paschim Vihar police station alleging that his cryptocurrencies, which included Bitcoin and Ethereum, worth Rs 30 lakh were fraudulently transferred to unknown accounts. The case was later transferred to the Cyber Cell.

During investigation, police found that the Bitcoin was transferred to the accounts of Al-Qassam Brigades.

The investigating team said a blockchain analysis of the wallet was done and it was found that around 6.7 Bitcoin, 9.79 Ethereum and 2.44 Bitcoin Cash was transferred to three bank accounts.

Two Bitcoins were transferred to a wallet with the address name ‘Al-Qassam Brigades’.

In 2019, a businessman had filed a complaint alleging that his cryptocurrencies worth Rs 30 lakh were fraudulently transferred to unknown accounts

The account was being run by a man named Md Nasir and the wallet has been seized. The rest of the stolen amount was sent to five other e-wallets, said police.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Cyber Cell) KPS Malhotra said, “The cryptocurrencies were routed through various wallets and landed in the suspected wallets. We discovered that one of the wallets, which belongs to the Palestinian origination, has been seized by Israeli authorities for counter-terror financing.”

Police said 2.99 Bitcoins were transferred to an account owned by one Ahmed Marzouq who is from Giza in Egypt.

Police claimed some of the accounts were used for financing terror operations.

Woman held for trying to ‘sell’ her baby

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

A 30-YEAR-OLD woman was arrested from North Delhi’s Sabzi Mandi for allegedly trying to sell her one-month-old child for Rs 30,000. Police said the woman was allegedly in touch with a gang who were trying to find a couple to ‘sell’ the baby to and set a deal of Rs 2 lakh for themselves.

Police said three more persons were arrested in connection with the case. The mother has been sent to Tihar Jail, along with the child, police said.

According to police, they received a tip that a gang was trying to sell an infant and were looking for couples who can “pay well”. Two police personnel posed as a couple and contacted the accused Saturday. “We sent constable Rakesh and constable Anju to meet a woman and her two associates. The accused promised to give them a child for Rs 50,000,” said an officer.

A team led by sub-inspector Lalit Kumar accepted the deal and went to Mangolpuri. One of the accused had called the woman to come with her baby. The deal was finalised and the constables paid Rs 50,000, police said.

DCP (North) Sagar Singh Kalsi, said, “We recovered the cash that was given for the baby. We have seized their phones...”

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
 GURGAON, JANUARY 24

“I fear another lockdown, but don’t have enough money to return to my village again,” said Raj Kumar, a migrant labourer, holding a five-foot-long plastering tool as he stood at the crossing colloquially called ‘labour chowk’, near Gurgaon’s Bristol Hotel last week. He, alongside dozens others, was hoping to find work for the day at a construction site.

Kumar, who hails from UP’s Mahoba district, commutes in a shared auto to the chowk daily from his rented shanty in Sector 27. For the last five days, he has had to return without getting any work. In March 2020, when the first lockdown was imposed, he had walked for eight days to reach his village.

At the chowk last Tuesday, labourers kept their vaccination certificate and Aadhaar cards handy, showing it to any person who stopped to offer them work. Labourers said some residential societies were refusing to offer jobs without proof of vaccination.

“In the past week, I’ve managed to find work twice at a construction site, which pays Rs 500-700 a day. The last few months have been difficult as construction sites were shut due to pollution, and now with Covid cases rising, restrictions have been imposed and jobs have dried up. It is becoming difficult to pay rent,” he said.

Each time a car stopped at the junction, Kumar and others



The workers gather at the crossing colloquially called ‘labour chowk’, near Gurgaon’s Bristol Hotel, every day

rushed to offer their services for work in construction, loading/unloading, painting, domestic help, and gardening.

Hundreds of migrant workers — from Nathupur, Chakkarpur, Sukhrali, Sector 56 and nearby villages — gather every day at 7 am and wait for hours to find a job. They include former factory workers, plumbers, masons, and construction workers, many of whom have been rendered unemployed in the pandemic. Most either walk for several kilometres or travel in shared tempos. Many return without finding work in the afternoon. Labourers said a palpable fear had set in due to the pandemic rearing its head time and again, and work opportunities dwindling as a result.

Hathi Singh, a migrant from Bundi, Rajasthan, said after hearing rumours of another lockdown, he sent his three children and wife to his village last week. “Phirse lockdown laga toh akela aadmi kaise sabka kharcha nikalega (If a lockdown is im-

posed again, how will I manage household expenses?). I pay Rs 3,500 monthly rent. Earlier, I would find work here most days of the week, but jobs are hard to come by now...,” said Singh.

Dispelling rumours of another lockdown amid a spike in Covid cases, the deputy commissioner had on January 12 issued a statement stating that the Covid situation was under control and there was no need for a lockdown. In the statement, the DC had appealed to migrant workers not to panic and not pay heed to rumours.

Ram Pratap (30), a resident of Sukhrali village, who recently suffered a leg injury, sat on the pavement for hours on Tuesday. At 12.30 pm, he got up to leave. “Mein beldari aur majdoori ka kaam karta hun (I do loading/unloading and labour work). Work was already difficult to come by and now I have suffered an injury. With expenses rising and rent of Rs 2,500 due this month, I cannot afford to sit at home. Only the rich can work from home,” he said.

Gurgaon multi-cr heist: Suspended IPS officer seeks transfer of case

PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA
 GURGAON, JANUARY 24

SUSPENDED IPS officer Dheeraj Setia, who is accused in a multi-crime theft case in Gurgaon, filed an application before the district and sessions judge seeking transfer of the case from the court of Additional Sessions Judge Jasbir Singh. Setia had applied for anticipatory bail Friday.

Hearing the bail application, ASJ Singh, in an order on Monday, said, “It has been pointed out by the learned counsel for the applicant-accused that the application for transfer of the case has been filed before the Court of learned Sessions Judge, Gurugram. Accordingly, in view of the pendency of the transfer application, file be put up before the court of

learned Sessions Judge, Gurugram, for consideration of desirability of withdrawal of this bail application from this court.”

ASJ Singh had earlier pulled up the Special Task Force (STF) probing the case, observing that its approach was “inert and soft”.

While referring to the disclosure statement of an accused in the case on December 2, 2021, the court had observed that it makes it clear “he has given illegal gratification to (the then Gurgaon) DCP Dheeraj Setia for hushing up the matter”. The court had also observed that the STF failed to perform its statutory duty with utmost care and caution, “especially when the involvement of a senior police officer has come on record”.

Setia, who was the Gurgaon DCP at the time of the theft, was

suspended on December 10, 2021, after the court had put under scanner allegations of bribery against him.

In December 2021, the STF had conducted raids at his residences in Panchkula and Gurgaon after an arrest warrant was issued. The Prevention of Corruption Act has been invoked against the officer.

While remanding five accused in the case to judicial custody, the same court on December 16, 2021, had directed the STF to examine the role of all police officers who have dealt with the case. “Circumstances of the case as unfolded by investigating agency (STF) so far suggest that DCP Dheeraj Setia might have tried to cover up the multi-crime theft with active concurrence of his superior officers and with the active involvement, by way of arm twisting, of his junior officers of crime branch,” the court had observed.

The theft, reported on August 21, 2021, was initially suspected to be of Rs 50 lakh. The STF later said that its probe suggests over Rs 30 crore was stolen from two flats of a society in Sector 84. At least 16 people have been arrested including three doctors, aides of gangster Lagarpuria and a Delhi Police ASI.

In an order on January 21, ASJ Singh had said, “The source of money stored in the flats and the purpose for which it was stored there are yet to be traced. Some of the accused who had committed theft are still at large. The role of senior police officer, namely, Dheeraj Setia, the then DCP, is also yet to be examined...”

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
 NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE NATIONAL Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed Delhi and Haryana to enforce the Environment Management Plans that the two governments have prepared for the rejuvenation and protection of the Najafgarh jheel, a transboundary wetland.

The implementation of these action plans is to be monitored by the National Wetland Authority through the respective State Wetland Authorities. A status report on it is to be submitted to the Tribunal by July 31. The NGT order also stated the outlet of the Najafgarh jheel, which leads to the Najafgarh drain, should remain free from sewage before it joins the Yamuna river.



In Delhi, the Najafgarh Jheel and its surrounding areas include parts of Rawta village. Archive

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage first took the matter of restoration of the jheel to the NGT in 2014. It then filed an execution application before the tribunal in 2019, noting that no remedial measures had been taken. The NGT had then directed Haryana and

Delhi to prepare an Environment Management Plan for the lake. The plans submitted by the two governments were integrated into a single framework that was approved by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change last December.

According to this plan, the top

priority would be to notify the Najafgarh jheel and its area of influence under The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017. The rules prohibit and regulate certain activities within wetlands and their ‘zone of influence’. Within notified wetlands, conversion of land within the area for non-wetland uses, and permanent constructions within 50 m from the mean high flood level, are prohibited.

In Delhi, Najafgarh lake and its surrounding areas include parts of Rawta, Gumanhera, Jainpur, Shikarpur, Jhatikara and Devnala villages. The plan also notes that some parts of newly built-up areas in sectors 107 and 108 of Gurgaon fall within this boundary of the wetland, and since they are built on the wetland, they are routinely submerged.

7 DECISION 2022



UTTAR PRADESH • UTTARAKHAND • PUNJAB • GOA • MANIPUR

I HEREBY DECLARE

ARCHANA GAUTAM

Congress candidate Hastinapur (Meerut)

TOTAL ASSETS

₹31,61,220

CASH:

₹56,220

MOVABLE ASSETS:

Self: ₹31.05 Lakh

IMMOVABLE ASSETS:

Nil

PROFESSION:

Actor



CRIMINAL CASES:

Nil

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Journalism & Mass Communication

HASHTAG POLITICS



• Marvel power

The Punjab election is a battle of superheroes, at least on Twitter. A video released by the Punjab Congress showed CM Chhanni as a superhero defeating PM Modi and AAP chief Kejriwal in a scene from a Marvel film. "We will do whatever it takes to redeem our beloved state from the clutches of evil forces working against the interest of Punjab and its people. #CongressHiAyege," the party tweeted.

1.9K LIKES, 701 RETWEETS IN 3 HOURS

• Mayawati has a question for BJP

BSP chief and former chief minister Mayawati, who is otherwise not very active on social media, criticised the BJP for 'claiming credit' for works she had done. In a couple of tweets, she said her government had provided housing with basic amenities to 2.5 lakh poor families but her government was changed. "BJP is trying to take credit for the same. What have they done?" she tweeted.

3.2K LIKES, 993 RETWEETS IN 14 HOURS

BALLOTIN

BJP Miranpur nominee booked for inflammatory speech

Muzaffarnagar: The BJP's Miranpur candidate for the UP assembly polls has been booked for allegedly giving an inflammatory speech at an election meeting and violating EC guidelines on physical campaigning, police said on Monday. Gujjar, in a video clip, is heard appealing to people in Chorawala village to support him in the elections as the BJP is of Hindus and the opposition Samajwadi Party (SP) is a Muslims' party. **PTI**

Tikait warns against 'polarising'

Aligarh: BKU leader Rakesh Tikait has cautioned farmers against attempts to "polarise" the society and to divert their attention with raking up of "Hindu-Muslim" issues. "In the next few weeks Hindu-Muslim and jinnah will be regular topics in the political discourse and you should be wary of such distractions," the BKU leader said in Iglas on Sunday. **PTI**

NPP first list for Manipur out

Imphal: The NPP on Monday released its first list of 20 candidates for the Assembly election due to be held in two phases on February 27 and March 3. All the three sitting MLAs of NPP including Deputy CM Y Joykumar are in the list. Of the 20 candidates only two women are in the list and only two candidates are from Hill districts. **ENS**

PUSHING FOR THE PATRON

Yogi in poll fight, Hindu Yuva Vahini steps out of shadows

Members holding daily meetings, say they have been coordinating with BJP

LALMANI VERMA
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 24

WITH UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath set to contest his debut Assembly election, from Gorakhpur Urban, the Hindu Yuva Vahini, a youth outfit he founded in 2002, is going all out to campaign for him.

Gorakhpur goes to the polls only in the sixth phase of the elections, on March 3, but Vahini workers have already started campaigning on the seat, both physically and virtually. Vahini functionaries have been holding daily meetings to chalk out their campaign strategy and reviewing the progress.

Vahini's Gorakhpur convener Rishi Mohan Verma told *The Indian Express*, "Since our patron maharaj ji (Yogi Adityanath) is contesting the election, our responsibility has increased. Our entire focus is on the social media campaign. Our IT teams have been working to popularise the work done by the state government."

On whether they have been coordinating with the BJP, Verma said, "We (Vahini and BJP) are holding meetings separately but with a common goal of ensuring Yogi ji's win. We are working to increase the voter turnout."

For the last five years, Vahini men say, they were promoting the government's welfare schemes. **PTI**

Adityanath had founded the Vahini in 2002 as an organisation to work for Hindu culture and cow protection, and against untouchability. While the Vahini and its activities were confined to Gorakhpur and adjoining districts such as Kushinagar, Sant Kabir Nagar, Maharajganj, Mau, Balrampur and Shravasti, after the 2017 elections, with Adityanath, then MP from Gorakhpur, catapulted into the CM chair, the organisation saw a surge in membership — and muscle.

The outfit's association with Adityanath meant its members allowed themselves a free run as they turned vigilantes, barging into homes on suspicion of love

hijab, pouncing on unsuspecting couples and waylaying alleged cattle smugglers. It finally took a rap on the knuckles by CM Adityanath for the Vahini to pipe down. In May 2017, Adityanath reportedly told Vahini workers to maintain decency of behaviour and to avoid controversies. Ever since, it has maintained a low profile, only to emerge now.

Verma, the Vahini's Gorakhpur convener, denied the outfit had been maintaining a low profile over last few years. "We have always been active, but the difference is before 2017 we were in opposition and hence we staged dharna and protests against the state government. But

over the last five years, we have been popularising government's welfare schemes and helping people benefit from them," he said.

On the elections, Vahini state general secretary P K Mall said, "We are working in coordination with BJP. Work has been distributed. Under maharaj ji's leadership, we are active in every Assembly segment. We are working not only for him, but for the BJP as well."

BJP Gorakhpur Mahanagar spokesperson Brajesh Mishra said, "Vahini workers are already attending BJP's meetings at the ward and mandal levels."

Mishra said the BJP has already started campaigning by distributing pamphlets of government policies and schemes and creating booth-level WhatsApp groups, with members of at least 50 families in each group.

A BJP leader in Gorakhpur said, "The election in Gorakhpur Urban has become interesting after Azad Samaj Party (Kanshiram) chief Chandrashekhar Azad announced he would contest from here. This seat has around 45,000 SCs/STs voters and most of them have received help from the Gorakhspeeth in the past. But the seat has around 45,000 Muslims. And Azad is a big name. We can't take any chance."

Amarinder and Nadda in New Delhi, Monday. **Prem Nath Pandey**

BJP to contest 65 seats in Punjab; Captain on 37

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE BJP announced on Monday the seat sharing formula with its two allies in Punjab, saying the campaign for the February 20 Assembly polls will focus on "stability, security and change to secure the future of Punjab and its people"

While the saffron party, keen on expanding its ground in the state, will contest 65 seats in the election to the 117-member Assembly,

the Punjab Lok Congress led by former CM Amarinder Singh will fight from 37 constituencies. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa's Sikh-centric Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt) will contest the remaining 15 seats.

Announcing the plan in New Delhi on Monday, BJP president J P Nadda said the "Grand Alliance will fight not just for a change of regime but to keep the future

generation safe, and for the stability of Punjab". Flanked by Amarinder and Dhindsa, Nadda said Punjab is in "a deep economic crisis" and needs a "double engine government" to push it on the path to development.

Amarinder reiterated that during his tenure as Punjab CM there had been several incidents of smuggling of weapons and drugs from Pakistan, "All these for carrying out nefarious activities," he said. He also spoke of how, when he

was CM, "someone from Pakistan" had wanted him to include cricketer-turned-politician and now Punjab Congress president, Navjot Singh Sidhu, in his cabinet.

"After I dropped Navjot Sidhu from my government, I got a message from Pakistan that he is an old friend of their prime minister (Imran Khan) and he would be grateful if you can keep him in the government," Amarinder said. "He was inefficient, incompetent and useless," he added.

VOTING ON
FEBRUARY 20

PROFILE SEEMA KUSHWAHA

Delhi, Hathras rape cases lawyer says saw how Dalits oppressed

SUKRITA BARUAH

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

SUPREME COURT advocate Seema Kushwaha, who joined the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) last week, said the 2020 Hathras gangrape and murder case is an example of how Dalits continue to be oppressed. As lawyer, Kushwaha represented the families of the Hathras victim and the 2012 Delhi gangrape victim.

The 39-year-old is likely to be given a ticket from the BSP in the coming UP Assembly polls. "We are happy to welcome her to the party and always want people like her, who work for the marginalised without thinking of profit and loss, to join us," BSP spokesperson Faizan Khan told *The Indian Express*.

Kushwaha first gained prominence for representing the Delhi gangrape case victim's family from 2014 and demanding capital punishment for the accused. She decided to represent the Hathras victim after the Allahabad High Court took suo motu cognizance of the hasty burial of the girl's body by the district administration.

"Till date, the UP government

Kushwaha with BSP chief Mayawati. May get a ticket. **PTI**

has been unwilling to compensate the family for the manner in which she was cremated. Through the incident and what followed, we can see how the Dalit community is being suppressed," she said.

Born in Ugarpur village to a farming family, Kushwaha says she was the first girl in her village to study beyond Class 8. "There is still no primary school in my village and when I was insisting on studying beyond Class 8, a small panchayat was held in the village... It has been my dream to get into politics since then. My objective is to work for more women to join politics and so that I can contribute to both forming and implementing policy," she said.

The families of the Hathras and Delhi victims said Kushwaha's decision to join politics had nothing to do with the cases she fought.

"We got to know about the news through the internet. She didn't tell us, but it's ok. She is in regular touch with us about the case. We believe her and talk to her every week. There has been a delay in the case because many witnesses are being questioned," said the younger brother of the Hathras victim.

The father of the Delhi gangrape victim said, "Seema worked with us as the junior lawyer in our case for a long time. She was part of a large support system for us. We have nothing to do with politics though."

Ex-CM's temple visit gives hope to Goa Cong

MAYURA JANWALKAR

PANAJI, JANUARY 24

SIX-TIME Goa Chief Minister and 11-time legislator Pratapsingh Rane on Monday took the blessings of Goddess Bhumi at a temple in his Assembly constituency of Poriem. The former CM's visit — which comes two days after he attended a meeting of the Congress's election candidates — proved to be a sign of hope for party workers awaiting his decision on contesting the polls.

Rane, however, said there was nothing out of the ordinary in the temple visit along with his wife Vijayadevi. "It is a part of my routine. I visit the temple every week. The decision (on contesting the coming election) will be taken in due course," he told *The Indian Express*.

Nevertheless, it has fuelled hopes among Congress workers who felt it may be an indication that Goa's senior-most legislator may once again be ready to hit

the campaign trail, ahead of the February 14 state election.

On Saturday, Rane had attended a party meeting for the Congress's declared election candidates at a hotel in Panaji. The party's senior election observer for the state, P Chidambaram, had said on Sunday: "That seat (Poriem) has been identified with Mr Pratapsingh Rane for nearly 50 years now. It would be presumptuous on our part to tell him what to do. As far as we are concerned, we have announced him as a candidate and we have told him, you contest the election or you suggest a name which can be forwarded to the AICC to be named as a candidate. I think a decision will be taken in a day or two. I am looking forward to his decision."

In an attempt to wrest the Poriem seat, the BJP has fielded his daughter-in-law Deviya Rane, who will make her political debut this election.

FULL REPORT ON
www.indianexpress.com



WOMAN POWER

Women leaders of the BJP, including the party's new entrant Aparna Yadav, the daughter-in-law of SP patron Mulayam Singh Yadav, campaign in Lucknow. **Express**

UTTAR PRADESH

Deaths 23,073

Deaths Today 17

Cases 11,020

15,743

Jan 15

Jan 24

PUNJAB

Deaths 17,023

Deaths Today 45

Cases 5,697

6,813

Jan 15

Jan 24

UTTARAKHAND

Deaths 7,491

Deaths Today 11

Cases 3,064

3,848

Jan 15

Jan 24

GOA

Deaths 3,615

Deaths Today 5

Cases 1,387

3,274

Jan 15

Jan 24

MANIPUR

Deaths 2,027

Deaths Today 2

Cases 418

158

Jan 15

Jan 24

FAMILY & POLITICS

The cop, MLA wife, and the unbreachable Malerkotla House

NAVJEEVANGOPAL

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

AS AN IPS officer who has long proclaimed himself the proxy for his wife, steering her through three MLA terms and 20 years as a Congress politician, Mohammad Mustafa walked a very fine line — and often crossed it. On Sunday, he crossed another, when the just retired DGP was booked for an alleged provocative speech while campaigning for a fourth term for his wife Razia Sultana in Punjab's Malerkotla.

Few expect the 1985-batch officer to bat more than an eyelid though. Over the years, the 60-year-old Mustafa has survived many a controversy, not the least being the dexterity with which he switched sides from being a favourite of Congress rebel Amarinder Singh to being a confidant of wannabe Navjot Singh Sidhu as fortunes changed in the party. He is currently prin-

cipal strategic advisor' to Sidhu, the Punjab Congress chief.

Originally hailing from Saharanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, Mustafa landed in Punjab first in the line of duty. It was while he was Assistant Superintendent of Police, Patiala, that he married Razia, the daughter of Malerkotla's Kutub Din, who retired as an honorary Subedar Major from the Army.

Reportedly pushed by Mustafa, Razia was soon showing an interest in politics. In 2002, the Congress fielded her from Malerkotla, the only Muslim-dominated Assembly constituency in Punjab. After that, as Congress politics in the seat came to revolve around 'Malerkotla House', as the residence of Mustafa and Razia is called, the couple never looked back.

Especially Mustafa, who was always there to take the credit for Razia's wins as MLA, in 2002, 2007 and 2017. For the 2012 loss, Mustafa blamed the BJP and RSS and "thugs" who took "the bene-

Mustafa and wife Razia Sultana, contesting for the fifth time, with Navjot Singh Sidhu. **Express**

fit of my mistakes". In October last year, addressing a speech in Malerkotla, he said: "In 2012, it was me who lost. Razia is the candidate, but no one says Razia has lost. People say Mustafa has lost."

As Razia sat listening, Mustafa, who retired in February last year, told the gathering: "I

was already lagging behind by 12,000 votes in the 2012 elections. However, rural areas made up 7,000 votes." Admitting he would earlier meet voters secretly, he said: "Today, I am not bound by my service." Mustafa then went on to claim credit for getting district status for

Malerkotla.

In his words, he entered Malerkotla "politically" around two decades ago. "I have changed the thinking of Malerkotla. I told entire Punjab that Malerkotla is a town of Muslims, if Muslims do not get their rights in this town, where would we go? I announced that till the time Mustafa is alive, only a Muslim will become president of the municipality," he said in the October 2021 speeches. He also said it was he who ensured that only a Muslim could be the chairman of the local market committee and that every political position in the seat is for a Muslim. "That's because I talk about rights and justice," he justified.

In the speech for which he was booked on Sunday on charges of promoting enmity between religions, after the Opposition went after him, Mustafa is accused of making similar appeals on the grounds of religion. Mustafa has denied targeting any religion.

As his wife's political career prospered, so did Mustafa's in the police force. He often talks about his four gallantry awards. In 2019, he was among the five officers superseded by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh in picking 1987-batch IPS officer Dinkar Gupta as Punjab DGP — a snub that apparently further pushed Mustafa away from Amarinder.

Mustafa and 1986-batch IPS officer Siddharth Chattopadhyaya went to court against the appointment, which was rejected by the Supreme Court. In September, after the change of guard in the Congress government, with Charanjit Singh Channi taking over as Punjab CM, Gupta was moved out, while Chattopadhyaya became interim DGP.

Meanwhile, Mustafa and Amarinder took their row to social media, with both sides posting a series of photos featuring Amarinder's Pakistani friend Aroosa Alam.



New Delhi



8 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



BREAK IN TRADITION

WITH THE number of Covid cases remaining high, the traditional At Home ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on Republic Day has been cancelled this year. Sources said the decision was taken after a number of ministers and officials - and even Vice President Venkaiah Naidu - got infected with the virus. Rashtrapati Bhavan itself has several cases, including some senior officials, and at one point earlier this week the positivity rate there crossed 30. "The situation was so alarming that it was wise to cancel the event," a source said. While the At Home function was held with restrictions and a curtailed guest list on the occasion of Independence Day in 2020 and 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind hosted guests last Republic Day, which fell between the two waves of the pandemic.

BIRD'S EYE VIEW

THE INDIAN Air Force and Doordarshan have tied up to bring in a new feature for the Republic Day celebrations broadcast. For the first time, there will be live feed from cameras, providing the pilot's view and cockpit's view, in some of the 75 aircraft from the three services that will participate in the largest flypast this year. Apart from this, Doordarshan will have 59 cameras and over 160 personnel, with 33 cameras at Rajpath, 16 at the National War Memorial, India Gate, National Stadium and 10 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Two additional 360 degree cameras - one at Rajpath and one atop India Gate - will broadcast live feed available on DD's YouTube channel. DD News will also broadcast commentary through sign language.

TRIMMED VERSION

WITH THE government yet to finalise the appointment of the Chief Economic Adviser, the Economic Survey this year will likely be a trimmed down version, with only one volume as against the usual two. Principal Economic Adviser Sanjeev Sanyal is in charge of preparing the Survey this year, which is likely to focus on firm economic recovery in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Earlier, in July 2014, the then Principal Economic Adviser Ila Patnaik had also prepared the Survey in absence of a CEA following Raghuram Rajan's move to the RBI months earlier. Tabled in Parliament ahead of the Union Budget, the Survey presents the economic report card of the government and suggestions on possible reforms.

HC dismisses anticipatory bail plea of SAD's Majithia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

THE PUNJAB and Haryana High Court on Monday dismissed the anticipatory bail plea of Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia in an alleged drugs case.

With his anticipatory bail plea dismissed, Majithia has an option of filing an appeal against the HC order before the Supreme Court or he will have to surrender before the state police. The dismissal of bail plea is a setback for Majithia as the order comes a day before the process of filing of nomination papers was to commence. Majithia is to file his nomination papers from Majithia Assembly constituency in Amritsar district.

The Bench of Justice Lisa Gill, which had been hearing the bail plea of Majithia, issued the order after hearing the arguments from both the counsels. A de-



An FIR has been filed against Bikram Singh Majithia in an NDPS case.

tailed order, meanwhile, was yet to be released by the HC.

Majithia's counsel advocate Arshdeep Singh Cheema said, "We have sought for interim bail period extension before the HC to file an appeal before the SC or three days' time to surrender before police to file his (Majithia's) nomination for elections."

Majithia, who is facing an FIR by Punjab Police in a Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS) case, was

earlier granted interim bail by the HC on a condition of cooperating in the investigation.

The counsel appearing for Punjab, senior advocate P Chidambaram, however, was opposing the bail plea, contending that Majithia has not extended full cooperation during investigation.

Majithia, through his counsels, had also filed an application before the HC last week, alleging that the sole intention of registering the FIR against him is to take him in custody and torture him. He contended that the present FIR was registered against him keeping an eye on the upcoming elections. The petitioner's fundamental rights are at stake, he had contended.

Majithia was apprehending arrest after a case under the provisions of the NDPS Act was registered at Mohali on December 20, last year. He had moved the HC after a Mohali court dismissed his anticipatory bail plea.



BJP URGES EC ACTION

A BJP delegation, including Union ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Hardeep Singh Puri, approached the Election Commission and urged the poll watchdog to direct the registration of an FIR against former Punjab DGP Mohammad Mustafa for his alleged communal remarks. Mustafa is an adviser to Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu. *PTI*

159 POLL CANDIDATES

Akhilesh, uncle Shivpal & Azam Khan in SP list

ASADREHMAN

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 24

THE SAMAJWADI Party (SP) on Monday released a list of 159 candidates for the state Assembly elections. The party has fielded its president Akhilesh Yadav from Karhal in Mainpuri district, jailed leader Azam Khan from Rampur, Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal Yadav from Jaswantnagar in Etawah district, and re-nominated MLA Nahid Hasan from Kairana in Shamli district.

While Azam Khan's wife Tanzeen Fatima is the incumbent legislator in Rampur, their son Abdullah will again contest from the district's Suar constituency. Abdullah was elected from the constituency in the 2017 polls but was disqualified in February 2020 for being younger than 25 years when elected. Azam Khan is in jail in connection with a number of criminal cases. Abdullah - he, too, was in prison along with his father, and was recently released on bail - has started campaigning in the constituency.

In recent days, the party has faced repeated attacks from the BJP that has accused it of having in its ranks leaders with criminal records. The ruling party's targets have been leaders such as Azam Khan, Abdullah and Hasan, who is a two-time Kairana MLA. The BJP stepped up its criticism after Hasan was arrested under the Gangsters Act over a week ago in connection with a case dating back to February 2021. It also gave rise to speculation that the SP might field Hasan's 27-year-old sister Iqra but that has now been put to rest.

Another big name on the SP list is former state minister and Nakur MLA (Saharanpur district) Dharam Singh Saini who resigned from the state Cabinet and the BJP



SP president Akhilesh Yadav

on January 13 and officially joined the Opposition party days later.

Former Congress leader Supriya Anon has been fielded from Bareilly Cantonment. Aron joined the SP on Saturday along with her husband and former Bareilly MP Pravin Singh Aron. The Congress had announced Supriya's candidature in its first list on January 13.

Former BSP state chief RS Kushwaha who joined the Akhilesh Yadav-led party last year will contest on SP ticket from Lakhimpur Kheri's Nighasan constituency. He will be up against sitting MLA Shashank Verma. Union Minister of (State) for Home Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra was preparing to contest from Nighasan seat on behalf of the BJP but he is now in jail in connection with the alleged murder of four farmers and a journalist in October in Lakhimpur Kheri's Tikunia area.

On January 13, the SP-led alliance had announced the first set of 29 candidates for western UP in which the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) was allocated 19 constituencies. On Sunday, the Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) of Om Prakash Rajbhar, which is another SP ally, announced the first alliance candidate in eastern UP. The SBSP fielded Sunil Arskavshi on from Sandila in Haridwar district.

Budget session: Both Houses to convene in shifts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

BOTH THE Houses will function in two different shifts in a day during the coming Budget Session of Parliament, it was decided on Monday, as the country continues to remain in grip of the third wave of Covid-19 infections. The budget session begins on January 31.

The protocols will be similar to the ones followed during the Monsoon Session of Parliament last year. Held in September 2020, the monsoon session was the first time parliamentary proceedings were held under strict Covid-19 protocol. The Rajya Sabha met in the first half of the day and the Lok Sabha during the second half. Members were seated in both the chambers to ensure social distancing. Similarly, this time around, the Upper House will convene in the morning and the Lok Sabha in the afternoon, a bulletin issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat said on Monday.

On the opening day of the Budget session, lawmakers will be seated in the Central Hall, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Chambers, and the galleries for the customary President's address to a joint sitting of both the Houses. The Union Budget will be presented on February 1. From February 2, the Rajya Sabha will meet from either 9am to 2pm or 10am to 3pm, sources aware of the matter said. The Lok Sabha will sit from 4 pm to 9 pm.

"During sittings of Lok Sabha from January 31 to February 11, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Chambers and their galleries will be used for sitting of Members in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic," the bulletin said, adding that from February 2 to 11, the timing of Lok Sabha will be from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Haryana 'closes' 87 FIRs against farm protesters

SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

AROUND 90 days after the farmers withdrew their agitation against three contentious farm laws, the authorities in Haryana have "closed" as many as 87 FIRs out of a total of 278 cases lodged against the protesters in over a year of their protests.

The government has initiated a process to withdraw the cases after an agreement between the Centre and the farmers' outfits last month.

The government said that apart from the 87, the process of withdrawal of several other FIRs was also underway. A senior officer of the state government told *The Indian Express* the judges had accepted cancellation/ untraced reports in 69 out of as many as 74 FIRs in which the police had approached the courts. Apart from these FIRs, "the courts have already accepted the request of the police to withdraw cases in 18 FIRs, out of as many as 72 such applications yet".

Farmer leaders estimate that FIRs have been lodged against nearly 48,000 farmers, although a few hundred were named. Most of the cases were lodged against farmers for alleged violence and protests against BJP-JJP leaders.



CEC Sushil Chandra

EC ready to hold Covid-safe elections, says CEC Chandra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

CHIEF ELECTION Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Monday said the Commission has made arrangements for holding "Covid-safe" elections in the five states going to Assembly polls.

In his message on the eve of 12th National Voters' Day, Chandra said the presence of voters at polling stations strengthens democracy. "As on date, we have over 95.14 crore voters, out of which 49.01 crore are male voters and 46.09 female voters. Among these registered voters, there are 1.92 crore senior citizens... however difficult the situations might be, voters have also reposed faith in the institution of Election Commission," Chandra said in a video message.

The EC came into being on January 25, 1950, a day before India became a republic. For the past 12 years, January 25 is celebrated as National Voters' Day. The theme for this year's National Voters' Day is "Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative". Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju will be the guest of honour at the event on Tuesday.

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu will be the chief guest but will attend and deliver his address virtually, EC said in a statement. Naidu tested positive for Covid-19.

Chandra said that holding elections in the past two years amid the pandemic had been challenging. "The Commission, while holding polls, ensured that the vote and the voters were protected," he said.

SEAT CONTENDER MAY FIGHT AS AN INDEPENDENT

Uttarakhand second list out, Cong fields Harish Rawat in Ramnagar

AVANEESH MISHRA DEHRADUN, JANUARY 24

THE CONGRESS on Monday released its second list of 11 candidates for the Uttarakhand Assembly elections, fielding Harish Rawat, who is heading the party campaign in the state, in Ramnagar constituency.

The former chief minister's friend-turned-foe in the party, Ranjeet Rawat, was one of the contenders for the seat. He is likely to be offered the Salt seat now, sources said, he may consider contesting from Ramnagar as an Independent candidate.

Ahead of the announcement of the second list of candidates, an audio clip of a purported conversation between Harish Rawat and a party worker went viral. In the clip, Harish Rawat purportedly asks if he should contest from Ramnagar. The other person

replies that Ranjeet Rawat has been preparing for the seat for a long time and they were with him. Later in the day, Ranjeet, who is also the executive president of Uttarakhand Congress, told reporters that this was bound to happen when someone suddenly arrives out of nowhere. "If a person is showing his presence somewhere, the aspirations of the people are connected with that person. Rawatji (Harish) is a big leader, he is our campaign committee chairman. But at a time when the nomination has started, you suddenly say that you want to contest from the seat... this is how a worker will respond," he said.

With the second list, the Congress has so far announced 64 candidates for the elections, leaving six more to go. The second list named three women candidates - same as the first.

While the name of former

state minister Harak Singh Rawat, who joined the Congress recently after being expelled by the BJP, has not been named yet. His daughter-in-law Anukriti Gusain has been named from the Lansdowne constituency in the second list.

Meanwhile, during his visit to the state, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and senior Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel on Monday officially launched the party's campaign with a slogan "Uttarakhand Swabhiman - Char Dham, Char Kaam".

Launching the campaign song and radio jingle, the Congress made four promises. It said the price of LPG cylinders will be maintained below Rs 500. The second promise was of annual help of Rs 40,000 to 5 lakh families. It also promised 4 lakh jobs over the next five years and health facilities for every family in the state.

Assam CM Himanta meets Rio, Khandu over border dispute

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JANUARY 24

ASSAM CHIEF Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday met with his Arunachal Pradesh counterpart, Pema Khandu in Guwahati and had met Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, deputy Chief Minister Y Patton and Naga People's Front (NPF) legislature party leader TR Zeilang on Sunday to fix the decades-old border with the two neighbouring states.

Following the meeting with Khandu, Sarma tweeted: "Solving boundary issues with neighbours is our priority. Discussed with Hon'ble CM of Arunachal Pradesh Sh@PemaKhanduBJP, who came all the way to Guwahati, measures for permanent solution to the long-pending issue. We decided to conduct ground level survey on boundary status." Later in the day, Khandu tweeted: "Met Honble Chief Minister of Assam... We will



CM Himanta Biswa Sarma meets his Arunachal Pradesh counterpart Pema Khandu. Courtesy: Twitter/Assam CM

sincerely work towards a permanent solution on this long pending issue."

Khandu told *The Indian Express*: "We had very positive discussions on finding mutually acceptable permanent solutions to this problem... we will work towards resolving this and many vexed issues in the region."

Arunachal Pradesh, which

was earlier a part of Assam, shares a boundary of over 800 km with the state. In August last year, Sarma had told the state assembly that there were at least 1,200 areas of dispute along the border with Arunachal Pradesh.

On Monday, Nagaland CM Rio also said that both Assam and Nagaland were ready for an out-of-court settlement.

CM Bommai plays down BJP Belagavi leaders' meet, minus Jarkiholi brothers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 24

CHIEF MINISTER Basavaraj Bommai on Monday played down the circumstances surrounding a meeting of BJP ministers and legislators from Belagavi region of Karnataka held over the weekend. The meeting was held under the leadership of state forest minister Umesh Katti and his brother Ramesh Katti, a former MP.

The meeting on Saturday night was held amid speculation that some of the BJP leaders from Belagavi who are in the Cabinet may have to make way for one of the Jarkiholi brothers, who are seeking to return to the ministry after Ramesh Jarkiholi's exit in 2021 over sexual assault allegations. The meeting did not feature



Basavaraj Bommai

the three Jarkiholi brothers, who are BJP legislators from Belagavi. It also did not feature Belagavi BJP MP Mangala Suresh Angadi.

On Monday, Ramesh Jarkiholi held a separate meeting at his residence with close associate Mahesh Kumatahalli, the MLA from Athani constituency in Belagavi, and Vijayapura MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatala, a former Union minister - all of whom are aspiring for a Cabinet position.

"There is no dissidence created by the meetings. Leaders in different parts will meet at different points in time and you cannot in-

EXPLAINED The Upper House factor

THE BJP is keen on winning the support of Lakhani Jarkiholi, the Independent MLC who defeated the party nominee, in the Legislative Council since that would give the party a clear majority in the Upper House to push through pending legislation such as the controversial the anti-conversion Bill.

terpret it in any way. Congress leaders also meet in homes of leaders, the BJP leaders also meet in the same way. There is no need

to give it importance," Bommai said on Monday. The BJP government currently has two ministers from Belagavi region - Umesh Katti, a nine-term MLA and Shashikala Jolle. There are many aspirants among the 18 MLAs from Belagavi.

Bommai acknowledged that aspirants are lobbying for positions. "... it is quite normal for many people to aspire for a post... When and how it should be done is known to the party leaders. When the party leaders seek our view we will provide all information," he said.

Ramesh Jarkiholi refused to comment on the meeting. "The party leaders are aware of what is happening," he said. His brother Balachandra said, "There was no need for a meeting to be held by deliberately leaving out a few people."

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JANUARY 24

TELANGANA'S K Chandrashekar Rao on Monday became the latest chief minister to oppose the proposed amendments to All India Services (Cadre) Rules 1954, by the Centre, contending that the existing provisions are adequate to ensure harmonious and balanced deployment of officers.

In letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, Rao stated that the proposed amendments "militate against federal structure of our Constitution both in letter and spirit". He wrote that the amendments will also seriously erode the All-India Service character of the IAS, IPS and IFS.

Rao wrote: "Considering the criticality of functions discharged by AIS officers in the states, the present rule position and practice



K Chandrashekar Rao

provides for concurrence of state governments in matters of deputation of officers to the Central Government. The proposed amendment seeks to unilaterally disturb the above position, with the Central Government assuming the power to take officers on deputation without concurrence of the officers or state...

"This is a dangerous move which is against the constitutional framework and spirit of cooperative federalism. If the proposed

amendments are effected by the Government of India, the state governments would be reduced to insignificant entities."

Rao stated that the proposal is a move to exercise indirect control on officers working in states; amounts to interfering in state governments' functions; is targeted harassment of officers and their demoralisation, besides impacting accountability to states.

He wrote: "The proposed amendment is nothing but amending the Constitution of India relating to the Centre-state relations. Instead of such a backdoor method of amending the AIS rules, the Government of India should muster courage to amend the provision by Parliament. The proposed amendments threaten the spirit of mutual adjustment and accommodation between states and central government in the matter..."



New Delhi



BRIEFLY

ASSAM
State's highest civilian award for Ratan Tata

Guwahati: Industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata was conferred the Assam Baibhav, the state's highest civilian award, on Monday for his contribution towards furthering cancer care in the state. Tata, however, was able to attend the ceremony in Guwahati and will now receive the award on a later date in Mumbai. "We are so immensely grateful Sri@NTata2000 for your gracious acceptance of the Assam Baibhav Award for 2021. It shall be an honour for me to personally meet you to share this token of our gratitude. We're so deeply indebted to you for your support to us all these years." Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted on Sunday. In a letter to Sarma, Tata wrote that he was "deeply touched" by the decision of the government to bestow him with the award. **ENS**

WEST BENGAL
Home Guard slits minor son's throat, ends life

Kolkata: A Special Home Guard of the West Bengal Police allegedly killed his six-year-old son by slitting his throat and then ended his life after an argument with his wife in Purulia district, police said on Monday. A case of unnatural death has been registered, police said. According to neighbours, the accused, identified as Hemant Hembram, used to fight frequently with his wife and that the two had an argument in front of their child on Sunday night. "In the heat of the moment, Hemant grabbed his son by the throat and slit it with a sharp knife. His wife ran out of the house to ask the neighbours for help. When she returned moments later, she saw her husband and son lying in a pool of blood on the floor. The Home Guard had stabbed himself in the neck too. The incident had occurred late Sunday night but it came to light on Monday morning," said police. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA
Indrani moves court over 'alive' daughter claim

Mumbai: Former media executive Indrani Mukerjea, facing trial for the alleged murder of her daughter Sheena Bora in 2012, approached a special court on Monday seeking a reply from the CBI on whether it has taken any steps to record the statement of her jail inmate — a police inspector — whose claims had seen Sheena alive last year in Srinagar. The CBI in-charge court has directed the CBI to file a reply to the plea and posted the matter for February 4. "I have approached the court on how they plan to take this forward. Justice delayed is justice denied," Indrani's plea states adding that she has reason to believe that her daughter is 'definitely alive'. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA
Sharad Pawar tests positive for Covid-19

Mumbai: NCP president Sharad Pawar tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday. The news was shared by Pawar on Twitter. He tweeted: "I have tested Covid positive but there is no cause for concern. I am following the treatment as suggested by my doctor. I request all those who have been in contact with me in the past few days to get themselves tested and take all necessary precautions." Leaders across political parties wished speedy recovery to Pawar. **ENS**

89% of 280 samples sequenced from Mumbai had Omicron variants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

THE LATEST genome sequencing done at the civic-run Kasturba Gandhi Hospital showed that 89% of the 280 samples from Mumbai that were sequenced had Omicron variants. The sequencing of the eight batch of samples from the city shows that the highly transmissible variant Omicron has now become the most dominant strain of the Covid 19 virus in the city compared to December when the Delta variant was the dominant strain. Out of the 280 samples sequenced from Mumbai in the eight genome sequencing, 248 or 89% had the presence of Omicron. Out of the remaining, 21 or 8% had Delta derivatives. The remaining 11 samples or 3% had other subtypes. This is in a sharp contrast to the seventh genome sequencing conducted in the last week of December 2021. Of 282 samples sequenced, 156 samples (55%) were detected with the Omicron variant, followed by 89 samples (32%) with Delta derivatives and 37 (13%) with the Delta variant. In the sixth genome sequencing, only 2% of the samples had Omicron variants which was conducted in the second week of December, 2021. "This explains the reason be-

hind the spike in cases by the end of December last year. As Omicron doesn't involve the lungs, we are witnessing very few cases of pulmonary pneumonia which was high in the second wave when Delta variants were predominant in Mumbai," said Suresh Kakani, additional commissioner, BMC. A total of 76 of 99 unvaccinated patients had to be hospitalized, 12 required oxygen and five were in the ICU. As per the data of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), of the 280 samples, 96 or 34% were of patients in the age group of 21-40, 79 or 28% were in the 41-60 age group, 69 or 25% in the 61-80 age segment. INSACOG- a consortium of India's SARS-CoV-2 Genomics last week declared that Omicron is in its community transmission stage in India and has become dominant in several metros. While confirming about the community transmission of Omicron, Dr Shashank Joshi, member of Covid-19 task force said, "Considering the global pattern, it was expected that Omicron will gradually dominate over Delta variants. But it shouldn't be taken lightly and put your guards down. Although the severity is less in Omicron, people with underlying health issues need to be extra cautious."

Bihar tourism minister's son opens fire in air; injuries in clash, FIR filed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PATNA, JANUARY 24

THE BIHAR Police on Monday booked state tourism minister and Bharatiya Janata Party leader Narayan Prasad's son, Bablu Sah and six others for firing in air and causing injuries to local residents in a village in West Champaran district. The minister's son was also thrashed and his weapons were seized by the villagers. The incident took place on Sunday at Hardia village in West Champaran district when Bablu Sah and his aides drove to his ancestral orchard where some village children were playing cricket, and Bablu reportedly asked them to vacate his land, police said. After children refused and both sides argued, the minister's son allegedly opened fire in air after which stone pelting followed from either side, injuring at least half a dozen persons, police added. A purported video of the incident that was widely shared online shows some villagers chasing Bablu Sah, who was then thrashed. His licensed weapons were also seized by the villagers. Vijay Kumar, a villager, said, "Just because Bablu is son of a minister does not mean he would beat us. Children had been playing on a vacant land, and people also use this orchard to go to their fields." West Champaran Superintendent of Police Upendra Nath Verma said: "We have lodged case against Bablu and six others on the complaint of villagers. We have also recovered two weapons from the villagers". He said that no counter FIR has been filed in the matter. Meanwhile, the minister said, "My son looks after family affairs. The land he visited has been with our family for over 50 years. We recently learnt that some villagers had been trying to usurp it by keeping haystack". The minister denied that some villagers were injured by Bablu and his aides. "It may be because of stone pelting from the other end", he said.

Top court turns down Kerala plea to extend time in Dileep trial completion

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE SUPREME Court on Monday turned down Kerala government's plea to extend the time for completion of trial in the actress abduction and sexual assault case against Malayalam actor Dileep. The court said it can do so only if the trial judge felt the need for more time, and not at the instance of the state. "We will not pass order of extension at the instance of state," a bench of Justices AM Khanwilkar and CT Ravikumar told senior advocate Jaideep Gupta, who appeared for the State and submitted that the time be extended by six more months. Appearing for Dileep, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi opposed Kerala's request and accused the State of trying to "delay the trial in many ways". He said, "First attempt was to change the judge, which became unsuccessful. Second was the resignation of the prosecutor."



Dileep

Rohatgi pointed out that "time has already been extended four

times and the State is playing a mischievous game". Justice Khanwilkar asked whether the trial court had not asked for more time. "No," said Rohatgi, prompting the response from the court that it will not extend time on the State's request. Gupta said the trial court was finding it difficult to grant the prosecution's request to examine more witnesses due to the time limit. But Justice Ravikumar pointed out that there is time till February 15 to complete the trial, and that any decision in this regard will have to be taken by the trial judge.

SCULPTOR ADWAITA GADANAYAK TO CARVE STATUE ON BLACK GRANITE

'Netaji's personality and character have to come alive'

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

OVER THE next few months, sculptor Adwaita Gadanayak will be working on what he describes as a massive responsibility: bringing to life Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in a 28x6 foot statue carved out of a single-piece jet black granite stone. This statue will be installed under the grand canopy at India Gate by August 15. Although his name had been doing the rounds ever since the announcement for the statue was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi last week, it was on Monday that Gadanayak, the current

Director-General of National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), received the formal communication from Ministry of Culture. It was under his supervision that a team from NGMA prepared the graphic model of the statue, on which a hologram is also based. The hologram was unveiled by the Prime Minister on Sunday evening at a ceremony to conclude the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Bose, and also mark the beginning of the Republic Day celebrations. The size of the hologram is same as the actual statue, and it will continue to be beamed from sunset to sunrise every day until the granite statue comes in. Gadanayak describes getting

the responsibility of the statue the "biggest achievement of his life". "It is a massive responsibility; it is not merely about creating a murti (idol), it is akin to creating a monument. Netaji's personality and character have to come alive," says the 51-year-old. He says the single-piece black granite stone will be sourced from down south — either Telangana or Karnataka. In 2018, he had designed and created the main cenotaph at National Police Memorial in Chanakyapuri, also in black granite sourced from Khammam in Telangana. Gadanayak says he will first have to do a "rehearsal" before creating the statue. "I will practice on fibreglass first in my Delhi stu-



Adwaita Gadanayak

dio, see how it looks once placed inside the canopy — whether it makes eye contact with visitors, how it looks from a distance, how it fits inside the canopy. Once I am sure of all aspects, only then I can reproduce it on the actual granite stone." Once the rehearsal is done,

Gadanayak says he will need a lot of solitude and focus, for which, he will mostly go to the location from where the stone will be sourced, and work at the site. "Once the basic carving is done, the statue can be transported to Delhi for final touches and detailing," he says, adding that a team of 20-25 sculptors will assist him on the project. The sandstone canopy where Netaji's statue will be installed was built in 1936, and housed the statue of King George V until 1968. "Since the canopy is also a heritage monument, I will have to ensure the statue does not impact it in any way," the sculptor says. On why he chose black granite, Gadanayak says, "Since Bose

ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY MOVE

'Ranking of state authorities to increase efficiency'

ESHA ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

DAYS AFTER facing heat for its move to rank State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAAs) based on the speed at which they clear proposals and provide environmental clearance for projects, the Environment Ministry on Monday said the move has aimed at "encouraging the efficiency, transparency and accountability in the functioning of SEIAAs" without diluting any regulatory safeguards. It also said no SEIAA will be penalised for taking more time in granting permission.

The SEIAAs are responsible for providing permissions and environmental clearance for more than 90 per cent infrastructure, developmental and industrial projects in the country, once they assess that these projects have little environmental impact.

On January 17, the ministry issued an order stating that it will rate the SEIAAs on seven different criteria, which would exhibit their efficiency. The decision was taken by the ministry after a meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on November 13 last year raised the issue of action taken to enable "Ease of Doing Business", especially in context of "ranking of states based on the time taken in according clearances".

"The ministry has taken several initiatives for streamlining the EC (environmental clearance) process and reduce the undue time taken in grant of clearances.... As a step further new rating of SEIAAs has been introduced for encouraging the efficiency, transparency and accountability in the functioning of SEIAAs," the ministry said in



Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

a statement. "The ranking system is based on the provisions of EIA (Environment Impact Assessment) Notification 2006 and various guidelines issued by ministry from time to time and designed to encourage the SEIAAs to increase their efficiency in decision making strictly as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006 without diluting any regulatory safeguards. It is pertinent to note that the EIA Notification already provides time-lines for all EC processes," it said.

"However, there is no negative marking proposed for not meeting the criteria for ranking," it said. In case of deficiency in proposals, the SEIAA may raise Essential Details Sought (EDS) and the period for which the reply is pending "shall not be counted for calculating the number of days taken by the SEIAA, the statement said. "Therefore, the SEIAA has complete freedom to do all necessary due diligence before taking decision on project without worrying about the time-line," it said, adding that there is no question of the EIA report quality being compromised due to ranking system. According to the rating system, if an SEIAA's average number of days for granting environmental clearance is less than 80 days, it will get two marks, for over 105 days it will get one mark. If it is between 105 and 120 days, the state authority will get 0.5 mark and if it takes more than 120 days, it will get no mark.

Jharkhand: Job scam targeting tribals busted, eight held

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JANUARY 24

POLICE HAVE busted a job scam targeting people from tribal communities in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand. According to the police, more than 500 tribal villagers were conned by a group of people into believing that they were recruiting for posts of police personnel and teachers.

After the scam was unearthed on Sunday with the arrest of four people, a large crowd of villagers targeted the police station with bows and arrows. A police man and some villagers were injured in the clash that followed.

The incident came to light when police reached Sadar block's Ladrabasa village school campus where the suspects were carrying out "recruitment" under the banner of "Kolhan Government State". The police said the banner was being used to draw people from tribal communities to the fake recruitment process.

West Singhbhum SP Ajay Linda said: "We have registered two FIRs — one for cheating and forgery, and the other one after the police were attacked. One of our personnel was injured with a bow and is currently being treated." Eight villagers were arrested for the clash. The SP identified the

two main accused in the scam as Anand Chatar and CRPF "deserter" Ajay Pandaya. According to the police, Pandaya told them that Chatar promised him Rs 1 lakh to be a part of his operation.

Four people were arrested from the spot where the fake recruitment was being conducted while four more were arrested later, the police said.

"They were distributing pamphlets and collecting money from the villagers in the name of form fees to the tune of Rs 50 to Rs 100. The police told the villagers the reality and arrested two persons, including Anand Chatar. He had previously been arrested under sedition charge for propagating the Kolhan Government State and was out on bail," said the SP.

"However, after the police arrested him and brought him to the police station, more than 200 villagers came armed with bows and arrows and bricks... we arrested more than half a dozen people."

Police sources said the fake recruitment had been going on for past few days. They [accused] had a target of recruiting 30,000 people for teacher posts, and 10,000 for those of police personnel. The aspirants were told that after six months of the process, the selected person would get salary of Rs 70,000 per month," said an official.

Before taking charge as Director-General of NGMA in December 2016, Gadanayak headed the School of Sculpture at Bhubaneswar's Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology. He occasionally took time off to create sculptures at his studio at Kaladham in Greater Noida. He also created the 'Dandi March' sculpture installed at Raighat in New Delhi. Winner of the Lalit Kala Akademi National Award for Sculpture in 1993, Gadanayak is also a former convener of Odisha BJP's art and culture cell. In 2016, he created a five-part stone sculpture at Lodhi Garden as part of a public art project commissioned by Lalit Kala Akademi and NDMC.

Family's death in Canada: Gujarat to probe human trafficking angle

Almost five hours after the wedding procession left, family members alleged, members of the Lodhi Thakur community allegedly attacked the bridegroom's home by pelting stones. They also allegedly assaulted

The 40-km "Samrat Ashok Shaurya yatra" from Vaishaligarh in Vaishali district to Patna's famed Ashokan site of Kumhrar is being

The Indian Express on Monday reported that a survey conducted by a Mumbai-based think tank People's Research on India's Consumer Economy (PRICE) showed that the annual income of the poorest 20% of Indian households, constantly rising

Union MoS Prahlad Patel met members of both communities on Monday and assured the victim of justice. Patel, Lok Sabha MP from Damoh district, refused to make any comment.

Sinha received the Sahitya Akademi award 2021 for his drama, *Samrat Ashok*. In an interview to a Hindi newspaper, Sinha had likened Ashok to Mughal ruler Aurangzeb.

four-year-old son fits that of the four persons found dead near

Asked whether there are other families from Dingucha

The Indian Express had Monday reported that the relatives of the missing four-member family were not able to make any communication

Amrithbai Vakil, a relative of the missing family, told *The Indian Express*: "The family members have contacted one Naresh Chavda, an immigration consultant based out of Canada who is also the president of Gujarat Public Affairs Council of Canada, hoping to get a confirmation on the names of the victims and the procedure to get their bodies. We are also awaiting a response from the MEA."

gathered at Rajendra Nagar Terminus in the afternoon. They were alleging discrepancies in result of an exam conducted by Railway Recruitment Board, which was announced recently," district administration said. **PTI**



People block railway tracks during a protest against alleged erroneous results of the Railway Recruitment Boards Non-Technical Popular Categories exam, in Patna on Monday. PTI

Asking the state to furnish the details by February 7 "without fail", the Union ministry sought the state's response in a manner which showed its "seriousness" in taking strict action.



The Indian Express reported on January 14 about irregularities in the latest MGNREGA audit

On January 14, *The Indian Express* reported on key irregularities found by the Social Audit Unit of the Jharkhand Rural Development Department in its latest MGN-REGA concurrent audit.

Das subsequently petitioned the Gauhati High Court, which in July 2021 set aside FT's 2017 order and gave her another opportunity to prove her Indianness before the Tribunal.

March 25, 1971 is the cut-off date to prove citizenship in Assam. In July 2021, Das had submit-

sume there was some sort of communication gap.....she comes from a very poor family.

Mahitosh said the FT this time accepted Das's documents — which linked her to her father and grandfather, who are pre-1971 residents of Assam.

According to Narayanpur police, an unknown person – subsequently identified as Manu Nureti – was found dead in an encounter between Maoists and District Reserve Guard (DRG) at 1.30 am. Police said they recovered weapons and other articles

However, the court said the request was made 10 days ago

According to the girl's father, the video was filmed by a person named Muthuvel, and they had no clue about his whereabouts in recent days. Justice G R Swaminathan directed the vic-

Justice Shankar said, "If having a view was a ground for recusal, we would have to recuse ourselves from every case."

While BJP, RSS and VHP functionaries were trying to take up the case as a conversion row, alleging that many schools in Tamil Nadu were being used for forced conversion of people from socially underprivileged sections, the court which heard the case last week said the probe should focus on circumstances that led to her suicide.

Manbati Nureti, who was told by a friend that he had seen a man who looked like Manu, said he had stepped out for a walk after dinner on

"I don't know how the police found weapons with him; we have no weapons at home, and it is impossible my brother would carry one. He wanted to join the police force and fight Maoists," Renu said.

AHEAD OF REPUBLIC DAY

PM confers Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 29 children

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

A 12-YEAR-OLD from Andhra Pradesh who averted casualties during a terror attack in Jammu in 2018, a 6-year-old from Maharashtra who developed a floating device to help people during floods, and a differently-abled swimmer from Gujarat – these are among the 29 children awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBR) by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

PM Modi conferred the awards – given as digital certificates through blockchain technology for the first time in India – and cash prizes worth Rs 1 lakh each ahead of the Republic Day.

The PM said the awards have become “all the more significant in light of the fact that they have been conferred during the important period when the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (to mark 75 years of Independence)”.

Speaking to Indore’s Avi Sharma (12), who won the award in the scholastic category, the PM asked him about the secret of his “prolific output” of couplets based on the Ramayana. Sharma said he got the inspiration to write the abridged version of the Hindu epic from the broadcast of Ramayana during the lockdown.

The PM then spoke to Remona Evette Pereira from Karnataka about dance, Puhabi Chakraborti of Tripura and Meedhansh Kumar Gupta from Punjab about their digital innovations for Covid information, and congratulated Dhiraj Kumar from West Champaran in Bihar for saving his younger brother from a crocodile attack.

The 29 children – 15 boys and 14 girls from 21 states and Union territories – were awarded for “exceptional achievement” in several categories: innovation (7), social service (4), scholastic (1), sports (8), art and culture (6) and bravery (3).

Union Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani and Minister of State Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai were also attended the virtual event.

The awards were also conferred to last year’s winners, with a total of 61 certificates issued on Monday.

23-yr-old held for sacrilege attempt at Patiala temple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

A 23-YEAR-OLD was arrested Monday for an alleged sacrilege bid at the historic Kali Mata temple in Patiala.

In the purported video of the incident that surfaced on social media, the man was seen climbing the enclosure of the temple and reaching the place where the idol of the goddess is placed, said police.

Talking to *The Indian Express*, SP (City), Patiala, Harpal Singh said, “The man was identified as 23-year-old Rajdeep Singh, a resident of Nainkot village in Patiala district. He first held a woman in the Kali Mata temple and was pushed away by her husband. He then jumped inside the area housing the Kali Mata idol and went on to hold the idol.” He added: “We are investigating the matter. A

Amazon draws flak for selling items featuring Tricolour

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

AMAZON ON Monday faced the ire of a section of Indian social media users over merchandising some products, including apparel and food items, that feature images of the Indian flag, with some saying that using the Tricolour in such a way was an insult and a violation of the country’s flag code.

Netizens shared pictures of items like apparel, cups, key-chains and chocolates that feature images or imprint of the Tricolour on Amazon.in website, and sought a ban on these items.

Amazon did not respond to emailed queries seeking comments.

PRADHAN MANTRI RASHTRIYA BAL PURASKAR, 2022

AGE NO BAR FOR THESE YOUNG ACHIEVERS



ARTS AND CULTURE

GAURI MAHESHWARI, 13
RAJASTHAN
■ Calligrapher, since she was 6 years old

SYED FATEEN AHMED, 13
KARNATAKA
■ Western classical piano player

REMONA EVETTEREMONA, 15
KARNATAKA
■ Bharatnatyam dancer who features in the Golden Book, India Book and Bharat Book of records

DAULAS LAMBAMAYUM, 13
MANIPUR
■ Painter and photographer

DEVIPRASAD, 14
KERALA
■ Carnatic singer and mridanga player

DHRITISHMAN CHAKRABORTY, 5
ASSAM
■ Can sing in five languages – Assamese, Sanskrit, Bengali, Hindi and English



BRAVERY

GURUGU HIMAPRIYA, 12
ANDHRA PRADESH
■ Kept terrorists preoccupied by engaging in a conversation with one of them for 4-5 hours during an attack on a military camp in Jammu in 2018

SHIVANGI KALE, 6
MAHARASHTRA
■ Saved her mother and sister from being electrocuted

DHIRAJ KUMAR, 14
BIHAR
■ Fought a crocodile to save his younger brother



PM interacts with the awardees at a virtual event. ANI



INNOVATION

VISHALININC
6, MAHARASHTRA
■ Invented a floating device that helps save people from drowning in flood waters

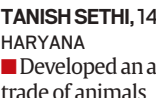
JUIABHIJIT KESKAR
15, MAHARASHTRA
■ Invented a glove-like tremor profiling device for people with Parkinson’s disease

SHIVAM RAWAT
16, UTTARAKHAND
■ Developed a technique to improve the productivity of Indian mustard crop

BANITA DASH
15, ODISHA
■ Discovered an asteroid; recognised by NASA as a citizen scientist

PUHABI CHAKRABORTI, 15
TRIPURA
■ Developed a software to control a spirometer that can help Covid-19 patients with breathing issues and an AI-based application to support athletes’ nutritional needs

ASWATHA BIJU, 13
TAMIL NADU
■ A paleontologist, she collects fossils and helps raise awareness on preservation



SCHOLASTIC

AVI SHARMA, 12
MADHYA PRADESH
■ Writer of an abridged version of Ramayana in Hindi, motivational speaker; mentor of Vedic Mathematics, motivational speaker



SOCIAL SERVICE

AAKARSH KAUSHAL, 16
HARYANA
■ Helped authorities develop an online portal for Covid-19 tests, bed availability, etc. in Karnal. His work is being expanded to other districts as well

MEEDHANSH KUMAR GUPTA
11, PUNJAB
■ Developed and launched coronavirusfreeworld.com to raise awareness about the viral illness

ABINAV KUMAR CHOUDHARY
15, UTTAR PRADESH
■ Donated books to 10,000 students

PAL SAKSHI, 8
BIHAR
■ Organised a musical charity show to raise funds for PM-CARES Fund



SPORTS

JIYA RAI, 13
MAHARASHTRA
■ India’s top ranked open water para-swimmer and world record holder for open water swimming

TELUKUNTA VIRAT CHANDRA
7, TELANGANA
■ Mountaineer and youngest Indian to climb Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)

SHRIYA LOHIA, 13
HIMACHAL PRADESH
■ International motorsports karting racer; won 7 national trophies

ANVI VIJAY ZANZARUKIA, 13
GUJARAT
■ Specially-abled child, she won a Gold in national level championship in Yoga

CHANDHARY SINGH CHOUDHARY, 12
UTTAR PRADESH
■ Roller skater who set a record of skating for 96 hours

SWAYAMPATIL, 14
MAHARASHTRA
■ Mentally and physically challenged swimmer; holds a world record for swimming 5 km at the age of 10, and 14 km at the age 13

TARUSHI GAUR, 12
CHANDIGARH
■ Guinness World Record holder and national Gold medalist in Taekwondo martial arts

ARUSHI KOTWAL, 17
JAMMU & KASHMIR
■ Chess player; represented India in Commonwealth Chess Championship

Haryana teen takes big app steps

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 24

TANISH SETHI, 14, learnt how to make mobile applications through YouTube videos in mid-2020, mere months into the pandemic.

The teenager, from Haryana’s Sirsa, has since made over a dozen of them. And on Monday, he was awarded the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for creating mobile apps that helped provide information and other details to people during the Covid-19 crisis.

Talking to *The Indian Express* over the phone, Tanish said he started coding during the lockdown in 2020. When there was a scarcity of medical oxygen during the devastating second wave of infections last year, Tanish created a mobile app in April to help people looking for the amenity and the sellers on a digital platform. It was aptly named Oxygen Store.



“I started using a smartphone at the age of 6 and gradually developed an interest in computers. Currently I am working on a few other mobile apps,” the 14-year-old said.

Jalgaon girl shows presence of mind, saves mother’s life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JALGAON, JANUARY 24

SIX-YEAR-OLD Shivangi Kale from Jalgaon, one of the recipients of the award for bravery, doesn’t quite comprehend it was her presence of mind that averted a major tragedy in her house in January last year.



It was January 5, 2021, when Shivangi’s mother Gulbakshi Kale, a retired navy official herself, was heating water in a steel

bucket using an iron rod electric heater.

Soon, Gulbakshi realised she was getting electrocuted. “I could see my younger daughter running towards me but I could not ask her to stop because I could not speak. Just then, Shivangi held Ishanvi by her hand and pulled her back. I saw her eyes tracing

my hand to the switchboard which was at around 5 feet height. She brought a stool to stand on and switched off the appliance,” said Gulbakshi.

Down syndrome no bar, Surat girl is Yoga champ

THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD Anvi Zanzarukia was born with Down syndrome and multiple disabilities. Seventy-five per cent of her large intestine does not function; as a result, she faces gastric issues. She also had two holes in her heart that were operated upon in an eight-hour surgery when she was only three years old.



However, all these did not prove to be obstacles to her from

climbing the ladders of success. The Surat resident has proven her Yoga skills at several national and state-level competitions and has two national medals in her

Shooting prodigy eyes Olympics Gold Medal; Class 12 student battles for equal access to books

CHANDHARY SINGH CHOUDHARY (SPORTS)

SON OF a daily wageer in a gas agency, 13-year-old Chandhary from Aligarh has received the award for excelling in swimming, taekwondo and shooting. His father, Tejender Singh, said his son has bagged state and national awards in various sports and set a Guinness World Record for the “largest roller-skating lesson” in 2018. “Chandhary has set his eyes on shooting... He wants to bag a Gold medal in the Olympics,” said the 40-year-old father.

ABHINAV KUMAR CHOUDHARY (SOCIAL SERVICE)

PAINED AFTER learning that poor students or readers could not afford new books, Abhinav, a farmer’s son, set out to correct the course two years ago. The Class 12 student from Moradabad developed a website where used books could be sold or bought – a feat now recognised by the Central government. “Around 10,000 people have benefited from the site. Abhinav wants to become a software engineer,” his sister said.

Kind Attention
Rail Passengers

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In view of Republic Day Parade on 26.01.2022 (Wednesday) the movement of trains over Tilak Bridge during the Parade period will remain suspended. As a result the following trains will be regulated & diverted as under:

REGULATION OF TRAINS ON 26.01.2022	
Train No. & Name	Station and Duration of Regulation
12204 Amritsar - Saharsa Garib Rath Exp.	
00158 Adarsh Nagar - Savda Kisan Spl.	These trains may likely to be regulated at New Delhi Station till clearance of parade as per instructions received from security agencies.
20506 New Delhi - Dibrugarh Rajdhani Exp.	
20504 New Delhi - Dibrugarh Rajdhani Exp.	
11078 Jammu Tawi - Pune Jn. Jhelum Exp.	
15128 New Delhi-Banaras Kashi Vishwnath Exp.	
12925 Bandra Terminus-Amritsar Paschim Exp.	These trains may likely to be regulated between Faridabad - Hazrat Nizamuddin as per instructions received from security agencies.
12715 Huzur Sahib Nanded - Amritsar Sachkhand Express	
22125 Nagpur - Amritsar AC Express	

DIVERSION/REGULATION OF TRAINS ON 26.01.2022	
Train No. & Name	Diverted Route
04444 New Delhi - Ghaziabad MEX Special	Will be diverted to run via New Delhi - Delhi Jn. Delhi Shahdara - Sahibabad
14315 Bareilly - New Delhi Intercity Express	Will be diverted via Sahibabad - Delhi Shahdara - Delhi Jn. - New Delhi
12423 Dibrugarh - New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	
12313 Sealdah - New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	These trains may likely to be regulated or diverted via Sahibabad - Delhi Shahdara - Delhi Jn. - New Delhi as per instructions received from security agencies.
12056 Dehradun-New Delhi Janshatabdi Exp.	
12877 Ranchi - New Delhi Garib Rath Exp.	
20839 Ranchi - New Delhi Rajdhani Exp.	
12033 Kanpur Central-New Delhi Shatabdi Exp.	
12581 Banaras - New Delhi Express	
20801 Islampur - New Delhi Magadh Exp.	
12523 New Jalpaiguri - New Delhi Exp.	

For any kind of information, passengers are advised to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTEs App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19, may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

Visit RailMadad Website :- www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in Download RailMadad app.

162/22

RailMadad Helpline No. 139

Please join us on

75

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Your Convenience - Our Concern

Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH.	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH.	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HOUSING BOARD HARYANA	2022_HBC_203096_1	THE SUBJECT CITED TENDER IS HEREBY CANCELLED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9910107998 ctphbpanchkula@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeaprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in 7102/HRY

NOTICE FOR WALK-IN-INTERVIEW
FOR SELECTION OF VETERINARY DOCTORS ON CONTRACT BASIS
Applications are invited from the willing and eligible Veterinary Doctors (Male & Female) below 70 years as on date of Walk-in-interview for the following Institutions/Units on contractual basis:

Sl. No	Date and time & Venue / Interview Centre	Name of Establishment	No of vacancies
01.	28/01/2022 CH Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)	DB&TS, Talaru, (Veterinary Doctor selected for DB&TS Talaru will be attached/placed with Ops Range Sukma/74 Bn, Sukma (CG) on functional requirements).	01
02.	28/01/2022 CH Gandhinagar (Gujarat)	6th Bn NDRF	01

Age: - Below 70 years as on date of Walk-in-interview.
Remuneration: - Lump-sum Rs. 75,000/- per months.
Educational qualification:- Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry from a recognized university. Registration with the Veterinary council of India.
Note:- Preference will be given to B.V.Sc/M.V.Sc (Specialized in obstetrics & Gynaecology/ Surgery & Radiology/Clinical Medicine).
Note:-
(i) Candidates may refer to our website www.crfp.gov.in for terms and conditions/full details as applicable for contractual appointment of Specialist MOs and GDMOs.
(ii) While appearing for Walk-in-interview, the candidates should bring documents in Original & photocopies of all relevant documents (Degree, Age Proof & Experience certificate etc) application in plain paper superscripting the name of post applied for & three passport size recent photographs.
(iii) Interview will be followed by Medical Examination.
(iv) TA will not be provided to candidates.

Sd/- 27/12/2021
DIG (Recruitment)
Directorate General, CRPF.

davp-19140/11/0033/2122

State Bank of India
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch
2nd Floor, Patna Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna - 800001
Ph. No. (Office) : 0612-2219043, 2219385, Fax : 0612-2219385, E-mail : sbi.05176@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas,
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under the **Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)** and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Bank issued a demand notice on 07.10.2021 calling upon the borrower/ Guarantor as mentioned below to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the date 21.01.2022.
The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for the amount mentioned below plus accrued interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expenses etc. thereon.
The Borrower's/Guarantor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Name of Account/ Borrower & address	Name of Owner of property	Description of the property mortgaged / charged	Date of Demand Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
M/s Vivek Services, Proprietor : Mr. Vivek Kumar Ojha. Add.: Mahendra First Choice, Jaso Road, Golamber, Buxar, Bihar	Mrs. Malvi Devi W/o Late Bal Krishna Ojha. The details of the properties are, as under - 1. Details under Sale, Deed No. 10777/2009 : Mouza - Sohanipatti, Thana No.331, Municipal Ward No. Old-02/New- 16 (Under Buxar Nagar Parishad), Khata No. Old-01/New-104, Plot No. Old - 153/New - 1031, 1034, 1035, 1036, Area : 02 Katha, 14 dhur. Boundary :- North: Rest portion of plot, South: Rest portion of plot, East: Rest portion of plot, West: Rest portion of plot. 2. Details under Sale Deed No. 10875/2009 : Mouza : Sohanipatti, Thana No. 331, Municipal Ward No. Old-02/ New - 16 (Under Buxar Nagar Parishad), Khata No. Old-01/ New-104, Plot No. Old - 153/ New - 1031, 1034, 1035, 1036, Area : 06 dhur, Boundary:- North: Niz (executants), South: Ara - Buxar Road, East: Rest portion of plot, West: Devendra Kr Ojha.	07.10.2021 21.01.2022	Rs. 54,47,929.00 (Rupees Fifty Four Lacs Forty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine only) as on 07.10.2021 plus accrued interest, Charges, other miscellaneous expenses etc.	

Date : 21.01.2022
Place : Buxar

(Authorized Officer)
State Bank of India, SARB, Patna

NEW DELHI

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“There are few ways — bar a vote of no confidence — to get rid of a bad prime minister.”
— THE GUARDIAN

Bigger bang for budget buck

Given her many constraints, FM will have to strike a fine balance. She should aim for decisions with higher multiplier effects, while giving concessions on taxation where required



MADAN SABNAVIS

DRAWING UP A budget is interesting as well as challenging work. There is a plethora of demands from all sections, especially industry. The call for lower corporate tax rates is always amongst the requests made to the finance minister. Sectors want benefits through lower indirect taxes. As GST has blocked one avenue of demand, the focus has turned to customs. The inverted duty argument has got some traction, but the issue is that output for one industry can be input for another. Then there are economists who clamour for higher government spending on capex, even though it is admitted that pushing the economy along will require the private sector's leadership — Rs 5.5 lakh crore of central government spending cannot drive an economy of the size of Rs 232 lakh crore. Then there are voices of households who need tax concessions as they are affected the most by inflation.

The finance minister has to work with these pressures as well as the uncertainty of how the economy will behave. Government revenue is based on how the economy grows and if there are lockdowns and people cannot consume goods and services, GST collections are likely to be affected. The assumption, therefore, has to be realistic. On the expenditure side, there are several committed expenditures like interest on debt, salaries to employees and pensions to ex-employees. Add to this the subsidy that has to be given for food and fertilisers, and the government's hands are tied to a large extent. This fine balancing act has to be performed keeping in mind that the ultimate number that analysts and rating agencies look at is the fiscal deficit.

Given this background, what can one realistically expect from the budget? The starting point is the fiscal deficit ratio because this will be the crux of the calculations as it also indicates the quantum of borrowing in the market. The deficit was targeted at 6.8 per cent. But it could come anywhere between 6.5 and 7.3 per cent depending on how disinvestment fares and how the additional Rs 3 lakh crore of expenditure materialises. The government has maintained the borrowing programme at Rs 12 lakh crore and will strive to bring it down to avoid overcrowding in 2022-23 when the private sector demand for credit will take off. Therefore, a deficit closer to 6 per cent is what may be expected.

On the taxation side, there are few options for the government as GST has fixed the perimeters of what can be tinkered with. The corporate tax rate was lowered in 2019 and it is unlikely to be touched again. But it would be timely to provide sops to individuals, which though marginal, could be useful. The standard deduction for individuals can be enhanced to Rs 1 lakh which will help the working class. Further, as housing is a thrust area of the government, it may be expected that the government will enhance the deductions on principal and interest payments on house loans. An additional Rs 50,000 may be permitted on each of them. To provide support to savings, which are receiving low returns on deposits and other fixed income assets, the limit under 80C should ideally be increased by an-



C R Sasikumar

other Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh.

The challenge will, of course, be on the excise side where the government has received good returns from the duties on petrol and diesel. With the tax rate being cut by Rs 10/litre during the year, there may not be more scope for further reduction. This means that the assumption on crude oil price has to be realistic. Some forecasters are already talking of a level of \$100 a barrel during the year. If this does happen, inflation will heighten which, in turn, will again put pressure on both the Centre and state to take a call on taxes.

Since there has been an animated debate on cryptocurrency recently, an announcement of a policy on cryptos cannot be ruled out. The gains from trading could be made taxable, probably at a higher rate than other financial transactions. Further, as cryptos are in the nature of gambling and do not add value, all gains would be of a speculative nature. Given that a stock of at least Rs 7.5 lakh crore is partly traded, there is a scope for picking up considerable revenue. This would be the right time to tax these gains.

For the corporate sector, the announcements are more likely to be in the area of the credit guarantee programme, which can be extended for another six months and more sectors brought under its ambit, including the services segment — hotels, restaurants, malls, entertainment, travel agencies — that is amongst the worst sufferers of the pandemic's third wave.

The expenditure side may not have any surprises and it will be just a case of focus-

Government revenue is based on how the economy grows and if there are lockdowns and people cannot consume goods and services, GST collections will be affected. The assumption, therefore, has to be realistic. On the expenditure side, there are several committed expenditures like interest on debt, salaries to employees and pensions to ex-employees. Add to this the subsidy that has to be given for food and fertilisers, and the government's hands are tied to a large extent.

ing on existing headings of expenditure and then taking a call on where the thrust should be. With the fiscal deficit being pegged at 6 per cent, the absolute level, assuming 13 per cent growth in the GDP would be higher than that projected for 2021-22 at Rs 15.06 lakh crore by around Rs 50,000 crore. Therefore, the scope for manoeuvring the expenditure will be restricted to a large extent and the choice may really come down to looking at relief expenditure and capex.

The former is important when times are adverse like they were in 2020-21 and to an extent in 2021-22. The PM Kisan scheme, free food, MGNREGA are examples of programmes that have been scaled up in these two years. Depending on how the government sees this wave of Covid playing out, a decision could be taken on whether or not it has to persist with aggressive relief and health policies. This will, in turn, support the higher allocation for capex which is the main block for driving growth directly from the side of the government.

This budget will be exciting for economists and analysts as several numbers have to be put on the table. The government has already put forth some effective policies to push growth like the PLJ scheme. The budget, therefore, might have a limited reforms content. The task should be trying to get more bang for the buck so that the multiplier effects are higher while giving concessions on taxation where required.

The writer is chief economist, Bank of Baroda. Views are personal

A dark cloud loomed

Supreme Court's historic judgment in Antrix-Devas case underscores how corruption marked UPA's decision-making



RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD

THE RECENT SUPREME Court judgment held that the entire Antrix-Devas deal is based on fraud; that the incorporation of Devas was with the fraudulent intention to grab prestigious contracts and corner natural resources in connivance with officials of Antrix. In many ways, it exposes again the corrupt manner in which the UPA government led by Manmohan Singh sought to squander national resources and allowed the loot of public money. The finding of the apex court comes as a vindication for many of us who raised the voice of opposition in Parliament, criticised the deal and demanded accountability, leading to its cancellation in 2011. The SC has upheld the order of liquidation for Devas, which was demanded by the new management of the Antrix corporation after the Narendra Modi government came to power. This exposes the rank fraud in the deal made with Devas, which was constituted hurriedly to corner precious S-Band reserved for defence purposes, and showed that the company has no technical competence or infrastructure to execute the project.

It would be appropriate to recall some facts that form a part of the judgment. Devas was a private limited company in a strategic partnership with Antrix Corporation Limited, the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), a wholly-owned government undertaking, to launch a new service to deliver video, multimedia and information services via satellite to mobile phones across India. The agreement talked of three components — Devas Technology, Devas Services and Devas Device — none of which existed at the time of the agreement or its termination or even on the date of winding up. The company was formed in December 2004 with an authorised share capital of Rs 1 lakh only and yet it managed to secure a contract for a consideration of \$20 million per satellite apart from an annual licence fee of Rs 9 million per satellite. Precious S-Band was also to be allotted without any auction and such a heavy contract was entered into only with a private negotiation and not through tender or public auction. The entire company and this deal were for windfall gains only.

This is evident because the equity share of Rs 10 was sold at the rate of Rs 1.26 lakh per share after the agreement. The company showcased an investment of Rs 579 crore inflow into India and then transferred out a sum of Rs 75 crore for creating wholly-owned subsidiaries in the US; a sum of Rs 180 crore for business support and Rs 233 crore towards litigation services. Therefore, out of an inflow of Rs 579 crore, only Rs 92 crore was kept in India. The unlawful purpose of its creation and the fraudulent manner in which the affairs of the company were

conducted was evident from the beginning.

The court has also noted that at the time of entering into the contract, Devas did not have the technology infrastructure or experience to perform its obligation under the agreement. The company even failed to show whether any such technology existed and that it has intellectual property over the same. After the PM Modi-led government came to power, a CBI enquiry was initiated and after investigation, a chargesheet filed. Significantly, the UPA government did not terminate the agreement on the grounds of corruption or impropriety but the ground that a policy decision has been taken not to provide orbital slots in S-Band for commercial activities. Obviously, this fraudulent deal had powerful political patronage. Else, an agreement of such magnitude for leasing 10 transponders of 8.1 MHz, 2.78 MHz capacity on primary satellites would not have happened without any auction or tender. It was not only a bounty for Devas but also for its foreign investors. Against a mere authorised share capital of Rs 1 lakh, and investment inflow of Rs 579 crore, Devas and its foreign investors managed to get an award of Rs 10,000 crore from the ICC Arbitration Tribunal and Rs 5,000 crore into two bilateral investment treaties (BITs), which is sought to be executed. It was because of these compelling reasons that the government rightly revisited various BITs with different countries executed by the previous government. We should not forget that these awards are ultimately paid by the taxpayer.

Another serious issue: Devas claimed before the SC that a unanimous award was passed by the ICC tribunal, which was presided over by a former Chief Justice of India. The CBI has already filed the chargesheet, the deal is dishonest and disregards all standards of propriety and fair play and yet, such a huge amount was awarded. It is to be noted that the CBI investigation was initiated by the present government in 2015. We also had to move an amendment to the arbitration law ensuring that the court could stay the award unconditionally, pending the disposal of the challenge to the award, if the court is satisfied that prima facie, the contract, which is the basis of award, was induced by fraud or corruption. Perhaps, there is a compelling need to introspect as to how arbitration proceedings are being conducted in sensitive cases.

The SC observed that if the seeds of commercial relationship between Antrix and Devas were a product of fraud, then every part of the plant that grew out of those seeds, such as the agreement, the disputes and the awards, are infected with fraud. The court also held that allowing Devas and its shareholders to reap the benefits of their fraudulent action may itself send the wrong signal to the global community. The Devas case highlights once again how corruption and extraneous considerations played a dominant role in most of the decisions of the UPA, leading to a loss of public money.

The writer is a BJP MP and former Union law and justice minister

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HONOUR ALL HEROES

THIS REFERS TO the government's plan of installing a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate, at present represented by a hologram. While honouring national figures at India Gate is an excellent idea, I would like to suggest that instead of a permanent statue, we should have holograms of different national leaders rotating every month. In that way we would be honouring many national leaders at a key location in the national capital. I hope the government will consider this suggestion seriously.

Bina Agarwal, New Delhi

KEEP FLAMES ALIVE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Side by side' (IE, January 24). The move to extinguish the Amar Jawan Jyoti, symbolic of the sacrifices of soldiers in the wars before Independence, is seen as divisive because it tends to contrast the contributions of our soldiers in the pre- and post Independence periods. The government forgets that our finest soldiers like Generals Manekshaw, Cariappa, Thimmayya and others honed their skills in the colonial period and no amount of "decolonising" will change that. Stamping out the Amar Jawan Jyoti will be erasing the sacrifices of these fine soldiers. It should not be done.

Hemant Contractor, Pune

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Side by side' (IE, January 24). The merger of Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate with the National War Memorial removed one historical anomaly. While the India Gate is a war memorial constructed to pay

homage to the fallen heroes of the First World War and Anglo-Afghan War and Amar Jawan Jyoti commemorates the 1971 war heroes, they excluded personnel killed during the armed conflicts with Pakistan and China as well as the 1961 War in Goa, Operation Pawan, and other operations such as Operation Rakshak. The National War Memorial not only bridges that gap but it records the names of all those soldiers who laid down their lives fighting for the country since independence. Spread over 40 acres of land, it does full justice to the bravery of our soldiers, Amar Jawan Jyoti is now an integral part of this memorial and rightly so.

Y G Chouksey, Pune

INJUSTICE CENTRES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A prison diary from Tihar' (IE, January 24). There is no doubt that while the pandemic has been disastrous for common citizens, our prisoners are facing unprecedented challenges. Overcrowding and lack of adequate healthcare have been compounded by a delay or suspension of trials. Those arrested under UAPA saw the government arguing against their fundamental rights. The judiciary must take cognizance of these outrages and step in to protect rights.

Ila Raikar, Mumbai

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'A prison diary from Tihar' (IE, January 24). It is disheartening to know that Indian prisons are not fulfilling their purpose. The need is to engage more psychologists and skill developers to interact with inmates.

Niharika, Sangrur



ARUN SAHNI AND JAIDEEP SAIKIA

THE MILITARY TAKEOVER in Myanmar last February, just days before the newly elected democratic government was to be sworn in, stymied the country's tenuous transition to democracy, for which a beginning had been made in 2015. The purported reason for the coup d'état was that the elections were rigged, in which the National League for Democracy, under the stewardship of Aung San Suu Kyi had secured a majority for another term. However, the motivations were most likely the dissonances that existed between the democratic polity and the Myanmar army, as well as China's covert incitement of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who was to shortly retire. The Myanmar army is the most important stakeholder in the country and has a proverbial finger in every pie in the country. The growing popularity of Suu Kyi raised its worst fears about losing legitimacy.

Notwithstanding the unfortunate developments since the Tatmadaw took over, India should implement an unbiased and proactive "Neighbourhood First" strategy that facilitates the Act East policy crucial for India's long-term security and economic interests. A recalibration exercise for developing a robust relationship with Naypyidaw is the need of the hour. Such a policy should take into account the

Engage with Myanmar

Not doing so will hurt economic development and security in Northeast

measures that China has taken to arm the Tatmadaw. India, in all its wisdom, should find ways to support Naypyidaw for its critical requirements of systems and platforms like UAVs, surveillance systems and communication equipment. In addition, there is a need for dynamic economic engagement with Myanmar, to expedite the completion of the earlier agreement on the operationalisation of the Sittwe port, the establishment of an oil refinery and joint vaccine production facilities at a cost of \$6 billion. Myanmar — regardless of who governs its polity — is not only the decisive lynchpin for India's Act East policy but critical for the economic development and security of India's Northeast. The latter aspect has become even more imperative as earlier operations that were conducted against Indian insurgent groups (ILGs) have experienced a reversal, with many valley-based insurgent groups of Manipur forging an agreement with the Myanmar army.

The putsch triggered the current political crisis, setting off spontaneous riots within the country. This has since metamorphosed into a large-scale civil disobedience movement and is being brutally suppressed by the security forces. The unfolding tragedy has been criticised globally and has tarnished the image of the Tatmadaw. The visit by India's

Foreign Secretary to Myanmar in the last week of December 2021 was significant. It conveyed the message that India, notwithstanding its commitment to democracy, is amenable to conduct business with the country, regardless of who is in the seat of power. It was also the first visit by a senior official from the liberal world and to that end, it has set the stage for rapprochement and dialogue with the junta.

India has the singular advantage of acceptability from both factions in Myanmar and it is, therefore, imperative that it takes the lead in engaging with the ruling military leadership, to stop the highhandedness that is being exhibited by security forces against the civilian population and also kick-start the process of peace and stability in the country. India also needs to proactively employ the existing "people-to-people" goodwill and proximate ties between the two armies. The joint operations that were undertaken by the security forces to flush out the ILGs billeted in Myanmar's Sagaing division attest to the fact.

Reports that suggest that the military junta has entered an accord with these insurgent groups, in order to use them to quell the internal strife, are disturbing. Although the agreement seems to be a marriage of

convenience, it seems to have emboldened the ILGs. The attack on the Assam Rifles in Manipur's Churachandpur, could in all probability be a manifestation of such a development. The humiliation which China faced in Eastern Ladakh has driven it to adopt a different modus operandi. To that end, active Chinese interest seems to be gearing itself towards fuelling insurgency in the Northeast. Indeed, an inimical China could, in collusion with its all-weather ally, Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, sow seeds of discord in a milieu that is gradually transforming itself into India's growth engine. Ill-fated episodes, such as the killings of civilians in Mon, Nagaland, could be raked up in order to retard the integration process that is actively underway in the region. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance for India to positively exploit Myanmar and stave off attempts to exploit Myanmar by countries inimical to India's growth. Any ambiguity or delay in India's constructive engagement with Myanmar would only serve the interests of anti-India forces.

Sahni is a former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian army's South Western Command. Saikia is a conflict analyst and author

Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
9	200	Private	Agriculture	2,927.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2927000	41	699	Government	Chakroad	214.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0214000	88	840	Private	Agriculture	1,341.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1341000
10	201	Government	Mukhyamarg	217.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0217000	42	705	Private	Agriculture	883.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0883000	89	841	Private	Agriculture	1,284.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1284000
11	204	Private	Agriculture	118.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0118000	43	706	Private	Agriculture	8,195.0000000(Square Meter)	0.8195000	90	842	Private	Agriculture	40.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0040000
12	205	Private	Agriculture	4,312.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4312000	44	708	Private	Agriculture	25.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0025000	91	843	Private	Agriculture	1,220.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1220000
13	206	Private	Agriculture	2,836.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2836000	45	709	Private	Agriculture	529.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0529000	92	844	Private	Agriculture	410.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0410000
14	207	Private	Agriculture	9,424.0000000(Square Meter)	0.9424000	46	710	Private	Agriculture	723.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0723000	93	845	Private	Agriculture	767.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0767000
15	208	Government	Chakmarg	49.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0049000	47	711	Private	Agriculture	6,445.0000000(Square Meter)	0.6445000	94	851	Private	Agriculture	164.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0164000
16	209	Private	Agriculture	351.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0351000	48	713	Private	Agriculture	88.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0088000	95	852	Private	Agriculture	427.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0427000
17	222	Government	Chakmarg	2.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0002000	49	714	Government	Chakroad	201.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0201000	96	936	Government	Sadak	1,060.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1060000
18	223	Government	Nadi	474.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0474000	50	718	Private	Agriculture	1,581.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1581000	97	970	Government	Sadak	760.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0760000
Village: Jaitpur						51	719	Private	Agriculture	690.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0690000	98	971	Private	Agriculture	216.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0216000
1	161	Private	Agriculture	362.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0362000	52	720	Private	Agriculture	995.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0995000	99	972	Private	Agriculture	950.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0950000
2	162	Government	Aabadi	426.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0426000	53	722	Government	Chakroad	231.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0231000	100	973	Private	Agriculture	610.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0610000
3	163	Government	Raasta	184.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0184000	54	723	Private	Agriculture	2,700.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2700000	101	974	Private	Agriculture	1,170.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1170000
4	164	Government	Gool	38.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0038000	55	724	Private	Agriculture	1,090.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1090000	102	978	Private	Agriculture	916.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0916000
5	165	Government	Kabristan	334.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0334000	56	725	Private	Agriculture	1,250.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1250000	103	978/1494	Private	Agriculture	547.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0547000
6	166	Private	Agriculture	425.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0425000	57	726	Government	Chakroad	160.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0160000	104	982	Private	Agriculture	589.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0589000
7	167	Government	Chakmarg	29.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0029000	58	727	Private	Agriculture	1,998.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1998000	105	983	Private	Agriculture	141.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0141000
8	168	Private	Agriculture	339.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0339000	59	728	Private	Agriculture	1,169.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1169000	106	984	Private	Agriculture	527.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0527000
9	17	Private	Agriculture	704.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0704000	60	729	Private	Agriculture	143.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0143000	107	989	Private	Agriculture	474.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0474000
10	4	Private	Agriculture	11,778.0000000(Square Meter)	1.1778000	61	732	Private	Agriculture	1,926.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1926000	108	990	Government	Chakmarg	300.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0300000
11	46	Government	Chakmarg	113.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0113000	62	733	Private	Agriculture	2,120.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2120000	109	996	Private	Agriculture	760.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0760000
12	47	Government	Gool	126.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0126000	63	745	Private	Agriculture	537.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0537000	110	998	Government	Canal	354.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0354000
13	48	Private	Agriculture	4,624.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4624000	64	746	Private	Agriculture	1,462.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1462000	Taluk: Thakurdwara					
14	49	Private	Agriculture	30.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0030000	65	747	Private	Agriculture	1,443.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1443000	Village: Asdullapur					
15	5	Private	Agriculture	450.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0450000	66	748	Private	Agriculture	2,699.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2699000	1	155	Private	Agriculture	3,656.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3656000
16	51	Private	Agriculture	3,906.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3906000	67	749	Government	Gool	200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0200000	2	156	Private	Agriculture	5,720.0000000(Square Meter)	0.5720000
17	52	Government	Chakmarg	96.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0096000	68	750	Private	Agriculture	3,732.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3732000	3	157	Private	Agriculture	1,352.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1352000
18	53	Government	Gool	99.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0099000	69	751	Private	Agriculture	1,105.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1105000	4	158 / 184	Private	Agriculture	1,368.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1368000
19	54	Private	Agriculture	80.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0080000	70	752	Private	Agriculture	238.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0238000	5	159	Government	Raasta	68.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0068000
20	54/270	Private	Agriculture	346.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0346000	71	755	Government	Chakroad	76.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0076000	6	160	Government	Naali	66.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0066000
21	62	Private	Agriculture	3,645.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3645000	72	756	Government	Chakroad	160.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0160000	7	162	Government	Chakmarg	80.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0080000
22	63	Government	Rasta	459.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0459000	73	757	Private	Agriculture	1,684.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1684000	8	163	Private	Agriculture	4,552.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4552000
23	7	Government	Chakmarg	130.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0130000	74	759	Government	Aabadi/rasta	1,065.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1065000	Village: Aslempur					
24	94	Private	Agriculture	5,946.0000000(Square Meter)	0.5946000	75	760	Government	Gool	360.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0360000	1	115	Private	Agriculture	525.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0525000
25	96	Private	Agriculture	4,055.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4055												

Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
69	790	Common	Agriculture	157.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0157000	Village:Jatpura						34	489	Private	Agriculture	2,897.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2897000
70	791	Private	Agriculture	1,988.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1988000							35	498	Government	Gool	206.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0206000
71	792	Private	Agriculture	200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0200000							36	500	Private	Agriculture	2,767.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2767000
72	793	Private	Agriculture	4,135.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4135000							37	501	Private	Agriculture	2,254.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2254000
73	794	Private	Agriculture	4,926.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4926000							38	502	Government	Chakmarg	239.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0239000
74	796	Government	Gool/Sadak	562.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0562000							39	503	Private	Agriculture	1,556.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1556000
75	800	Government	Chakmarg	80.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0080000							40	504	Private	Agriculture	1,197.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1197000
76	802	Private	Agriculture	12,457.0000000(Square Meter)	1.2457000							41	507	Government	Chakmarg	160.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0160000
77	803	Common	Kabristan/Majjaar /Agriculture	1,668.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1668000							42	509	Private	Agriculture	5,803.0000000(Square Meter)	0.5803000
78	806	Private	Agriculture	1,143.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1143000							43	510	Private	Agriculture	1,420.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1420000
79	807	Private	Agriculture	3,000.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3000000	11	327	Private	Agriculture	2,001.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2001000	44	511	Private	Agriculture	1,232.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1232000
80	808	Private	Agriculture	1,966.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1966000	12	329	Government	Chakmarg	348.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0348000	45	514	Private	Agriculture	1,266.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1266000
81	809	Government	Chakmarg	143.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0143000	13	330	Government	Chakmarg	247.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0247000	46	515	Private	Agriculture	1,087.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1087000
82	810	Private	Agriculture	2,371.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2371000	14	335	Private	Agriculture	4,200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4200000	47	516	Government	Chakmarg	280.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0280000
83	812	Private	Agriculture	1,687.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1687000	15	336	Government	Gool	26.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0026000	48	518	Private	Agriculture	3,131.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3131000
84	813	Private	Agriculture	11,098.0000000(Square Meter)	1.1098000	16	339	Private	Agriculture	32.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0032000	49	519	Private	Agriculture	6,066.0000000(Square Meter)	0.6066000
85	815	Government	Chakmarg	490.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0490000	17	354	Private	Agriculture	115.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0115000	50	520	Government	Gool	160.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0160000
86	816	Private	Agriculture	4,999.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4999000	18	355	Private	Agriculture	481.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0481000	51	521	Private	Agriculture	1,010.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1010000
87	817	Government	Chakmarg	177.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0177000	19	356	Private	Agriculture	736.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0736000	52	522	Private	Agriculture	2,286.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2286000
88	819	Private	Agriculture	614.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0614000	20	357	Government	Gool	306.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0306000	53	523	Government	Rasta	632.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0632000
89	824	Government	Chakmarg	217.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0217000	21	358	Government	Chakmarg	209.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0209000	Village:Missarwala					
90	825	Government	Chakmarg	80.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0080000	22	359	Private	Non Agriculture	1,308.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1308000	1	10	Government	Gool	378.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0378000
91	826	Private	Agriculture	988.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0988000	23	360	Government	Chakmarg	103.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0103000	2	100	Private	Agricuture	4,851.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4851000
92	827	Private	Agriculture	1,577.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1577000	24	361	Private	Agriculture	3,485.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3485000	3	101	Government	Charagah	584.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0584000
93	828	Private	Agriculture	3,058.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3058000	25	362	Private	Agriculture	729.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0729000	4	101/209	Government	Shamshaan	490.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0490000
94	829	Private	Agriculture	519.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0519000	26	363	Private	Agriculture	10,269.0000000(Square Meter)	1.0269000	5	102	Government	Shamshaan/ Charagah	138.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0138000
Village:Fauladpur						27	364	Private	Agriculture	500.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0500000	6	102/127	Government	Charagah	117.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0117000
						28	365	Government	Chakmarg	277.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0277000	7	103/211	Government	Shamshaan	237.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0237000
						29	366	Private	Agriculture	560.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0560000	8	103/212	Government	Shamshaan	442.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0442000
						30	366/442	Private	Agriculture	2,390.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2390000	9	11	Private	Non agriculture	717.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0717000
						31	374	Private	Agriculture	1,444.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1444000	10	114	Government	Rasta	315.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0315000
						32	384	Government	Chakmarg	317.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0317000	11	12	Private	Non Agriculture	716.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0716000
						33	385	Private	Agriculture	10,188.0000000(Square Meter)	1.0188000	12	13	Private	Agriculture	240.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0240000
						34	394	Private	Agriculture	84.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0084000	13	131/215	Government	Shamshaan	5.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0005000
						35	395	Government	Naala	925.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0925000	14	182	Private	Agriculture	1,942.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1942000
						36	396	Private	Agriculture	3,916.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3916000	15	183	Private	Agriculture	309.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0309000
1	59	Government	Kabristan	2,271.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2271000	37	397	Private	Agriculture	1,503.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1503000	16	2	Private	Agriculture	1,757.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1757000
2	62	Private	Agriculture	160.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0160000	38	401	Government	Raasta	758.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0758000	17	3	Private	Agriculture	7,819.0000000(Square Meter)	0.7819000
3	63	Private	Agriculture	1,130.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1130000	39	428	Private	Agriculture	6,604.0000000(Square Meter)	0.6604000	18	4	Government	Chakmarg	96.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0096000
4	64	Private	Agriculture	595.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0595000	40	429	Private	Agriculture	4,283.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4283000	19	48	Private	Agriculture	1,692.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1692000
5	65	Private	Agriculture	491.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0491000	41	430	Private	Agriculture	3,815.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3815000	20	49	Private	Agriculture	1,152.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1152000
6	66	Private	Agriculture	230.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0230000	42	431	Private	Agriculture	2,950.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2950000	21	50	Private	Chakmarg	106.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0106000
7	71	Common	Agriculture/ Banjar	250.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0250000	43	432	Government	Gool	810.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0810000	22	58	Private	Agriculture	2,856.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2856000
8	76	Private	Agriculture	433.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0433000	44	433	Private	Agriculture	2,711.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2711000	23	59	Private	Agriculture	2,278.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2278000
9	77	Government	Chakmarg	128.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0128000	45	434	Government	Naali	153.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0153000	24	62	Government	Naveen Parati	109.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0109000
10	78	Private	Agriculture	1,507.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1507000	46	435	Private	Agriculture	1,540.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1540000	25	77	Private	Agriculture	2,042.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2042000
11	79	Private	Agriculture	400.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0400000	47	436	Private	Agriculture	1,172.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1172000	26	79	Government	Banjar	590.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0590000
12	81	Private	Agriculture	505.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0505000	48	437	Private	Agriculture	786.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0786000	27	82	Private	Agriculture	19.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0019000
Village:Gadhoowala						Village:Lodhipur Patti						28	84	Private	Agriculture	45.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0045000
												29	89	Government	Naali	63.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0063000
												30	9	Private	Agriculture	3,770.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3770000
												31	90	Private	Agriculture	3,910.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3910000
												32	91	Government	Gool	55.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0055000
												33	92	Private	Agriculture	1,166.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1166000
												34	99	Private	Agriculture	432.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0432000
												Village:Mohammad Gang					
												1	140	Private	Agriculture	45.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0045000
												2	142	Private	Agriculture / Non-Agriculture	9,253.0000000(Square Meter)	0.9253000
1	1	Government	Nadi Khaliya	268.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0268000	7	135	Government	Chakmarg	100.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0100000	3	143	Government	Chakmarg	922.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0922000
2	2	Private	Agriculture	4,586.0000000(Square Meter)	0.4586000	8	136	Private	Agriculture	970.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0970000	4	144	Private	Agriculture	1,244.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1244000
3	3	Government	Naveen Paratee	200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0200000	9	137	Private	Agriculture	184.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0184000	5	145	Private	Agriculture	2,199.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2199000
4	36	Government	Nadi Khaliya	144.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0144000	10	138	Private	Agriculture	1,019.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0101900	6	146	Private	Agriculture	5,879.0000000(Square Meter)	0.5879000
Village:Gularia Murad Ahatnali						11	139	Private	Agriculture	981.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0981000	7	149	Private	Agriculture	1,132.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1132000
						12	140	Private	Agriculture	2,832.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2832000	8	150	Private	Agriculture	976.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0976000
						13	141	Private	Agriculture	313.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0313000	9	151	Private	Agriculture	1,025.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1025000
						14	146	Private	Agriculture	515.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0515000	10	152	Private	Agriculture	1,392.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1392000

Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)	Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
36	7	Private	Agriculture	3,563.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3563000	18	137	Private	Agriculture	621.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0621000	15	126	Government	Rasta	755.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0755000
37	70	Private	Agriculture	1,306.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1306000	19	138	Private	Agriculture	349.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0349000	16	13	Private	Agriculture	2,282.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2282000
38	72	Private	Agriculture	1,643.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1643000	20	139	Private	Agriculture	1,348.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1348000	17	132	Private	Agriculture	491.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0491000
39	73	Private	Agriculture	987.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0987000	21	140	Government	Chakmarg	290.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0290000	18	133	Private	Agriculture	998.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0998000
40	74	Private	Agriculture	2,624.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2624000	22	141	Government	Naali	270.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0270000	19	134	Private	Agriculture	1,524.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1524000
41	75	Government	Naali	47.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0047000	23	142	Private	Agriculture	2,741.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2741000	20	14	Government	Abadi	1,010.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1010000
42	76	Private	Agriculture	2,910.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2910000	24	143	Private	Agriculture	730.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0730000	21	15	Government	Chakmarg	119.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0119000
43	78	Private	Agriculture	1,394.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1394000	25	144	Private	Agriculture	730.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0730000	22	17	Private	Agriculture	2,986.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2986000
44	79	Private	Agriculture	3,021.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3021000	26	145	Private	Agriculture	730.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0730000	23	18	Private	Agriculture	1,796.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1796000
Village:Noorpur						27	146	Private	Agriculture	484.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0484000	24	19	Private	Agriculture	1,144.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1144000
1	10	Private	Agriculture	1,995.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1995000	28	150	Private	Agriculture	954.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0954000	25	20	Government	Chakmarg	64.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0064000
2	11	Private	Agriculture	1,341.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1341000	29	151	Government	Chakmarg	70.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0070000	26	21	Private	Agriculture	1,200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1200000
3	12	Private	Agriculture	3,116.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3116000	30	152	Government	Naali	50.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0050000	27	22	Private	Agriculture	118.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0118000
4	13	Private	Agriculture	336.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0336000	31	153	Private	Agriculture	1,200.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1200000	28	33	Private	Agriculture	756.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0756000
5	33	Government	Naalee	208.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0208000	32	154	Private	Agriculture	629.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0629000	29	34	Government	Chakmarg	52.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0052000
6	35	Private	Agriculture	746.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0746000	33	158	Government	Chakmarg	73.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0073000	30	39	Private	Agriculture	491.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0491000
7	40	Private	Agriculture	2,519.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2519000	34	159	Government	Naali	70.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0070000	31	40	Private	Agriculture	489.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0489000
8	41	Private	Agriculture	2,205.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2205000	35	160	Private	Agriculture	741.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0741000	32	41	Private	Agriculture	225.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0225000
Village:Raghunathpur						36	167	Private	Agriculture	282.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0282000	33	42	Private	Agriculture	404.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0404000
1	346	Private	Agriculture	800.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0800000	37	175	Government	Naalee	120.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0120000	34	43	Private	Agriculture	1,341.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1341000
2	348	Government	Gool	240.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0240000	38	18	Private	Agriculture	126.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0126000	35	44	Private	Agriculture	20.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0020000
3	349	Private	Agriculture	1,027.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1027000	39	183	Government	Naali	163.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0163000	36	48	Private	Agriculture	3,838.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3838000
4	350	Private	Agriculture	3,550.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3550000	40	184	Government	Pound	67.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0067000	37	49	Private	Agriculture	716.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0716000
5	351	Private	Agriculture	1,783.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1783000	41	185	Government	Mukhyamarg	143.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0143000	38	6	Private	Agriculture	638.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0638000
6	352	Private	Agriculture	2,511.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2511000	42	187	Private	Agriculture	6,535.0000000(Square Meter)	0.6535000	39	7	Private	Chakmarg	43.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0043000
7	353	Private	Agriculture	2,363.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2363000	43	188	Private	Agriculture	3,587.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3587000	40	8	Private	Agriculture	1,710.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1710000
8	358	Government	Chakmarg	80.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0080000	44	19	Private	Agriculture	472.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0472000	41	85	Government	Chakmarg	99.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0099000
9	359	Private	Agriculture	2,009.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2009000	45	20	Private	Agriculture	11,006.0000000(Square Meter)	1.1006000	42	88	Private	Agriculture	1,942.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1942000
10	362	Private	Agriculture	632.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0632000	46	21	Private	Agriculture	22.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0022000	43	89	Government	Aabadi	280.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0280000
11	384	Government	Khaadkegadde	82.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0082000	47	231	Private	Agriculture	547.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0547000	44	9	Private	Agriculture	570.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0570000
12	385	Private	Agriculture	647.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0647000	48	233	Private	Agriculture	493.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0493000	45	90	Private	Agriculture	320.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0320000
13	41	Private	Agriculture	178.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0178000	49	234	Private	Agriculture	1,663.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1663000	46	91	Government	Seed Store	447.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0447000
14	42	Private	Agriculture	3,450.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3450000	50	235	Private	Agriculture	1,660.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1660000	47	92	Government	Purani Parati	137.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0137000
15	43	Private	Agriculture	1,040.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1040000	51	236	Government	Chakmarg	172.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0172000	48	93	Government	Khel Ka Maidan	120.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0120000
16	47	Private	Agriculture	175.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0175000	52	237	Government	Nahar/Gool	127.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0127000	49	94	Government	Purani Parati	120.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0120000
17	48	Private	Agriculture	246.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0246000	53	239	Private	Agriculture	335.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0335000	50	99	Private	Agriculture	105.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0105000
18	49	Government	Raasta	119.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0119000	54	240	Private	Agriculture	5,501.0000000(Square Meter)	0.5501000	Village:Tilok Majra					
19	490	Private	Agriculture	250.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0250000	55	241	Private	Agriculture	3,563.0000000(Square Meter)	0.3563000	1	141	Private	Agriculture	172.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0172000
20	491	Government	Naveen paratee	1,742.0000000(Square Meter)	0.1742000	56	243	Private	Agriculture	2,248.0000000(Square Meter)	0.2248000	2	142	Private	Agriculture	874.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0874000
21	492	Private	Agriculture	400.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0400000	57	244	Private	Agriculture	186.0000000(Square Meter)	0.0186000	3	143				

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Ahmed Faisal S/o Akeel
Ahmad R/o E-107 Vijay Vihar,
Phase-I, Delhi-110085, have
changed my name to Mohd
Faisal. 0040600309-8

I, Hitherto known as Hari Datt,
S/o Gusain Dutt, R/o-267A
NyayKhand-2, Indirapuram,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-
201014, have changed my name &
shall hereafter be known as
Hari Dutt Chaturvedi. 0040600305-2

I, VIVEK KUMAR, S/o RICHHPAL
SINGH MANN, HOUSE, NO.155,
DEER-WOOD CHASE, NIRVANA-
CONTOUR, SOUTH CITY-II,
GURGAON, HARYANA-122018,
CHANGED MY NAME TO VIVEK
MANN. 0040600285-10

I, Sohan Singh S/o Gurdev Singh
R/o, H.No-134, UGF Block-A,
Nihal Vihar Phase-2, Nilothi-
Extension Delhi-110041 have
changed my name to Bhagwan
Singh 0040600311-1

I, Saromintar, S/o Satbir Tyagi,
H.No.16, Near-Nambardar
House, Dharampur, Gurgaon-
122006, (Haryana), have
changed my name to Sarvo
Miter for all purposes. 0040600305-3

I, Sarika W/o Ajit Kumar R/o
4/2939-3, 3rd-Floor, Bholanath
Nagar, East Delhi-110032 have
changed my name to Sarika
Goswami. 0040600311-2

I, Saranjit Kaur W/o Resham
Singh R/o 3-B-64, 3B-Block,
Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018,
have changed my name to
Saranjeet Kaur. 0040600309-5

I, SHIKHA RAI, W/o Raj Kumar
Singh, R/o- VPO-Dehra, Tehsil-
Kerakat, Distt.-Jaunpur, UP-
222142, have changed my name
from SHIKHA RAI TO SHIKHA
SINGH, for all future purposes. 0040600285-2

I, Rakesh Kumar Sharma S/o
Om Prakash Sharma, R/o Flat no-
87, Sheetal Apartment, Sector-14,
Rohini, Delhi-110085, have
changed my name to Rakesh
Sharma. 0040600285-8

I, RINA DEVI, W/o- Rajkaran
Singh, R/o- VPO & PS-Pasraha,
Distt.-Khagaria, Bihar-851212,
dated-16/11/2021, has changed
my name from REENA DEVI TO
RINA DEVI, for all future
purposes. 0040600285-1

I, PREMJEET KAUR, W/O JASBIR
SINGH R/O C-3398, MAHINDRA
PARK, RANI BAGH, DELHI-
110034, HAVE CHANGED MY
NAME TO PREMJEET KAUR. 0040600285-9

I, Neha Sharma, W/o Vishnu Yadav,
R/o A1-304, 4th-Floor, Sushant-
Lok Phase-2, Sector-55,
Gurgaon-122011, have changed
my name to Kamakshi. 0040600305-5

I, Neeraj Kumar Jindal, F/o-Vedas
Jindal, R/o-F-3/21, Ground-
Floor, Vasant Vihar-1, New
Delhi-110057, have changed my
minor, son's name, from
Veidhes Jindal, to Vedas
Jindal, for all future purposes. 0040600309-1

I, Muhammad Asif S/O-
Muhammed Yusuf, R/O-C-11,
Nizamuddin West, New Delhi-
110013, Have Changed My
Name Mohammad Asif For All
Future Purposes 0040600285-6

I, Mohammad Asif, S/O-
Muhammed Yusuf, R/O-C-
11, Hazrat Nizamuddin
West, New Delhi-110013, Have
Changed My Minor, Son's Name
Yusuf Hasan Mohammad To
Muhammed Yusuf Hasan For
All, Future Purposes. 0040600285-7

I, Kapil Kumar Tyagi S/o
Gajendra Singh Tyagi R/o 5069,
Block-K5, Shastri Nagar
Meerut, UP, have changed my
name to Kapil Tyagi. 0040600305-6

I, KUSUMA DEVI, mother of
Bhanu Pratap Singh, R/o-
Mangla Vihar-1, New Pac Lines,
Kanpur Nagar, UP-208015,
declare that my actual date of
birth is 01st-January, 1947 and
my actual name is KUSUMA
DEVI. 0040600285-4

I, KM, Prith Pal Kaur Kohli W/o-
Joginder Singh R/o B-25, Gali-
No.8, Krishna Park-Extn., Tilak-
Nagar, N, Delhi-110008, have
changed my name to Prithpal
Kaur. 0040600311-3

I, Hitherto known as Vinesh, D/o
Harchanda, W/o Jagat Singh
residing at H.No.190-A/4, Gali,
No.1-C, Bihari Colony, Shahdara,
Delhi-110032, have changed my
name and shall hereafter be
known as Vinesh Jagat Singh.
0040600305-1

I, Gajender Singh, S/o Sh. Sultan
Singh, R/o 3894/14, Kanhaiya-
Nagar, TriNagar, Delhi-110035,
have changed my name to
Gajender Singh Yadav, S/o
Sh. Sultan Singh Yadav. 0040600319-1

I, DEVENDRA SINGH, father of
Bhanu Pratap Singh, R/o-
Mangla Vihar-1, New Pac Lines,
Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-
208015, declare that my actual
date of birth is 01st-January,
1944. 0040600285-5

I, Haji Gulam Mustafa, S/o Abdul
Shakur R/o C-124, Welcome
Seelampur Delhi-110053 Have
changed my name to Gulam
Mustafa. 0040600247-1

I, Aqeel Ahmad S/o Layeek
Ahmad R/o E-107, Vijay Vihar,
Phase-I, Delhi-110085, have
changed my name to Akeel
Ahmad. 0040600309-7

I, GURMEET SINGH, S/O
AMARJEET SINGH, R/O
35, PRIYADARSHANI VIHAR
PART-2, NEAR NANAK-
PIAO, DELHI-110009, HAVE
CHANGED MY NAME TO
GURNEET SINGH. 0040600305-4

I, FIROJIA KHATUN, W/o Musa
Haqat, Moudal, R/o- Village-
Malatipur, PO.-Chaita, Tehsil-
Basirhat, Distt.-North 24
Parganas, WB-743445, have
changed my name from FIROJIA
KHATUN TO FIROJIA BEGAM, for
all future purposes. 0040600285-3

I, Vikas S/o Subhash Chandra
R/O D267, Sarai Pipal Thala
Adarsh Nagar Delhi 110033,
that name of my father has
been wrongly written as
Subhash Chand in my School
Certificate Cum Marksheet of
10th Class. The actual name of
my father is Subhash Chandra.
0070769802-1

I, Sachin Kumar, S/o Raj Kumar
Singh, R/o House No 203,
Aliganj, Kotla Mubarakpur,
New Delhi-110003, have
changed my name to Sachin
Kumar Panwar. 0070769823-1

I, SATYAVIR SINGH, S/o
MUKHTIAR SINGH, R/O B-96,
SITAPURI POST PALAM, NEW
DELHI-110045, HAVE CHANGED
MY NAME AFTER SECONDARY
CLASS TO SATYAVIR SINGH
BHORIA S/o MUKHTIAR SINGH
BHORIA. 0070769821-1

I, Ravinder Singh Basson, S/o
Teja Singh Bassan R/o-WZ-82C,
Gali, No.-1A, Guru-Nanak Nagar,
Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018
have changed my name to
Ravinder Singh Bassan, for all
future purposes. 0040600226-1

I, Gita alias Geeta Malhotra alias
Geeta alias Geeta alias Geeta
alias Geeta Rajora D/o Late Sh.
Gobind Lal W/o Sh. Navinder
Kumar R/o House No.5741/81,
Relhgar Pura, Karol Bagh, New
Delhi-110005 have changed my
name to Geeta for all purposes.
0040600271-4

I, Ankush Singh Pundhir S/o Shri
Kush Singh R/o K-608, J.J.
Colony Wazirpur Delhi-110052
have Changed my name
Ankush to Ankush Singh
Pundhir for all Purpose. 0040600224-1

Rimmy Kainth, D/o Narender
Kumar, R/o of C-18A, Subhash
Park, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-
110059, have Changed My
Name to Rimmy. 0070769784-1

I, Hitherto known as Harish
Chandra Singh, S/o-Sh. Pratap
Singh Bisht employed as
ASI (Ex.) in Delhi Police,
residing at H.No.123, Gyan
Khand-11, Indirapuram,
Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-
201014, have changed my name
and shall hereafter be known
as Harish Bisht, S/o-Sh. Pratap
Singh Bisht. 0040600305-9

I, Pritmani Devansh Narendra,
S/o Narenda Kumal
Pritmani, R/at S.A.X -131,
SATARVADI, ADIPUR,
Gandhidham-370205, have
changed my name as Pritmani
Devansh as per Affidavit dated
12-nov-2021. 0070769820-1

I, Dr S. Bhanumathy (Dr Selvaraj
Bhanumathy) D/o Mr G.Selvaraj
W/o Sanjeev Kumar Madan
R/o E-934 Saraswati, Vihar
Delhi-110034, have changed my
name to Dr Bhanumathy
Madan. 0040600309-3

I, Nimisha D/o Om Prakash
Mahajan R/o C-3/88, Keshav
Puram, Delhi-110035, have
changed my name to NIMISHA
MAHAJAN for all future
purposes. 0070769812-1

I, Siddharth Shankar Pandey S/o
Sanjeev Kumar Pandey R/o Vill-
Bariyarpur Banaraha, Post
Bariyarpur, Dist- Deoria, UP-
274001 have changed my name
to Siddharth Shankar for all
purposes vide Affidavit No. IN-
DL-77662397396517U dated
14.01.2022 before Notary
Public, Delhi (India) 0070769815-1

I, Alisha Sharma, D/o Ashwani
Sharma, R/o B-243, Mohan
Garden Extension, Uttam
Nagar, New Delhi-110059,
Declare that Alisha Sharma
and Nidhi Sharma both are
same person. 0040600305-8

I, Seema D/o Sh. Kattar Singh
Raathi W/o Sh. Pardeep Kumar
Hooda R/o H.No.1436, Sector-23,
Sonipat, Haryana have
changed my name to Seema
Hooda for all purposes. 0040600271-5

I, AKASH, S/O RAJPAAL SAINI R/o
909 KAYASTHWARA-9
SIKANDARABAD-
BULANDSHAHR UP-203205,
Changed my name to AKASH
SAINI. 0040600305-7

I, Naveen Kumar S/o Jai
Bhagwan R/o F-16, Mahavir
Enclave New Delhi-110045,
have changed my name from
Naveen Kumar to Naveen
Singla. 0070769770-1

I, Laxmi w/o Ram Kumar r/o A-1
/131B, 2nd Floor, DDA Janta
Flats Paschim Vihar, Delhi-
110063 have changed my name
to LAXMI DEVI permanently.
LAXMI and LAXMI DEVI both
are same and one person. 0040600222-1

I, Dilbagh Singh, S/o Paramjeet
Singh Sandhu, R/o 192, Arjun
Nagar, Sardarjung Enclave S. O.
South, South West Delhi
110029, have changed my name
from Dilbagh Singh to Dilbagh
Singh Sandhu. 0070769769-1

I, Kawaldeep Kaur, W/o
Ravinder Singh Bassan R/o-
WZ-82C, Gali No-1A, Guru-
Nanak Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, New
Delhi-110018, have changed my
name to Kawaljeet kaur, for all
future purposes. 40600226-2

I, DEVENDER SHARMA S/O YOG
PRAKASH SHARMA, R/o B-46-B,
STREET-NO-5, KRISHNA-NAGAR,
DELHI-110051, have changed
my name to DEVENDER KUMAR
SHARMA. 0040600309-6

I, Bachitra Singh S/o Nakli Singh
R/O F-36, 3rd Floor, Vishnu
Garden, Delhi-110018, have
changed my name to Bachitra
Singh. 0040600309-4

I, Anju Mahajan W/o Late Vinay
Mahajan, R/o 11/315, Geeta
Colony, Delhi. Inform That Anju
Mahajan and Anju are same
and one person. 40600319-3

I, Amarjeet Sharma, S/o Ashok
Sharma R/o H.No.472, Sector-6,
Bahadurgarh Distt.-Jhajjar,
Haryana changed my name to
Amarjeet. 0040600319-2

I, Amanpriti Singh S/o Singhara
Singh R/o MU-50 1st-Floor,
Pitampura Delhi-110034 have
changed my name to
Amanpreet Singh. 0040600309-2

I, Balvinder Rana, S/o Jagtar
Singh, R/o T-96, Vishnu Garden,
Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, have
changed my name from
Balvinder Rana to Balvinder
Singh. 0070769767-1

I, Anjali Gupta w/o Siddhartha
Agarwal r/o GF, B-221, HUDA
Plots, Sector-56, Gurgaon-
122011 have changed my name
to ANJALI AGARWAL. 0040600223-1

LOST & FOUND

Original Allotment Letter and
Receipt of Shop/Office
AC-1/26, Sco.Kings Street
Kundli Sonepat, Haryana, have
been lost Finder, Contact-
Neeru Arora and Anjali Khera
at-9958111884. 0040600309-9

My original-documents
allotment-letter, Power of
attorney, Sale-Agreement
WILL-reciept in favour of
Sabana Begum W/o, Raju Khan
of Property-No.18/349,
Kalyanpur, Delhi-110091, has
been lost. finder contact- Najish
Begum W/o, Late Afsar
Ali., Mobile-No.8506849392. 0040600309-10

I, Dolly Chopra alias Dolly Batra, D/o
Late Sh. Roop Lal Batra, R/o-B-
1203, RNA Continental, Subhash
Nagar, Chembur East, Mumbai,
Maharashtra-400071, have lost my
original Share Certificates in the
name of Late Sh. Roop Lal Batra &
Dolly Batra, 34425, 28399,
3219901-3219950 (50), 34425;
69639; 5090570-5090594 (25);
34425; 122067; 8671640-8671689
(50). Finder may contact at above
address 0040600319-5

I, Dolly Chopra alias Dolly Batra, D/o
Late Sh. Roop Lal Batra, R/o-B-
1203, RNA Continental,
Subhash Nagar, Chembur East,
Mumbai, Maharashtra-400071,
have lost my original Share
Certificates in the name of
Dolly Batra, issued by Dhampur
Sugar Mills Ltd., vide Folio
No. Certificate No & Distinctive
Nos of Shares. 17310; 28397;
3219801-3219850 (50), 17310;
69637; 5090520-5090544 (25),
17310; 122065, 8671540-8671589
(50) 0040600319-6

I, Gita Narula alias Gita Batra, D/o
Late Sh. Roop Lal Batra, R/o-A-
3/140, Janakpuri, New Delhi-
110058, have lost my original
Share Certificates issued by
Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd., vide
Folio No. Certificate No &
Distinctive Nos of Shares.
17311; 28398; 3219851-3219900
(50), 17311, 69638, 5090545-
5090569 (25), 17311 122066;
8671590-8671639 (50). Finder
may contact at above address. 0040600319-4

General Public at large is informed that
my client Sh. Phool Chand Sharma S/o Sh. Vyash
Mishra, Phool Chand, Rio House No. RZ-20117B,
Gali No.5, Mahavir Enclave-1, Palam Vihar, Phase-1,
South-West, Delhi-110045, has severed all
their relations with their son namely Sh. Sagar
S/o Sh. Phool Chand Sharma R/o House No.
RZ-20117B, Gali No.5, Mahavir Enclave-1,
Palam Vihar, South-West, Delhi-110045, who
has been disowned / disinterested his above
mentioned son and his all legal heirs,
successor, attorney from all their movable and
immovable properties with immediate effect.
As our clients son Sh. Sagar S/o Sh. Phool
Chand Sharma are not under the control of our
client and he does not listen to them at all.
Henceforth, if anyone dealing with our client's
son, he shall be doing so at his/her own risk
and consequences. And, our clients shall not
be responsible for any act of his son, in any
manner. HSK ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
CHAMBER NO. 11, LAWYERS CHAMBERS BLOCK
DWARKA DISTT. COURT, DWARKA-110026

NOTICE is hereby given to the public
that, Mrs. Akka Govil W/o Sh. Gopal
Kumar Govil, and Mr. Gopal Kumar
Govil S/O Sh. Devendra P. Govil
having address at 603, Mahavir
CGHS Ltd. Plot No SA, Sector 22,
Dwarka, Delhi-110077 had agreed to
purchase an apartment/flat in our
Project known as Joyville Gurgaon
bearing apartment/flat no. 905 having
carpet area of 104.80 square meter,
type 3BHK Luxury, on 9th floor in
tower Block/ building no. T2 along with
1 Nos Covered Car Parking Spaces on
the basement/stilt/podium ("said
Flat") under an Apartment Buyers
Agreement dated 29/03/2019. The
aforesaid Mr. Gopal Kumar Govil died
on 26/04/2021, leaving behind the
following only surviving legal heirs (1)
Akka Govil (Wife), (2) Madhav Govil
(Son) and (3) Raghav Govil (Son)
("Legal Heirs"). The Legal Heirs have applied to
substitute the name of one of the
Legal Heirs being Mrs. Akka Govil in
place of and instead of the deceased Mr.
Gopal Kumar Govil as allottee in
respect of the said Flat. All persons/entities having any claim,
demand or right however and of
whatsoever nature are hereby
requested to give notice thereof in
writing, along with documentary
evidence, to the undersigned
by way of email at
Majid.Hurzuk@shapoorji.com and
atalgokul08@gmail.com, within
7 (seven) days from the date hereof,
failing which, the claim or claims, if
any, of such person or persons will be
considered to have been waived,
released, relinquished and/or
abandoned and we shall substitute
the name of the legal heirs flatly.
Dated this 24th day of January, 2022.
For Joyville Shapoorji Housing Pvt. Ltd.,
SP Centre, 41/44, Minoo Desai Marg,
Colaba, Mumbai-400005
Madhvi K. Deva, Advocate
D-1147/F1994
G-Block, Chamber No-221,
Karkardooma Court Complex, Delhi

Public Notice
Everyone is informed by way of this
public notice that my client Sh. Ashok
Lohani S/o Parasram Lohani is in
dispute with his brother Anil Lohani
regarding shop No. C-45, New Subzi
Mand Aadarj Delhi. The case has
been filed in the District court Rohini,
Delhi qua shop in question. Anyone
dealing with the sale and purchase of
shop Delhi-110018, I served Public notice that
my clients are absolute owner, Mukesh
Mehta S/O Late Sh. Suresh Mehta & his
associates have no concord with the above
mentioned property. My clients will not be
responsible for their acts. Any one dealing
with them shall do so at his own risk
and consequences. Sd/-
Ajay Kumar Chopra
Advocate
Enrolment No. D/48/1997(R)
Chamber No. 162,
Patilata House Courts,
New Delhi-110001

Public Notice
Be it known that my client SH. AJAI
PRAKASH BHARTI S/o Sh. Lalji Bharti
and SMT. SANDHYA W/o Sh. Jai
Prakash Bharti R/o Jhuggi No.11,
Khasra No.151, Guru Nanak Dev
Colony, Bhaitswa Dairy, Delhi-110042
have severed all their relations with
their son SH. DEEPAK BHARTI and their
wife SMT. RUBY and their son
SIDDHARTH. My clients debar/ disown
them from all their movable and
immovable properties with
immediate effects. Anybody dealing
with them shall be doing so entirely at
his/her/his own risk and
consequences. Sd/-
ASHOK KUMAR (Advocate)
Ch. No. 20, RU-BLOCK,
Pitampura Delhi

Public Notice
General public take a note that my
client smt. Satbir Kaur with her
husband Tejinder Singh R/o WZ-12-B,
3rd Floor, Gali no. 4, Krishna Pur,
Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18, have
severed all his relations with his Son
Sandeep Singh Gangrak & his wife
Anminder Kaur and declare to evict
them from his all movable / immovable
property, bank balance & assets due
to their bad misbehavior, unfaithful
disobedient, to my client. My client
shall not be held responsible for their
actions or any acts or omissions of
them and their family. Advocate Kailash Joonwal
Enrl.No. D/48/2002

Public Notice
Know all men by this public notice that
my client Shri. Pooja Sharma S/o Late Sh.
Chandra Shekhar Sharma R/o Madhuban
Grama, Ram Ganga Vihar, Phase-2,
Muradabad Uttar Pradesh is employed with
reputed concern and holding important
portfolios and have held higher and important
posts in various reputed companies
earlier thereby earning high salary and such
positions my client has taken appropriate
steps as per the job requirement and during
the said process various male and female
have been associated. Any person including
my son, Ajeet Kumar R/O-22 New Habites
Nagar, Jalandhar City, Punjab-144002 having
malicious intent is bent upon to tarnish his
reputation, falsely implicate and take
mischievous steps to extract money if my
aforesaid client shall not be responsible or
liable for any such act in case anybody deals
with him in respect thereof in any manner
whatsoever and would face all legal
consequences in this behalf of their own cost,
risk and responsibility. Sd/-
K. Sunil (Advocate)
Ch. No. 88, C.L. Jeev
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

Public Notice
Public at large is hereby informed that
my client Shri Anil Kumar Gupta and
Smt. Kushuma Gupta, both are
r/o 31/35 Extension, Mohan Garden,
New Delhi-59, have disowned and
disinterested and detached all the ties
with their son Shri. Rohit Gupta. Due to
his bad behaviour and cold attitude
towards my client and their other
family members, from the date of
inheritance of all their properties and
now he have no right, title, interest or
claim of any nature whatsoever in the
estate and assets of my client. Anybody
dealing with the said son shall be doing so
at their own cost. Risk, responsibility and
consequences and my aforesaid client
shall not be liable and responsible for the
same. PRASHANT TYAGI ADVOCATE
Chamber No. 1317, Rohini Courts
Complex, Rohini, New Delhi
Mobile No. : 8733911899

PUBLIC NOTICE
For & on behalf of my client Naval Kishore
Mehta S/O Late Sh. Chamel Lal Mehta &
his sons Nalin Mehta & Gaurav Mehta are
owner of property no. 31/K-8-G, New
Rohatk Road, Anand Parvat Industrial Area,
Gurgaon, Haryana. I served Public notice that
my clients are absolute owner, Mukesh
Mehta S/O Late Sh. Suresh Mehta & his
associates have no concord with the above
mentioned property. My clients will not be
responsible for their acts. Any one dealing
with them shall do so at his own risk
and consequences. Sd/-
SEETA K MISHRA
ADVOCATE
Chamber Wing IVH Floor
Chamber No. 416, Rohini Court, Delhi-85
Mob-981087879, 99913887
Email:-advocateseetamishra@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
Everyone is informed by way of this
public notice that my client Sh. Ashok
Lohani S/o Parasram Lohani is in
dispute with his brother Anil Lohani
regarding shop No. C-45, New Subzi
Mand Aadarj Delhi. The case has
been filed in the District court Rohini,
Delhi qua shop in question. Anyone
dealing with the sale and purchase of
shop Delhi-110018, I served Public notice that
my clients are absolute owner, Mukesh
Mehta S/O Late Sh. Suresh Mehta & his
associates have no concord with the above
mentioned property. My clients will not be
responsible for their acts. Any one dealing
with them shall do so at his own risk
and consequences. Sd/-
Ajay Kumar Chopra
Advocate
Enrolment No. D/48/1997(R)
Chamber No. 162,
Patilata House Courts,
New Delhi-110001

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Poonam w/o Adesh
kumar DDA LIG Flat no-
150, Pocket-C, First floor,
East of Ioni road, (Delhi)
have lost my (1) DDA
Original Demand cum
Allotment letter. (2)
Possession letter. (3)
NOC of electricity & Water
connection. DDA File No- L/42(12) 92
/EL/NP.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that
my client Shri Anil Kumar Gupta and
Smt. Kushuma Gupta, both are
r/o 31/35 Extension, Mohan Garden,
New Delhi-59, have disowned and
disinterested and detached all the ties
with their son Shri. Rohit Gupta. Due to
his bad behaviour and cold attitude
towards my client and their other
family members, from the date of
inheritance of all their properties and
now he have no right, title, interest or
claim of any nature whatsoever in the
estate and assets of my client. Anybody
dealing with the said son shall be doing so
at their own cost. Risk, responsibility and
consequences and my aforesaid client
shall not be liable and responsible for the
same. PRASHANT TYAGI ADVOCATE
Chamber No. 1317, Rohini Courts
Complex, Rohini, New Delhi
Mobile No. : 8733911899

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my
client MRS. SHASHI GUPTA, wife of Sh.
Vijay Gupta, resident of A-95, Shekhar
Bagh, Delhi is negotiating with (1) S.
Rajinder Singh, resident of A-95, Shekhar
Bagh, Delhi, 34425, 28399,
3219901-3219950 (50), 34425;
69639; 5090570-5090594 (25);
34425; 122067; 8671640-8671689
(50). Finder may contact at above
address 0040600319-5

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given on behalf of my
client MRS. SHASHI GUPTA, wife of Sh.
Vijay Gupta, resident of A-95, Shekhar
Bagh, Delhi is negotiating with (1) S.
Rajinder Singh, resident of A-95, Shekhar
Bagh, Delhi, 34425, 28399,
3219901-3219950 (50), 34425;
69639; 5090570-5090594 (25);
34425; 122067; 8671640-8671689
(50). Finder may contact at above
address 0040600319-5

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to certify that my
client Mr. Ravinder Kumar
Kaushal s/o Shri Arjun Ram,
resident of H.No. 8, Block
No. BAG, Plot No. 3, Hans
Vihar, Street No. 15, Near
Soap Factory, Block A,
Burari, Delhi-84 now known
as H. No. A-152, Street No.
15, Khasra No. 15-16,
Kaushik Enclave, Phase-1,
Burari, Delhi-110084 is the
owner and in possession of
the above-referred property.
This property is being used
as the residence of my client
and his family. Mr. Arjun Ram, father of my
client and Mr. Yashpal Kaushal,
Narendra Kaushal, Gopal
Kishan Kaushal & Madan
Gopal Kaushal all brothers of
my client has no lien in the
above referred property. They
were only allowed to live in
it for a short period. Anybody dealing with
the father and brothers of my
client will be doing the same
on his risk and my client will
not be responsible for any
transaction or money dealings.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Be it known that my client SH. AJAI
PRAKASH BHARTI S/o Sh. Lalji Bharti
and SMT. SANDHYA W/o Sh. Jai
Prakash Bharti R/o Jhuggi No.11,
Khasra No.151, Guru Nanak Dev
Colony, Bhaitswa Dairy, Delhi-110042
have severed all their relations with
their son SH. DEEPAK BHARTI and their
wife SMT. RUBY and their son
SIDDHARTH. My clients debar/ disown
them from all their movable and
immovable properties with
immediate effects. Anybody dealing
with them shall be doing so entirely at
his/her/his own risk and
consequences. Sd/-
ASHOK KUMAR (Advocate)
Ch. No. 20, RU-BLOCK,
Pitampura Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE
Know all men by this public notice that
my client Shri. Pooja Sharma S/o Late Sh



@ieExplained

#ExpressExplained

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

DASHBOARD, AS ON JAN 23

693
DAYS SINCE
PANDEMIC
BEGAN

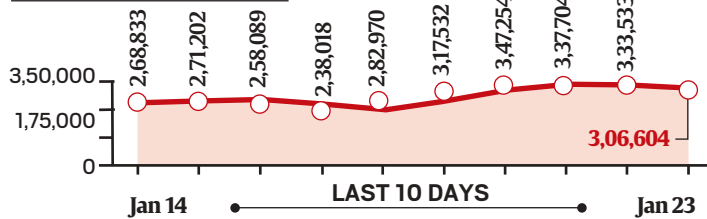
New cases
3,06,604

Active cases
22,49,335

Deaths
439

Weekly CFR: **0.43%** | Overall CFR: **1.37%** | Total deaths: **4,89,848**

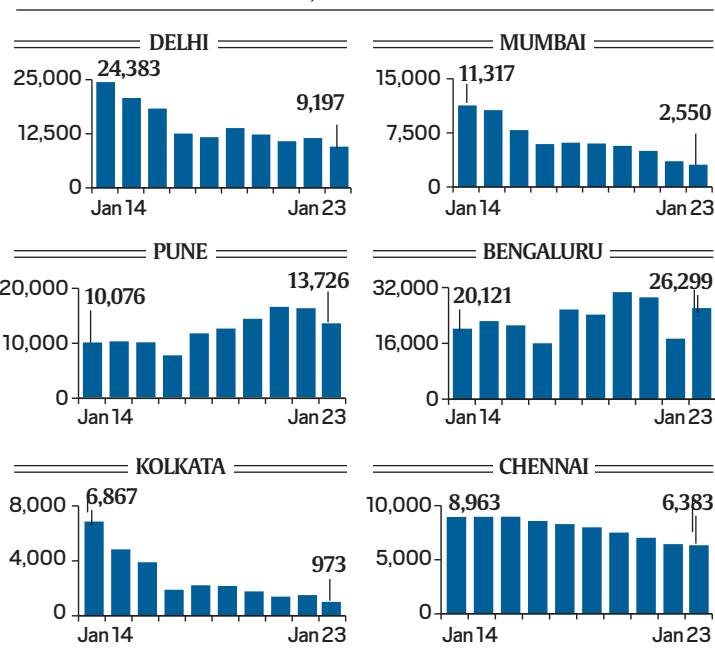
NEW CASES, DAILY



SURGE IN THE STATES

State	ON JANUARY 23			Weekly positivity
	New Cases	Active Cases	Deaths	
Karnataka	50210	3,57,826	19	18.99%
Kerala	45449	2,65,349	77	40.37%
Maharashtra	40805	2,93,345	53	21.17%
Tamil Nadu	30580	2,00,954	40	18.39%
Gujarat	16617	1,34,837	19	15.08%

CASES IN THE CITIES, LAST 10 DAYS



TOTAL TESTS

71,69,95,333

TESTS ON JAN 23

14,74,753

WEEKLY POSITIVITY

16.35%

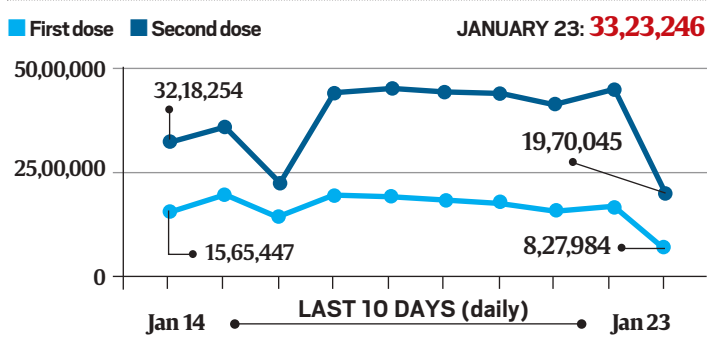
OVERALL POSITIVITY

5.52%

INDIA TOTAL DOSES

162,26,07,516

(Adults 1st dose: **88,66,02,809**; adults second dose: **68,58,92,131**; 15-18 age group first dose: **4,19,32,411**; precautionary doses: **81,80,165**)



Spread in the community

India has acknowledged that the Covid-19 pandemic is now in the community transmission stage. How is this stage defined, and what are its implications? What changes in strategies to contain the spread?

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & AMITABH SINHA

PUNE, JANUARY 24

IN THE third wave of the coronavirus epidemic, India has acknowledged that the disease is now in the community transmission stage. While it is no more than a statement of the obvious, and has little operational implication at this stage of the epidemic, this acknowledgment has attracted attention because this is the first time India has officially done so.

What it means

In all regions except the origin of the outbreak, the virus is introduced into the population by travellers. In the initial stages of an epidemic, all further transmissions of the disease can be linked, directly or through a chain, to these travellers. But after some time, as more and more people get infected, they pass on the virus to many more, several of whom are never detected because they might be asymptomatic or did not get tested. But even these undetected cases would have transmitted the disease to others. Very soon, it results in a situation where the chain of infections can no longer be traced to the original travellers, and most of the infections become locally acquired. It is this stage of the epidemic that is classified as one of community transmission.

In simple terms, it is a stage where it becomes difficult to establish the chain of infections, or determine who infected whom. This has implications for deciding containment strategies and response measures to deal with the epidemic.

Community transmission is the final stage of classification of the epidemic on this basis. The World Health Organization (WHO) has three more classifications ahead of community transmission — no active cases, sporadic cases and cluster of cases. If no new cases are detected in 28 days, a country or region is said to have no new active cases. A situation where all the known infections in the previous two weeks can be linked to an imported case is classified as being in the second category.

India had so far been maintaining that the epidemic in the country was in the stage where it was witnessing a cluster of cases. According to the WHO classification, this is the stage where cases detected in the previous two weeks are "predominantly limited



Crowd in New Delhi's Sarojini Nagar market last month, by when the Omicron variant of the coronavirus was already spreading. *Tashi Tobgyal*

to well-defined clusters that are not directly linked to imported cases, but which are all linked by time, geographic location and common exposures". It is assumed that there are a large number of unidentified cases, but this is still considered a low-risk situation.

Implications

The manner in which the transmissions are happening is key to deciding actions to be taken to contain further spread of the disease. In the initial stage for example, when only sporadic cases are detected, aggressive testing and contact tracing is supposed to be among the most effective strategies to halt or slow down the spread of the disease. As all direct contacts of an infected person are identified, tested and isolated, the number of virus-carrying people in the population gets reduced significantly, and so does the number of transmissions.

However, such a strategy might not yield much in terms of slowing down the spread in the community transmission stage. In such a situation, it is considered more beneficial to focus attention on measures like hospital management, access to critical care facilities

or genomic surveillance.

Current situation

The recent acknowledgment, made in the latest bulletins released by INSACOG, a network of laboratories that is tasked with genome surveillance, does not reveal anything new. India is known to have entered the community transmission phase within a couple of months of the start of the pandemic in 2020 itself.

From the speed at which the Omicron variant has spread, there never was any doubt that community transmission was taking place. Even before Omicron, India was detecting only one of about 30 infections. Now, this ratio would have shot up even further. At this stage of the epidemic, a discussion on community transmission is largely an academic one, and is unlikely to trigger any change in the kind of response measures that are being taken at the central, state or local levels.

Looking ahead

Since the current wave is producing mostly mild disease, experts argue that a containment strategy might not yield much,

How to manage Covid in kids: new guidelines

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

PUNE, JANUARY 24

LAST WEEK, the Health Ministry released revised guidelines for management of Covid-19 in children and adolescents below 18 years, superseding the previous version of June 2021. Among the key updates, the revised guidelines advise against the use of antivirals or monoclonal antibodies in children and adolescents, irrespective of the severity of infection, and against the use of masks in children below the age of 5.

The Comprehensive Guidelines for Management of COVID-19 in Children and Adolescents Below 18 Years' were reviewed by a group of experts in view of the current surge of cases, attributed mainly to the Omicron variant of the coronavirus.

What to give, not give

The guidelines note that Covid-19 is a viral infection and say antimicrobials have no role in the management of uncomplicated Covid-19 infection.

"As of now in the absence of efficacy and safety data, the use of antivirals such as

Remdesivir, Molnupiravir, Favipiravir, Fluvoxamine and monoclonal antibodies such as Sotrovimab, Casirivimab + Imdevimab are not recommended for children less than 18 years of age irrespective of severity of illness," the guidelines say.

Overall, the management of children remains the same. The mainstay of treatment for fever is to give paracetamol. For cough, the guidelines advise throat soothing agents and warm saline gargles in older children and adolescents. They recommend ensuring oral fluids to maintain hydration and a nutritious diet.

"No other Covid-19 specific medication is needed for mild cases," said Dr Aarti Kinikar, member of the Maharashtra paediatric Covid task force.

Leading paediatrician Dr Umesh Vaidya said that in children, the main symptoms are cough, cold and fever; sore throat symptoms are more prominent than wheezing. Most paediatricians check for circumstantial evidence whether anyone in the family is symptomatic. For mild cases, RT-PCR tests are not being advised. Several paediatricians said that they have instructed families to stay in isolation for a week. However, Covid tests are required for those who need to be hospitalised.

Masks

The reason masks are not recommended for children aged 5 and under, experts said, is that young children do not wear the mask properly and may have issues with breathing if there is underlying asthma or when they are playing. Some parents can be obsessed and force the child to wear a mask, but it is not mandatory for the child below 5 to wear one, experts said.

Children aged 6-11 may wear a mask depending on the ability of the child to use a mask safely and appropriately under direct supervision of parents/guardians. Children aged 12 years and over should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults. It is important to ensure hands are kept clean with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub, while handling masks.

MIS-C

Multi System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) is a new syndrome in children characterised by unremitting fever and epidemiological linkage with SARS-CoV-2. For diagnosing MIS-C, the guidelines say caution should be exercised while interpreting an isolated increase in COVID antibodies.

Post-Covid Care

Children with asymptomatic infection or mild disease should receive routine childcare, appropriate vaccination, nutrition counselling, and psychological support on follow up, the guidelines say. For children with moderate to severe Covid, the guidelines say that on discharge from hospital, parents/caregivers should be counselled regarding monitoring for persistence/worsening respiratory difficulty and the indications for bringing the child back to the facility.

Anticoagulants & steroids

The recommendations for use of anticoagulants have been revised. If steroids are used, they should be tapered over 10-14 days, subject to clinical improvement.

Steroids are indicated only in hospitalised severe and critically ill cases under strict supervision. Corticosteroids may be used in rapidly progressive moderate and all severe cases; the guidelines recommend 5-7 days and tapering up to 10-14 days depending on clinical assessment. Steroids are to be avoided the first 3-5 days since onset of symptoms as it prolongs viral shedding, the guidelines say.

From saffron alliance to name-calling: Sena and BJP in Maharashtra

ZEESHAN SHAIKH & VISHWAS WAGHMODE

MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday accused the BJP of perfidy and betrayal, and said the Shiv Sena had wasted 25 years in its alliance with the party. The Chief Minister's strong statements betrayed the raw state of the relationship between the once-close saffron allies.

Trajectory of relationship

In the initial years after its founding by Bal Thackeray in 1966, the Shiv Sena fought to ensure reservations in jobs for sons of the soil, and had a flexible need-based relationship with parties including the Congress. It gained from the alliances, even as it opposed these short-term political partners at other times.

The Sena started out championing a hard regional identity, often targeting its nativist politics at migrants in Mumbai. It jumped on to the Hindutva bandwagon in 1989, when it

formed an electoral alliance with the BJP and looked to expand its influence beyond Mumbai to rural Maharashtra.

The relationship was sbenefited both parties. The Sena fed off the BJP's popularity to gain ground in national politics, while the BJP deepened its roots in the state with the help of the Sena. The late Pramod Mahajan worked to keep the relationship going, and the BJP leadership of the time, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L K Advani, had no qualms in pandering to the demands of the Sena.

The nature of the relationship underwent a change with the emergence of Narendra Modi in national politics. The huge groundswell of support for Modi in the 2014 Lok Sabha polls convinced the BJP that it no longer needed to bend before the Sena. Ahead of the Assembly elections later that year, it demanded a larger share of seats — and when no understanding could be reached, chose to break the 25-year electoral alliance.

The parties got back together to form a coalition government; however, the relationship had suffered significant damage by then.

The BJP-Sena government of 2014-19 was marred by friction, and even though the parties contested the Assembly elections together, they fell out over forming the next government. The Sena walked away from the NDA, and joined hands with the NCP and Congress with Thackeray as Chief Minister.

Gains and losses

Together, the parties ruled Maharashtra for nine years and seven months in two stints. While the Sena was the dominant partner from 1995-99 with Manohar Joshi and Narayan Rane heading the coalition, the BJP had the upper hand during 2014-19 when Devendra Fadnis was Chief Minister.

In the seven Assembly elections between 1990 and 2019 — all of which except the election of 2014 the parties contested together — the BJP's vote share rose from 10.71% to 25.75%. It peaked at 27.81% in 2014, when the parties contested separately. The Sena, by contrast, went from a vote share of 15.94% in 1990 to only 16.41% in 2019, having peaked in 2004 with 19.97%. In 2014, it polled 19.35%.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with current Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray in 2019, ahead of the Lok Sabha polls. *Express Archive*

The current hostility

At the heart of the problems between the Sena and BJP is the latter's aggressive expansionism in Maharashtra, cutting into the political space of the former. The current leadership of the BJP was less accommodating of the demands of its erstwhile partner, and the Sena felt aggrieved and insecure.

Since the formation of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government, the parties have frequently given vent to contempt for each other. While the BJP has accused Thackeray of abandoning Hindutva and pandering to Muslims, the Sena has attacked the BJP for weakening India's democratic structure for political gain.

The acrimony has led to name-calling and trading of personal insults. The Sena has taken offence at the BJP's demand that Thackeray step aside as Chief Minister as he recuperates from a surgery he underwent last November. The suspension of 12 BJP MLAs from the Assembly for a year — a matter that is before the Supreme Court now — and the belief in the MVA that the BJP is misusing the office of the Governor to put hurdles in the path of the

government, has contributed to the rancour.

Message in CM's speech

The Sena this year faces its first major political test since the formation of the MVA government in 2019, in elections to local bodies across the state, including the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the country's richest civic body that is considered the party's personal fief.

The BJP has been making a concerted effort to upstage the Sena at the BMC, and Thackeray's adversarial speech on Sunday was intended to indicate that his party was ready for the fight. Sena leader Sanjay Raut has said that the party would like to expand its base across the country.

The BJP on its part has predicted that the alliance with the NCP and Congress would drag the Sena down further. "Why are you taking out your anger against BJP? In the elections for nagar panchayats, the Shiv Sena emerged fourth. Instead of analysing the reasons, the CM is irrationally targeting the BJP," Fadnis has said.

TOPOF THE
WORLDWikiLeaks founder
Julian Assange

BRITAIN

Assange wins
first stage in
effort to appeal
US extradition

WIKILEAKS FOUNDER Julian Assange on Monday won the first stage of his effort to appeal a UK ruling that opened the door for his extradition to US to stand trial on espionage charges. The High Court in London gave Assange permission to appeal the case to the UK Supreme Court. But the Supreme Court must agree to accept the case before it can move forward. The decision is the latest step in Assange's long battle to avoid trial on a series of charges related to WikiLeaks' publication of classified documents more than a decade ago. Just over a year ago, a district court judge in London had rejected a US extradition request. **AP**

BRITAIN

UK to probe
lawmaker's
claim she was
fired over faith

BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris Johnson on Monday ordered an investigation into a Conservative lawmaker's claim she was fired from a government job in part because of her Muslim faith. Former transport minister Nusrat Ghani said when she was demoted in 2020, a government whip said her "Muslimness" was "making colleagues uncomfortable." She told *Sunday Times* that she was told "there were concerns 'that I wasn't loyal to the party as I didn't do enough to defend the party against Islamophobia allegations.'" **AP**

MEXICO

2nd journalist
shot dead in a
week in Tijuana

A MEXICAN journalist was shot dead in the northern border city of Tijuana on Sunday, the state government said, becoming the second killed in the area within a week. Lourdes Maldonado, a journalist with decades of experience, was shot dead in her car in the Santa Fe neighborhood of Tijuana, the attorney general's office of Baja California said. The killing came less than a week after photojournalist Margarito Martinez, 49, died after being shot in the head outside his home in Tijuana. **REUTERS**

Ukraine crisis: West braces for Russian aggression; NATO sends jets, warships

US says families of American diplomats must leave Ukraine; Moscow denounces 'hysteria'

REUTERS

MOSCOW, BRUSSELS,
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 24

NATO SAID on Monday it was putting forces on standby and reinforcing eastern Europe with more ships and fighter jets, in what Russia denounced as an escalation of tensions over Ukraine.

The move added to a flurry of signals that the West is bracing for an aggressive Russian move against Ukraine. The Kremlin, in response, accused the West of "hysteria".

"NATO will continue to take all necessary measures to protect and defend all allies, including by reinforcing the eastern part of the alliance," NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said.

Britain said it was withdrawing some staff and dependants from its embassy in Ukraine in re-



sponse to "a growing threat from Russia", a day after the United States said it was ordering diplomats' family members to leave.

"Military action by Russia

could come at any time," the US Embassy said in a statement. Officials "will not be in a position to evacuate American citizens in such a contingency, so US citizens

currently present in Ukraine should plan accordingly," it added. US diplomats at the embassy in Kyiv were being allowed to leave voluntarily.

Russia denies planning to invade Ukraine but has used its build-up of an estimated 100,000 troops near the border to force the West to negotiate over a range of demands to redraw the security map of Europe.

It wants NATO to scrap a promise to let Ukraine join one day and to pull back troops and weapons from former Communist countries in eastern Europe that joined it after the Cold War. US says those demands are non-starters.

Russia is awaiting a written response to its demands this week after talks last Friday produced no breakthrough.

Moscow is citing the Western response as evidence that it is under threat from NATO and Ukraine.

"As for specific actions, we see statements by the North Atlantic Alliance about reinforcement, pulling forces and resources to the eastern flank. All this leads to the fact that tensions are growing," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. He said the West was showing "hysteria" and putting out information "laced with lies".

The NATO statement said Denmark, Spain, France and the Netherlands were all planning or considering sending troops, planes or ships to eastern Europe.

US President Joe Biden has begun considering options for boosting US military assets in the region, senior administration officials said, after he met top national security aides at his Camp David retreat on Saturday.

The New York Times said Biden was mulling plans to send 1,000 to 5,000 troops to eastern European countries.



CANADIAN TRUCKERS PROTEST: Truck drivers, protesting against Covid-19 vaccine mandates, drive in a convoy in Fort Lawrence, Nova Scotia, Canada, on Sunday. Canada's trucking industry has warned the country's vaccine mandate for truckers could create driver shortages and fuel inflation. *Reuters*

Omicron spread could
end 'emergency phase'
of pandemic: WHO

MARC SANTORA

JANUARY 24

THE PANDEMIC that has convulsed the world for more than two years is entering a "new phase", and the rapid spread of the Omicron variant offers "plausible hope" for a return to normalcy in the months ahead, the World Health Organisation said in a statement released Monday.

Dr Hans Kluge, the director for the WHO's European region, warned that it was too early for nations to drop their guard, but he said that between vaccination and natural immunity through infection, "Omicron offers plausible hope for stabilisation and normalisation."

His comments echoed the optimism of other leading public health officials around the world, including Dr Anthony Fauci, US President Joe Biden's top medical adviser for the coronavirus.

Fauci said Sunday that while there would be pain in the weeks ahead, especially as Omicron moves through the unvaccinated, the hope was that the continued

CHINA TESTS 2 MN
IN BEIJING, LIFTS
LOCKDOWN IN XI'AN

Beijing: A cluster of Covid-19 cases in Beijing has prompted authorities to test 2 million residents of a district, and impose new measures two weeks ahead of the opening of the Winter Olympics, even as the city of Xi'an in north-central China lifted a month-long lockdown that had isolated its 13 million residents. **AP**

spread of Omicron would not disrupt society to the same degree as other variants of the coronavirus have done over the past two years.

The statement from Kluge offered a similar mix of caution and optimism.

"The pandemic is far from over, but I am hopeful we can end the emergency phase in 2022 and address other health threats that urgently require our attention," Kluge wrote. **NYT**

UK set to scrap Covid tests
for vaccinated travellers

ADITI KHANNA

LONDON, JANUARY 24

FULLY VACCINATED travellers entering England will soon be exempt from any Covid test requirements, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Monday.

Speaking to reporters during a visit to a hospital in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, Johnson said the daily Omicron variant data is getting better and it was time for the country to be more open for travellers. Over the weekend, the UK recorded 74,799 cases and 75 Covid deaths.

"Although we have to be cautious, we are now moving

through the Omicron wave, and you can see the figures are starting to get better," Johnson said.

"So, what we're doing on travel, to show that this country is open for business, open for travellers, you will see changes so that people arriving no longer have to take tests if they have been vaccinated, if they have been double vaccinated," he said.

Fully vaccinated travellers currently need to do a lateral flow or PCR test within two days of arriving in England after a pre-arrival test requirement was done away with earlier this week. The devolved regions of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland usually adopt similar rules on travel. **PTI**

German university
shooting: 4 injured,
gunman dead

Berlin: A lone gunman wounded four people, some of them seriously, during a lecture at Heidelberg University in southwestern Germany on Monday, police said. Police said the perpetrator was dead, but didn't give details of how that happened. German news agency dpa reported that the gunman killed himself. It also reported that the gunman is believed to have been a student himself. **AP**

Burkina Faso President detained,
soldiers say junta now in control

SAM MEDNICK

OUAGADOUGOU, JANUARY 24

MORE THAN a dozen mutinous soldiers declared Monday on state television that a military junta had seized control of Burkina Faso after the democratically elected President was detained following a day of gunbattles in the capital.

Captain Sidsore Kabre Ouedraogo said that the Patriotic Movement for Safeguarding and Restoration would work to establish a calendar "acceptable to everyone" for holding new elections. He did not give details.

The statements came soon after ruling political party warned that soldiers had nearly completed a coup in the West African nation after trying to assassinate President Roch Marc Christian Kabore and taking control of public airwaves.

It was not clear who was in control of the country, which was once a bastion of stability in the region but has been beset by a deepening insurgency in recent years. The soldiers said the embattled President had been detained, but a statement on his Twitter account did not address whether he was in their custody.

"What appeared to be a simple mutiny by a few elements of the army" on Sunday was "moving hourly towards a military coup against our hard-won democracy," said the statement issued by Kabore's party.



Bullet holes are seen on a car that belong to the presidency, near the residence of the President, in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Monday. *Reuters*

Rising anger as insurgency takes toll

INSURGENTS CON-

TROL swathes of

Burkina Faso, and at-

tacks unleashed by

them have seen scores

of civilian and military deaths.

Anger about the government's

inability to prevent these at-

tacks have led to street

protests in recent days.

EXPLAINED

Reports about troops going weeks without food rations have worsened the anger.

Mutinying soldiers demand resources and training to help them in their fight against the militants, who have links to the Islamic State group and Al Qaeda.

The country's democracy is "being held hostage by a group of armed men with ulterior motives," the party warned.

The ruling party accused the mutinous soldiers of trying to assassinate Kabore and another gov-

ernment minister and said the presidential palace remained surrounded by "heavily armed and hooded men."

The President's tweet called on the soldiers to put down their arms. **AP**

UAE, US intercept Houthi strike targeting Abu Dhabi

JON GAMBRELL

DUBAI, JANUARY 24

THE UNITED Arab Emirates and the US military intercepted two ballistic missiles fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels over the skies of Abu Dhabi early Monday, authorities said, the second attack in a week that targeted the Emirati capital.

The missile fire further escalates tensions across the Persian Gulf, which previously had seen a series of assaults near — but never indisputably on — Emirati



Remains of ballistic missile that was intercepted. *Reuters*

soil. It comes during Yemen's yearslong war and the collapse

of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers. American troops at Al-Dhafra Air Base in the capital took shelter in bunkers during the attack and fired back with their own Patriot missiles.

The attacks threaten the business-friendly, tourism-focused efforts of the Emirates, a federation of seven sheikhdoms on the Arabian Peninsula also home to Dubai.

The state-run WAM news agency said that missile fragments fell harmlessly over Abu Dhabi. The Emirates is "ready to deal

with any threats and ... it takes all necessary measures to protect the state from all attacks," WAM quoted the UAE Defense Ministry as saying.

A US military official acknowledged the assistance of American Patriot missile batteries prevented the Houthi missiles from striking targets in Abu Dhabi.

Houthi military spokesman Yehia Sarei claimed the attack in a statement, saying the rebels targeted several sites in the UAE with both Zulfikar ballistic missiles and drones. **AP**

Pak journalist shot dead
outside Lahore Press Club

M ZULQERNAIN

LAHORE, JANUARY 24

A PAKISTANI journalist was shot dead by unidentified men outside the Lahore Press Club (LPC) here on Monday, police said.

"Hasnain Shah, who was in his 40s, was parking his car outside the press club when two motorcyclists opened indiscriminate fire, killing him on the spot," an official of Inspector General of Police

(IGP), Punjab official told PTI. Both armed men managed to flee the congested area, he said.

Shah, a resident of Lahore, was working as Crime Reporter for Capital TV. He is survived by his wife and two children.

"We are investigating reports that he had enmity with some people," the official said.

Journalists' associations in Pakistan have condemned Shah's killing and demanded the arrest of his killers. **PTI**

LITTLE-KNOWN CHINESE FIRM SAYS IT TOOK OVER THE ACCOUNT UNAWARE IT WAS HIS

Australia PM loses control of WeChat account

KIRSTY NEEDHAM &

EDUARDO BAPTISTA

SYDNEY, JANUARY 24

A LITTLE-KNOWN Chinese technology company that took over a WeChat social media account set up for Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison said on Monday it wanted to buy an account with a large fanbase in Australia, and was unaware it was his.

Australian politicians said Morrison's office lost access to the account on the platform, owned by Chinese tech giant Tencent Holdings Ltd, several months ago. The politicians claimed the move represented censorship amid



Australian PM Scott Morrison

growing diplomatic tensions between Canberra and Beijing with a national election to be held in Australia by May.

The account, which bore Morrison's photograph and posted information on his policies in Mandarin targeted at

Australian voters of Chinese ethnic origin, had 76,000 followers.

The account was renamed 'Australia China New Life' in January by its new Chinese owner, Fuzhou 985 Technology, based in Fujian province, which notified followers the account would instead promote Chinese life in Australia.

An employee from Fuzhou 985 Technology, who only gave his surname as Huang, told Reuters by telephone that the firm was not aware the account was previously connected to Morrison. He said the transfer of ownership was conducted with a Chinese male national living in Fuzhou, whose identity he declined to disclose.

"We thought this account had a large fanbase, so we decided to buy it," said Huang, adding that the company was looking for an account whose target audience was the Chinese community in Australia. He declined to say how much his company had paid to take over the account.

Australia's two major political parties have used the Chinese social media platform to communicate with Australian voters of Chinese ethnicity in tightly fought electoral contests since 2019. The ruling Liberal Party would have aimed to use the Morrison account to promote its policies during the Chinese New Year celebrations starting February 1. **REUTERS**

SAJJAD HUSSAIN

ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 24

JUSTICE AYESHA Malik on Monday took oath as the first woman judge of Pakistan's Supreme Court.

Chief Justice of Pakistan, Gulzar Ahmad, administered the oath to 55-year-old Malik in a ceremony that was attended by other judges of the country's top court, the country's attorney general, lawyers, and others.

Pakistan's Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry congratulated Malik on her "landmark elevation". "A powerful picture symbolises women empowerment in Pakistan," Fawad tweeted alongside the pic-



Chief Justice of Pakistan, Gulzar Ahmad, and Justice Ayesha Malik in Islamabad on Monday. *Twitter/@PakPMO*

ture of the oath-taking ceremony. Last Friday, the Ministry of Law had issued a notification saying Malik's elevation has been approved by Pakistan

President Arif Alvi. Malik was previously a Lahore High Court judge, a position she was appointed to in March 2012. **PTI**

21 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹48,431



RUPEE

₹74.60



OIL

\$86.28



SILVER

₹64,793

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of January 21

SENSEX: 57,491.51 ▼ 1,545.67 (-2.62%) NIFTY: 17,149.10 ▼ 468.05 (-2.66%) NIKKEI: 27,588.37 ▲ 66.11 HANG SENG: 24,656.46 ▼ 309.09 FTSE: 7,403.68 ▼ 90.45 DAX: 15,309.54 ▼ 294.34

International market data till 1900 IST

SECTOR WATCH
MANUFACTURINGCharging up
electronic goods
exports: Target
\$120 bn by FY26ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) aims to achieve exports worth \$120 billion from the \$300-billion electronics manufacturing target set for 2025-26, the second volume of a roadmap and strategies document of the Ministry showed.

"Furthermore, continuing on the path of import substitution, India's domestic electronics market is estimated to reach at best \$150-180 billion from the current \$65 billion over the next 4-5 years. Thus, exports of \$120-140 billion is critical to reach the \$300 billion mark for electronics manufacturing," the Ministry said. Speaking at the launch of the second volume of the roadmap, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said for achieving the target, the government would work as a unit and not in silos as had been the norm in the past. The Minister added the telecommunications department would not interfere in policy matters related to manufacturing of mobile phones and allied components. "Telecom department is not going to enter mobile manufacturing at all. That regime is not going to change," Vaishnaw said, adding there would be

ASHWINI VAISHNAW
IT Minister

other structural changes to the policies as well, which would improve the ease of doing business of mobile phone manufacturing companies in India.

In the second volume of the vision document prepared by the IT Ministry, prepared in extensive consultation with the industry and policy groups such as the India Cellular & Electronics Association (ICEA), the Ministry has suggested that in order to achieve success at the global level in the long term and ensure that India remains at the forefront of electronics manufacturing, due focus on creation of domestic conglomerates was necessary. "Financial incentives provided under the respective PLI schemes may act as a major booster for increasing the presence and manufacturing activities in India," the vision document mentioned.

\$900 MN IN FUNDRAISING

Growth, competition in focus:
Swiggy, Ola arm pick up funds

Food-tech platform raises \$700 mn while electric scooter maker gets \$200 mn

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

TWO BENGALURU-BASED companies on Monday announced raising nearly a billion dollars in fresh funds — with ride-hailing firm Ola's electric scooter spinoff, Ola Electric, raising \$200 million and food-tech platform Swiggy announcing \$700 million investment from marquee investors.

Swiggy, which has recently also ventured into the grocery delivery segment, raised \$700 million in a round led by US-based investment fund Invesco. The round also saw participation from new investors such as Baron Capital Group, Sumeru Venture, IIFL AMC Late Stage Tech Fund, Kotak, Axis Growth Avenues AIF- I, Sixteenth Street Capital, Ghisallo, Smile Group and Segantil Capital. It also saw participation from Swiggy's existing investors such as Alpha

EXPLAINED
Swiggy, a decacorn

THE ROUND, led by US-based investment fund Invesco, valued Swiggy at \$10.7 billion, catapulting it to the decacorn status — a unicorn valued at over \$10 billion.

Wave Global, Qatar Investment Authority, and ARK Impact, and Prosus. The round valued Swiggy at \$10.7 billion, catapulting it to the decacorn status — a unicorn valued at over \$10 billion. At its last \$1.25-billion fundraising in July last year, it was valued at \$5.5 billion. Meanwhile, Swiggy's key rival Zomato, which went public last year, has seen its market capitalisation plummet over the last few

trading sessions to close at \$9.6 billion on Monday.

In a statement, the company said that the latest fundraise will allow Swiggy to accelerate growth on its core platform (the food delivery segment), in addition to making investments in Instamart (the grocery delivery vertical).

"The GMV of our food delivery business achieved in 40 months, took Instamart just 17 months, demonstrating the platform benefits of Swiggy. We will double down on this to build more categories in line with our mission of offering unparalleled convenience to Indian consumers," said Sriharsha Majety, CEO, Swiggy.

Recently, Swiggy had announced investment of \$700 million over a period of time in expanding its quick-commerce vertical Instamart — a segment that is witnessing intense competition from players such as Zepto, Blinkit (formerly Grofers), and

Dunzo, which is backed by Reliance Industries and Google.

Separately, Ola Electric, which claims to have built the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility, received \$200 million from Tekne Private Ventures, Alpine Opportunity Fund, Edelweiss and others, valuing the firm at \$5 billion. The company, which operates on a direct-to-consumer model has recently faced the fallout of customer complaints with regard to delivery delays, charger installations, etc. with its S1 range of scooters. Ola Electric's last major fundraise of \$200 million happened in September at a \$3 billion valuation, while the parent company Ola Cabs, which is lining itself up for an initial public offering, raised \$500 million in debt-financing from global institutional investors last month. Ola Electric, separately, had raised around \$53 million in December in a financing round led by Temasek.

'Fuel demand recovery to
continue amid easing curbs'

Fuel demand will continue to recover through the current quarter as the easing of Covid-19 pandemic-related restrictions boosts economic activity, Fitch Ratings said



Expectations of demand recovery remain subject to further restrictions due to the risk of a resurgence of Covid-19 cases with the emergence of new variants

DEMAND ROSE 5% year-on-year (y-o-y) in April-December 2021, but the overall monthly average was about 8-10% lower than the pre-pandemic level at 16.4 million tonnes

NATURAL GAS production rose 22% y-o-y in April-December 2021 and the momentum is likely to continue over the next 12-18 months, before stabilising in FY23

CORE OIL refining margins of

BPCL, IOC and HPCL during H1FY22 (April-September 2021) improved to \$5.1 per barrel, \$6.6 and \$2.9 a barrel, respectively, on account of rebounding demand, wider gasoline spreads & inventory gains

RECOVERY should support higher throughput at most oil marketing companies and strong prices are expected to improve the financial profiles of upstream oil and gas companies

Source: Fitch Ratings/PTI

FUTURE RETAIL INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR ON AMAZON PROPOSAL

'Can't accept offer until legally viable'

New Delhi: Independent directors of Future Retail have turned down Amazon's offer of financial support to the company through a deal with private equity firm Samara Capital, saying any legally invalid offer cannot be accepted.

Future Retail's independent directors had last week asked Amazon if it was willing to give a long-term loan to avoid default on repayment of Rs 3,500 crore loan due on January 29. Amazon replied

to that saying it was willing to assist Future Retail through the Samara Capital deal but the retailer must shelve the deal with Reliance group. Speaking to PTI, Ravindra Dhariwal, independent director at FRL, said if Amazon wants to help, it needs to show the structure via which it will put money.

"We cannot accept the offer until and unless it is legally valid and unless it comes in time..." he said. PTI

Future Retail misses
interest payment

New Delhi: Future Retail Ltd on Monday said it has missed payment of interest due on the dollar denominated notes, listed on Singapore Stock Exchange, due to weakening of its liquidity position. PTI

ON EXPORTS OF PET PRODUCTS TO US, COLD ROLLED STEEL TO EU

Trade defence wing secures lower duties

New Delhi: The Trade Defence Wing under the Director General of Trade Remedies (DGTIR) has helped Indian exporters secure reduced duties on exports of PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) products to the US and cold rolled steel in the EU, the Commerce Ministry said on Monday. The DGTIR conducts investigations on subsidised and dumped imports and also protects the interest of



JNPT, Navi Mumbai. File

Indian exporters through TDW. "Active intervention of Trade

Defence Wing results in imposition of duties as low as 0.45% by European Commission," on exports of stainless-steel cold rolled products the release noted. In a review on countervailing duties, (duties aimed at addressing import subsidies) on the export of PET film, sheet & strip from India, the US imposed a preliminary duty of 2.82 per cent against 11.67 per cent imposed earlier for the year 2018. ENS

OVER 'DECEPTIVE LOCATION-TRACKING PRACTICES'

Google faces lawsuits in 3 US states

Washington: Texas, Indiana and the District of Columbia sued Alphabet Inc's Google on Monday over what they called deceptive location-tracking practices that invade users' privacy.

"Google falsely led consumers to believe that changing their account and device settings would allow customers to protect their privacy and control what personal data the company could access," Washington, D.C., Attorney General Karl Racine's office said in a statement.

'WILL SET RECORD
STRAIGHT'

Reuters file

A spokesperson said Google "will defend itself vigorously and set the record straight"

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson also said his office was filing a lawsuit. Google spokesperson Jose Castaneda said the "attorneys general are bringing a case based on inaccurate claims and outdated assertions about our settings... We will vigorously defend ourselves and set the record straight."

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said Google misled consumers by continuing to track their location even when users sought to prevent it. REUTERS

BRIEFLY

Oil dives 3%

New York: Concerns over possible quicker-than-expected rate hikes by the US Fed that dragged equities, oil fell about 3%. Brent fell \$2.65, or 3%, to \$85.24, and US WTI by \$3.02, or 3.6%, to \$82.12. By 1705 GMT. REUTERS

Contingency fund

New Delhi: The Centre tweaked spending norms for Contingency Fund of India, allowing 40% of total corpus to be placed at disposal of Expenditure Secretary.

VRR auction

Mumbai: The RBI will do an overnight variable rate repo auction under liquidity adjustment facility on Monday for ₹75,000 crore. The date of reversal is on January 25.

Co-op banks fine

Mumbai: The RBI has fined 8 cooperative banks — The Associate Co-operative Bank Ltd, The Varachha Co-operative Bank Ltd, Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Ltd, Vasai Janata Sahakari Bank, Rajkot Peoples Co-operative Bank, Bhadradi Co-operative Urban Bank, The Jammu Central Co-operative Bank Ltd and Jodhpur Nagrik Sahakari Bank — over discrepancies in regulatory compliances.

ULIP proceeds

New Delhi: Unit linked insurance plans (ULIPs) proceeds have been made taxable to create "level-playing field" with mutual funds, I-T Department sources said. PTI

Meta AI

New York: Meta said its research team has built a new AI supercomputer that it thinks will be the fastest when completed in mid-2022.

Tesla EV battery

Tokyo: Panasonic will start producing its new Li-ion battery for Tesla by 2023, with plans to invest about \$705 million in facilities in Japan, said Nikkei. REUTERS

Address governance
issues ahead of board
meet, Sebi tells PFSENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

MARKET REGULATOR Sebi has asked PTC India Financial Services (PFS) to address corporate governance and all other issues raised by the company's resigning independent directors and former Chairperson before holding any board meeting. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has also asked the company to file an action taken report in this regard to it within four weeks.

In an exchange filing, PFS said, "We would like to mention that a meeting of the board of directors was scheduled to be held on January 22. However, as the company did not have quorum in compliance of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the same could not be held."

The company has also filed an application with Sebi seeking exemption from relevant provisions to schedule the board meeting for the appointment of independent directors. "We further wish to mention that Independent Directors of the company resigned on January 19 mentioning corporate governance issues as raised by ex-Chairman in PFS board meeting dated August 5, 2021. It is pertinent to mention that PFS MD & CEO addressed all the concerns of ex-Chairman in the same board meeting," the company said.

Citing corporate governance issues, independent directors — Kamlesh Shivji Vikamesh, Santosh B Nayar and Thomas Mathew T — quit the PFS board last week.

On August 5, 2021, the board, including the ex-Chairman and



Sebi building, Mumbai. It has sought an action taken report within 4 weeks. File

outgoing independent directors, provided a "clean corporate governance report in the board report for financial year ended March 2021 and acknowledged with deep appreciation the co-operation received from directors", the company said. "We further wish to inform that subsequently on September 24, 2021, ex-Chairman addressed the shareholders of the company in 15th annual general meeting with appreciation to the company and mentioned no concern related to corporate governance," the filing by PFS added.

"We are closely monitoring the situation and observed that there are differences of opinion at operation and the board level of PFS on few issues. These issues are being looked into by a senior level committee of the company," Rajib K Mishra, Director (M&BD) and Chairman & MD In-charge, PTC India, said last week.

Promoted by PTC India Ltd, PFS is registered with the RBI as an NBFC. Meanwhile, PFS refused the allegations raised by the resigned directors and said the matter will be addressed at the board level.

'Cartelisation' by maritime
transporters: 3 cos finedENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

THE COMPETITION regulator has ordered four maritime transport companies to cease and desist from anti-competitive conduct, and penalised three of them, for cartelisation in providing shipping services to automobile OEMs for various trade routes.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) concluded that Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha (NYK Line), Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha Ltd (K-Line), Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd (MOL) and Nissan Motor Car Carrier Company (NMCC) had agreed as part of a "respect rule" to avoid competition with each other and protect the business of the incumbent carrier with the respective original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

"The PCCs (Pure Car Carriers) would respect the business of the incumbent carrier by either providing a quote above the incumbent's rates or refraining from quoting," the CCI concluded. The commission noted that the companies had multilateral and bilateral contracts, meetings and email exchanges in which they shared commercially sensitive information including freight rates "with the aim of restricting competition and maintaining the status quo."

While agreeing not to compete with one another, these companies also maintained or increased freight prices by resisting requests for price reductions from some OEMs, the CCI said

'RAISED PRICES'

While agreeing not to compete with one another, these companies also maintained or increased freight prices by resisting requests for price reductions from some OEMs, the CCI said

While agreeing not to compete with one another, these companies also maintained or increased freight prices by resisting requests for price reductions from some OEMs, the CCI said

While agreeing not to compete with one another, these companies also maintained or increased freight prices by resisting requests for price reductions from some OEMs, the CCI said

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Keshavapuram Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500 004. T.S.

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

EP.No. and Date	Name of Work	Approx.ECV
EP. No. 02, dt: 24.01.2022	Supply, delivery and installation of CCTV Cameras at reservoir sites of HMWSSB.	Rs.192 Lakhs

1. The bid documents download starts online from: **25.01.2022**
2. Further details can be seen @ <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Keshavapuram Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, T.S.

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Tender Notice No.44/2021-22/SE(W-III)/EE-V(A)/ DB. Dt:22-01-2022

Number of works : 1 No
Value of work : Rs.170.18 Lakhs
Tender Opening Date : 22-01-2022
Closing Date : 07-02-2022

Note: Further details at <http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in>
O/o the EE-VA Cell No.9948078507 SE(Works-III)

RAJASTHAN MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)
Gandhi Block, Swasthya Bhawan, Tilak Marg, Jaipur - 302005, India
Phone No. : 0141-2228066, 2228064 Website : www.rmssc.health.rajasthan.gov.in
CIN : U24232RJ2011SGC035067 E-mail : edpmrsc@nic.in

Ref. No. : F-02 (348)/RMSC/PROCUREMENT/DRUG/NIB-05/2022/77 Dated :- 13/01/2022

Notice Inviting E-Bid

E-bids are invited upto 6.00 PM of 24.1.2022 for SHORT TERM E-BID FOR RATE CONTRACT CUM SUPPLY AND EMANELMENT OF DRUGS AND MEDICINES. Details of NIB may be seen in the Bidding Documents at our office or at the website of state Public procurement Portal <http://sppr.raj.nic.in> (UBN - MSC1222A0150) www.dipronline.org, <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> <http://rmssc.health.rajasthan.gov.in> and may be downloaded from there.

Executive Director (Procurement)
RMSC

राज. स्वां.र/सी/2021-22/10824

CUMBUM MUNICIPALITY
Roc No : 2130/2021/E1 E-Tendering Notice (Two Cover system) Dated : 21.01.2022
Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned a Construction of Weekly Market at Ward No.3 in Cumbum Municipality works under Kalaignar Nagarpura Mampattu Thittam (KNMT) 2021-22 in Thert District. Under this scheme the Municipal Commissioner, Cumbum invites sealed bids from the eligible and qualified contractors for the following works as detailed in the table given below :

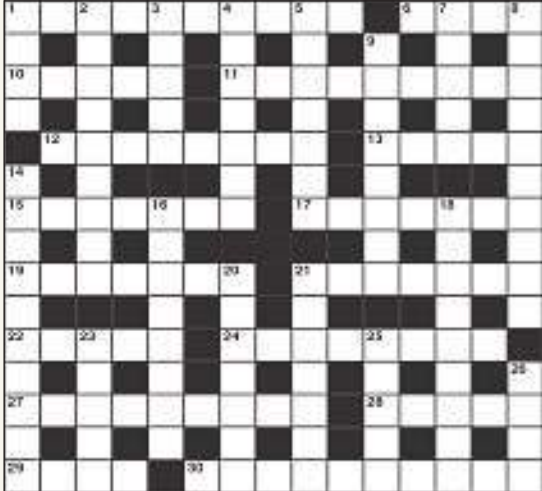
Sl. No	Package No	Estimate Amount	Tender document downloaded from	Tender opening	Period of Completion
1	I	Rs. 775.00 lakhs	24.01.2022 - 10.00 AM	02.03.2022 at 3.30 PM	1 Year

Pre-Bid conference **24.02.2022** at 11.00 AM in the office of Cumbum Municipality. Tender document and schedule available in <http://tenders.gov.in> can be downloaded at free of cost. The Bidding document will be received by the Commissioner, Cumbum by way of off-line and e-submission also in 2 cover system upto **02.03.2022, 3.00 PM** EMD, 1% of the value of work should be submitted along with the tender. If e-tender, the EMD should be dropped in the tender box before closure time, it is at: **3.30 PM on 02.03.2022**. Evaluation of bids will be done as per Tender Transparency Act 1998 of Government of Tamil Nadu and rules there on. If the said tender date happens to be a holiday, the tenders will be opened on the next working day. The Municipal Commissioner reserves the rights to accept or reject any bidding document at any time without assigning any reason therefor. Eligibility criteria and other details can be had from the Bidding document.

For other details contact : commr.cumbum@tn.gov.in Phone No : 04554-271283 Commissioner, Cumbum Municipality

DIPR/541/TENDER/2022

CROSSWORD 4646



ACROSS
1 Game in which Tom goes nap (4,6)
6 Dust one may well find on the bathroom shelf (4)
10 Lean over (5)
11 Being a hundred feet long one might say (9)
12 It was reconstituted before so to speak (2,2,4)
13 Put underground in Algonquin territory (5)
15 It's certainly not for quiet reading (4,3)
17 Is stout perhaps so doesn't dance (4,3)
19 A new role in flight control (7)
21 Look after if you like (4,3)
22 A bit of sorrow rather than anger (5)
24 Always faithful? (8)
27 Watch and see how long the music takes (9)
28 Ending in no score to a poor game (5)
29 Healthy dislike may make one so (4)
30 Changes position and rearranges one's straps (10)

DOWN
1 A number with deposit money (4)
2 It may be spotted in the woods wearing a cap (9)
3 Many take a break at the top of the hill (5)
4 Nine act in an old-fashioned way (7)
5 Soldiers who had a point in joining the army (7)
7 Get involved with an intermediary (5)
8 High church feature easily understood by the congregation (10)
9 Tend to have little rest for recreation (8)
14 A bather may do it if he can't stand swimming (5,5)
16 Old gasbags? (8)
18 They do wrong to stop interrupting proposals (9)
20 Type of reaction that may be unclear (7)
21 Restaurant cutlery (7)
23 Had the intention of making a half turn? (5)
25 Alternative put up in top company (5)
26 Assemble in mother ship (4)

Solutions Crossword 4645: Across: 1 Organic, 5 Ranks, 8 Fusiliers, 9 Gum, 10 Rifle, 12 Brighten, 14 Errors, 15 Meteor, 17 Research, 18 Area, 21 Tea, 22 Hairbrush, 24 Cider, 25 Tedious. Down: 1 Offer, 2 Gas, 3 Nile, 4 Cherry, 5 Resigned, 6 Nightgear, 7 Seminar, 11 Firm stand, 13 Breather, 14 Erratic, 16 Script, 19 Aches, 20 Abed, 23 UFO.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

___ owes its birth to ___. - John Gay (6,,5)

DSIAO
[Shaded squares: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

EYLSY
[Shaded squares: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

ESUDHH
[Shaded squares: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

AJISGW
[Shaded squares: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

Answer: DSAIO - DSAIO, EYLSY - EYLSY, ESUDHH - ESUDHH, AJISGW - AJISGW

SUDOKU 4725

Difficulty Level 4s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4724

1	2	4	6	5	9	7	3	8
8	5	7	1	4	3	9	6	2
3	9	6	7	8	2	4	1	5
9	8	5	4	7	1	3	2	6
4	3	1	9	2	6	8	5	7
6	7	2	8	3	5	1	9	4
2	4	3	5	1	7	6	8	9
5	6	8	3	9	4	2	7	1
7	1	9	2	6	8	5	4	3

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E SRINIWASपुर: NEW DELHI: 110065				
Press N.I.T. NO. 51 (2021-22)				
S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Date of release of tender in E- procurement solution	Last date /time of receipt of tender through e- procurement solution
1.	Renovation and face lifting of Admin block at Yamuna Vihar STP. (Re-Invite). 2022_DJB_215245_1	38,71,600/-	22/01/2022	04/02/2022 up to 3:00 P.M.
2.	Renovation and face lifting of office block at Vasant Kunj STP, Sector-B. (Re-Invite).. 2022_DJB_215245_2	39,78,842/-	22/01/2022	04/02/2022 up to 3:00 P.M.

* Further detail in this regard can be seen at <http://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/nicgep/app>.
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1043 (2021-22) EX. ENGINEER (CIVIL) PLANT SDW S/E
"STOP CORONA; Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M-10) ENGINEERS BHAWAN, 2ND FLOOR, ANDREWS GANJ, NEAR MOOL CHAND CROSSING, NEW DELHI-110049 Mail: - acem10.djb@gmail.com						
NIT No. 16(ACE(M-10)/AEE(T) M-10/2021-22						
S. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money	Tender Fee	Estimate Cost (in Lacs)	Completion Period	Last date / time of receipt of tender through e-Procurement solution
1.	Replacement of old damaged sewer line in Shanti Niketan under AEE(M)-44 R.K. Puram.	79,200/-	500/-	39,59,902/-	75 days	22.01.2022 09.02.2022 3.00 PM
2.	Replacement of old damaged sewer line in Anand Niketan under AEE(M)-44 R.K. Puram.	63,100/-	500/-	31,52,314/-	60 days	22.01.2022 09.02.2022 3.00 PM
3.	Shifting of badly damaged/settled main 450 mm dia sewer line from Om Bikaner Sweets J-1/337 DDA flats Kalkaji to Tara apartment Red light on Guru Ravidass Marg under EE(M)-50, GK.	78,200/-	500/-	39,07,039/-	90 days	22.01.2022 09.02.2022 3.00 PM
4.	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of existing old 450mm dia sewer line by 600 mm dia sewer line from Savitri Cinema to E-574 Greater Kailash-II under EE(M)-50, GK.	86,200/-	500/-	43,31,991/-	90 days	22.01.2022 09.02.2022 3.00 PM
5.	Improvement of sewerage system from H.No-1 to 20 and 25 to 32 in Pkt-B Sidharth Extension under EE(M)-41, Jangpura.	94,900/-	500/-	47,44,828/-	90 days	22.01.2022 09.02.2022 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://delhiprocurement.gov.in>
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1042 (2021-22) ASSTT. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-10
STOP CORONA; "Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SG001919

No.: KPCL/2021-22/PS/WORK_INDENT 11474/CALL-3 Date: 20.01.2022

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through e-procurement Portal Only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-procurement Portal: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> for the work of "Supply, installation and commissioning of Dew point analyzers for Instrument Air Compressors (IAC) & Hydrogen services at RTPS for units-1,2,4,5,6,7 & 8". E.M.D: Rs. 1,63,500/- Last date & time for receipt of tender: 28.01.2022, 16:00Hrs. Date & time for operation of bids: Technical Bid: 29.01.2022 at 17:00Hrs. Price Bid: 31.01.2022 at 17:00Hrs. All the relevant details of the bids are available in the above mentioned e-portal. Further details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer(I-4), RTPS, KPCL, Shakthinagar-584170. Raichur District. Karnataka State.

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly Owned by Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
CIN - U04010KA2002SGC030438

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Platform)

BESCOM invites Short Term Tender against Enquiry No: BCP-1373/2021-22 for Availing Man Power Services to 24x7 BESCOM Customer Helpline. Quantity : (a) Customer Support Executives – 375 Nos. (b) Team Leaders – 23 Nos. (c) Team Managers – 4 Nos.

Bid Documents available from : 25.01.2022 to 05.02.2022. 15:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of Bids : 05.02.2022. 15:00 Hrs. Opening of Bid Document : 07.02.2022. 15:15 Hrs.

The Tender documents can be obtained through e-procurement portal web-site <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. Aspiring Bidders need to register on e-procurement portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with e-procurement help desk contact numbers 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777 or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com

Sd/- The General Manager, (Elec.),
Procurement, BESCOM, 4th Floor,
K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560 001,
Ph.No: 080-22354939, Fax: 080-22352485.

For electricity related complaints call : 1912
Download BESCOM Mithra Mobile APP

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)			
Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No	Total
1	CE/MM	56, 57	2

For details of works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites, www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app
DIPR/574/Tender/2022

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
TENDER NOTICE			
Tender Notice No. :- Elect/TRD/MB/2021-22/TN-10			Date : 22.01.2022
Department	Electrical (TRD)	Electrical (TRD)	
Tender No.	T-13-TRD-MB-21-22	T-14-TRD-MB-21-22	
Name of work	Modification in existing SCADA system (SYNERGY Make) of Moradabad-Ghaziabad section	Trimming of Tree Branches over MB Division Phase-2	
Tender Closing Date & Time	07.02.2022, 15:00 Hrs.	07.02.2022, 15:00 Hrs.	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	Rs. 3136780 (including GST)	Rs. 1462563 (including GST)	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Rs. 62700/-	Rs. 29300/-	
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	NIL	NIL	
Validity of offer (Days)	45 days	45 days	
Period of completion	3 Months	6 Months	
Website particulars & Address of office	www.ireps.gov.in	www.ireps.gov.in	
	Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	
			159/22
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE			

HP STATE COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION LIMITED
TOTU, SHIMLA – 171011

No: 485/P&I-8/15-XIII Dated: 25.01.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

H.P. Milkfed invites annual rate contract for the online bids on item rabbit/ware, in electronic tendering system, in 2 cover system for the following item on FOR basis :-

1. MONO CARTONS FOR PACKING (1 Litre) GHEE : size 110mm(L) x 65mm(B) x 175mm(H) with minimum Five colours or more should be made from (Laminated outside): Board-GSM 400, Smoothness-Micron Max.2.5, Brightness %age 80, Surface strength M/S Min. 1, Gloss %age Min. 35, COBB (1 minute) GSM-Top Max. 35, Bottom Max. 100, Moisture content %age: 7.0-9.0, Burst Factor-Kg/50 Cm.Avg. 22, pH-5.5-6.5 Ash %age 10, Caliper (Micron) 475, Stiffness Milli Newton (mN) Machine Direction MD 435, ii) Cross Direction, CD, iii) Geomatrixmean, GM. The tolerance limit will be: Stiffness (+/-) 10%, Caliper (+/-) 5%, GSM (+/-) 3%, Brightness (+/-) 1.5%, Burst Factor (+/-) 10%. Approx. Qty 2 Lakh Annually

2. Panzer Pouch : Panzer Pouch capacity 200gm (Food Grade) of LDPE printed in cut-side size pouch 175x150mm made of Multilayer film of polyester 12 micron, 35 micron LD, 12 Micron Metalized Polyester and multilayer 3 ply of 55-60 micron printed in Six Colour. Approx. Qty 2 Lakh-3 Lakh Annually

3. Ghee Corrugated Boxes : One coloured Printed laminated corrugated boxes (Lamination from inside) of 5-ply virgin for the packing of 1 litre Ghee of capacity 12 packets in one box having dimension 380mm(L) x 227mm(B) x 212mm(H) with 1 nas virgin craft of 140 GSM for top and 20BF of all ply, 4 ply of 120gms for centre with separator, BS of Box=10Kgs/1Kg per cm², wt. of box=480gms/15gm including separator of 3ply of 120 GSM & 20BF. Approx. Qty 20,000-25000 Annually

4. Curd Corrugated Boxes : One coloured printed laminated corrugated boxes of 3-ply virgin for the packing of 200gm curd of capacity 12 packets in one box having dimension 292mm(L) x 195mm(B) x 115mm(H) including separator. Approx. Qty 10,000-15000 Annually.

5. S.S.Bucket/Pail capacity 5 litre : - S.S Bucket capacity 5 liters with push and pull lid made from 304 grade SS Sheet, 20 gauge (0.6mm) and weight 800gm±25gm. in single piece. Approx. Qty 1450 nos.

The Bid document is available/published online for Sr.no.01 and Sr.no.02 on dt. 27.01.2022 upto 04.00PM and for Sr.no.03, Sr.no.04 and Sr.no.05 on dt. 28.01.2022 upto 04.00PM. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission on bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders should visit websites in <https://tntenders.gov.in> & <https://tntenders.gov.in> for complete details. Bidders should visit the website from time to time to note the corrigendum, if any.

Sd/-
Managing Director

Coal India Limited
Maharatna Company)

All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd. www.coalindia.in respective Subsidiary Company, CIL e-procurement portal <https://coalindiatenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <https://eprocure.gov.in>. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <https://gem.gov.in>.

Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Delhi
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

O.A. No. 101/2019
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Versus Applicant
Praveen Kumar & Ors.
Defendants

To,
1. Shri Praveen Kumar S/o Shri Ram Kumar, R/o House No. 1/127, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110018. Also at: WZ-20 FF, Sant Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018
2. Smt. Anushika W/o Shri Praveen Kumar, R/o House No. 1/127, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110060. Also at: WZ-20 FF, Sant Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018
3. M/s Global Mega Venture Pvt. Ltd., Global Park City, Sector-2, Katara Hills Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 39,15,748/- (Rs Thirty Nine Lacs Fifteen thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only) against you and whereas it has been shown that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Hon'ble Tribunal on 14-03-2022 at 10.30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.tribunaldi.gov.in) Phone No. 011-23748473)

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/ Software;

(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua recovery to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/ and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 13th January, 2022
by order of this Tribunal
for Registrar

Respondent may contact under mention phone number for further enquiry.
Amit K. Dar, Ld. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi, Phone: 011-23748473
E-mail: drt1delhi-dfs@nic.in

कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद् पीथमपुर, जिला धार (म.प्र.)

क्रमांक/275/न.पा./22 पीथमपुर, दिनांक :- 20/01/2022

:- ई - निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-

नगर पालिका पीथमपुर क्षेत्रान्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य की निविदा सूचना ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धति से ई-प्रोक्वायरेमेंट पोर्टल (<http://www.mptenders.gov.in>) पर आमंत्रित है। निविदा का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

क्र.	पोर्टल क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनु. लागत (लाख)	अर्नेस्ट मनी	समयावधि	टेंडर फंडर शुल्क
1	2022_UAD_180660_1	आश्वरथ चौराहा से डाकबंगला तक सर्विस रोड के शेष कार्य अन्तर्गत सी.सी. रोड, ड्रेन निर्माण एवं पेवर ब्लाक कार्य (RHS)	173.50	86750/-	4 माह	12500/-

- समय सारणी:-
01. निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की प्रारंभ दिनांक :- 22.01.2022 (प्रातः 11:00 बजे से)
02. निविदा ऑनलाईन क्रय/बीड सबमिशन की अंतिम दिनांक :- 21.02.2022 (प्रातः 5:30 बजे तक)
03. निविदा खोलने की दिनांक :- 23.02.2022 (प्रातः 11:00 बजे)

मुख्य नगर पालिका अधिकारी	(श्रीमती क्षमा सुभाष जायसवाल)	(श्री हंसराज पटेल)	(श्रीमती कविता संजय वैष्णव)
नगर पालिका परिषद पीथमपुर	प्रभारी लो.नि.वि. नगर पालिका पीथमपुर	उपाध्यक्ष नगर पालिका पीथमपुर	अध्यक्ष-नगर पालिका पीथमपुर

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड, गरियाबंद छत्तीसगढ़ eegar-phe-cg@nic.in

ई-प्रोक्वायरेमेंट निविदा सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत पंजीकृत सक्षम टेकंदारों से निर्माणित कार्य हेतु प्रारंभ "ए" में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्य का नाम:- जल जीवन मिशन अंतर्गत विभिन्न ग्रामों में रेट्रोफिटिंग/सिंगल विलेज स्क्रीन जलप्रदाय योजनाओं का कार्य।

नि.सू.क्र./दिनांक	सिस्टम क्र.	ग्राम/विकासखंड का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (रु. लाख में)
213/19.01.2022	89310	सुपेड़ा रेट्रो./देवभोग	54.14
214/19.01.2022	89309	जैतपुरी/गरियाबंद	45.62
215/19.01.2022	89307	रावआमा/गरियाबंद	44.22
216/19.01.2022	89308	गाड़ाघाट/देवभोग	122.75
217/19.01.2022	91046	माहुलकोट/देवभोग	108.71
218/19.01.2022	91069	धुमगुड़ा/देवभोग	91.31
219/19.01.2022	91070	गुमगांव/देवभोग	102.84
220/19.01.2022	91074	मितालीनौर/देवभोग	115.91
221/19.01.2022	91077	डोहेल/देवभोग	90.85
222/19.01.2022	91079	देवभोग रेट्रो./देवभोग	271.00

नोट :- उपरोक्त कार्य को निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञापन, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वायरेमेंट वेबपोर्टल <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> दिनांक 27.01.2022 से देखी जा सकती है तथा बिड सबमिशन की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 08.02.2022 है।

हस्ता/-
कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड,
गरियाबंद (छ.ग.)

67088

VIDIT GUJRATHI BEATS GRANDELIOUS

Indian Grandmaster Vidit Santhosh Gujrathi bounced back after a loss to beat Nils Grandelius in the eighth round while his compatriot R Praggnanandhaa continued to flounder, losing to Shakhriyar Mamedyarov. Gujrathi and Dutchman Anish Giri, with 5 points, are trailing the leader by a half-point after posting wins in round 8. **PTI**

Dravid's wishlist: Batsmen, all-rounders, wicket-takers

A year away from the World Cup, India need to find a way to modernise their ODI team; need their top order to extend themselves, want runs from middle order, need finishers, and spinners to control middle overs.

TUSHAR BHADURI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 24

WHEN HEAD coach Rahul Dravid fronted up to the media after the 0-3 ODI debacle in South Africa, he had to defend the team citing injuries, unavailability and inexperience of the squad. Looking ahead to the 2023 50-over World Cup, there are a lot of question marks on India's preparation, as one reads the fine print.

Does India's template for 50-over cricket need to change, given how more successful teams approach the format?

What Dravid said: We certainly could do better with the batting in the middle overs. We understand the template, but a large part of that template is also dependent on the balance of your squad. Some of the guys who really help us balance the squad out and give us the all-round options at 6, 7, 8 are probably not here, not available for selection. So, hopefully when they get back, they probably give us the depth to play in a slightly different style.

Counterpoint: India has traditionally followed the approach of the top order getting in and one of them playing through the innings. If Rohit Sharma was available, that's the way he would have played. That's how Virat Kohli has made his name in ODI cricket. Shikhar Dhawan is considered the aggressor at the top of the order, but his strike rate is generally not comparable to Jason Roy or Jonny Bairstow, who are given the license to fail. In fact, Dhawan's reluctance to play the all-out attacking role cost him the T20 job. It's not easy to change the way a team has been playing, across generations, in a short time.

The top four, if one slots in KL Rahul at No. 4 once Sharma comes back, is a bit of an oddity in itself. They all take their time to get going and have the class to make up later, but the problem seeps in if they don't go on for a big knock. Then the pressure falls on the middle and the lower middle-order where there is no real firepower to finish off in style. Rishabh Pant can but it appears the team is

"Some of the guys who really help us balance the squad out and give us the all-round options at 6, 7, 8 are probably not here, not available for selection. So, hopefully when they get back, they probably give us the depth to play in a slightly different style"

RAHUL DRAVID
- ON TEMPLATE FOR 50-OVER CRICKET

would the management consider his hitting prowess and play him solely as a batsman?

Game awareness:

What Dravid said: South Africa, who batted first on two occasions, only scored 290 and 280. At the 30th over in both those games, I felt we should have chased them down. We didn't because we played some poor shots and we didn't play smart cricket in critical situations.

Counterpoint: The batsmen who were in at that stage, Kohli around that mark in both games, as well as Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer, have played a lot of cricket and should know the demands of a situation. Pant and Iyer have not played a bucketload of ODIs but enough limited-overs cricket for India and their franchises to know the merit of taking a chase deep. If they don't, it's the team management's job to make them aware.

All-round options

What Dravid said: Deepak Chahar has shown in the limited opportunities in Sri Lanka and here that he has got ability with the bat. We know what he can do with the ball as well. Gives us nice options, he and Shardul as well, whom we have seen in the last few games, being able to contribute with the bat as well. More and more players who can contribute with the bat lower down certainly makes a big difference and gives us



Rahul Dravid has said that the Indian middle order options will get consistency and security, but then will also be demanded to put up performances once ready.

BCCI/Twitter

more options. We'll look to give such players more opportunities so that they give more depth to the side.

Counterpoint: Given that the next 50-over World Cup is in India, the hosts will look to play two spinners. Assuming that Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami will be the frontline seamers, the identity of the fifth and sixth bowlers will have to be ascertained. If the conditions are expected to be spin-friendly, can the team afford another specialist seamer?

Middle order

What Dravid said: Trying to give them as extended a run as we possibly can. We didn't really change the middle order except Suryakumar Yadav got a game in the last one. We want to give them that consistency and security. Once you give that, you also have to demand performances.

Rohit wasn't here so it opened up an opportunity to give some of the other guys a bit of a run.

Counterpoint: It was the big problem at the 2019 World Cup, and despite the notion of bench strength, there's not a whole lot of names that command attention as far as the middle order is concerned. The team management would hope that the incumbents make the spots their own and there's no repeat of the Ambati Rayudu-Vijay Shankar situation.

KL Rahul's captaincy

What Dravid said: I think he did a good job. Not easy for him to be on the wrong side of the results. He's got to learn. He's just starting out on his journey as a captain. A large part of captaincy is also the execution of the skills by your players and the quality of the

side you have got. We were a bit short on the one-day side of things. He did a very decent job, growing, will improve, get better

Counterpoint: Being captain, Rahul has to take some of the blame for not influencing the games enough. His inexperience in the role was evident. Many of the players at his disposal are the same who have performed admirably in the past. As far as experience goes, it can be argued that South Africa also had many inexperienced players who had not quite made their mark yet.

Shreyas Iyer's position

What Dravid said: It's not about 4.5, 6. When you bat in those positions, it's about what the team requires. In all the three games, Shreyas has gone in pretty early. It's not as if he has to go in and slog. It's not about individuals, we know guys have done well, we want to back them as much as we possibly can, we want to give them opportunities. Sometimes, they will have good tours and sometimes

it won't work out. There's a lot of competition, people pushing for places. It's not easy when you are in that kind of situation. We will try to give as much stability as we can.

Counterpoint: A player of Shreyas' pedigree and experience should be finishing off games. The conditions were similar to what one faces in India. One can't just rely on the big guns at the top to win matches going into a World Cup. With people pushing for places,

"A large part of captaincy is also the execution of the skills by your players and the quality of the side you have got. We were a bit short on the one-day side of things. He did a very decent job, growing, will improve, get better"

RAHUL DRAVID
- ON KL RAHUL'S CAPTAINCY

pending on injuries, availability. So, there's a broad outline and template already in place. As you get closer and closer, you keep fine-tuning that and narrowing that focus.

Counterpoint: Knowing what is needed and the kind of roles expected of players isn't the same as getting the right man for the job. At this point in time, it seems a hope that the injured players will return fit and stay fit and the big guns will fire at the big tournament.

Smriti Mandhana named ICC women's Cricketer of the Year

Dubai: India's swashbuckling opener Smriti Mandhana was on Monday named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for the second time for her stellar run of form across all formats in 2021. Mandhana, who also made it to the ICC T20 women's Team of the Year, pipped fellow nominees Tammy Beaumont of England, Lizelle Lee of South Africa and Gaby Lewis of Ireland for the top award — the Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy, the ICC said in a statement. The southpaw had won the award in 2018 as well when she was also named the women's ODI Cricketer of the Year, making her only the second women's player to win the highest individual distinction in the overall category. The Indian T20 vice captain is only the second India woman player to bag an ICC award after veteran fast bowler Jhulan Goswami. **PTI**

Mumbai City seek to snap winless run

Margao: Mumbai City FC would look to snap a five-game winless streak when they take on bottom-placed NorthEast United FC in an Indian Super League match here on Tuesday. Mumbai are out of the top-four in the standings for the first time this season, sitting in fifth place tied on points with Hyderabad FC on 17 from 11 games. Even if Hyderabad beat SC East Bengal on Monday, a win for Mumbai would mean they go level on points with league leaders Kerala Blasters who are also on 20 points but with a game in hand. NorthEast United are last in the table having only nine points from 13 games. **PTI**

Walker appointed India's squash coach

New Delhi: Two-time World Championships medallist Chris Walker has been appointed as Indian squash team's foreign coach on an "event basis" ahead of the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games later this year. According to a Sports Ministry release, Walker, who represented England in squash and cycling, will be "engaged" with the Indian team for 16 weeks. Walker's appointment was recommended by SAI's Selection Committee and officials of the Squash Racquet Federation of India (SRFI). **PTI**

Indian women reach Asia Cup semis

Muscat: Gurjit Kaur slammed a hat-trick while Monika and Jyoti scored a brace each as defending champions India spanked lowly Singapore 9-1 to register their second win in Pool A and qualify for the semifinals of the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament here on Monday. After drubbing Malaysia 9-0 in their opener, the Indians slumped to an unexpected 0-2 loss against pool toppers Japan. But the Indian put their last match defeat behind and dished out a much coordinated display on Monday to steamroll Singapore. India will take on Pool B leaders Korea in the first semifinal on Wednesday. **PTI**

BUBBLE BREACH

How virus dashed hopes, broke hearts of Indian women footballers



Covid cases have been reported in at least five other teams but unlike India, the cases in other teams are isolated.

Amit Chakravarty

MIHIR VASAVDA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 24

"SPEECHLESS, HEARTBROKEN and sad."

Dalima Chibber was expressing her state of mind but the otherwise cheery right-back might as well have been speaking for the entire Indian team, whose matches in the AFC Asian Cup were declared null and void by the continental body on Monday, following a Covid-19 outbreak within the squad.

A day after the hosts were forced to withdraw from the tournament after they were unable to field a team for their group stage match against Chinese Taipei on Sunday, it is learnt that two more Indian players tested positive, taking the total number of infected players to 14. The players and members of support staff have been kept in isolation at the team hotel in Navi Mumbai, where seven other teams and tournament organisers are staying in a bubble and are on 'high alert'.

India is not the only team whose bubble has been breached. Covid cases have been reported in at least five other teams but unlike India, where more than half of the squad got infected, the cases in other teams are isolated.

Five South Korean players and officials are down with Covid-19, officials said, while on the eve of the tournament which began on

This is a 'lost opportunity' for India. After years of preparation and playing friendly matches in different countries, the Asian Cup was a chance to gauge their standing in the continent.

January 20, Vietnam, Japan and China had also reported cases.

Philippines coach Alen Stajcic said after the 0-4 defeat to Australia that 'a couple of players and a staff member' in their team have tested positive as well. While not naming the players who tested positive, Stajcic said the Philippines were forced to play without one of their 'key players' and fielded their 'number three goalkeeper' for their Group B match against Australia at the Mumbai Football Arena.

"Look, we are taking extreme caution. We are on high alert within our team and doing everything we possibly can," Stajcic said. "I was really heartbroken for the Indian team last night... to see how much effort they put in preparation for the tournament and the fact that they're hosting the tournament, I was really heartbroken. From a football perspective, this is a mas-

sive lost opportunity to show their skills."

Indeed, this is a 'lost opportunity' for India. After years of preparation and playing friendly matches in different countries, the Asian Cup was a chance to gauge their standing in the continent. The team had shown promise in their tournament opener against Iran and the match against Taipei, ranked 16 places above India at world number 39, would have been a good indicator of their progress.

Now, as other teams battle it out for continental glory, the hosts are locked inside their hotel rooms in isolation.

Road ahead

All India Football Federation (AIFF) general secretary Kushal Das said there were a few positive cases among the hotel staff that was in contact with the players. "It's unfortunate but this could have happened to any team, anywhere," Das said.

He added that the Asian Cup was just 'the first step' for women's football in India. The team's coach Thomas Dennerby, meanwhile, will return to the under-17 women's side, his original assignment before he was moved to the senior team, for their World Cup, which will also be played in India in October. The players, meanwhile, will next compete at the Hangzhou Asian Games in September.

"Thomas will be there for the U-17 World

Cup. He will remain an integral part of women's football coaching at all levels at least for this year," Das said. "For the senior team, this was just the beginning. This women's team has shown promise, we have many tournaments coming up, including the Asian Games."

Before that, they are likely to compete in the domestic league. However, that too has been affected because of the pandemic. The Indian Women's League (IWL), which was last held in 2019-20, was set to take place in April but owing to the third wave of the pandemic, the states haven't been able to finish their own leagues, Das said.

"The states were supposed to complete by February 15, but now we aren't sure when they will be able to finish it. So, the IWL might have to be delayed although we will still try to hold it in April," Das said.

For now, however, he is hoping the Asian Cup will proceed without any further incidents, a sentiment shared by many, including South Korea's Ji So-yun, who was named the Player of the Match in her side's 1-0 win over Myanmar on Monday.

"This tournament is not like an ordinary tournament due to the situation," the Chelsea midfielder said after the match. "All teams are going through difficulties. The important thing is to finish the tournament safely."

Evicting Peng t-shirts brings to focus Aus Open's deal with Chinese firms

SHIVANI NAIK
JANUARY 24

Alize Cornet survived a second-set meltdown to advance to her first Grand Slam



“Why’s it a political statement in

