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#### **CASE SENT TO ATS**

Cleric among three held in Gujarat for killing man over FB post

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 29

A MUSLIM cleric is among three persons arrested in connection with the killing of a man who allegedly posted a video clip on Facebook which police said "hurt religious sentiments of some people from the minority community in Dhandhuka" in Ahmedabad district.

Ahmedabad (rural) police have arrested Maulana Mohammad Ayub Javarawala (51), a resident of Jamalpur in Ahmedabad, along with Dhandhuka residents Sabbir Chopda (25) and Imtiyaz Pathan (27). They have been remanded in police custody.

Police said Maulana Javarawala provided a pistol and

Inducted at last minute, had only a fortnight to

#### **DEEPTIMAN TIWARY** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

kidney failure, leaving the 33year-old with three young children.

From Etah in UP, Sunita realised that people she relied upon were no longer very supportive. "Only I know the hardship I had to face."

Rajpath, performing acrobatics

on a motorcycle as a member of the BSF's Seema Bhawani team

which mesmerised the audience

that included the President and

Sunita is among 14 women,

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the Prime Minister.

This Republic Day, at age 38, Sunita was live on television from



### **BEATING RETREAT**

At the Beating the Retreat ceremony at Rajpath, New Delhi, on Saturday. This year's ceremony saw many firsts – from drone formations lighting up the night sky to 'projection mapping' on the walls of North and South Block, meant to mark the 75th year of Independence. Tashi Tobgyal **REPORT, PAGE 4** 

## 14 among women daredevils joined BSF after death of kin

train for R-Day

ON NEW Year's Day in 2016, Sunita Kumari's world came crashing down around her when her husband of 11 years, a Border Security Force constable, died of



### IT Ministry plan: One digital ID that links, can access other IDs

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#### **AASHISHARYAN** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has proposed a new model of "Federated Digital Identities" under which a citizen's multiple digital IDs - from PAN and Aadhaar to driving licence and passport numbers - can be interlinked, stored, and accessed via one unique ID.

The ministry, according to a draft proposal reviewed by The Indian Express, has suggested that this umbrella digital identity will "empower" the citizen by "putting her in control of these identities and providing **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

# **NEW YORK TIMES REPORT Pegasus sale:** Govt hid facts, SC should step in, says Opp

Treason, says Cong; TMC to discuss how to raise issue in Budget session

asked the Government to come

out of its "denial mode" and ac-

knowledge its role in targeting political leaders, journalists,

judges and civil society activists

Addressing a press confer-

ence, Leader of Opposition in

Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge

said that the Congress had raised

the issue in Parliament and it

would raise it again. The Pegasus

issue had rocked the Monsoon

Session of Parliament last year

with the Opposition parties dis-

rupting both Houses demanding

Kharge said, has been "caught ly-

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The Modi government,

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a discussion on the scandal.

using the spyware.

#### **MANOJ CG** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

AHEAD OF the Budget Session of Parliament, Opposition parties Saturday revived their attack on the Government over the Pegasus spying row.

Citing a report Friday by The New York Times that New Delhi bought the Israeli spyware in 2017 as part of a \$2-billion package for weapons, the Congress said it would raise the issue in Parliament arguing that the Government had "deceived" the House

Besides the Congress, the Trinamool Congress, CPM, RJD, NCP and the Shiv Sena, too,

Govt silent, Minister Gen V K Singh says NYT 'supari media'

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THERE WAS no official response from the Centre to *The New York* Times report Friday that India was among the countries that bought Israeli's company NSO Group's spying software Pegasus. Messages sent to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology seeking its comment did not elicit any response.



and Civil Aviation and former Chief of Army Staff General Vijay Kumar Singh, while responding to a tweet on the issue Saturday, tweeted: "Can you trust NYT? They are known 'Supari [hired

However, Minister of State for a hit job] Media'. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 for Road Transport & Highways

cartridges to Chopda and Pathan who shot dead Kishan Bharwad (27) in Dhandhuka on January 25. Bharwad had been arrested following a complaint over his

Facebook post earlier this month and was out on bail The VHP called a bandh in

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### In Rajasthan, Dalit man assaulted, made to drink urine; 8 booked: Police

#### **DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, JANUARY 29**

EIGHT MEN from the Jat community allegedly abducted a 25year-old Dalit man, assaulted him and forced him to drink their urine in Rajasthan's Churu district earlier this week, police said Saturday.

Police have booked the attackers under multiple sections

of the IPC as well as the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. None of them has been arrested vet

Police are looking for the accused, and their families were unavailable for comment. According to the authorities, Rakesh Meghwal, a resident of

Rukhasar village in Churu district, was attacked on the night CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**AMIT SHARMA** MEERUT JANUARY 29

OVER A dozen incidents of convovs of BJP contestants being shown black flags or having mud thrown at them have been reported from villages in western UP, which goes to polls in the first two phases, on February 10 and 14.

JYOTI

In one incident, where BJP Siwalkhas candidate Maninderpal Singh came under attack at

The women were part of motorcycle teams at the Republic Day parade. Praveen Khanna

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#### **VISHNU VARMA** NOORANAD (ALAPPUZHA),

JANUARY 29

BY THE side of a road, concealed by weeds, at Nooranad village in Alappuzha district of Kerala is the only physical marker of a large infrastructure project in the offing. In 2019, locals say, a few men in the dead of night planted the rectangular stone block.

"When we asked them what the block was for, they said it was



Kottavan Chenga Kollam

for testing," says Manjusha,



A protest against the SilverLine project in Kozhikode city earlier this month. PTI file

whose house is located by the side of the road. "It was much later that we found out that it had been installed for the survey of the K-Rail project. If this is a sincere project that will benefit all, why lie? Why be so secretive?"

Over two years later, across Kerala, mistrust has only grown against 'SilverLine', a pet project of the Pinarayi Vijayan government to build a semi-high-speed railway corridor.

Undertaken by the Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited (or K-Rail), the plan is to provide a corridor where trains will clock speeds of 200 kmph CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



MADE ACCUSED RIOTS **PAGES 6, 7** 

**AMIT SHAH GOES TO** MUZAFFARNAGAR, SAYS VICTIMS WERE

YOGI TARGETS SP: **RESPONSIBLE FOR MUZAFFARNAGAR** 

BJP candidates face black flags,

stones, mud in west UP; FIR filed

Chur village on January 24 DECISION 2022 evening, an FIR has been lodged naming 20 people, with 65 listed as unidentified. While Singh did not register a complaint, police filed the FIR on its own on Thursday

Singh told The Sunday Express: "I have not lodged a complaint though seven cars following me were damaged in stone-pelting. Ye humare hi log hain, maine unhein maaf kar diya. Loktantra mein vote CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# Protests against Kerala SilverLine grow; in village after village, concern over 'secrecy'

Thiruvananthapurar

to mark the widening of the road. They also took some soil samples

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### Pegasus: Opp

nothing to do with Pegasus and never bought the spyware from NSO group". He said the government has also misled the Supreme Court. "We will ensure that those guilty will be held accountable and raise this vociferously in Parliament," he said. The Congress said it will reach

out to other Opposition parties to formulate a joint strategy. Kharge as also senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi argued that illegal Pegasus snooping using amounted to treason.

"Modi Government bought Pegasus to spy on our primary democratic institutions, politicians and public. Government functionaries, opposition leaders, armed forces, judiciary all were targeted by these phone tappings. This is treason. The Modi Government has committed treason." Gandhi tweeted.

At the press conference with Kharge, Congress communication department Randeep Surjewala said the Modi government had deceived Parliament and the

Supreme Court. "Three things have become very clear now. The government deceived Parliament and duped the Supreme Court. The people of India were lied to by the Government and its Ministers. The role of the Prime Minister and his responsibility is now directly in question. We will discuss this with other political parties and seek accountability of the Prime Minister on the floor of Parliament." he said.

Arguing that the government a deep state." had misled the Supreme Court as The NCP said the government it had, in a sworn affidavit, unis in the dock. Said its leader Maieed Memon: "This kind of a equivocally denied the allegations secret deal by the Government of made against it on the Pegasus row, he said :"We will urge upon India would certainly invite susthe Supreme Court to now suo picious queries as to whether this motu take note and issue approundercover deal of purchase of priate penal proceedings against this government for deliberately and knowingly deceiving the Supreme Court...it is nothing short of perjury and deception of the court.'

#### Govt silent Government from Israel. The tele-

leaders, all of us, inside and out-

side Parliament, we repeatedly

tried to bring out facts and evi-

dence regarding it. That all of us

are under surveillance. Not just us,

many of the senior leaders of the

BJP are also under watch. The

chief minister of UP is also under

surveillance. Everybody knows

that...We know what is happen-

ing. The bank accounts of our

family members are being scru-

tinized. This is a cheap form of dic-

tatorship," said Shiv Sena leader

CPM general secretary

Sitaram Yechury said the Modi

government must explain in an

affidavit why it bought the cyber

weapon and "who gave permis-

sion for its usage, how were the

targets selected and who got

Said RJD leader Manoj Kumar

Jha: "The latest revelation on

Pegasus finally brings forth in the

public domain which almost

everyone knew. There cannot be

a better example of how the

Indian state is degenerating into

Sanjay Raut.

these reports.'

phone of our party's national gen-Earlier last year in July, the secretary Abhishek newly appointed IT minister Bandhopadhyay, his secretary's Ashwini Vaishnaw had rephone, were tapped," Roy told The Indian Express. Asked sponded to the by calling the whether the party would raise the news reports "sensational", and issue in Parliament, he said: "Our seeming to be an attempt "to ma-Parliamentary party will discuss lign Indian democracy and its well and thereafter a decision will be established institutions".

When contacted Saturday, a The Shiv Sena said the opposisenior official declined to comtion stood vindicated today. ment on the NYT report saying "What we had said when the that the Supreme Court was al-Pegasus issue came to light last ready "seized of the matter" and year...be it Rahul Gandhi, other the Government had made a

> statement in Parliament. Late last year, the Supreme Court had, while deciding on a plea moved by some of the persons who were targeted, formed a three-member committee to look into the allegations.

Its three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana, had also said that the state cannot get "a free pass every time the spectre of 'national security' is raised", as it ordered a "thorough inquiry" into allegations of unauthorised surveillance using Pegasus.

The members of the panel are Dr Naveen Kumar Chaudhary, Dean of National Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar; Dr Prabaharan P, Professor at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in Kerala; and Dr Ashwin Anil Gumaste, Institute Chair Associate Professor at IIT, Bombay. It is supervised by retired

Supreme Court judge, Justice R V Raveendran.

#### Dalit man

of January 26. In the FIR registered the next day, Meghwal has alleged that the assault stemmed from a dispute in Holi last year and that the accused people insulted him with casteist slurs. He said he was abducted

om his home by one Umesh

duction), 382 (theft after preparation made for causing death, hurt or restraint). Relevant sections of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989 have also been invoked.

The police said Meghwal's allegations of assault appear to be true.

"We are trying to arrest the accused. Prima facie the allegations of Meghwal being assaulted have been found to be true. All the accused are around the same age as Meghwal and it appears that there was a dispute between them. The complainant has said that around a year back, he had dropped a musical instrument and the accused side had made certain remarks, which resulted in enmity. We are investigating this point. Meghwal is able to walk and most of his injuries are on his back, which appears to be made by ropes," said Himanshu Sharma, Ratangarh circle officer and case investigating officer.

Sharma said Meghwal's allegation of being forced to drink urine was added to the FIR, but the police have not found evidence for it yet.

"We are investigating all points. All the accused are from the Jat community. We are hoping to make the arrests soon," said Sharma.

#### **BSF** women

part of the 150-member women's team, who were provided jobs in the BSF on compassionate grounds following the death of their husband or father while on duty. From different parts of the country, they comprise recruits as young as 19 and as old as 40.

"We are proud of our women. They are all fresh recruits and haven't even completed their training. Yet they performed so well. The BSF believes that given an opportunity, there is nothing women cannot achieve. We will continue to do our bit not only to help rebuild their lives but achieve much more," BSF DG Pankaj Singh told The Sunday Express.

take up a job and lived on her husband's meagre pension in a small house in Aligarh. Doli attended school, acquired a B.Sc degree and then joined the BSF. Even before her training could

start, she was called for the motorcycle acrobatics performance. 'At first, I was scared, but when I saw 40-year-old first-timers doing it, I thought why not," Doli

On Republic Day, she was holding the national flag at the top of a pyramid formed by multiple motorcycles moving in sync. Constable Manju Bala from

Jhajjar in Haryana had never imagined she would be part of a daredevil team at the age of 40. She joined the BSF following the death of her husband, a BSF constable, in 2019.

When she was called to join the motorcycle team a fortnight ago, she was scared. "What if I lose a limb? Who will take care of my children? But I thought if I have to move up, I must do this," she said.

On Republic Day, as her children cheered from the Rajpath stands, she realised she had made the right call..

Constable Jyoti found her photo splashed in newspapers, hanging on to a bike precariously. She joined the BSF after her husband died in an accident in 2019.

From a farmer family in Bhiwani in Haryana, Jyoti said: "I got great support from my inlaws, my mother and the BSF after my husband died. My daughter was just two-and-a-half-yearsold then. I was brought in for motorcycle acrobatics a fortnight before Republic Day. I feel very proud," she said.

All these 14 women were inducted into the team at the last minute -- the team short of regular personnel because of late confirmation of the BSF women's team participation at the parade "Women had been called from the borders, but they couldn't reach in time for the training. So we took these women as they were in Delhi. Training them was not easy, as those in advanced age were particularly scared. But we gave them some practice laps in lotus and other formations to boost their confidence. We practised for 8-10 hours every day. Slowly, they overcame fear and by D-Day were quite enthusiastic,"

2.0. IndEA was first proposed and designed in 2017 "with a view to enable alignment of the IT developments with the business vision of government organisations." The framework has since been

updated. In the 2.0 version, InDEA proposes a framework that enables public as well as private sector companies to build and design IT architecture "that can span beyond their organisational boundaries" to deliver "holistic and integrated services to the customers"

Apart from a "federated digital identity", the new framework has also proposed three major architectural patterns for different government agencies.

The domain architecture pattern would be most suited to be adopted by Central ministries, or by ministries which deal with concurrent or state subjects, or have substantial funding and involvement of the Central government.

The state architecture pattern would be adopted by the state governments, while a third InDEA Lite architecture pattern has been recommended for adoption by smaller departments of the Central and state governments.

### **BJP** candidates

maangnewalon se aisi ghatna nahin honi chahiye (These are our own people, and I forgive them. But such incidents should not happen to those seeking votes in a democracy)."

The police FIR says the men who pelted stones were carrying Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) flags and were being identified. "We are identifying them through available video footage and will take action." said Lakshman Verma. the in-charge of Sardhana Police Station.

While the BJP had swept

ers if they ignore their grievances," he said

With everyone waiting to see which side the BKU will tilt. Tikait reiterated that the party was not supporting anyone. However, he added, "If the farmers don't mind selling their yields for half the due price, they should vote for the BJP."

Manoi Poswal, the BIP vicepresident for western UP, said the Opposition was behind the demonstrations. "A majority of the attackers have been carrying RLD or Opposition parties' flags. This shows their frustration as they are losing the coming electoral battle. It also reflects the weakening grip of the RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary on his party workers," he said.

"How one can attack when he is carrying the flag of his party?" countered Rajkumar Sangwaan, a senior RLD leader. "The protest against Maninderpal Singh in Siwalkhas was planned by disgruntled BJP leaders because he s an outsider, being a resident of Sardhana town, and is a habitual party hopper. He joined the BJP after being with the SP and BSP for a long time.'

### Gujarat cleric

Dhandhuka two days ago and the Gujarat government Saturday decided to transfer the investigation of the murder case to the Anti-Terrorism Squad.

Minister of State for Home Harsh Sanghavi, who along with his colleague Kiritsinh Rana, visited Bharwad's family Friday, project does not come from the promised justice.

"The case of violent incident of Dhandhuka has been handed over to ATS. Gujarat police is committed to provide justice to the victim family," Sanghavi said in a Twitter post.

Bharwad used to run a photo-Plus, all the money is not required copy shop in Dhandhuka. The at the outset... Moreover, the family has land holdings in Chachana village in Surendranagar district. Police said his child was born earlier this month. Police said Bharwad was on a two-wheeler with his cousin Bhaumik Boliya and they were passing through Modhwada locality of Dhandhuka when Chopda and Pathan, who were on a motorcycle, opened fire around 5.30 pm on January 25. Bharwad, riding pillion, died of a bullet injury later. Ahmedabad (rural) Superintendent of Police Virendra Yadav said police recovered the weapon on Saturday and a panchnama was done.

Referring to the NYT report, Trinamool Congress leader Sukhendu Sekhar Roy said: "We strongly believe...(it's) a factual representation of the purchase of the spyware by the Indian



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Pegasus in 2017 from Israel was in national interest or was it for other considerations...The government is in the dock to explain why Parliament was also kept unin-

formed about such a deal." A global consortium of media groups had revealed in July 2021 that the spyware had been used by several governments around the world to snoop on opponents, journalists, businessmen etc.

Jat, a resident of the same village, and seven others. Meghwal said they forced him into a car and drove off to a nearby field. "Rakesh and Rajesh took out

a bottle of alcohol and forcibly made me drink it and after the bottle became empty, Rakesh, Rajesh, Umesh, Tarachand, Akshay, Dinesh, Bidadichand and Birbal urinated in that bottle and made me drink it," read the FIR. registered on the basis of a complaint by Meghwal at

Churu's Ratangarh police station. The FIR said the accused allegedly abused Meghwal using casteist slurs and a derogatory term for Dalits, saying they (Dalits) "would be taught a lesson" for having the "audacity" of getting into a confrontation with the lat community.

"All of them beat me with sticks and ropes for around halfan-hour, which has resulted in injury marks on my entire body," stated the FIR.

Meghwal has said that the accused later took his mobile phone and dumped him in the village, believing he was dead.

The police have named Umesh, Rajesh, Tarachand, Rakesh, Birbal, Akshay, Dinesh and Bidadi Chand as accused in the FIR, which has been registered under IPC Sections 143 (unlawful assembly), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 365 (ab-

With no means to bring up her children, Sunita joined the BSF in August 2020.

A fortnight before the January 26 event, Sunita was asked if she would join the motorcycle team for the Republic Day parade. "Until then, I had never been able to ride anything bigger than a Scooty. I always loved bikes, so I thought why not. There were some risks involved. But isn't life full of risks?" she said.

It was 15 days of rigorous training. Sunita would wake up at 4 am to cook for the children before hitting the training ground by 6 am. "Our trainer always gives us confidence. I fell down many times, but kept on trying until I got it right. Today, my children are so proud of me," she said.

For 19-year-old Doli, the youngest member of the team, it was a moment of getting over the tragedy of her father's death. A BSF constable, Doli's father was on election duty in Jharkhand in 2009. Waiting for a train to move to a new duty location. he fell unconscious on the tracks and was crushed by an incoming locomotive. The eldest of his four daughters, Doli was just six years old. Her mother was unable to Inspector Himanshu Sirohi, who trained them, said. IT Ministry plan

her the option of choosing which one to use for what purpose."

The proposal is expected to soon be in the public domain and the Ministry will seek comments by February 27.

As per the proposed framework, the "federated digital identity" would also serve as a key to a registry where all different state and Central identities could be stored. Citizens can use the digital ID "for availing other thirdparty services through authenti-

cation and consented eKYC". Further, all the digital identities of a citizen can be interlinked with each other, which would eliminate the need for repeated verification process, according to the draft proposal.

The ministry has moved the proposal under the India Enterprise Architecture (IndEA)

western UP in the 2017 elections, it is facing a difficult fight this time, due to the lingering anger over the contentious farm laws that were repealed by the Modi government after year-long protests. During the agitation, BJP MLAs had routinely been heckled in west UP villages, with the legislator from Budhana in Muzaffarnagar, facing a violent mob of BKU workers on August 14 last year.

The alliance formed by the Samaiwadi Party and RLD, which could bring together their vote bases of Yadavs, Muslims and Jats respectively, could also cut into BIP votes. The 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots had pushed Muslims and Jats apart, which partly explained the BJP's sweep in 2017. BJP top brass, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, are leading the party push in the area. Shah held a meeting with Jat leaders in Delhi and has been door-to-door campaigning through the region.

On Thursday evening, Vikram Saini, the sitting BJP MLA as well as contestant from Muzzafarnagar's Khatauli, was gheraoed by a crowd of farmers raising anti-BJP slogans at Bhainsi village in his constituency."You have come after five years," the protesters shouted at him.

Saini had criticised farmers protesting at Singhu on Delhi's border when the agitation was at its peak.

In Munnawar Kalan in the same constituency a few days earlier, Saini faced similar protests.

Asked about being heckled, Saini said: "There is nothing new. Such incidents do happen during campaigning.'

The BJP contestant from Chaprauli in Baghpat, Sahendra Ramala, was shown black flags at Daha village on Friday, and later the same day, not allowed to enter Nirupada village

Speaking at Taharpur village in Bijnor on Wednesday, BKU spokesperson Rakesh Tikait said the people's anger was valid. "Government representatives have to face protests from farm-

#### SilverLine

between the state capital, Thiruvananthapuram, in the south to Kasaragod, a mofussil town in the north, reducing the time taken to cover the 530-km distance from 12 hours to under four. But, for large sections of the state, the Rs 63,940 crore project is a disaster in the making. Among the questions being asked are: how a debt-ridden state can afford the project; what the ecological cost would be on a state tackling climate change; would the train service be affordable given the cost of building it; and what the plans are to rehabilitate those displaced. The loudest concern though is the lack of consultation.

"In 2020, on the day of Uthradam (the eve of the main day of the Onam festival), we opened the local newspapers to find land survey numbers published as part of the K-Rail route alignment. That is how we found out that our homes would be razed," says Subeesh, who does odd painting jobs and whose two-year-old home falls on the proposed route. He says he called up the local village officer, but he had no clue.

On coming to know her house would be demolished, Manjusha says she told her kids: "I might kill myself, but I couldn't bear being on the streets with you, homeless." Many like her have turned

Detailed Project Report says that as operations start, the revenues can be used to pay off the loan after five years."

to Santhosh, the Alappuzha dis-

trict president of the 'Samsthana

K-Rail SilverLine Viruddha

Ianakeeva Samiti', which is lead-

ing protests across the state. On

December 1 last year, a Samiti

protest against officials who had

come for a survey had turned vi-

olent. At least 20 Samiti members,

including Santhosh, were beaten.

detained and booked on charges

of violating Covid-19 protocols

and disrupting government work.

densely populated state in the

country (as per the 2011 Census),

land acquisition is one of the

biggest problems in infra projects.

With land at a premium, families

run up large loans to build houses.

Last year, domestic agency India

Ratings, citing an All India Debt

and Investment Survey, said that

at 47.8%, Kerala had the highest in-

cidence of indebtedness among

most protesters in Nooranad, says

it is not about the money. "Even if

they give crores, we don't want it."

and founder-member of the

Centre for Public Policy Research

(CPPR), a think-tank based in

Kochi, says the government can't

think that all it has to do is "sell" a

dream to the public. "The public

is more informed these days and

Elamaram Kareem said the argu-

ment of financial unviability was

misplaced. "The cost of such a

state budget. Foreign funding

agencies are willing to give out

long-term loans at low interests.

As far as land acquisition goes, one

share of it is Railway-owned land.

This is a joint venture of the Kerala

government and Indian Railways.

CPM Rajya Sabha MP

asks questions," he said.

D Dhanuraj, chief executive

Indira Bhai, one of the senior-

urban households.

In Kerala, the third-most

Kareem accused "fundamentalists" among environmentalists of opposing all development projects. "Here, if the rail route goes through wetlands and paddy fields, we will have an elevated stretch. Every 500 metres, there will be underpasses or overhead roads... There won't be anv environmental damage," he said.

E Sreedharan, called the Metro Man for championing some of India's biggest railway infra projects, calls the project "ill-conceived" and "lacking technical perfection". Sreedharan, who contested the Kerala Assembly elections last year as a BJP candidate, said recently that the corridor must use broad gauge instead of the standard gauge technology. He also accused the CM of "hiding facts" and "underestimating costs".

However, Vijayan doesn't seem inclined towards a rethink, and has in fact held 'vishadeekarana' (explanatory) meetings spelling out the benefits of the rail project. Critics say these meetings are not being attended by ordinary citizens but those in influential positions aligned with the Left. The CM does not take questions at the meetings, and talks about general aspects rather than specifics, they add.

A source who is in on the consultations says, "Ministers themselves are saying they don't want (this project). But how can you convince the CM? They don't have the guts."

At the ground level, like in Nooranad, CPM workers and leaders refuse to talk about the project. A source said they are neither pushing the project nor resisting it.

That doesn't comfort Manjusha. "Both my parents are die-hard supporters of the Left. I grew up believing those ideals. But today, I feel betrayed."

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seen in any gym all over the world. DDMA should think

about the 5 lakh families de-

pendent on this industry. If gyms

are not opened soon, thousands

of owners and their families will

come on the road to protest." The DDMA Thursday held a

be taken on reopening gyms.

A senior government official

said, "People workout in proxim-

ity in gyms and social distancing

is hard to implement. It could

prove to be a super spreader. The

matter will be taken up in the

next meeting on February 7 and



### Anganwadi workers attempt to Leopard injured after gherao Khattar's meet, stopped due to a law-and-order issue.

#### PAVNEET SINGH CHADHA **GURGAON, JANUARY 29**

A GROUP of over 150 anganwadi workers were stopped when they attempted to gherao Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's meeting at the PWD rest house in Gurgaon on Saturday afternoon, with at least eight workers being taken away in a bus by police. Workers alleged that police assaulted and prevented them from marching to the meeting location.

The CM arrived at 10.30 am and chaired a meeting with party officials at the rest house. Over 40,000 anganwadi workers and helpers across the state have been protesting for 53 days, demanding implementation of an announcement made by PM Narendra Modi in September 2018 to increase the monthly honorarium by Rs 1,500 for anganwadi workers and Rs 750 for helpers. They are also demanding regularisation of services, dearness allowance and retirement benefits.

On Saturday, workers assembled near Vikas Sadan and burned an effigy of the CM as they tried to move towards Civil Lines. They were pushed back as police personnel formed a chain and blocked certain exits near Mini Secretariat. As a few workers started walking, police forced

The workers have been protesting for 53 days. Express

them to return, hauling them into autorickshaws. When a group of over 30 protesters were 100 metres from the rest house, police put at least eight of them into a bus. Saraswati, state secretary, Haryana anganwadi workers and helpers' union, said, "The government is apathetic to our demands. Our plan was to burn the CM's effigy, but when we heard the CM had come here, our committee made a decision to gherao him. Police stopped us from peacefully marching... We just want a delegation of 5-7 of our members to be allowed to meet the CM and hand him a memorandum of demands.' Protesters alleged that as po-

lice pushed them back, one of the workers was assaulted. Rajinder, ACP City, said, "A few people were put into a bus

They were let off after a few minutes. No one was detained." A senior police officer, re-

questing anonymity, denied that workers were beaten up: "As police was preventing people from proceeding, workers were pushing police personnel. One woman officer was injured."

#### CM's night inspection

Around 9 pm, Khattar conducted a surprise inspection at the office of Municipal Corporation of Gurugram in

Sector 39 and sought information of vehicles that clean the city at night and also reviewed the duty roster of officials on night duty. He then went to the

Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) office in sector 44 for an inspection. At GMDA's integrated command and control centre, he monitored work being done in terms of cleaning roads through CCTVs at the centre. He asked staff how they trace stolen vehicles and how information on this is sent to police control room. "I have given a suggestion that integrated control room can have a facial recognition system, which can help in detecting suspicious people in Gurgaon. A similar initiative was started in Karnal earlier. I also reviewed traffic situation at night and have di-

rected police to issue challans at night for traffic violations," he said.

# being hit by vehicle on KMP e-way, rescued

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, JANUARY 29**

ATWO-YEAR-OLD male leopard suffered injuries after it was hit by a vehicle on Western Peripheral Expressway in Nuh on Saturday morning and was rescued by forest department officials.

Officials said the incident took place around 8 am in Padheni village on KMP expressway in Tauru. Local villagers and police informed forest department between 8 and 8.30 am, following which a team rushed to the spot to rescue the animal. Rajendra Prasad, divisional

wildlife officer, said, "The road where the incident took place has the Aravalli forest bordering it. According to locals, the animal was trying to cross the road when it was hit by a speeding vehicle. It suffered injuries on the spine and back and its movement was restricted. The injury was pronounced on the back side. The iniuries were not external.' Officials said the leopard was

rescued and sent to a veterinary hospital in Rohtak for treatment. "After treatment, it will be kept under observation and subsequently, will be released into the forest in the same area," said Prasad.

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The animal was taken to a veterinary hospital

Sachin Tyagi, one of the forest wildlife guards, who was part of the rescue team, said it took over half an hour to rescue the feline. Rajesh Kumar, inspector wildlife department, Gurgaon,

said the area where the incident took place has a significant movement of leopards. "Though there has not been an accident on this stretch in last two years, we have received reports of leopards being spotted in the region. Today's incident took place at a road crossing near a flyover. It is suspected that after being hit by the vehicle, it crawled to an isolated farm area near the

roadside." he said In the past years, several incidents of leopards being killed in road accidents have been reported in South Haryana.

## Gym owners protest closure: 'On verge of going bankrupt'

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

HOLDING PLACARDS and raising slogans, around 200 gym trainers and owners protested in front of residences of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lt-Governor Anil Baijal at Civil Lines, demanding that gyms be reopened.

'Every other business is open in Delhi, but gyms are asked to stay shut. There are about 5,500 gyms, and 5 lakh families are dependent on them. When restaurants and bars can open with 50% seating capacity, why not gyms? The Delhi Disaster Management Authority gave permission to marriage halls where people gather in large numbers, eat and dance in close proximity without masks. We are feeling helpless and cheated," said Delhi Gym Association vice-

president Chirag Sethi. The association also submitted a memorandum to the DDMA, CM and L-G requesting to allow gyms to reopen at least with 50% capacity.

The protesters said gym owners are facing a severe financial crisis and are being forced to sell their establishments. "The fitness industry is on the verge of going bankrupt. The industry has somehow



meeting and eased restrictions at markets, and allowed theatres, restaurants and bars to reopen at half capacity. A decision is yet to

Around 200 gym trainers and owners were present

managed two lockdowns, but this time, it is breaking its foundation...," said the gym association in its letter to the L-G.

Sethi added, "No cases of restrictions will be eased if cases Covid transmission have been continue to dip."





NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE AAM Aadmi Party Saturday termed the BIP

#### You can keep your Bones Young Dr. (Prof.) Anil Arora smoking are just a few of the Senior Director & Chief Surgeon, Prof. Arora's most significant factors of Knee & Hip Surgery Clinics, Delhi NCR, Head of Department & Principal Director, Max Super Speciality Hospital & Institute of Joint Replacement

preventing osteoporosis. An ideal diet for bone health includes getting adequate protein and calories, as well as plenty of calcium and vitamin D, both of which are necessary for optimum bone

production and density.

Postmenopausal women and

men should consume at least

1000 mg of calcium per day,

which includes calcium from

meals as well as supplements

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*if they don't obtain enough* 

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muscles, improve your

of falling and suffering a

Exercise three times a week

Resistance training, jogging,

leaping, and walking are all

efficient forms of exercise.

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ruled South MCD's directive to its officials to not answer questions sent by the Assembly's privileges committee as "contempt" of the House. AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bhardwaj said that it was to "hide corruption".

The SDMC had earlier asked its officials "not to answer" questions from the Delhi Assembly's privileges committee after a proposal on this, moved by Leader of the House Inderjeet Sehrawat, was approved by the civic body's standing committee

Sehrawat had said that using these tactics, Assembly committees were harassing SDMC officials and interfering in the day-to-day functioning of the civic body. Many questions are irrelevant, he said

Bhardwaj Saturday said that an AAP MLA had asked in the Vidhan Sabha whether the BJP pays the MCD for all advertisements it has put up in the city to which the MCD Commissioner had replied that he has no information on this.

"If at all the BJP has paid the MCD for all its hoardings, then it must clarify what amount it has been charged," Bhardwaj said.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor hit back, saying that the South MCD's decision to not to reply to the Delhi Assembly's queries is logically correct.

"When the Kejriwal government is not implementing the 4th and 5th Delhi Finance Commission recommendations on funds for MCDs, which it has accepted in the Delhi Assembly, then how does it expect MCDs to reply to the Assembly's queries,' he said

Kapoor said it is surprising that Bhardwaj calls

sites where BJP hoardings are placed as illegal "but he and his colleagues turn a blind eye when hoardings on birthday greetings for Arvind Kejriwal or his party programmes are put up at the same sites".



The Financial Result of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rura Development for the quarter ended 31 December 2021 was published on 29 January 2022. The last column heading of the publication may please be read as

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tatic and unchanging, but the truth is that they are constantly evolving. Your body's specialized cells are eliminating old bone and replacing it with new bone. Unfortunately, people lose bone faster than they can replace it as they age, causing their bones to become porous and fragile.

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Partition, were working in shops

or as labourers in order to earn a

livelihood. Consequently, an

evening college started so as to

meet the requirements of those

who were unable to attend col-

lege in the morning. Singh, who

had turned 18 that year and had

dropped out of school after class

XI, found a job as a peon in the

served the college, he saw it

grow from its humble origins to

the sprawling campus that it is

today. "I became friends with

most of the students," he recol-

lected with a smile. "As per pro-

tocol, the students of the

evening college would have to

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Dr S Narayanan, who joined

Deshbandhu College in 1965 as

Professor of Chemistry, said that

unlike the campus colleges like

St Stephen's and Hindu, there

was no craze among toppers to

join this college. "Most students

in Deshbandhu belonged to

lower middle to middle class

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For the 42 years that he

college



# Indicating saturation in vaccine push, numbers begin to dip in the capital

#### **ANONNA DUTT** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

DFI HI HAS reached a stage of saturation in its Covid-19 immunisation drive as most beneficiaries have taken their shots, with the number of doses administered tapering over the last two weeks. "There are two major reasons

for this – one, we have already reached a saturation for many of the categories such as the first dose being administered to over 100% of the estimated population. second dose to over 80%, and first dose to over 75% of the children. Second, when it comes to precaution doses, most people who are eligible were infected during the current Covid wave and cannot

**BRIEFLY** – SIT formed to probe Shahdara assault case

New Delhi: Days after a young woman was abducted, allegedly gangraped by her neighbours and paraded on the streets in Shahdara, police said a 10-member SIT, under an ACP-rank officer, has been formed to investigate the crime. Police said they have caught 12 persons, including 11 named in the FIR, in connection with the case. R Sathiyasundaram, DCP (Shahdara), said, "We first arrested eight women from the family who were named in the FIR. Three minors, aged around 14-17, who have been accused of rape in the FIR have also been apprehended. A man has also been arrested. We have also recovered the auto that was used to abduct the victim from her husband's house.

#### Man sets himself on

take their shot for three months where we used to see between as per guidelines," said an official 1,500 to 2,000 vaccinations, we from Delhi's health department. see around 250," said an official from the Northwest district. As many as 56,920 shots were

administered on an average every

day during the current week. In

comparison, 90,017 doses were

given during the previous week

ending on January 23, and

1,48,096 on average during the

week ending on January 16, as per

data from the CoWIN platform.

in vaccinations, the districts have

"optimised" their vaccination

centres. "No vaccination centre

has been closed, but we have re-

duced the number of sites at each

premises. This will ensure that

vaccines are available to people

Keeping in mind the decline

Delhi immunised 69.633 persons by Saturday evening, taking the total number of shots given to 29.5 million. So far, 16.1 million first doses have been administered to adults, accounting for 107% of the estimated 15 million population over the age of 18 years. There have been 12.3 second doses administered, accounting for 82% of the population.

The health department official said data shows more than 100% have received their first doses because of "duplication". He said, "Some of the districts have given first dose to 140% of

close to their home but also save on our manpower. At centres the adult population. First of all, the total numbers are an estimate. Then, some of the people who were unable to register for their second dose have re-registered through other phone numbers which has been recorded as the first dose. We are now trying

to reconcile this data. A total of 8.04 lakh vaccines have been given to children in the 15-17 age group in Delhi so far. With an estimated 1.04 million children eligible for the shot, Delhi's coverage stands at 77.4%. As for those yet to take the

shot, another official from the health department said, "They have either migrated to other places, have some contraindications such as allergies which make them ineligible, or have had the infection recently." The official added, "As for precaution doses, not everyone is eligible yet. It has to be 9 months from the second dose, so people keep becoming eligible as per CoWIN slowly."

There is a very miniscule percentage of people who have actually refused to take the shot, "probably less than 0.1%," the official said. The official from Northwest district said only around 700 refusals were recorded in the district where 34 lakh jabs were administered.

There were 2.69 lakh precaution doses administered in Delhi till Saturday evening, adding up to 27.8% of those who will be eligible under the three categories of healthcare and frontline workers, and people over 60 years with co-morbidities.



# When Deshbandhu College was built for educating kids of Partition refugees

#### **ADRIJA ROYCHOWDHURY** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

GURCHARAN SINGH (82) often remembers the morning of 1952 when, on a walk to the market in Kalkaji, he heard a lot of excitement about some kind of inauguration. Just 12 at that time, he enthusiastically followed the crowd to sneak into the celebration and get hold of sweets and cold drinks being distributed. It was much later that he discovered that the then minister of education, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, had graced his neighbourhood to inaugurate a first-of-itskind college.

Deshbandhu College, as it came to be named after freedom fighter Deshbandhu Gupta, had been established by the Ministry of Rehabilitation in the refugee colony of Kalkaji, with the specific purpose of educating children of those displaced by the Partition.

Singh was, at that time, living with his mother and six siblings at the refugee camp in Kalkaji Temple. He had found shelter in Delhi a couple of years back, having escaped the horrors of communal violence at his hometown Quetta in of

Balochistan. "Those days we had no money, nor any means of livelihood. Education was hardly anyone's priority," said Singh.

> He recalled how, in the early



Deshbandhu College had been established by the Ministry of Rehabilitation in the refugee colony of Kalkaji in 1952; (above) Gurcharan Singh (82) was 12 at the time. Adrija Roychowdhury

schools and colleges. Thereafter, several schools were opened by the Ministry of Rehabilitation in refugee colonies such as Kalkaji, Lajpat Nagar and Kingsway Camp. "Some of these were also makeshift schools established in the camps," said Khanna.

"Many of the existing schools were also converted into double shifts to accommodate displaced persons," said Dr Vikas Gupta, Professor of Modern Indian History at Delhi University. He

said that a number of scholarships were also started specifically aimed at displaced persons.

Dr Gupta explained that the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation had in 1948 estaboard for

background." he said. Narayanan recalled an incident during the Mandal Commission protests of the 1990s when a student from Deshbandhu tried to self-immoate ac a marl Kalkaji main road, right outside the campus. "The incident was covered by the Time Magazine," he said.



The ceremony is a military tradition that used to mark the withdrawal from the battlefield at dusk. Tashi Tobgyal

# 1,000 drones to lasers: Many firsts at Beating the Retreat ceremony

**ABHINAYA HARIGOVIND** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

FROM LASERS, lights, and drones to a projection mapping 75 years of India's independence on the - this year's Beating the Retreat ceremony saw several firsts. As the sun set over Raisina Hill on Saturday, the bands of the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Central Armed Police Forces marched down Vijay Chowk playing 23 songs, before they retreated to the tune of Sare Jahan Se Accha in a quick march. Trumpeters. drummers, and buglers marched in synchronised formations, playing popular tunes including Kadam Kadam Badhaye Ja. The bands were cheered on by onlookers who were seated at some distance from one another to observe Covid protocol. Abide With Me, the hymn that is usually played every year at the ceremony before the national flag is brought down, marking the end of the Republic Day celebrations, was left out this year. A massed band of the different services instead performed Ae Mere Watan Ke Logon, a song composed by C Ramachandra. President Ram Nath Kovind, the chief guest of the ceremony, arrived accompanied by the President's Bodyguard, a mounted regiment of the Indian Army, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh among other dignitaries were also present.



#### fire near SC

New Delhi: A 19-year-old man from UP set himself on fire near the Supreme Court on Friday afternoon as he was upset over action not being taken on several complaints he filed against the state education department, police said. According to police, the man was rushed to RML hospital where doctors said he sustained 25% burn injuries and is stable. According to police, they received a call at the police control room around 3.48 pm that a man had immolated himself. "Police immediately rushed to the spot and found that the man had poured some inflammable substance on himself inside the subway on Bhagwan Das Road and tried to move towards gate number C of the Supreme Court," a senior police officer said. He was intercepted outside the subway by a police van, and personnel put out the fire using a blanket. ENS

#### 552 liquor shops opened till Jan 28

New Delhi: As many as 552 liquor shops, out of 849 permitted vends, have been opened till January 28 under the Delhi government's new excise policy, official sources said. The policy was implemented on November 17 last year. An updated list of all the functional liquor vends has also been uploaded on the excise department's website. PTI

The ceremony is a military tradition that used to mark the



withdrawal from the battlefield at dusk. The military bands that were part of the ceremony include those from the Kumaon Regimental Centre, and the Bihar and Madras Regimental Centres.

The camel contingent of the Border Security Force remained stationed on the parapets of the North and South blocks.

After the bands retreated, lights were beamed onto the

walls of the North and South blocks for a show to mark the 75th year of Independence. The show, with a narration that went with it, included parts of the Independence struggle along with mentions of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sarojini Naidu, and Bhagat Singh, among others. Parliament House and two blocks were lit up for the rest of the evening.

President Ram Nath Kovind, PM Narendra Modi and **Defence Minister Rajnath** Singh at the ceremony; (left) a show marking 75 yrs of Independence. Tashi Tobgyal

The ceremony concluded with 1,000 drones that lit up the sky over the Rashtrapati Bhavan in different formations including that of the Tricolour, Mahatma Gandhi, and the National War Memorial, and was accompanied by a narration and concluded to the tune of Vande Mataram. The drones were developed

by Botlab Dynamics, a start-up supported by IIT Delhi.

Police officers at the venue said around 1,200 attendees had been expected at the ceremony. Temperature checks were done at all entrances to the venue in keeping with Covid norms.

tend a government school in Kalkaji during the day and spend the evenings working in a fire-

cracker factory nearby to earn a among others. living for his family. Singh recently retired from the college, where he worked in the administrative division, and lives with his family in Kalkaji

In these initial years after Independence, large parts of Delhi had been drawn up by the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation, specifically for housing Partition refugees. "This was a very turbulent time and the government's priority was to provide means of livelihood and housing for the refugees. Issues of schooling and higher education, although important, were raised much later, only from 1949 onwards," explained Shrishti Khanna, research scholar at Delhi University, currently working on the history of education in Delhi. "Also, several existing schools and colleges in Delhi were transformed to provide shelter to the refugees.'

Later. most of these schools and colleges started admitting these children for education as well. With time, however, it was realised that the number of displaced children had surpassed the seats available in existing

the education of Tracing the capital's displaced people, post-Independence which included history Sardar Vallabhbhai

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Patel and Azad,

He said there was a paradigm shift in the policy of education during this period, and the priority now was integration of all people irrespective of caste, class, religion or community. "The integrationist approach to bring together people under a mainstream nationalist is reflected in the way they built institutions," he said. "So it's not as if the displaced people were just given some money to settle here. Institutions were built specifically for the purpose of integrating

them within the larger society. It is in this context of the Ministry's plan to educate displaced persons that Deshbandhu College was opened with just 72 students. Singh, who was just 12 that time, recalled how the college immediately gained popularity among young adults in the areas in and around Kalkaji. It was particularly well known for its pre-medical and science

courses. Six years later, an evening college was opened on the same premises. It was realised that a number of displaced persons, whose education had been jeop-

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On the anti-CAA protests, the

the narrative." he told the court.

SPP submitted, "You bring in

artists from outside, do this dam-

*rubaazi*, it's like a gathering, when

they get monkeys to dance, do

In the mid 1990s, the evening college turned from being only for boys to a co-educational one. Singh remembered the incident of a girl from Bihar who had come for admission to the college, and how nervous she was on account of not having the full fees. He had asked her to pay whatever she had and paid the remaining amount on her behalf from his own pocket.

In 2010, the morning and evening colleges split up, with the latter now being known as Ramanujan College.

Dr S P Agarwal, who had joined the evening college in 1980 as professor, said he initiated the decision to form a separate college in 2008 when he took over as principal. "The idea behind the split was to ensure individual development of both colleges," said Dr Agarwal, who is currently principal of Ramanujan College

In the last several years, he has seen the college grow to a most sought after one, not only for students from Delhi but also from other cities. He noted that among the college's 3,200 students today, about 1,500 are those from outside the city.

### Surgeon at pvt hospital booked after woman alleges molestation

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE DELHI Police has registered an FIR against a surgeon at a leading private hospital for allegedly molesting one of his patients on the pretext of examining her.

gal action will be taken.'

DCP(Central district) Shweta

Chauhan said, "We have registered an FIR after a complaint from the woman. Appropriate le-

with her husband, visited the hospital earlier this month as she had a leg problem. She was asked by the doctor to come on January 24. She came on January 27, alone, and the doctor called her inside,'

a senior police officer said. The woman alleged he put his hand on her shoulder while talk-

ing to her. "After a few minutes, he asked her to come for a checkup and she alleged he touched her inappropriately. She left and informed her uncle, who is a doctor and had referred the woman to the accused. She then told her husband, who called police and lodged an FIR," an officer said.

A hospital source said. "The patient had complained of inappropriate behaviour by a doctor. Police are investigating the issue and the hospital will cooperate."

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

WHILE OPPOSING former INU student Umar Khalid's bail in a UAPA case connected to the Northeast Delhi riots, the prosecution told a Delhi court that the main conspirators of the anti-CAA protests roped in entertainers while organising protests across Muslim-dominated areas and used locals as "fodder".

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Amit Prasad made these arguments before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat and told the court that the anti-CAA protests were "created in Muslim-dominating areas, in poorest localities in Delhi, wanting to create a secular facade".

"When you do announcement from masjid, you identify place, you make sit-in protest, you... try to show a secular face by performing puja there and mak-

'Anti-CAA protesters roped in entertainers to

draw crowds': SPP at Umar Khalid bail hearing

some kind of activity, and they (locals) will get attracted... They are not interested in your civil society or agenda-based protest. But at the same time, each one of us gets attracted to some entertainment."

The SPP also read out chats exchanged between members of the Delhi Protests Support Group (DPSG), stating that this was a "highly sensitive group". "The locals there, uneducated masses were used as fodder by this (DPSG) group," he said.









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PACHAMUTHU is not just a person with disability, but also a rural entrepreneur. He is one of the Board of Directors of the first-of-a-kind Farmer Producer Organisation in India, which is established, promoted, run, and managed by the people affected leprosy and other disabilities. He did not allow his physical disability to come in the way of pursuing his dream of being an entrepreneur. He, and other directors, are now helping others to be farmer producers by providing them techno-managerial skills and financial support.

AS a single mother from a marginalised household, Sasikala was struggling to provide for her two children. She did not want to be a 'burden' to the society. When she heard about The Leprosy Mission's livelihood generation project, she signed up. With few other mem-

bers from her village in Cuddalore, she formed a Self-Help Group and received training in making biodegradable plates from areca nut leaves. She chose a livelihood that's profitable and sustainable. Today, she is earning enough to raise her two children. "I now have respect in my neighbourhood, that's enough," she says.



**RAJENDRAN** hails from a BPL household. After he contracted leprosy, he lost his livelihood. Stigma around the disease was such that people refused to give him work. He got in touch with The Leprosy Mission team and received comprehensive training in operating a dairy business. He also received a few cows to start his own business. Today, Rajendran and his wife can provide for themselves, and do not have to depend on charity or relief aid.



LATHA is a young woman, who was keen on engaging herself in something meaningful and productive. She didn't think that her disability will limit her or create a barrier. Under the auspices of The Leprosy Mission, she got trained and skilled in candle making. She also mobilised 11 other marginalised members from her community and started candle making business. This successful venture shows the power of collectivism and a fierce conviction that disability is temporary, but determination is permanent.



**PINKY** has come a long distance. From a girl affected by leprosy and low self-esteem, she is now an efficient nurse serving at one of The Leprosy Mission hospitals. With great care, the doctors at The Leprosy Mission did surgeries to correct leprosy-related deformities in her hand and foot. They stood by her when she faced rejections from nursing colleges, questioning her abilities. Pinky proved that one must not let one's potential die and wallow in self-pity but seize every opportunity to rise above adversities.



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New Delhi



**LIST OF 91 NAMES RELEASED FRIDAY** 



Amit Shah during a door-to-door campaign in Deoband on Saturday. ANI

### Deoband in tour, Shah invokes 'safety', claims 'false' riot cases

#### PTI & ENS

MUZAFFARNAGAR, LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

CONTINUING HIS campaign in western UP for the first phase of Assembly polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah Saturday visited Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur districts, but had to cancel his door-to-door campaign in both, including Deoband, as crowds surged, breaking Covid rules.

At Muzaffarnagar, Shah accused SP chief Akhilesh Yadav of telling "lies" on law and order, saying the BJP government had chased away criminals who flourished earlier.

Referring to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, he said: "The victims were made accused, and the accused the victims, and thousands of fake cases were lodged. I congratulate the BJP, which acted under party leader Sanjeev Balyan and fought the 'nvay ki ladai' (fight for justice), either in courts or on the roads." A Union minister, Balyan was named in the riots. Urging voters not to make

"the same mistake", Shah said: "Otherwise those who instigated the riots will sit in the seat of power in Lucknow.' He scoffed at the SP-RLD al-

liance, saying the two parties will be seen together only till the election. He said in the event the two parties managed to form the government, the SP would again have by its side pAzam Khan and Atiq Ahmad, while RLD chief Jayant

Chaudhary will not be seen. Shah invoked the names of Jat leader and late PM Chaudhary Charan Singh, Jayant's grandfather, and farmer eader Mahendra Singh Tikait.

He said under the SP government everyone was afraid for their safety. "All goondas have now run away.... When Behenji's party (BSP) came to power, it talked of one caste, the Congress talked of one family and Akhilesh ii of goondas, mafias and appeasement, but the BJP talks of

MLA Sangeet Som popular, but

SP-RLD tie-up is boosting rival

security and development."

Shah claimed that for 10 years of the UPA government, terrorists came from across the Pakistan border and killed Indian security personnel. "Can the SP. BSP and Congress keep the country and the state safe?" he asked.

BJP supporters greeted Shah and showered flower petals on him and chanted slogans in support during his road show.

At a rally in support of the BJP candidate in Saharanpur Dehat, Shah again repeated that there has been a drop in cases of robbery, murder and rape under the BJP. He said the BJP government had seized land worth Rs 2,000 crore grabbed by gangsters.

Shah also talked about the changes brought by the Modi government "integrating" J&K with the rest of the country. The Kashi Vishwanath corridor in Varanasi and the Baba Vishwanath premises lying destroyed since Aurangzeb period had been rebuilt without any dispute due to the efforts of PM Modi, he said.

Pradhan(*above*) may

give Som tough fight.

me win at least this time."

Pradhan says he is hopeful of

getting the RLD's Jat support now,

apart from most of the Muslim

votes. "In earlier elections, the BSP fielded Muslims, and took away

votes. But this time, the BSP has

not fielded a Muslim. (The only

candidate from the community

has been fielded by the Congress,

which doesn't have much of a

chance.) I will also get advantage

of the anti-incumbency," he says.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

LALMANI VERMA& BHUPENDRA PANDEY LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

11 sitting MLAs

changed in four

dropped,

candidates

other seats

THE BJP's list of 91 names announced on Friday appears to bear the stamp of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, with as many as 11 sitting MLAs dropped in the Gorakhpur region, which is his fiefdom. This is apart from the change in the Gorakhpur Urban seat, where the sitting MLA earlier stepped aside for Adityanath to contest from there, in his first Assembly election.

While BIP leaders say the candidates were changed for the 11 seats, as well as four more



**Surprises in BJP list for Gorakhpur** 

region, partymen see Yogi stamp

As CM, Yogi is part of the seat-selection panel. Express

where the party lost last time, as they were either ageing or to tackle anti-incumbency, sources admit the party is having to contend with many more aspirants in each seat given the scale of the BJP's 2017 win. And that many of them are approaching the BJP state unit as well as Adityanath separately.

Of the 62 seats falling in Gorakhpur region, which goes to polls in the sixth and seven phases (March 3 and March 7), the BJP has Dinesh Sharma, A Gorakhpur BIP

Problem of plenty delays

**BJP ticket list in Manipur** 

### so far announced 37 candidates. Of these 37,43% are new faces. In the 295 names announced

so far, the BJP has dropped 56 sitting MLAs. As CM, Adityanath is a mem-

ber of the BIP's state election committee and attends all the meetings related to candidate finalisation, with other leaders like BJP UP president Swatantra Dev Singh and both deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and

leader said Adityanath's say holds sway in the region. "He is the CM and the party's face for the polls. The situation was different in 2017 when he was only an MP and had limited say in organisational affairs. Then, Maurya, who was the UPBJP chief, and state general secretary(organisation)SunilBansal were the key decision-makers from the state unit's side, including in Gorakhpur," said the leader, adding that the central leadership still takes the final call.

ABJP leader said: "While making the changes, the party has largely ensured that the new candidates are from the same caste as that of the dropped candidates."

Among those dropped is twotime BJP MLA from Khajni (reserved) constituency in Gorakhpur, Sant Prasad, who has been replaced by Sriram Chauhan, a sitting MLA from Ghangata seat in adjoining Sant Kabir Nagar district. Chauhan is a minister in the Aditvanath government.

Talking to The Sunday Express, known among the public, a BJP Prasad admitted his disappointworker said.

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ment. "I would have had no is-

sue if some local partyman had

replaced me. I am a loyal BJP

worker since 1980 and was

elected as an MLA in 1996 as

well. I won this seat in 2012 and

his Beldar community numbered

over 60,000 in the constituency.

would not have it easy in the seat

without Prasad, and that it

from the woman candidate

tricts, BJP workers are surprised

over changes in seats like Kasya

and Haata in Kushinagar district

and Rampur Karkhana in Deoria.

The new faces are little-known

in the constituencies and party-

men say they will face a tough

If change was required, the

party should have chosen a loyal

leader active in the area and

fight from rival SP candidates.

Likewise, in adjoining dis-

fielded by the BSP.

would face tough competition

Prasad also pointed out that

A supporter said the BJP

2017 consecutively," he said.

from Amritsar East

TOTAL ASSETS ₹12.1 Cr CASH ₹35,000



**IMMOVABLE ASSETS:** ₹41.35 Crore

**VEHICLES:** Two Toyata Land Cruiser, one

NAV. IOT SINGH SIDHU Congress candidate from Amritsar East

**CRIMINAL CASES:** Yes, One case.

TOTAL ASSETS ₹44.6 Cr PROFESSION: MLA cash₹3,50,000



by January 26. But three days after the deadline, the party is still unable to make its choice. In contrast, the party has already issued the second list of its candidates in other poll-bound states such as UP and Punjab, where the number of seats is much higher.

Manipur has only 60 seats.

IMPHAL, JANUARY 28 THE BJP'S delay in the announcement of its candidates for the elections in Manipur has led to

speculations that all is not well within the party. The party is finding it difficult to choose candidates, with four to five ticket aspirants in every constituency.

The BJP was expected to announce its first list of nominees

The BIP convened its first

JIMMY LEIVON

CM Biren was part of the BJP's ticket panel meeting.

in order to minimise the damage, declare a partial list of candidates, covering constituencies where there is only one aspirant each, like the CM's own constituency."

A BJP leader closely involved with the party's election management admitted things are difficult.

fron party ahead of the elections. This has made the competition for ticket aspirants tougher. On January 24, the BJP Kakching Mandal Yuva Morcha and Mahila Morcha warned the

party leadership not to give tickets to former Congress MLA of Kakching constituency, Y Surchandra, three days after he switched over to the BJP.

ties in the state joining the saf-

Top leaders of Congress have been resigning from the party after being denied tickets. Among them is the vice president of Manipur Congress, E Dwijamani, He resigned from the party after he had failed to make it to the first list of 40 candidates.

In the 2017 Assembly election, the BJP secured only 21 seats but it went on to form the government with the help of smaller parties like NPP, NPF and

MOVABLE ASSETS: Self: ₹6.4 Crore

**PROFESSION:** Politics

**CRIMINAL CASES:** Six **FIRs including one** 

which he is currently out on bail

EDUCATION: Graduate **MOVABLEASSETS:** 



Fortuner

**BIKRAM SINGH MAJITHIA** Shiromani Akali Dal candidate under NDPS Act in

votes on February 10. the choice has largely been the same since 2012.

SOM OR Pradhan; the BJP or

Samajwadi Party? For the nearly

three lakh voters of Sardhana in

western Uttar Pradesh, which

**AMIT SHARMA** 

SARDHANA, JANUARY 29

While the BJP's Sangeet Singh Som has won both times. the equations are changed now. The SP-RLD alliance is making Muslims and Jats, divided since the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, rethink their options. And the SP's Atul Pradhan, voter after voter says, is not a bad replacement.

Sardhana, which falls in Meerut district and borders

Muzaffarnagar, has around 88,000 Muslims, 50,000 Scheduled Castes and Thakurs each, apart from the Jats

and Gurjars who number a nearly equal 25,000. While Som is a Thakur, Pradhan is a Gurjar.

In these parts, Som is also the designated 'Hindu Hridaya Samrat'. He was booked in the 2013 riots over an alleged video of a provocative speech, but cleared. The two-time MLA, with seven criminal cases pending against him, has been at the heart of other controversies to roil this area, including the lynching of

Mohd Akhlaq in Dadri in 2015,

**SEAT** 

when he called for imprisoning Akhlaq's family. He had also demanded that Muzaffarnagar be renamed Lakshmi Nagar.

Pradhan has 38 cases against able; a large number are for vio-

large assemblies.

WATCH an MLA, Som is very

Other voters back this. calling

problems.

his double-storey house in Sardhana, Som says meeting peo-

him, more than 24 of them registered under the Aditvanath regime. Most of the cases are bail-

lating Section 144 which prohibits

Shoaib Ahmed, the 26-year-old owner of a grocery shop near the local bus stand, says as

helpful to people in the area, "he is our hero". "But the party he belongs to always plays communal politics before every election. Atul Pradhan is also a very good man and has been very active in the region for more than a decade."

both Som and Pradhan very accessible and responsive to their

Wrapped in a saffron shawl at

Imphal on Jan 21. Chief Minister Biren Singh, BJP state president ple has made him realise "that A Sharda and state Minister this is going to be the easiest elec-Thongam Biswajit Singh were toral battle for me". "My wife among those who attended it. (Preeti) has been getting very en-Later on, the trio left Imphal to meet with the party's central couraging response even from Muslim women in Jamalpur villeaders to finalise the tickets. But with no official explanation from lage during the door-to-door conthe party about the delay, an attact programmes," he says. Pradhan has also been

knocking on doors in village after vails among aspiring candidates. village, and spending hours talk-"I am one of the ticket aspiing to people at ghers (the common sitting area in villages). He tells voters, "I have been asking for your vote for 10 years. Help

ticket committee meeting in

mosphere of uncertainty pre-

rants. What is going on behind the scene is anybody's guess. I believe the announcement might get delayed further," a top party functionary said. "The party may,

"There are certain seats where the sitting MLA is an aspirant, and so is someone else who we promised the seat to - so there is definitely a lot of competition which has proved to be difficult for us," he said, adding there was fear that disgruntled aspirants, who lose the race for tickets, may switch over to other parties such as the Congress and the NPP.

"And If NPP is not interested in allying later, it will be problematic for us. So we are being very careful about who we are giving tickets to. That's why there is such a delay.' One of the causes of disquiet

in the BJP is leaders of other par-

some independent MLAs. The Opposition.



As the BJP is in power in the state and also at the Centre, it has become the party of choice for many who are aspiring to contest for the Assembly. The entry of Congress legislators and oth-

ers to the BJP has made the competition for BJP tickets stiffer. The BJP has now over 30 MLAs in its fold in addition to other ticket aspirants within the party.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



VEHICLES: Toyata Fortuner(2), Chevrolet cruize **CRIMINAL CASES:** FIR

dated Jan 10, 2020 at Chandigarh with charges of rally in violation of 144 Crpc

TOTAL ASSETS ₹1.97 Cr **PROFESSION:** Politician CASH₹1.10.000 EDUCATION: B.Com(1st yr)



## POLLS & PUBLICITY Physical presence to 'moral support', pandemic shrinks NRIs in Punjab

#### **ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA** JALANDHAR, JANUARY 29

UNLIKE THE 2017 polls, when Punjab had witnessed its highestever participation of the NRI (Non-Resident Indian) volunteers in the poll campaign, the upcoming state Assembly elections have not evoked the same response from Punjabis settled abroad.

With a little over three weeks left for voting, only some close relatives of a few candidates and some overseas members of various parties are likely to take part in the physical campaign in the state, sources said.

A number of NRIs, who spoke

to The Sunday Express, said that the Covid pandemic was one of the key reasons why many of them had decided to stav away from physical electioneering in Punjab this time. The then entry of the Arvind Kejriwal-led Aam Aadmi Party(AAP) into the Punjab fray as a new contender in the 2017 Assembly polls was a big draw for many NRI volunteers. And the AAP's dismal performance then also led to a section of them los-

ing interest in state politics. During the 2017 election campaign, about 5,000 NRI volunteers had been active on the ground in Punjab after reaching the state from the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Germany, Italy and



#### About 5,000 NRI volunteers had been active on the ground in Punjab during the 2017 election. Express

several other countries. Surinder Mavi, a well known Toronto-based NRI who had mo-

bilised a large number of Punjabi NRIs under the "Chalo Punjab" campaign in favour of the AAP in the run-up to the 2017 polls, said that he has no plans to come to Punjab this time.

A member of the Punjab AAP media team, Atam Prakash Singh, asserted that the pandemic was the major reason for NRIs not coming to campaign in the 20 February Punjab elections. "Their businesses were hit by Covid and their financial condition is not as good as in the prepandemic period, leading to their absence in the election campaign this time," he said.

Recalling NRIs' support for the AAP in the previous elections and how their participation had then made the campaign "colourful", Atam said "they still

give us a lot of moral support". The AAP had claimed in 2017

that around 35,000 NRIs had undertaken electioneering for the party in the 117 Assembly constituencies across Punjab.

Congress minister and candidate from Hoshiarpur's Urmur seat, Sangat Singh Gilzian, who claims significant NRI support as his entire extended family lives in the US, admitted that only a few family members will come to campaign for him this time because of the Covid situation.

Gilzian said that NRIs have taken a keen interest in the Punjab elections and that a large number of the NRI volunteers have been coming to campaign in

New Delhi

Punjab since the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. Prior to 2014, a handful of overseas members of different political parties and their supporters used to come to join the poll campaigning in Punjab.

The AAP's electoral success in Delhi and its foray into the Puniab polls seemed to be a key factor in attracting many

NRI volunteers to Punjab's campaign trail. Upset over issues like sacrilege and drugs, they wanted to "teach traditional parties a lesson". said a Canadabased NRI Kulbir Singh, who hails from Tanda in Punjab.

"Despite a wave of AAP in 2017, our aggressive campaign could not form the third alternative government in Punjab, and then we decided to leave the state to its people only," said Sudershan Singh, an NRI from Canada. who had campaigned in the 2014 and 2017 elections. He also said that a majority of the NRI volunteers were "upset" over the way the people of Puniab voted in favour of the Congress in 2017.

The North American Puniabi Association (NAPA)'s executive director Satnam Singh Chahal said that NRIs were less interested in flying to Punjab for poll campaigning due to Covid and may support political parties digitally. There are about 55 lakh NRIs from Punjab living in various countries across the globe.

**BHAGWANT MANN** AAP candidate from Dhuri

EDUCATION: BA

#### **MOVABLEASSETS:** Self: ₹48,10,174

#### **SP, RLD CHIEFS CAMPAIGN IN GHAZIABAD**



SP, RLD supporters line up to see their leaders, Akhilesh Yadav and Jayant Chaudhry, in Ghaziabad Saturday. Prem Nath Pandey

### Gujarat in for surprise result, not UP: Akhilesh

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** GHAZIABAD, JANUARY 29

SAMAJWADI PARTY chief Akhilesh Yadav said on Saturday that the Uttar Pradesh elections would not throw a surprise result, and that the "real surprise" would come up in the Gujarat Assembly polls due later this year. He expressed confidence regarding forming a government in UP after the seven-phase elections, which start on February 10.

Making a slew of poll promises, he said his alliance government would open "Samaiwadi Canteens" for the poor to get subsidized meals for Rs 10. Similarly, ration outlets will

be opened for the poor, he said.

The SP chief said the people of Uttar Pradesh have already given their verdict and the BIP is 'nervous" about it. "A wrestler who loses sometimes bites or pulls. These people (BJP) have already lost," Yadav said at a press conference along with Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhry.

He said the BJP government had been claiming to provide subsidised ration to 80 crore poor people in the country and

### BJP candidate proposer shot dead in Mathura

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

ONE OF the proposers of BJP candidate and state Cabinet minister Laxmi Narayan Chaudhary was shot dead in Kosi Kalan area of Mathura on Saturday morning. The unidentified accused are at large.

The victim, Ramveer Singh, who had proposed the name of Chaudhary as a poll candidate from the Chhata seat, had gone to a temple with his associate when assailants fired four shots. killing him on the spot, 8 kilometres from his Paigaon village.

Calling it a "political" murer, the minister said Singh, the Paigaon pradhan, had no enmity with anyone On hearing about the incident, local residents blocked the Agra-Delhi national highway and demanded strict action against the assailants.

that that was their admission of India's growing poverty.

end hunger in the state.

their election manifesto.

have given their verdict. No surprise is going to come here. of all sections have made up is going to be formed by those in come from Gujarat where elections are to be held after Uttar

Yadav also recalled the farmers' protest against the now-re-

pealed farm laws and said that as they camped at the Delhi-Ghaziabad border for over a year, the government, instead of sympathising with them, put up barricades and barbed wires to stop them from marching to Delhi.

the farmers".

and harmony

"In the Samajwadi canteens, a meal with nutritious items will be made available at a subsidised rate of Rs 10," he said, adding that the objective behind this is to He said this would be part of

"The people of Uttar Pradesh Farmers, young traders, people their mind that the government the Samajwadi Party alliance," he said. "The real surprise will

Pradesh," he added.

Jayant Chaudhary said voters must choose between the SP-RLD and those "suppressing

# From red caps to riots to March 10: Yogi ups the heat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

IN A no-holds-barred attack on Samajwadi Party, without naming it, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said that "people who are responsible for Muzaffarnagar riots", and those who "shot Ram Bhakts indiscriminately", are today delivering sermons on peace

Holding the opposition party responsible for "blood" of Hindus, Adityanath, campaigning in Ghaziabad's Muradnagar, said: "Inko sharam bhi nahi aati, ki dango ke kaaran maare gaye nirdosh Hinduon ke khoon se jinki topiyan daagi huyi hon, rangi hui ho, aur Rambhakt-on ke upar goliyon se jinki topiyan rangi ho, woh aaj shanti aur sauhard ka sandesh de rahe hain (They do not have shame. Their caps are coloured with blood of Hindus killed in riots...the blood of innocent Ram bhakts. These people are today delivering sermons on

peace and harmony.). Adityanath was referring to

the Muzaffarnagar riots of 2013. Taking on SP candidate from nearby Kairana seat, he tweeted in the evening, "Kairana se tamanchawadi party ka pratyashi dhamki de raha hai; yaani garmi abhi shant nahi hui hai! 10 March ke baad garmi shaant ho jayegi (The Kairana candidate is threatening, which means the heat has not turned down yet. That will

cool down after March 10)." The results of the Assembly

polls in five states will be de-

have shot Ram bhakts indiscrimany other vision.'

The SP government of

Taking the attack to Akhilesh and his uncle Shivpal, who is now aligned with SP and Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra-led Congress, Adityanath said: "There is a party of chachabhatija (uncle-nephew), one of bhai-behen (siblings), and another is bua-bhatija (aunt and nephew) Besides them, there is no space for anyone else (in Opposition). They do not share

But for BJP, he asserted, "All 25 crore people (of UP) are our family. Their development is our development – we are dutybound to the public." Accusing other parties of

nominating candidates with

UDUPI College hijab row: tale of a district divided

**KIRAN PARASHAR** UDUPI, JANUARY 29

IN THE communally polarised Udupi district of coastal Karnataka, protests by some girl students from the Muslim community for the right to wear a hijab to classes at Government Pre-University College is being seen by many in the region as part of the struggle for political ascendancy by Campus Front of India (CFI), the students' wing of Popular Front of India, a Muslim social organisation.

While both the protesting students and CFI have denied any larger political conspiracy behind the stir, political leaders in Udupi, including the local BJP MLA and leaders of Muslim organisations.



criminal background, he said: "If

you fight on a BSP or SP ticket to-

day, you will get a certificate. But I

must remind you that law and or-

der will be maintained after March 10 as well... After March 10.

many people will be seen at po-

lice stations, saying that they will

sell vegetables and live peacefully

governed UP earlier did not

work on development, he said,

'I asked Akhilesh, how many

houses has he built for the

poor? He said he forgot. (But)

there was no problem in build-

ing your own house. The mafia

associated with him built big

houses. But when it came to the

poor, he forgot...

Asserting that parties that

but will not carry out crime."

CHRISTIANS AND Muslims ies elections in December. (Now) form nearly 30% of Udupi it is being used to polarise voters,' population, including 18% said Abdul Azeez Udyavar, organ-Muslims. In 2013, Udupi disising secretary of Udupi District trict had five Assembly seats -Muslim Okkutta, also district pres-BIP won one and Congress the ident of the Welfare Party of India. rest. In 2018, BJP bagged all "If hijab was an issue for students. seats after coastal Karnataka I am sure parents would have brought it to our notice. It could saw massive polarisation amid a strong pro-Hindutva have been solved without much campaign by the saffron party. hype." Udyavar maintained that CFI has "used these students for SDPI is now seen to be using the same polarisation paper to their benefit", an accusation eat into Congress minority Sadiq Jaaratthar, Karnataka unit votes and pose BJP a chalsecretary of CFI, denied. lenger in Ūdupi

"It (controversy) started after

the results of the urban local bod-

the cause since it is our fundamaking any efforts to drive politimental right (to wear hijab)." cal gain from the polarisation Indicating that the issue may

have gone past them now, Abdul Rehman Razvi Kalkatta, secretary, Muslim coordination committee of Udupi district, said, "We wanted to find a solution by holding talks, and not portray the district in a bad light." He said Muslim leaders want the college to allow women to wear hijab to their classes.

BIP's Bhat said had the issue come to his, or the college's notice, "we would have solved it by allowing hijab without making much noise". But, "it has now gone out of our hands. There is a good amount of Muslim population in Uchila village, in Kaup, Padubidre and Katapadi, and they want to make the best of it.' CFI's Jaaratthar, however, alleged that even local administrative authorities and the government have backed this "religious discrimination". Pointing out that the Department of Undergraduate Education rules mention that uniforms are not compulsory, he said the department itself is now working against its own guidelines.

## Need a law against forcible conversions, but no one should be harassed: Kejriwal

#### **ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA** JALANDHAR, JANUARY 29

AAM AADMI Party national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal said on Saturday that a law should be made against forcible religious conversions, but nobody should be harassed by misusing it.

"A law should certainly be made against religious conversions, but such a law should not be misused to harass anyone,'

said Kejriwal. He was replying to a specific query on whether a law should be made against forcible religious conversion. Addressing a public gather-

ing in Jalandhar, Kejriwal said, "Religion is a private matter. Everyone has the right to worship (or follow) any religion or religious book. But if somebody is being converted by alluring them through money or harass-

ing them, then it is wrong." The Delhi CM, replying to another query, accused the Shiromani Akali Dal of doing "dirty politics" over the release of 1993 Delhi bomb blast convict

Devinder Pal Singh Bhullar. "It is a sensitive issue. We strongly condemn the dirty politics being played by the SAD. Former CM Parkash Singh Badal had recently sought the immediate release of Bhullar in the "larger interest of consolidating peace and communal harmony

Bhullar's release" full state and law and order, and the police come under the Centre



Kejriwal said: "Delhi is not a under the Lieutenant Governor. liberates on the issue of remission

of sentence, release et Cetra and arrives at a decision. I don't have

Later. Keiriwal announced 10 tax would be imposed for the next

five years "Our 10 guarantees include cleanliness of cities, proper garbage disposal and solid waste management, beautification, doorstep delivery of services, all power cables to be laid underground, revamp of government hospitals, opening 16,000 mohalla

clinics, revamp of government schools, round the clock power in Punjab. He had urged Kejriwal and water supply, no new tax or not to allow a "communal bias or enhancement in the existing taxes, and end of 'inspector raj'," he said. political or electoral opportunism



#### clared on March 10. opment to infrastructure. Addressing the crowd in Ghaziabad, Adityanath said: 'People responsible for Muzaffarnagar riots and who

inately - do such people have the right to ask for your votes? The riots went on for so many months; two innocent people -Sachin and Gaurav - had only asked for protection of their sister. They were killed brutally. And a phone call from Lucknow spared the culprits."

Akhilesh Yadav was in power in the state at the time. Adityanath said his govern-

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot

"While fixing the responsibil-

state government will take strict

action against every person re-

sponsible for dereliction of duty

and negligence. No injustice will

ment has delivered on all fronts - from law and order and devel-

## **REET paper leak: Rajasthan** sacks school board chairman

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** JAIPUR, JANUARY 29

THE RAJASTHAN government Saturday sacked the chairman of the Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education and suspended three officials including the Board's secretary in connection with the paper leak during the teachers' recruitment exam in September.

The action against school board chair D P Jaroli, secretary Arvind Kumar Sengwa, Dr Subhash Yadav and Dr BS Bairwa came after a police investigation revealed that the Raiasthan



ABVP members protest in Jaipur on Saturday over the paper leak. Rohit Jain Paras

be done to candidates who apirregularities during REET – an peared in the examination," said examination where over 16 lakh Gehlot in a statement. candidates were set to appear.

### ment council, however, denied caused by the protests



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Kejriwal at a press conference

to dictate his decision and refusal to grant immediate clearance for

A sentence review board, comprising judge, police officers, secretaries and other members, de-

any role in this."

10 guarantees new guarantees and said no new

The blockade was lifted after officials promised strict action. No FIR has been lodged in

the case so far.

On September 26 last year, the

Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET) question paper was leaked two days before the examination from the complex where offices of the education department are situated.

Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Raiasthan had suspended internet services in locations across the state to prevent

At the time, the internet

shutdown had grabbed national headlines and the government had also drawn criticism over the inconvenience caused to the public because of the move.

Cornered by the opposition BJP which is staging protests and demanding a CBI probe, the government on Saturday took action against the officials.

operations group of the Rajasthan police - the agency investigating the paper leak case – had confirmed that that the question paper was stolen and leaked from Shiksha Sankul — the campus in Jaipur where multiple offices of the departments related to education along with institutions are located – on September 24, two days before REET.

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74th Anniversary

30 January, 2022

Earlier this week. th

see a link between the controversy and the growing political heft of Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) in the region

In a history of sorts, SDPI, the political wing of PFI, recently won three seats in Udupi urban local body elections. It won Kaup town municipality as well as Vittla and Kotekar town panchayats, making inroads into traditional

Congress base of Muslim voters. In a way, keeping the issue, and

the resulting polarisation, alive is also seen to help BJP, which is trying to hold on to its influence in Udupi, having swept the seats in 2018 elections. Party MLA for Udupi, K Raghupathi Bhat, who is also head of the college develop-

BIP's Bhat also said the hijab protests were "politically motivated". But students involved in the protest denied any political reason behind their demand. Stating that they went to CFI only after the college administration failed to address the issue, a student who has been part of the protests and did not want to be identified, said, "We approached them (CFI) to support

### 10 candidates from Capt's party choose to contest under BJP's lotus symbol

#### **KANCHAN VASDEV** CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

IN FIRST signs of trouble and an embarrassment for former chief ministerCaptAmarinderSingh's Punjab Lok Congress (PLC), at least 10 of its candidates have chosen the Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP)'s 'lotus' symbol rather than the newly-formed outfit's 'hockey stick and ball' to contest the February 20 Assembly polls.

PLC has named its candidates for 32 of the 37 Assembly segments it is contesting in alliance with the BJP and SAD (Sanyukt).

At least four candidates of PLC, including its general secretary incharge Kamaldeep Saini, who is contesting from Kharar segment, has sought symbol from the BJP. The others include Bathinda

(Urban), Ludhiana East and Atamnagar. Prem Mittal, an SAD ex-MLA from Mansa and former Senior Deputy Mayor of Ludhiana, has been fielded from Atamnagar, Jagmohan Sharma, ex-president of District Congress Committee, Ludhiana, is the candidate from Ludhiana (East) and Raj Numberdar from Bathinda Urban. All four are urban constituencies.

Sources in the BJP said the party had accepted the request from these four candidates and it had received a request from six more candidates of PLC.

model code of conduct and

Covid protocol during a can-

vassing. An inquiry was or-

against 26 named people, in-

cluding Abdullah Azam Khan,

and 50-60 unidentified people

on charges of violation of

An FIR was registered

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dered into the matter.

### FIR against Azam's son for 'flouting poll, Covid norms'

Lucknow: AN FIR was registered against senior Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan's son Abdullah Azam Khan on Saturday for allegedly violating model code of conduct and Covid-19 protocol during a campaign at Tanda village in Rampur on Friday.

Abdullah Azam is contesting election from Suar seat in Rampur on SP ticket.

Station House Officer, model code of conduct and Tanda police station, Gaurav Covid-19 protocol.



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## **EXPRESS NETWORK**

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People carry the remains of head constable Ali Mohammad Ganie, killed in Anantnag on Saturday. Shuaib Masoodi

### J&K policeman shot dead near his home

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** SRINAGAR, JANUARY 29

SUSPECTED MILITANTS shot a policeman outside his home in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on

Saturday evening, police said. Shot at by assailants at close range, Ali Mohammad Ganie, who was a head constable posted in nearby Kulgam district, was left critically wounded. He succumbed to injuries at the

hospital, police said. Today, at about 1730hrs, Anantnag Police received information about a terror crime incident at Hasanpora Tabala area of Bijbehara, Anantnag, where terrorists had fired upon a police personnel," the police said in a release. "Officers...learnt that

# Head Constable Ali Mohammad

Ganie was shot at by terrorists near his house...he had received grievous gunshot injuries.' It added that Ganie suc-

cumbed to injuries at hospital. Soon after the attack, a joint team of J&K Police, paramilitary forces and the Army reached the attack site and launched a cordon and search operation.

Ganie is the first policeman killed in a militant attack this year in the Valley.

Militant attacks on police personnel in the Valley has seen a steep rise over the last one year. According to official figures, of 42 security personnel killed in Jammu and Kashmir last year, 21 were from J&K Police. In Valley, 20 out of 29 security personnel killed in 2021 belonged to police.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29 MOVING TO expand its footprint in the Indian Ocean region and

counter Chinese influence, New Delhi is reinvigorating ties with Oman where it has secured access to the key port of Duqm for military use and logistical support.

The government is laying out the red carpet for Oman's top defence official Mohammed Nasser Al Zaabi who will be in India from January 30 to February 4 on an official visit. Al Zaabi, Secretary General of Ministry of Defence of the Sultanate of Oman, is the executive head of the Omani defence establishment as the Minister's charge is held by Deputy Prime Minister Sayyid Shihab.

Zaabi will be in New Delhi to co-chair the Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMMC) with Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar. The JMCC, the highest forum of engagement between India and Oman in the field of defence, evaluates and provides guidance to the overall framework of defence exchanges between the two sides. It is expected to meet annually, but could not be

run Global Times on Friday, Khan

wrote: "It is our common vision

that enduring peace in South Asia

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India secured access to Dugm to counter Chinese influence in the region

This was one of the key takeaways of PM Modi's visit to Oman in February 2018

The Indian armed forces conduct bilateral exercises and staff talks with Oman

organised after 2018 when the meeting of the 9th JMCC was held in Oman. Coming as it does after a hiatus of three years, the 10th IMCC is expected to comprehensively evaluate the ongoing defence exchanges and provide a roadmap for further strengthening defence ties in the coming

years. India secured access to Dugm as part of its maritime strategy to counter Chinese influence and activities in the region. This was one of the key takeaways of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Oman in February 2018. Work is on to operationalise the access through a pact.

On the sidelines of the JMCC, Zaabi is expected to call on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and will also be briefed on the Indian defence production industry for possible procurement and joint production.

His visit will be followed by a series of defence engagements in February that will include backto-back visits to India by the Chief of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO), and the Chief of the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO), staff talks between Indian Navy and CRNO, and a bilateral Air Force exercise in Jodhpur.

Oman is the only country in the Gulf region with which all three services of the Indian armed forces conduct regular bilateral exercises and staff talks. Oman also provides critical operational support to Indian naval deployments in the Arabian sea for anti-piracy missions.

**30 YEARS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS** No better time to take India-Israel ties forward: PM Modi

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

the cooperation between the two

countries played a key role in the

completion of 30 years of full-

fledged diplomatic relations be-

tween India and Israel, Modi said

the people of both countries al-

age-old," Modi said.

In a video message on the

growth stories of both nations.



PM Narendra Modi

nificant changes are taking place. "I am confident that India-Israel friendship will continue to set new records of mutual cooperation in the decades to come," the Prime Minister said

ways shared a special relationship. Though India had recognised "This day holds importance in our Israel on September 17, 1950, fullrelationship as full diplomatic ties fledged diplomatic relations bewere established between the tween the countries were estabtwo countries 30 years ago. A new lished on January 29, 1992. Emphasising that "friendship and chapter between the two countries had begun. It was a new trust" were not only positive traits but also "real assets", the foreign chapter but history between us is ministers of India and Israel, in a "For centuries, the Jew comjoint op-ed for an Israeli daily on munity has stayed in India in a Friday, said the two countries have harmonious environment withworked together to "deepen their out any discrimination and has roots". The development comes grown. It has made an important contribution in our developmental journey," he said. Modi also said

on a day when a New York Times report claiming that India bought Pegasus spyware as part of a defence deal with Israel in 2017 triggered a major controversy in India.

notice to govt on shooting victim Guwahati: Assam Human **Rights Commission on** Saturday issued a notice to Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua asking why a former student leader shot recently by the police in an anti-drugs operation should not be compen-

sated. The police had shot

Kirti Kamal Bora, 22, in an

AHRC sends

BRIEFLY

operation in Nagaon district on January 22. While the police alleged Bora was involved in a drug racket and had attacked policemen during the operation, his family said he had been "framed". The rights panel, which took cognizance of the incident on January 24, said it had found the case to be "prima facie... violation of human rights".

#### **UTTAR PRADESH BJP** youth wing member shot at

ENS

Etawah: A divisional-level office-bearer of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, BJP's youth wing, was seriously injured after being shot at by motorcycle-borne assailants in UP's Etawah district, police said on Saturday. Amit Barua (26) was standing near his vehicle along with some locals when he was fired at, Etawah SSP Jai Prakash Singh said. PTI

#### GOA TMC-MGP manifesto out

Panaji: Ahead of the Goa Assembly election, the Trinamool Congress (TMC)-Maharashtrawadi Gomantak Party (MGP) combine released its 10point manifesto on Saturday and promised to do away with the three linear projects cutting through the Mollem National Park in south Goa being opposed by state's environmentalists. ENS

### \$1.2-BN RECOVERY

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

BENGALURU-BASED start-up

BENGALURU, JANUARY 29

**Devas** appeals against US court ruling on finding Antrix assets

### All issues, including Kashmir, should be resolved via diplomacy, dialogue: Imran

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BEIJING/ISLAMABAD, JAN 29

AHEAD OF his visit to China, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that for "enduring peace" in South Asia it is essential that a "strategic balance" is maintained in the region and all "outstanding issues", including the Kashmir issue, be resolved



Pakistan PM Imran Khan

through dialogue and diplomacy. In an article in China's state-

### SALUTE THE SOLDIER



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is contingent on maintaining a strategic balance in the region and all outstanding issues like border questions and the Kashmir dis-

on February 4.

pute should be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy and as per norms of international law." Khan is expected to visit China PROVISION OF CCTV SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

Police had sought the phones in connection with an investiga-E-Tender Notice No: 17 of 2021-22 tion into an alleged conspiracy en E-tenders are invited by th to harm officers who had ndersigned for the following work: B Tender No. N-2021-22-17-Sr.DST MLG; Dated: 25:01-2022. Name of work probed a 2017 abduction and sexual assault case in which Provision of CCTV surveillance system a Dileep is an accused. 07 RFF posts/outposts/including lock-ups and interrogation rooms over N.F. Railway Tender Value: 72, 18,40,8571-; Earnest

Earlier this week, police questioned Dileep and the oth-Money: ₹2.59,200<sup>1</sup>, E-tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. and opened at 15.30 hrs. on 21-02-2022. The complete ers, and later served them with a notice to produce the mobile information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website phones. The prosecution moved the HC on Friday after the accused refused to hand it over.

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**CONSPIRACY CASE** HC directs actor Dileep, 2 others to give access to mobile phones

#### SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 29

THE KERALA High Court on Saturday directed Malayalam actor Dileep and two of his relatives to produce six of their mobile phones before the court's registrar-general on Monday.

The accused had argued that 'any direction to produce the mobile phones would amount

on Thursday at Sarsi village under Manasa police station area, an official said. The man's father Fakirchand Meghwal had ap-

proached the administration with

### Activist who worked for minorities, opposed ghettoisation, dies at 77

### **ADITI RAJA**

HUMAN RIGHTS activist and former physics professor luzer S Bandukwala died on Saturday morning at his residence in the

#### of Manasa police station. "All security arrangements were made by the police and the procession was taken out peacefully. All villagers cooperated and

lagers said that they all have been living harmoniously," Dangi said. However, Rahul alleged that some villagers had threatened his

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEEMUCH, JANUARY 29 Rahul A DALIT man's wedding proces-

sion was escorted by the police after his family voiced fears of possible disruption by some influential people at a village in Madhya Pradesh's Neemuch dis-

trict, police said on Saturday. The procession was taken out

defiance against tradition.

### VADODARA, JANUARY 29

Security was provided for the procession as a precaution, said Kanhaiya Lal Dangi, the in-charge

there was no opposition. The vil-



ing communal protests in Vadodara. In 2018, he wrote to then Gujarat chief minister Vijay Rupani over the issue and later rejected authorities' offer to shift the Muslim families to a minoritydominated neighbourhood. He

procession a couple of days ago and he had spoken to the police and administration in this regard. Earlier this week, police arrested six people after they allegedly pelted stones at the home of a Dalit man and ransacked his house in Sagar district after a wed-

ding procession that was seen as

procession escorted by MP police father not to take out the procesa complaint that some influential people in the village may disrupt sion or the family would be forced to leave the village. the wedding procession of his son BSP leader Radheshyam Commander said that he had got

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After threats, Dalit man's wedding

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#### CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to the RFP for Bio-mining of 50 Lakhs Tons Legacy Waste and Disposal of excavated material, Reclamation of land and Construction of Engineered Landfill Facility, and Setting up 150 KLD Leachate Treatment Plant (LTP) at Ghazipur Dumpsite invited on 30.12.2021 vide ID No. 2021 EDMC\_100107\_1 with last date of bid submission on 14.02.2022, the EDMC has substantially modified the eligibility criteria and the scope of work. The corrigendum and addendum alongwith replies to pre-bid queries can be seen and downloaded from <u>www.mcdonline.nic.in/EDMC</u> and https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Sd/-

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Containers, Trucks, Railway rake and lifting equipment's shall be arranged by the agency. The arrangement of making slurry from fly ash shall also be installed by the agency. The Dry ash filled containers shall be Unloaded and Evacuated in a fully enclosed structure without any fugitive emission.

The purpose of inviting this EOI is to seek interest from Transporting agencies, for fly ash transportation to Gorbi Mines by RCR (Rail cum Road) Mode on long term basis.

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'Information to Applicants' and 'Application Form and Annexures' for Expression of Interests have been uploaded on www.ntpctender.com.

Application for EOI may be sent to GM (Ash Dyke Management), NTPC Limited, Vindhvachal Super Thermal Power Station, P.O. Vindhyanagar, District Singrauli - 486885, Madhya Pradesh (Email: AU\_Vindhyachal@ntpc.co.in).

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O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Pratapgunj area of Vadodara following prolonged illness.

Bandukwala, who had been an advocate for reforms in the Muslim community, was 77.

Bandukwala, who lived alone, developed age-related complications and was under treatment at home for the last one week. His physician Dr Mohammed Hussain told The Sunday Express, "He had diabetes and cardiac ail-

ments... He was also suffering from mild Alzheimer's." Bandukwala was a graduate

of Bombay University and a Doctorate in Physics. As the

J.S. BANDUKWALA

President of the Union of Maharaja Sayajirao University in Vadodara in 1981, Bandukwala stood up for the rights of Dalit students at MSU.

He opposed the alleged ghettoisation of the Muslim community and led a crusade from 2015 to rehabilitate nearly 450 displaced families of Kalyannagar slums in Vadodara who had been left in the lurch after the civic body cancelled a housing draw follow-

said. "The Muslims have the right to live anywhere."

His activism meant he was also targetted several times. His house in Sama area of Vadodra was set ablaze during the 2002 Gujarat riots. Bandukwala, however, continued to advocate for an inclusive society, choosing to live in a mixed neighbourhood

throughout his life. Community leaders say that Bandukwala's death has left a void. Dr Hussain, the president of the Zidni Ilma Trust founded by Bandukwala, said, "His demise is a big loss but we will carry forward his work."

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(b)	Dental Officer	02	Dehradun-01, Vikasnagar-01	15 Mar 22
(C)	Officer-in-Charge	01	Vikasnagar-01	16 Mar 22
(d)	Gynecologist	01	Dehradun-01	16 Mar 22
(e)	Laboratory Technician	02	Dehradun-01, Vikasnagar -01	16 Mar 22
(f)	Radiographer	01	Dehradun-01	16 Mar 22
(g)	Pharmacist	01	Dehradun-01	16 Mar 22
(h)	Dental A/T/H	02	Dehradun-02	16 Mar 22
(i)	Nursing Assistant	04	Dehradun-03, Vikasnagar -01	16 Mar 22
(k)	Clerk	01	Dehradun-01	17 Mar 22
(I)	Driver	01	Vikasnagar-01	17 Mar 22
(m)	Female Attendant	02	Dehradun-01, Vikasnagar -01	17 Mar 22
(n)	Peon	01	Dehradun-01	17 Mar 22
(0)	Chowkidar	01	Vikasnagar-01	17 Mar 22
(p)	Safaiwala	01	Dehradun-01	17 Mar 22
	Total	31		

2. For Terms & Conditions, Application Form and Remuneration kindly see website www.echs.gov.in. For further details please contact Stn HQ Cell (ECHS) Dehradun at Tele No 0135-2751526. Last date of receipt of application is 22 Feb 2022 by 1200 hrs. Interview will be conducted on 15,16 and 17 Mar 2022 from 1000 hrs onwards at Conference Hall, Military Hospital, Garhi Cantt Dehradun. Candidates to bring their original certificates/degree photocopy of testimonials/experience certificate, attempt certificate as applicable and one PP size photograph for interview. All Covid guidelines will be strictly followed. Candidates to be in possession of latest RT PCR report not earlier than 72 hrs and report by 0900 hrs.

Devas Multimedia, which is now under the control of a liquidator, approached a US appeals court against a federal court order of January 3 that allowed the startup's foreign investors to find assets of Antrix Corporation in the US Eastern District of Virginia for the recovery of \$1.2-billion compensation for the failed Devas Multimedia-Antrix Corp satellite deal. The January 3 order by the US District Court for the Western District of Washington, a federal court, came after three foreign investors of Devas Multimedia -CC/Devas Mauritius Ltd, Telcom Devas Mauritius Ltd. and Devas Employees Mauritius Pvt Ltd – had moved the court to allow the discovery of Antrix assets across the US. The foreign investors have also been targetting assets of Air India – as a Government of India

entity prior to its sale to Tata

Group – for the compensation. Antrix Corporation is the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). After the 2005 deal between Antrix and Devas was annulled in 2011, Devas investors have won separate compensation awards in international tribunals, including \$1.2 billion awarded by an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) tribunal on September 14, 2015. This award was upheld by the US District Court for the Western District of Washington on October 27, 2020, and Antrix has appealed this order in a US appeals court. The Supreme Court of India has asked for the ICC tribunal award to be kept in abeyance through a November 4, 2020 order. India's National Company Law Tribunal ordered the liquidation of Devas Multimedia on May 25 last year citing fraud in its creation. The NCLT order was upheld by the Supreme Court on January 17.

#### **AFTER BOMBAY HIGH COURT INTERVENTION**

## Prisoner with 'mental health issues' shifted from anda cell

prisoner Imran Shaikh from the

anda cell and submit a compli-

ance report. It had further directed

the chief iudicial magistrate (CIM)

to visit the prison by January 29,

record the statement of the con-

vict and also inspect the anda cell

before submitting a fact-finding

report by January 31, when it will

take along a photographer and

dean of the government medical

hospital in Aurangabad to consti-

tute a team of three doctors to ex-

amine the inmate, inspect the

anda cell and submit a report on

Ruheena's lawyer Rupesh

submit pictures of the cell.

The HC also asked the CIM to

Moreover, the bench asked the

hear the plea again.

his health.

nation and magisterial inquiry

bench of Justice V K Jadhav and

Justice S C More heard the plea

filed by Ruheena. She submitted

a September 15, 2021 letter writ-

ten by Imran to the jail superin-

tendent, seeking that he be

moved out of the anda cell, where

he was transferred in October

2019. Ruheena told HC that the

prison did not take action on his

representation. When she vis-

ited Imran on November 24,

2021, she found his mental

health in "deteriorating condi-

tion" and wrote to the jail on

December 12 seeking that he be

shifted. However, no action was

taken, prompting her to move

the HC. "We are shocked to read

On January 28, a division

have begun.

#### **OMKAR GOKHALE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

AFTER THE Aurangabad bench of the Bombay High Court expressed "shock" when a woman alleged that her husband's mental health condition is deteriorating, as he has been kept in the central jail's anda cell (solitary confinement) for nearly two years and four months, the jail authorities on Friday shifted him to another cell.

On Friday, the woman, Ruheena Shaikh, had alleged that prison authorities are following an "inhuman approach," despite the statutory solitary confinement for breaking certain prison rules, as per the Prisoners Act, 1894, cannot exceed 14 days.

Jaiswal said that as on Saturday, Thereafter, the court had asked the jail to immedia

		(email: director@gtre	P.O. BENGALURU-560 093 .drdo.in/ hrd@gtre.drdo.in)
	AWARD	Advt. No. GTRE/H	CH FELLOWSHIPS (JRF) RD/062/2022
		e applications for awarding Jur	ior Research Fellowships
SI.	No. of Fellowships	Subject/Discipline	Educational Qualifications
1	02	Mechanical Engineering	Graduate degree in professional
2	02	Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering	course (B.E/B.Tech) from recognized University/ Institute in First Division
3	01	Mechanical Engineering (Quality & Reliability Engg.)	with valid GATE score <b>Or</b>
4	01	Electronics/Electronics & Communication/Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering or eqvt.	<ul> <li>Post graduate in professional course (M.E/M.Tech) from recognized University/ Institute in First Division both at Graduate &amp; Post graduate leve</li> </ul>
5	01	Computer Science/Computer Engineering/ Information Technology/ Infromation Science/Data Science or eqvt	(Only GATE 2020 & 2021 are acceptable)
		28 years as on last date of re rs for OBC as per Govt. of Indi	ceipt of application. (relaxable by 5 year a orders).

### State Bank of India

## Covid-19: Karnataka withdraws night curbs

#### ENS&PTI BENGALURU, AGARTALA, HYDERABAD, JANUARY 29

After HC rap,

**CBI changes team** 

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) has changed

the team probing the death of

Dhanbad judge Uttam Anand,

the Jharkhand High Court recently

slammed the agency for its "lax-

ity" in probing the murder, and

observed that it seemed that the

CBI was trying to quit the probe

The officials said the team will

be headed

Superintendent of Police (SP)

Vikas Kumar, posted at agency's

Special Crime Unit in Delhi. He has

already taken over from VK

reached Dhanbad where they

sought the court's permission to

question two accused, Lakhan

Verma and Rahul Verma, who

The new team has already

by

and even protect the accused.

now

Shukla.

The development came after

probing death of

Dhanbad judge

officials said on Saturday.

THE KARNATAKA government on Saturday decided to remove night curfew and allow schools in Bengaluru city to start offline classes for standard 1 to 9 from January 31, based on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) report.

"There will be no night curfew from January 31. The night curfew curbs have been lifted owing to the increase in recovery rate. The public transports, pubs, restaurants, government offices can operate with full seating capacity,'

State Revenue Minister R Ashok told reporters on Saturday after a high-level meeting with the experts and officials, chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. In view of the rising Covid-19 cases in the state, the government

had imposed curbs including night curfew and weekend cur-

#### 70 fatalities and 69,902 recoveries on Saturday. According to State Health Minister K Sudhakar, the overall hospitalisation on Friday was 1.9 per cent.

Ashok said that the government decided to continue with the mandatory RT-PCR tests for those coming from Kerala, Maharashtra and Goa, and the ban on social, religious and political rallies will continue.

Education minister BC Nagesh said, "The offline classes in Bengaluru...will open in Bengaluru from Monday (January

31) but adhering to the Covid-19 protocols."

#### Tripura to reopen

institutions from Jan 31 Amidst rising Covid-19 figures, the state government on Saturday decided to reopen all educational institutions including schools starting from pre-primary to higher secondary level, colleges and universities from January 31, saying closure of schools was found to have caused serious learning losses and affected mental health

Minister Ratan Lal Nath said that he met education and health directors on Saturday and decided to reopen all educational institutions from January 31.

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#### **Telangana: Schools**, colleges reopen Feb 1

The Telangana government on Saturday decided to reopen all educational institutions in the state from February 1 with strict adherence to Covid-19 guidelines.

A memo to this effect was issued by the state education deof students. State Education partment.

IDBI Bank Ltd., 1st Floor, Donar Road, VIP Road, infront of Holy Cross School, Darbhanga, Biahr-846004 (For Immovable property) **ÖDBI BANK** N: L65190MH2004GOI148838 Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the IDBI Bank Ltd., Darbhanga, Bihar under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 o 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interes Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on the date mentioned against the accounts calling upor ne borrower/guarantor/mortgagor to repay the amount as mentioned against the account within 60 days from he date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby issued to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and in the public in general that the undersigned

has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him unde b-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 or dates mentioned against the accounts. The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public ir neral are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of IDBI Bank Ltd., Darbhanga, Bihar, for the amounts mentioned below plus applicable interest costs/charge thereon.The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

SI. No.	A) Name of the borrower B) Name of the Mortgagor cum Guarantor	<ol> <li>Date of Demand Notice</li> <li>Date of Possession</li> <li>Claim amount as per Demand Notice</li> </ol>	Description of the Property
1.	A) M/s Gyan Sagar Pushtak Kendra (PropShri Dinesh Kant Choudhary) B) Shri Radha Mohan Choudhary (Mortgagor cum Guarantor)	1) 11.10.2021 2) 24.01.2022 3) ₹ <b>27,60,435/-</b> (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five Only) and interest thereon.	Sub Red Bahera Darbhanda, Bounded, On the North
	ce:Darbhanga e:24.01.2022		Sd/- Authorized Officer IDBI Bank Ltd.

#### LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD LIC HFL

8th Floor, BSFC Building, Fraser Road, Patna - 800001, Tel : +91 612 2332128 / 30

#### Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

reas, The undersigned being the authorized officer of the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD. under th uritization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (3 o 2) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security interes orcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on following date calling upon the following loanee unde w mentioned loan A/c to repay the below mentioned amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of th notice

loanee having failed to repay the amount, notice in hereby given to the loanee and the public in genera the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers ferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said ordinance read with rule 9 of the said Rules on the wing date

loanee in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any ings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD for below mentione

loanee attention is invited to provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem th red assets

Name and Address of Loanee /A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice & Dues Amount Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable Property
Amitabh Kumar S/o- Bhushan Prasad Singh, At- House No 96, House of Deepak Sinha, Near Baba Laudge, PS-Kidwaipuri, East Boring Canal Road, Patna, District-Patna State Bihar Pin Code-800001 Under Loan Account No 21210000853	Rs. 6,60,017.30 + Sarfaesi + Other charges	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land & Building Serial No-8586 Sale Deed No8381 Date 29-11- 2014 Token No-8651 <u>VASTU VIHAR PHASE-1</u> BLOCK-D 4th Floor Flat No-FR-04 Hajipur Industrial Area Thana Dighi Kala, Khata No-536, 350, Plot No-4638, 4639, Total area-0.37 Decimal District- Vaishali Sub registry office Hajipur District-Vaishali State- Bihar in the name of Amitabh Kumar S/o Sri Bhushan Pd Singh. <b>Boundary :</b> North: Flat No. F.R. 03 (D Block), South: Open Space, East: Common Passage, West: Flat No F.R. 06 (D Block)
Development M//		

### J&K admin n to demarcati process of low-lying lar

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SE** JAMMU, JANUARY 29

THE JAMMU and Kashmi istration on Saturday a the procedure for delinea demarcation of land cate as Gair Mumkin Khads, Nallahs and others tha form part of water chan have been recorded in records as such.

Gair Mumkin Khad is ing area that often turn sage for rain waters or fl ters, and Darvas and Na streams. The approval corded at a meeting Administrative Council cl Lieutenant Governor Mar in Jammu on Saturday. T committees will over process, according to the statement.

The decision is exp help people who have co the erroneous entries bodies in the existing records. The process, or pleted, may also help res going litigations beside ing owners of such l transact and carry out economic/non-econom ities, the statement said

The exercise will ducted in a phased ma districts of Jammu, San Kathua within three more the remaining distric Union territory in a year EXPRESS NETWORK

#### Rotate hologram statue of 'iconic leaders' at India Gate: Letter to President

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A GROUP of 136 academics, writers, lawyers and other professionals have written to President Ram Nath Kovind requesting that instead of installing a permanent statue of Netaii Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate, a diverse mix of Independence movement leaders be represented through holograms on a rotational basis.

"Such a move would also promote greater unity and amity throughout India. People from across our diverse country would welcome this honour being conferred on iconic leaders (both women and men) from their states...We, as citizens, hope that the Government will seriously consider this suggestion...," states the letter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on January 23 unveiled a hologram statue of Bose beneath the canopy at India Gate. A granite statue, once ready, will be installed at the same site soon, Modi had said.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBLINAL, DELHI(DRT 3) 4th Floor, Jeevan Tag Building, Parlamenti Streat, New Delh-110001 Case No. OA404/0200 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, rea with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the DetR Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993. Exh. No. 3019 ICICI BANK LIMITED VS MOHD RONAK AND ANR. 0. IDED BANK LIMITED VS MCHD KONAK AND ANK. I MOHD RONAK AND ANR DWISO- MOHD MUBED ALI RC HOUSE 243. LINK ROAD, MAHARAJIPUR, IE SAHIBABA Sinzabad, UTAR RPADESH - 201001 21 NAUSHEERALI SO MOHD UNED 201001 21 NAUSHEERALI SO MOHD UNED 201001 MHEREAS, DA444/2020 was listed before Homble Presiding MHEREAS, This Homble Tribunal is pleased to issue ummonshotice on the said Application under sector 1941 of 3098323 80- lepplication along with copies of documents etc annexed). nexed), fou are also directed to file the written statement with a cop-recof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registra n 01/02/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall b and decided in your absence. orgoing Pandemic situation, all the ,matters will be take .gh Video Conferencing and for thet purpose.-?Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisci application/sintware. (1) the in-products activities and the second state of hearing qua ii) Meeting D and Password for the next date of hearing qua States II bailt up Registratificeovery Officer-land Recovery States II bailt up Registratificeovery Officer-land Recovery available one day pror to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. it govin under the Public Notes Heved. iii) In any exegency qua that, the Advocates Liligants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 23/48669. Green under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the date :

OF THE OFFICER AUTHORISED TO ISSUE SUM

RASECC Muzaffarpur (Code 10012)

Zonal Office Building, Poddar Complex, Mithanpura, P.O Ramna, Muzaffarpur -842002, email- sbi.10012@sbi.co.in

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

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the SYMBOLIC/PHYSICAL POSSESSION of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 04.03.2022 (Friday). Other detials of the e-auction are as under:

SI. No.		Amount of Demand (as per SARFAESI notice)	Description of the property	Name of Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Date of 13(2) Date of 13(4) under SARFAESI Act	Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold EMD Bid Increment Amount
1.	Ms Swapna Jaiswal (Borrower) and Mr. Kaushal Kishore Jaiswal (Co-borrower & Mortgagor)	₹ 12,81,560.00 + interest and expenses, costs, charges etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential land located at Mauza-Mohiuddinpur, PS-Siwan (Mufasil) Distt-Siwan Registered Sale Deed No. 9010 dated 23.07.1996, Khata No.123, Khesra No.1427, Thana No.207, Area-2 Kattha executed on 06.12.2012 by Mr. Kaushal Kishore Jaiswal (Co-borrower & Mortgagor), S/o Late Ramnath Sah. Boundaries:- North-Nawal Kishore Jaiswal, South-Raj Kishore Jaiswal, East-Nala & Rasta, West-Algu Turha at present Chokar Choudhary.	Kishore Jaiswal (Co-borrower & Mortgagor), S/o Late Ramnath Sah	15.06.2020 21.09.2020	
2.	Sri Harendra Prasad S/o Late Ramswarth Singh and Smt. Rita Devi W/o Sri Harendra Prasad	₹ <b>5,24,396/-</b> + interest and expenses, costs, charges etc.	Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of the property consisting of residential land & building located at Mauza-Halka-Damodarpur Shahjahan Alias Durnri, Mushari Distt-Muzaffarpur Registered Sale Deed No.4440 dated 23.02.2010, Khata No.170, Khesra No.1281, Thana No.332, Area-4 decimal i.e. 1760 Sqft executed on 09.07.2010 by Borrower, Sri Harendra Prasad S/o Late Ramswarth Singh. Boundaries:- North-Hari Narayan Sah, South-Deep Lal Rai, East-12 ft wide Road, West-Bibi Naima Khatoon.	Prasad S/o Late Ramswarth Singh	21.07.2018 03.10.2018	₹29,16,000/- ₹2,91,600/- ₹10,000/-

E-auction Terms and Condition

Date & Time of e-auction: 04.03.2022 (Friday); Time: 120 Minutes. From 12:00 Noon to 02:00 P.M. with unlimited extension of 10 Minutes each.

- 2. The auction sale will be "online through e-auction". The intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-Auction process a e-Auction Service Provider's website https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.
- 3. The intending Bidders/Purchasers are requested to register on portal (https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/Purchasers have to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the e-Auction Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet mus be completed well in advance, before the auction.

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

MSTC Central Helpdesk Number (for any technical help): 033-40645207, 40609118, 40645316, 40602403, 40067351, 40628253. SBI contaction of the second s no. (for property related enquirey): 9431510449, 9570646432.

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

. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims/rights/dues/affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitmen or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold will all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unkwon to the bank The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditior shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002.

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

Date : 28.01.2022 Place : Muzaffarpur

andana Kumari W/o-All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Land & Jukesh Kumar and Mukesh Building Serial No-2374 Original, Sale Deed No.-2326 Kumar S/o-Sukhdev Prasad 13.96.318.08 Date 08-04-2016 Token No-2377 Book No-1 Jild No-45 in At-Bikkam, Po-Kachhiyana, + Sarfaesi + Page No-570 to 581 Mauja-Saraipur Halka-Raghopur P.S-Sirari, District-Lakhisara Other Computerized Page No-1464, Jamabandi No-1901, Sub charges State-Bihar Pin code-811107 Division-Hajipur Anchal, Raghopur, Thana-Ganga Bridge Thana No-198, Khata No-52, Plot No-117/11 Hajipu 20.01.2022 Under Loan Account No. 212100002755

District-Vaishali, Total Area-4.5 Decimal sub Registry Office-Hajipur District-Vaishali State Bihar in the name o Smt. Bandana Kumari W/o Mukesh Kumar Boundary North: Shri Krishndev Prasad, South: Ritu Rani, East Wide Rural Road, West: Gigal Rai

Authorised Officer

(LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD)



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

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The loanee having failed to repay the amount, notice in hereby given to the loanee and the public in genera that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power: conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said ordinance read with rule 9 of the said Rules on the ollowing date

The loanee in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD for below mentioned amoun

The loanee attention is invited to provisions of section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem th secured assets

Name and Address of Loanee /A/c No.	Date of Demand Notice & Dues Amount Date of Possession	Description of the Immovable Property
Smt. Manorama Sinha, W/o- Raj Kumar Sinha Under Loan Account No 220300000346	18.02.2021 Rs. 17,31,289.84 + Interest & Other Sarfesi charges & Other charges 24.01,2022	All that part and parcel of the property Consisting of Sale Deed No 16123 Dated 24.10.2016, Mauja-Kendua, Thana No323, Plot No2241, Khata No48, Ward No 46, DistGaya Property in the Name of Manorma Sinha Area-1660 Sq.ft. <b>Boundary :</b> North: Part of Nij plot, South: Part of Nij plot, East: River, West: 16 ft pakka Road
Shri Awadhesh Kumar & Gayatri Devi Under Loan Account No 220300000516	18.02.2021 Rs. 28,35,606.79 + Interest & Other Sarfesi charges & Other charges 24.01.2022	All that part and parcel of the property Consisting of Sale Deed No 12882 Dated 16.08.2017, Mauja-Khatkachak Pragana, Thana No10, Tauji No Khata No57 old, 1615 new, Plot no 190 old 1949 new, MSP no-20936, Ward No-44, DistGaya Property in the Name of Gayatri Dev W/o Awadhesh Kumar Area-700 Sq.ft. <b>Boundary :</b> North Rajesh Vishwakarma, South: Bulkani Kaharin, East: Nij vendor (Vikreta), West: Gali
Smt. Rashmi Patel, W/o- Ravishankar Kumar Under Loan Account No 220300000150	19.08.2019 Rs. 10,74,858.27 + Interest & Other Sarfesi charges & Other charges 24.01.2022	All that part and parcel of the property Consisting of Sale Deed No 14644 Dated 26.09.2016, Mauja-Parewa Thana No322, Token No15704, Khata No80, Plot no. 212/213 DistGaya, Area-1360 Sq.ft <b>Boundary :</b> North Rasta, South: Janki Mahto, East: Lekhadhari, West: Ni Lekhakari
Place - Gaya Date - 24.01.2022	24.01.2022	Authorised Officer (LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD)





AUTHORISED OFFICER

STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASECC, MUZAFFARPUR

Place - Vaishali Date - 20.01.2022



# **10** Opinion

#### Across THEAISLE



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The proper response will be to correct the negative perceptions of service under the Modi government and to explore alternative solutions. One suggestion is to increase the number recruited annually so that the abundance of officers will oblige the states to depute officers to the Cente. Another suggestion is to identify at the time of initial recruitment a small number of willing officers as 'hard core' and appoint them to service exclusively under the Centre (as was the practice in IPS)

THE THREE letters IAS (standing for Indian Administrative Service) have a magnetic quality about them even after 75 years of Independence. They represent social status, power, an assured income for about 32-35 years, pension for life, perquisites, medical care and, more often than not, job satisfaction. A rung or two below is the Indian Police Service (IPS). Nearly 200,000 young men and women go through a process of written examinations and interview to be included among the 400 candidates who are selected to the two services. The reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and, lately, for Other Backward Classes (altogether not exceeding 49.5 per cent) has made the two services an aspirational goal for millions of students belonging to the disadvantaged communities.

The IAS and IPS were successors, respectively, to the ICS and IP under British rule which had acquired the moniker 'Steel Frame'. The members of the two services render stellar service. The popular opinion, though, is that a number of ills have crept into the services. Among the ills is that some members crave political patronage and the political authority is only too willing to extend patronage. The steel frame is no longer as sturdy and upright as one would have desired.

#### Rules Broken Merrily

That aside, the Rules that govern the two services are more honoured in the

# From service to servitude

breach than in the observance. Take the 'Cadre Rules' which are now the subject matter of a brewing dispute between the Central government on the one hand and several state governments on the other. The IAS (Cadre) Rules and the IPS (Cadre) Rules were made in 1954 and are similar, but nearly every rule is violated in practice.

Rule 5 provides for allocation of members to various cadres. The method followed for many years was transparent, but inflexible. The method has been tweaked from time to time giving rise to questions and doubts, yet the allocation is reluctantly accepted by many candidates who dare not protest. Rule 7 promises that a cadre officer shall hold a post for the prescribed minimum tenure, but the rule has been merrily ignored by every party-government and transfers — abrupt, frequent and irrational — have become the norm.

Rules 8 and 9 stipulate that cadre and ex-cadre posts shall be filled by cadre officers and a non-cadre officer may be appointed to these posts only *temporarily*, but these two Rules have been violated so routinely that they have, in effect, been repealed. The worst violation is the creation of numerous ex-cadre posts equivalent to cadre posts (e.g. Chief Secretary and Director General of Police) and shunting 'unwanted' officers to hold the ex-cadre posts.

#### PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF

The steel frame is broken. There is

worse in store. It will be dismantled altogether if the new amendments proposed recently by the Central government - and vehemently opposed by several state governments - are carried through. The first amendment is intended to address the problem of 'inadequate' number of officers deputed to the Central government under the 'deputation reserve' of 40 per cent. In the last seven years, the actual ratio has come down from 28 per cent to 12 per cent. The problem may be real, but the causes are deeper. Unlike in the past when officers vied with each other for Central deputation, why are officers unwilling to be deputed to the Central government?

*Firstly*, the toxic work culture under the Modi government. *Secondly*, the working conditions, especially the long wait for a suitable house. *Thirdly*, the over-centralization of authority in the PMO and the reduction of ministries/departments to no more than subordinate offices. Secretaries wait on the PMO every morning to receive instructions. Most paragraphs of the Budget speech are written in the PMO.

*Fourthly*, the arbitrary postings of officers (many remember the humiliating transfers effected soon after the change of government in May 2014). *Fifthly*, the gross delays in empanelment and promotion. The Prime Minister should first address these negative aspects of working in the Central government.

Assuming that the first amendment is motivated by need, it is evident that the second amendment is motivated by pure malice. It will confer power on the Central government, in "specific situations", to unilaterally summon any officer to serve under the Central government. We know what the "specific situations" will be? The case of a retiring chief secretary of West Bengal who 'failed' to receive the Prime Minister at the airport and the cases of police officers who 'failed' to provide security to Mr J P Nadda are fresh in memory.

#### Alternative Solutions

The proper response will be to correct the negative perceptions of service under the Modi government and to explore alternative solutions. One suggestion is to increase the number recruited annually so that the abundance of officers will oblige the state governments to depute officers to the Central government. Another suggestion is to identify at the time of initial recruitment a small number of willing officers as 'hard core' and appoint them to service *exclusively* under the Central government (as was the practice in the IPS).

Under Mr Narendra Modi, cooperative federalism has long been buried. We have entered the phase of confrontational federalism. If the Modi government has its way, we will have the Indian Beholden Service; the current states will be reduced to mere provinces; and service under the government will be reduced to servitude.

### inside TRACK COOMIKAPOOR

#### FILLING THE VACUUM

FOR OVER 50 years a succession of governments waffled over what should be done with the empty canopy at Rajpath after King George V's statue was removed to the Coronation Park in 1968. The debate as to which great icon's statue should be placed at the premier spot continued endlessly. Most felt that Mahatma Gandhi was the rightful choice, though some Congresspersons suggested a memorial to Pandit Nehru and later even Indira Gandhi's name was mooted. During Morarji Desai's Janata Party rule, the CPWD commissioned sculptor Ram V Sutar to create a Gandhiji image in proportions which would fit the vacant pedestal and have high visibility on Rajpath. By the time the massive 16-foot-high bronze statue of Gandhiji sitting in lotus position was complete in 1993, the Congress was back in power. Some ruling party MPs voiced objections claiming that it was inappropriate to place the apostle of simplicity under a royal canopy. The CPWD changed its mind and handed over the statue to Parliament. Aesthetes complained that the statue's dimensions looked incongruous in front of Parliament House. To support the argument not to install Gandhiji, some Left historians even floated a theory that the canopy should remain empty as a reminder of our imperial past. Small wonder that when Narendra Modi took the decision to install Netaji Bose's statue, he wasted no time in argument. He made the surprise announcement after the graphic model was already prepared by the Ministry of Culture.

an open letter to President Kovind, endorsed by a hundred prominent personalities, including five former service chiefs, urging the government to take action against the hate speeches made in Haridwar and elsewhere by Hindutva elements. A former IAS officer, Avay Shukla, has joined the debate with a blog saying the forum's attack on the distinguished signatories diminished the Indian Foreign Service. He termed it a "most undiplomatic genuflection" considering the vitriol of the language which is highly unusual among diplomats, who are trained to use measured language. Some wonder if the BJP's IT cell had a hand in the draft.

### SOUTHERN OPTION

By April the BJP has to decide on its presidential candidate for the July elections. Unlike 2017, when Ram Nath Kovind was a shoo-in, this time the NDA may not be as comfortably placed. It has lost allies such as the Akali Dal and the Shiv Sena and its share of elected representatives in states like Maharashtra and Rajasthan has fallen. The outcome of the UP Assembly polls will be crucial. One reported strategy being discussed is to field a person from Tamil Nadu. The state, with 39 Lok Sabha seats, is one of the most powerful states electorally and the NDA's vote share is negligible. It is felt that if a person from Tamil Nadu is chosen. opposition parties like the DMK would be persuaded to back the candidate out of regional loyalty. In fact, Tamil social media channels have started speculating on names such as Nirmala Sitharaman and governors Tamilisai Soundarajan and La Ganesan.



HE SAID he was a doctor but at heart a cricket-lover. Still that didn't fully explain his presence in Grenada's St George's, a one-street Caribbean island-town that was host-ing an innocuous Sri Lanka-South Africa 2007 World Cup game. This shifty, middle-aged Delhi man was our nosy neighbour at the budget hotel which was home to many itinerant reporters at cricket's big jamboree in the West Indies.

Most evenings he would invariably sneak up next to us. He started with eavesdropping on our cricket conversations but soon mustered the courage to join in. He was an unusual cricket-follower. He didn't have those usual star-struck fan queries. Doctor didn't want to know how Tendulkar was in real life nor did he ask if Ganguly and Dravid got along. His questions were direct: Who is going to win tomorrow? Who will topscore? How is the pitch?

One evening the Dodgy Doctor, feeling empowered by our group's general acceptance of him, asked if any of us knew the umpires. That's when a seasoned pro among us stepped in. He asked the man wanting to be seen as a traveling fan if he could name a few players from South Africa and Sri Lanka, the teams he had followed to this back-of-beyond cricket destination. He gave a goofy smile and tried to change the topic. Who do you think is better, Lara or Tendulkar? Again, he played the fool. Others too joined in, pointed questions about his trip to Grenada were being asked now. Nervous by the attention, he took leave and was never to be seen again. The rest of the evening was spent listening to the veterans narrating stories of the many 'Doctors' they had met during their cricket travels. In the betting/fixing world, men like 'Doctor' were called the 'runners'. They were the eyes and ears of the shady syndicate that ran illegal betting rings. Their job was to collect pitch information, keep an eye on the clouds sailing towards the stadium and generally gather every possible input that would help the odds-makers. The enterprising and adventurous among the 'runners' would walk the extra mile. They would approach players, umpires or even reporters for the nuggets of inside information that would be gold dust for the bookies and punters. A player's limping walk at the end of a training session might be some insignificant match-eve trivia for most but in the betting world, where cricket wasn't just sport but a volatile stock on satta bazaar, it was a tip-off worth millions. On that breezy Caribbean night, a few

## Cricket's constant crisis: The bad guys



Brendan Taylor admitted to collecting a spot-fixing fee

hard questions flew straight at the face. If the strings of the action on the pitch were being pulled by some unseen hands, what was the point of sitting through press conferences, exploring every blade of grass to write indepth analysis? If the outcome was pre-decided, pre-match punditry was a sham, a virtual con-job.

Was one actually informed enough to be

cricket was brutally exposed by the Justice Qayyum report.

Cricket dutifully swept everything under the carpet. That ugly past has been conveniently forgotten, those charged solemnly forgiven. Even more recent events have had a shadow on them.

There is also an entire book — *Bookie Gambler Fixer Spy* — on the behind-thedoors manipulations before the India-Pakistan 2011 World Cup semi-final at Mohali. The final, some say, was also fishy. Sri Lanka's ex-skipper Hashan Tillakaratne had asked an uncomfortable question about that game: Why were four Sri Lankan players changed for the final? Where facts start and fiction ends is difficult to say.

But in the wise words of *A Few Good Men's* Colonel Jessup: Can we handle the truth?

Plus there's the IPL, the world's most popular T20 event that has a cryptic business model and mysterious ownership pattern. The league has proven cases of owners placing bets while sitting in the dugout, players more than willing to take orders from fixers, and unscrupulous administrators with dubious conflict of interest links. Once out of curiosity, I went to The Indian Express archives to re-read a match report of a game that I had covered but was later found to be fixed. It was the India-South Africa ODI in 2000 at Vadodara. That was when South African skipper Hansie Cronie's phone was being tapped by Delhi Police. Transcripts of conversation between Cronie and match-fixers were later made public Subsequently, it was found that several Indian cricketers in that team too had links with bookies It was a tight game that South Africa lost on the penultimate ball. At one point Cronje seemed to be pulling off a miraculous win. Being sympathetic to the visiting team's final-over heart-break, I had started the report like this: "Cricket is a funny game, they say. Ask Hansie Cronje and he would beg to differ." In hindsight, the joke was on me. Such episodes don't turn you into a cynic but they do make you sceptical. They teach you to look beyond the obvious and avoid being a fan-boy. When stories of rampant cricket corruption hit headlines, reporters often get asked a difficult question. Is everything fixed? Clueless about the answer, I stick to a rehearsed routine. I make a poker face, take a pause, and give out a profound answer. "Not all," I say. Hope, not conviction, being the basis of the answer.



### Betrayal by our political leaders

LAST WEEK the disconnect between what our politicians believe India needs and what India really needs became painfully obvious. Even as Amit Shah wandered from temple to temple in Uttar Pradesh and Rahul Gandhi posed with his 117 candidates at the Golden Temple, student riots broke out in Allahabad and Patna. When protesting students were interviewed by TV reporters, they made it clear that it was the fear of being unemployed that was at the root of the protests that in some places turned violent. Railway stations and railway properties were targeted because the enormity of the unemployment problem became evident when 1.25 crore candidates applied for the 35,281 jobs that Indian Railways was offering. It should shame Indian politicians and policymakers that a government job remains the ultimate Indian dream in the year that we celebrate 75 years of independence.

Unemployment should be the biggest issue in the elections that are currently underway, but if you follow the current election campaigns, you will find hardly any mention of the unemployment crisis. The Home Minister chose on his tour of western Uttar Pradesh to try and get Hindus to remember that their interests were different to those of Muslims. And, that under a BJP government there had been no 'appeasement'. He then declared that the election in Uttar Pradesh would decide the fate of India. Message? You better vote for the BJP.

In Punjab where Rahul Gandhi went after yet another mysterious trip abroad, he never got around to real issues because he had to spend most of his time calming tensions within the Congress party. But, in campaigns past he has concentrated on attacking Modi more than on raising issues like the alarming rise in unemployment. He appears these days to take his cue from the BJP playbook by allowing TV cameras to follow him on his temple tours and by trying to identify differences between Hindutva and Hinduism. It is a futile exercise, and the popularity of Narendra Modi will continue to soar until the Congress party discovers new ways to communicate what it stands for.

It is pointless saying that the BJP has more money. It does. And it is hard to think of a state election campaign on which more money has been spent than the BJP campaign to win Uttar Pradesh. For many months now we have seen Yogi Adityanath pop up many times a day on our TV screens in propaganda films disguised as news stories. The propaganda seeks to erase memories of bodies floating in the Ganga, and project him as the man who has taken the state from being an economic basket case to being an economic miracle. If this were true, there would not have been student ri-

#### 'UNDIPLOMATIC GENUFLECTION'

The deep division among retired foreign service officers over support to the Modi government has become public through open letters, blogs and newspaper articles. The Forum of Former Ambassadors has been around since 2020 but it is an open letter this month by four former diplomats, Kanwal Sibal, Shyamala Cowsik, Veena Sikri and Bhaswati Mukherjee — with 28 ex-ambassadors appending their signatures, including Lakshmi Puri, wife of central minister Hardeep Puri — which has raised the hackles of some of their former service colleagues. The article was a biting response to

#### **RELATIVE ADVERSARIES**

Akhilesh Yadav's step-mother Sadhana Gupta and uncle Shivpal Yadav are firm allies, united in their attempts to further the political ambitions of their immediate families and cut down the influence of the SP chief. Akhilesh thought he had checkmated them by his masterful announcement that no one but himself from the extended clan would contest the election on an SP ticket. But his adversaries did not fall in line. Sadhana's daughter-in-law Aparna and her brother-in-law (sister's husband) Pramod embarrassed Akhilesh by switching over to the BJP. Shivpal, meanwhile, refused to merge his PSP party with the SP and his only concession is that he will fight in alliance with the SP. That way, he keeps his options open post-elections.

#### NOT INVITED

The DGPs of the BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITB and SSB were not invited to the Republic Day parade. The omission is perceived as a snub to the one odd million personnel of the central forces.

the glorified reliable messenger? What if you were actually one among the many unsuspecting Trumans inside this remotelycontrolled sporting dome?

There are times in their careers when sports writers face such existential questions. Like the other day when former Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor confessed of swimming with the sharks. He confessed to snorting cocaine with the fixers and taking money from them while insisting he didn't cut a deal with them.

How times have changed, you thought. Remember the days when cricketers travelling to the subcontinent came with cans of baked beans and mineral water. Now within days of landing, they start rolling joints with strangers. You can have sympathy for the players representing bankrupt cricket boards, like the one in Zimbabwe, but do you really believe their story?

Cricket fans, it seems, have stopped caring. They have been so used to betrayals. Over the years, sting operations, confessions, match-fixing reports have nailed cricket's Hall of Famers.

In 2000, a known South African fixer, Hamid Banjo Casim, told the King's Commission, the panel probing the Hansie Cronje corruption case, that Kapil Dev was a friend. Cronje would confess that in 1996 it was Mohammad Azharuddin who had introduced him to a bookie.

In the mid-'90s, corruption in Pakistan

ots in Allahabad. The BJP stands by what it does. It builds temples, cynically divides Hindus and Muslims, spreads religiosity, hyper-nationalism, and hatred under the illusion of 'vikas' and 'parivartan'. Since there are no challengers to Modi's BJP, it can do what it wants.

lengers to Modi's BJP, it can do what it wants. We need a challenger, and this can only come if the Congress party finally rises from the ashes of two humiliating electoral drubbings and proves that it is still relevant. At this point I must clarify that I have

At this point I must clarify that I have never voted Congress and have only contempt for those who allowed it to be turned into a family firm. When R P N Singh became the latest 'young leader' to resign and walk into the welcoming arms of the BJP, he said it was because the Congress party was no longer what it used to be. Hard to disagree. Having said this, it also needs to be said that only if the Congress finds some way to revive will there be a real challenge to the BJP's dangerous monopoly over national politics.

The only political party at the national level that can challenge the BJP is the Congress party. But, instead of learning from the mistakes made in past elections, it continues to remain in exactly the same place it was when it was swept out of power by the Modi wave in 2014. There is still the same old talk about the 'idea of India' being destroyed without any Congress leader noticing that Modi has made it clear that he has a different idea of India and that it is equally valid and apparently more popular.

If Congress leaders had discovered by now that our oldest political party cannot survive as an appendage of Sonia Gandhi and her children, then today it may have been in a strong position to challenge Modi. If young Indians continue to grow up believing that the apex of their ambitions is to get a government job, then seven years of rule by a powerful Prime Minister with a full majority in Parliament has changed nothing.

Modi cannot be blamed for all the problems they face or for the tragic reality that millions of young Indians have only one alternative to finding a government job and that is to become economic refugees and flee India. The Gujarati family that was found frozen to death in Canada recently paid human smugglers a small fortune to try and get into the United States illegally. Modi once promised to build an India from which young people would not have to flee in search of jobs. A promise that now seems forgotten.

### JOHNSON ODAKKAL

IN THE Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav year, and with India@75, the renovated Rajpath in the national capital witnessed military and cultural pageantry of a high order.

The parade included a highly motivated and vivacious Naval marching contingent led by the best military band in the country. At the end, Lt Cdr Aanchal Sharma, the Contingent Commander, shared with pride that their "hard work and tough schedule" of two months had paid off.

Getting selected for the Republic Day Parade contingent is itself an honour. Captain

# Hey, people, leave the band alone

N Shyam Sundar (retired) recalls the time he led the Naval contingent in 2003 after practising "for 45 days in the biting cold months of Delhi". "The hand holding the sword gets numb within 15 minutes. But we march 11 km every day for that final moment of marching past the dais."

The contingents are required to be at the practice area before 4 am. Drill instructors then shake into shape those freezing limbs and reluctant muscles, bearing heavy rifles and unwieldy musical instruments, into harmony, matched to a marching pace of precisely 115 steps per minute. The key to that mathematically precise and artistically perfect movement is the martial marching beat and melody of the accompanying band.

The Mumbai-based Naval Central Band

plays a repertoire of music forms, from marching tunes to Carnatic and Jazz, to popular folk and movie numbers. Often, they are the soothing interlude for the men and women from one intense practice march to the next.

Sadly, an out-of-context 21-second video clip of a transition schedule during practice, recorded by an enthusiastic and perhaps ignorant onlooker, became the news this time. To some, the crime was that the contingent was jiving to a Bollywood number, even if old and evergreen. To others, it was more fodder for politics over what songs to be played at the Republic Day event. The content and pace of the transmission confused even some veterans, till a longer 145-second clip was released. In the "breaking news" media environment, the damage was done, with no attempt to get the context.

Remorse or regret will not come from those who spread this. Instead, the drill coordinators will now add some more checklists, and tell troops that there can be no private or relaxed moments when out on the ground. Certainly, such moments are not what the highly motivated sailors, soldiers and air warriors of armed forces deserve, as per the critics. I wonder if these self-proclaimed guardians of Indian military ethos examine their own adherence to motivation, order and discipline. In the past, not so innocuous questions have been asked about the relevance of music and march in a modern military. In the current cyber and space age security complex, some wonder at the

archaic traditions and military pageantry. Those are questions irrelevant to any military person. Music is rhythm, with beats, and that facilitates the precision that is at the core of military ethos.

As a recently transitioned veteran, may I appeal to the zealous guardians of our culture, order and now even military, to consider channelising their high-octane spirits into other crying sectors of national growth. May we allow the highly professional military of India to retain and build their faith in the nation they have sworn to defend. Please give them the faith that what they stand for is worth all their sweat and toil.

> The writer retired as Commodore from the Indian Navy



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# SUNDAY STORY

#### **NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN**

UST OVER two years ago, in December 2019, then Chief Justice of Pakistan Asif Saeed Khosa told a conference of women judges that they should not conduct themselves in court like their male counterparts. At the time, Pakistan had five women judges across its five High Courts.

In widely reported remarks, he said women judges were expected to be "compassionate", "kind, like mothers". But, he said, "when they become judges, somehow because the whole atmosphere is male-dominated... a 'she judge' also likes to behave like a 'he judge'...." Male judges cracked jokes with lawyers, Khosa added, but women judges "somehow have to change their personality. She has to become an iron lady so that nobody messes with her."

In the audience that day was Justice Ayesha Malik of the Lahore High Court, one of the organisers of the conference. On January 24, the 55-year-old Malik, a graduate of Punjab Law College and Harvard Law School (1998), was sworn in as a justice of the Pakistan Supreme Court, becoming its first ever woman judge. Her appointment was particularly notable as, much like parts of India, Pakistan is steeped in patriarchy, with violence against women commonplace.

As per Pakistan's Punjab Commission on the Status of Women data, there were 746 honour crimes, nearly 1,000 reported cases of rape, 730 cases of gangrape, 31 cases of sexual harassment, and 305 cases of physical harassment in the country in 2017. The 2019 Women, Peace and Security Index ranked Pakistan 164 out of 167 countries, above only Syria, Afghanistan and Yemen.

Through the decades, Pakistani women have fought back, using every crack in the system to raise their voice, even during the tough Zia military dictatorship when the Hudood laws made it virtually impossible for rape victims to get justice. Thanks largely to women's activists, recent years have seen several big reforms. Two years ago, after a woman was raped by two men in front of her children outside Lahore, Pakistan's parliament approved a new, tough anti-rape law.

But access to justice for women remains poor, especially in sexual assault crimes, for which victim shaming is the default response. None other than Prime Minister Imran Khan said recently that it was "common sense" that "a woman wearing few clothes... will have an impact on the man".

The elevation of Justice Malik comes against this background.

"PM Imran Khan has greatly exacerbated the dismal situation of gender-based violence by his statements. Let us hope Justice Ayesha Malik's judgments will help rectify the imbalance to some degree," says Tahira Abdullah, a leading rights activist and a member of the Women's Action Forum of Pakistan.

In her most famous judgment, Malik had in January 2021 ruled against the controversial 'two-finger' virginity test for rape victims. In the Sadaf Aziz vs The Federation case, she ruled that 'virginity' could not be a determining factor in rape, and that there was no scientific or legal basis to the hymen test.

Quoting from the Supreme Court of India's ruling in Rajesh & another v State of Haryana, as well as other judgments in the Gujarat and Allahahad Hig ourts Malik ginity test by its very nature is invasive and an infringement on the privacy of a woman to her body... The conclusion drawn from these tests about a woman's sexual history and character... leads to adverse effects on the social and cultural standing of a victim." Malik ruled. "What it does is place the victim on trial in place of the accused ... even the most promiscuous victim does not deserve to be raped."

# THE SUNDAY PROFILE Woman at the door

As Pakistan's first woman SC judge, Ayesha Malik is many things to many people – a milestone in its patriarchal society; a tough judge who gave a landmark rape ruling; even an example of gaps in judicial appointments. She herself sees her role as "a voice that nudges, to improve, to include"



In an undated interview published on the website of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, Malik, at the time in the Lahore High Court, says: "The biggest way I've had an impact is that I've become a voice. I'm there to call out the discrimination, call out stereotyping, and bring out the gender perspective. I'm the voice that nudges, reminds, and suggests ways to improve ourselves and

make our system more inclusive." The gender issue, she says, is all about community. "You must keep in mind that, as ne door there is: Don't just open the door for yourself, step in and close it. You must keep it open for others, and that's the tricky part."

judges", including finding the right work-life balance. In the UN interview, she recalls that in 2012 when she was appointed to the Lahore High Court, she was the only woman judge, and everything, from gender sensitive language to bathrooms, was a challenge. Including pointing out to fellow justices that their reference to each other as "brother judges" excluded her.

Malik doesn't feel the need to heed to Khosa's other advice, of amiability. Many in describe her as "short-tempered", and "not nonular" However she is clear that is not a popularity contest. In January 2019, Malik was nominated to head a four-member committee set up by the Lahore High Court to hear complaints of women judges in district courts in the Punjab province against hooliganism by lawyers. In 2020, she was reported to have ticked off a lawyer for not keeping his mask on in court. In the UN interview, Malik says her way of

creating her "space" was to "say less, do more". She has never missed a single parentteacher meeting at her children's school, but has not had to take time off work. Malik says she is clear to her male colleagues that her responsibilities at home are different from theirs, as well as what work she is willing to

Illustration: Suvajit Dev

do, and what she cannot. For instance, as a Lahore High Court judge she made it plain that she would not travel to other benches of the Punjab High Court, as she was "a hands-on mother", and the "central figure" of her home and did not want to be in an "all-male living environment" for any length of time. But, she says, "I do more and show them that I can do it."

tivists. She superseded four others – all men - in the Lahore bench, apart from others in the four High Courts, including a woman judge. This has become a sticking point, though there is no rule that the seniority principle be followed in appointments to the Supreme Court.

Malik's candidacy for the Supreme Court was first taken up in September 2021 by the nine-member Judicial Commission of Pakistan, that appoints judges to higher courts. Lawyers, responding to calls from bar associations, alleged favouritism and a plot to create a rift among the judiciary. In the end, Malik's appointment failed to go through.

It was taken up again on January 6, 2022. While this time too lawyers mobilised against the move, the Chief Justice refused to blink. Malik was selected, but with four of nine opposing the appointment.

Justice Faez Isa, a member of the commission, who has taken on the powerful military in his rulings and earned its wrath, has been among the most vocal against Malik's appointment. He had sought a discussion first on the criteria for appointments to the Supreme Court before considering Malik's name.

A cautious statement by the Women's Action Forum of Pakistan welcoming Malik's appointment also called for reforms and transparency in judicial appointments, "... with the equal inclusion and participation of women across the board".

Tahira Abdullah says it is sad that a historic moment has a cloud over it. "It is a giant step towards that elusive goal of gender equality and gender justice. I just wish Justice Malik's appointment had not become so mired in controversy, both politically as well as in terms of the raging debates on Constitutional/legal interpretation," she says.

Nazish Brohi, a writer and researcher on violence and conflict, also makes the same point. Welcoming Malik's appointment as "not just a token representation for women", Brohi adds that it didn't lessen the need for reform in judicial appointments, to make the process less arbitrary, more inclusive, an acknowledgment of merit. "For the women's movement the question is why make Ayesha Malik the lynchpin of this debate. We should support the lawyers' demand for reform without putting Justice Ayesha Malik at the centre of it," Brohi says.

Some have wondered about Malik's political leanings, given how she was appointed and Justice Isa's opposition. However, her work has largely coalesced around gender.

Human rights activist and columnist Marvi Sirmed believes that the government picked Malik rather than the other option, of a judge from the Balochistan or Sindh High Courts. "All judges in these courts are considered either anti-establishment or too principled. They don't suit this compromised Supreme Court," Sirmed says. According to her, by appointing Malik, the Chief Justice "killed two birds with one stone" - prevented a "dangerous judge" from ascending in comparison to a "safe" judge like Malik, and earning for himself the label of a "progressive" by choosing a woman.

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In the UN interview, Malik, who went to school in Paris, New York and London, says she had first wanted to be a criminal lawyer, snired by the l she loved. Later, she wanted to put her law degree to use in policymaking. "I never thought about being a judge and adjudicating. However, when it came my way, I... saw it as another way to make a difference." She calls her father her biggest supporter and motivator. "He said 'One day when you get the chance, make your presence felt.' And that's what I have lived by.'

The number of donkeys in Rajasthan in 2019, the highest,

71.72%: Drop in donkey numbers in UP between 2012 and

followed by Maharashtra (18,000) and UP (16,000)



AZAHTO KIBA, 41, PASTOR OF NEW LIFE CHURCH, KOHIMA



End discrimination against those who refuse: Rev Kiba

### 'Not against vaccination, we just don't want to be forced'

Last week, Kohima saw a 'Freedom Rally' against mandatory vaccination. Organised by civil society groups and churches, it ended with a memorandum to the Nagaland CM to let vaccination be a choice. Reverend Azahto Kiba, 41, pastor of New Life Church, Kohima, was an organiser:

#### **TORA AGARWALA**

Who all participated? We were like-minded people - representatives from different churches, civil society groups as well as the public – who are against the government's drive to mandatorily vaccinate the public.

**2** What is your demand? Despite the Supreme Court saying that vaccination is not mandatory, governments have made up rules to coerce people. We are not against people getting vaccinated, we just don't want forced vaccination, since we believe the decision is a very personal choice. It should be voluntary and the government should end discrimination against those who refuse it.

**3** How are the unvaccinated discriminated against? Unvaccinated students are not allowed to attend offline classes, malls prevent entry if you don't flash your vaccine certificates. Same with banks, and many other nublic places

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A mother of three, Justice Malik has her own take on the struggles of being what Khosa called a "she-judge" among "he-

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As celebrated as Malik's elevation to the Supreme Court has been, it has also divided the legal community, as well as women's ac-

23,000

2019, the highest.

A recent survey found that the poorest 20% of Indian households took the hardest hit from the pandemic, seeing their

family, there are vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, but there is no discrimination among them. Then why is the government discriminating?

### **4** But isn't vaccination needed against Covid?

We are not stopping people from getting vaccinated, we are just asking the government to give us the freedom to decide.

### **5** Why did you call your rally 'Freedom Rally'?

The name was 'Freedom Rally -Restitutio De Libertus', or Restoration of Liberty. Our freedom has been snatched. We cannot attend school, college, malls, move from district to district, without vaccination.

#### =india75= The number of donkeys counted in the first livestock census (1951) in independent India. The first such counting, twice a decade, took place in 1919. NUMBER PLATE

According to a new study, reduced utility, theft, illegal slaughter and decreasing grazing land are among the reasons for a 61 per cent decline in the population of donkeys between 2012 and 2019

### 3,20,000

Donkey population in 2012

#### 1.20.000

Donkey population in 2019. That is a 61.23% drop from 2012 and a 90.96% fall from 1951

incomes fall for the first time since liberalisation. Here's one such story

# Minimum City

#### **SADAF MODAK**

THIS IS Cruzmuthu Sathyaseelan's story.

13 lakh

A tailor in Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, Sathyaseelan decided to find work in Mumbai. The 21-year-old Class 9 dropout had heard of the city where many went to build their lives. Moreover, he was in love with a girl from outside his community, a relationship his father, a mill worker, didn't approve of.

That was in 1995. After almost three decades of struggles and some triumphs, Sathyaseelan, now 49, finds himself in a seemingly inescapable debt trap, his Mumbai dream now further away, with the pandemic and the multiple lockdowns proving to be the last straw.

Sathyaseelan's story is illustrative of what a recent survey found: that the poorest section of Indian households took the hardest hit from the pandemic. According to the survey by the Mumbai-based think-tank People's Research on India's Consumer Economy, the annual income of the poorest 20%, that had been constantly rising since 1995 or liberalisation, plunged 53% in the pandemic year 2020-21 compared to 2015-16, even as the richest 20% saw their incomes grow 39% in the same period. The survey, covering 2,42,000 households, also revealed

**A LETTER FROM KALYAN** MAHARASHTRA

that the pandemic hit the urban poor the most, eroding the household income of many like Sathyaseelan.

After he landed in Mumbai, Sathyaseelan found a tailoring job in Chembur. However. after a few months he began looking for a way out as he did not like the filthy living conditions of the workers. He heard about Navi Mumbai, a satellite city within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, that was more spacious. Filled with new hope in a new city, he left for Navi Mumbai and soon found work in Vashi's Sector 17, a commercial hub where several garment shops had mushroomed.

"My workplace was a sewing machine outside one such shop. I did alterations. I saved money and got my partner Jeya to Mumbai. We got married, rented a room and apart from my job, started a laundry service," says Sathyaseelan. They would earn around



"I have no option but to start again. It is tiring," says Sathyaseelan, 49. Express

Rs 10,000 a month, he says.

Better days followed. Sathyaseelan was soon "promoted" - first to salesperson and then store manager. "I bought a one-bedroom house taking a bank loan of around Rs 8 lakh and hired a space to for the laundry," he says. Their two sons, Allen and Aryan, now 22 and 18, were born in 1999 and 2003.

After being away from home for over a decade, around 2009, Sathyaseelan thought of starting a business in Nagercoil.

He sold his house and returned with plans to open a garment store. "I went there with a lot of hope. I knew how a shop should be managed, how to handle staff. But the shop didn't take off. A redevelopment project cut off access to my shop. I began running into losses. In 2011, I returned to Mumbai," he says.

Till 2020, he picked up the pieces of his life. He took a room on rent for Rs 10,000 and took back the laundry he had handed over to



SHIVNARAYAN RAJPUROHIT

a friend. The couple also briefly sold vegetables. When the laundry started bringing in Rs 30,000 a month, they thought their woes were over. "But in 2019, the landlord increased the rent. I began borrowing money to meet expenses," Sathyaseelan says.

Then came the pandemic, followed by the lockdown. "Since people weren't going out, there were no clothes for ironing or washing. Our income fell to zero. We requested the landlord to delay the rent, but he refused. We hung on for a few months and then, when he gave us an ultimatum, we left," Sathyaseelan says, adding that by the

New Delhi

end of 2020, he had no option but to leave his rented space and the shop.

"Until then, I had kept hoping I would put our lives back on track, but my debts kept mounting," he says. He even sold the only property he owned back home in Nagercoil, a house he had bought for Rs 25 lakh.

Now Sathyaseelan lives in Kalyan, on Mumbai's outskirts. Here, he has bought a small one-room house for Rs 12 lakh and a shop space for Rs 12 lakh, from where he runs a smaller laundry-cum-grocery shop. Jeya works as an assistant to a doctor, earning Rs 2,500 a month. The earnings at the laundry are less than Rs 200 a day, and Sathvaseelan's debt now stands at Rs 7 lakh.

While the elder son now has a job at an insurance company, earning Rs 15,000 a month, Sathyaseelan says every rupee saved is put away towards repaying the debt. His younger son had to drop out from school due to learning disabilities.

"I have no option but to start again. It is tiring. What could we have done? Banks will not even give us loans. How are we to survive with zero earnings? I wish the government starts some scheme to at least give us loans for our losses," Sathyaseelan says

Last month, his son got a passport and is now is looking for job opportunities. "My only hope is that he gets out of here," he says.



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**TENSIONS MOUNT OVER UKRAINE** 

EXPLAINED

#### MEANWHILE, WINTER STORM LASHES EAST COAST

A winter storm lashed the Northeast with deep snow and wind gusts near hurricane force on Saturday, causing coastal flooding and threatening widespread power outages while forecasters warned conditions would worsen as the day went on. Parts of 10 states and some major population centres - including Philadelphia, New York and Boston - were pummeled by the storm.

### TOPOFTHE WORLD



President Recep Tayyip Erdogan Reuters

#### TURKEY Erdogan threatens media with reprisals

Ankara: President Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday threatened Turkish media with reprisals if they disseminated content that damaged the country's core values, in a move that might be a prelude to further censorship in the sector. In a notice published in the Official Gazette, he said measures were needed to protect Turkey's "national culture" and prevent its children's development "from being adversely affected as a result of exposure to harmful content on all written, verbal and visual media." Erdogan did not specify what such content was, but said legal action would be taken against "overt or covert activities through the media aimed at undermining our national and moral values and disrupting family and social structure." **REUTERS** 

#### **SWEDEN** Finnish envoys' mobiles hacked with spyware

Stockholm: The mobile devices of Finnish diplomats working abroad have been hacked with the use of sophisticated spyware, Finland's government said on Friday, and the Nordic country's spy chief said a "state actor" was likely to blame. The Finnish Foreign Ministry said the victims were targeted through Pegasus software developed by Israeli spyware company NSO Group. "The malware has infected users' Apple or Android phones without their noticing and without any action from the user's





### A TEARY ADIEU TO THICH NHAT HANH

Pallbearers lift up the coffin of Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh during his funeral in Hue, Vietnam on Saturday. Thousands of monks and disciples trailed a procession of pallbearers carrying Nhat Hanh's coffin from Tu Hieu Pagoda, where he spent his last days, to the cremation site. Others kneeled and clasped their hands in prayer on the roadside and bowed to the ground as the casket went past. AP

### Rejected by New Zealand, pregnant reporter turns to Taliban for help

#### **NICK PERRY** WELLINGTON, JANUARY 29

A PREGNANT New Zealand journalist says she turned to the Taliban for help and is now stranded in Afghanistan after her home country has prevented her from returning due to a bottleneck of people in its coronavirus quarantine system.

In a column published in The New Zealand Herald on Saturday, Charlotte Bellis said it was "brutally ironic" that she'd once questioned the Taliban about their treatment of women and she was now asking the same questions of her own government. "When the Taliban offers you

– a pregnant, unmarried

**Italy President** 

Mattarella set

for second term

after vote logjam

Rome: Italy's head of state Sergio

Mattarella agreed on Saturday to

serve a second term, senior politi-

cians said, after parties failed to

find a mutually acceptable alter-

resigned from Al Jazeera in woman — safe haven, you know your situation is messed up," November and the couple moved to Huylebroek's native Bellis wrote in her column. New Zealand's Covid-19 Belgium. But she couldn't stay Response Minister Chris Hipkins long, she said, because she wastold the Herald his office had n't a resident. She said the only asked officials to check whether

other place the couple had visas they followed the proper proceto live was Afghanistan. Bellis said she spoke with dures in Bellis's case, "which appeared at first sight to warrant senior Taliban contacts who told her she would be fine if she re-Last year, she was working for turned to Afghanistan.

Chris Bunny, the joint head of Al Jazeera covering the withdrawal of American troops from New Zealand's Managed Afghanistan when she gained in-Isolation and Quarantine system, ternational attention by questiontold the Herald that Bellis's emering Taliban leaders about their gency application didn't fit a retreatment of women and girls. quirement that she travel within 14 days. He said staff had reached In her column Saturday, out to Bellis about making an-Bellis said she returned to Qatar in September and discovered other application that would fit she was pregnant. She said she within the requirements. **AP** 

dressed Moscow's main security demands in the crisis over the former Soviet state — but he said that it was ready to keep talking, offering some hope that an attack is not imminent. Putin offered his first reaction

**REUTERS & AP** 

WASHINGTON/MOSCOW, JAN 29

A RUSSIAN troop buildup along its

border with Ukraine includes sup-

plies of blood for the wounded, three US officials told Reuters, a de-

tail reinforcing US comments that

Russia "clearly" now has the capa-

cials, speaking on condition of

anonymity, adds to growing US

concern that Russia could be

preparing for a new invasion of

Ukraine as it has amassed over

100,000 troops near its borders.

did not immediately respond to

a written request for comment.

Putin said the West has not ad-

The Russian Defence Ministry

Russian President Vladimir

The disclosure by the offi-

bility to move on its neighbour.

to the US and NATO responses to Russia's demands in a phone call with French President Emmanuel Macron after weeks of personal public silence. The Kremlin quoted Putin as telling Macron he would study the responses provided by Washington and NATO this week

before deciding on further action. Current and former US officials said indicators like the blood supplies were critical in deter-

mining whether Moscow would be prepared to carry out an invasion, if Putin decided to do so. A French presidency official

said Putin, in his call with Macron, had underlined that he

### **NEW ZEALAND PM SELF-ISOLATING**

Wellington: New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern AF



criticised the Biden administration Friday for its ominous warnings of an imminent Russian attack, saying they had needlessly spread alarm, even as a new Pentagon assessment said Russia was now positioned to go beyond a limited incursion and invade all of Ukraine.

The diverging viewpoints brought into the open the stark disagreement between Ukraine and its key partner over how to assess the threat posed by Russia, which has massed about 130,000 troops on Ukraine's border in what American officials are calling a grave threat to global peace and stability.

"They keep supporting this theme, this topic," President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine said of the repeated warnings by American officials. "And they make it as acute and burning as possible. In my opinion, this is a mistake."

Zelensky voiced his displeasure just hours before top US military officials issued another dire appraisal of Ukraine's predicament, saying that Russia has deployed sufficient troops and military hardware to invade all of Ukraine.

Behind the scenes, the Americans are planning to impose severe sanctions on some of the largest state banks and financial institutions in Russia penalties that the United States says would far exceed previous Western sanctions.

### **Omicron drives US deaths** more than in fall's delta wave

**AP& REUTERS** JANUARY 29

further explanation.'

OMICRON, THE highly contagious coronavirus variant sweeping across the country, is driving the daily American death toll higher than during last fall's delta wave, with deaths likely to keep rising for days or even weeks. The seven-day rolling aver-

BA.2 sub-variant has 'growth advantage' over original, finds UK London : The BA.2 sub-lineage of the Omicron variant, which

said late on Saturday she is self-isolating after coming into close contact with a person infected with the coronavirus. The exposure came on a flight from the town of Kerikeri to Auckland. New Zealand's Governor-General Cindy Kiro was also on the Jan 22 flight and has also gone into isolation. Both women had been in the Northland region to do some filming ahead of New Zealand's national day, on February 6. "The PM is asymptomatic and is feeling well," her office said . 'In line with Ministry of Health advice she will be tested tomorrow and will isolate until Tuesday."



President Joe Biden visits the site where the Fern Hollow



How will US

sanctions

affect

Russians?

and clothing, or, more dra-

matically, they could cause

pensions and savings ac-

Russian markets.

counts to be severely deval-

ued by a crash in the ruble or

did not want the situation to in-

tensify, echoing conciliatory

comments by Russian Foreign

Minister Sergei Lavrov, who

said Moscow did not want war.

Austin said the US remained fo-

cused on countering Russian

disinformation, including any-

thing that could be used as a

pretext for attacks on Ukraine.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd

"While we don't believe that President Putin has made a final decision to use these forces against Ukraine, he clearly now has that capability," Austin said.



amid Western fears that Russia

Saturday that residents of the re-

gions controlled since 2014 by

Russia-backed rebels fear assaults

by Ukrainian forces and that

those who hold Russian pass-

ports would be welcomed in the

military. Russia has granted pass-

ports to more than 500,000 peo-

ple in the territories. Vodolatsky

said the recruits would serve in

Russia – but that leaves open the

option that they could join any fu-

ture invasion force

Viktor Vodolatsky said on

is planning to invade Ukraine.

part," the foreign ministry said.

#### **HONG KONG** Varsity covers up Tiananmen memorial slogan

Hong Kong: A leading Hong Kong university on Saturday covered a painted slogan commemorating China's Tiananmen Square crackdown, the latest instance of a public June 4 memorial being removed in China-ruled Hong Kong. Asked why the university covered the 20-character slogan, an HKU spokesperson said by email. "The University regularly conducts maintenance work at various locations and facilities, with the above site being one such project." **REUTERS** 

it was considered unlikely he would resist pressure to stay on. Mattarella's "willingness to serve a second term ... shows his

sense of responsibility and his attachment to the country and its institutions", Regional Affairs Minister Mariastella Gelmini said in a statement.

The leader of the centre-left Democratic Party (PD) Enrico Letta, who had championed Mattarella's re-election, spoke to reporters to express his "enormous thanks to President Mattarella for his generous choice towards the country".

Parliamentary chiefs went to the president's palace in central Rome to ask him to remain in office, after lawmakers failed to elect a president on Saturday after seven rounds of voting.

There was no immediate comment from the president himself. Prime Minister Mario Draghi, who failed to find backing for his

own ambitions for the job, earlier called Mattarella and also urged him to stay on, a political REUTERS source said.

age for daily new Covid deaths in the US has been climbing since mid-November, reaching 2,267 on Thursday and surpassing a September peak of 2,100 when delta was the dominant variant.

"Omicron will push us over a million deaths," said Andrew Novmer, a public health professor at the University of California, Irvine. "That will cause a lot of soul searching. There will be a lot of discussion about what we could have done differently, how many

of the deaths were preventable.' The average daily death toll

is now at the same level as last February, when the country was slowly coming off its all-time high of 3,300 a day.

Omicron symptoms are often milder, and some infected people show none, researchers agree. But like the flu, it can be deadly, especially for people who are older, have other health problems or who are unvaccinated.

With over 878,000 deaths, the US has the largest Covid-19 toll of any nation. During the coming week, almost every US state will



A man received a Moderna booster shot in Bali, Indonesia on Saturday. AP

see a faster increase in deaths, although deaths have peaked in a few states, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Maryland Alaska and Georgia, according to the Covid-19 Forecast Hub.

Meanwhile, the US government has procured more than 100 million additional Covid tests from testmaker iHealth Lab Inc. as part of the White House's plan to distribute 500 million free athome tests across the country, the Department of Defence said on Friday. Starting in January, the US government has been allowing households to order four free at-home Covid-19 tests from the website COVIDTests.gov with shipping expected within seven to 12 days of ordering.

vestigation in the UK, spreads much faster than the original BA.1 strain but it also seems to show higher vaccine protection, health authorities said. The UK Health Security

is classed as a variant under in-

Agency (UKHSA) said BA.2 has an increased growth rate compared with BA.1 in all regions of England where there are enough cases to assess it. As of January 24, 1,072 genomically

confirmed cases of BA.2 have been identified in England and all assessments remain preliminary while case numbers are relatively low.

"While growth rates can be overestimated in early analysis of a new variant, the apparent growth advantage is currently substantial." the UKHSA said.

The experts said their analysis from routine contact tracing data indicates that transmission is likely to be higher among contacts of BA.2 cases in households at 13.4 per cent than those for contacts of other Omicron cases at 10.3 per cent in the period between December 27, 2021, to January 11, 2022.

#### **RUSSIA'S DAILY CASES** EXCEED 1 LAKH

Moscow: Russia's daily coronavirus cases exceeded 100,000 on Saturday for the first time since the pandemic began, the coronavirus task force said. Russia confirmed 113 122 new daily infections setting a record high for a ninth consecutive day, which the authorities blame on the spread of the Omicron variant. Russia's Covid task force said 668 deaths had been confirmed in the past 24 hours, after Russia's coronavirus death toll exceeded 700,000 on Friday. REUTERS

Bridge collapsed in Pittsburgh's East End. AP

### Biden visits bridge collapse site, vows more investment

told them.

#### ANDREA SHALAL & DOINA CHIACU PITTSBURGH, JANUARY 29

PRESIDENT JOE Biden stopped to look at a Pittsburgh bridge that collapsed just hours before he arrived for a scheduled visit to the city on Friday, dramatically underscoring the urgency of his drive to rebuild the United States' creaky infrastructure.

Visibly moved, Biden gazed across a ravine over the buckled sections of the half-century-old Fern Hollow Bridge, flanked by Pennsylvania and local officials and emergency workers as he surveyed the damage.

"The idea that we have been so far behind on infrastructure, for so many years --it's just

One emergency worker described the scene after the collapse as loud as a jet engine. Biden praised the work of rescuers, noting a natural gas leak that was not stopped until some 30 minutes after first responders arrived at the scene. Rescuers rappelled at least

mind-boggling," the President

150 feet (46 meters) into Fern Hollow, and used ropes to pull people to safety after the snowcovered span over the ravine collapsed around 6 a.m. (1100 GMT), Pittsburgh Fire Chief Darryl Jones said. "They helped the firefighters that were here initially on scene, also did like a daisy chain, with hands just grabbing people and pulling them up," Jones said. **REUTERS** 

### Cambodia to host ASEAN summit from Feb 16

#### **REUTERS & AP**

#### PHNOM PENH, JANUARY 29

FOREIGN MINISTERS of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will meet next month to discuss humanitarian aid for Myanmar, the current chair of the grouping, Cambodia, said on Saturday

Cambodia's foreign minister, and ASEAN special envoy, Prak Sokhonn, is a preparing for his first visit to Myanmar, the foreign ministry said in a statement.

"His priorities are to implement the five-point consensus which was agreed unanimously and will be discussed during the upcoming ASEAN foreign ministers' retreat," it said, adding that the event was scheduled for

February 16 and 17. Meanwhile, China's UN

Almost a year ago - on

February 1, 2021 – Myanmar's

military seized power from the

elected government of Aung San

Suu Kyi. Its takeover was quickly

met by nonviolent nationwide

demonstrations, which security

forces quashed with deadly force,

killing over 1,400 civilians.

lence and a civil war.

to calm the situation."

#### ambassador on Friday said the

#### UN Security Council's primary **THU THU AUNG** goal in strife-torn Myanmar should be to avoid more vio-**JANUARY 29**

Zhang Jun told several reporters NEARLY A year after his son was after the council heard closed-door last seen being hauled away by briefings from the new Myanmar Myanmar junta troops, 66-yearenvoys for the 10-member ASEAN old Win Hlaing says he just wants and the UN that he hopes their efto know whether he is alive. forts and others "can really continue

One night last April, a neighbour phoned to tell him his son. Wai Soe Hlaing, a young father who ran a phone shop in Yangon, had been detained in connection with protests against the Feb. 1 military coup.

They traced the 31-year-old to a local police station, according to Win Hlaing and The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), a nonprofit that has been documenting arrests and killings.

Then the trail went cold. He had vanished. Reuters called the police station but was unable to determine the whereabouts of Wai Soe Hlaing, or the missing relatives of two other people who were interviewed for this article.

A spokesman for the junta did not respond to emailed reguests for comment and did not answer calls seeking comment.

Wai Soe Hlaing is among many people who activists and families say have disappeared since Myanmar was plunged into turmoil after the military overthrew the elected government led by Aung San Suu Kyi.



MANY HAVE DISAPPEARED SINCE MYANMAR WAS PLUNGED INTO TURMOIL AFTER MILITARY COUP: ACTIVISTS

A year after coup, families of detainees search for answers

Aung Nay Myo, a protest organiser and satirical writer from Myanmar inside a temporary shelter at an undisclosed location in a country bordering Myanmar. Reuters

The AAPP estimates more than 8,000 people are detained

in prisons and interrogation cen-

tres, including Suu Kyi and most

of her cabinet, while about 1,500 have been killed. Reuters was unable to independently verify the figures from the AAPP.

They say hundreds have died after being detained. The junta has said the figures are exaggerated and that the AAPP spreads false information. The junta has not disclosed the number of people in detention.

The military does not notify relatives when a person is arrested and prison officials often do not do so when they arrive in jail, so families laboriously search for their relatives by calling and visiting police stations and prisons or relying on accounts from local media or human rights groups.

In many cases, AAPP cofounder Bo Kyi said, the organisation has been able to determine someone has been detained but not where.

In a border town, 43-year-old activist Aung Nay Myo, who fled there from the northwestern Sagaing region, said junta troops took his parents and siblings from their home in mid-December and he does not know

He believes they were detained because of his work as a satirical writer. Among them is his 74-year-old father. left disabled by a stroke. "There is nothing I can do but worry every moment," Aung Nay Myo said. REUTERS

where they were.

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## THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, JANUARY 30, 2022 13 ECONOMY

#### Bengaluru: Oil benchmarks rose to an over 7-year high Friday, amid a sixth straight weekly gain as geopolitical turmoil worsened worries over tight energy supply. Brent rose to \$90.03 a barrel, and US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude to \$86.82 a barrel. REUTERS

# AT \$634.287 BILLION AS ON WEEK ENDED JANUARY 21 Forex reserves decline by \$678 mn amid drop in foreign currency assets

**RISE OF \$2.229 BN** 

**IN PREVIOUS WEEK** 

#### ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE NATION'S forex reserves posted a decline of \$678 million during the week ended January 21 to reach \$634.287 billion, data release by the RBI showed.

In the preceding week ended January 14, the foreign exchange - or forex - reserves had risen by \$2.229 billion to \$634.965 billion.

The forex kitty had hit a lifetime high of \$642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, 2021.

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

FACED WITH widespread crit-

icism from several quarters,

including a notice from the

Delhi Commission for Women

(DCW), the State Bank of India

(SBI) on Saturday withdrew its

controversial circular stipulat-

ing new conditions on recruit-

"In view of the public sen-

timents, SBI has decided to

keep the revised instructions

regarding recruitment of preg-

nant women candidates in

abeyance and continue with

the existing instructions in the

matter," the bank said. Earlier

in the day, the DCW issued a

notice to the lender seeking

withdrawal of its new rules

An SBI circular dated Dece-

mber 31 said if pregnancy is of

more than 3 months, the can-

didate will be considered tem-

porarily unfit and she may be

and details of the scheme.

ment of pregnant women.

MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

For the reporting week ended

foreign currency assets (FCA), a vital component of the overall reserves, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly data released on Friday. FCA declined by \$1.155 billion

to \$569.582 billion in the reporting week. Expressed in dollar terms, FCA

**POLICY WATCH** 

BANKING

Post backlash, SBI

pulls back circular

on norms for hiring

of pregnant women

The circular was

dated December 31

against the fundamental

rights under the Constitution."

to have issued guidelines pre-

venting women who are over

3 months pregnant from join-

ing service & have termed

them as 'temporarily unfit'.

This is both discriminatory

and illegal. We have issued a

notice to them seeking with-

drawal of this anti women

rule," DCW Chairperson Swati

letter. "Insulting pregnancy is a

crime towards motherhood. It

is a discrimination against

women. SBI guidelines in this

regard is anti-constitutional.

Finance Minister should inter-

vene and withdraw the dis-

criminatory circular with im-

mediate effect," CPI MP Binoy

Several MPs too protested against the SBI's controversial

Maliwal tweeted.

"State Bank of India seems

include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

January 21, the slip in the reserves was on account of a drop in the

> ■ In the previous week ended January 14, the foreign exchange - or forex – reserves had risen by \$2.229 billion to \$634.965 billion

> > Meanwhile.gold reserves saw an increase of \$567 million to \$40.337 billion during the week

ended January 21, as per the data. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) fell \$68 million to \$19.152 billion.

India's reserve position with the IMF also decreased by \$22 million to \$5.216 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed. Falling forex reserves may

cause issues for the government and the RBI in managing the nation's external and internal financial issues.

Higher reserves are a big cushion in the event of any crisis

A rise in reserves will provide a level of confidence to markets that a country can meet its external obligations, demonstrate the backing of domestic currency by external assets, assist the government in meeting its foreign exchange needs and external debt obligations, and maintain a reserve for national

>70% of HR and tech managers admitted that giving on the spot or quick awards for a job well done is more important to retain a workforce that is scattered and needs that

initiated quick rewards as their model to engage and retain their talented workforce

NEW NORMAL for HR shifted from engaging face-to-face to engaging with remote employees whom they meet mostly virtually

initially forced on employees due to the pandemic, however, after two years remote working has become a new normal and as things settled

Survey details: The Talent Tech Outlook 2022 study is an analysis of inputs from 100 plus C-suite and human capital leaders across four continents, done by SCIKEY through surveys, social media inputs, interviews and panel discussions

### NTPC Q3 net up 25% at ₹4,132 cr

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

STATE-OWNED NTPC Ltd posted a 24.6 per cent year-on-year (y-oy) increase in its standalone net profit to Rs 4,131.9 crore in the three months ended December mainly on higher power sales. The company's revenue ros

NTPC, Farakka File

pany's coal imports doubled to 0.5 MT in the same period.

Coal output from its newlycommissioned captive mines increased 55.6 per cent to 4 MT. NTPC coal-based power stations achieved utilisation levels (PLF) of 68.9 per cent in the first nine months of the fiscal, against the national average PLF of 57 per

an average tariff of Rs 3.91 per unit

in the same period. The average

plant availability factor (PAF) -

which determines the fixed cost

recovery levels - of NTPC coal sta-

tions fell 361 basis points y-o-y to

85.5 per cent in the quarter. FE

How will the bad bank work

## Bad bank structure: NARCL to take final resolution calls, pvt banks-owned IDRCL to assist

#### 'HIGH LEVEL OF PROVISIONING BY PSBs'

**FINANCE MINISTER** Nirmala Sitharaman, in her February 1, 2021 Budget speech, had proposed a new structure for resolution of stressed assets as "the high level of provisioning by PSBs of their stressed assets" called for measures to clean up the bank books

on a 'Principal-Agent' basis and final approvals and ownership for the resolution shall lie with NARCL as the Principal, Khara said.

While he argued

that this is as per the structure "originally envisaged", the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) is learnt to have wanted a dual structure with the asset management company (AMC) as a privately held en-State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman tity, to be out of the purview of the regulatory entities. That would have given it requisite flexibility to deal with the resolution process, as normally a single entity is accountable as owner and for recovery of the assets in the asset reconstruction business. But now, with the 'Principal and Agent mechanism' that has been put in place to address regulatory concerns, the be the interim Chairman and final approvals will be still be done by NARCL as the Principal. So, even Diwakar Gupta continues as the though IDRCL is majority-owned by private banks, the final authority will rest with NARCL, which is

majority-owned by public sector banks. This has been done possiarose on the dual ownership bly to address regulatory concerns structure and operational mechaaround the bad bank structure.

nism, with the setting up of two In her February 1, 2021 Budget separate entities NARCL and speech, Finance Minister Nirmala IDRCL. "This is a structure which Sitharaman had proposed a new has been envisaged for the first structure for resolution of stressed time, and whatever time has been assets. "The high level of provisioning by public sector banks of taken, it is essentially to iron out some of the issues which could their stressed assets calls for meahave possibly come up in future. sures to clean up the bank books. So, they have all been ironed out An asset reconstruction company and they have been appropriately and asset management company addressed. And so, that the funcwould be set up to consolidate tioning of both entities should be and take over the existing stressed smooth, and they should be in a debt and then manage and disposition to achieve the objective pose of the assets to Alternate for which they're brought into ex-Investment Funds and other poistence," the SBI Chairman added.

#### What kind of resolution

realisation," she had said.

In the first phase.

at least 15 accounts worth Rs 50,335 crore will be transferred to the proposed bad bank by March 31.

worth of bad assets were planned to be transferred to the 'bad bank'. However, some of these accounts have already been resolved and further resolutions will happen as and when referred to the bad bank. With a combination of post-Covid moratorium and recoveries, there was an actual decline in non-performing assets (NPAs) from Rs 8.40 lakh crore in 2020 to

In a press statement, SBI said IDRCL is expected to bring in superior resolution techniques, preserve the value, showcase brownfield assets and attract domestic as well as foreign investors, alternate investment funds, etc. This will free up capital for further bank lending, the state-run bank said.

#### What will the government guarantee?

The NARCL will purchase

The government approved a 5-year guarantee of up to Rs 30,600 crore for SRs to be issued by NARCLas non-cash consideratential investors for eventual value tion on the transfer of NPAs. This will address banks/RBI concerns about incremental provisioning. Covernment oua e valid f five years, helps in improving the value of security receipts, their liquidity and tradability. A form of the contingent liability, the guarantee does not involve any immediate cash outgo for the Central government.

Australia

seeks to join

WTO talks

trade row

on China-EU



>80% of human resource (HR) managers admitted that hiring







'Remote working new normal;

82% employees prefer WFH'

With the pandemic bringing unprecedented changes,

(WFH) to going back to office, as per an SCIKEY survey

82% employees admitted they prefer working from home

employees for full-time office presence is getting more difficult



64%

employees said they

are more productive

working from home

and feel less stressed

tech hiring managers plan psychological

What is the structure of the bad bank? NARCL will acquire and aggregate the identified NPA accounts from banks while IDRCL, under an

exclusive arrangement, will handle the debt resolution process,

'little' motivation regularly

>36% of respondents have already



#### on the economic front and SUNNY VERMA enough to cover the import bill NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29 of the country for a year. Higher reserves also help the rupee AKEY proposal announced in this strengthen against the dollar. fiscal's Budget – a bad bank to deal with stressed assets in the

#### CRUDE WATCH OIL SEES 6TH STRAIGHT WEEKLY GAIN

READY TO COMMENCE OPS WITH 15 CASES WORTH ₹50.335 CRORE





Initially, an esti-

mated Rs 2 lakh crore

Rs 7.80 lakh crore in 2021.

these bad loans through a 15:85 structure, where it will pay 15 per cent of the sale consideration in cash and issue security receipts (SRs) for the remaining 85 per cent. The SRs will be guaranteed by the government. The government guarantee will essentially cover the gap between the face value of the SRs and realised value of the assets when eventually sold

to the prospective buyers.





Expenses, mostly comprising

fuel cost, grew 12.5 per cent to Rs

24,428.1 crore. Overall coal con-

sumption in the guarter increased

by 16.4 per centy-o-y to 53.3 mil-

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18%

ment Pvt Ltd will head IDRCL. Subrata Biswas, the nominee di-THE REMOTE work trend was rector on the Board of NARCL, will

down new habits have formed

Chairman of IDRCL. Khara said there were "certain concerns" raised but eventually Source: SCIKEY/PTI both NARCL and IDRCL have reguisite approval. Concerns mainly

#### Dinesh Khara said on Friday at a press conference. Padmakumar Nair, a Chief General Manager from SBI's Stressed Assets vertical will manage NARCL while Manish Makharia, Head of Alternate Investment Fund, SBI Funds Manage-

loss-laden banking system - has

received all regulatory approvals.

Reconstruction Company Limited

(NARCL) - is ready to commence

operations with 15 cases worth Rs

form of a Principal-Âgent basis.

The bad bank - National Asset

owed to join within months after delivery of child. In case of pregnancy which is less than three months, the candidate will be considered fit, the circular had said.

In its statement Saturday the bank said, "it has recently reviewed the various Fitness Standards for Recruitment in the bank. including norms for pregnant women candidates." According to SBI, the revi-

sed guidelines were intended to provide clarity on various health parameters where instructions were not clear or were very old. "In some sections of the media, the revision in norms in this regard has been interpreted as discriminatory against women."

In its notice to SBI, DCW said. "This is a serious matter. This action of the bank appears to be discriminatory and illegal as it's contrary to the maternity benefits provided under the The Code of Social Security 2020'. Further, it discriminates on the basis of sex which is

BRIEFLY —

Strike deferred

New Delhi: A forum of trade

unions deferred the Febru-

ary 23-24 nationwide strike.

Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi tweeted, "The guideline is extremely discriminatory in nature and debilitates the

Viswam said

progress made to empower the women of the country." DMK MP Kanimozhi said, "SBI's new set of rules that prevent women, pregnant over 3 months from joining the wor-

kforce is highly condemnable. Apart from being inconsiderate and discriminatory."

pregnant women candidates are eligible to be appointed in the bank up to six months of pregnancy, provided they furnish a certificate from a specialist gynaecologist that their taking up the bank's employment at that stage is in no way likely to interfere with their pregnancy or the normal development of the foetus, or is not likely to cause her miscarriage or otherwise to adversely

affect their health. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

18.1 per cent to Rs 29,837.1 crore in Q3 as the power company sold 67.6 billion units of electricity in the period, 11.4 per cent higher than the year-ago period. Its board has approved an interim dividend of Rs 4 per share for FY22.

As per existing rules of SBI,

**EPFO** onboards Air India employees

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE LABOUR Ministry said on Saturday that the EPFO has onboarded Air India Ltd for social security benefits like PF, pension and insurance and has received contributions for about 7,453 employees for the month of December from the airline. The Tata Group took over the

debt-ridden airline from the Government of India. Air India had applied for EPFO coverage,

### BharatPe founder's wife too goes on leave as co undertakes audit

which has been allowed, the retirement fund body said.

"EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organisation) onboards Air India for social security coverage to service the social security needs of their employees. Air India Ltd applied for voluntarily covered u/s 1(4) of the EPF & MP Act. 1952 which has been allowed vide gazette notification on January 13, 2022 - with effect from December 1, 2021," the ministry stated. The social security benefits will be provided to around 7,453

employees, it added. WITHPTI

New Delhi: About a week after BharatPe founder Ashneer Grover went on leave, his wife Madhuri Jain Grover - who is also working with the company - has followed suit as the firm undertakes an independent audit of its internal processes and systems.

As per sources, Madhuri who is the Head of Controls - has gone on leave, and with the company undertaking an independent audit, there could be governance-related issues at BharatPe that could now come to the fore. When contacted, BharatPein a

statement said the board is committed to the highest standard of corporate governance at the company and "is doing an independent audit of the company's internal processes and systems".

The statement said, "BharatPe, through its legal firm, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas has appointed Alvarez and Marsal, a leading management consultant and risk advisory firm to advise the Board on its recommendations. The Board strongly believes in protecting interests of all stakeholders, including customers, em-

plovees and partners." BharatPe did not comment on Madhuri's exit. On January 19, BharatPe cofounder and Managing Director Ashneer Grover had said he was taking a voluntary leave till March. Earlier this month, an audio

The securities industry as a

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rules was "substantively similar"

to the rules of other stock ex-

BSTX is a joint venture be-

tween BOX and tZero, which is

providing the blockchain tech-

nology. BOX is an options ex-

change jointly owned by Toronto

Stock Exchange operator TMX

Group, Citadel Securities

Principal Investments LLC, and

brokers including arms of

Citigroup and UBS. **REUTERS** 

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changes

REUTERS clip surfaced on social media with MELBOURNE, JANUARY 29 claims of Grover abusing and threatening a Kotak Mahindra AUSTRALIA WILL seek to be in-Bank employee for missing out on share allotment during the initial cluded in consultations about a public offering (IPO) of FSN Etrade dispute between the Commerce Ventures, which op-European Union and China erates online fashion and wellness launched by the EU at the World Trade Organization (WTO), the company Nykaa. PTI

#### Australian trade minister said on Saturday.

Thursday's EU challenge accuses China of discriminatory trade practices against Lithuania, saying they threatened the integrity of the single market.

"Australia has a substantial interest in the issues raised in the dispute brought by the European Union against China ... and will request to join these consultations," Trade Minister Dan Tehan said in a statement.

China, which regards selfgoverned Taiwan as its own territory, has downgraded ties with Lithuania and pushed firms to sever links with the Baltic nation of 2.8 million people after it allowed Taiwan to open a de facto

embassy in Vilnius. Its strictures include a refusal to clear Lithuanian goods through Chinese customs, rejection of import applications from Lithuania and pressure on EU firms to remove Lithuanian content from supply chains when exporting to China.

# incentives to

### Banks'Q3

New Delhi: IndusInd Bank's Q3 consolidated net profit rose 50% to ₹1,241.55 crore. Karnataka Bank's Q3 net rose 8.1% to ₹146.42 crore

### **Godfrey Phillips**

New Delhi: Godfrey Phillips' Q3 net fell to ₹116.8 crore.

### **IREDA MoU**

New Delhi: IREDA inked a MoU with Goa Shipyard to provide its expertise to set up a solar power project. PTI

### Fintech cos for boost 'less-cash economy'

#### New Delhi: Stepping up demand for tax concessions in the forthcoming Budget, the fintech industry is stressing that the fiscal and non-fiscal incentives are needed to promote financial inclusion and move towards a lesscash economy.

The fintech industry and experts have urged Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to lower the TDS rates, saying such a move would free the capital for the sector without any impact on the government's revenue.

Sitharaman is scheduled to present the Union Budget for the upcoming financial year on February 1. PTI

### **BSTX TO BE 17TH EXCHANGE APPROVED: US SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION** Nod to US bourse with blockchain feed, faster settlement

#### JOHN McCRANK

#### NEW YORK, JANUARY 29

THE US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) late on Thursday approved the country's 17th stock exchange, a subsidiary of Boston-based BOX Exchange, which will incorporate blockchain technology.

The new exchange, named BSTX, aims to launch in the second quarter, said Jay Fraser, a director. It will initially trade securities, such as stocks or exchange-traded funds, first listed on its exchange, but those securities would be tradable on rival bourses.

BSTX ultimately aims to ex-

pand trading to all US stocks and potentially tokenized securities, Fraser said. Stock tokens are digital versions of equities pegged to the underlying share, usually traded in fractional units.

Fraser said the aim is for BSTX to look "more like" crypto exchanges such as Coinbase as opposed to traditional exchanges like Nasdag.

In addition to traditional pricing data feeds, BSTX plans to offer a market data feed that will operate on a private blockchain. That feed will allow exchange members to see their own activity, as well as the activity of other BSTX participants on an anonymized, delayed basis, the exchange filing said.



US SEC Chair Gary Gensler. The regulator said BSTX's revised rules was 'substantively similar' to those of other bourses. Reuters

The exchange plans to expand its use of blockchain, the technology that underpins cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin, over time to support products like tokenized securities, Fraser said.

BSTX was originally going to be called the Boston Security Token Exchange and planned to exclusively trade tokenized securities, but the SEC rejected that plan in December of 2020.

The exchange will also give members the option to settle trades as quickly as the same day, as opposed to the current twoday standard settlement time, which would free up cash counterparties have to pledge against trades while also reducing the risk of either party defaulting.

agent mechanism entail? expected? NARCL and IDRCL will have an The asset resolution will be

exclusive arrangement that will done in a phased manner. While a be as per the scope defined in the total of 38 accounts aggregating 'Debt Management Agreement' Rs 82.845 crore have been identified for transfer to NARCL, it will to be executed between these two entities. This arrangement will be be done in a phased manner.

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### POINT OF VIEW

The Hum of Hurry Shelja Sen writes about how the conveyor belt of capitalist culture has indoctrinated us to believe that time is money

#### SPOTLIGHT What Boasting Can Do Like a bar-room singer's voice, it empowers women to join the great human chorus, and to hear their voices — powerful, joyous and loud



# WHERE LONELY MINDS WANDER

Malayalam director Rahul Sadasivan on his latest film *Bhoothakaalam*, why a psychological edge to horror works, and the difficulty in making such films

#### Vishnu Varma

OR AN industry drawing praise around the world for its realistic storytelling techniques and content-driven scripts, horror, strangely, has not been a genre that the Malayalam cinema has particularly excelled in. The earliest horror film in the truest sense was cinematographer-director A Vincent's *Bhargavi Nilayam* (Bhargavi's Mansion) in 1964, a superhit at the time, based on a short story by acclaimed writer-freedom fighter Vaikom Muhammad Basheer, titled *Neela Velicham* (Blue Light, 1952)

It told the story of a novelist (played by Madhu) who had moved into the home of a woman who was killed by drowning. Vincent threads romance and horror into the plot that was both scary and charming. In the following decade, AG Babygets frayed as the movie progresses. Revathy plays Asha, a widow and kindergarten school teacher who suffers from clinical depression, and Shane Nigam is Vinu, a pharmacy graduate, who's unable to find a job. The third member is Asha's mother, who passes away in her sleep within the first 10 minutes of the film. But not before she breaks the fourth wall, a blink-and-you-miss shot that prepares you for the eeriness that unfolds.

It's a kind of chamber film, much of which is set within the three rooms and the kitchen of the single-storey rented house, where Asha and Vinu stay. The atmosphere, as

Sadasivan testifies, is critical to the mood and the pace of the film. There's palpable tension between Asha and Vinu; they both feel they are not heard or understood. The setting was ideal for the director to rein in the horror.

"I have always loved the horror genre. So, I was ready to experiment, but how does one tell a ghost story without showing the ghost? Or even if I am showing a ghost, how does it connect with the



### SOMEWHERE IN TIME

NOTABLE FILMS THAT CHAMPIONED NEURODIVERGENCE

#### HARRY POTTER AND FANTASTIC BEASTS SERIES (2016-) Luna Lovegood, in the Harry Potter series, has been seen as relatable by many

has been seen as relatable by many autistic persons. Played by Evanna Lynch, she is something of an outlier — mysterious, mystical, and what some may call 'quirky'. In the *Fantastic Beasts* series, Newt Scamander, played by Eddie Redmayne, has also been read as an autistic character.

**15 PARK AVENUE (2005)** Directed by Aparna Sen, this is the story of Meethi, a schizophrenic. She believes that her family lives at a non-existent address in Kolkata, at 15 Park Avenue. The National Award-winning film follows the protagonist's life down an empathetic and affirmative route.



**TEMPLE GRANDIN (2010)** Directed by Mick Jackson, the award-winning biopic is based on Temple Grandin, an autistic person who revolutionised practices of handling livestock on cattle ranches in America. Claire Danes (*pictured*) plays Grandin. *Temple Grandin* could be reminiscent of *A Beautiful Mind* (2001), based on mathematician John Nash, who was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia.

#### IRON MAN SERIES (2008-) This

superhero is more than his suit. The endless tinkering around and the adrenaline addiction point out that Tony Stark/Iron Man is the poster boy of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

MARGARITA WITH A STRAW (2014) Kalki Koechlin stars as Laila Kapoor, a teenager with cerebral palsy who has

her share of joys and heartaches as she

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made in Hindi, *Woh Phir Aayegi*, in 1988) released to rave reviews, telling the story of an introverted, young woman whose life turns upside down when a dark spirit enters her body.

But the film that truly championed the horror genre through a new style of storytelling and sensational sound-effects was Fazil's 1993-thriller *Manichitrathazhu* (remade in Hindi, *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* in 2007). Starring powerhouses like Shobana, Mohanlal, Suresh Gopi, Nedumudi Venu and Thilakan, the story was set in a haunted mansion where the spirit of a classical dancer comes alive.

Nearly three decades later comes *Bhoothakaalam*, which tells an intriguing and baffling story, with terrifying results. It is written and directed by Palakkad-based Rahul Sadasivan, and has been streaming on the OTT platform SonyLIV since January 21.

"Bhoothakaalam" means the "past", but also a "ghost" (bhootham) in Malayalam. At its core is a mother-son relationship which LLUSTRATION: SUVAJIT DEY I wanted to be subtle, not loud, and I knew I could only achieve it through powerful performances in creating that atmosphere," says Sadasivan.

Bhoothakaalam is Sadasivan's second film and it comes nearly nine years after his first outing *Red Rain* which was a sci-fi thriller that took a page out of actual events in 2001 when certain parts of Kerala received redcoloured rain, due to the presence of lichenforming algae. It was after he returned from his filmmaking course at the London Film Academy in 2010.

Bhoothakaalam stands on firmer ground, with terrific performances by Revathy and Nigam. Seasoned with family drama and psychological thrills, it is an out-and-out horror film, which leaves one with questions, but does not provide answers. Sadasivan didn't want the film to be just a commentary on mental health. Instead, through the psychological moods of the two principal characters, Asha and Vinu, we glimpse into the mind as Ig paranormal. So much so, one is left wonder- some diet

ing, is it happening in their minds? Sound, or more importantly the lack of it, plays a major role in the film. At no point is it loud or in-your-face. It's so subtle that it makes one squirm. "When I was writing the script, I wanted the poetic aspect of the tension to come from the absence of something. That can only be achieved through silence," says Sadasivan, who also worked as a sketch

artist-animator in different studios in Kerala. "My father was a huge film buff and he would take me to all kinds of films, such as the James Bond series and *Jurassic Park* (1993). I was fascinated by the images on screen. How can we create something like that? Such thoughts were always on my mind as I grew up," he says. Bred on a wholesome diet of Western and European films, Sadasivan understands the formula of creating fear. "I thought the best way to present a horror film would be to have a psychological theme to it, which is the premise for *Manichitrathazhu* (The Ornate Lock). It's a very powerful formula and I think it worked for a film like *Bhoothakaalam*, too," says the 35-year-old.

(Left) Director Rahul Sadasiyan: Revathy and Shane Nigam in Bhoothakaalam

Among the other films that influenced him, such as *Paranormal Activity* (2007), *The Exorcist* (1973), and Japanese horror films, is the Malayalam cult film, *Thaniyavarthanam*, which explored society's response to mental health, in the late '80. "I believe films come from life experiences. If you are dealing with a person with clinical depression, how do you talk to him or her and how do others react," he says.

Bhoothakaalam has been winning rave reviews ever since it released. Among them is filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma, who scared audiences with his films such as Kaun? (1999) and Phoonk (2008), and had first cast Revathy in a horror role, in the Hindi/Telugu bilingual Raat/Raatri (1992). He praised its director and producer for the "ambience", and the acting by Nigam and the "ultra-versatile" Revathy.

Sadasivan took nearly a year to write the film. "From the beginning, Shane was part of the pre-production process. We sat and wrote a lot, in terms of dialogue delivery and bringing out emotions on screen. It was the same with Revathy; I could imagine them

playing these characters in my head," he says.

learns about her sexual identity.

For someone who wrote the script first in English and turned to scriptwriter Sreekumar Shreyas for the Malayalam screenplay, dialogues are only a cherry on the top. "I wanted to get the structure first with a proper beginning, a mid-point and a gripping climax. I kept the dialogue minimal."

As a young filmmaker, it has been challenging though. "The Malayalam film industry is very competitive. Unless you have a fresh concept, it's hard to survive. If I am working on another film, I have to start from scratch to form an idea and wait for it to be released. But, I had complete support from the cast and crew of *Bhoothakaalam*, especially from my producer Anwar Rasheed, who believed in my idea and trusted me," he says.

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Diverse and Unapologetic

Representations of neurodiversity on screen often borders on the sentimental and the pedantic. We could do with a lot more authenticity instead

#### Shubhra Gupta

#### DOES IT get any easier?

No, not really. It's a hell of a burden. But it's also a gift.

This exchange, in a new eight-part webseries *As We See It*, is between the father of a young adult with autism, and a long-time witness to the challenges both face. Twentysomething Jack says it like he sees it. He has no filters. He doesn't really know the niceties of behaviour, of how to say one thing and mean another.

In a world which is quick to judge and move on, Jack, played by Rick Glassman, is dismissed as "weird", even "eccentric". But he isn't any of those things; he just comes off different, and that's down to his neurological make up. Jack lives in Los Angeles, with two flatmates. Like him, they are also beset by sensory overload. Harrison (Albert Rutecki)

doesn't step out of the house and binge-eats his way out of anxiety: the world is too much for him. And Violet (Sue Ann Pien), who has a tenuous job at a fast-food delivery place, longs for a "hot" date, sexual awakening, and a "normal" life.

What *As We See It*, created by TV veteran Jason Katims, does is deeply liberating. It is a coming-of-age story with a difference, which shows its principal characters learning how to live by themselves, with the help of Mandy, their life coach (Sosie Bacon). Though this trio is on the able end of the autistic spectrum, and their fully-committed-to-their-cause aide feels too good to be true, the very sight of them trying to work around the curveballs thrown at them, is heartwarming. And what makes the show so special is that the three actors are all on the spectrum, not neurotypical people playing people with special needs.

The choice of the cast makes me want to cheer. Mental-health problems are so liable to

be turned into "issues", and "issue-based" films can so easily turn pedantic, that they can either manipulate us into feeling sorry for those with a neurological condition or a disorder, or nudge us into labeling those who "look after" such individuals as noble and good. People with mental-health challenges are people too, with their interests, foibles, quirks, and it is time that films or TV series get out of that old, easy trap of using them as lame pegs to hang soapy operas, where they are either child-like and innocent, or totally beyond the pale. Earnest attempts to convey a "positive message" about mental health, or a six-hanky weepie? Done and dusted.

Just like other "minorities", the track record of popular culture focussing upon people with special needs has been dismal. The fight for representation is real. But once neurodivergent characters are brought into the script, they are in danger of becoming a prop, placed there so that neurotypicals can feel good about



BEAUTIFUL MINDS All three actors in As We See It are on the autistic spectrum in real life, too

themselves, or that they can lead famous actors to display their chops towards awards glory. A "beautiful mind" can also be a dark, messy place. For filmmakers who do not know nuance, just the thought of depicting a rounded person, with, say chronic depression, can be an impossibility. A terrific exception is the latest Malayalam language film, *Bhoothakaalam*, starring Revathy and Shane Nigam, in which director Rahul Sadasivan uses the condition as both a compassionate layer and lens, without infantilising either the character, or us the viewers.

Hindi cinema's propensity of portraying

people with neurological challenges with callous disregard, or making them the butt of offputting jokes, has been so strong that even now, more real, accurate attempts at creating such characters have been rare. It's wonderful to see an Ahaan, a Down Syndrome person played by a person (Abuli Mamaji) with Down Syndrome in a film of the same name directed by Nikhil Pherwani, stepping into the future with confidence. Ahaan wants a job, a car, a family, a "life of his own". And that's lovely.

But there are also films that make you cringe. Take, for example, the lead character from *Atrangi Re*, directed by Anand L Rai: Rinku, played by Sara Ali Khan, has schizophrenia, and it is appalling to see how many thoughtless liberties have been taken in terms of the description and "treatment" of someone struggling with demons of the mind. Yes, the attempt to take Rinku away from the "bichari/ bichara" (poor thing) syndrome is commendable. It's great to see her laughing, dancing, romancing, but how do you affix a diagnosis to a whole live girl without upending her entire being? This needed much more sensitive, knowledgeable handling.

Sentiment is fine. Saccharine is not. Empathy is great. Begging for sympathy is not. It's not just about representation any more. It's also about authenticity. Ups and downs and all around. Burden or gift ? The juggle never ends. And that's life.



# POIN R TOFF

# **DOWN IN** JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and bird watcher

# The World Will Go On

Let Mother Nature trick with freak weather, some things won't change

OR US warm, tropical beings, there is nothing more dispiriting than chilling, grey winter days, with a sullen sky dribbling down a thin rain, which never-theless manages to turn the garden into a quagmire in very short order. Leaves droop, birds huddle stoically, monkeys look miserable and wet cats, well, look like wet cats! I stare out into the turgid gloom: Mother Nature looks her bedraggled worst! I wonder about those optimistic birds that have flown down thousands of kilometres from the frozen north to avoid this kind of steely chill.

Then, the first signs of optimism: as if wiping down a foggy bathroom mirror, the sky suddenly clears overnight. When I awake, pale sabres of gold are trying to stream through the bedroom window and there is the sun, blazing egg-yolk gold. I step out tentatively into the still soggy garden and am brought up short. There's a bed of small Indian roses right outside, that valiantly struggles to flower through the summer months before coming into its own in winter. The pink blooms are normally quite small, judg-ing by the gigantic goblets you see in pedigreed rose gardens in the city, but this morning there is a King (butterfly) in my tiny rose bed. A rose so large its stalk can barely hold it up, surrounded by a coronet of garnet buds. Foolishly, I photograph it with my archaic mobile, not the camera, but the bloom has done its job, lifted the mood of the morning.

Later that afternoon, I hear the excited cheeping of purple sunbirds on the bougainvillea on my balcony. It's a pair, and the male hasn't even fully changed into his glittering glad rags breeding attire. They are probing for nectar from the blooms, but something more seems to be going on. The systematic way they work their way up and down the creeper makes me think they're checking it out as a site for a future residence. They're scouting and working on their hopes already, in the middle of January cheerful, excited and uncaring of the minefield of hazards that may lie ahead. It's a wonderful mood turbo-booster, even if they are probably just being led up the garden path! Sunbirds really start to go stir-crazy about each other around March.

One of the main triggers that send migratory birds off on their marathon journeys, more than ambient temper-



# Tyranny of the Urgent

It's in the white spaces that we find our epiphanies, where sparks of life happen — do less to do more



BY SHELJA SEN

You are young, and life is long, and there is time to kill today, And then one day you find ten years have got behind you No one told you when to run, you missed the starting gun.

> HESE LYRICS from the song Time by Pink Floyd keep coming back to me when I talk to young people. "I have no time management skills." "Days, weeks, months go by,

but I am stuck in a time warp." "I am always worried that I am wasting my time and life away." It is not surprising though, is it? From the time they were little, they have been brought up with a constant hum of, "Hurry," "Do it now and do it fast." Like clockwork toys, we keep winding them up, and when in youth, all that pressure starts taking a toll on them, we criticise them as being broken or pushed aside as being defective, not up to speed.

Politics of Time Management: When was the last time you took time off from your work or studies without guilt or unease? If you struggle to answer this, do not worry, as you are not alone. The conveyor belt of capitalist culture has indoctrinated all of us into thinking that "time is money", and if you are not being productive, then you are not worthy, irrespective of the global pandemic status. Shyla, 25, told me, "I used to feel so guilty as no matter what I did, I was never able to be on top of things. It was like being stuck on a hamster wheel." Her words reminded me, yet again, that there is no bigger myth than the seductive idea of "seize the day". Books, podcasts are being churned out at a fantastic industrial speed on this, but we are more crunched for time than ever before. As a society, we are stuck in rolling the Sisyphean time-management rock up the hill, only for it to roll down again. Living in an illusion that a day will come when we will master it all and live happily ever after. This idea is being sold to us as an ultimate hack to living a worthy life, but at what cost? Mental-health struggles, addictions and suicides are rocketing in the youth as they see themselves as not fit enough to be part of the rat race.

**Cosmic insignificance:** When I asked Shyla what had helped her to step out of the hamster wheel, she introduced me to the idea of "cosmic insignificance" that she had read about in Oliver Burkeman's book *Four Thousand Weeks* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2021). She said, "Don't you think we take our-



selves and our stay on this earth too seriously? We are like a blip in the history of humankind. Even if we do something truly remarkable, two generations down will not remember us. Isn't the cosmic insignificance of our life enough for us not to give a damn? The indifference of the universe challenges our ideas on inefficiency, productivity and whiteknuckling it out." It was a truly liberating perspective as somewhere in knowing our insignificance, we can find so much peace in our imperfection and impermanence. It is like the epiphany and awe we experience when we are with nature, standing amid majestic mountains or the expanse of the sea, and we feel like an insignificant particle in the universe and yet so deeply connected.

**Do less to do more:** In our world of attention economy, time is not something that is completely under our control. We are no match for multi-billion-dollar tech companies that are constantly devising ways for us to stay addicted to our gadgets. Every time we put our phones down, they lose money. How many of us have had that experience when we thought we would get into Facebook or Instagram for a quick peep and only resurfaced half an hour later from the rabbit hole? The scroll culture, constant cognitive switching is fracturing our ability to focus and engage with RACE AGAINST THE MACHINE The indifference of the universe challenges our ideas on inefficiency,

productivity and white-knuckling it out life. I have written extensively about this earlier in this column, but my subversive mantra is - *do less to do more.* Use social media minimally, remove the apps from your phone, even better - lock your phone or laptop away. And you will be amazed at the time you will have to engage with your world meaningfully.

The Arctic ice is melting, marine ecosystems are getting acidic, and we have lost millions in this pandemic, and the end is nowhere close. If this is not a wake-up call for us, I have no idea what else could be. Some of you might be at the beginning of your life span on this earth, and some of you, like me, might be way past the midpoint. So why speed race the rest of our time and wonder at the end where did it all go? Since my conversation with Shyla, I have discussed the tyranny of the urgent with many young people and how we can navigate ourselves out of this predicament. Some of the themes that emerged:

**Step out of the hamster-wheel culture:** The problematic formula of Time Management = Productivity = Worthiness locks us into a revolving door that brings us nothing but a sense of failure, guilt and despair at missing the "starting gun." Not to talk about the damage it has caused our planet, human inequity and social injustice. GETTY IMAGE

**One thing at a time:** I can tell you from my experience that this one is really difficult as how tough is it to resist the allure of the frenetic multi-apps/tabs/tasking culture. But this mindful living has made a world of difference to my peace of mind.

What matters is an engaged life: To make sure we take out time every day for something that stretches and expands us physically, intellectually, spiritually. It could be figuring out some innovative research, writing a film script, or designing your dream start-up. Anything that aligns with your values and hopes for a deep meaningful life.

Wander and stop running: I grew up in the mountains where rambling and wandering was the way of life. So I struggle with the fast pace of urban life and need lots of aimless time when I just do nothing. It's in these white spaces that we find our epiphanies, the "aha" moments and where sparks of life happen. And that is what I am taking to the new year – cosmic insignificance, do less to do more and aimless wandering.

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**FLY AWAY WITH ME** Ducks on their way back home

ature, is photoperiodism: the length of the day. Once the critical day-length is achieved, the birds know it's time to go: like I suppose you would know when you need to go to the bathroom. Relying on the weather to time departures or to begin courting can be tricky. A sudden cold snap or a warm interlude can disrupt travel plans.

Years ago, in Gurugram's Sultanpur National Park, I spent half the night on the lakeside. The birds were still up and about: Redshanks, snazzy avocets, sandpipers, (the resident) black-winged stilts and other waders, scything and probing the mud with their needle bills, getting themselves a late dinner and frantically fattening up for the long journey ahead, while calling softly to each other. From the distance came the throaty guttural murmur of ducks, turning topsy-turvy: they were late diners, too, besides, it was safest and relaxing to dine in darkness when predators like the marsh harrier or eagles would be asleep.

We were back at the lakeside before dawn the next day to witness another uplifting spectacle. In the middle of the lake, the common cranes were lining up like aircraft on the flyway preparatory to take off — reminding you of an international air terminal seeing off its first flights of the day. There was much tumultuous trumpeting and then one by one, they began to run through the shallow water, flapping their huge wings until lift-off was obtained. They circled the lake and then headed out in graceful echelons, like bombers on a mission. They'd got the green light to go!

Later, high from a piercing blue sky (a rare phenomenon now), a heart-stopping grapeshot whine makes you look up. From the south, squadrons of tiny black jets are whistling over like shrapnel — ducks! They spot the lake and just drop down, turning over on their sides and "whiffling" (as it's called), tumbling down, down, down, righting themselves at the last moment, braking with their wings and tail, touching down gently. Then a happy tailwag and satisfied throaty "*wak-wak*" for a job well done!

The gents, in their immaculate shining silks and satins, are looking for partners. On another occasion, at Sultanpur, the ruff, in their elaborate Elizabethan frills and finery, had started "lekking" — wooing their ladies and staking out small territories — rehearsing for when they would reach their summer homes, thousands of kilometres away.

At the moment, the grey chill has clamped down like an icy vice and the sunbirds have vanished again! They are biding their time: the days will lengthen, the sun will dazzle and they'll be out, frantic with raising new families. And the last flights of migrants will be speeding north, equally eager to ensure that life and the world will go on.

# Caged Birds Do Sing

The only Indian film at the Sundance, on Delhi pollution, two brothers and black kites, has won the top prize

Tanushree Ghosh

IF IN his last film *Cities of Sleep* (2015), documentary filmmaker Shaunak Sen showed us "class" by training the hand-held lens on Delhi's night shelters and those who sleep on its traffic dividers, in his latest, *All That Breathes*, the illustration of the Other gets sublime and urgent. The subject of inquiry are two brothers and their love affair with a species, the black kites (*Milvus migrans*), that they resuscitate. And how the human and "more-than-human" survive the "all-enveloping lamina of ecological hostility" and toxicity — in the air, on the ground.

The only Indian film to compete at this year's fully virtual Sundance Film Festival, the US, has picked up the top award, the Grand Jury Prize. Sen's film was in the World Cinema Documentary Competition, the

same category which, last year, saw Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh's powerful documentary *Writing with Fire*, on *Khabar Lahariya* and Dalit women journalists, pick up two awards; the latter is now headed to the 94th Academy Awards in March.

Pure issue-based "monolinear messaging" is not for Sen. His longform, creative documentary relies on revelatory slow pans, languorous tilts, and focus shifts. Sen's gaze compresses and decompresses to render the sci-

entific/natural poetic. The camera pans on to a dumping ground, dilates the filth, amplifies rat squeaks, the ominous scene-setting is reminiscent of a fairy tale gone wrong. It magnifies, matter-of-factly, the non-human, micro life, peripheral species, the invisibilised. The visual grammar has been rendered by ace cinematographer Ben Bernhard, with Riju Das and Saumyananda Sahi wielding the lens too.

The kites, in Das's big close-ups, are social rejects that feed on human refuse (at Ghazipur

landfill, Barapullah sewer, etc.). Like microbiomes, they keep the city's gut healthy. They have adapted to urban life, but are more often than not rejected. The brothers were once turned away by the Jain-run Charity Birds Hospital, in Old Delhi, which doesn't treat "non-vegetarian" birds of prey. As Muslims, the brothers, who eat meat, took it personally, as they told *The New York Times* in a 2020 article.

Thematically, shrinking spaces undercut the form (near-absence of funding to exhibition support to docu-films in India) and content (the brothers run a derelict bird clinic from their home's basement alongside a soapdispenser business). "The salient bipolarity of the space was super cinematic to me, where heavy metallic cutting machines share space with these majestic birds being treated. The particular (brothers, their relationship with raptors) became the lens to look at the broader (contemporary social history, the city's *zeit*-

*geist*)," says Sen, 34, from the US.

The film's photo-finish is its music. Composer-instrumentalist Roger Goula's cadences are hypnotic, with melodies (classical, orchestral) that palliate and electronic distortion that amplify the dystopia. "As Delhi's air changed,

As Deini Sair Changed, so did its metabolism... Delhi is a gaping wound, and we are trying to put a small Band-Aid on it," says one brother in the film. Kite-brothers Nadeem Shehzad, 44, and Muhammad Saud, 40, with their young wingman Salik

Rehman, have been nursing injured birds – over 20,000 in two decades. First, from their basement, "with no support", in "inhospitable conditions" (heat, costly meat, mincer malfunctions), and then from a clinic, Wildlife Rescue, they built at their home in north-east Delhi's Wazirabad village. They annually rescue and rehabilitate over 2,000 raptors and water birds – this unflinching care-giving brings them *sukoon* (peace), like feeding meat to kites earns them *sawab* (religious credit, in Islam).



#### IN ONE FELL SWOOP

Wingman Salik with a baby black kite, at the basement clinic, in a still from the documentary *All That Breathes* (2022); (left) director

Shaunak Sen

n't hold, things will fall apart. They "fulfill a crucial role, of cohabitation and (mitigating) threat," says Sen. They also put people at ease, by sharing practical knowledge. "You don't care for things because they share the same country, religion or politics. Life itself is kinship. We're all a community of air," says a voice-over in the film.

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Structurally, it's a triptych that inflects the world of the brothers (tripod-ed slider shots, not usually deployed to show human behaviour), the non-human life, and the brothers' voiceover, lyrical throwbacks to their past. It's peppered with evocative shots (a sewer looks like a river, the animals allegorical) and happy accidents (a kite flies away with Salik's glasses). Salik is amused, his dismay abated by KL Saigal crooning *Haye haye yeh zaalim zamana* in the back. His innocence and curiosity is a comic relief to the brothers' stoic personae. The brothers' fight not for "financial reason, emotions or ego, but because of what's happening in the skies, to the birds," Saud says in the film.

"Delhi, to say it clichédly, has become apocalyptic, with birds falling off the skies. Aman Mann (co-producer) and I looked for people in the city who have a profound relationship with birds," says Sen, "Even before we met the characters, I had an ineffable sense of the visual text and texture I wanted to make. Growing up in Delhi, one is constantly witnessing the ecological (transmutation) visually, the monotone skies, now, the black lazydots gliding in the skies, constantly breathing in noxious air, inhaling atmosphere that are no longer conducive for your well-being."

The black kites, Least Concern (on the IUCN

Red List) species, "have been a successful urban creature" in Delhi. Their "numbers, nesting habitat, instances of human-bird collisions have been increasing," says Sen. They are broken and fractured — the reasons tangentially hinted at in the film — ironically by paper kites' glass-coated *manja* (thread), or the smog blinding them as they collide into buildings, or their nests are destroyed. "I didn't want to make a nature documentary or wildlife film, primarily because we didn't have the skill set," says Sen, who caught COVID-19 during the shoot.

In the aural-visual sensorium he curates, reminiscent of the Italian documentary filmmaker Gianfranco Rosi's style, Sen has translated the city's palpable claustrophobia on to the screen, with an unhurried *thairaav*, no loud pronouncement. It's a Delhi disassembled, "a city I know most intimately; what's a better laboratory ecologically than Delhi?" asks Sen. As white soap foams from the basement morphs into the toxic foam on Yamuna, editors Charlotte Munch Bengtsen, and Vedant Joshi (*The Disciple*, 2020), have been able to grasp the essence of an unchanging, cataclysmic reality.

Here are cable-wired, gas-chamber skies, there are cheek-by-jowl canopies, air purifier sees red, AQI levels are dinner-time conversation, and "sounds" of "social unrest" "leak in" — social-media disinformation, but more conspicuously, of street protests, appeals of democracy, citizenship, on loudspeakers, news channels, phone-video forwards. That the brothers have no time for any of it, or for their family, just for their *raison d-être*: the birds, goes to show how different "people have been responding to the turmoil and turbulence, to a city in churn," says Sen.



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# THINGS INEVER TOLD YOU

A delightful poetry project invites introspection on what it means to be a woman and to speak for oneself

Arundhathi Subramaniam

OST OF us are aware of the difference between self-esteem and vanity. But recent times have seen the boundaries grow somewhat blurry. And not without reason.

In a delightful initiative entitled Project Boast, two UK-based women poets, Rachel Bentham and Alyson Hallett, approached 28 women poets around the world and asked them to write "boastful" poems. The project was inspired by Sarah Guppy, an ingenious Bristol-based Victorian engineer and inventor who created designs for a suspension bridge in her city without arches or sterlings. She also designed exercise beds for women, a samovar that brewed tea and cooked eggs, and figured how to prevent barnacles from sticking to ship hulls.

If Mr Guppy had done it, he'd have been a common noun in Bristol by now. But unsurprisingly, there are no plaques or statues in Sarah's honour. She herself said it was "unpleasant" when women spoke of their achievements.

It is impossible to hear of Guppy and not think of the innumerable Sarahs one has known, and those one will never know – all those who will remain unanointed, not just lent validation. Somehow pride, that cardinal sin, continues to work differently with men. In men, taking up space - verbal mansplaining, as it were - still passes unnoticed. In women, it remains a double bind: if you brag, you're unfeminine and tasteless; if you don't, you're invisible.

For Bristol-based Bentham and Hallett, the best tribute to Guppy was to create an anthology that invited women poets to 'boast' in their own ways. "Are women still finding that it's unpleasant to speak of themselves?" they asked. "Are we still selfcensoring for fear of being judged as boastful? How much has really changed in a hundred years?"

Being asked to contribute to their anthology compelled me to take a long hard look at the taboos that run deep in my own bloodstream. I decided the problem wasn't just adakkam, the emphasis on restraint that was part of my cultural baggage. It wasn't just the English language - although I still wonder if Anglophone Indians of a certain vintage are more infected by British understatement than the coloniser's confidence. The problem is, above all, a cultural climate that still encourages women to "please like a woman and impress like a man".

In her book, Women and Power (2017), Mary Beard writes of the many overt and insidious curbs on female speech, drawing at-

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Clinton and Barack Obama in their 2008 contest for the Democratic nomination, writer Joshua Gunn speaks of the pressure of gendered norms: the impulse to "perform" femininity, given that tone and sound are rated as far more important than content in female speech. "We don't simply think in discriminatory ways," says Gunn. "We hear in sex."

The problem with conventional "boasting" is scarcity: we hear the braggart's hollowness rather than achievement. A silence can be more powerful than such verbal desperation. But when born of chronic selfdoubt and social devaluation, silence is not humility; it is self-denial. "What cannot be spoken will be wept," the poet Sappho said some 2,700 years ago, pointing to a vital human need: to speak one's truth. This arises from the essential longing for authenticity, for self-determination - not merely to impress others, but to express ourselves. It is a bid to sing our own song, rather than surrender to borrowed wisdom, eternal laryngitis, the desiccation of the spirit.

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I have long been fascinated by the "goddess" poems of Annamacharya, the 15th century Telugu Bhakti poet. The bhakta here is not a groveling supplicant but a spunky goddess. "He's my slave," she proclaims of her god, reminding us that the finest sacred poetry is often stoutly egalitarian. Spirituality here is not deference, but joyful self-reclamation.

In an extraordinary poem on ageing, Amrapali, the legendary courtesan-turnednun of the Buddhist tradition, surveys the ravages of her body and acknowledges the truth of her master's gospel of imperma-nence: "Black was my hair/ – the colour of bees – / and curled at the tips;/ with age, it looked like coarse hemp... Smooth in their lines, like an elephant's trunk/ both my thighs were once splendid/ With age, they're like knotted bam*boo*..." The poem is both a cautionary tale about youthful feminine vanity and a supremely elegant "boast" by a woman who has enjoyed every moment of her lifetime of adulation! Perhaps, a joyful renunciation is only possible if one has consciously enjoyed one's share of sensuous abundance?

I decided to explore these questions at a poetry workshop a couple of years ago. Were there ways to feel good about oneself without the indignity of self-congratulation? Is there a difference between self-assertion and self-advertisement? Between self-confidence and self-promotion? Between self-esteem and narcissism? The first writing exercise I proposed to the participants was to brag unabashedly -

but on behalf of another woman. A slew of responses flowed forth. Particularly heartwarming were verses about little-acknowledged women friends and mentors.

The second exercise was an invitation to boast on behalf of any group or collective but only one that might elect them as their spokesperson. The responses were startling. The participants wrote anthems on behalf of middle children, those with soft voices and those who sing to plants! Mine was on behalf of "catabolic women": those no longer oppressed by the need to impress, to conform, or even to belong. "Boasting" suddenly turned into a joyful paean to fellowship, to membership in shadowy, nameless constituencies. The conventional boast excludes; we included, and grew bigger and happier with that inclusion.

It reminded me of the account of a Zen woman practitioner who said that when she delivered a talk on female adepts in Buddhism, a young woman in the audience began weeping uncontrollably. Just hearing of other women on the path had touched a chord. Clearly, there are areas of such long exclusion that the simple act of articulation can release an almost-ancestral pain. Something similar happened at this workshop. The licence to sing the praises of ordinary, little-known women shifted the energies in that room. Eyes were brighter, voices more animated. There was a distinct aliveness in the air.

What Alyson and Rachel do, I realise, is to subvert the very idea of the "boast". The poets in their book aren't saying "Look, I can do it better than you". They're simply saying "Hey, here's what I do, and it makes me feel great". One woman boasts of having loved the same man since the age of 18. Another speaks of a victorious confrontation with a rude shop-owner. A third boasts of the simple choice of living in the heart. Collectively, they point to a path between cowering and chest-thumping, whining and crowing. The opposite of gagging doesn't have to be bragging, they tell us; it can be inhabiting oneself happily and unapologetically. This can be healthy and life-changing, the editors declare, and what's more, may even produce "statues and plaques of all the forgotten women" in every city.

Utopian? Perhaps. But what the exercise points to is the need to recognise a human desire deeper than supremacy: the longing for dignity. Dignity entails cultivating a gaze without hierarchy, a refusal to perpetuate either oppression or victimisation. It is dignity we hear in the Annamacharya goddess verses 600 years ago, exultantly echoed in 20th century African American poet Maya Angelou's much-loved poem, Phenomenal Woman. Dignity empowers everyone to join the great human chorus, and to hear their voices fill the world – powerful, joyous, big and husky. Like "a bar-room singer's", as the Scottish poet Don Paterson writes.

The aesthetics of boasting still makes me neasy. I continue to be drawn to those who use words sparingly – those whose presence speaks louder than their voices. But if speaking is a gendered issue, I know silence is too. The powerless silence is the muteness of the disenfranchised. The powerful silence is a chosen one. It is born of a reclaimed dignity and a profound anchorage in the self - an anchorage so secure that it can include others in its embrace as well.

As Paterson writes, "Beneath the blue oblivious sky, the water/ sings of nothing, not your name, not mine." Perhaps, the real journey of self-retrieval, then, is always in the direction of the ultimate "boast" - the world's ongoing song in praise of the nameless.

because they are dead, non-White and female, but because they felt it was indecorous and unwomanly to speak.

It started me thinking of the invisibility and trivialisation to which such silence has

tention to figures from Medusa and Philomela to the many women trolled and sexually harassed even today on social media. In an essay on the field of public address, analysing speeches delivered by Hillary

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# Statement Art

Delhi-based artist couple Manu and Madhvi Parekh's artwork found a new life at Dior's spring-summer 2022 show in Paris

#### Vandana Kalra

IN 1971, when artist Madhvi Parekh painted an image of Kali armed with weapons against an intricate backdrop of folk iconography, the thought of it travelling to a fashion ramp in the world's sartorial capital Paris was inconceivable. Yet, five decades later, the work, World of Kali, turned out to be a conversation starter at the French cap-

ital at the spring-summer 2022 haute couture presentation of global luxury brand Christian Dior last week.

Showcased alongside her husband, artist Manu Parekh's work, an embroidered version of World of Kali was part of the fashion giant's set at Musée Rodin in Paris. Carefully embroidered tapestries based on the modernist

artists' works garnered as much attention as the monotone outfits showcased by Italian fashion designer Maria Grazia Chiuri, creative director at Dior. "The response has been overwhelming," says Manu, 82. Unable to attend the show in-person due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the artists viewed it live from their Delhi home. "It was fabulously designed and put together. The project intertwines art, craft and design and is a celebration of our heritage, which we ought to celebrate more often," he says.

The process began last year, when Karishma Swali, creative director of Mumbai-based embroidery house Chanakya and co-founder of Chanakya School of Craft, came to the couple with the proposal of embroidering their artwork on tapestries. "I began collecting works by the Parekhs many years ago and found an incredible synergy between modernism and traditional Indian motifs... The collective vision for this collaboration was to create an immersive experience that celebrates the culture of craftsmanship and the interconnection between us all," says Swali, who took the

> initiative to reach out to the fashion brand and get them on board. During a subsequent trip to Europe, she and Chiuri shortlisted 12 works by Madhvi and 10 by Manu to translate onto tapestries, which comprise the monumental display – it included Madhvi's paintings seeped in folk and rural traditions and Manu's

spiritual abstracts and a rendition from his famous Banaras series. "We were looking at works that we felt complemented the male and female energies coming together in perfect harmony," says Swali.

The transition to cloth took place at the Chanakya atelier in Mumbai, under the close watch of Swali and remotely by the artist couple. While the natural tonalities of paint and thread would differ, each detail was carefully studied and it took over 320 artisans more than six months to embroider 340 sq m (3,600 sq. ft) of work by hand. Most tapestries have six-seven layers to create depth



**IN VOGUE** (Clockwise from left) The Parekhs; the multi-disciplinary hand-embroidered artwork Manu Parekh and

Karishma Swali for Banaras; Karishma Swali, Maria Grazia Chiuri and Pietro in front of the World of Kali installation; Madhvi Parekh and Karishma Swali for Chanakya, Power



and several traditional techniques have also been used, from variations of knots and zardozi to sfumato, couching, stem stitch and feather stitch. "We followed a very instinctive process, allowing the form and lines of the artists' paintings to lead the way. The aim was to retain the purity and power of the



works and vividness of lines, and, therefore, we used organic cotton, ecologically dyed material, fine silk and cotton and linen threads," says Swali.

Manu's experience of working as a designer at the Handloom Board for over two decades, in the 1960s and '70s, also enabled

seamless ideation of the visual narrative. "During that period, I travelled across India, deep into the villages of Odisha, Bihar and Rajasthan, to create new textile patterns with the rural craftspeople. My aim was to promote indigenous materials and design. The aim here is also to recognise and appreciate our craft," says Manu.

Even as Swali introduces the audience in Paris to the philosophy, symbolism and techniques of the works on display at Musée Rodin till January 30, back in Mumbai, at the atelier, artisans are embroidering more tapestries based on the artists' works, scheduled to travel across the world later this year. For her part, Madhvi is happy to have put a bit of India in the West. "Durga and Kali represent the strength of women and my work has been an embodiment of that feminine energy. It represents our religion and culture. Though we wish we could have attended the fashion show in Paris, we enjoyed attending it online too," says Madhvi, 80.

Chanakya, Evening at Beccari, (CEO, Dior)

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ties (B.O.Q). Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 28.01.2022 (18.00 hrs). 2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 29.01.2022 (10.00 hrs).to

03.02.2022 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover. 3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 03.02.2022 (16.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

No: MHCHD/ TS/10088-93
Dated:28-01-2022
DIPK-17295/21

DIPK-17308/21

#### झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य <u>विभाग</u>

#### मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, राँची

<u>ई</u>-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई–निविदा संख्या:- 155/2021-22/RWD/CHAKRADHARPUR दिनांक :- 28.01.2022 मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन		प्राक्कलित रा	शि (रूपये में)	कार्य
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सं0			अफ म	अक्षर में	की तिथि
	RWD/	सायतवा मुख्य सड़क से रोवाउली		एक करोड़ तिरसठ	
1.	CHAKRADHARPUR/	होते हुए डिंडापाई तक पथ का	1,63,12,000.00	लाख बारह हजार	12 माह
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वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– 07.02.2022

ई—निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समयः— 19.02.2022 अपराहन 5:00 बजे तक | (क) मुख्य अभियंता कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी, राँची अथवा (ख) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, राँची अथवा (ग) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चाईबासा में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रधन की राशि, शपथ पत्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथिः– 22.02.2022 पूर्वाह्न 10.00 बजे से अपराहन 3:30 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः– 23.02.2022 पूर्वाहन 11:30 बजे।

निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी चौक, राँची, झारखण्ड, पिन— 834001

ई—निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0— 0651—2207818

निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक/अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम/अकाउंट से ही निर्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चक्रधरपुर के पक्ष में एवं चक्रधरपुर में भूगतेय होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा। रेकारी

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है	नोडल पदाधि
R 262714 Rural Work Department (21-22)_D	ई—प्रोक्युर्मन्ट

JHARKHAND MEDICAL & HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT & PROCUREMENT CORPORATION LTD. MCH BUILDING, RCH CAMPUS, NAMKUM, RANCHI – 834010. CIN – U855100JH2013SGC001276) E-mail:jmhidpc2014@gmail.com 8 Date: 29.01.2022 Tender Notice No. JMC/NIT-22/LMO-MGPS/06

VERY SHORT TENDER FOR SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF LMO TANK & MGPS FOR STATE OF JHARKHAND The Managing hereby invit Namkum.

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#### 7. RAIL WHEEL FACTORY आज़ादी<sub>का</sub> अमृत महोत्सव Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

TENDER NOTICE NO.RWF/S/P1/017/2021-22 dt. 28.01.2022 On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager invites electronic Tenders from Interested Vendors for supply of the following items on the Indian Railways E-Portal – www.ireps.gov.in. The Tender documents and the Corrigenda to the Tenders, if any, will be available on the Portal only. SI. Tender No. Due Date Short Description & Qty 1 P1212004 21-02-2022 Air Setting Mortar as per RWF specification. [1] RWF Requirement : 28200 kgs [2] RWP/Bela Requirement : 8500 kgs 2 P3211046A 25-02-2022 Heavy Duty Dry Basic Ramming Mass as per RWF specification. [1] RWF Reqt: 163 MT [2] RWP/Bela Reqt : 188 MT

Principal Chief Materials Manager

#### कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता. जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग वृत-उदयपुर

जमांक:एसई/उदय/....../2021-22/8134--8158 दिनांक: 17.01.202 निविदा सूचना संख्या 34-39/2021-22 (34-39) जल जीवन मिशन के तहत उदयपुर जिले की जल योजना ढीमड़ी-बॉसवारी ( 200.07 लाख ) कथारिया- 201.62 खाखड़ (203.08)- कोचला (201:26 लाख) मगवास (222.27 लाख) ओगना (211.80) के विभिन्न कार्यों की निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है जो कि दिनांक 17.01.2022 को 18.00 बजे तक प्राप्त की जावेगी। निविदाओं क वेस्तृत विवरण राज्य सरकार के उपापन पोर्टल http://eproc:rajasthan.gov.in http://sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है ।

NIB Code: PHE2122A5458 UBN No. : PHE2122WSOB11942, PHE2122WSOB11943, PHE2122WSOB11944

PHE2122WSOB11946, PHE2122WSOB11947, PHE2122WSOB11949 हस्ता/

> (विपिन जैन) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिक विभाग, वृत - उदयपुर

DIPR/c/898/2022

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd. (A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) (An ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & 0HSAS 18001 & SA 8000 (ertified (ompany) Sankaramangalam, Chavara-691 583, Kollam, Kerala, India Phone: 91476-2686722 to 733 (12 Lines), Fax: 91-476-2680101. E-mail: contact@kmml.com, URL: www.kmml.com						
		ER NOTICE				
		d for following. For more details please visit etenders.kerala.gov.in or www.kmml.com				
No.	Tender ID	Items				
1	2022_KMML_469998_1	For the supply of Rail Square bar				
2	2022_KMML_469086_1	For the supply of Refrigerant Gas Freon 22 in cylinder of 61 kg				
3	2022_KMML_468886_1	For the supply of Jumbo Bag 1000kg capacity for RC-822 grade pigment				

Chavara 29.01.2022 sd/- DGM (Mtls) For The Kerala Minerals And Metals Ltd nium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sc ur Products: Titanium Dioxide.

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, जन स्वास्थ्य じゅ भौमे अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र, संभाग-बीकानेर

फोन 051-2226451 ईमेल rj\_acebi@nic.in क्रमांक: अति/बी/अंके.बी./2021-22/20439-65 दिनांक: 19/01/202 ई-बोली सूचना संख्या अमुअ/बी/2021-22/227-229

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल की ओर से निम्न हस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिक विभाग एवं अन्य विभागों में सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नानुसार ई-बोली द्वारा बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है। बोली प्रपत्र वेबासाईट ''www.phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in' www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in'' एवं http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर दिनांक 22.01.2022 प्रातः 9.00 बजे से 14.02.2022 साय 6.00 बजे तक उपलब्ध है। इस निविदा सूचना संख्या ACEBI/2021-22/227-229 में कुल 3 कार्य है, जिनकी कुल अनुमानित लागत रु. 1719.74 लाख है। इन निविदाओं के एसपीपी पोर्टल पर यूबीएन नम्बर क्रमश PHE2122WSOB12062. PHE2122WSOB12063 PHE2122WSOB12064 है।

हस्ता./ (अजय कुमार शर्मा) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंत जन स्वा. अभि. विभाग क्षेत्र-बीकानेग

DIPR/c/964/2022



जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपुर के अधीन विभिन्न ग्रामों में "जल जीवन मिशन'' तहत। पेयजल योजनाओं के कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन बिड्स इच्छुक पात्र बिडर्स से दिनांक 14.02.2022 सांय 06.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। बिड से संबंधित समस्त जानकारी प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टत http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं http://sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है। यु.बी.एन. नम्बरः

NIT No.166/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12148 NIT No.168/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12150 NIT No.170/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12152

NIT No.167/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12149 NIT No.169/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12151 NIT No.171/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12153

#### TELANGANA FOODS (GOVT. OF TS ENTERPRISE) (An ISO 22000:2018 Certified Company) Road No.14, IDA, Nacharam, Hyderabad 500076. A.P, INDIA Email: proiects.tsfoods@gmail.com, Website: http://tfoods.telangana.gov.in

#### Ref. No. TF/MM/GP/PPM/49/2021-22 E- TENDER NOTIFICATION

Telangana Foods invites tender for Additional Machinery for Extruder Plant: Description: Belt Conveyor system As per specifications. EMD amount in: 2,50,000.00 Description: Seanless fiberglass reinforced & Epony resin based flooring 3 mm thick, with Primar, Screed, Topcoat, total 3 layers self leveling. The total thickness of the floor - screed 2 mm +1 sel leveling epoxy EMD amount in: 60,000.00 Description: Pneumatic Conveying System of 6MTs/ Hr. with Insulation & Commissioning including 1 Ton cap of Silo etc., EMD amount in: 60,000.00 Description: Chequered Plates 5mm thickness with angle fixing with 5mm thickness EMD amount in: 30,000.00. BIDS SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE & TIME : 12 02 2022 and open sign of the second s second sec R.O. No.: 2607-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22 Sd/-General Manage

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS e-Tender Notice No. 23 of 2021-22 dated : 24.01.2022 Sr. e-Tender Approximate EMD Name of work Cost (₹) NIT Cost (₹) No. DRM-ADI- Mehsana-Khodiyar : Providing 115-2021-22 rubberised surface at LC No. 228, 1,27,20,554.00 2,13,600.00 229, 230 and 232 under Jurisdiction of Sr. DEN (South) Ahmedabad (Re-invite). DRM-ADI- Civil work in connection with 116-2021-22 rehabilitation of track machine 1,76,57,880.06 2,38,300.00 116-2021-22 siding in the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN (South) Ahmedabad DRM-ADI-117-2021-22 CTR (P&S) 2.718 Km, ISD 3.757 Km, deep screening of P&C, track 3,69,99,710.42 3,35,000.00 ork of machine siding and other misc. track work in the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN (South)Ahmedabad. Closing date and time of e-tender: 22-02-2022 at 15:00 Hrs. Office Address

Obisional Railway Manager (W A/c), Engo. Department, Divisional Railway Manager Office, Opp. Gujarat Cancer Hospital, Asarwa, Naroda Road, Amdupura, Ahmedabac Gujarat-382345. Website for participating e-tender: www.ireps.gov.in ADI-21 Like us on: f facebook.com/WesternRly • Follow us on: 🎔 twitter.com/WesternRly

### SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Muskan, D/o: Laxman Chaudhari, R/o: E-615, Inder Enclave, Phase-II, Kirari, Suleman Nagar, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 12.01.2022 at 02:00 pm from the area of P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 68/2022 U/s 363 IPC dated 14.01.2022 has

been registered at P. S. Prem Nagar, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: Age: 17 years, Sex: Female, Height: 5'. Face: Round. Complexion: Wheatish. Hair: Black. Built: Normal, Wearing: Pink colour saree and grey colour shoes. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/1267/RD/2022

SHO P.S. Prem Nagar, Delhi Ph.: 8750870322

### **SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL**



General public is here by informed that this female Namely: Anjali, D/o: Subodh Ram, R/o House of Nitin, Holambi Kalan, Delhi, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Ladies Suit and Lower and Slippers in foot, has been missing from her

house since 18.08.2021 at 08:30 PM. In this regard a vide FIR No. 737/21, dated 26.11.2021 has

been Registred at P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

SHO E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi Website: http://cbi.nic.in Ph 011-27787592 27787593 Fax: 011-24368639 Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1488/0N/2022

### कायालय पारवहन आयुक्त, छत्तासगढ

परिवहन विभाग अंतर्गत छत्तीसगढ राज्य के समस्त परिवहन कार्यालयों में आटोमेटेड कम्प्यटराईज्ड डायविंग टेस्ट टेक

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🙆 **E-TENDER NOTICE** 

### e-tender Notice No. 65 of 2021-22 (Open

Engg/DDU. On line (through e-tendering for the following work is invited by DRM Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

Dated: 27.01.2022

Tender No. 39-DDU-DEN-HQ-21-22, (i) Name of work with its location : Repairing of verandhah and W.C. bath in Loco colony under ADEN/HQ/DDU. (BI. No. 419=12 Units, 126=10 Units, 405=12 Units, 129=20 Units, 130=20 Units etc.) (ii) Approx. cost of the work : ₹10977279.84 (iii) Earnest Money : ₹204900/- (iv) Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender : 21.02.2022. Upto 12:00 hrs. (v) Website particulars of etendering: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager/ ECR/Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya PR/01592/DDU/Engg./T/21-22/32

#### 🔘 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🐼 E-TENDER NOTICE

No. RS-Outsourcing -WCC-DDU-22, Date 27.01.2022. Sr. DME/C&W/ECR/DDU on behalf of the President of India invite 'OPEN" 'E-Tender from the eligible and experienced agency or contractor for etender no. RS-Outsourcing-WCC-DDU-22 dated : 25.01.2022. Particulars are as under:-

1. Name of the work with its location Outsourcing of various activity in WCC to provide an extra examination batch in each shift at DRY/DDU for a period of 02 years 2. Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 3,75,31,965/-(Rupees Three crore seventy five lakh thirty one thousand nine hundred sixty five) only. 3. Earnest Money to be deposited ₹3,37,700/- (Three lakh thirty sever thousand seven hundred only). 4. Date & Time for submission of tender and opening of Tender : From 04.02.2022 up to closing o tender at 15:00 hrs. 18.02.2022. 5. Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : IREPS Website : - www.ireps.gov.in Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids online through this website only. Manual offer are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Note : Details information may be seen in the tender documents.

DME (C&W) ECR/Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya PR/01590/DDU/Mech /T/21-22/48

#### 🔊 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🖗 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tender is invited on Behalf of the Presider of India for the under mentioned work :-1. e-Tender No. : ECR-CAO-C-S-ETEN-63 21-22. Name of work : Supply, assembling erection and launching of girders for Super Structure of important Bridge No. 07 (2 X 30.48m (Plate girder) + 5 X 76.11 m (Open Web girder) + 1 X 30.48 M (plate girder) Obra Dam bridge including approach work slope protection work and linking of track on bridge and approaches between Obra Phaphrakund at Ch 139/7-14 in East Central Railway under Dhanbad Division ir connection with Ramna-Singrauli doubling work. Approx cost of the work in (₹) ₹59,99,86,286.96, Cost of tender form in (₹) ₹0.00, Earnest money in (₹) : ₹31,49,900/-Period of work completion : 12 [Twelve Months.

Date and time for closing of tender 18.02.2022 at 15:30 hrs. Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/ Courier/ Fax or by hand will not be accepted

All such manual submission of tender even in

it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will

not be accepted. The above e-tende

Commercial Bids (Two Envelope System) through e-tender from eligible manufacturers or their authorized dealer (having authorization in the format given in the bidding document) for Supply, testing, Demonstration, Installation and Commissioning of LMO Tank & MGPS and related services.

The Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be downloaded through web site http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. The eligible bidders willing to participate must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of Work	Supply & Installation of LMO Tank & MGPS
2	Time of Completion	Within 60 days after issue of work order
3	Date of Publication of Tender on website	30.01.2022
4	Date / time for submission of bids	From 31.01.2022 to 09.02.2022 up to 6.00 PM
5	Date of Technical Bid opening	10.02.2022 at 3.00 PM
6	Application fee (Non-refundable)	5000.00 (Five thousand only)
7	EMD	Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Only) for each work
8	Contact no. of procurement person	7004871564
9	Helpline number of e-procurement cell	9771500075

#### Note: The above dates may change due to declaration of holidays

JMHIDPCL Ranchi reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the terms and conditions contained in the Tender Document including quantity/amount of items to be supplied or to reject any or all tenders without giving any notice or assigning any reason. The decision of the Managing Director, JMHIDPCL, Namkum, Ranchi in this regard shall be final. Detailed tender document can be seen and applied through website http://jharkhand

tenders.gov.in only, hard copies of Technical bid & Price bid will not be entertained except Tender fee & EMD.

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Managing Di PR 262786(Jharkhand Medical & Health Infrastructure Dev & Procurement Corp Ltd)21-22\*D

#### GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM **OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER:** PWD: BUILDING: ASSAM: CHANDMARI: GUWAHATI-3. No. CE/TB-III/91/2021/2

#### PRESS NOTICE

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

proc	procurement portal website i.e. www.assamtenders.gov.in						
SI.	State/	Name of Work	Approx.	Bid Security (2% for	Cost of		
No	Package		Value of	General, and 1% for	Bid		
			Work (Rs.	Reserved category) to	(Rs.)		
			in Lakh)	be drawn in favour of			
1	SMCH/40	Construction of 40 bedded ICU at	279.68	Executive Engineer,	8,390/-		
	ICU/Gr-A	3rd floor Trauma Centre Building		P.W.D. Silchar, Sonai, &			
		of Silchar Medical College and		Dholai Territorial			
		Hospital, Silchar(Sponsored by		Building Division,			
		CIL)		Silchar, Assam.			
2	SMCH/	Construction of 40 bedded ICU at	138.18	Executive Engineer,	4,150/-		
	40 ICU/	3rd floor Trauma Centre Building		P.W.D. Silchar, Sonai, &			
	MGPS/	of Silchar Medical College and		Dholai Territorial			
	Gr-B	Hospital, Silchar (Sponsored by		Building Division,			
		CIL) (Installation of Medical gas		Silchar, Assam.			
		pipe line system)					
Not	<b>.</b> .						

#### Note

1. NIT value may be changed during uploading of tender in the website, which may be seen in Detailed NIT of the bid document.

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

Chief Engineer. P.W.D. (Building), Health & Education Assam, Chandmari. Guwahati-3

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NT No.172/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12154 NIT No 174/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12156 NT No.176/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12158 NIT No.178/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12160 NIT No.180/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12162 NIT No.182/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12164

NIT No.173/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12155 NIT No.175/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12157 NIT No.177/21-22-PHE2122WSOB1215 NIT No.179/21-22-PHE2122WSOB12161 NIT No.181/21-22-PHE2122WSOB1216

> हस्ता/-(ललित करोल) अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग क्षेत्र उदयपर

#### DIPR/c/1040/2022

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Vikas Kumar S/o Sh. Deep Lal R/o Near Labour Chowk, Chaddha Hospital, Samaipur Badli, Delhi Aged-17 Years has been reported missing since 27.11.2021 at 11 AM from the area of P.S. Badli, Delhi vide FIR No. 884/2021 Dated 28.11.2021 u/s 363 IPC registered at Police Station S.P.

as under:-

Vikas Kumar Badli, Delhi. His physical description is

Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Built: Thin, ID: Mole on forhead, Wearing: Red coloured jacket and blue coloured lower

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing boy, may inform SHO, S.P. Badli, Delhi at E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Sd/-

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, S.P. Badli, Delhi FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-27854757,27854799 DP/1519/ON/2022 Mob.: 7065036326

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E-TENDER NOTICE								
OPE	OPEN TENDER Batch No: 104/21 dated : 27.01.2022							
E-Te	ender Notice	for supply of materials-"p	articipation in	through" web porta	al of IREPS-			
www	v.ireps.gov.in	offers are invited for supp	ly of the follo	wing materials. The	closing time			
	Il tenders is a							
S.N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Published on/time	Closing on			
01	04211524	Tight lock coupler head	12 Nos.	17.01.22/14:04:32	21.02.22			
		AAR-H type for fitment						
02	04214853B	Primary vertical damper	2712 Nos.	17.01.22/14:02:12	21.02.22			
		for all LHB coaches						
03	11217193	Dissolved Acetylene gas	181310 CUM	20.01.22/13:45:27	21.02.22			
04	06215003	Railway signalling cable,	70.5 KM	19.01.22/13:02:54	21.02.22			
		PVC insulated &						
		sheathed 1.1 KV grade						
05	06215255	Supply, installation and	12 sets	25.01.22/14:59:58	21.02.22			
		commissioning of						
		networkable x-ray						
Part	icipants are re	equired to submit their offe	r only on-line t	hrough the web porta	al of IREPS -			
		before the closing date an	•	•				
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abov	ve portal.							
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#### (ई-ट्रेक) स्थापित करने के संबंध में। निविदा सूचना

TD/04/TC/2022 नवा रायपुर अटल नगर दिनांक-दिनॉक-28/01/2022

कार्यः- परिवहन विभाग अंतर्गत छत्तीसगढ राज्य के समस्त परिवहन कार्यालयों में आटोमेटेड कम्प्युटराईज्ड ड्रायविंग टेस्ट ट्रेक (ई-ट्रेक) स्थापित करने के संबंध में ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन निविदा जारी किया गया है।

निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथिः- 21/02/2022 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक।

निविदा हेतु प्रि-बिड तिथि 07/02/2022 समय) सुबह 11.30 बजे निविदा की टेक्निकल बिड खोलने की तिथि 22/02/2022 समय 11.30 बजे।

वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि पृथक से जारी की जावेगी। उपरोक्त निविदा सूचनाओं की पूरी जानकारी वेबसाईट

<u>https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in</u> पर उपलब्ध है।

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#### कार्यालय-कार्यपालन अभियन्ता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड-जशपुर (छत्तीसगढ)

#### ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अन्तर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारो से निम्नलिखित कार्यो हेतु ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

कार्य का नामः- जशपुर जिले के विभिन्न विकासखण्डों में एकल ग्राम नल जल प्रदाय योजना अन्तर्गत 63 से 75 मिमी. व्यास के HDPE पाईप ए 20 मिमी व्यास के कंपोजिट पाईप एवं 90 मि.मी. व्यास के यू पी व्ही सी पाईप 6&10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, स्पेषल्स सहित प्रदाय कर जोडने, बिछाने, इन्टरकनेक्शन टेस्टिंग क्लोरीनेटर स्थापना, क्लोरीनेटर रुम स्वीच रुम, रेनोवेशन, घरेलू नल कनेक्शन एवं अन्य संबंधित समस्त कार्य 6 माह ट्रायल रन सहित स्वीकृत शेड्यूल अनुसार।

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1	228/	विकासखण्ड कुनकुरी के ग्राम बनकोम्बो 2.	158.95	119250/-
	25.01.2022	बरांगजोर एवं जामचुंआ के विभिन्न बसाहटों		
	91408	में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC		
		200 नग		
2	229/	विकासखण्ड कुनकुरी के ग्राम कण्डोरा, कलिबा	176.14	132150/-
	25.01.2022	एवं सेन्द्रीमुण्डा के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल		
	91409	ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 251 नग		
3	230/	विकासखण्ड दुलदुला के ग्राम खटंगा एवं चराईडांड	123.76	92850/-
	25.01.2022	के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय		
	91411	योजना FHTC 188 नग		
उपरे	क्ति निर्माण कार्य र	की ऑनलाईन (Online) निविदा दिनांक 10.02.2	022 तक आमंत्रित र	की जाती है। ज
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document alogwith full information is available on website http://www.ireps.gov.in Note: In case of any decrpencies found in tender notice, English version will be final Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 15 days before last date of closing, for latest corrigendum/corrections etc in connection with this e-tender. Any change/addendam corrigendum wil be published on IREPS website only.

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#### STORES E-PROCUREMENT

lender Notice No. : 5/74/2021-22 Dated: 25-01-2022. E -Tender a nvited by the undersigned for the following works. <u>SN.1</u>: Tender No. 50/21/0699: A/OT/236/21-22 Brie Description : Shunt LED Signa Lighting unit retrofit table in existin CLS housing as per RDSO specification No. RDSO(SPN/153)2011 Rev.4.1. Closing Opening date 14-02-2022: SN.2: Tender No. : 50/2 132x31/232/21-22. Brief Description Supply of Stunt Signal aspect LEO signal unit, 110V AC having lam proving output to drive LED Lamp Providing Relay, the complete uni conforming to RDSD specification No RDSD/SPN/199/2010 REVISION 1.0 a with latest amendment of the lates specification of LED Signal aspect nd technical specifications. Closing Opening date : 31-01-2022; SN.3 Tender No. : 50/21/0627/07/238/21/22 Brief Description : Electric point nachine, Non-Trailable type with 143 im throw, as per spec. No. IRS:S-24 2002 (Amd.I) with latest amendments version, & Drg. No. RDSO/S-1080 with latest amendments/version. Ad mmunity level shall be 400 V. Closing Opening date : 02-02-2022; SN. 4 Tender No. : 60/21/5124/A/07/239/2 . Brief Description : HIGH DEFINITION VIDEO ENDOSCOPIO SET as per specification Annexus attached Closing/Opening date 18-02-2022; SN.5: Tendor No. : 37/2 0384/D/07/240/21-22, Briel Description : Knuckle for CBC/BG wagon to RDSO Drawing No. SK 62724, Alt-26, Item-2 and RDS0 Specn. WD-70.8D-10 (Rev-2) with nendment-1 of Sep/2016. Closing Opening date : 21-02-2022; SN.6 Tender No. 1 50/21/5022A/OT/241/21 22. Brief Description : PVC insulate moured unscreened undergrounlailway signalling Cable of size 12 core ×1.5 sq mm, capper canducto conforming to RDSO Specification No IRS S-63/2014 (Rev.4.0) Closing Opening date : 14-02-2022; For details slease visit website www.ineps.gov.in PCNM, Maligao O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY





Sd/-



### **CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS**

### **Classifieds**

#### PERSONAL

I.Yovesh Kumar Suri S/o Shree Ram Parkash Suri R/o Flat No.485, KG-1, Vikaspuri, Delhi, have changed my name to 0040600837-5 Yovesh Suri.

I,Tarnjeet Singh Sapra, S/o Sh. Mohinder Singh Sapra, R/o.D-209,D-Block,Ramprastha-Colony,Chander-Nagar, Ghaziabad,Uttar-Pradesh 201011, have changed my name.from Tarnieet Singh Sapra to Taranjeet Singh Sapra, for all, future purposes.

#### 0040600886-1

I,Shaym Baran Singh,S/O Hakim Singh, R/O Vill-khohari Agra, Uttar Pradesh 283104, have changed my Name to SHYAM BARAN SINGH, for all purposes. 0040600848-

R/o B-376-377, Madipur Colony, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Shambhu Dayal, permanently

#### 0040600818-1

I,SUDANA PRASAD,S/O KANHAIYA LAL,R/O-RZF-478/21,GALINO.45,SADH-NAGAR-2,PALAM-COLONY, DELHI-110045.DECLARE THAT MY CORRECT-NAME IS SUDAMA PRASAD, I WILL BE KNOWN BY THIS AND AS RECTIFIED ABOVE IT IS PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL 0040600849-PUBLIC.

I.Raiesh Kumar Grover S/o-Shyam Dass Grover R/o-WZ-44A, Gali no.9 Varinder Nagar, Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Rajesh Grover for all purposes. 0040600801-

I,Praveen Kumar S/o Chand Bhan R/o-C-178.First-Floor Pushpanjali, Enclave Pitampura Delhi-110034, have change my name Praveen Kumar to Praveen Gandhi for all, purposes 0040600837-4

I,Pinky W/o,Monu Gaur,D/o Rajender Singh, R/0,3900/15, Kanhaiva Nagar, Tri Nagar, Onkar Nagar Delhi-35 have changed my name to Pinky 0040600848-3 Gaur.

I,Nitin Gupta,S/o-Naresh Kumar Gupta R/o-V -4/3,DLF phase 3, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed the name of my minor daughter name TRISHA GUPTA, aged 12-years and She shall hereafter be known as AVANYA GUPTA for future.

#### 0040600848-8

I,NOOR AFZA BEGUM,W/o MASHKOOR ALI SIDDIOI.R/O 1889, GALI-BEHRAM BEG, LAL KUAN, DEHLI-10006, Have changed my name to NOOR AFZA, for all purposes

I.Mujib Ul Rahman Khan S/o, Mond Rafiq Ulla R/o-FA-20,1st-Floor, Newland-Apartments, Thokar-No.4, Abulfazal Enclave, South Delhi-25, have changed my name and shall hereafterbe known as Mujeeb Ur Rehman for all-futurepurposes. 0040600837-9

I.Sunil Sood S/o Late K.C.Sood R/o-H.no.647, Pocket-2, Paschim Puri, Delhi-110063, have changed my minor son name, from Shivyansh Sood to Revaan Sood, for all future

110030, Have Changed my

RAJ NARAYAN, R/o-B-183, BLOCK-A.GAURI-SHANKAR for all, future purpose.

110009.Have Changed My Name To D. Anshul Siddarth.

P.S.-Arnia Khurd, Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh 203131, declare that name of my Mother has been wrongly written as Sanji Chauhan in my Educational Documents. The I,Shambu Dayal s/o Ram Karan,

actual name of my Mother is Shabnam Chauhan, which may be amended accordingly. 0070770485-1

I, Sujeeta W/o Parkash Singh R/o H.No-93, Block-D, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043 Have changed my name to Sujita for all future purposes. 0040600777-1 I, Shiv Khare S/o Bhagat Prakash Khare R/O-H.No.402. Pocket-F. Sarita Vihar, Delhi-110076, have changed my name to Shiv Prakash Khare 0040600821-2 I, Sameer Mishra, S/o Anoop Kumar Mishra, R/o 548/177, Surya Nagar, Manaknagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226011, declare that name of my Father has been wrongly

written as Sanjay Mishra in my 10th Class Certificate No-0245809, 12th Class Certificate No-0699961. The actual name of my Father is Anoop Kumar Mishra, which may be amended accordingly. 0070770496-1

I, Sakshi Sethi, D/o Chetan Sethi, R/o H-80, First Floor, Kirti Nagar, Ramesh Nagar, West Delhi-110015, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sakshi Kerpal.

> 0070770502-1 I, Raj Kumar alias Raj Kumar Khardwal, S/o Rajender Singh Khardwal, R/o Gf-1107, Block C2, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as RAJ KHARDWAL 0070770526-1

> > 0070770490-1

0040600779-1

I. R B Ram alias Ramvriksha Ram, S/o Late Sukkhu, R/o Saray Pakavan, Sakaldiha, Sangati, Sanghati, Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh-232120, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ram 0040600848-5 Briksh Ram.

l, Prakash S/o Bir Singh R/o H.No-93, Block-D, Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043 Have changed my name to Parkash Singh for all future purposes. **I,** Pooja Malik, D/o Raj Singh, W/o Suraj Goswami, R/o House No-C-35 Y, D.D.A. Flats, Jahangir

Puri Azadpur N.S. Mandi Model Town North West Delhi-110033 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pooia Goswami, 0070770517-1

I,Defina John,W/O John Nelson, R/O H.No-24A/1093/1, S/F, Ward.No-1, Mehrauli, Delhi-Name to Defina Sylvester John. 0040600848-2

I,BASUDEV,VASHU DEV ALIAS BASUDEV CHAUDHARI S/0-SH. I, Chandra Kala alias Chandra ENCL.,PART-1,PREM-NAGAR-3, KIRARI SULEMAN, DELHI, have changed my name to VASUDEV,

0040600848-4 I,Anshul Siddarth,S/o P. Dinesh R/o C-4/5A.Back-Portion, II-Floor, Model Town-III, Delhi-

Sant Nirankari Bhawan. Nirankari Colony, North West 0040600848-10 Delhi-110009, have changed my I, Vishal Chauhan, S/o Vinay name and shall hereafter be Chauhan, R/o P.O.-Arnia Khurd. Known as Arpita Verma.

0070770493-1 I, Bintu, W/o Sahil Soni, R/o House No-68, Mohalla Birkuwala, Inside Nagori Gate, Hisar, Haryana-125001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Misthi Soni. 0070770484-1

I, DHIRENDRA YADAV, S/o

as DHIRENDRA SINGH.

PO-Kanina, District-

MUNSHI SINGH, R/o H.N.E-

2/351, JANKI PURAM SEC-F-1

SECTOR-EPS JANKIPURAM

LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH-

226021, have changed my name

0070770556-1

0070770491-1

and shall hereafter be known

Kala Devi, W/o Amar Singh

-123027, have changed my

known as Chander Kala.

name and shall hereafter be

I, Bunny, D/o Satish Verma, R/o

Yadav, R/o Ward No. 9, Vill. &

Mahendragarh. State: Harvana

I, Aloy Majumdar, S/o Ranavir Majumdar, R/o HD-58, Sector-I, Jankipuram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226021, I have changed the name of my minor Daughter Aruni Majumdar aged about 15 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Arnika Majumdar. 0070770495-1

> Komal D/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Street No.16 Jagatpur Extn., Burari Delhi-110084,have changed my name to Komal Choudhary. 0040600837-8

H.No.400, Block-5, Dakshin Puri Extension, Dr.Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name to Amita Prem Chauhan for all purposes.

0040600770-4 I Nisha Saifi r/o WZ-283/107.West Block, Vishnu Garden, Delhi-110018, have changed the name of my minor son Noman Shabbir Pardawala (DOB-13/03/2013) to

0040600811-1



### **OTHERS**

Muslim. Retired Man. Delhi Resident, Own House, Pension 21000/-. Wanted Bride No Bar Write with photo-Email: gulshan2212@yahoo.com

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#### SIKH/PUNJABI

Jat sikh family invites preferably doctor (MBBS)match for their only doctor (MBBS)son 1994/5'-8" 22 acres agri.land/urban property.Father class 1 officer (Retd.),Mother M.A.B.Ed, house

### COURT NOTICE

COURTS NEW DELHI PUBLICATION NOTICE DEFENDANT (Order 5 Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure) uit No : CS (COMM) : 05/2018 ate Bank Of India Vs Navee

Naveen Chandra Rai S/o Sh. Harsh Deo Ra 3/o H.No. 402, Plot No. 16, Ranjit Vihar-2, vector-23, Dwarka, Delhi- 110078 Jso At-ransstrov

iso At-'ansstroy (India) Ltd. t- Mohinder Appts., The Dham Pothwar, GHS Ltd. Plot No. 17, Sector- 12, Flat No. 801, Dwarka, Delhi- 110078 Defendant Defen hereas you are intentional

ons. It is hereby notified th you shall not defend the case on the da 2.03.2022 at 10.00 A.M. i.e. The day fixe

varie. Silven under my hand and seal of the Court on this **4th day of January**, 2022. **Vote:** Defendant is informed to file WS within period of 30 days from the date of receipt of ummons with advance copy to the plaintif in filling of WS in commercial suit in 122 lays period is mandatory and no extension and he canated in be granted. OPY OF ORDER ATTACHED.

Seal

### PUBLIC NOTICE I, PHOOLA WIFE OF LATE SHR MITHAI LAL, R/O VILLAGE AGEHATA PO. & P.S. DEV GAON, DISTT AZAMGARH, U.P. declare that my husband holder of L.P. Badge No. 1015 at New Dehih Railway Station, New Dehih expired on 06.06.2021. In Aadha Card and Ration Card his name is written as MITHAI LAL SON OF SHR HAR NANDAW while in Bailway records HAR NANDAN while in Rail THAN TWANDARN WITTER IN BAILWAY RECORD his name is written as SURAJ SINGF SON OF DORI SINGH. Names as MITHAI LAL SON OF SHRI HAR NANDAN and SURAJ SINGH SON OF SHRI DORI SINGH are names of same and one person i.e. name of Deceased Husband, holder .P.Badge.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large being informed that my client Shri Kumer Singh Chauhan S/o Shri Dalip Singh and Smt. Guddi Devi Wo Shri Kumer Singh Chauhan both R/o House No. 1037, Gali No. 9, B Block, Baba Colony, Burari, Delhi -11004 have severed all relation with their son namely Shri Parveen Singh Chauhan and daughteri-ni-aw Ms. Preeti Gusain and hereby debarred and disowned both of them from their all movable & immovable properties movable & immovable propert ughout India. Now my clients ha concern with their son and daught not responsible for any act/transaction not responsible for any act/transaction lone by Shri Parveen Singh Chauhar and daughter-in-law Ms. Preeti Gusar

> Ganesh Ku Advocat Ch. No.T-40A, Tehsil Lane Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

amjee R/o Flat No. 325, Ground Floor, S ocket-2, SFS Category-III, Dwarka, New Delhi the owner of Freehold Flat No. 325, Sector-9, Pocket-2, under SFS Category-III, on Ground Floor, Dwarka, New Delhi, That some of the ocuments of property chain i.e. the Original S eed (in the name of Sh. H. R. Purshotamraj & S rinda Anjali P Raj), Original Conveyance Deed the name of Sh. Anuj Verma) Originat Demand .etter (in the name of Sh. Anuj Verma) have bee missing and FIR to this effect has also been odged vide LR No. 79285/2022 dt. 28/01/2022. Ar erson(s) claiming any right, interest, having ar objection or found in possession of original ocuments may write/contact with above name person at above address/phone no. +91-9908631171/ +44-7805160788, within 15 days fro the date of publication of this notice. The perso claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform Advocate A. K. Verma

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110092, declare that the my

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Late Budn Kam Mittal and Smt. Such Rani Mittal Wio Prem Chand Mitta both R/o.A-15, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-5 has severed all their relation with the son namely Ankit Mittal with immedial effect and also debarred/ discovme him from their entire movable an immerche decarectice with immedial

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That I undersigned by, for and on behalf my client Sh. Orndutt Sharma S/o Late S lai Bhagwan Sharma, R/o-T-5 Moolchand Colony Adarsh Nagar Dell 110033 hereby affirm and declare that th conduct and deeds of Mr. Ronak Attri S Sh Orndutt Sharma (particular) the som Omdutt Sharma (particularly the sor client) are not mild, generous a nevolent to my client, His family and n einevolentto my client, His family and res f the society, ergo, my client has now ompelled to disowned Mr.Ronak Attr orn their all moveable and immoveable roperties. Further my client shall no nswerable for any losses and damages occurred caused due to Mr. Ronak Attr i os ShOndutt Sharma "Rio T-57 doolchand Colony Adarsh Nagar Delhi 10033 10033. UMESH KUMAR-ADVOCATE Ch.No.720, Lawyer Chamber Block

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PUBLIC NOTTCE Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of DFC First Bark Ltd. that Mr. Rakesh Dhand & Mrs. Vimmi Dhand were joint owness of Entre Ground Hoor, 'A share of terrace of first floor and above (the said floor), of Property No. 305, area measuring 200 sq., yds., situated at Bank Enclave, Shahdan, Delh' the said propery' by virtue of Gift Deed dated 28.09.2000, and after demise of Mr. Rakesh Dhand his widow Mrs. Vimmi Dhand became the owner of the said floor, by virtue of Relinquishment deed dated 01.10.2021, registration No. 6177, executed by Mr. Ayush Dhand & Mr. Tushar Dhand, All persons are hereby informed that above methoned owner want to sell the said floor to Mrs. Marnta Jain who is taking Loan for purchase the said floor from IDFC First Bank Ltd., if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of Mrs. Yimmi Dhand in respect of the said floor its sale /Mortgage/ Litigation, and any kind of objection kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days of the present. Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, 2nd Fir, 23 Shawji Almg, Mot Sot of the present.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that m client Daud Khan Son of Late Manjoo Khan, Rio. 127335, Strete No. 10-D Ghaffar Manzil, Okhla, New Delhi-25 has severed all his relations with his so Sohrab Ahmad and daughter-in-law Zub Beg, as Sohrab Ahmad has already lei he house of my client. My client discomen-his above son Sohrab Ahmad from all hi movable and immovable noroeffies Am novable and immovable properties. Any erson dealing with Sohrab Ahmad and ubi Beg shall be doing so at his/her/thei wm risk and responsibility and my client

shall not be responsible for any act(s deed(s) and misdeed(s) of Sohrab Ahma nd Zubi Beg. I. Hassan, Advocate, Saket Court Complex E.No. D/4685/2016, (M): 9927483540

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM** OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORT Paribahan Bhawan, Jawahar Nagar, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 Email: report.ctassam@gmail.com Website: www.comtransport.assam.gov.in Corrigendum - 1 (Technical) & Pre bid queries reply RFP No 6 of 2021-22

This is in reference to RFP No.CT.MV/253/2021/190 issued dated 12th Jan 2022 by the Commissioner of Transport, Govt of Assam for Selection of Implementation Agency for "Vehicle Tracking Platform for Safety and Enforcement as per AIS – 140 standard" in Assam. In this regard all prospective Bidders are hereby requested to refer the corrigendum and pre-bid query reply uploaded in e- Procurement website: https://assamtenders.gov.in/. The other terms and conditions of the RFP remains unchanged.

Sd/- Joint Commissioner of Transport Office of the Commissioner of Transport Paribahan Bhawan, Jawahar Nagar Janasanyog/C/11231/21

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#### 0040600837-10 purposes I,Monu S/o PREM Chand R/o.

3900/15.Kanhaiya Nagar.Tri Nagar, Onkar Nagar, Delhi-35 have changed my name to Monu Gaur. 0040600848-6

I.Maniu Sangha.D/o Gurdial Singh Sangha R/o-99, Raja-Garden, New-Delhi-110015, have changed my name to 0040600837-3 Manjeet Kaur.

I,MEENA SINGH,D/O Sh.TRILOK SINGH,R/o-10A,Vishwakarma Park Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name and hereafter shall be known as to MINAL SINGH. 40600849-8

I,Lakshya Gupta,S/o Tarun Kumar Gupta R/o-15/985, Vasundhara Ghaziabad, U.P-201012, have changed my name to Lakshay Gupta. 40600837-2

I.Jitin Rawal S/O Raikumar Rawal R/o B-3/601, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad, UP-201012 changed my name to Jiettin Rawall.

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I,Inder Dev,S/o Sitay Pandit,R/o-E-3/366, Gali.No-8A, E-Block, Pusta-4,Sonia-Vihar, Sabhapur,North East-Delhi 110094, that Inder Dev Pandit, Inder Dev Prajapati and Inder Dev all names are same and one person. 0040600849-7

I,IQBAL SAFI,S/O MOHD YOUNUSH KHAN.R/0 KHASRA NO.453, AKASH PURAM, GOVINDPURAM, NEAR-SAGAR FARM-HOUSE, GHAZIABAD, U.P-201013, changed my name to IQBAL SAIFI. 0040600849-2

I,Gaurav Kumar,(Army No.14874971XSEP/MT),S/o Dinesh Singh.R/o Dastampur. Jewar, G.B. Nagar U.P.-203155, hereby declare that my minor daughter name has been written incorrectly as Amarya in my service records whereas her correct name is Amayra. 0040600848-9

#### I,Bhumihar Priya

BrijbhushanSing,D/o BrijBhushan Sing,W/o-Yogesh Singh R/o-442-A, First-Floor, SBI Wali Gali, Bhola-Nath Nagar, North-East-Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Bhumihar Priya Singh, for all purposes.

#### 0040600848-7

I Ram Murti W/O Chander Bhan R/OWZ-58.Palam Village.Delhi 110045 changed my name to Murti Devi. 0040600837-7

Nisha Suresh Chirmade, D/o S R Chirmade, W/o Sachin Borole, R/o Flat No-1102, Amber Height, C-78 Supertech 34 Pavillion, Sector-34, Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Nisha Sachin Borole. 0070770486-1 South City-II, Gurgaon,

l, Nirava Gupta, S/o Ghanshyam Gupta, R/o Tower-1, Flat No-4C, Sohna Road, Opposite Raheja Mall, Bellevue Central Park-2, Haryana-122018, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Neerav Gupta. 0070770494-1

I, Mohit Gupta, son of Shri Mohan Gupta alias Mohan Lal Fatehpuria, r/o F-33 Green Park Main, New Delhi-110016 hereby change my Name to Mohit Fatehpuria for all purposes 0040600783-1

> **I,** Imran Kamal Khan, S/o Kamaluddin Khan, R/o 115/13, Sahkar Nagar Maswanpur Rawatpur Kanpur City-208019. Declare that Name of Mine has been wrongly written as Imraan Kamal Khan in my 10th Class Marksheet No-331721, 10th Class Certificate No-387594. The actual name of Mine is Imran Kamal Khan, which may be amended 0070770524-1 accordingly. I, Durg Vijay Yadav, S/o Ram Chandra Yadav, R/o 00-00 Tehsil- Jakhanian Churaman Pur Ghazipur, Dullahpur, Uttar Pradesh-275202, have changed the name of my minor Son Jayant Yadav aged about 9 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Vijayant Yadav. 0070770555-1

I, Dheeraj Shastri son of Shri Shiv Charan, R/0 5359, 24 Quarters, Basti Harphool Singh, Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Dheeraj, for all purpose 0040600817-1

I. Daler Singh S/O Mukhtiar Singh R/O N-187, Divender Colony, Chander Vihar, Nilothi Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Daler Singh Pannu 0040600821-1

I, ARJU KUMARI D/o- SATISH SINGH R/o- KAMJARHERI, BHANJU SHAMLI U.P-251305, Changed my name to ARJU. 0040600837-1

wife 9855622467 dr.sandhu95@gmail.com. 0050191012-1



Groom- Sindhi, 32 Yrs, Well educatated family, Work-Bank. Free registration for Bride's. Shubhmilan Marriage Beuro 8999594755 0090298053-1



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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Shri Sanjee Kumar Bajpai is the owner o the Residential Type-V Fla No. 547 on the Second Floor Garage and Servant quarte Situated in Sector-37, within loida-201301 Distt. Gautan Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh "**Property**") vide a transfer deed cum sale deed dated September 13, 2000 which he acquired from Brigadier G.L. Luthra. One of the prior lease deed cum sale deed dated October 26, 1999 executed between Brigadier G.L. Luthra and Army Welfare Housing Organisation, New Delhi/ Noida registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Noida on pages 149 to 172 Document No. 4027 and Mussanna No. 4028 dated October 26, 1999 is October nisplaced, lost and is not raceable. All persons are ereby informed not to deal or

carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing lease cum sale deed. Further, any person in custody of the missing lease cum sale deed or who otherwise finds the missing lease cum sale deed or has any claim over the same mus eturn it to the undersigned vithin 7 days of this present. Dated this 30 day of January 2022 Sd/-

Alok Tewar Advocate Email aloktewari74@hotmail.con Telephone: 9810183995 Mariju Singh & Lele Maj General Keshav Singh & Lele Maj General Keshav Singh & Wio Col Nandeep Rathore, resident of Reothal House, Below ITI Solan, Himachal Prodesh & present residing at AWHO Galendra Vihar, Dhookot, Dehradun have lost the documenta Allotment letter, clearance letter allotmer letter of specific DU and Parking, possession letter of D-6025, AWHO Devinder Vihar, Sec-55, Gunugram on 25-12-3021 at DhookotArea, Defradun and for the same Jyot Singh Rathore has fied the FLR, against the loss of the above documents on 28-12-21 at Reporting Police Chowki, Jhajra, Dehradun. It is hereby notified that any person of Enthy. Firm, Company, Bank, HUF, Financial Institution having any claim on loss of the documents informed as lost and i or objections to thereal he/she/they may lodge or notify the same to the undersigned with the documantry proof Court Judgement within 15 days of the publication, of the public notice failing which any furthersfuture claim /objections will be rejected against my client, Tanui Bhatia Advocate, New Chamber No. 21. CJM Compound, Opp. PWD Office, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICENTOTICE: While is hereby given to Public at large hat Bank of Baroda is having ownership ights in respect of House No. 547, Bolic is a second by the bank in the source and second by the bank in the Auction and sale Certificate was egistered on 20.01,2014. In the chain of bocuments of the aforesaid property a goy of one power of attorney dated to sh. ML, Vadhera appointing Mr. Ameer Chand Kapoor sio late Sh. Hukas Chand to sh. ML, Vadhera appointing Mr. Ameer Chand Kapoor sio late Sh. Hukas Chand is attorney. Occupation Certificate and bigosited by the erstwhile owner in orthgaor at the time of availing the loan ind the same is not available and has been as to I misplaced and or untraceable lespite due and diligent search. Bank of laroda has sold the said property to Mis laroda has sold the said property to Mis anda has phylate Limited under Public weton conducted by E-Auction dated 9.10.2021. any person in custody of the aforesa locuments is hereby asked to comport orward and deposit the same with the indersigned or with Bank of Baroda. In ase anyone has got any rights/ title terest/ claims over the under mentione roperty, they are advised to approach th ank within ten days along with necessa roof to substantiate their claim. If r sponse is received within ten days, it esumed that the property is free of an harge/claim/encumbrance.

Details of Property: Duse No. 547, Block-C, Sushant Lok-I, Brungam (admeasuring 420 Sq. Mrs. wned by Bank of Baroda (E Vijaya Bank). he Plot is bounded as-North: Plot No. 546, South: Plot No. C-530 ranch. Details: Bank. of Baroda ranch Details: Bank of Baroda onal Office, 9th Floor Bank of Baroda Iding 16, Parliament Street, New Delhi bhindra Maheshwari, Advocat 3rd floor, 5/26 Jangpur B, Delh 9891856886 abhindram@gmail.com



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Bhopal, Dated 20.01.2022

Bids for following works are invited on website https://www.mptenders.gov.in Last Date of purchase/download of Bid Document and submission of bid is 22.02.2022, 17:30 hrs. Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website

S.	Tender No.	Work	District	Amount
No.	Tender No.	WOR	District	(Lakhs)
1.	2022_WRD_180279	Extension of Tighri minor and construction of Mohandra sub minor with structures and lining of main canal from RD 0 to 1230 M and Tighri minor RD 0 to 3210 M in Amha Minor Irrigation Scheme.	Panna	91.29
2.	2022_WRD_180283	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Dam and Canal System of Birpur Minor Project, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Raisen	753.70
3.	2022_WRD_180285	Balance work for construction of structures and lining of LBC and RBC canal of Sajkheda Tank Project.	Raisen	121.53
4.	2022_WRD_180288	Construction of C.C. Lining of main canal including re-sectioning and repairing structure work of Sampna Medium Project under ERM.	Betul	827.99
5.	2022_WRD_180290	On Turnkey Basis:- Construction of Muhal minor of Khirkiya canal including 4 nos. sub minor and 49 Nos. structures under E.R.M., as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Harda	188.25
6.	2022_WRD_180292	Construction of Earth work and 14 Nos structures of 6L minor proposed from Ch. 262 of Khirkiya canal.	Harda	57.28
7.	2022_WRD_180295	Repair work of 9 Nos. structures of Tawa Left Bank Main canal under E.R.M.	Harda	27.05
8.	2022_WRD_180488	On Turnkey Basis:- Re-sectioning and lining of main canal of Katangihari Tank under repair renovation and restoration work, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Balaghat	317.29
9.	2022_WRD_180489	Re-sectioning of bund, repair of sluice and waste weir, including Re-sectioning and lining of main canal of Borikheda tank Project.	Balaghat	164.34
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### Nassiri's son Kiyan stars for Mohun Bagan

#### **SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY** KOLKATA, JANUARY 29

AN EAST BENGAL legend's son broke the redand-gold hearts, playing for Mohun Bagan. Kiyan Nassiri, son of for-

mer East Bengal striker Jamshid Nassiri, announced his arrival in Indian football, scoring a hat-trick for ATK Mohun Bagan at the return-leg Indian Super League

derby against SC East Bengal in Goa on Saturday. The green-and-maroon came back from a goal down to win the match 3-1.

Back in the 1980s, Jamshid was a star forward for East Bengal, forming a deadly partnership with Majid Bishkar. They came from Iran and especially Majid lit up the Kolkata maidan with his football sorcery. Jamshid was a typical marksman, always ready to pounce on goal-scoring opportunities. While Majid returned to Iran after a short but dazzling career that eventually fell by the wayside, his friend adopted this country and Kiyan was born here as an Indian citizen 21 years ago.

Jamshid never played for Bagan. Back then, the Kolkata giants had a policy of not recruiting any foreigner. Kiyan, though, is a Bagan player through and through, a product of the club's youth system. He appeared for the senior team trial during the 2019-20 season, impressed then Bagan coach Kibu Vicuna and made his debut in the I-League. Following the club's merger with ATK, Kiyan moved into the ISL

And what a night he had, as a super-sub. Coach Juan Ferrando rolled the dice on 61 minutes, with his team trailing by a goal. ATK Mohun Bagan's talisman Roy Krishna was only fit enough to be on the bench. But Ferrando resisted the temptation to bring him on, introducing Kiyan instead as Deepak Tangri's replacement. The equaliser came on 64 minutes, Kiyan slotting home with his first touch of the game. Liston Colaco's cross from the left was blocked by Sourav Das but the ball ricocheted to Kiyan, who pounced on it, like his father, intelligently targeting the far post.

His second goal came in the added-on time. An attempted cross from Colaco dipped and hit the woodwork and went to Kiyan, in the right place at the right time. It was heartbreak for SC East Bengal, who were pretty resolute until their defenders ran out of steam. They also deserved their lead on 56 minutes, through Darren Sidoel.

But it was a night when the ISL witnessed the emergence of a star, Kiyan completing his hat-trick deep into the added-on time, once again a poacher's strike, from a Manvir Singh assist. The youngster also saved senior striker David Williams' blushes, who missed a penalty on 67 minutes.

**SANDIP G** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 25

AROUND 9.30 pm on January 26, a message from a friend popped out on Avesh Khan's phone. He read it carefully and felt a sudden shiver of joy. He calmed himself and walked up to his parents, who were watching the television and broke the news that he had been picked in the Indian team for the series against the West Indies next month.

There was no burst of emotions. "I was almost sure about T20s, but I was genuinely surprised about the ODIs," he tells

he Indian Express. But when he saw the joy on the face of his parents, he tore up. Through the tears of joy they shed, he fleetingly glimpsed his journey from a raw teenager from a cricketing outpost whose only ambition was to bowl as fast as he could to bowling alongside two of the elite fast bowlers in the world in the IPL and now on the brink of playing for his country.

He reminisced the sacrifices his father made- some time ago, the local authorities ran down his father's roadside paan shop and rendered him jobless — and the pillar of strength his mother had been through his coming-of-age years.

The blessing of his uncles and aunts; the prayers of his grandmother; the support of his friends and the mentoring of his coaches, especially Amay Khurasiya, who spotted him, and fine-tuned him in his academy. "I put in a lot of hard work. Yes, I was fortunate to have good coaches. But I couldn't have been what I am without the support of my family. This (playing professional cricket) is the least I could have done to repay them," he says, his voice momentarily choking before regaining its measuredness.

The incessant ring of phones snapped the emotional reverie. Then he lost his sense of time. "Everyone's phone kept ringing nonstop for several hours. The neighbours joined, it was too late for a party, but we did manage some sweets and distributed it to them," he says. By the time the celebrations drizzled out, it was already 2 in the morning. "I don't recollect anything. I was so drained that I fell asleep the moment I hit the bed," he says. He had previously thought that he wouldn't get sleep the night he got picked for his country. But here he slept like a log.

By the time he woke up the next morning, at 7.30 am, he felt as if the celebrations had never stopped. The family was making a big feast and there was revelry all around, as if it were a festival. "Chicken, mutton, sab tha.



I am a big mutton fan and my mother had cooked my favourite mutton curry," he says. At night, he took them for dinner. It's after the heavy dinner, as he stumbled onto the bed that the moment really sunk in. Then, he took out that message and read it again, just to confirm that it was indeed real.

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Nothing daunts Avesh. "I like to take everything as a challenge and face life as it is," he says. He has walked through fire in his life and endured enough hardships to realise that he needs to be brave every time he steps on the field. Yet, he was nervous at the start of the last IPL season. "I had hardly played in the last few years, maybe one or two games a season. I had my share of injuries in the past, and so I was a bit nervous before the first game," he admits.

All he needed was a spur-on. Coach Ricky Ponting provided that. "Both (Kagiso) Rabada and (Anrich) Nortje were injured and I knew I would get a game. I knew I would play, but was a bit tense. Then Ponting pumped me up by telling me, 'your time has come young man and just show the world how good you are. You have the talent, we know. Now show it to the world too.' Those words really kicked me on. I suddenly felt I am strong and confident," he remembers the season-defining nversation with Ponting.

SPORTLINE: The latest entrant to India's fast bowling brigade is a 25-year-old who likes to bowl fast and gets a

kick out of it. His journey to the top, though, was anything but quick or easy.

Khan, the 90-miler from Indore

Fast bowling, to him, is fundamentally about feeling strong and confident. The higher his pace, the stronger he feels. He feels all-powerful. "Bowling fast is a lot of fun. It's difficult to explain," he says. It's not an acquired joy. "It came naturally to me, not by watching cricket on the television. It came the moment I picked up a ball," he says.

The pace-fixation was there to be seen, and often felt, in this IPL. He consistently clocked 145kph, the fastest was measured at 149, matching his colleagues Rabada and Nortje for pace. "There is a healthy competition among us. We are good friends and congratulate each other's success, but in the middle, we are trying to be the best. They treat me as an equal," he says

Avesh keeps close to his heart a piece of advice from Rabada. "Kaafi simple advice hai, lekin meri bowling me bohot farak pada tha (It was pretty simple advice, but it improved my bowling a lot). So he used to tell me to bowl the ball I feel like bowling in a particular situation and not to think too much about whether I should bowl that or whether I should do this. Bowl the ball that I am most confident of. The ball you are most confident of bowling is often your best ball," he says.

Besides, he learns a lot just by observing



Fast bowler Avesh Khan is a former Under-19 star and has often clocked 145 kmph-plus while playing for Delhi Capitals. (above) Khan with his family.

them, like how they plot a dismissal, their field settings and their lengths. He makes mental notes.

Midway through the season, he had already evolved into an undroppable figure in the team. What's more, he had usurped Rabada as the chief death bowler too. It brings him maza too. "Ek alag feeling hai, death mein bowling karna (It's a different feeling, bowling in the death overs). I relish that pressure. Sometimes I get hit, but that only drives me more," he says.

But he's flexible to bowl any time in a match. He can seam the ball into the righthander with the new ball; he could pound the hard length to keep the batsman tied in the middle-overs, and at the death, he could let his yorkers rip. He has developed off-cutters, leg-cutters and slower balls to deceive the batsmen. He could strike different lengths without any discernible change in action too. He could adjust to the needs of all three formats - in first-class cricket, he averages a shade over 23, bowling mostly on one of the flattest tracks in the country at the Holkar Stadium in Indore. Pace is his guiding force, but not everything, he understands.

He is not unhealthily obsessed about his game, but is in constant pursuit of perfection. 'My priority is now to get as fit as possible. I am doing a lot of running and gymming so that I can reach my optimal level of fitness and keep injuries away," he says.

The year 2021 has been transformational. In the past four editions combined, he had managed just five wickets in nine games. Last season, he snared 24 in 16 games, mostly on sluggish surfaces. The seasons before were frustrating; last season was fruitful. He was one among a raft of young seamers in the country: now he's among the select few Among his wickets were MS Dhoni (twice) and Virat Kohli. He tormented Rohit Sharma, as fine a player of pull as you would find, with short balls. Kohli had words of praise for him after the match, Rohit gifted him a jersey and Ponting called him a "real find."

IPL conquered, now Team India beckons. Avesh is far from sweaty. "A challenge as well as a chance," he reminds, his voice bursting with robust confidence. Nothing daunts him.

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The world around him has changed. But Avesh has resisted changing. He still lives in the same old house as he had since he was born. He has not slipped into a life of indulgence; his mother insists on spending 'money properly".

And wherever he goes, or in whichever hotel he stays, nothing beats the feeling of being with his parents. "It's my world and whenever I am at home, I spend all the time with them, talking, chatting and being naughty at times. I don't get this warmth anywhere," he says. Occasionally, he meets some of his friends, but he is far from an outdoor person. He is so nostalgic that he drops in impromptu for a tennis-ball cricket game. Even as recent as two weeks ago, he turned up for a match under floodlights in a housing colony park in Indore. A decent crowd had turned up for the game. "Whenever I get time or feel like it, I go and play tennis-ball cricket. It's what made me and I don't find any difficulty in switching back and forth," he says.

He slips into an alley of memory: "Those days used to be fun. I used to play half a dozen games on some days, from eight in the morning till late in the evening, until it got really dark. I started it for fun, then it became my passion and has taken me this far. So I can quite shake off my ties with it," he says.

Neither could he cut the bond with a creaky old second-hand bicvcle.

"We couldn't afford to buy a new one, so my parents brought me an old one. It was my best friend. I used to take that to the school, from there to cricket practice, then back home. Then to that street or this street to buy something. I barely ride it these days, but didn't dispose of it. I had given it to my nephew and he's riding it all the time like I had been once upon a time."

In the next few years, life around him would change even more rapidly, but for him, nothing surpasses the feeling of being with his parents and extended family in the chaotic splendour of his old house.

#### BRIDGE Dealer: West Vulnerable: None NORTH QUICK CLUES ACROSS **♥**QJ865 $\bullet 0865$ of a church (8) 10. Kind of tree (6) ♣1094



### YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Wild ideas will be

flowing thick and fast although it's likely that some will be too impractical to implement. But then there are times when even your best, laid plans just don't work out. It's a pleasant

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Venus is a superb planet, occupying as n it does a central position in your astrological make-up. Its current location signifies that whatever troubles you encounter, you'll always bounce back. Saturn is still advising caution, so you'd be advised to tread carefully in personal matters

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WEST 3S ♠	<b>NORTH</b> pass	EAST pass	SOUTH 3NT

West leads the queen of spades against 3NT and dummy provides som fort for South, including the king of spades. What is South's plan?

The West Hand: S=0.1108542 H=73D=C=.1862 nd: S-963H-AK109D-KJ9 C-Q53

3NT is a great contract and making it is surely going to be a nice result. The trick is making it. Many players would lead to the ace of diamonds, hoping for all six diamond tricks. This is an optimistic play since West's preempt warns that bad distribution may exist. Assuming you consider the worst warns that bad distributio what is the correct play?

Lead a small diamond from dummy. East will play the nine. South should play the ten, expecting it to lose, but knowing that this play will ensure the contract. If West wins with the king or jack, it means that the rest of the

And, if West shows out, South will be able to concede one diamond trick and will come to the same five diamond tricks. This line can cost a trick if West has a singleton king (or perhaps a singleton jack) but it gets you enough tricks for 3NT. Of course, if by some chance East shows out on the first d lead to the qu

NOTE: If South plays a diamond to the ace, East will have two diamond tricks and that will cause South to go down four tricks.

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Takes over domestic vessels (5) Ventilation space in botany?(3-4) To be pedantic about work record is smart (4,5) 7. That's another storey (8) 8. What you call Ray, when being ironic?(8) 11. Initially, the answer must be looked for in France (4) 15. When every S is not S? (3,6)

- 17. Transport for the Rovers, perhaps?
- 18. Upsets the officers and withdraws (5,3)

20. Type of gait has reversed civil injury(4)

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22. How very pale the teller looked on losing his head?(6) 23. Get out of place and may be shin up outside(6) 26. About fifty-fifty she will get even (5)

#### Solutions to 2357

QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Restive, 5 Eagerly, 9 Steno, 10 Erudition, 11 Oversight, 12 Aisle, 13 ASAP, 15 Examined, 18 Insignia, 19 Toot, 22 Panio 24 Prosecute, 26 Antipasto, 27 Tie to, 28 Galileo. 29 Stratum. Down: 1 Rostov. 2 Stevenson, 3 Idols, 4 Evergreen, 5 Exult, 6 Guitarist, 7 Rails, 8 Yonder, 14 Principal, 16 Analogous. 17 Emolument, 20 Sprang, 21 Reform, 23 Natal, 24 Pesto, 25 Ester. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Cardiff, 5 Hebrews, 9 Magog, 10 Ellington, 11 Lette box, 12 False, 13 Mass, 15 Audition, 18 Addendum, 19 Doth, 22 Clear, 24 Sunbather, 26 Rhinoceri, 27 Did it, 28 Decodes, 29 No claim. **Down:** 1 Cornely, 2 Right hand, 3 Ingle, 4 Freeboard, 5 Helix, 6 Benefited, 7 Extol, 8 Sinner, 14 earword, 16 Dimension, 17 Octahedra 20 Scored, 21 Protem, 23 Eniac, 24 Sheds, 25 Asdic.

have nothing to do with you. But if you do lay yourself on the line now then you might just reap the rewards very soon.

#### Monday January 31

The only cloud on the horizon is a partner's willingness to question your plans, but that's nothing to worry about. You can press ahead with confidence.

#### Tuesday February 1

Today's stars are livelier than yesterday's and you do seem to be facing chances to make a fresh start. There is an outside possibility of an unusual offer, but you may have to take the initiative.

#### Wednesday February 2

You have your path ahead mapped out, so what you really need is faith. Your confidence that your plans will succeed is one of your most valuable assets.

#### **Thursday February 3**

It's the big picture which counts, and your major ambitions could soon be thrown into reverse gear, or even abandoned, depending on your whim.

#### Friday February 4

Your ties to the past are difficult to shake off. Your most appropriate course is to use all that's best about your life to make the most of your current relationships.

#### Saturday February 5

In matters of the heart you need variety, especially where your family is concerned. You will do well in competitive activities just as long as everyone knows the rules.

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and profitable week, so get on with it.

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GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

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TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

#### Someone, probably a SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

A happy atmosphere at home may be knocked off course by a personal surprise. The fact is that partners and loved ones will be so enthusiastic about their own plans that they may be unwilling to compromise. So, you could make it your goal to bring everyone together. This is no time to leap without looking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

persuade people to The combined fall in with your movement of the Sun plans. Don't worry if you can't and Mercury is due to take the heat off at secure the co-operation you need as there's nothing to be lost home and allow you more space in going it alone. Stay in touch for your own personal needs. with older relations. They seem You really must try to get out and about as much as you can. to have their finger on the pulse Jupiter, your ruler, has more surprises in store within a few CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

weeks, so plan vour hoped, for improvements now.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The emphasis is

shifting to your home life and it now seems that long-term plans may finally come to fruition. Indeed, there is every chance that events will now move towards a speedy and satisfactory conclusion. Pay more attention to financial affairs, there are healthy profits to be made if you spot the

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)

It's a lively time for Aquarians, mainly on an intimate, personal level. The pressure on your finances should ease, which is one reason why you may now contemplate new purchases. You can act in the knowledge that the fates are with you, although you can never be totally sure what twists

#### enjoyable, perhaps PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

For the next three to four weeks money is going to be on your mind. You will be assertive where your finances are concerned, pushing your interests as hard as you can, which is all to the good. Positive trends are forecast for Pisceans for the next five months.

#### 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 guip.

\_\_always looks worse through a window - Tom Lehrer (3.7)



Answer: Bad weather always looks worse through a window - Tom Lehrer SOLUTION: EARED, START, DITHER, WOMBAT

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# How a switch hit helped Champion Barty

Playing cricket gave Ashleigh Barty a sense of belonging and made her a better person, says her Big Bash coach Andy Richards

#### **GAURAV BHATT JANUARY 29**

CARRYING THE 'world No. 1, top seed' targets on her back, and hopes of a nation on her shoulders, Ashleigh Barty became the first Australian player to win the Australian Open singles title since 1978. During the fortnight that ended a 44-year wait, Barty had her full repertoire on display. The kick serve aka "the hopper". The one-handed slice, two-handed drive backhands. The forehand dripping with heavy topspin. Risky drop shots, opportune volleys, and the all elite overhead.

The shot that generated the most buzz, however, was played during practice: Barty casually tucked the tennis ball off her hip, a textbook leg glance, pointed elbow and all.

"It was a sweet little glance, wasn't it?" laughs Andy Richards, cricket coach, proud Queenslander and a "fairweather tennis fan". Richards, who trained Barty during her brief switch to cricket, gushes over his ward's exploits at the Melbourne Park.

"She's looked awesome. I think just in the last couple of years, she's got so much more mature," Richards says on the phone, minutes before the start of the final, from his Brisbane home where he's putting out "beverages" for friends who'd come over to watch history being made. "Whatever happens, Australia is excited for her. We tend to put a fair bit of pressure on our people... I just think people will be happy for her because she's just a genuine, really good human being. We have people all across the world that get a bit taken aback as to how she presents herself. And I can tell you from experience that how she presents is exactly how she is.

"An 18-year-old with the maturity of a 30year-old" was Richards' first impression of Barty

It was 2015, and Barty was a doubles contender (she reached three Grand Slam finals) and a singles' prospect, when she walked away from a sport she had been playing since she was 4. Exhausted with the rigours of the Tour, she did not seek a protected ranking, but didn't throw away her racquets either. Barty was coaching kids when she was invited to speak at the national women's cricket team dinner.

There, she told Queensland cricketers Jess Jonassen, Delissa Kimmince and Beth Mooney: "I really wouldn't mind giving cricket a go."

"It was half a throwaway line, half-serious chat. The girls came back and told me," says Richards, who was the coach of Queensland Fire and was putting together the team for Brisbane Heat for the inaugural Women's Big Bash that year.

"I'd tried it with a few different sportspeople before so I thought we would give it a go. She came in and we just had a coffee and then I said okay, we'll organise to have a hit and see what she looked like.'

At the hit, Barty, kitted up in borrowed gear, faced 150 deliveries. Richards reckons she missed three. "She'd never played the name except for some backvard cri during that first hit, she was probably already better than the bottom third of my squad. I asked her if she would like to come and train and she said no, not until she'd had another four or five hits," says Richards. "She didn't want to embarrass herself. She also didn't want to put anybody out."



Ash Barty with coach Andy Richards.

Barty soon earned the spot. The next challenge was to earn camaraderie.

"Fitting into such a competitive environment is not always easy. The girls are not always necessarily accepting of people coming in from outside. A couple of our girls had a fair bit of friendly banter with Ash, and she gave back as much as she got. It seemed like she had been with the team for years. That's not an easy thing to do in a group of competitive sporting women. But she did it seamlessly."

Barty, expectedly, was "a coach's dream".

"An extraordinarily talented woman, her hand-eye coordination is as good as I've seen from a crossover sport point of view. Elite athletes like her have awareness about where their body needs to be, to execute their skill," says Richards, who has also worked with Pakistan women's team as an assistant coach and batting consultant.

A cursory glance at Barty's game is enough to reveal why she was able to transfer her skills from the court to the pitch. How the 5'5 allcourter goes toe-to-toe with stronger specimens, getting on top of the bounce to 'flat bat' the forehand. How she bends and picks the ball with a double backhand, sometimes on the half-volley, and powers it deep cross-court.

"Obviously, the cow corner, sort of wide mid-on was a strength. But for me, it was her ability to play straight. At the back end of that first session, I said 'I just want you to hit them as hard as you can as straight as you can'. Immediately, she got her body in position. Clearing the front leg and hitting it straight." On her debut for the Heat, Barty scored a

27-ball 39 - "There was a six that she hit straight out of the Junction Oval," Richards recalls, "men are happy to hit the ball as far as she did that day " - but had a largely indifferent season. The media attention around her, however, helped jumpstart the tournament.

"She added so much more to our sport from a professional point of view. We were at that crossroads, sort of moving into full professionalism in women's cricket, and she was able to add a whole different perspective for the girls and us as well."

But what did Barty get out of her cricketing sojourn? She has previously said that the 18 months away from tennis made her "a better person, on and off the court. A better tennis player." Richards believes cricket gave Barty a sense of belonging, and teammates for life.

"We've had a couple of chats about it She



Ashleigh Barty recovered from 5-1 down in the second set to beat Danielle Collins 6-3, 7-6(2) in the Aus Open final.

an individual sport. But you'll notice that when she talks, she always says 'we'. She talks about her team. I think she had a lot of fun with us, she had a lot of freedom. And she's carried that forward.'

In an interview with the New York Times, given during her Big Bash days, Barty said: 'Everyone is part of the squad, and when you've got 15, 16 girls around each other, everyone pushes each other on. It was a very good dynamic from the get-go, and I was just very lucky that they welcomed me in so easily... We played a game at the Gabba, and we won, and went down the shed to have a beer. I'd never had a beer after a win before."

In the same piece, Rennae Stubbs, an Australian six-time Major champion, had opined: "Selfishly, would I love to see her come back and play tennis? Absolutely, because I still think that her best tennis is ahead of her."

She returned in 2016, and has since achieved the world No. 1 ranking and three Grand Slam titles. Cricket, though, has never strayed far from her mind. Ongoing women's Ashes was her distraction before Saturday's final. She played cricket with her entourage, kit bag doubling as stumps. When not on the court, she pulls a Donald, volleying a golf ball gainst a wall with a bat.

Richards shares that Barty keeps in touch with her former teammates. And when in town, Barty and her fiance go to a game of cricket with Richards and family.

"I was devastated when she came up to me one day, and sheepishly said, 'look, I think I want to go back to tennis'", Richards says. "But deep down inside, I knew, that's where she belonged."

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### Special Ks: Kokkinakis, Kyrgios win Aus Open doubles

NICK KYRGIOS and Thanasi Kokkinakis entered on a wild card and were dubbed the Special Ks on their wild ride to the men's doubles title at the Australian Open.

With a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Matt Ebden and Max Purcell on Saturday, the long-time friends became the first home-grown pairing to win the men's doubles title here since Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde, aka the Woodies, in 1997. And this was only their fourth Grand Slam event as a team.

The pair, who won the Wimbledon boys' doubles title nearly nine years ago, never faced a break point in a dominant performance in a final that started on Rod Laver Arena following Ash Barty's drought-breaking women's singles title

It capped a decent day for the Aussies, with the so-called Special Ks becoming the first all-Australian team to win a Grand Slam men's doubles title since Woodforde and Woodbridge won their 11th together at Wimbledon in 2000.

Kyrgios and Kokkinakis conceded only two sets in six matches on a run to the title that included wins over the No. 1 and No. 3 seeded teams. "What a week. I can honestly say we didn't expect to come even close to this This is a crazy cherry on the top," Kokkinakis said. Kyrgios added: "I wouldn't have wanted to do tracted more local attention than usual, this with anyone else."



Nick Kyrgios, Thanasi Kokkinakis celebrate winning the title. AP

#### TV commentators, presented the trophy to the winners

Kokkinakis, who won his first ATP singles title at Adelaide earlier this month, is still making his way back onto the tour after several seasons interrupted by injuries and illness. The 26-year-old Kyrgios has a career-high singles ranking of No. 13 and won six ATP titles, all on hard courts, but hasn't fulfilled the potential he showed by reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon in 2014 and at the Australian Open the following year.

His style of play and attitude on and offcourt has divided opinion, too. His first Grand Slam title, albiet in doubles, could be a sign of

with Kyrgios and Kokkinakis packing a

before having to shift into all-ticketed main

### BRIEFLY \_\_\_\_\_

#### Anand to mentor Indian chess players ahead of Asian Games

New Delhi: Five-time chess world champion Viswanathan Anand has been roped in as a mentor of the Indian players looking to break into the team for the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, where the sport will make a comeback after a gap of 12 vears. The All India Chess Federation (AICF) is eyeing a rich medal haul from its players at the Games, which are scheduled to be held from September 10 to 25. "Eyeing the four gold medals at stake in the games, the legendary Grandmaster Anand took a different role and will mentor the team and the first session between him and the players will kick start next Thursday," the AICF said in a release.

### Blasters look to keep up unbeaten run

Vasco: Kerala Blasters will be desperate to get back to action and continue their dream run when they take on resurgent Bengaluru FC in an Indian Super League match at the Tilak Maidan Stadium here on Sunday. Kerala last played on January 12, recording a 2-0 win over Odisha FC before their next two games were postponed. The men in yellow are on a 10-game unbeaten run and have 20 points from 11 matches, sitting third in the league standings.

AP

#### Lakshya, Malvika to lead Indian team

New Delhi: India Open champion Lakshya Sen and Syed Modi International finalist Malvika Bansod will lead the Indian men's and women's squad in the Badminton Asia Team Championships to be played at Shah Alam, Malaysia from February 15-20. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) announced a new look team for the continental team championship giving importance to the performances in the two All India Ranking tournaments played in Chennai and Hyderabad last month.

### Aditi cards even par, stays in Top-5

Boca Rio (US): Indian golfer Aditi Ashok carded a sedate even par 72 in the second round to slip to tied fifth at the Gainbridge LPGA here. There were no fireworks from Aditi, who after a sixunder 66 on the first day, slipped two places on Friday. Danielle King (68) moved into the lead at 11-under alongside Lydia Ko (70). Aditi, who finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics bogeve second and seventh and birdied fifth and eighth and parred the entire back nine of the course. This is Aditi's first start in 2022 and a good finish will help her to build a fine season on the LPGA. PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

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very much a team-oriented person. If we look at her love for her family, her indigenous cultural background, there's a strong feeling of belonging in all of that. In tennis, she didn't have that as a young girl growing up, spending a lot of time away, overseas without a really strong network," Richards says. Tennis is considered Australia's gain. The sentiment was perhaps best summed up at an awards show by comedian Rove McManus, who broke down the Ash Barty-tennis-cricket love triangle.

... If you love something, set it free – it may go have a crack at cricket and come back to you!

He gave thanks to his support team, also, smaller, 5,000-seat outside stadium and when he said "I battled COVID a week out from getting boisterous support in earlier rounds the Open and I wouldn't be here without you." Woodbridge and Woodforde, both working as arena for the semis and the final.

The men's doubles competition at-

### **HISTORY BECKONS** In Medvedev, Nadal meets gatekeeper of Slam No 21

#### **CHRISTOPHER CLAREY** MELBOURNE, JANUARY 29

ONCE AGAIN, the last defense against No. 21 will be Daniil Medvedev.

He has quite the temper, as he showed in an extraordinary rant at a chair umpire Friday, and he has become quite the spoiler with his long, elastic limbs and unconventional, often outside-the-lines approach to constructing points and demolishing opponents' game plans and dreams.

In last year's U.S. Open final, the 6-foot-6 Russian stopped Novak Djokovic from completing the Grand Slam, which requires winning all four major tournaments in the same calendar year, and also kept Djokovic from breaking his tie with Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer for most career major titles.

On Sunday, with the three men who have dominated this era still deadlocked at 20 Grand Slam titles apiece, Medvedev will face Nadal in the Australian Open final.

'It's a great rivalry," Medvedev said of tennis' Big Three – Federer, Nadal and Djokovic. "I'm happy to have the chance to try to stop one more time somebody from making history."

But Medvedev, 25, with just one major title to his name, also has the luxury of remaining above the fray.

"I'm just trying to focus on myself, doing my job," he said. "I know what's happening. I know what Rafa is going for. I knew what Novak was going for. I'm not going to say, 'Oh, yeah, I am trying not to listen about this.' But it's kind of their thing, not mine.'

Medvedev's thing has been establishing himself as the sport's new leading player, at least on the hard courts that suit his game and



Rafael Nadal of Spain is watched by fans during a practice session at Melbourne Park ahead of his final against Daniil Medvedev.

comfort zone far better than clay or grass for now. Nadal got an extended taste of Medvedev's protean ways and new-age talents in the 2019 U.S. Open final when Medvedev shifted tactics after losing the first two sets. He began attacking the net to break up long rallies and pushed Nadal for nearly five hours before losing in the fifth set.

They have not played each other on an outdoor hard court since then, and although both played their semifinal matches indoors under a closed roof in Rod Laver Arena because of rain, the weather is expected to be clear on Sunday when they meet again in Melbourne.

"I am facing my most difficult rival of the whole tournament in the final," Nadal said.

That might not have been true if Djokovic had been able to play. He has won the Australian Open a men's record nine times including the last three, but in one of the most stunning twists in tennis history, he was deported from Australia on the eve of the tournament after his visa was revoked by the federal government and his final appeal was rejected.

Nadal, seeded sixth, was initially in the top-seeded Djokovic's half of the draw but ended up playing No. 7 seed Matteo Nadal got a taste of Medvedev's protean ways and new-age talents in the 2019 U.S. Open final when Medvedev shifted tactics after losing the first two sets. He began attacking the net to break up long rallies and pushed Nadal for nearly five hours before losing in the fifth set.

Berrettini in the semifinals instead. He feasted on Berrettini's weaker backhand wing and broke the powerful Italian's serve four times to prevail, 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3,

Medvedev also won in four sets, defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas, 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, although Medvedev's victory was considerably more tempestuous. After losing his serve in the ninth game of the second set and receiving a code violation for an obscenity that he said was misinterpreted, Medvedev shouted angrily at chair umpire Jaume Campistol for most of the changeover. He suggested that Tsitsipas' father was illegally coaching his son from the player box.

Such behavior is a contrast with that of Nadal, who has never broken a racket in anger during his 20-year career. Now, Nadal has a chance to set himself apart, even as he continues to insist that finishing first in the Grand Slam chase is not his obsession or even his priority.

'Being very honest, for me is much more important to have the chance to play tennis than win the 21. no?" he said. NYT

### Why longer rallies will give Rafa the advantage in final

**ANIL SASI** 

#### NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

EMERGING FROM a six-month injury lay-off and a recent Covid-19 episode, 35-year old Rafael Nadal became the fourth oldest man in the Open era to reach the Australian Open final. In the semifinal, as he picked apart Italy's Matteo Berrettini, 10 years his junior, Nadal, the sixth seed, seems to have reinforced his dominance over the rallies after his lay off.

A breakdown of the rally points in the semifinal clash reveals that Nadal won 48 per cent of the short, or first strike rallies (0-4 shots); 58 per cent of the 'pattern of play', or mid-length rallies (5-8 shots); and an overwhelming 61 per cent of the extended rallies (9-plus shots). While EXPLAINE Nadal is typically in a class of his own in mid-length rallies, on Friday, as rallies got longer, he edged out Berrettini.

The breakdown of rallies, in terms of points won, during Friday's semifinal, gravitated overwhelmingly in Nadal's favour as the rallies got longer:

0-4 shots: Nadal won 56 of the 117 points (48%) 5-8 shots: Nadal won 28 out of the 48 points (58%) 9+ shots: Nadal won 24 out of the 39 points (61%)

Remarkably, his stats during the semifinal in Melbourne seem even better than

some earlier comparisons. An Infosys ATP Beyond The Numbers

analysis by Craig O'Shannessy of data sets of players who competed in a minimum of 20 matches at ATP events on Hawk Eve courts. from the beginning of the 2018 season dissected Nadal's win percentages by rally length.

The data showed Nadal to be way more dominant in the mid-length rallies of 5-8 shots

#### 0-4 Shots: 52.9% (1126/2127) 5-8 Shots: 59.7% (652/1092) 9+ Shots: 55.3% (412/745)

Nadal won an overwhelming 59.7 percent of points in the 5-8 shot range from 33

matches, with Argentina's Diego Schwartzman coming in as next best at 55.9 per cent (547/978), putting the Spaniard almost four percentage points higher than his closest rival. Novak Djokovic came in at third place, having won 55.5 per cent (1043/1879) in 5-8 shot

rallies in that analysis.

On Sunday, as Nadal looks to win his 21st Grand Slam title and go ahead of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer, Russia's Daniil Medvedev will have some food for thought. Nadal's post-lay off effectiveness in the extended rallies are stretching much younger men, like data from his semifinal win showed. At 25, Medvedev too is 10 years younger than Nadal. But then on Sunday, age is likely to be just a number at the Rod Laver Arena

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