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RT-PCR, RAT can detect Omicron: Govt

No case so far in country, Centre asks States/UTs to remain vigilant

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Sunday said the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 did not escape RT-PCR and RAT tests and asked States and UTs to ramp up testing and undertake effective surveillance of international passengers. The Government also said no case of the new variant has been found in the country as yet.

ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava said that the Omicron variant didn't escape RT-PCR and RAT and hence, States and UTs were advised to ramp up testing for prompt and early identification of any cases.

In a meeting with States



A health worker checks the temperature of travelers before allowing them to proceed at train station in Mumbai on Tuesday. AP

and UTs to review Covid-19, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan assessed the public health response measures and preparedness in view of the new threats from the Omicron variant of Covid-19.

Bhushan advised States to keep a strict vigil on the international passengers coming to the country through various

airports, ports, and land border crossings, and stressed strict monitoring of hotspots, a Health Ministry statement said.

Meanwhile, as the country braces for the threat from Omicron, the Government on Tuesday said in Parliament

there was no case reported so far and it was alert to the new variant of the corona.

This assurance from Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya came in the Rajya Sabha after several Elders expressed concern over the fast-spreading Omicron and the danger it posed to India. They also sought to know the steps taken by the Government to tackle the emerging threat.

At the meeting chaired by Bhushan, the States were specially advised to undertake effective surveillance of international passengers. Testing of samples of international travellers coming from "at-risk" countries on the first day and of specified category of passengers on the eighth day needs

to be scrupulously done, Bhushan stressed.

He said international passengers from "at-risk" countries are being advised to wait at the airports till the report of the RT-PCR test is available.

States have been asked to send all positive samples for genome sequencing to INSACOG Labs (mapped with States) promptly and that States should undertake contact tracing of positive individuals and follow up for 14 days, the statement said.

The Union Health Secretary urged States to strengthen the testing infrastructure while strictly implementing the testing guidelines and ensure ample testing in each district while maintaining the RT-PCR ratio.

Peeved at MPs' suspension, Opp walks out of RS



Opposition leaders protest near Mahatma Gandhi's statue over suspension of 12 Rajya Sabha members, in New Delhi on Tuesday PTI

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The second day of the Winter Session of Parliament saw a widening of rift between the Opposition members and Chair on the issue of suspension of 12 Opposition members of the Rajya Sabha. The Congress-led Opposition staged a walkout soon after Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu justified the suspension of MPs for the entire Session.

Naidu said the suspended MPs haven't yet shown any remorse for their act of sacrilege of the House in the previous Session in August. Leader of the House Mallikarjun Kharge countered him saying

the motion for suspension moved by the Government was in gross violation of the rules.

He asked how action could be taken in the current Winter Session of Parliament for alleged "unruly" conduct in the last session.

On the first day on the Session, the Opposition has crossed swords with the Chair for not allowing a discussion on a Bill to repeal the farm laws and passed it within minutes.

"Motion (for suspension of the 12 Opp MPs) was moved, it was approved, action is taken, it is final," Naidu said as he rejected an appeal by Kharge to revoke the suspension.

Delhi ready with 30,000 O2 beds to take on new threat

Buffer stocks ordered for 32 medicines for two months

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid rising concerns over the new coronavirus variant Omicron, the Delhi Government is getting ready to deal with any exigency. As many as 30,000 oxygen beds, including 10,000 ICU beds, are ready in the national Capital, while additional 6,800 ICU beds will be added in the pool by February 2022.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday said his Government has prepared a blueprint for health services and beds, oxygen, medicines and vaccines will reach every ward and to each resident.

The Government is making arrangement so that each ward can get 100 beds even on a notice of two weeks. "Buffer stocks ordered for 32 medicines for two months to prevent shortage during the time of



need," he added.

In a meeting with Health Minister Satyender Jain and officials from the department at Delhi Secretariat, Kejriwal and other Cabinet Ministers discussed the strategy to provide treatment, medicine, consultation, and to ensure ICU beds with oxygen support.

According to Government data, 97 per cent of Delhi residents have received their first dose while 57 per cent are fully vaccinated.

"Oxygen supply and storage is being bolstered and telemetry devices to provide real time oxygen tracking are being installed in all oxygen facilities. 6,000 oxygen cylinders have been imported and 15 oxygen tankers bought to prevent oxygen shortage," Kejriwal said.

CM orders officials to prepare action plan to check infections

After over a dozen Covid-19 cases were reported in State capital

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in a meeting with senior administrative officers of Bhopal in Mantralaya gave instructions to take necessary precautions in connection with corona infection. Concerned over the reports of more than a dozen cases of corona infection in different localities of Bhopal city, Chouhan gave necessary instructions to the officials. The Chief Minister said that the administration should be on alert mode by preparing an action plan.

Chouhan said that he would make citizens aware about the use of masks by visiting Bhopal and other places. Social organizations will also be linked to the awareness cam-



paign. Chouhan instructed the Principal Secretary Health to keep the related data of Corona in front of him regularly in the morning and evening.

The Chief Minister directed that all the machines related to the treatment of Corona should be reviewed in all the hospitals of the state. The machines should be tried and tested, children's ward, oxygen plant, oxygen concentrator, ventilator and other equipments must also be examined. Chief Minister Shri Chouhan said that the Roko-Toko campaign should be given impetus in the state, no data should be hidden.

Chouhan said that the meeting of District CMHO should be held on Tuesday only.

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Booster shot for Omicron possible in 6 months: Adar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Serum Institute of India chief Adar Poonawalla on Tuesday said Covishield can be developed further to work against the new Covid variant Omicron if research indicated such a need.

Tests are on for Omicron and a call on the matter will be taken in another two weeks,

when more is known about the new virus, he said.



"Scientists at Oxford are also continuing their research, and based on their findings, we may come out with a new vaccine which would act as a booster in six months' time. Based on the research, we would know about the third and the fourth dose for us all," he told NDTV in an exclusive interview.

MP Cabinet OK's six new medical colleges in State

SIMET will be set up as an autonomous body

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The State Cabinet here on Tuesday approved the construction work of six new medical colleges in the State with an investment of ₹1547.45 crore. In this, administrative approval of ₹249.63 crore, ₹258.07 crore, 256.83 crore, 256.55 crore, 255.78 crore and ₹270.59 crore has been given for establishment of new medical colleges in Mandla, Singrauli, Sheopur, Rajgarh, Neemuch and Mandasaur respectively.

It was decided by the Cabinet that Madhya Pradesh State Institute of Educational Management and Training (SIMET) would be established as an independent unit by separating it from the Academy of Administration at present. The main objective of the establishment of SIMET is to determine and develop the proper process regarding educational planning and development of educational managerial capacity and its decentralization.

For this, cooperation in the

development of professional competencies, conducting courses in educational management, capacity building of officers associated with education and building a training environment is included. In SIMET, the officers of Tribal Affairs Department associated with Department of School Education and School Management,

The Cabinet decided that in order to pay one-time settlement amount of Rs. 90 crore to SIDBI, financial assistance of Rs. 90 crore would be sanctioned to Madhya Pradesh Finance Corporation in the form of short term loan. Interest will be levied on this at the rate fixed by the Finance Department from time to time.

The newly constructed commercial office complex of Madhya Pradesh Finance Corporation in Indore will be sold through Public Asset Management Department. After adjusting the expenses incurred in the sale process with the amount received from the sale of the premises, the short term loan sanctioned by the State Government will be paid in one lump sum along with interest. Loan of Rs.25.76 crore received earlier from the government will be paid with interest.



Children born with congenital disabilities, believed to be caused by the exposure of their parents to gas during the Union Carbide gas leak disaster, along with their relatives and supporters, take part in a candlelight vigil to pay homage to the people killed in the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy to mark the 37th anniversary of the disaster, in Bhopal on Tuesday Pioneer photo

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Weather turns cold, rainfall likely in State from today

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The weather has turned cold in the State due to the low pressure area over Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea, clouds have started forming in the State which will induce rainfall from Wednesday. Night temperature dipped to 8 degree Celsius which was recorded in Umaria.

According to Met department Indore, Ujjain and Gwalior-Chambal divisions witness rain at isolated places and Bhopal is expected witness thunder and lightning.

Bhopal recorded day temperature at 27 degree Celsius and night temperature at 13 degree Celsius.

The visibility would decrease due to rain and mist and fog and these weather conditions would be witnessed from next 24 hours and would prevail for 2-3 days.

After rainfall and fading of cloud cover night temperatures would dip sharply in the state.

At present, cyclonic activity is active; a low pressure is active in the Bay of Bengal from Tuesday evening. Due to the

low pressure building in the Bay of Bengal, there will be thunder and lightning conditions around Bundelkhand, Mahakaushal, Vindhya and Bhopal. Along with this, due to the low-pressure being created in the Arabian Sea and more rainfall would be witnessed in Indore divisions along with Ujjain, Gwalior, Chambal divisions.

Khargone, Badwani, Alirajpur, Jhabua and Dhar districts are likely to witness rainfall in the next 24 hours while other regions would witness dry weather conditions.

MBPMPL signs MoU with SECL to ensure 100% utilization of Fly Ash

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Taking yet another step in its commitment to ensure 100% utilization of Fly Ash in its Anuppur Thermal Plant in a sustainable manner, MB Power (Madhya Pradesh) Limited (MBPMPL) on Tuesday executed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL).

Under the MoU, MBPMPL has taken the responsibility for backfilling of the abandoned mine void in Sharda Open Cast Mine in Shahdol District in Madhya Pradesh. Backfilling/stowing and recla-

mation of the mine void shall be carried out as per March 2019 guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board and requirement stipulated by MPPCB.

The MoU was signed today by P. Srikrishna, GM (M)/SAM of SECL, and BK Mishra, Plant Head-Anuppur & COO of MB Power in the presence of Shri Sanjiv Mehra, Regional Officer MP Pollution Control Board (MPPCB) and Shankar Nagchari, Area General Manager, SECL, Sohagpur Area.

Under the MOU, SECL has allocated 0.92 MCM volumes to MBPMPL for backfilling out of total capacity of

1.08 MCM of the mine void.

Congratulating MB Power and SECL on this progressive step, Sanjeev Mehra, Regional Officer, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board, said, "It is a very important step in matters related to fly ash management; this is the first time in Madhya Pradesh that the mine out area / exhausted mine area is going to be utilized/used for fly ash filling. This will eliminate random dumping of fly ash here & there, and at the same time will ensure unused vast land is converted into useful, fully rehabilitated and valuable land."

Pankaj Advani gears up for 88th Billiards, Snooker championship



STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Man of Records Pankaj Advani has geared up for his next tournament, the 88th Billiards and Snooker Nationals 2021 which is held by the Billiards and Snooker Federation of India (BSFI) and MP Billiards and Snooker Association. The National Championship is being held in Bhopal. The tournament is going to be spread all over two months which makes it the longest nationals in the history of cue sports in the country. The National Championship attracts over 1000 National and State-level players which include junior and sub-junior boys and girls along with senior men and women of who compete over 18 titles in the tournament. The Golden Boy of India who recently won his 24th World Title in Doha continues his winning streak by winning the first match of the

tournament. He defeated Santosh after a tight match.

Pankaj Advani disclosed that he is visiting the state after 15 years. He holds fond memories of his first visit to the city for a noble cause and enjoying the city's culture and cuisine. In this tournament Pankaj Advani will be accompanied by his former friend Kamal Chawala. Kamal Chawala is Bhopal's pride as he has won multiple National and International medals for Snooker.

Pankaj said "After a long gap of 15 years, I will be visiting the City of Lakes. My last trip to Bhopal has become an unforgettable experience as I was invited by the MP Sports Minister Yashodara Raje Scindia Ji to inaugurate tables at Government schools and teach them cue sports, it was my pleasure to be able to be a part of such a great cause at the same time I got to explore the delicious cuisine of Bhopal."

Miscreants target 3 houses in broad day light, burglary captured on CCTV

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Miscreants fearless act was captured in the CCTV footages who targeted three houses and escaped with valuables at Life Style Covered Campus of Misrod area, photographs were circulated over social media after burglary was committed by miscreants in broad day light.

In the footages lone miscreant was spotted committing burglary in broad daylight on Sunday, residents of two houses were not present in the city at the time of burglary and incident surfaced after CCTV footage was checked on Tuesday.

The miscreant was wearing formal posing as executive, carrying laptop bag. Police is trying to identify the accused.

According to the information, Saurabh Singh, who lives in Lifestyle Covered Campus Salaya, Misrod, runs a clothing shop. He told that around 11.30 on Sunday morning, he along with wife and son went to shop after locking the house and returned at around 2.30 in the afternoon only to find that door was broken and almirah found broken.

The miscreant stole around Rs 5 lakh valuable jewelry and Rs 1.2 lakh cash. Based on Saurabh's complaint police registered case and started investigation and later in the investigation it was found that other wing of society was also targeted by the miscreant. Saurabh lives in A-block of the campus and on Tuesday it was found that the miscreant reached the B-block of the campus after burglary in his house, where two more houses were targeted.

However, as the owners of these houses are out of town, the value of burgled goods was not known. The miscreant stayed in these two houses for about 45 minutes.



Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia and his son Mahanarayan Scindia being greeted by supporters on their way to Kolaras of Shivpuri district Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

DGP felicitates three cops on retirement

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Director General of Police (DGP) Vivek Johri felicitated 3 police personnel at their retirement and wished them a happy and prosperous life. At a farewell programme of retired police personnel at police State headquarters on Tuesday.

The policemen were from different branches of Police Headquarters who retired in the month of November. Director General of Police, Johri presented bouquets of flowers and mementos to all and wished them a healthy and happy life. Orders were also given to the retired employees to pay their various claims.

Special Director General of Police Kailash Makwana, Additional Director

General of Police Adarsh Katiyar, Vijay Kataria and other officers, employees and relatives of retired employees were present in the farewell ceremony organized in the open courtyard of Police Headquarters.

Police Headquarters family gave a heartfelt farewell to the retired Sub Inspector (A) Shirish Palkar, Assistant Sub Inspector Virendra Kumar Sharma and Assistant Sub Inspector Suresh Lute, retired from Police Headquarters on Tuesday.

Assistant Inspector General of Police Welfare Branch Kiranlatha Kerketta highlighted works during serving period of the retired employees. The officers present at the farewell function appreciated the hard work and dedication of all the retired employees.

Court issues warrant against actress Amisha Patel in cheque bounce case

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The Bhopal District Court on Monday issued a bailable warrant against Bollywood actress Amisha Patel. UTF Telefilms Private Limited had filed a case of cheque bounce of ₹32.25 lakh against her. The district court has directed Amisha to appear on December 4.

The counsel representing UTF Telefilms Pvt Ltd Ravi Panth revealed that JMFC Ravi Kumar Borasi has issued a bailable warrant against Amisha. Amisha and her company M/s Ameesha Patel Production had borrowed 32 lakh 25 thousand rupees from UTF Telefilms Pvt Ltd in the name of making the film.

Under the agreement, he gave two checks to the company in lieu of Rs 32.25 lakh, which were dishonoured.

He filed the case in the

District Court Bhopal on behalf of UTF Telefilms Pvt Ltd. A bailable warrant has been issued against Ameesha Patel on Monday in this regard. If Ameesha does not appear in the District Court on December 4, 2021 after obtaining a bailable warrant, an arrest warrant can be issued.

A case was registered against Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel in Indore in a cheque bounce case of Rs 10 lakh.

Petitioner's advocate Nitesh Parmar submitted that Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel had taken 10 lakh cash from Nisha Chhipa, a resident of Pink City, Indore, 6 months ago in the name of film production. In lieu of this, a check dated 24 April 2019 was given. After the due date, Nisha presented this check in a bank located in Indore which got dishonoured.

BOB holds MSME loan disbursement camp, distributes sanction letters

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

Loan disbursement camp was organized for MSME loan disbursement on November 29 by Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Bhopal.

In the camp, loan sanction letters were distributed to the customers under the MSME festival. Ravi Kumar, Chief Manager, Baroda Corporate Center, Mumbai and Suresh Talreja, Regional Head, Bhopal Zone, VK Sharma, Chief Manager, Circle Office, Bhopal, other staff members and honorable customers were present.

In the function, bank officials discussed with the customers and detailed information was given about the loan being provided by the bank under the MSME festival at concessional interest rate.

Besides, the Bank of Baroda Regional Office, Bhopal

organized a Customer Meet at Hotel The Residency.

Mrinal Goswami, Network Deputy General Manager (MP) Bhopal Zone, Ravi Kumar, Chief Manager, Baroda Corporate Centre, Mumbai and Suresh Talreja, Regional Head, Bhopal Region, V.K. Sharma, Chief Manager, Circle Office, Bhopal, other staff members and honorable customers were present.

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Traffic police personnel penalise commuters not wearing face masks in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

FIR lodged against man who killed community dog

PNS ■ GWALIOR

After learning that a man allegedly killed a community dog by repeatedly beating the animal with a rod and then slowly chopping off a leg with a knife, Meet Ashar of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India worked with Priyanshu Jain of People

For Animals (PFA) Indore, local activist Chhaya Tomar, and the Gwalior police to register a FIR under Section 429 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Section 11(1)(a) of The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act, 1960. The cruel incident was caught on a video that went viral on social media.

"PETA India commends

the Gwalior police for taking

steps to send the message that cruelty to animals will not be tolerated," says PETA India Emergency Response Team Associate Manager Meet Ashar. "Since those who abuse animals often move on to harming humans, it's imperative that the public report cases of cruelty to animals such as this one for

everyone's safety."

"We have never come across such a heinous act of cruelty in Madhya Pradesh. The accused needs mental evaluation and counselling. Cases like these signify the need for stronger laws against animal abuse," says PFA Indore President Priyanshu Jain.

PETA India also recom-

mends that the man undergo psychiatric evaluation and receive counselling, as abusing animals indicates a deep psychological disturbance. Research shows that people who commit acts of cruelty to animals are often repeat offenders who move on to hurting other animals, including humans.

Dance workshop for Kalbelia kids held at Tribal Museum

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A dance workshop for kids based on Rajasthan's Kalbelia dance began on Tuesday.

Dance training camp with dance songs of their traditions to curious children of Kalbelia community of Madhya Pradesh has been organized by Tribal Lok Kala and Boli Vikas Akademi at Tribal Museum.

More than 30 artists from

different villages of Dewas and Harda districts are participating in this camp. In this camp musicians and choreographers have been engaged for training in music and dance, who are doing sophistication with dance, song and behavioral process from diverse cultural traditions.

For centuries, the nomadic community has been traveling to different places with its cultur-

al traditions, way of life in search of livelihood. Presently most of these communities have started living permanently.

Similarly, the Kalbelia community of Rajasthan, who have started making permanent camps in different areas of Madhya Pradesh. Being a permanent residence, this community has assimilated that particular region's culture along with its culture and conduct.

Key to mental healthcare lies in gut: Vaidyaraj Anil



Bhopal: The Gut Brain Axis (GBA) concept is detailed in the Vaidyaraj Anil's startup POOPpeepers.com. However, it may be summarised as follows: POOP is the Reflection of Your Gut. Brain is the reflection of one's gut. Hence, one's POOP is the reflection of his brain. The Bristol stool chart defines the various Poop types.

Gut health is compromised by environmental and lifestyle factors, including food habits. There is absolutely no escape, at all. Though, all are not 'gutsy' enough to handle stress.

Indians are fast waking up to the importance of gut health. The west has been on focus for almost 10 years now. Millions of people use specific bacteria induced probiotics every day. The optimally balanced mix of micro-organisms in your gut (read large intestine or colon) is required for the body to operate properly. One may not realize it, but the gastrointestinal system contains trillions of bacteria, fungi, and even viruses, which are collectively known as the microbiome. Out of these, 90 % reside in one's gut, and hence the gut microbiome. These serve a variety of essential tasks in the human body, and literally define its immunity. We came across an eminent personality, Vaidyaraj Anil who shares with us "A hunger for sweets or sugary foods & all the good things of modern living". He says, "Make your gut good, and blame the rest on it. Vaidyaraj Anil's gut solution lets one's life run on a 'Gut Cruise' mode. SR

3-day Induction Prog organised at Scope College

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

A three-day induction programme was organized at Scope College on Tuesday.

This programme could not be organized for the last two sessions. As usual in the institution, it was organized in a cultural manner by lighting the lamp, Saraswati Vandana, Om chanting and recitation of Guru Mantra.

The programme was started by the T&P of the institution. Department Director Monika Singh welcomed the chief guest, group operator, parents, students and professors with great enthusiasm.

In the programme, Devendra Singh, the group director of the institution, welcomed the chief guest, Brahm Prakash Pethia, Vice Chancellor of Rabindra Nath Tagore University and told that the vast experience of the Vice Chancellor will become a guide for all of us.

Devendra Singh welcomed all the present parents, students and professors etc. with a great heart. He wished all the students a bright future.

Raj Kumar Pandey, Dean Academics of the institution welcomed everyone and gave brief information about all the courses going on in the institution.

He said that this institution is always ready for all round development apart from curriculum keeping in mind the interests of its students since 2002 till date. He encouraged all the newly arrived students to take part in all the programs, games etc. organized in the institution.

Painting exhibition 'Shalaka 19' of Bhil painter concludes

STAFF REPORTER ■ BHOPAL

The exhibition 'Shalaka 19' of young painter Ramila Baria of Bhil community concluded in 'Likhandra Gallery' of Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum.

The painting exhibition began on November 3 and will continued till November 30. The paintings were displayed in the exhibition are for sale which can be purchased from the painter. In the conversation, young painter Ramila Baria told that she was born in the year 1981 in village Borbadwadi of Jhabua district of Madhya Pradesh.

Most of Ramila's childhood was spent in the village. But while living in the village, Ramila did not do much art work and started helping the family in farming and wages.

In the paintings of Ramila, the impression of the shapes, picture combinations made by his master is more clearly visible. The paintings displayed in the exhibition have been prepared in acrylic colour.

The bullock cart and the villager, the bus going towards the city, in the exhibition. Air travel, city travel by bus, birds and elephant riders, elephants, birds and children playing, deer and birds are seen on many other subjects. 22 paintings made by the painter are displayed in the exhibition.



A healthcare worker takes a swab sample from a passenger for Covid-19 test at Rani Kamalapati railway station in Bhopal on Tuesday. Pioneer photo

Delhiites to hover indoors as air quality remains ‘very poor’

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Air quality in Delhi recorded in ‘very poor’ category with overall air quality index (AQI) on Tuesday settling at 316 micrograms per cubic.

According to SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research), a unit of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoEs), the AQI indicated the lower end of very poor air quality. “Local surface winds remained relatively high leading to improvement but AQI remained ‘very poor.’”

In its short-range weather forecast, SAFAR said on first and second December winds are likely to be calm reducing ventilation leading to deterioration of air quality but within the same category. “From third December onwards, winds are expected to increase but AQI is likely to remain in ‘very poor’ category. Farm fires count is 186 and it’s share in PM2.5 is one percent. Low mixing layer height is preventing efficient dispersion of pollutants,” it said.

Meanwhile, values of Particulate Matters (PMs) 10 and 2.5 were recorded several fold higher than their prescribed standards set by Indian Meteorological Department (IMD).

Values of both the pollutants were 263 and 140 (µgm-3) on the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI).

AQI in NCR region – Faridabad 210 , Noida 316, Gurugram 320 and Ghaziabad 315.

SAFAR advised people to go for a short walk instead of a jog and take more breaks. “Stop any activity level



if you experience any unusual coughing, chest discomfort, wheezing, breathing difficulty, or fatigue. If the room has windows, close them. If the air conditioner provides a fresh air intake option, keep that closed. Avoid burning of wood, candles or incense. Keep the room clean – dont vacuum. Do wet mopping to reduce dust.Masks known as N-95 or P-100 respirators may only help if you go out,” SAFAR, pollution monitoring agency said in its health advisory.

Gurugram: ₹18L fine imposed for violation of pollution norms

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A fine of ₹18 lakh has been imposed on 171 persons in gurugram for indulging in pollution-enhancing activities in defiance of the Gratified Response Action Plan (GRAP), issued by the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority.

According to the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) Commissioner Mukesh Kumar Ahuja, several teams of MCG are continuously monitoring the area and fining those who are doing prohibited activities under GRAP.

“The GRAP was implemented since October 15 in Gurugram, burning of garbage, throwing debris, doing other dust-blowing activities, spreading garbage, transporting construction material, garbage and debris without cover and construction despite the ban has been banned,” Ahuja said.

The commissioner said that

the division-wise and zone-wise teams of the civic body have issued fines of ₹15,000 on 3 persons for burning garbage, ₹5.25 lakh on 48 persons for throwing debris, ₹8.82 lakh on 72 persons in case of dust-blowing activities, ₹1.32 lakh on 22 persons in case of throwing garbage, ₹ 76.12 lakh on persons in case of uncovered construction material, debris and garbage transport, ₹ 25,000 on 5 persons in case of the burning tandoor and ₹1.51 lakh have been issued against 9 persons for carrying out construction activities despite the ban.

The MCG Commissioner also appealed to the people that not to do any type of activity that increases pollution. If any person does such activity, then inform the concerned department about it.

“The MCG is continuously sprinkling water on the roads and on trees to prevent the dust from flying and the roads are being cleaned mechanically,” Ahuja added.

Lok Nayak Hospital designated for treating Omicron cases



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Government’s Lok Nayak hospital has been designated for the treatment of patients infected with the new Omicron variant. As per the order signed by health secretary, Delhi Government, S M Ali, “Lok Nayak Will designate one or more separate wards (as per need) for isolating and treating such patients.”

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also conveyed that there

are 32 types of medicines that are used during Covid-19 treatment. The State Government is ordering a buffer stock of two months so that there is no shortage of medicines. “Combining all hospitals in Delhi, we’ve around 750 MT oxygen capacity. Extra storage capacity of 442 MT prepared. PSA plants set up-Delhi generates 121 MT oxygen. Ordered installation of telemetry devices on all oxygen tanks to know availability of oxygen per minute in each,” said Kejriwal.

Delinquency has to be dealt with stern hand, society losing faith in system: HC

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday said that society is losing faith in the system due to delinquency which has to be dealt with a stern hand.

The high court, which was dealing with the appeals against the conviction and life sentences of the accused in a murder case, also observed that safety is paramount for people to lead a good, dignified life and even if one life is lost, it is an irreparable loss of the nation.

A bench of Justices Siddharth Mridul and Anup Jairam Bhambhani dismissed the appeals in the case in which the two accused had murdered a 25-year-old factory worker while robbing his mobile phone.

The bench said, “before parting with the case, it would be trite to note that the present is an extremely unfortunate case where a young boy, who worked hard in order to make ends meet, tragically lost his life because of the menace created by the

delinquents of society.”

“Safety and security of the people are axiomatically paramount for them to lead a good, dignified life. Owing to delinquency, society is losing faith in the system. The offenders, thus, need to be dealt with with a stern hand. Even one life lost, is an irreparable loss we bear as a nation forever,” the court observed as it dismissed the two appeals for being without any merit. Dealing with the facts of the case, the court noted that one night in July 2012, when the witness and the deceased, who worked at a factory of slippers, were returning from work, the appellants (accused) approached them on a motorcycle and “forcibly searched” the pocket of the witness.

They subsequently snatched and robbed the mobile phone of the victim and one of them contemporaneously stabbed the victim on his thigh, it added.

The court stated that in the present

case, the homicidal death of the deceased was not in dispute and the testimony of the witness – that the deceased victim had been stabbed in the thigh with a knife -- corroborated the medical evidence as well as the statements made by the police officials.

It said there was “no shadow of a doubt” that the bodily injury inflicted by the appellants was sufficient to cause death in the ordinary course of nature and was not caused accidentally but with intention and motive to rob the mobile phone of the deceased victim.

“It can reasonably be concluded that the prosecution has successfully proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Appellants, in order to commit robbery, attacked the victim and PW-3 (witness), robbed the mobile phone of the victim, and stabbed him with a knife causing his unfortunate death at the young age of 25 years,” the court ruled.

PHASE IV OF METRO SC directs DMRC to get forest clearance for tree felling

New Delhi: Observing that implementation of phase IV of metro expansion may be a further threat to the ecology of Delhi-NCR, the Supreme Court has directed Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to get forest clearance under the Forest Conservation Act for felling of trees.

DMRC has identified over 10,000 trees for felling for the expansion work of the Janakpuri-RK Ashram, Majpur-Majlis Park, and Aerocity-Tughlaqabad corridors (phase IV) and has not got requisite permission for chopping them.

A bench headed by Justice L. Nageswara Rao asked the DMRC to file an application before the Chief Conservator of Forests of the Delhi government under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 seeking permission for diversion of land for the construction of Metro, Phase-IV.

“It is needless to observe that the Chief Conservator (Forest) and

Nodal Officer (FCI), GNCTD, shall consider the said application/s and forward the same to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) with his recommendations within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the said application/s.

CORRIGENDUM

Information was published by the Bank of Maharashtra Authorized Officer, Jabalpur Zone on 26 November 2021 for the Public Auction of the property of non-performing account M/s Kodambi Traders, Dewas, in which the reserve price of the property mentioned in Lot No. 1 was mistakenly Rs. Rs 360 lakh has been printed which should be read as Rs 330.00 lakh.

The reserve price of the property put up in the general auction in Lot No. 1 is Rs 330.00 lakhs.

AUTHORIZED OFFICER BANK OF MAHARASHTRA, JABALPUR ZONE



Mahila Congress workers stage 'Sansad Gherao' in protest against price hike of essential commodities, in New Delhi on Tuesday

PTI

Govt extends validity of learner’s licences till Jan 31

New Delhi: The Delhi government on Tuesday extended the validity of learner’s licences that expired between February 2020 and November 2021 till January 31, 2022, according to an official order issued by the Transport Department.

The validity of different

transport-related documents including permits, fitness and registration certificates has also been extended till December 31.

The decision was taken in view of the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulties faced by people in getting slots for driving tests.

The Transport Department shared a copy of its order on Twitter. “Considering numerous requests received & keeping in mind difficulties faced by Delhi Learning License holders in getting slots for Driving license test, we have extended validity of LL that has expired between 01.02.20 & 30.11.21

for 2 more months, i.E., till 31.01.22,” the department tweeted. In a tweet, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said the Transport Department has extended the validity of all documents that expired between February 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021, till December 31.

Same sex couples seek live streaming of proceedings on pleas to recognise their marriages, HC seeks Centre’s reply

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the Centre to respond to a plea by LGBTQ couples who are seeking live streaming of proceedings on a batch of petitions to recognise same-sex marriages under the special, Hindu and foreign marriage laws on the ground that the matter is of great national and Constitutional importance.

The high court also issued notices on three more fresh petitions by same-sex couples seeking recognition of their marriages, taking the total number of such pleas to eight. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh granted time to the Centre’s counsel to take instructions on the matter and file replies on the three fresh petitions and the application for live

streaming of proceedings. It listed the matter for further hearing on February 3.

The court was hearing a batch of petitions filed by several same-sex couples, seeking a declaration recognising their marriages under the special, Hindu and foreign marriage laws. Out of the three fresh petitions, the petitioners in two pleas were represented through senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi. One of the two petitions was filed by two lesbians who have already solemnised their marriage at Varanasi in February 2018 and are seeking recognition of marriage.

The other one was filed by a transgender person who has undergone a sex reassignment surgery and entered into a civil

union with her husband in South Africa and seeks recognition of the marriage.

The application for live streaming of proceedings was filed in the pending petition of Abhijit Iyer Mitra by Akhilesh Godi, Prasad Raj Dandekar and Shripad Ranade, residents of Karnataka and Mumbai.

It sought direction to the high court registry to make arrangements to live stream the final arguments of this case via YouTube or any other platform.

Senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul, representing the applicants, submitted that in view of the rights involved, live streaming of proceedings is essential as it concerns seven to eight per cent of the total population of the country.

CM orders officials...

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Instructions were also given to arrange Corona test at railway station and airport etc. At present, rapid antigen tests are being done at the railway station. Instructions were also given to arrange RTPCR test at various places.

Chouhan will address the members of district, block, ward and village level Crisis Management Committees on December 1 at 10 am through video conferencing. Chouhan said that there is no ban on public programs, but use of face masks and other precautions should be taken, if you remain fully aware then there will be no spread of infection. It is necessary to be alert at every level.

OMICRON COVID-19 VARIANT

No cases in India yet, we ready: Health Min

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the country braces for threat from Omicron, the Government on Tuesday said in Parliament there was no case reported so far and it was alert to the new variant of the coronavirus.

This assurance from Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya came in the Rajya Sabha after several Elders expressed concern over the fast spreading Omicron and danger posed to India. They also sought to know the steps taken by the Government to tackle the emerging threat.

In an effort to allay the apprehensions of the MPs, the Minister said during the question hour this new variant Omicron has been found in 14 countries. "There is no case of Omicron in India yet. We are immediately checking suspicious cases and conducting



genome sequencing. We are also taking all possible precautions," Mandaviya said.

Elaborating upon the preparedness to handle the situation if it goes bad, the minister also said "We have learnt a lot during the Covid crisis. Today, we have a lot of resources and laboratories. We can manage any situation."

His remarks came a day after senior government officials on Monday had also reportedly said there were no cases of the variant, feared to be much more transmissible, detected in India. However, the officials also said the results of

the genomic analysis of international passengers who have arrived in India recently were being expedited.

Mandaviya also said the Central Government has issued an advisory based on the global developments related to the new variant and is keeping a keen watch on ports. The minister informed the house studies are being conducted on the Omicron.

He also urged the people to adhere to covid appropriate behavior, wear mask and observe all other precautions as the corona threat was not yet over.

Over six lakh Indians gave up their citizenship in last five years: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Over six lakh Indians have given up their citizenship in the last five years, the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai also said that as per the information available with the Ministry of

External Affairs, a total number of 1,33,83,718 Indian nationals are living in foreign countries. In a written reply to a question, he said 1,33,049 Indians gave up Indian citizenship in 2017, 1,34,561 in 2018, 1,44,017 in 2019, 85,248 in 2020 and 1,11,287 till September 30, 2021.

A total of 4,177 people were granted Indian

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

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Gist of e-tender

NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/211/e-tendering

Dated: 29.11.2021

On the behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited from original equipment manufacturers or their authorized dealers/ representatives or reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned works:

Name of Work:- Repairs to 18 TR outdoor Units of VRV/VRF system at OT Block of GMC Baramulla.

Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) :- 2.30

Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 200

EMD Amount (In rupees) :- 4600

Time of completion (in days) :- 10

AA Accorded Vide No :- GMC/Bla/2021/2538-44 Dt:- 02.11.21

TS No :- 147 of 11/21

Position of Funds : Available

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from **29.11.2021(18.00 hrs)** and can be downloaded from **29.11.2021(18.00 hrs).**

2. Uploading:- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above website **30.11.2021 (10.00 hrs) to 08.12.2021 (15:00hrs)** in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids :- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on **09.12.2021 at 15.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

No. DIPK-13884/21 Dated:- 29.11.2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

(See proviso to rule 8(6))

Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Somya Jain (Borrower) LBNOD00002007549	C-3/125, Tower- C3, 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1555 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 70.49, 187/- as on November 22, 2021	Rs. 31,00,000/- Rs. 3,10,000/-	December 13, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 03:00 PM	December 23, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
2.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) Sumita Singh (Co- Borrowers) LBNOD00002029333	C-4/121, Tower- C4, 12th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1548 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 67.60, 500/- as on November 22, 2021	Rs. 31,00,000/- Rs. 3,10,000/-	December 13, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 03:00 PM	December 23, 2021 From 11:30 AM Onwards
3.	Dharmendra Kumar (Borrower) Sumita Singh (Co- Borrowers) LBNOD00002030018	D-5/134, Tower- D5, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 60.44, 252/- as on November 22, 2021	Rs. 25,00,000/- Rs. 2,50,000/-	December 13, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM	December 23, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to Onwards
4.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) Anamika Jain (Co-Borrowers) LBNOD00002011506	D-2/134, Tower- D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 53.75, 406/- as on November 22, 2021	Rs. 25,00,000/- Rs. 2,50,000/-	December 13, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 03:00 PM	December 23, 2021 From 12:30 PM Onwards
5.	Mange Ram Jain (Borrower) Anamika Jain (Co Borrowers) LBNOD00002029715	D-2/131, Tower- D2, 13th Floor, Aravali Heights, Sector 24, Dharuhera, Rewari, Area- 1207 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 52.38, 754/- as on November 22, 2021	Rs. 25,00,000/- Rs. 2,50,000/-	December 13, 2021 From 12:00 Noon to 03:00 PM	December 23, 2021 From 01:00 PM Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited.** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **December 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **December 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005** on or before **December 22, 2021 before 05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 8657476284** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/9810029926/01244233933**

Please note that Marketing agencies' **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd.** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

Date: December 01, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
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LS adjourned amid Opp stir over farm issues

DEEPAK K UPRETI ■ NEW DELHI

The Lok Sabha could not carry out any business and adjourned for the day as the Opposition members demanded a discussion on the farm issue with many trooping into the Well of the House holding placards. Speaker Om Birla's repeated pleas to the MPs to restore order cut no ice with the Opposition.

While members of Congress, Trinamool Congress (TMC), Telangana Rashtriya Samiti (TRS) wanted to take up the issue of farmers in the House, the Speaker said he was ready for any discussion if the order is restored in the House.

Amidst slogan-shouting, the Speaker adjourned the House proceedings till 2 pm. When the same drama was played out post-resumption, the House was again adjourned till 3 pm.

At 3 pm leader of the Congress Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury demanded a discussion on issues facing protesting farmers. "We want to run the House smoothly, we want to cooperate..we do not come here for the picnic but to raise problems of common people," he said adding a discussion on farmers issue was not allowed in the House a day before.

At this stage, TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee also stood up

saying his party wanted a discussion even as several members shouted slogans "we want justice" and waved placards saying "do not punish farmers".

TRS members who were in the well of the house raised the demand for paddy procurement by the Central Government.

Meanwhile, 'the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2021.' was also introduced in Lok Sabha in the middle of the ruckus.

Seeing the house continue to be in disorder, the Speaker adjourned it for the day after only 13 minutes of the proceedings.



On the first day of the Winter session on Monday, a bedlam broke out in the House during the passage of the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, as the

opposition demanded a discussion over the bill to which government did not as agree to saying enough has been said in the issue.

FM: Govt to bring new crypto Bill, previous Bill reworked

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Tuesday informed Parliament it has time and again warned people about pitfalls of cryptocurrency and the proposed bill to regulate it has addressed concerns like misuse and money laundering.

Giving this assurance in the Rajya Sabha, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the advisories by the Reserve Bank of India and the Government mentioned about the high risk associated with cryptocurrency.

Several Elders including Narendra Jadhav and Sushil Modi cautioned the Government about youngsters enamoured by cryptocurrency and alleged misleading advertisements on the internet. They also said this currency posed a grave threat to national security and economy as it could be used for money laundering, funding terrorism and drug trafficking.

Fielding questions on this issue, Sitharaman said she had to refrain from speaking more



on it as the bill was likely to come up in the ongoing session. The Minister said the risk of cryptocurrency going in the wrong hands is being monitored. She also said there were extensive discussions on the regulatory capacity of cryptocurrencies and "let's wait for the Bill".

"There were other dimensions and the old Bill had to be reworked and now we are trying to work on a new Bill," she added.

The Government had also listed a similar Bill for the last Parliament Session (monsoon)

but it was not taken up.

"The earlier attempt was definitely to come up with a Bill that the house can consider. But, later, because rapidly a lot of things had to come into play, we had started working on a new Bill. This is the Bill that is now being proposed," she said adding that there was a "genuine attempt" to bring the Bill even during the monsoon session.

The Minister also said cryptocurrencies are unregulated in India and the government does not collect data on transactions in cryptocurrency.

Admiral Hari Kumar takes charge as Chief of Naval Staff

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Admiral R Hari Kumar on Tuesday assumed command as the chief of the Indian Navy here after present incumbent Karambir Singh retired after 41 years of service. Kumar is the 25th chief of the Navy. He was heading the Western Naval command before taking charge of the top job.

Kumar is an alumnus of the prestigious National Defence Academy (NDA). He was commissioned into the Indian Navy in January 1983. In his career spanning over 38 years, he has commanded Coast Guard Ship, Indian Navy ships Nishank, Kora, Ranvir and the Aircraft Carrier INS Viraat.

A Gunnery specialist, he has held several key appointments, including Fleet Operations Officer and Fleet Gunnery Officer of Western Fleet, Executive Officer of INS Vipul, Gunnery Officer (GO) of INS Ranjit and commissioning crew of INS Ranvir.

His shore appointments include Command Gunnery Officer at Head Quarters Western Naval Command, Naval Advisor to Government



Newly-appointed Naval Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar inspects the Guard of Honour during a ceremony at South Block, in New Delhi on Tuesday

of Seychelles, UN Mission in Somalia (UNOSOM II) at Mogadishu and Training Commander, INS Dronacharya. As a Flag Officer, he has served as Commandant of the Naval War College at Goa, Flag Officer Sea Training

(FOST), Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF), Chief of Staff, Western Naval Command, Controller Personnel Services and Chief of Personnel (COP) at Naval Headquarters. He has also served as the Chief of

Integrated Defence Staff to The Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee (CISC) at the critical juncture during the creation of the institution of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and Department of Military Affairs (DMA).

Goa Forward Party MLAs meet Rahul, extend support to Cong ahead of polls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday met two Goa Forward Party MLAs and an independent legislator after they extended their support to the party to defeat the BJP in the Assembly polls early next year.

Goa Forward Party MLAs Vijay Sardesai and Vinod Palyekar and independent legislator Prasad Gaonkar met Rahul Gandhi and alleged that the BJP Government in the State was "corrupt".

Assembly elections in Goa are slated for early next year and the Congress is seeking the support of smaller parties in the state to oust the BJP from power. However, there has been no announcement of a pre-political alliance yet.

The Congress suffered a jolt recently when its former chief minister Luizinho Faleiro quit the party and joined the TMC, along with his supporters. The TMC is seeking to emerge as a political force in Goa, so is the AAP.

KVIC to begin Pashmina production in Varanasi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a path breaking initiative, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has roped in four Khadi Institutions from Varanasi and Ghazipur districts in Uttar Pradesh for processing Raw Pashmina wool and weaving it further into woollen fabric. The Pashmina fabric will be woven in Varanasi from January next year. This is the first ever attempt to introduce the heritage craft of Pashmina weaving outside J&K and familiarise the artisans in the rest of India with this unique art.

According to the KVIC, 20 Khadi artisans from Sewapuri Ashram in Varanasi will be given 30-days training in Pashmina weaving for which 2 master trainers from West Bengal have been roped in by these institutions. These four Khadi Institutions of Varanasi division have started processing of raw Pashmina wool in Delhi. "Nearly 200 KG of Pashmina wool processed in

Delhi will be supplied to artisans in Leh by the first week of December. These Leh artisans will spin the wool by December-end that will be brought to Varanasi for weaving," said Sandeep Singh, Secretary of Krishak Gramodyog Vikas Sansthan, Varanasi. He said the two artisans coming from West Bengal are highly trained in making Muslin which involves ultra-fine weaving which is very much similar to the weaving of Pashmina.

These four khadi institutions taking up the Pashmina Production in Varanasi are: Krishak Gramodyog Vikas Sansthan, Varanasi, Shri Mahadev Khadi Gramodyog Sansthan, Ghazipur, Khadi Kambal udyog sansthan, ghazipur and Gram Sewa Ashram, Ghazipur. These KVIC recognized Khadi institutions have started procurement of raw Pashmina wool from Leh-Ladakh and brought it to Delhi on 15th November for processing that is de hair-

ing and converting it into roving. The roving will be sent back to the Khadi artisans in Leh for spinning, who have been provided with 100 new model charkhas by KVIC.

The development comes after a meeting of Chairman KVIC, Vinai Kumar Saxena with the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur recently where LG informed that around 50 MT raw pashmina is produced in Leh-Ladakh per annum out of which, after cleaning and processing, only 15 MT dehaired wool is actually produced for production of Pashmina wool products. Even in just 15 MT dehaired Pashmina wool, a measure 500 kg quantity, i.e. 0.5 MT only, is utilized in Leh-Ladakh by a few small units for manufacturing of Pashmina products, which is causing loss of employment in Ladakh.

These Khadi institutions of Varanasi have purchased 500 KG of raw Pashmina wool from Leh recently and brought it to Delhi for processing, i.e. dehairing and conversion into

roving. Saxena said, "this move will not only ensure utilization of entire quality of de-haired Pashmina wool of Ladakh but will also open new job opportunities for local artisans and availability of genuine and affordable Pashmina wool products in Varanasi. KVIC will provide online marketing support also to these khadi institutions. This will be a path-breaking initiative as the production of Pashmina would, for the first time, be done outside the J&K and Leh-Ladakh region."

The processing of Raw Pashmina wool at Delhi was launched on 20th November by Chairman KVIC. The processed Pashmina wool would be supplied back to the artisans in Leh-Ladakh. The Pashmina Raw Wool Processing Centre in Delhi will ensure round the year supply of pashmina roving to the artisans in Leh-Ladakh where all activities remain suspended for six months owing to extreme cold.

The All ChangThang Pashmina Growers Marketing Cooperative Society, Leh, from where Khadi Institutions are procuring raw Pashmina wool, has also welcomed the move saying this would support the local artisans of Leh-Ladakh. "We have supplied 500 KG of raw wool to KVIC and any further demand for raw wool will also be met as this would ensure adequate work to the Khadi artisans in Leh-Ladakh and also strengthen the local Pashmina industry," said Thinlay, Secretary of All Chang Thang Pashmina Growers Marketing Cooperative Society, Leh.

KVIC, after one-month training, provided 100 new model charkhas of 8-spindle to the local artisans in 4 villages of Leh-Ladakh to start the spinning activities of Pashmina wool. These villages are: Likir, Saspol, Shakti and Leh city. These 4 institutions from Varanasi division have adopted the artisans and as a special case, have decided to pay Rs 20 per hank spinning charges.

ASSEMBLY POLL BUGLE SOUNDED IN UP

6 Yatras of BJP to cover all 403 constituencies

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

Aiming to invigorate party workers and popularise the schemes of the Narendra Modi and Yogi Adityanath Governments, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has decided to take out six Yatras from different corners of the State that would cover all 403 assembly constituencies of the State and culminate in Lucknow.

The first Yatra will be taken out from December 7 and will be led by senior BJP leaders, including party president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

The decision was taken in the meeting of the election steering committee of the BJP held at the BJP state headquarters in Lucknow on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who attended the meeting along with Central election in-charge of UP and Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan, announced that the Yatras will be taken out from Awadh, Kashi, Gorakhpur, Brij, Pashchim and Bundelkhand regions. Through these Yatras, the BJP will highlight the achievements of the Modi and Yogi governments.

"Massive public rallies will also be held during the Yatras," a BJP leader said.

Ahead of the 2017 assembly polls, the BJP had organised



Parivartan Yatras against the ruling Samajwadi Party government in Uttar Pradesh.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who inaugurated the assembly election steering committee meeting, said that ahead of the 2017 assembly elections, the BJP had gone to the public highlighting the shortcomings of the ruling Samajwadi Party.

"Today, the party has five years of achievements to showcase as a safe environment has been developed by protecting the dignity of all faiths and reli-

gions during the BJP regime in UP. This time too, the organisation has made a detailed outline of its campaigning through its achievements. It has been decided that six Yatras will be taken out from six corners of the state to reach out to the entire population of the state," he said.

BJP state president Swatantra Dev Singh said that the BJP was going to form the government once again by bagging more than 300 seats on the strength of the workers and with the blessings of the people.

Mamata in Mumbai for business, parleys with Opp leaders

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday flew off to Mumbai to attend a business meet in the sidelines of which she will engage in some political parleys with other senior Opposition leaders too, the Bengal Chief Minister said moments before catching her flight.

Banerjee is on a in a three-day visit to Mumbai where she is likely to meet India's industry captains, senior opposition leaders including NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Shiv Sena leaders Sanjay Raut, Aditya Thackeray and others.

The proposed meeting between Banerjee and her Maharashtra counterpart Uddhav Thackeray will not take place on account of the latter's illness, she said adding, his son and Cabinet Minister Aditya Thackeray would meet her instead.

"As Uddhav Thackeray is not well his son Aditya will come to meet me at the hotel where I will stay," Banerjee whose party Trinamool Congress has been projecting as the only alternative to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of the Congress' Rahul Gandhi and other leaders said.

Banerjee who is scheduled to address an industrialists' conference organized by the Young President's Organisation or YPO a US-based global leadership community is likely to invite the attending industrialists to the much touted Bengal Global Business Summit --- Biswa Bangla, sources said.

"Bengal will be the investment destination of India tomorrow," the Chief Minister said adding she will invite investors from all over the country and the world to meet the Biswa Bangla Sammelan.

Meanwhile, reacting to the Chief Minister's Mumbai visit Bengal



Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday said that after winning the elections she has been spending public money on joy trips like the one on Tuesday.

"She is spending Rs 3 crore to fly off to Mumbai ... and for what purpose ... just to explore ways to dislodge the BJP ... for this she will meet the Shiv Sena leaders ... but the problem is why should the Shiv Sena give her so much importance when she has been insulting and harming the Congress but for whos support Uddhav Thackeray would be a former Chief Minister," Adhikari said.

"She is spending corores of tax payers' money to fulfil her own dreams to be the Prime Minister which she can never be ... and on the other hand her Government is withholding the salary and DA of the teachers, medical staff etc," he said.

Bengal BJP president Sukanto Majumdar said that the Chief Minister's attempt would prove to be futile because her party has no base in northern and southern India. "She will only go to Mumbai and meet some retired and tired politicians ... perhaps take them in her party like she did in Goa and then beat her trumpet ... but all this will go in vain as again BJP will come to power," he said.

CASTE CERTIFICATE ROW

Scrutiny panel summons Wankhede to appear before it on December 14

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Having taken cognisance of a complaint by social activist Ashok Kamble against Zonal Director of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Sameer Wankhede that the latter had allegedly used caste certificate through fraudulent means to join the Indian Revenue Service (IRS), the District Caste Scrutiny Committee, Mumbai city, on Tuesday issued summons to Wankhede appear before it for a hearing on December 14.

After verifying documents submitted along with the complainant through his Advocate Nitin Satpute, the District Caste Scrutiny Committee, Mumbai city – as per the powers vested with it under the Rule no 19 (2) of the Maharashtra Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes,

Denotified Tribes (Vimukta Jatis), Nomadic Tribes, Other Backward Category (Regulation of Issuance and verification of) Caste Certificate Rules 2012 notified by the Maharashtra Social Justice and Special Assistance Department -- has decided to look into the complaint against Wankhede.

As part of the inquiry, the District Caste Scrutiny Committee, Mumbai city issued a notice to Wankhede to remain present before it for a hearing at 3 pm on December 14.

In his complaint made before the District Caste Scrutiny on behalf Kamble, Satpute has sought the revocation of Wankhede's Schedule Caste (SC) certificate which the latter obtained by suppressing the fact that he was a Muslim and that he had not disclosed his real caste and

religion while being inducted into the IRS in the SC category.

Along with the complaint, Satpute has submitted the caste certificate issued to Wankhede by the Executive Magistrate of Greater Bombay and a photocopy of the latter's birth certificate. He has also submitted a copy of a petition filed by his client Kamble in the Bombay High Court, seeking to declare as Wankhede's appointment as the NCB's Zonal Director "null and void" on the ground that he had joined IRS under the SC category by "suppressing" the fact that he was a Muslim.

Under the 19 (2) of rules notified by the State Social Justice and Special Assistance Department on August 31, 2012, the District Caste Scrutiny Committee, Mumbai city, will have to complete its scrutiny within six months of the complaint.

V-shaped recovery not yet, sectors of economy still crippled: Chidambaram

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With India's GDP growth at 8.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2021-22, senior Congress leader P Chidambaram on Tuesday said it was not yet a V-shaped recovery and there are sectors of the economy that are still "crippled".

"Let us extend a cautious welcome. It is NOT yet a 'V' shaped recovery. The fine print will bear that out," the former finance minister tweeted.

India's GDP growth slowed to 8.4 percent in the second quarter of 2021-22, mainly due to waning low base effect, but the economy has surpassed the pre-COVID level, official data showed on Tuesday.



"In 2021-22, GDP growth in Q1 was 20.1 percent on a previous year's Q1 growth of -24.4 percent. In Q2, the growth is reported as 8.4 percent on a previous year's Q2 growth of -7.4 percent," Chidambaram noted.

There are sectors of the economy that are still "crippled" and need help and time to recover, he said.

Army man on verge of suicide following torment by Govt officials

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

In what is being seen as an insult to the Inational slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan", bureaucrats and politicians of Kerala have come together to make life difficult for a retired Indian Army officer in the State's High Range region (Idukki district).

Jobi Joseph (52), who was forced to take medical retirement from Army Educational Corps following a road accident, returned to his native town of Mundakkayam with dreams of giving his experience back to the society by generating wealth and providing jobs to farm workers and the hundreds of educated youth in his village. The farming operations he launched in his village saw 15 persons getting round-the-year employment.

After five years of hard work and toiling, Joseph is faced with the prospect of losing his house and farm land to banks as well as the Kerala Government.Bank has issued notice to seize his property for failing to repay the loans which he had availed and Joseph and family may soon find themselves without a roof over their heads. "Bureaucrats starting from agriculture officers, local body leaders and officials in village and taluk officials are tormenting me day in and day out for no mistakes of mine," Joseph told The Pioneer. Why he has not committed suicide is only because of the training he received in Indian Army. "But the bureaucrats and politicians of Kerala are competent enough to melt the confidence and boldness of even the best people," said Joseph.

He took to organic farming in a major way and launched giant gourami fish breeding which would have fetched high prices in the market. "Though there



were no marketing facilities provided by the government departments, I was confident of selling the breeds. But things took a turn for the worse when the departments of agriculture, revenue and police issued me a stop memo ordering to stop all the work on the farm. They alleged that I was into illegal quarrying and mining in the farm land," said Joseph.

This was against all laws in the land, said Joseph. What he did was to prepare the land for farming. "I did not do any quarrying or mining because there was no granite or sand for quarrying and mining in the land. It had some boulders which we removed to dig wells/ponds for fish farming," said Joseph. Despite his heart-rending pleas to the officials, they continue to be indifferent and callous.

The last three years saw four entrepreneurs committing suicide in Kerala, out of which three were Gulf-returnees. "This is in addition to more than 50 farmers who took to the extreme measures because of failed crops and loans which they could not repay in time," said C.R.Neelakantan, engineer-turned social activist and head of Aam Aadmi Party's Kerala unit.

Bodies of 2 young couples found, one hanging from tree, another on rly track

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The bodies of a young couple were found hanging from a tree in Unnao, while the bodies of teenage lovers were found lying on a railway track in Agra on Tuesday, leading the police to suspect that they might have taken the extreme step due to resistance over their relationships from their respective families.

The bodies were sent for autopsy and investigations are underway.

In Unnao, the bodies of a girl and a youth were found hanging from a tree in an orchard in Misri Ganj village under Ajgain police station on Tuesday. The locals informed the police who rushed to the spot and later identified the victims as Saurabh (21) and Kishori (18).

The cops later said that the two were in love but their respective families were against the relationship. The police also found that Saurabh went to Kanpur on Monday and took Kishori with him but a day later their bodies were found hanging, making it appear to be a case of suicide.

In Agra, the bodies of a man and woman with their waists tied with a cloth were found lying on a railway track near Jajau railway station within the limits of Saiyyan police station area on Monday. The duo, in their twenties, seemed to be in a relationship and they had consumed some poisonous substance and jumped from a moving train.

The duo, found frothing from mouth, were rushed to a community health center at Saiyyan from where they were referred to SN Medical College in Agra but the doctors pronounced them dead upon arrival. The man was identified as a resident of Kagarol area in Agra and the woman from Dholpur in Rajasthan. Their bodies were sent for autopsy.

Meanwhile in a separate incident in Gorakhpur, a bride's cousin was beaten to death for stopping the disc jockey from playing music facilitating marriage rituals to continue in the Gorakhnath area on Monday night.

Halal food polarises Kerala society



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Though the Congress had condemned the Sangh Parivar for the latter's "campaign against spitting on food", Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan alleged at Kannur that the grand old party was no different from the BJP and the RSS in spreading controversial issues.

Addressing various meetings organised by committees of the CPI(M) in the district in the run up to the triennial district and State conventions of the party, Vijayan said there was nothing wrong in the concept of halal food prepared, served and sold by the Muslim community all over the world.

"The Sangh Parivar and the BJP are attacking the minority community members on a large scale. This is happening all over the country and they were trying the same tricks in the State," said the Chief Minister.

G Jayapal, general secretary, Kerala Hotel and Restaurants Association, said the controversy was created by vested groups to create rift among communities.

"This is a propaganda targeted against the Muslims and it will have wide ramifications. The day is not far off when Muslims would stay away from Hindu business establishments," said Islamic scholar Mohiyuddin N Karassery who disclosed that he was hearing about the Halal controversy for the first time.

Adding fuel to the fire is the latest disclosures by the Travancore Devaswom Board which controls and administers Sabarimala Shrine that only Halal jaggery was used in preparing the offerings for Lord Ayyappa.

Dalit girl from Mathura kidnapped, raped in Delhi for resisting prostitution bid

PTI ■ MATHURA

A minor Dalit girl from here was allegedly kidnapped and raped repeatedly in Delhi for resisting prostitution bid, police said.

The victim, who was later rescued by her mother, is a resident of a colony falling under Kosikalan Police Station of the district.

"She was repeatedly raped by a youth in Delhi," an FIR filed by the mother of the girl said.

SP (rural) Srish Chandra said while two teams have been formed to nab the offenders, the allegation of delay in registering an FIR and other charges are being probed.

According to the FIR, the minor was beaten and forced in the prostitution in Delhi. The victim was also raped repeatedly by a youth whenever she resisted her captors' prostitution bid, the FIR added.

The victim, somehow managed to communicate her whereabouts to her



mother, who succeeded in getting her released from the clutches of captors, the FIR further claimed.

It is alleged that her FIR under various sections of the IPC, SC/ST Act and POCSO Act was registered against three persons only after the direction of the district police chief.

It is also alleged that the girl was made to sit in a police station for five days.

According to police, while two persons had taken her to Delhi, the girl was handed over to third afterwards.

The medical examination of the girl has been conducted and her statement has been recorded, police added.

No free treatment to those not following Covid norms, says Kerala CM

Thiruvananthapuram: In a move to apparently encourage everyone to get fully vaccinated, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday said anyone not following Covid-19 prevention measures, like vaccination, will not be provided free treatment.

The CM, in a Covid review meeting, said the government will not pay for the treatment of those who become Covid positive without receiving the vaccine, according to a release issued by the State Government.

Those who are unable to get vaccinated due to diseases, allergies, etc. Should produce a Government doctor's certificate, he said.

He further said that the health department has been directed to organise a special vaccination drive from December 1 to 15 in the state and District Collectors have been asked to make preparations for the same.

The CM also said that teachers and staff of educational institutions who have not taken both doses of the vaccine due to any illness or allergies, must produce a government doctor's certificate or they should get vaccinated before taking classes.

If they do not get vaccinated, they will have to get a negative RT-PCR test every week at their own cost, he said and added that these directions were being issued to ensure safety of the students going back to school and colleges.

These directions would also apply to employees working in offices and public places, he said in the meeting according to the release.

Earlier in the day, state Education Minister V Sivankutty said that any teacher who is not vaccinated would not be allowed to enter the campus and would have to conduct online classes. **PTI**

Death toll crosses 40k mark in Kerala due to Covid

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Death toll in Kerala due to Covid-19 crossed the 40,000 mark on Tuesday according to Health Minister Veena George. A release issued by the minister said that on Tuesday 19 persons succumbed to the pandemic and 132 deaths registered earlier were found to be because of Covid-19 and this took the overall death toll till date to 40, 132.

With the number of deaths crossing the 40,000 mark, Kerala became the State with maximum deaths due to the pandemic in South India. "Out of the 59, 254 samples tested during the last 24 hours, it was found that 4,723 new persons were afflicted with Covid-19," said George.

Since the Covid-19 cases remain

unabated, the State administration which ordered the full opening of schools from the second week of December, made it known that all teaching and non-teaching staff should undergo vaccination. This was stated by V Sivankutty, education minister, himself an educationist. Sivankutty's announcement came immediately after the disclosure by the education department that 7,000 teachers and non-teaching staff refused to undergo vaccination because of religious belief.

Though colleges were opened fully last week, most students preferred online classes. Students who are active members of student unions affiliated to various political parties were the only ones to be present in the campuses due to obvious reasons..

Amit Shah's Gandhinagar LS seat to see 'Article 370' cricket, kabaddi tourneys

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The ruling BJP in Gujarat has decided to organise kabaddi and cricket tournaments that will have 'Article 370' in their names in Union Home Minister Amit Shah's Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency, party office bearers said on Tuesday.

While modalities are still being worked out, the name of the tournament has been finalised as Gandhinagar Lok Sabha Premier League 370, and an official announcement of the tournament would be done soon, said Gujarat BJP general secretary Pradipsinh Vaghela.

According to Vaghela, the tournament has been named after Article 370 of the Constitution because it was Amit Shah, the Lok Sabha MP from Gandhinagar, who was instrumental in the abrogation of that provision, which conferred a special status to Jammu and Kashmir.



"Prime Minister Narendra Modi has asked all MPs to organise sports tournaments in their constituencies. Thus, to provide a platform to talented youths, Shah had asked us to host such tournaments in his constituency. We will start with kabaddi and cricket and then take up other sports," said Vaghela.

He claimed people of Gujarat, especially in Gandhinagar, were in love with the term Article 370 because their local MP had tabled the proposal in the Parliament that led to its abrogation.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Family man

It is high time men start participating in a rational conversation about family planning

Not even one among ten men uses condoms in India. Hardly any men go for sterilisation. In contrast, sterilisation is the preferred contraception method among women. Around four in ten women undergo sterilisation. These are some of the revelations of the National Family Health Survey-5 that examines male and female attitudes to safe sex and avoiding pregnancy in India. Women prefer sterilisation over other methods of contraception like pills, injectables and intrauterine devices. In 23 States and Union Territories of the country, condom use is less than 10 per cent. Uttarakhand has the highest condom use at 25.6 per cent. The only silver lining is the use of condoms has gone up by around four per cent since the last health survey. The onus of avoiding pregnancy still falls on women in India. They go through the biological process of bearing a child and giving birth and on top of it are made responsible for ‘family planning’. Male engagement in family planning is extremely limited and dismaying. Given the low condom usage and a negligible number of vasectomies done, men seem to be simply unwilling to share the responsibility of family planning. In rural areas, where lack of education is still glaring and women are unemployed, they often come forward to get sterilised arguing that a vasectomy can weaken their men, the family’s only breadwinners.



Unfortunately, the public health campaigns on family planning engage more with women than men. In both rural and urban India, men often refuse sterilisation, even though it is safe and simple, because of misconception that it affects their virility. Similarly, their ideas of patriarchy and pleasure make them forego the use of condoms. Both men and women are even today ignorant about the need to use contraception, seeing it merely as a tool to avoid pregnancy rather than for delaying or spacing children. The only way to change these perceptions is through interactive national campaigns that make men reassess their attitudes. The Government has to play a proactive role to make men return to the contraception conversation. Memories do not fade easily and people are aware of the dark days of the Emergency when in 1976, about 6.2 million men were forcibly sterilised, around 2,000 died in botched up operations, and police action against protesting victims led to many more deaths. The family planning programme has never been holistic, wavering, in phases, between sterilisation and contraception, birth control and population control, sterilisation of men and sterilisation of women, or linking large families with national instability. In 21st century India, permanent sterilisation can no longer shape the family planning programme. It is not about population explosion either as the total fertility rate has dropped to 2.0 in 2019-2021, compared with 2.2 in 2015-2016. It is about making men and women participate in a rational conversation about planning their families rather than promoting a bureaucratic agenda to control the population.

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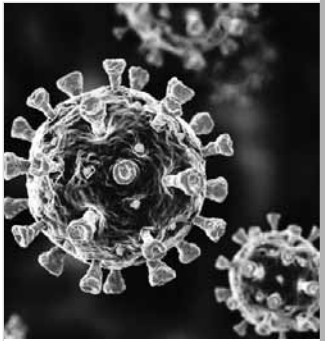
Artist creates a sand sculpture on the eve of the World AIDS Day at Puri beach, Odisha

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Contagion

To stop Omicron from becoming another Delta, vaccines and protocols become utmost important

The unending restrictions are back again as the newest and potentially the most contagious strain of the Coronavirus — Omicron — has caused panic across countries and made them cautious about resuming international travel. While a bunch of countries have detected cases of Omicron, rest have their fingers crossed. The Government has, therefore, issued new guidelines and identified about a dozen “at risk” countries — the UK, South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong, Israel and entire Europe. This comes as a disappointment both to the economy and citizens as international travel was restarted just a few days ago after a hiatus of 20 months. Now passengers travelling from “at risk” countries will have to provide their travel history for the last 14 days and undergo an RT-PCR test on arrival. The findings on the new variant are not much but are enough to arouse fears of a possible third wave which was seemingly avoided.



Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday said that “no case of Omicron has been found in India so far”, however, Omicron could possibly have entered the Indian borders already. India recorded 6,990 new COVID-19 cases, the lowest in 551 days, on Tuesday; but now is not the time to relax. In fact, the discovery of the mysterious new strain gives all reasons to worry and, more importantly, to follow the protocols that have been successfully dodged so far. In light of the new variant, the Government has extended COVID-19 measures till December 31. Therefore, while scientists figure out Omicron’s risk and transmissibility, the public should refrain from heedless travel and diligently follow COVID appropriate behaviour. In order to stop Omicron from becoming another Delta, which wreaked sheer havoc during the second wave, people must realise the danger. However, there are certain factors that can make things go south pretty quickly: our careless tendency towards COVID-19, this being the high time for weddings and festivities and, of course, only about 40 per cent of the population being fully inoculated so far. Therefore, vaccination becomes of utmost importance and the unvaccinated have a good reason to shed hesitancy and get jabbed. The mistake of taking it lightly caused heavy losses last time and whether we allow it to happen again depends significantly on our behaviour.

Democracy would continue to thrive

An autocracy survives when there is no alternative. In a well functioning democracy, this is usually not a problem as a vacuum seldom occurs



PRAFULL GORADIA



Aspersions are being cast in the media that democracy is on decline. Those ignorant of history can only say so. Today, Europe is prima facie democratic; at least to the extent of holding elections. Before WWII, there were mostly autocracies, for example, Germany, Italy and Spain. For most of the 19th century and earlier, democracy was an Anglo-Saxon monopoly. It was inaugurated by England in 1215 with the signing of the Magna Carta or Great Charter by King John at Runnymede in Surrey. All citizens obtained concessions and this was the beginning of the rule of law. Most of the noblemen were present at the signing at Runnymede in the county of Surrey. It began the tradition of the enforcement of the rule of law, which became a big pillar of democracy. All are equal before the law and all are to be treated justly.

The English noblemen had virtually forced the Magna Carta for King John to sign or else his endeavour would have to avoid his signature. Who is normally willing to give up power? Had the noblemen not been gradual and tactful, the King would probably not have signed the carta and there could have been a civil war. Simple measures like the Church shall have full freedom, London city will be free to levy the taxes it used to earlier. All merchants could leave and return to England without harassment or taxation. Mild and acceptable measures were the beginning of modern democracy.

From the early centuries to the end of World War II was a long era of autocracy in most parts of the universe. In Europe, religion usually provided the ideology and monarchs came and went. China was a centralised empire for 22 centuries uninterrupted. India had Muslim monarchs, emperors or otherwise, Europe was dominated by Holy Roman Emperor backed by the Roman Catholic Church based in the Vatican; the Eastern Church was at the back of the Russian Czars. Africa was waking up while South America was

an island with a local king until Spain and Portugal conquered them. Where was democracy? In England and later Great Britain with Canada, Australia and other colonies followed suit when they became independent. So did the USA after 1776.

England, its culture and leaders usually thought about what is fair. Whereas other good cultures were guided by what is right as prescribed by their religion. Yet others were conveniently guided by what is possible, by might or right. Had it been otherwise, King Henry VIII would not have survived on the throne after leaving the Vatican Church merely for annulling his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and marrying Anne Boleyn. The independent Church of England has thereafter followed what suited the interests of England not the presumed wishes of God.

Germany tried democracy called the Weimar Republic between 1920 and 1931 but failed. By May 1945, Adolf Hitler’s regime was roundly defeated. Thereafter, Konrad Adenauer came to power with his Christian Democratic Party; a democratic Government has ruled thereafter. France was ruled by Napoleon III until 1870 when



ANOTHER REASON FOR THE SUCCESS OF DEMOCRACY IS THE VERY SIZE OF THE COUNTRY WHERE A TAKEOVER BY CIVILIANS OR SOLDIERS WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CAPTURE POWER AND HOLD IT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TEST CRICKET IS THE BEST THRILLER

Sir —The true beauty of Test cricket was witnessed after many years, when New Zealand rearguard snatched a thrilling draw in the first Test match against India. Debutant Rachin Ravindra and tailender Ajaz Patel braved the wicked last-session pitch to defy India’s three accomplished spinners Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin at Kanpur’s Green Park. The last-wicket Kiwi batters managed to survive the final 52 balls to deny India for 40 minutes when the umpires finally decided it was too dark to play on. Interestingly, after the drawn Test, the two teams ended up getting four World Test Championship points each.

Cricket lovers were surprised about India’s delayed declaration on the fourth day. Though the Man of the Match Shreyas Iyer explains that there wasn’t much happening on the wicket and India needed a competitive total, maybe around 275-280; which is not digestible to many. Whatsoever, this Test should be remembered fondly as India fielded with a depleted squad, with several frontline players either rested or recuperating. The match proved why this format of cricket is called ‘Test’ and that Test cricket ‘*ka koi jawab nahi*’.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

COVID NORMS ARE FOR LEADERS, TOO

Sir —The Maharashtra Government has issued new guidelines with regard to the new variant of Coronavirus. However, the way Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut’s daughter’s wedding in Mumbai and Maharashtra minister Gulabrao Patil’s son’s wedding in Jalgaon took place in the presence of a large crowd, it raises doubts on the credibility of the Government. There is public outrage about this. But there is no one to take action on it. There is no one to question the wrongdoers because they are the Government. How is the framework of rules not the same for the leaders and the public? Clearly, if your own Government is in power then who is going to take action against you? No one would dare to do that.

Need to look back to move ahead



India is a divine tree that stands tall and offers shade to people of all races, gives fruits of wisdom, teaches ethics and morality and has a culture that is as vast as the history of humankind itself. But sadly, the tree is falling apart and we are just not able to see it. If one was to notice, India is a colourful country that offers traditional yet ultra-modern solutions to even the most complicated problems. Traditionally, our food is such that it nourishes and heals our mind and body and not just fills the stom-

ach. Our traditional music is therapeutic. Today, Raga therapy is used to heal the mind and body as Ragas can calm the nerves. At the same time, they are mighty enough to evoke fire or rain, when performed correctly, of course.

We are blindly running towards the ‘western culture’ which is not tuned for Indian bodies. The western culture is based on materialistic factors while the Indian culture is based on spirituality. We need to understand that spirituality does not mean religion or rituals; it simply means being aware of your mind, body and soul. Indeed we have to adopt certain modern practices to develop economically and otherwise, but we must not forget our roots. If we start living an Ayurveda-inspired lifestyle, many of our health problems wouldn’t even arise. The idea is not to put on a *dhoti* and head to the mountains, but to use the wisdom of those who have already been there and contribute to the betterment of humanity.

Manish Kumar | New Delhi

Those who do not follow the instructions issued in a democracy have no moral right to preach to anyone. It does not suit them. The leaders and Government officials present in the celebrations defy the guidelines that they themselves imposed. This is totally unfair on part of the State Government. They should either roll back the guidelines issued by them if they cannot follow themselves.

Jayesh Rane | Mumbai

STATE GOVT FAILED THE EXAM, AGAIN

Sir — The Uttar Pradesh TET question paper leak scandal has crushed the hopes of candidates who aspired to become teachers in Government’s schools. At a time when Government jobs are scarce and private jobs have enough insecurity, aspirants work hard to get Government jobs for stability in life. But faults on part of the State Government are bent on hijacking the exam by leaking

question papers in order to secure the berth for undeserving candidates in lieu of money. It badly impacts the mental and physical health of aspirants and also decays the administration by promoting corruption.

The Uttar Pradesh Government has failed to conduct the State-sponsored exams time and again and it reflects the ineptitude and level of corruption deeply entrenched in State machinery which also exposes the racketeering nexus. The Government can’t shy away from its responsibilities with false assurance every time such rackets are busted. It’s really shameful that State exams are losing credibility day by day. However, what’s more disgraceful is that no strict action has been taken by the authorities even after taking massive hits on reputation.

Janga B Sunuwar | Bagrakote

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Narendra Modi ji, you are not a sympathiser of farmers, you are a sympathiser of votes.



Congress general secretary — Priyanka Gandhi

If a social media company lets you say something with a mask on, we’ll hold it to account.



Australian Prime Minister — Scott Morrison

I have always spoken against those who go against the country and will continue to speak against them.



Actor — Kangana Ranaut

It’s great to see the young guys come through and perform straightaway on debut.



Team India head coach — Rahul Dravid

The inauguration of an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Gorakhpur will be done next month.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister — Yogi Adityanath



FIRST COLUMN

POLITICALLY, WOMEN CANNOT BE IGNORED

The Indian subcontinent bests the west when it comes to primacy of women in politics



NILOFAR SUHRAWARDY

The patriarchal trend where males get more opportunities to make it to the top is visible even in the most progressive, liberal, and even so-called democratic societies. Ironically, politics is one field where the women of the Indian subcontinent seem to have broken the glass ceiling, more boldly than even in the west. The United States still has to boast of having a lady as its President. India has had women as President as well as Prime Minister. Women have been politically dominant in similar key positions in Pakistan, Bangladesh and also in Sri Lanka. Of course, the United Kingdom, Germany and New Zealand stand out as few countries where women have got opportunities to head their respective governments. Be it Margaret Thatcher from the UK, Angela Merkel (Germany) or Jacinda Ardern (New Zealand), there is no denying that the strong stamp of their distinct personalities could not have been ignored. Their rise could not have been possible without the backing of their parties. However, political charisma linked with their personalities is not solely dependent on their parties but has to do with their individual personalities. The possibility exists that Indira Gandhi may not have joined politics if she was not Jawaharlal Nehru's daughter. Initially, she was viewed



as a "puppet," "dumb-doll" and/or a totally weak politician. But her entry into politics and later her role as Prime Minister led her to be known as the Iron Lady. Incidentally, Sonia Gandhi refrained from picking up political reins immediately after the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. She decided to head the Congress only when intra-party worsened. Her political credentials were untested but she succeeded in helping the Congress-led coalition remain in power for two consecutive terms. She is now the natural "high command" of the party. Priyanka Vadra's entry into politics seemed natural. Initially only her smiles and the crowds attracted by her hit media headlines. But her current moves are scripting a different tale. The reference is to her "broomstick-policy" in the aftermath of the Lakhimpur Kheri violence that gave her credibility as a politician. The political rise of Mamata Bannerjee, Mayawati and the late Jayalalithaa is quite similar. Their initial entry was backed either by their party and/or specific politicians in their domains. Subsequently, however, each moved on to successfully establish their own identities quite successfully. While Mamata rose from the ranks of Congress, she parted company to form Trinamool Congress in 1998. She led the party to oust Left bloc from West Bengal and head the government since 2011. The two names are inseparable — Mamata and TMC. So is the case of Mayawati and Bahujan Samaj Party. The same can be said about Jayalalithaa and AIADMK. Interestingly, the most vocal and eloquent voice of TMC in Lok Sabha is also a woman, Mahua Moitra. Women's political empowerment extends to other parts of the subcontinent. In Bangladesh the two lady prime ministers, Begum Khaleda Zia (1991-96 and 2001-2006) and Sheikh Hasina (1996-2001 and from 2006) have compelled acknowledgement of the importance given to women's leadership. Pakistan had late Benazir Bhutto as Prime Minister from 1988-90 and 1993-96. Sri Lanka gave the world its first woman Prime Minister in 1960 — Sirimavo Bandaranaike. Politically speaking, in the Indian subcontinent, women have carved a distinct niche of their own without being tagged as puppets or as pawns of their parties. Compared to their limited significance in most parts of world, they take the lead here. Against this backdrop, perhaps Priyanka's political message of encouraging entry of more women into politics should not be dismissed as mere rhetoric. (The write is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

Battle to become the aam aadmi of Punjab



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Rejecting the so-called 'Delhi model', the Punjab CM said that the State is witnessing the 'Channi model' which stands for equal opportunities for all

Which party is the true custodian of the aam aadmi (common man) image in Punjab? The million rupee question is playing out in the election campaign as two of the contesting parties-ruling Congress and its challenger Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) are insisting that they are the "real" representatives of the common man, ones battling for the plebeian and have the interest of this section paramount in their scheme of things.

With Charanjit Singh Channi, the self-proclaimed common man from a lower middle class family, who had once sold crackers for Diwali on a cot outside his tent house and was also working full time in the tent business of his father, becoming the chief minister taking over from Amarinder Singh of Patiala royal family, known in political circles as Maharaja, politics has taken a 360 degree turn in the state and the one facing the heat is the original party named on common man-Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).

Not surprisingly, during his election campaign in the state, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said that he had reasons to believe that he has imitators in Punjab and a "fake Kejriwal" is roaming around, making same promises, asking people to know the fake from the real. Kejriwal was referring to Channi as the fake copy though he did not mention anyone by name in his speech.

Ever since he became the chief minister, Channi has been cultivating the image of the aam aadmi with a missionary zeal. He has been stopping at roadside 'dhabas' regularly to have tea with commoners, dancing bhangra to drum beats on the stage at functions, participating in wedding ceremonies and giving 'shagun' to couples, getting photographed with auto-rickshaw drivers, meeting workers, farmers and so on. This has clearly rattled AAP to an extent as it believes that Channi's new image could be problematic to its poll prospects in the state and spoil its dream to come to power.

Sample this: "These days a nakli Kejriwal is roaming in Punjab. Whatever I promise, he announces it the next day but doesn't implement it. Beware of him. Only asli Kejriwal can fulfill what he promises." And more, "In the entire country, only one man, Kejriwal, can bring down your electricity bill to zero. So, beware of that fake Kejriwal," said AAP's national convener, referring to Channi and his promise to bring down power rates by ₹3 across all categories of consumers.

Interestingly, both Kejriwal and Channi were in Ludhiana the same day to sell their USP of common man in the industrial city. Hours before Kejriwal was scheduled to meet the auto and taxi drivers, Channi made a surprise halt at an auto-rickshaw stand to listen to the



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problems of the drivers and got himself clicked with them while sipping tea. This was too much for Kejriwal who was quick to retort, pointing out that he had a pre-scheduled meeting and when the 'nakli Kejriwal' came to know about this, he reached the auto-rickshaw owners' office. "Still, I think fear is good. He may do something out of fear of the real Kejriwal, but he cannot do, because he is 'nakli'," said Kejriwal.

So this asli-nakli (real-fake) war of words continued with Kejriwal attacking the Punjab CM for imitating him (Delhi CM) on promises on electricity tariff. Kejriwal went on to add that former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had also imitated the Delhi Government and declared free bus service for women. But it was incomplete because Captain Amarinder had provided free travel to women only in government buses.

Channi was quick to retort and trained his guns at the AAP supremo, emphasizing that the Delhi Model of Arvind Kejriwal is nothing more than a 'bundle of lies'. "The Punjab government has already taken several path-breaking initiatives to benefit the masses whereas Kejriwal and his company are just making promises for them. I can never be a duplicate of Kejriwal as I can't be as treacherous and cunning as he is," the Punjab CM said. That went slightly off the mark and enraged the AAP leaders who retorted back in

the same coin the next day in their statements.

Rejecting the so-called Delhi Model or the Kejriwal model, the Punjab CM said that the State is witnessing "Channi Model" which stands for equal opportunities for all. "Channi model is in unison with the teachings of the Great Sikh Gurus who have shown us the way of equality and brotherhood. This model is being implemented in the State for its progress and prosperity of its people...and this model will be there till I am in this office," the first Dalit chief minister of the state emphasized in one of his election speeches.

To further consolidate his image of aam aadmi, Channi spent the night at the same Gurdwara, Shaheed Baba Tega Singh at village Chand Purana (Moga) where he had stayed during his cycle yatra in 2016. His spin doctors were quick to point out, "departing from convention, the chief minister chose the Gurdwara sahib for stay at night instead of any hotel, rest house or palatial house of party leader".

Left behind in the race to project him as the aam aadmi, SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal too is trying to catch up with his two aam aadmi rivals-Kejriwal and Channi. He is obliging the selfie-seeking youths and is happily posing for them and hunting for space in the social media to project this image. The image of the common man is difficult to stick with the Badal family as they are considered

as tycoons, having business interests in several sectors, including hospitality, transport, cable and entertainment, etc. However, there is no harm in flowing with the political wind, a SAD supporter says on why the party chief should also project the image of the common man.

While Amarinder Singh kept mostly to his residence and farm house in his second term of office and remained cut off from the people, Channi is doing the opposite. He never lets go of any opportunity to consolidate his assiduously cultivated aam aadmi image and his political advisors say that this is playing out well with the electorate who for the first time in over two decades, have seen a different political persona as the head of the state.

Parkash Singh Badal was a five-term CM, Amarinder Singh held the post for nine and a half years and both of them together occupied almost a quarter of a century at the helm. While Badal believed in distributing largesse through his Sangat Darshan scheme, Amarinder was largely cut off from grassroots, instead depending on his support and advisors to reach out to the people. So, this image of both Channi and Kejriwal is like a breath of fresh air for many in the poll-bound state.

Not surprisingly, there is a fierce competition to emerge as the real champion of the common man and that has become the USP of the election campaign so far.

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THERE'S NO POINT IN RAISING ARTICLE 370 IN PARLIAMENT. OUR DEMAND IS RESTORATION OF STATEHOOD AND ELECTIONS IN J&K. —SENIOR CONGRESS LEADER GHULAM NABI AZAD



ARTICLE 370 IS A LEGACY OF THE CONGRESS. IF THE CONGRESS IS NOT READY TO SAVE ITS OWN LEGACY, HOW CAN IT SAVE OTHERS'? —FORMER J&K CHIEF MINISTER OMAR ABDULLAH

Impact of greenhouse gasses and deforestation on climate

Trees can absorb four tons of CO2 over the course of 40 years. A forest is considered a carbon sink if it absorbs more carbon than it emits

India is the world's third largest producer of renewable energy and the third largest consumer of electricity. As the country advances, the per capita consumption of electricity is likely to rise sharply. Consumption of coal, gas and crude oil is also expected to increase. At present, solar and wind produce less than 13 per cent of the total energy consumed and the rest comes from coal, petroleum, nuclear, etc. Burning of coal, natural gas, and oil to generate electricity and heat is the leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions globally.

Would it be possible to generate all the electricity we need without emitting additional greenhouse gases? India emits 83 per cent of greenhouse



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Additionally, India's population growth will intensify the demand for food, which in turn will necessitate more urea and irrigation, and using the Haber-Bosch process to produce urea will exacerbate greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, it is necessary to switch to less CO2-intensive energy. The developed nations like the US and Western Europe have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through appropriate measures and specific innovations because their research and development budgets are relatively large for this purpose. Obtaining carbon-free electricity will be a huge challenge for India because to achieve zero emissions, all of our electricity must come from non-emitting sources. Solar, wind,



hydroelectric, biomass, and geothermal power can provide energy without causing global warming.

While natural gas plants are running, they need to purchase fuel and the price of fossil fuels does not reflect the cost of climate change in terms of greenhouse gas emissions. Solar and wind energy are intermittent sources. The maximum conversion capacity of solar energy is only 33 per cent. They cannot generate electricity 24 hours a day, so their storage and generation costs

should also be considered. Batteries used in off-grid solar systems can be charged during the day and used during the night. It is a reasonable solution for using solar power throughout the day, but it is also quite expensive due to the costs associated with the battery and its life, which will determine how much it adds to the electricity bill and the public exchequer.

Solar power generation is significantly less in winter than in summer. Solar power and wind energy generation is totally dependent on natural circumstances. Even in bright sunshine and strong winds, production will always be less than the installed capacity due to intermittent shutdowns caused by maintenance. To collect as much sunlight as

possible, we need a large number of solar panels that take up a lot of space, and some roofs are not big enough to accommodate them, so space is also an issue. Location is also increasingly important in solar energy. Our installation needs to be increased many times compared to the current one. Even though nuclear power could be a solution, it is risky and capital intensive.

The main reason why zero-carbon electricity is so expensive is intermittency. Because of this, the state is aiming to generate more renewable electricity by combining solar and wind power with other options like gas-powered plants, which is a necessity for cities and towns. It can be argued that the grid -a single connected network is

the solution, but in practice, this is not feasible, at least in the near future.

To use renewable energy more efficiently and generate carbon-free energy, we must invest more in research and development. Furthermore, issues such as widespread poverty alleviation, education, health, clean drinking water, water for sanitation and job creation require more money to be diverted to address these issues, which in turn can adversely affect investment in research and development. Even if we take into account the government's efforts towards clean energy, new innovations will be required to remove its impediments. Diffusion of innovations requires R&D expertise and also a long period of persua-

sion, decision-making, and implementation that will take a considerable amount of time.

Therefore, conservation, afforestation and sustainable forestry practices are also the most efficient and cost-effective ways to combat carbon emissions.

Trees can absorb four tons of CO2 over the course of 40 years. A forest is considered a carbon sink if it absorbs more carbon from the atmosphere than it emits. Photosynthesis absorbs carbon from the atmosphere. It is then deposited in forest biomass (such as trunks, branches, roots and leaves), in dead organic matter (litter), and in soil and microorganisms. This process of carbon absorption and deposition is known as carbon sequestration.

Omicron was in Netherlands!

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The Omicron variant was already in the Netherlands when South Africa alerted the World Health Organization about it last week, Dutch health authorities said on Tuesday, adding to fear and confusion over the new version of the coronavirus in a weary world hoping it had left the worst of the pandemic behind.

The Netherlands' RIVM health institute found omicron in samples dating from November 19 and 23. The WHO said South Africa first reported the the variant to the UN healthy agency on November 24.

It remains unclear where or when the variant first emerged — but that hasn't stopped wary nations from rushing to impose travel restrictions, especially on visitors coming from southern Africa. Those moves have been criticized by South Africa and the WHO has urged against them, noting their limited effect.

Much is still not known about the variant — though the WHO warned that the global



People wear face mask to protect against the coronavirus at the public transport station Friedrichstrasse in Berlin, Germany on Tuesday

risk from the variant is “very high” and early evidence suggests it could be more contagious.

The Dutch announcement Tuesday further muddies the timeline on when the new variant actually emerged. Previously, the Dutch had said they found the variant among passengers who came from South Africa on Friday — but these new cases predate that.

Authorities in the eastern German city of Leipzig, mean-

while, said Tuesday they had confirmed an infection with the omicron variant in a 39-year-old man who had neither been abroad nor had contact with anyone who had been, news agency dpa reported. Leipzig is in the eastern state of Saxony, which currently has Germany's highest overall coronavirus infection rates.

Meanwhile, Japan and France announced their first cases of the new variant on Tuesday.

Japan confirms first case of new variant

Tokyo: Japan confirmed on Tuesday its first case of the new omicron coronavirus variant, a Namibian diplomat who recently arrived from his country, officials said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary said the patient, a man in his 30s, tested positive upon arrival at Narita airport on Sunday and was isolated and is being treated at a hospital. **AP**

1st French Omicron case on Indian Ocean island of Reunion

Paris: France confirmed its first case of the new variant of the coronavirus on Tuesday as countries around the world scrambled to close their doors or find ways to limit its spread.

The WHO has warned that the global risk from the omicron variant is “very high” based on early evidence, saying it could lead to surges with “severe consequences.” **AP**

Iran strikes hard line as talks over nuclear deal resume

Tehran: Iran struck a hard line Tuesday after just one day of restarted talks in Vienna over its tattered nuclear deal, suggesting everything discussed in previous rounds of diplomacy could be renegotiated.

Speaking to Iranian state television, Ali Bagheri, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, referred to everything discussed thus far as merely a “draft.” It remained unclear whether that represented an opening gambit by Iran's new president or signaled seri-

ous trouble for those hoping to restore the 2015 deal that saw Tehran strictly limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

The United States left the deal under then-President Donald Trump's “maximum pressure” campaign against Tehran in 2018. Since the deal's collapse, Iran now enriches small amounts of uranium up to 60 per cent purity — a short step from weapons-grade levels of 90 per cent. **AP**

Putin warns West: Moscow has ‘red line’ about Ukraine, NATO

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday sternly warned NATO against deploying its troops and weapons to Ukraine, saying it represents a red line for Russia and would trigger a strong response.

Commenting on Western concerns about Russia's alleged

intention to invade Ukraine, he said that Moscow is equally worried about NATO drills near its borders.

Speaking to participants of an online investment forum, the Russian president said that NATO's eastward expansion has threatened Moscow's core security interests. **AP**



Taliban kill, abduct dozens of ex-officers

Kabul: Taliban fighters have summarily killed or forcibly “disappeared” more than 100 former police and intelligence officers since taking power in Afghanistan, Human Rights Watch said in a report. The group pointed to continuing retaliation against the armed forces of the ousted Government despite announced amnesty.

Taliban forces have hunted down former officers using government employment records and have targeted those

who surrendered and received letters guaranteeing their safety, the report said. In some cases, local Taliban commanders have drawn up lists of people to be targeted, saying they committed “unforgivable” acts.

“The pattern of killings has sown terror throughout Afghanistan, as no one associated with the former government can feel secure they have escaped the threat of reprisal,” Human Rights Watch said in the report. **AP**

Barbados bids farewell to British monarchy, becomes republic

San Juan: Barbados stopped pledging allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II on Tuesday as it shed another vestige of its colonial past and became a republic for the first time in history.

Several leaders, dignitaries and artists, including Prince Charles and Rihanna, attended the ceremony that began late Monday in a popular square where the statue of Britain's

Lord Nelson was removed last year amid a worldwide push to erase symbols of oppression.

Fireworks peppered the sky at midnight as Barbados officially became a republic, with screens set up across the island so people could watch the event that featured an orchestra with more than 100 steel pan players and numerous singers, poets and dancers. **AP**

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8.	Biresh Kumar Singh, Chandrakala Singh, H NO 196-A, G-2 Block, Gali No 1, Delhi, Jai Vihar Najafgarh A/c:-LBDEL00004157002	Flat No 859, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 7,00,063/-	31/12/2020	
9.	Sweta Saxena, Ramesh Chandra Saxena,manish KAKKARB152, Dayanand Colony, Lajpath Nagar-iv, 3rd Floor, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00001957727	Flat No.-P5-04D, 3rd Floor SRS Pearl Floor Pocket- P5 Village Baseliwa, Sector-87	31/07/2021 Rs. 6,93,487.6/-	31/12/2020	
10.	Buland Akhtar, Shahnaj Ansum, Flat No B-256, Block-B, LIG Flats, Sec-19, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00001692983	Flat No B-256, Block-B, LIG Flats, Sec-19, Noida	04/08/2021 Rs.7,78,491/-	31/01/2021	
11.	Bhagat Singh Gosain, Sharda Gosain, Samir Dass, Mirdul Enterprises, A-6 Sec-57, Noida A/c No:-LBDEL00000778492	House No- 44 A, Abhay Khand - I, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.6,72,786/-	31/12/2020	
12.	Sanjeev Das, Manju Das, H.No-744 Sector-23-A, Gurgaon, A/c:-LBGUR00000745244	Plot No. 744, Sector-23-23A Urban Estate Gurgaon	31/07/2021 Rs.7,01,376/-	31/01/2021	
13.	Pradeep Kumar Tyagi,poonam Tyagi, SK-III 558 UGF, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL000002086054	Plot No-558, Ground Floor Shakti Khand- 3 Indrapuram Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.7,93,194/-	31/01/2021	
14.	Preeti Gupta, Shobhit Bajaj, Flat No-473 First Floor Sector-18b, L And T Quarters Shree Niwas Appt Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:-LBNO000002184431	302 G-1A Samridhi Apartment, Sector-18B Dwarka Near Sector-12 Metro Station. Delhi	04/08/2021 Rs. 6,66,255/-	31/01/2021	
15.	Manoj Kumar,sunita., A-1/720 Plot-08 Sec 1 Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004342316	Flat No 720, 7th Floor, Tower A1, Supertech Eco Village 1, Plot No 8, Sec 1, Noida	14/07/2021 Rs.6,70,307/-	31/01/2021	
16.	Manoj Kumar, Sunita., A-1/720 Plot-08 Sec 1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004342324	Flat No 720, 7th Floor, Tower A1, Supertech Eco Village 1, Plot No 8, Sec 1, Noida	14/07/2021 Rs.6,53,250/-	31/01/2021	
17.	Mahender Kumar Gupta, Monika Gupta, 75/1, Chitra Vihar, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00004563271	Plot No 75, First Floor Chitra Vihar Pincode 110092 Delhi	04/08/2021 Rs. 8,18,564/-	31/01/2021	
18.	Rajesh Pandey, Sushila Pandey, Jaco 4/12, Nova 2nd Floor, Shipra Suncity, Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00001466900	JA CO4/12, Nova, 2nd Floor, Shipra Sun City Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.619865.01/-	31/01/2021	
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20.	Jitendra Singh Gupta, Sangeeta Gupta, 787 Gaan Lok Colony, Saray Nasrulla, Khurja, A/c:-LBNO000004657171	Flat No 10002, 10th Floor, Tower A, Gaur City 2, 14th Avenue Plot No GC 14 GH-03, Sector 16C, Greater Noida, Noida	23/07/2021 Rs. 6,67,995/-	31/01/2021	
21.	Subhash Chand, Rekha, Flat No- F-801 Btp Princess Park, Tigoan Road, Sector 86, Khneri Kalan 113, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDFB00005130245	Flat No F801, Sec-86 BPTP Princess Park Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs. 5,19,001/-	06/02/2021	
22.	Mohit Gupta, Raj Kumar, F- 2603, Neta Ji Nagar, New Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00003477052	Flat No 603, 6th Floor, SC 02C Ajnara Khel Gaon Sports City-Tower P P-27, Greater Noida, Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 5,36,744/-	06/02/2021	
23.	Deepak Malik, Nisha Malik, K-105, Kumar Residency Plaza, Sector-11, opp. MCD Office, Near Nagar Nigam office (opp), Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBGHZ00001747100	Plot No-778, Sec-3, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 5,14,885/-	11/01/2021	
24.	Siddharth Budhiraja, Samta Budhiraja, 146 Bavigton Drive Fenham, New Castle Upon Tyne, UK, United Kingdom, A/c:-LBDEL00002295613	Plot No. PGH000145 Green Crest Home Jaypee Greens Sports City, G B Nagar, Noida	31/07/2021 Rs. 4,43,333.8/-	31/01/2021	
25.	Rishikant Bhardwaj, Sandeepa Bhardwaj, D-98 1st Floor Sec-52 Noida, Noida, A/c No:-LBNO000002061940	Flat No 1503, Floor 15th, Buddh Circuit Studios-II, Tower-2, Jaypee Greens Sports City East Noida Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,85,830/-	11/01/2021	
26.	Krishna Kumar, Rekha, E-81, Sector-22, Noida A/c No:-LBNO000001361522	Flat No-S-2, Plot No-S-1/93 (SF Front Side LHS) DLF Dilshad EXT-2, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.5,03,187.84/-	31/01/2021	
27.	Munish Jamwal, Yoginder Singh Jamwal, Monika Jamwal-281, 3rd Floor, Sector-8, R.K. Puram, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00001821674	Flat No-10, Block-2, 5th Floor, GH-6, The New- CRPF Co Operative Group H.SO.Ltd, Sec-9 Gurgaon	04/08/2021 Rs. 12,77,898.3/-	31/01/2021	
28.	Arvind Kumar Pandey, Neetu Pandey, H No C 20/ 19 Sec 71, PS Sector 24 The Dabri, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Noida, A/c:-LBGUR00003243913	Janta Flat No 19, 2nd Floor Block No C-20, Sai Apartment, Sec 71, Gautam Buddha Nagar	14/07/2021 Rs. 4,62,153/-	31/01/2021	
29.	Shantanu Ghosh, Niyogi Jayita, Flat No-A- 503, Exotica, East Square Appt, Ahinsa Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBGHZ00001824526	Flat No-KM-56-1101,kosmos Jaypee Green, Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,64,703.8/-	31/01/2021	
30.	Biresh Kumar Singh,chandrakala Singh, H No 196-A, G-2 Block, Gali No 1, Delhi, Jai Vihar Najafgarh A/c:-LBDEL00004157006	Flat No 859, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.4,30,804/-	31/12/2020	
31.	Ajay Chhangani, Aarti Ajay Chhangani, P3B-073 Princeton Estate, DLF Phase-5, Gurgaon, Haryana A/c:-LBGUR00002905571	1404 14th Floor, Tower N,the Palm Drive Sector-66 Haryana Gurgaon 122001, With Parkinf Space U-N-13 & L-N-13	25-06-2021 Rs. 4,26,931/-	31/01/2021	
32.	Abhishek Sharma, Santosh Rawat, Flat No. 704, Gaytri Apartment, Sector-45, Hansi, A/-LBDFB00001661095	Flat No-203, 2nd Floor, P.NO.GH-20 The Bharti CGHS Ltd Sector-21C, Part-III Faridabad	04/08/2021 Rs.6,12,931/-	11/03/2021	
33.	Manjeet Singh, Indrajeet Kaur, B-5 Krishna Awas R-5/120, Raj Nagar Sector-5, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00001173589	B-14, Jal Nigam Colony, Raj Nagar Sec-1, Near Telephone Exchange, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,20,268.12/-	31/01/2021	
34.	Deepak Khandelwal, Deepti, H. No E 8 Partly Ward No 14, Dayal Bagh Vill-lafarpur, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBGUR00005336276	House No E-77, Dayal Bagh Colony, Suraj Kund, Faridabad	03/07/2021 Rs. 3,73,211/-	09/01/2021	
35.	Amarendra Kumar, Chandra Mukhi, 471, Paschimabad J.n.u, Delhi, Delhi/ A/c No:-LBDEL00001104826	H.no.752, Sarswathi Puram, Jnu, Delhi	03-07-2021 Rs.4,39,216.61/-	31/01/2021	
36.	Satendra Singh, Arpna Singh, B 082 Meadows Vista, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBGHZ00002983769	Flat No 082, 8th Floor Tower B Meadows, Vista Village, Morla Parganadasna, Jalallabad, KH No 240, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 4,58,147/-	31/01/2021	
37.	Arvind Kumar Pandey, Neetu Pandey, H No C 20/19 Sec 71, PS Sector 24 The Dabri, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Noida, A/c:-LBGUR00003243906	Janta Flat No 19, 2nd Floor Block No C-20, Sai Apartment, Sec 71, Gautam Buddha Nagar	14/07/2021 Rs. 3,95,551/-	31/01/2021	
38.	Sonia Pant, Yogesh Pant, H No 615 Ground Floor, Near ESI Hospital Sec 9, Gurgaon, A/c:-LBGUR00002495142	Flat No 201, Omaxe Enclave Omaxe Panorama City Homes Bhiwadi	23/07/2021 Rs.3,65,669/-	06/02/2021	
39.	Pushpendra Kumar, Somlata, 1268 Sanjay Kaloni, Arthala, Ghaziabad,ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00002979300	Flat No B54-01, Ground Floor, Aasra Type-2, UPAPV, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.9,68,552/-	31/01/2021	

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : December 01, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited


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MIT No : 69/SIIDCUL/2021
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALLOTMENT OF COMMERCIAL PLOT AT INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PANTNAGAR
SIIDCUL invites bids from interested bidders for allotment of Commercial plot admeasuring area 73210 sqm for setting up Commercial Mall/Multi-purpose Business Centre at Integrated Industrial Estates Pantnagar. The bidders must furnish complete information as per the procedure laid down in the bid document. Detailed bid document can be downloaded from website of SIIDCUL www.siidcul.com or www.uktenders.gov.in from 02.12.2021 to 22.12.2021. Further any corrigendum regarding the bid shall only be published in website only. Interested bidders can only submit the complete bid document on e-tendering website www.uktenders.gov.in on/ before mentioned due date i.e 22nd December, 2021 and time 14:00 hrs.

MANAGING DIRECTOR


King George's Medical University U.P.
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226003
Ref. No. GEM/2021/B/1714860 Dated: 29-11-2021

Custom bid Inviting Notice
Custom bid on Gem portal are invited under 02 bid Systems (technical & Financial) for the Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of Jonson Make 04 Nos Passenger Lift for the period of 3 Years at New Girls Hostel King Geroge Medical University U.P. Lucknow. The Original Manufacturer and their authorized Indian Agnecy/service provider can apply on the terms and condition as per custom bid documents. Short details can be viewed at kgmu.org & detailed will be available on GEM portal.


Executive Engineer
(Electric/Mechanical Department)


PROVISION OF VOIP BASED CONTROL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
E-Tender Notice No. - N-2021-15 dated. 25-11-2021. E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the works. **Tender No. N-2021-K16, Name of the work:** Provision of VOIP based control communication system. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,46,36,098.00. **E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 17-12-2021.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 17-12-2021 in website www.ireps.gov.in. **Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Kathihar**
NORTH EAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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SECOND CORRIGENDUM TO e-Tender Call Notice (e-TCN) To: MD/ACCTS/WK-R-5/2021/1195 Dt. 25.10.2021 as amended after pre-bid meeting Dt. 10.11.2021
Name of the Work : “Supply of 01 no Pilot Launch on Hire for Three shifts operation per day along with operational crew for a period of five (05) years”. Estimated cost:Rs. 8,54,98,433/- excluding fuel cost & GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 1530 hours on Dt. 14.12.2021. Technical Bids shall be opened at 1530 hours on Dt. 15.12.2021. For details, please log on to the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.
Dy. Conservator
PPT/PR/124/2021-22, Dt.30.11.2021


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Letter No. 919 Tender Notice Dated : 30.11.2021
Office of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance Chilla (Pauri- Garhwal), invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Chilla Power House:
T-21/EEM/2021-22:-Annual General Cleaning of different places , Officers Club, Guest House, Substations, Central Store and Tube well premises etc. at Chilla Power House, Chilla.
T-22/EEM/2021-22:- Miscellaneous Stationary Items at Chilla Circle Office. Estimated Cost - Rs 5,91,272.00(Taxes Extra)& Rs 1,55,901.00(Taxes Extra) Date of availability of Tender document on website -01-12-2021 (17:00 Hrs) Date of Receipt of the tender -22-12-2021 upto to (11:00 Hrs)
For all details, bidders are advised to visit our website www.ujvn.com
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बिलासपुर दिनांक 27 / 11 / 2021
निविदा सूचना
मेडिकल गैस वर्ष 2021–22
निविदा कार्य का नाम सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर हेतु वित्तीय वर्ष 2021–22 में मेडिकल गैस (ऑक्सीजन, नाईट्रस ऑक्साइड एवं कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड) क्रय किये जाने हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाना है।

Indian economy grows 8.4% in Q2

New Delhi: India's GDP growth slowed to 8.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2021-22, mainly due to waning low base effect, but the economy has surpassed the pre-COVID level, official data showed on Tuesday.

The GDP growth in April-June quarter this fiscal stood at 20.1 per cent. The Indian economy had contracted by 24.4 per cent in April-June last year.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had contracted by 7.4 per cent in the corresponding July-September quarter of 2020-21, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

The government had imposed a nationwide lockdown at the onset of the

COVID-19 pandemic last year. This year, a massive second wave of the pandemic hit the country in the middle of April, which forced states to impose fresh restrictions.

However, the economy has now surpassed the pre-COVID level.

In value terms, the GDP stood at ₹35,73,451 crore in July-September 2021-22, higher than the Rs 35,61,530 crore in the corresponding period of the 2019-20 financial year.

The GDP had shrunk to ₹32,96,718 crore in July-September last year during the nationwide lockdown.

GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in April-September 2021-22 (H1 2021-22) is estimated at ₹68.11 lakh crore as

against ₹59.92 lakh crore during the corresponding period of previous year, showing a growth of 13.7 per cent in H1 2021-22 as against a contraction of 15.9 per cent during the same period last year.

According to the NSO data, gross value added (GVA) growth in the manufacturing sector accelerated to 5.5 per cent in the second quarter of 2021-22, compared to a contraction 1.5 per cent a year ago.

Farm sector GVA growth was up at 4.5 per cent, compared to 3 per cent growth earlier. Construction sector GVA grew by 7.5 per cent compared to a degrowth of 7.2 per cent earlier. Mining sector grew by 15.4 per cent, as against a contraction of 6.5 per cent. **PTI**

Govt debt at 62% of GDP; capable of repaying liabilities: Minister Chaudhary

New Delhi: Central government debt is estimated at about 62 per cent of GDP for this fiscal and it is capable of repaying its liabilities, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Parliament on Tuesday.

"Increasing the buoyancy of tax revenue through improved compliance, mobilisation of resources through monetisation of assets, improving efficiency and effectiveness of public expenditure etc are the important measures initiated by Government to control the fiscal deficit and the debt burden," he said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Government debt is held predominantly in domestic currency, he said, adding, "Government is capable to repay its debt." **PTI**

New Bill on cryptocurrency to be introduced after Cabinet approval: Sitharaman in Rajya Sabha

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the Government is working out a new Bill on cryptocurrency which will be placed in the ongoing session of Parliament after approval of the Union Cabinet.

The ongoing winter session is scheduled to end on December 23.

Replying to a series of questions in the Rajya Sabha, she said the new Bill takes into account the rapidly changing dimensions in virtual currency space, and incorporate features of the earlier Bill that could not be taken up.

The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, has been included in the Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part II for the introduction in the ongoing winter session.

The Bill seeks to create a facilitative framework for the creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Bulletin said.

It also seeks to prohibit all private cryptocurrencies in India, however, it allows for certain exceptions to promote the underlying technology of cryptocurrency and its uses.

"Yes, last time (monsoon session) there was a Bill but subsequently because there were other dimensions... That Bill has been reworked. And in a way the bill which is coming now is a new Bill. But, never mind, the work done on that Bill have all been taken on board here," the Minister said.

Sitharaman the government had "genuine intent" to bring the Bill even during the last session. **PTI**

Banning all crypto unwise move: ORF report

New Delhi: With an estimated 15 million Indians holding digital currencies, cryptocurrencies need to be regulated like any other financial asset and it would be unwise for India to ban private crypto assets when it has the ability to capitalise on it, a study released by Observer Research Foundation (ORF) said on Tuesday.

The Indian crypto asset industry has witnessed exponential growth over the last five years. An estimated 15 million crypto-asset holders have put in Rs 660 crore in these crypto asset holdings.

India now has two crypto unicorns and over 350 crypto startups in what is clearly a flourishing industry.

The report said the country is well placed to capitalise on the opportunity that crypto-assets present due to its expanding private crypto market. **PTI**

Sensex succumbs to fag-end sell-off as Omicron worries haunt global markets

Mumbai: Equity indices surrendered early gains to close in the red on Tuesday, mirroring the nervousness in world markets about the impact of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus on global economic recovery.

A depreciating rupee and unabated foreign fund outflows further weighed on sentiment, traders said.

After rallying over 900 points in intra-day trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex pared all gains to settle 195.71 points or 0.34 per cent lower at 57,064.87.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 70.75 points or 0.41 per cent to 16,983.20 -- closing below the 17,000-mark for the first time in three months.

Tata Steel was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, tumbling 3.87 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank, Bajaj Auto, M&M, Bharti Airtel, Reliance Industries, IndusInd Bank and Maruti.

On the other hand, PowerGrid, Titan, Bajaj Finserv, Nestle India, Bajaj Finance and Infosys were among the gainers, jumping up to 3.43 per cent.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said domestic indices started the session on a strong footing amid optimism in global mar-

kets following the US President's announcement that lockdowns are currently off the table.

"However, the optimism was quickly substituted with a sudden sell-off in the domestic market as global equities slipped into negative territory following Omicron experts' advice to be cautious. Defying the market trend, IT and healthcare stocks along with mid and small caps traded with gains," he noted.

Global markets spiralled lower after drugmaker Moderna's CEO Stephanie Bancel warned that COVID-19 vaccines are unlikely to be as effective against Omicron as they have been against the Delta variant.

Domestic investors also remained on the sidelines ahead of the release of GDP numbers.

"Markets will first react to the GDP numbers in early trades on Wednesday and the auto sales will also start pouring in from December 1. Needless to say, the excessive news flow around the new COVID variant would keep the volatility high. "Keeping in mind the scenario, it's prudent to continue with hedged positions until the markets stabilise," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking.

Unemployment rate at 9.3% in Jan-Mar 2021: NSO survey

New Delhi: Unemployment rate for all ages in urban areas rose to 9.3 per cent in January-March 2021 from 9.1 per cent in the same month of the previous year, showed a periodic labour force survey by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

Joblessness or unemployment rate (UR) is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force.

The UR for in CWS (current weekly status) in urban areas for persons of age 15 years and above was 10.3 per cent in October-December 2020, the ninth Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) showed. **PTI**

TRADE SHOW FOR HOME PRODUCTS INAUGURATED

Greater Noida: HGH India 2021, 10th edition of trade show for home products with trade visitors from over 460 cities and towns across India, being organised for the first time in Greater Noida at the India Expo Centre was inaugurated by Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary Textiles, Government of India. Upendra Singh said, "The Government has approved two new schemes: PLI for textiles and mega textile parks." GNIDA CEO Narendra Bhooshan was the guest of honour on the occasion. Arun Roongta, MD, HGH India, said, "We aim to get the industry back on track."

RIICO faces NGT wrath

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has come down heavily on the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) for its failure to discharge its duties regarding upgradation of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) Bhiwadi industrial area and setting up STPs. The tribunal has also directed to impose Environmental Compensation of ₹2.5 Crore on RIICO and other state agencies for the damage to environment. It is shocking to learn that state exchequer would bear the cost of negligence shown by the RIICO officials.

LIC honours olympics, paralympics winners

New Delhi: The life insurance corporation of India (LIC) has recognized athletes who have represented India at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. "The performance of the Indian athletes at the Tokyo Olympics was very impressive," LIC stated in a statement. The country has won seven medals, including a gold medal, thanks to them.

On behalf of lic, not only the gold, silver, and bronze medalists were acknowledged, but also the 4th place finishers who fought valiantly but fell short of winning. Performances were held in the participants' hometowns, and senior lic dignitaries awarded the players with monetary prizes and awards.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order to further upgrade the passengers' facilities, in continuation to replacement of First ICF (IRS) rakes of New Delhi - Dehradun Janshatabdi and New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi in August 2021 into LHB rake, Northern Railways has further decided to replace balanced lnd ICF (IRS) rakes of 12055/12056 New Delhi - Dehradun Janshatabdi and 12057-12058 New Delhi - Una Himachal Janshatabdi into LHB rakes from the following dates:-

Train No. & Train Name	Existing Composition of 2nd ICF (IRS) rake	Revised Composition of Both the rakes with LHB Stock	Date w.e.f. (Originating Station)
12056/12055 Dehradun - New Delhi - Dehradun Janshatabdi Express	2 nd Class Chair Car Cum Brake Van-2 2 nd Class Chair Car-7 AC Chair Car-4 Total = 13 Coaches	2 nd Class Cum luggage & Break Van with Disabled Friendly Compartment-1, 2 nd Class Chair Car-9, AC Chair Car-4, Break, Luggage cum Generator Car-1, Total = 15 Coaches	Ex. Dehradun : 03.12.2021 Ex. New Delhi : 04.12.2021 Ex. New Delhi : 03.12.2021 Ex. Una Himachal : 04.12.2021

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vikas Bhatnagar, Archana Bhatnagar, Maxamus Pharma Pvt Ltd, Pradeep Chawla, Vikas Bhatnagar, Maxamus Pharma Pvt. Ltd 315 Sarja Mkt 3rd Flr, Naharpur, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00002129290	Plot No-12, Block No-A-2 Second Floor Paschim Vihar, Delhi, Delhi	08-07-2021 Rs. 47,02,159/-	31/01/2021
2.	Harsh Kumar, Harish Kumar, Balaji Tours & Packages Pvt. Ltd, Hansu, Bina Devi, Flat No- 9515 Ff S/f Duplex Sec-C PKT-9, Vasant Kunj, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00002009029	Flat No-9515 Duplex FF & SF, Block-C PKT-9 Catego, Vasant Kunj Delhi, Delhi	21/04/2021 Rs. 43,41,911/-	31/07/2020
3.	Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Bhupesh Mahajan, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, 90/12, Lower, Ground Floor, Malvia Nagar, A/c:-LBDEL00005317157	Flat No B-63, 6th Floor, Modest Ketki Co-operative Group Housing Society, Plot No 8b, Sector-11 Dwarka, Delhi	08-07-2021 Rs. 27,68,000/-	11/01/2021
4.	Amit Kumar, Juhi Tiwari, Amit Kumar, Cs 6 1308 Superitech Capetown Sector-74, Uttar Pradesh, A/c:- LBNO00003134801	Commercial Property No-522, 5th Floor Block-C, Esquire, Hotshot Developer Pvt Ltd, Plot No C-02, Sector-96, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	08-07-2021 Rs. 29,85,925/-	31/12/2020
5.	Charanjeet Dhanjal, Sandeep Dhanjal, Charanjeet Dhanjal, Flat No 85 GF DDA Flats Madipur, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00005032728	MIG Flat No:- 139-D, Third Floor Pocket -AG-1 Vikas Puri, Delhi, Delhi	08/07/2021 Rs. 23,56,158.8/-	31/01/2021
6.	Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Bhupesh Mahajan, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, 90/12, Lower, Ground Floor, Malvia Nagar, A/c:-LBDEL00003163987	Flat No B-63, 6th Floor, Modest Ketki Co-operative Group Housing Society, Plot No 8B, Sector-11 Dwarka, Delhi,	08-07-2021 Rs. 5,79,516/-	11/01/2021
7.	Sartaj Alam, Aftab Alam, Hypnotique, Nazneen, T 23/6 DLF Phase 3, Gurgaonharyana A/c No:- LBGUR00003396736	Plot No-20,ROAD S 19, Dlf City, Phase-III, Road No-III, Gurgaon Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 1,87,68,793/-	31/01/2021
8.	Shiv Kumar Jatia, Archana Jatia, Shashi R Jatia, Hyatt Regency, Bhikaji Cama Place, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002442446	Plot No-B-50 Gulmohar Park Zone F-3 Masjid Moth Delhi 110049	28/07/2021 Rs. 1,55,84,037/-	07/06/2021
9.	Dhiraj Kumar, M/s Air Guru Travel Solutions Pvt Ltd, Shilpa Shrivatsava, Madhusudan Prasad Srivatsava, H No-163 First Floor C-C-bloc Khari Nagar, A/c No:- LBDEL00005057084	Plot No-3, Tower-D Flat No-101 First Floor, Sector - 23, Dwarka, Delhi	12/07/2021 Rs. 1,55,42,193/-	12/01/2021
10.	Ajay Chhangani, Aarti Ajay Chhangani, P3B-073 Princeton Estate, Dlf Phase-5, Gurgaon, Haryana A/c:- LBGUR00002093045	1404 14th Floor, Tower N, The Palm Drive Sector-66 Haryana Gurgaon 122001, With Parkinf Space U-N-13 & L-N-13	25-06-2021 Rs. 1,40,68,351/-	31/01/2021
11.	Sanjay Kapoor,airvoice Aviations Pvt Ltd, Anamika Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor, B-241 Sector-26, Uttar Pradesh, A/c:-LBDEL00002447141	House No-S 569, Front Portion 3rd Floor, Greater Kailash Part II, Delhi	08/07/2021 Rs. 1,42,45,328/-	31/01/2021
12.	Panache Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd., Mohd. Razi Shakir, Anil Kumar Rana, Panache Exhibitions Pvt Ltd, G/66 2nd Floor, Sha Kalindi Kunj Road Shaheen Bagh, Abdul Fazal Enclave 2, Jamia Nagar, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004560874	Flat No-B028, 2nd Floor Tower-b, ATS Bouquet Plot No-A 2/2, Sector-132, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh	17/07/2021 Rs. 86,68,683/-	06/03/2021
13.	Kumar Prashant,Mani Bandana, E 50 First Floor, Sec 57, Sushant Lok Ph 2, Gurgaon, A/c No:- LBGUR00004132131	Unit No 101, 1st Floor Iries Tech Park Sohna Road Sector 48, Gurgaon	11/08/2021 Rs. 81,48,151/-	31/08/2020
14.	Raghavendra Naik, B D Arpitha, C-9 Kailash Colony, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002365536	Flat No 1202, 12th Floor Tower C-01 Krrish, Ibiza Town Sector-39, Faridabad, Faridabad	11/08/2021 Rs. 78,69,456/-	31/12/2020
15.	Poonam., Jagdish, Naresh Kumar, House No 481 Near Lal Kuaa, Jharsa, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGHZ00004364495	Flat No 1546, HIG, Housing Board Colony, Sec 31,32 Gurgaon Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 70,40,235/-	06/03/2021
16.	Vipin Kumar, Davender, Krishna Devi, House No-151 J-Block May Field Garden, Gurgaon Haryana A/c No:- LBDEL00005133691	Showroom Room-1397/29, Situated At Plot No-245R, Bata Showroom, Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 61,60,864/-	31/12/2020
17.	M/s Universal Journeys India Private Limited, Geetanjali Alamshah, Journeys & Destinations India Private Limited, Stephen Alamshah, Flat No 1108/6 Devika Tower, Nehru Place, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002082106	office Space No-DPT 534 Parking No-PB1001, 5th Floor Block-F, Prime Tower, Plot No. 79 And 80 Okhla Industrial Area Ph-1, Delhi, Delhi	17/07/2021 Rs. 63,41,264/-	11/02/2021
18.	Kishor Jacob Mundamattom, Aarathyananth., Flat No 33 Pocket-3 Akshardham Apartment, Dwarka Sector 19, Delhidelhi A/c No:- LBNOD00004839248	Flat No-1003, Floor No 11th, Tower B3, Shree Vardhman Gardenia Phase-2 Sector-10, Sonapat, Haryana	17/07/2021 Rs. 56,79,617/-	06/03/2021
19.	Lalit Jaiswal, Unistem Bioscience Private Limited, Kangan Jaiswal, 124, Sainik Farms, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBGUR00002441944	Blb 154, 15th Floor, Along With Parking Space PB 2049, PB 2050, Belaire Dlf City Phase V Gurgaon	23/07/2021 Rs. 52,81,616/-	06/03/2021
20.	Gaurav Mangla,santosh Kumari, Flat No 250 Bharat Apartment, Sec-13 Rohini, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00003704714	Flat No-250, Second Floor, Sector-13 Plot No-20, Bharat Apartments The Bharat CGHS Ltd Rohini, Delhi	31/07/2021 Rs. 44,58,972.3/-	31/10/2020
21.	Gaurav Talwar, Sakshi Talwar, 39 Chitrakoot Apartment East Arjun, Nagra Shahdara, North East Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL000030888830	Flat No-23262, 26th Floor Tower-23, ATS Picturesque Reprieves Phase-1, Plot No-SC-01, Sector-152, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 43,45,151/-	11/01/2021
22.	Navaid Ur Rehman, MD Naem, Iffat Gulamabbas Sayied, Sharjah Islamic Bank, PO Box No-4 Sharjah Uae, Sharjah A/c No:-LBGHZ00002539542	Flat No. A 006, G Ground Floor, Casa Grande, Plot No 7A, Sector Chi-V, Greater Noida	17/07/2021 Rs. 48,95,523/-	31/08/2020
23.	Bipin Chhetri, Rebecca Chhetri, Flat No 1409, M Regalia Heights, Shipra Suncity, Ghaziabad Indira Puram A/c No:-LBGHZ00002922171	Flat No: 904, 9th Floor, Tower A, Meghdutam Encore Sports City, Plot No GH-05, Sec-Adjoining Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Noida	17/07/2021 Rs. 43,24,264/-	06/03/2021
24.	Vinod Kumar,tripiti Kumari, H No 54 Top Floor Rajapur Uttam Nagar, Delhi, 110059, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00005151568	Flat No-704, Tower-C-1, 7th Floor, Vardhman Gardenia, Sonapat	27/07/2021 Rs. 42,67,774.9/-	31/10/2020
25.	Archana Mishra, Avinash Mishra, House No 852 Sector 23, Faridabad, A/c:-LBNO00002206648	Flat No 1011, 10th Floor, Tower F, Piyush Heights, Sector 89 Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs.40,50,857/-	31/12/2020
26.	Lalit Jaiswal, Unistem Bioscience Private Limited, Kangan Jaiswal, 124, Sainik Farms, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBGUR00002441894	BLB 154, 15th Floor, Along With Parking Space PB 2049, PB 2050, Belaire Dlf City Phase V Gurgaon	23/07/2021 Rs. 42,16,530/-	06/03/2021
27.	Ranjay Kumar Bharti,rita Devi, 226 Yakubpur Noida, Sec 86 Phase 2, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida A/c No:- LBNO00004883068	Flat No 86-B, First Floor, Block-MIG Sector-93, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 40,87,622/-	11/01/2021
28.	M/s Lark Logistics Private Limited, Sharad Chandra Goel, Vikram Goel, Nalini Goel, 55 Mezzanine Floor Community, Centre East of Kailash, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00005325330	Unit No-C 43, Second Floor, South Extension Part 2, Delhi, Delhi	23/07/2021 Rs. 40,32,035/-	31/01/2021
29.	Suresh Ramaya, Lalit Kumar, House No-882, Sector-37, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDEL00003372384	Plot No-881, Second Floor, Sector-37 , With Roof And Terrace Rights, Faridabad Haryana	17/07/2021 Rs.37,93,281/-	31/10/2020
30.	Amit Singh Daga, Vinita Daga, DBM Marketing India Pvt Ltd, 33/5 Gardenia Street Vatika City, Sec-49 Sohna Road, Gurgaon Haryana A/c No:- LBGUR00001967058	Flat Bearing No- Primrose EF-12/3012, Third Floor, Vatika City Sec-49, Gurgaon, Haryana	04/08/2021 Rs. 37,64,578/-	31/01/2021
31.	Vijay Govind, Nidhi Garg, E 1404 Proviv Laboni, Crossing Republi, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:- LBGHZ00002919266	Flat No-E-1404, 14th Floor, Block-E, Proviv Laboni Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 35,20,399/-	31/01/2021
32.	Vijay Kumar Khatri, Suman Rana, M/s. A P Hospitalities, M/s. Aryan Car Rental Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Aryan Tour And Travels, Geeta, Anil Kumar Rana, Flat No. 801, Gh-3, Airport Authority Ghs, Sec.-47, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBDEL00001972787	Shop No UG 003 Upper Ground Floor Malibu Shopping Arcade Malibu Towne Sohna Road, Haryana	17/07/2021 Rs. 36,46,399/-	31/01/2021
33.	Subhash Chand, Rekha., Flat No- F-801 BPTP Princess Park, Tigar Road, Sector 86, Kheri Kalan 113, Faridabad, Faridabad, Faridabad A/c:- LBFDB00002906010	Flat No F801, Sec-86 BPTP Princess Park Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs. 33,66,155/-	06/02/2021
34.	Vijay Lakshmi Tacker, Tacker Technologies Pvt Ltd, Ashok Tacker, 801 Royal Retreat-1, Charmwood, Village- Surajkhand, Faridabad, A/c:- LBNOD00002039551	Commercial Space No-107, 108 And 109, First Floor Eros Garden, Charmwood Plaza Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad, Haryana	31/07/2021 Rs. 40,08,414/-	30/09/2020
35.	Sunil Raisinghani, Sumita Raisinghani, Flat No-22 SFS Rajori, Apartments Opp. Govt Of India, Delhi, Press Rajori Garden Delhi, A/c:-LBNO000002095764	Flat No-v - 905, 9th Floor, Tower V, Plot No - 01, Logix Blossom Greens, Sector 143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 33,01,122/-	04/01/2021
36.	Sweta Verma, Rahul Verma, B 401 Plot 4 East Avenue Apptment, Ahinsha Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00002416727	Flat No 1701, 16th Floor, Block C, Aarcity Infrastructure Regency Park, Plot No Gh 03B, Sector 16C, Greater Noida, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 34,82,143/-	11/02/2021
37.	Shobhit Alagh, Yashpal Alagh, C-13/65, Ground Floor, Rohini Sec 3, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00005150678	Property No-79, Third Floor With Roof Rights, Pocket - 5, Sector - 22, Rohini, Delhi	27/07/2021 Rs.34,91,152/-	31/12/2020
38.	Ram Chander, Rahul Kumarflat No 2/13 Rites Flats, Near Water Tank, Ashok Vihar Phase III Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBNO00004844639	Flat No-2003, Floor No-20 Tower-E, Plot No-GC-3G/GH-03 Aishwaryam, Gaur City 2, Sector 16c, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 32,12,163/-	31/01/2021
39.	Ruby Sinha, Vikash Kumar Sinha, 189, 2nd Floor, Near Dav Public School, Faridabad, Faridabad A/c No:- LBDFB00002215059	Unit No-L1-15-SF, Park Elit Floor-II, Parkland Faridabad, Faridabad	27/07/2021 Rs. 32,60,905/-	31/01/2021
40.	Suman Lata, Sumit Garg, Neena Datta, A4-2104 Saviour Greenisle Crossing, Republik Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00004960006	Flat No-1502, 15th Floor, Block B, Gardenia Square Crossing Republik, Plot No-06, Village Dundahera, Ghaziabad	27/07/2021 Rs. 32,35,239/-	31/12/2020
41.	Tuhin Sinha, Shalini Sinha, 672 Psb Society Plot No 8, Sector 49 A Chandigarh, Chandigarh A/c No:- LBNO0000221896	Flat No, 3002, 30th Floor, Tower KRH-19, Prescent Homes, Jaypee Greens, Noida, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 31,52,823/-	11/03/2021
42.	Sanjay Bhatnagar, Vandana Bhatnagar, Flat No 235, Plot 22, Shruti Appt, Sec 7, Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002513056	Flat No 606, 6th Floor, Plot No GC-7/GH-01, Sector-04, Gaur City-1, Block A, Greater Noida, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 32,25,530/-	31/07/2020
43.	Varun., Ashok Kumar, 1-s Q Jantar Mantar, Road Ndmc New Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBNO00005075463	Flat No-916, Floor 9 Hazel, Block-2 Jasmine Grave Khas Village, Mehroli	14/07/2021 Rs. 30,34,409/-	06/03/2021
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45.	ERN Prasad, Anuradha Talwar, H N P 37 Rashtriya Indian Military, College Garhi Cantt, Uttarakhnad A/c No:-LBGUR00002396268	Unit No H/A/ 202, S F Tower-H, Beethovens- 8 Sector 107, Gurgaon, Haryana	13/07/2021 Rs.3190661.81/-	01/10/2021

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SUMIT SINGH GANDHI

CAT ANALYSIS 2021



The CAT 2021 first cut analysis is out. The surprise was in the number of questions we saw. 66 total questions which is a 10 questions reduction from CAT 2020 and that provided a good time for the students to give a better performance.

Overall the exam was doable not very tough when compared to 2020 with DILR was a little time consuming and lengthy. VARC was more inference based. Overall it had 66 questions and I am proud this is what I had predicted and our students gave 6 practice mocks of total 66 questions in last two months.

CAT 2021 tested students on speed, logic and analytical skills, a sincere student with well rounded preparation of concepts and a good practice of mocks would make their way to the IIMs. CAT tested students on their actual knowledge instead of mere guesswork. The reduction in questions from CAT 2020 helped students have a better time allocation and not have a crisis.

It was an exam with No twist it was all planned well prepared students should be able to outperform, data interpretation and logical reasoning section was a little difficult and time consuming, we saw the changes in reading comprehension passages with

dominance of inference based questions. But this wouldn't affect the overall criteria for a student selection in IIMs.

Negative marking existed for the multiple choice questions; 1/3rd ie 0.33 negative marks. Type in the answer questions didn't have any negative marking similar to the CAT 2020.

The exam was not very difficult, it was manageable provided your concepts were clear. CAT has always been an ardent lover of concepts and logic than calculations, speed and time when compared to other competitive exams.

Feedback from some of the students after the CAT 2020:

“The paper was overall easy, pretty much similar to CAT2020. Thankfully the verbal section went off well to kickstart the exam on a good note. What was surprising was to see no conventional data interpretation questions like the tables, graphs and pie charts. The exam has been as per the expectations so hoping to get good results and making all proud. Awaiting for IIM-A” – Nikhil

“The paper was very structured but lengthy and time crunching. VARC was time consuming with concerns with the inference based

questions in all Reading comprehensions not many factual questions. LR/DI was the trick section set selection was the key so now let's hope for the best.” – Shreya

“A not very tough paper, overall moderate with verbal coming only from 3 areas of RC, parajumbles and inference based questions. DI section was time consuming but manageable. Overall moderate difficulty level so hoping for some good result” – Sumeet

Sectional Analysis:

Overall Difficulty: Moderate to Difficult

VARC 24 Questions: Reading comprehension was dominated in the verbal section. There were 4 passages with 4 questions each. More inference based questions and not factual, there were close options too so it needed little focus while solving.

TITA Verbal ability was overall easy. 3 questions on parajumbles, 3 questions on parasummary, 2 questions on odd one out. The odd one out was tougher than always.

Overall a happy day for students who know their basics and have preached their books with building conceptual clarity and like Rahul Sir always says “Success comes to those who work for it. Keep working hard

and you will see the results!” The exams in terms of difficulty level were very close to our real CAT exams and closest to RC 19.

For an in-depth analysis on each section, overall cut-off, which colleges to apply and how to gear up ahead stay tuned to the CATKing Youtube Channel.

Those going in for Slot 2 and 3, Stay confident and just give the best shot at it. Would recommend all students to relax, chill and take a break. You have worked real hard for the exam and done your best. Now let the karma play its role and come back with a bang for the series of exams lined up ahead, one day one exam can never give an idea about one's aptitude nor decide your career path.

Slot 2

Overall easier to last year. The paper has done good justice to the time management and attempts with the 66 questions. Selection of questions will be important just like CAT 2021.

Sectional Break up: Verbal (24 Qs), DILR (20), Quants (22) questions.

VARC was more inference based with reading comprehension topics coming from the recommended reads. DILR was easier than 2020, last

year we saw it increasing with every next slot, no such surprise this year. Selection played a key role in cracking this section, games and tournament and the graph based questions were very easy to tackle, the third one based on online food delivery ratings was moderate.

Quants was focussed on Arithmetic, Geometry and Algebra, modern maths felt missing.

Overall it had 66 Questions and it was on the lines this was on the lines of Real CAT Mocks and students gave 6 practice mocks of total 66 questions in last 2 months, RC 31, 28 seemed well connected to the students for VARC, DILR.

Slot 3

Overall the exam was doable and not very tough when compared to 2020. VARC was more inference based, but had reading comprehension passages all from the predicted topics. DILR was moderate in difficulty terms but felt a little time consuming and lengthy. Quants was tougher than the Slot 1 and 2.

Negative marking existed for the multiple choice questions; 1/3rd ie 0.33 negative marks. Type in the answer questions didn't have any negative marking similar to last year.

The writer is CEO, Director CATKing

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

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SRM and GoI disseminate key findings of NFHS 5 for TN & Puducherry

PNS ■ KATTANKULATHUR



School of Public Health, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC, Kattankulathur) was awarded the prestigious National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS) projects in 2018 for Tamil Nadu and Puducherry (II Phase States).

On November 24, 2021, the Government of India (GoI) released the key findings of the survey after the successful completion of 14 states of the second phase by Dr V K Paul, Member Niti Ayog and Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

NFHS-5, the fifth in the NFHS rounds, provides information on population, health, and nutrition for India.

The main objective of each NFHS is to provide robust data on health and family welfare and emerging issues in this area to help direct policies at the central and local levels. This round includes some new topics like pre-school education, disability, death registration, menstrual hygiene, and abortion.

Alienation leads to unpleasant human experiences

Consequences of child neglect would cause aggression, depression, self-harm, negative academic performance, absconding, and school and college dropouts, says NAMAN JAIN

A very interesting and challenging topic for discussion as the need of the hour is to do with alienation leading to child aggression, violent behaviour and relationship violence. Alienation is the unpleasant and awful form of human experiences caused due to neglect and isolation or detachment and separation. Consequences of child neglect would cause aggression, depression, self-harm, negative academic performance, absconding, and school and college dropouts.

Relationship violence is a form of abuse and it could be emotional, mental, physical, verbal, financial, sexual and social. It can be between intimate partners, parent-child, siblings, teacher-student, employer-employee etc. When a parent for example, deliberately neglects their child and causes them emotional harm and stress, it is a form of relationship violence.

Consequences of Relationship Violence

◆**The Snowball Effect of Relationship Violence**

A child who has been neglected and/or abused but never got the chance to resolve carries that trauma for life. Parents who had a difficult childhood, often carry forward negative learned behaviours and may become neglectful and abusive to their own children or become abusive partners. These are examples of the snowball effects of relationship violence.

Social issues such as child neglect and abuse, drug abuse, dowry deaths, and domestic violence are all, one way or the other, can be termed as the consequences and larger form of these unrest and disturbances that are rooted in violence, often learned when one is young.

◆**The Socio-Economic Cost Effect**

Any kind of aggression in the society will have its impact on nations as we invest on health, child health, women empowerment, legal, judiciary and other systems of civil obedience to settle, retain and maintain peace for all. There is enormous cost involved globally in our efforts to eliminate violence and establish peace in most of the regions.

It is worth reiterating that relationship problems lead to mental health which is a big public health problem too. Health care cost affects and impacts economies of the nation in a big way. Other socio-economic costs also include the cost that we incur to protect the safety and security of our society and nation from external violences.

◆**The Role of Stakeholders**

Alienation leading to violence as stated is a complex issue that requires multi stakeholder intervention. Parents, friends, relatives, teachers, colleagues, celebrities, media, businesses and governments, all come under the scope of this.

◆**Parents**

Role of the parents in upbringing their ward is fundamental and indispensable. It is better to be seen and experienced by the child than said as the parents are expected to be responsible for this. Respecting the diversity of children in the same home not getting swayed by what their parents' parameter of success is something we all need to be mindful about. The onus of having a well-balanced relationship with their ward rests with the parents first in building the character for the personal and academic well being of the children; especially during pandemic. Parents are expected to be serious in knowing the role

of a role model and play their role accordingly to ensure each other's intervention is complementary and result oriented.

◆**Teachers**

Educators being mindful in helping the positive development of the child's mind through counseling and individual attention on them to inculcate character building, resilience, goal setting, etc. can help in shaping the behavior, attitude and approach of the children towards their personal and professional life, relationship with elders, families and society as a whole.

This coupled with frequent and tactful awareness sessions with parents on the dangers of neglecting child support can work wonders, for sure. Sensitising the children with the value systems, cultural heritage, historical glory, positive effect and influence of legacy, inheritance of past generations has to be made part of the curriculum of teaching and learning for building awareness in children on the impact of societal ecosystem.

◆**Relatives and friends**

Next best to their parents and teachers, significant adults as relatives and members of the family play a crucial role. Their intervention in grooming and mentoring the children and youth. This would work very well as a strategy to give children the opportunities to navigate, accept and accommodate regrets and uncertainties in life in a big way when they grow.

◆**Governments**

Most of the time it is reactive in terms of creation of policies, guidelines, rules and orders when it comes to the involvement of Governments as stakeholders to address these problems in the society. It is the need of the

hour to make it a proactive measure in this direction. Through policies, legislation and strengthening the ecosystem for supports and services for those impacted by social issues like the ones discussed here, governments can make a big difference. They can also bring diverse sectors together and encourage collaboration and collective action.

◆**Industry**

Ongoing industry trends also give pressure on children turning out to be poor learners and decision makers. For example, the entertainment industry is a very big influence on children of all ages. For the last couple of decades children who were madly connected with cyber cafes were addicted to playing games for hours together.

Some of the studies by the American Psychological Association (APA) state that when neglected or left to fend for themselves for long, many children try to entertain themselves through video games etc. While some studies say there is no link, there are others that say it can lead to short/long term aggression.

Complex issues such as neglect and abuse can be effectively and proactively addressed by cross-sector collaboration, investment of resources for services and supports for children and families and active involvement of families in the lives of their children.

Let's all take responsibility and contribute to working towards creating a society having equal respect for all and be part of the global effort of establishing peace in our homes and in the world.

The writer is Education Policy Expert and Director at Silverline Prestige School-Ghaziabad

Decoding scholarships for international education

There has been a recent surge in students aspiring to study abroad. The factors responsible for this recent phenomenon of a stellar rise in international university applications pertain to the healthcare infrastructure, stay back facilities provided, growth in the Indian economy and variety in the course offerings by the International Universities.

Despite such facilities, there rises one major constraint that does pull down the Indian aspirants and their parents is the financial burden.

One must acknowledge that studying in most countries worldwide is not affordable unless the student and parents are aware of and benefit from the scholarships and financial aid facilities for international students in the targeted destination.

Most of the top International Universities provide scholarships based on the remarkable achievements along with academic performance consistency.

This fact gets more evident on studying more available scholarship databases.

Six top scholarships for undergraduate studies

◆**Rhodes Scholarship:** allows a monetary benefit of 15000 pounds annually for the first two years of study. The

scholarship is offered by Oxford University.

◆**Tata Scholarships:** for Cornell University allows a monetary benefit of complete tuition fees coverage and other financial needs during the study tenure.

◆**Danforth Scholars Programme:** allows a monetary benefit of either full tuition fees/50 per cent tuition fees or a monthly stipend of 2500 US dollars depending on the financial need of the student's course.

◆**Nanyang Scholarships:** allows a monetary benefit of entire tuition fees, 6500 Singapore Dollars as living allowance, 2000 Singapore Dollars as accommodation allowance 5000 Singapore dollars as travel allowance for the overseas programme and 1750 Singapore Dollars as computer allowance.

◆**Boston University Presidential Scholarship:** allows a monetary benefit of 25000 US Dollars per annum.

◆**Karsh International Scholarship:** allows a monetary benefit of complete tuition fees.

The mentorship is necessary for figuring the right resources and exceedingly for the student's time management, who already has too much on the plate.

The writer is Ankit Kapoor, Co-founder & Director, Pratham Test Prep

Great Learning's Advanced Certificate Programme in Sales

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Great Learning, a part of BYJU's group and a global Edtech company for higher and professional education, has launched an Advanced Certificate Programme in Sales. Designed by seasoned industry experts and Great Learning mentors, it provides freshers, junior sales personnel and other early-stage working professionals an

opportunity to fast track their career in sales. The programme will also provide learners with dedicated career assistance in terms of interview and resume preparation, career guidance, job opportunities, and interview guarantee.

The 15-week online programme takes a structured approach, delivering a 360 degree understanding of B2C sales to the learners, anchoring

on areas like customer relationship, pricing, sales strategies, negotiation, analytics and key techniques to make a successful sale. It also covers aspects of managing a sales team effectively while addressing key aspects such as monitoring, motivating, and managing a team of sales people.

The objective of this programme is to help young professionals pick up critical skills required in sales, so

that they are able to differentiate themselves and become eligible for higher paying and better quality sales roles.

Hari Krishnan Nair, Co-founder, Great Learning said, "The digital era has created a new set of skills that all sales professionals will have to quickly master in order to succeed. While there is no dearth of sales roles, there is also an increasing shortage of well trained sales professionals."

JK LakshmiPat University celebrates 2nd Management Guru Day

PNS ■ JAIPUR

In order to pay tribute to the legendary management guru and Padma Shri awardee Dr Pritam Singh on his birth anniversary, JK LakshmiPat University (JKLU), Jaipur held its second edition of the Management Guru Day. The virtual event remembered the immense contribution of Dr Singh as a board member right from the inception of the university and also felicitated the George F Baker Professor of Administration and 11th Dean of the Faculty, Harvard Business School Dr Shrikant M Datar for his exemplary achievements in the field of management.

Dr Singh, who died in June, 2020 due to cardiac arrest, served as independent director in several private companies and was a former director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Lucknow and a former professor and dean of IIM-Bangalore. Besides serving the board of JKLU, he was also associated with Hero MotoCorp Ltd, Godrej Properties Ltd and Parsvnath Developers Ltd.

Dr Datar was felicitated with a trophy and citation in a live webinar that witnessed over 300 plus attendees across various platforms. The programme started with screening of JKLU film followed by a showcasing the glimpses of Dr Pritam Singh's associa-

tion with the University.

In his address on Design Thinking & Innovation, Dr Datar spoke about the importance of innovation, developing innovation skills and nurturing innovative mindset. He highlighted the importance of establishing a connection between the operational world and innovation world, which is a combination of routine and curiosity, much-needed for innovation to take place.

He shared a 4 step process of Design thinking and innovation which included human centered approach, problem framing, ways to ideate and innovation mindset.



If you are passionate about animals and want to protect and learn more about them, there are several opportunities in wildlife conservation, says DR MUKESH KWATRA

CONSERVE YOUR FUTURE

As more and more species are becoming extinct, it creates a heavy impact on environment. More than 99% species are now extinct. 15 species were declared as extinct in 2020 itself according to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). In order to conserve wildlife species, immediate actions need to be taken before we run out of time. With the current rate of at least 100–1,000 times, the rate of species extinction and the decline in the size of species is higher than nature has intended.

A career in wildlife requires a lot of attention and hard work and should only be followed by those who are passionate about animals and who want to protect and learn more about them. Government agencies, Wildlife NGOs's, and some others related to the field, provide opportunities to have a career in wildlife conservation.

Wildlife Conservation
Wildlife Conservationists work to preserve ecosystems and maintain biodiversity. They not only prevent endangered species but also help to prevent wild forest fires and preserve natural resources like soil and water.

Indian Forest Services
Indian Forest Services (IFS) Officer is like a Wildlife Conservationist who primarily ensures implementation of National Forest Policy and is employed by the Government.

Wildlife Biologist
As the impact on the world due to human activities keeps growing continuously, a career as Wildlife Biologist requires work like gathering, analysing and interpreting data of animals and its habitats including disease, genetics, behaviour and pollution impact to improve habitat conditions in order to conserve wildlife. An individual applying for this field should not only be able to understand information mentioned in the scientific studies but also should be efficient enough to handle wild animals, work with acid and infected blood.

Wildlife Manager
Students wanting to pursue this career must have an interest in biodiversity and should strive to protect natural resources. The job of a wildlife manager consists of maintaining and manipulating the humans or wildlife habitats to produce benefits not only for the public in general but also for the

To become an IFS officer, you need a Bachelor's degree with at least one of the subjects like Science, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Math, Physics, Statistics and Zoology

animals. A wildlife manager should apply and formulate solutions to problems related to wildlife habitat management.

Wildlife Educator
Educators play a vital role in the field of wildlife conservation as they provide information about wildlife to the youth. A wildlife educator has a career of teaching in schools and universities about aspects related to the environment which covers the geographical conditions of the location of wildlife, their habitat and more. Students wanting to apply for this career should have good communication skills and the ability to work with children.

Outreach Specialist
Professionals in this field use economic and conservation principles to help in restoring and maintaining wildlife. These professionals mostly interact with industries, citizens, private and corporate landowners to assist them with wildlife management. Individuals need to have critical thinking abilities to be able to do well in this field.

Public Relations
Specialist in this field interprets wildlife researches and conservation programmes in order to exhibit it to others. The job includes creating brochures and websites, writing articles and news releases, speaking at public gatherings or conversing through media.

Wildlife Consultant
A career as a wildlife consultant is a full-time job. Professionals in this field need to assist in fields, habitats, conduct surveys, observe wildlife and do many more tasks. Consultants need to follow rules laid down in National environmental policy and ensure quality environments.
One of the tasks of a wildlife consultant is to settle impacts made due to various actions proposed on the environment.

GIS Specialist
Specialists in this field work with geographic information systems. The task of a GIS specialist is to interpret data and put forth policy and management recommendations regarding wildlife and its habitat. Individuals wanting to apply to become a GIS professional should have a background in computer science and have knowledge about programming as they are used to create tools.

Students interested and passionate towards any of this field should pursue it based on their interest and qualifications. They need to obtain a Bachelor's degree in a subject related to this field like Wildlife Biology, Marine Biology and Zoology followed by a Master's degree in Wildlife Biology and Conservation and get certified as a Wildlife Biologist.

To become an IFS officer, you need a Bachelor's degree with at least one of the subjects — Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Science, Botany, Chemistry, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Zoology, Agriculture, Forestry or Engineering from a recognized university and then you need to clear the IFS examination conducted by UPSC annually.

The writer is founder of Smiling Tree

Blend skill development with education

Educators are helping students possess skills that go beyond jobs and technology and last a lifetime, says ROHAN PARIKH

They say that children learn a lot in their formative years while their memory, attention span, and language skills develop. However, during their growing years, children need the right guidance that will help them identify and nurture these innate skills. But a lot also depends on a child's temperament and personality to understand these skills and work towards honing them. During these impressionable years, schools and teachers play a vital role in discovering their interests and enhancing their skills.

In a world that is constantly transforming, it is this young generation that is going to usher in a new era of change and sustain it. For that, skill development is vital. So, let's explore various ways to carry out skill development at the school level and the importance of developing skills from a young age to have a future-ready workforce.

Gone are the days when education was limited to the pages of a book and students memorised information solely to pass an examination. Educators are pushing the envelope and helping students possess skills that go beyond jobs and technology – and will last them a lifetime. Here are some of the reasons why skill-based learning has become imperative in schools.

Identify specific future-ready skills in children: Education needs to evolve if it has to accommodate students with an enhanced skill set. Students must learn certain skills that will help them easily adjust and blend into the workforce of tomorrow. In this case, teachers can identify what the child needs and accordingly tailor the educational needs of the students.

Encourage students to be more creative: Students need to be pushed out of their comfort zones and motivated to think out-of-the-box. This will foster an environment of creativity and inspire them to try new things and share their creative thoughts with others. In this way, children also come together to discuss and share their ideas, knowledge, interests, etc.

Make communication an essential part of their journey: The new age of learning includes bringing new concepts to the table and exploring them.



Rohan Parikh
MD, The Green Acres Academy,
Schools by The Acres Foundation

However, children need to be taught the art of communication, which can prove to be useful in their growing up years. Teachers must encourage students to communicate their thoughts and ideas more clearly and without any hesitation.

Introduce a student-led learning approach: To embrace an effective student-led learning approach, schools need to understand that in student-based learning, the students are at the core, and not the educators. Students must have a say in making the classrooms future-ready as well as be more involved in technology deployment decisions.

Make students think on their feet: In this day and age, where things are moving at an accelerated pace, quick thinking and adapting to a situation has become the need of the hour. Thus, these skills need to be ingrained in students, so that they learn how to deal with an emergency with their prompt thinking and adaptability skills.

Inspire students to take calculated risks: Every new or creative thing brings with it a certain set of risks. But students should be motivated to experiment with new ideas and different thought processes. Instead of fearing failure or making mistakes, students delve deeper into their thoughts and make the most of these opportunities for growth.

Those who see the universe as an expression of God's consciousness and who love and worship all of creation are true religious leaders. They are those who perceive the unity behind the diversity. However, today, many inexperienced people twist the meanings of scriptural statements in order to exploit the gullible and naive. Religions and spirituality are supposed to be keys that open our hearts and help us view the world with compassion. However, blinded by selfishness, man has lost his power of discrimination. He has used the very same key intended to open his heart to lock it shut. He has used it

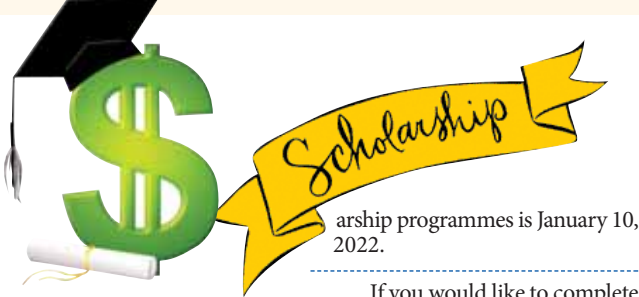
for creating more darkness. Four people who had gone to a conference had to spend the night together on an island. It was so cold, everyone felt frozen to the bone. All four of them had matches and kindling with them. Yet each thought he was the only one who had them. The first man thought: "The locket hanging from the other man's neck means he belongs to another faith. Why should I light a fire for him?" The second thought, "That person belongs to an enemy country. They are always fighting with us. I will never use my matches and wood to warm him!"

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The third person looked at the man sitting next to him and thought: "I know this guy. He campaigns against my religion. I'll never let my fire warm his body." Thus, without making a fire, all froze to death. In reality, the cause of death wasn't exposure; it was their cold-heartedness. While today the world is facing the hardships of the coronavirus pandemic, humanity is also being plagued with other forms of disease — the diseases of selfishness, greed, anger and jealousy. We urgently need a medicine that can transform anger into compassion, hatred into love and selfishness into magnanimousness, etc. Here, faith and spirituality are the solution. A community is comprised of individuals. It is the conflicts in our minds that manifests externally as war. When a transformation takes place in the human mind, society changes automatically. We should try to cultivate love and peace in our

hearts. We have to put in that effort. Nations around the world spend trillions of dollars on the military and defence. When it comes to war, we have such intensity and focus. Why don't we put just a fraction of that money and effort towards creating world peace? National Defence is essential. But the greatest security comes through implementing spiritual values in our lives. If we want to confront the internal enemy, we have to find and wield an internal weapon. We are surrounded by millions of people who are poor and hungry. In fact, hunger is our greatest enemy. Hunger is

what transforms people into terrorists, thieves and murderers. It is hunger that turns women into prostitutes. Poverty weakens our bodies and minds. It is into such minds that the poison of terrorism is injected. In reality, if we can eradicate hunger, 80 percent of our problems will be solved. We must wholeheartedly serve the poor. In order to do this, we must cultivate love and compassion for them within. This is my prayer. It is the compassionate mind that transforms society. Let us pray for the welfare of everyone in the world. Courtesy: Amma, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi



The Siemens Limited has launched the 9th edition of Siemens Scholarship Program. The programme hones youth to become industry-ready engineers, and launch a sustainable career in engineering, R&D or manufacturing. The scholarship programme is available for students throughout the four years of graduation and 50% of scholarships is reserved for girls. As of 2021, 935 students from 93 Government engineering colleges across 26 States in the country have been part of the this scholarship programme. **Eligibility:** First-year students of Government Engineering colleges from the following streams can apply: Mechanical / Production, Electrical, Electronics, Instrumentation, Electronics & Telecommunication and Computer Science /Information Technology. Age: Up to 20 years. SSC: Minimum 60% aggregate. HSC or equivalent result: Minimum 50% aggregate and minimum 60% PCM aggregate. Annual family Income: Not more than ₹2 lakh. **How to apply:** Interested candidates can visit: www.siemens.co.in/scholarship. **Application deadline:** The last date to apply for this schol-

arship programmes is January 10, 2022.

If you would like to complete your study in Canada, then here is a wonderful chance provided by the **Western University through its Admission Scholarship Program.** **Eligibility:** To be eligible, the applicants must have a high school certificate with a good excellent academic record. **Award:** The Western University will provide an award amount of up to \$8,000 to the successful candidates. Students must be enrolled in any undergraduate degree programme at Western University. **Supporting documents:** To apply, candidates must be ready to submit the previous transcripts at the university. International students can apply. **Admission requirements:** For admission, applicants must have a high school certificate before applying for this grant. **Language requirement:** Students need to demonstrate that they have a good level of written and spoken English. **How to apply:** In order to be eligible, a student must apply for admission directly from secondary school to Western's main campus for full-time first-year studies. No application is required to be considered for these scholarships. Awards are automatically awarded upon admission to Western. **Application deadline:** It is March 1, 2022.

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INBRIEF

AIEED 2022 TO BE CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER

The Arch College of Design and Business will conduct the All India Entrance Exam for Design (AIEED) 2022 from December 15-25, 2021 for April 2022 batch. The AIEED is the one of its kind for online exam in design education which is accessible for interested students from anywhere in the world. The unique exam is organised to offer admissions to Arch's UG as well as PG design programmes. Design aspirants can apply for the exam till December 10, 2021. The exam was launched in

2010 to introduce a screening process to select the right design students. This screening for design studies' and its parts and stages aim to enable the students to do a self-discovery and in the process, help the college to identify the aspirants rather than just evaluating their skills. In the assessing process, the college tries to know the students' perceptions, attitude and approach towards the world to identify the potential talent who can write future course of design. The college is affiliated to the University of Rajasthan for Bachelor of Design Degree & Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA).

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIONS

The National Institute of Technology Andhra Pradesh is collaborating with State Government-funded universities to form a regional educational cluster group in East and

West Godavari districts. The aim is to promote research-based local community service projects. The institute signed a MoU into an inter-institutional

collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada, Dr YSR Horticulture University, Tadepalligudem and Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry.

INCUBATION CENTER UNDER RRU

The Security and Scientific Technical Research Association (SASTRA) aims to lay out a comprehensive strategy for achieving it in a sustainable and institutionalised manner through transversal linkages between the civilian and

security actors. Such interlinking will foster cross-functionality and attract a techno-industrial complex around the security forces of the nation — making the forces a major contributor to the National GDP.

IT DELHI COLLABORATES WITH NLUD

The IIT Delhi and the National Law University, Delhi (NLUD) have signed an agreement to establish NLUD-IITD Collaborative Platform for initiating wide ranging research and academic collaborations in various interdisciplinary areas. a) Law and Technology, including Operations Research-Artificial Intelligence,

Forensic Science, Cyber Laws and Cybercrimes. b) Law and Development including Official Statistics, International Trade, Migration, Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Environmental Law. c) Law and Justice including Ethics, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Criminal Law and Justice. The collaboration comes within the ambit of

the Multi-Institutional Faculty Interdisciplinary Projects (MFIRP) scheme of the Research and Development (R&D) Unit of IIT Delhi. Under the scheme, IIT Delhi and NLUD have sanctioned joint projects on forensic investigations involving human DNA samples and investigation of inherent algorithmic biases and their legal ramifications for India.

NDIA YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME

As a collaborative initiative among the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Australia India Water Centre, and Western Sydney University, The first edition of the India Young Water Professional Programme was launched virtually on November 29, 2021. This programme will be implemented by the Australia India Water Centre (a consortium of Australian and Indian

universities). The aim is to provide a structured platform for capacity building with strategic and long-term investment to support the water management reforms in India. The objectives are to equip water professionals with necessary skills, knowledge and networks that will enable them to contribute to the development and management of water resources in India.

WEBINAR ON 72 YEARS OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

The Mahindra University School of Law organised a webinar on Constitutional Law on the topic: 72 years of Constitutional Democracy: Merits & Demerits. Justice B Chandrakumar, retired Judge of AP High Court and Professor (Dr) Inukonda Thirumali, renowned academician, spoke on the occasion. Dean and faculty from the

School of Law, Mahindra University also addressed the webinar, which was available to students as well as external audience. Speaking at the webinar Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University said: "We are proud to be a part of a vibrant democracy. Our democracy's backbone is the Constitution. What better way to celebrate democracy than a discussion of

the constitutional aspects of it! We are happy to indulge in a meaningful discourse on constitution organised by the Centre for Constitutional Studies." Justice Chandrakumar opined that the citizens could vote out the then Government in power in 1977, when all other constitutional safeguards failed to check the mismanagement of power under the proclaimed Emergency rule.

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Argentine legend wins his record extending 7th Ballon d’Or award

AP ■ PARIS

Lionel Messi admitted winning the Copa America with Argentina might have been the determining factor in him claiming the men's Ballon d'Or prize for the seventh time after a turbulent year, as Spain's Alexia Putellas took the women's award.

Now 34, Messi pipped much-fancied rivals like Robert Lewandowski and Karim Benzema to take the award in a glittering ceremony on Monday in Paris, the city he now calls home after leaving boyhood club Barcelona for Paris Saint-Germain in August.

Despite his tearful goodbye from Barcelona and his relatively underwhelming start to life in France, the jury of journalists from around the world rewarded him in particular for captaining Argentina to their first major international title since 1993.

"Two years ago I thought I was coming into my final years but here I am again back here," said Messi, who won the last edition of the Ballon d'Or in 2019 before last year's awards were cancelled due to the pandemic.

Messi also won in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and in 2015.

"People were starting to ask me when I was going to retire but now I am here in Paris and I am very happy," he said at the Chatelet Theatre in central Paris, where he was joined by his wife Antonella Rocuzzo and their three children.

"I don't know how many more years I have left but I hope there will be many because I am really enjoying myself this year.

"What I achieved with Argentina was a dream come true. I think I won this trophy thanks to what we did at the Copa America, so I dedicate it to my teammates."

Argentina beat Brazil 1-0 in the final in Rio de Janeiro as Messi won a major title with his country for the first time. He also scored 38 goals in 48 games in his final season with Barcelona and won the Copa del Rey.

Lewandowski second
However Messi has played just 11 times and scored four goals for PSG since joining the French club and there was a feeling that this year might see a different winner.

Poland striker Lewandowski would have been a shoe-in in 2020, when he scored 45 goals in 37 games for Bayern, only for the awards to be cancelled.

He ended last season with a remarkable 41 Bundesliga goals but had to settle for second place in the voting for the

KEY NUMBERS

53 Robert Lewandowski has scored 53 goals across all comps for FC Bayern in 2021; the most among all players in the big five European leagues. Lewandowski has averaged a goal every 67 minutes in this period, which is 42 minutes fewer than Lionel Messi (109).

7 Lionel Messi, now seven-times winner of the Ballon d'Or, was involved in nine goals for Argentina in the Copa América 2021 (four goals + five assists), the most of any player in the tournament.

41 Alexia Putellas has been directly involved in 41 goals in the Primera Iberdrola in 2021 (22 goals and 19 assists), more than any other player in the competition.

Ballon d'Or, which is organised by France Football magazine and voted for by a panel of journalists from around the world.

Lewandowski instead was given a consolation prize for the year's best goal-scorer and received glowing praise from Messi.

"I wanted to say to Robert that it was an honour to go up against him. He deserved to win it last year," Messi said.

Midfielder Jorginho, who won the Champions League with Chelsea and Euro 2020 with Italy, came third, followed by Real Madrid's Karim Benzema and another Chelsea player, N'Golo Kante.

Five-time winner Cristiano Ronaldo came sixth. He was absent from the ceremony.

Between them, Messi and Ronaldo have won 12 of the last 13 editions of

the Ballon d'Or with the exception coming in 2018 when Luka Modric claimed the prize.

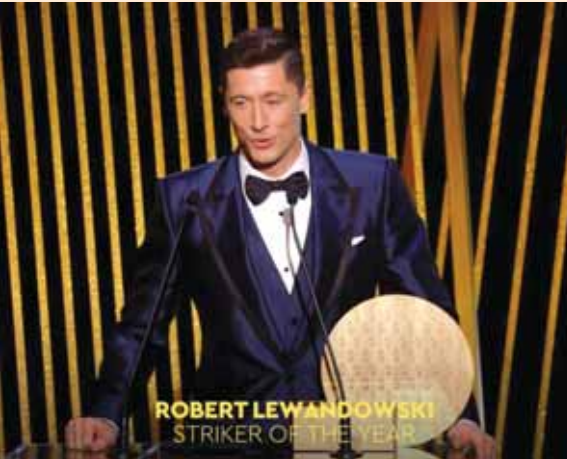
Putellas succeeds Rapinoe
This is just the third year that a



PSG's Gianluigi Donnarumma poses for photo after winning Yashin Ballon d'Or Trophy as best goalkeeper



Barcelona player Alexia Putellas, left, holds the Women's Ballon d'Or trophy; Pedri holds 2021 Kopa Ballon d'Or for best young player



Bayern Munich striker Robert Lewandowski holds the 2021 Ballon d'Or trophy for striker of the year

women's Ballon d'Or has been awarded, with Putellas following in the footsteps of Norway's Ada Hegerberg, winner in 2018, and the United States' 2019 World Cup superstar Megan Rapinoe.

Spain international Putellas, 27, captained Barcelona to victory in this year's Champions

League, scoring a penalty in the final as her side hammered Chelsea 4-0.

She also won a Spanish league and cup double with Barca, the club she joined as a teenager in 2012 and who are fast becoming the dominant force in the women's game.

Her Barcelona and Spain teammate Jennifer Hermoso was second, with Sam Kerr of Chelsea and Australia coming in third.

TOP 10 MEN'S PLAYERS (2021)			
Rank	Player	Team(s)	Points
1	Lionel Messi	Argentina, Barcelona, PSG	613
2	Robert Lewandowski	Poland, Bayern Munich	580
3	Jorginho	Italy, Chelsea	460
4	Karim Benzema	France, Real Madrid	239
5	N'Golo Kanté	France, Chelsea	186
6	Cristiano Ronaldo	Portugal, Juventus, Man Utd	178
7	Mohamed Salah	Egypt, Liverpool	121
8	Kevin De Bruyne	Belgium, Man City	73
9	Kylian Mbappé	France, Paris-SG	58
10	Gianluigi Donnarumma	Italy, AC Milan, PSG	36

ALL-TIME BALLON D'OR LEADERBOARD			
Player	Winner	2nd place	3rd place
Lionel Messi	7 (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2019, 2021)	5 (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)	1 (2007)
Cristiano Ronaldo	5 (2008, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)	6 (2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2015, 2018)	1 (2019)
Michel Platini	3 (1983, 1984, 1985)	—	2 (1977, 1980)
Johan Cruyff	3 (1971, 1973, 1974)	—	1 (1975)
Marco van Basten	3 (1988, 1989, 1992)	—	—
Franz Beckenbauer	2 (1972, 1976)	2 (1974, 1975)	1 (1966)
Ronaldo	2 (1997, 2002)	1 (1996)	1 (1998)
Alfredo Di Stéfano	2 (1957, 1959)	1 (1956)	—

We did it together bro: Ravindra to Patel

PTI ■ KANPUR

New Zealand's Indian-origin spinner Rachin Ravindra, who played a pivotal role in helping his side draw the first Test against India, said he was quite nervous about how the game would pan out as far as his bowling was concerned.

The 22-year-old Ravindra, in the company of Indian-born Ajaz Patel (2 off 23 balls), held a 91-ball vigil that yielded 18 runs for him to save the match for his side which was nine down in pursuit of 284 on the final day here.

Patel, who was born in Mumbai, played for the first time in the country of his birth. He also picked up three wickets in the game even though Ravindra went wicket-less.

The 33-year-old Patel interviewed Ravindra for the New Zealand cricket team's official Twitter handle and recalled his own Test debut.

"I remember my my first Test match, I was really nervous, and my hands were shaking when I first got the ball. How was it for you?" Patel asked.



Ravindra candidly admitted to having nerves of his own.

"I felt a bit nervous bowling wise. We were about four down in first innings when I was next, so definitely felt a few butterflies (that time), but I think after a few balls, I did what I do. Luckily it ended up okay," said Wellington-based player.

Ravindra has already a lot of attention for his Indian roots and his first name which is inspired by Indian greats Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid. The youngster said he enjoyed playing in front of Indian fans.

"Being able to play in India in front of crazy fans. Glad to have done that. My mum and

dad have been such big influences on my career. I am sure that they are proud," said Ravindra.

"We did it together bro," he said, sharing a smile with Patel. Later, in another video posted by New Zealand Cricket, Ravindra said the partnership with Patel was unforgettable.

"I think I was actually alright in the end, I knew my process, my training, and I backed myself to do it. You are kind of pretty focussed, taking in the crowd, you know, how loud they were..."

"It was quite nerve-wracking. I guess we (he and Patel) somehow managed our nerves together.

West Indies 69-1 after dismissing Sri Lanka for 204 on Day 2

AP ■ GALLE

West Indies made a steady start in reaching 69-1 after bowling out Sri Lanka for 204 before rain forced an early end to day two of the second cricket test on Tuesday.

Left-arm spinners Veerasammy Permaul and Jomel Warrican combined for nine Sri Lanka wickets with career-best performances.

When play was called, West Indies captain Kraigg Brathwaite was on 22 and Nkhrumah Bonner on 1. The tourists trailed Sri Lanka by 135 runs with nine wickets in hand.

Permaul, in his first test in more than five years, snared 5-35 to register his first five-wicket haul.

Warrican took 4-50, also a career best. The pair ensured they reversed a good Sri Lanka start which featured a 106-run opening partnership. The last nine wickets went for 98 runs.

Sri Lanka resumed on 113-1, and Pathum Nissanka and Oshada Fernando added 26 more runs to the total before Permaul struck in the seventh over of the day. Fernando tried to play a cut shot close to his body and was caught behind by Joshua da Silva for 18.

Permaul took two wickets in one over, trapping Nissanka lbw for 73 to end an innings that lasted 148 deliveries and contained a six and five boundaries. Two deliveries later, he had Dhananjaya de Silva caught behind on 2.

Charith Asalanka, playing his first test, scored 10 before becoming Permaul's next wicket, caught by Bonner.

Pakistan beats Bangladesh by 8 wickets in 1st cricket test



AP ■ CHATTOGRAM

Opener Abid Ali missed out on back-to-back centuries by nine runs but Pakistan comfortably chased down a 202-run target to beat Bangladesh by eight wickets on Tuesday in the first cricket test.

Abid and Abdullah Shafique put on a 151-run partnership for the first wicket, their second consecutive 100-plus stand in the match to give Pakistan's chase a powerful start. Abid, who hit 133 in the first innings, struck 12 boundaries and scored 91 off 148 deliveries in the second innings.

Resuming Day 5 at 109 without loss, and just 93 runs away from the victory, Pakistan's openers appeared to be in full control until offspinner Mehidy Hasan

struck.

Shafique followed his first-innings half-century to reach 73 before Mehidy (1-59) trapped him lbw.

Seven overs later, left-arm spinner Taijul Islam (1-89) had Abid out lbw, baffling him with a sharp turn to make Pakistan 171-2.

Azhar Ali then combined with captain Babar Azam to complete the inevitable, hitting consecutive boundaries off Mehidy to finish off the game. Azhar was unbeaten on 24 and Azam was not out on 13.

Liton Das' maiden test century helped Bangladesh post 330 in its first innings, then Taijul Islam claimed 7-116 to bowl out Pakistan for 286 — giving the hosts a 44-run first innings lead.

South Africa tour on as of now: BCCI treasurer

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BCCI treasurer Arun Dhimal on Tuesday said India's tour of South Africa remains on schedule provided the situation doesn't aggravate in the rainbow nation after a new COVID-19 variant was detected there.

India play the final Test against New Zealand in Mumbai and are scheduled to depart to Johannesburg from there on December 8 or 9 on a chartered flight. Dhimal expressed confidence the bio-bubble environment created by South Africa will keep the players safe. The first Test will be played in Johannesburg from December 17. "We stand with them (as they deal with this threat), the only thing is we won't compromise on players' safety. As of now we have a chartered flight going to Johannesburg as scheduled and players will be in a bio bubble," Dhimal told PTI.

On the possible change of venues within South Africa to deal with the threat, Dhimal said: "We are in constant touch with the Cricket South Africa (CSA) officials.

"Whatever best we can do to not compromise the series we will try and do but if situation aggravates and if it compromises our players' safety and health, we will see.

"In the end, whatever is the Government of India advisory, we will abide by that," Dhimal told PTI. Countries around the world have already pressed the panic button and imposed travel bans from South Africa but India has not done that. However, South Africa is among the "at risk" countries as per the revised guidelines of the Indian Government.

Sindhu leads India's campaign at World Tour Finals

PTI ■ BALI

PV Sindhu will look to ensure that her consistent run yields a title, while all eyes will also be on the fast-rising Lakshya Sen and the men's doubles pairing of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty as they make their debut at the BWF World Tour Finals beginning here on Wednesday.

It will be the best ever representation for India at the year-end tournament with as many as seven of them qualifying for the



USD 1,50,000 event.

Save for mixed doubles, the Indians compete in all other categories with Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy, who made the cut after the completion of the Indonesia Open last week, set to represent the country in the women's doubles event.

The only Indian to win the prestigious title in 2018, reigning world champion Sindhu was a finalist at the event the year before and she will look for another good outing when she opens her campaign against

top seed Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand in group A.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, has been consistent with three semifinal finishes in the last three events and is likely to make it to the knockout stage.

The 26-year-old from Hyderabad is expected to finish among the top two in the group as she has a good record against the other two opponents -- Denmark's Line Christophersen and Germany's Yvonne Li. Srikanth, only the fourth player ever to

win four Super Series titles in a year, has looked in good touch in the last few events with semifinal finishes at Indonesia Masters and Hylo Open.

The former world No.1 had reached the knockout stage of the year-ending event in 2014 and he will look to relive those moments when he begins his campaign against Malaysia's second seed Lee Zii Jia in group B which also comprises France's Toma Junior Popov and Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand.