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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.

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.



Govt invites farmers for talks on MSP

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

After repealing the three controversial farm legislations, the Government has invited farmers for talks and asked them to suggest names of their representatives to set up a committee for discussions to make the Minimum Support Price (MSP) system more effective and transparent as well as to suggest ways to promote zero budgeting based-agriculture.

The move comes after the 32 farmers' groups gave a deadline by Tuesday (November 30) to the Centre on their six demands.

Farmers have called an emergency meeting on December 1 and another meeting on December 4 to decide the further course of action. In a related development, the



Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar during the Winter Session of Parliament on Tuesday PTI

Manohar Lal Khattar Government in Haryana has invited farmers for talks while the Ashok Gehlot Government in Rajasthan has sought a list of farmers' cases in the State.

Farmers' leader Darshan Pal said the Government has sought five names from farmer unions for panel on MSP and other issues.

CAPSULE

ECONOMY GROWS 8.4% IN JULY-SEPTEMBER

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. **P9**

CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR MALLYA, SAYS SC

New Delhi: "We can't be waiting any longer now" and the sentencing aspect in the contempt matter against fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya, who is an accused in bank loan default case of over ₹9,000 crore involving his defunct Kingfisher Airlines, would be dealt with finally on January 18 next year, the Supreme Court said on Tuesday.

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 on Tuesday.

Family of 4 dead in 'suicide pact' in Samaypur Badli

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Four members of a family, including two children, were found dead on Tuesday morning at a house in Delhi's Samaypur Badli area, police said.

According to police, Amit Kumar (30), his 25-year-old wife and their six-year-old daughter and three-year-old son were found dead.

The cause of deaths is yet to be ascertained, however, prima facie it appears that Kumar gave poison to his wife and kids and later hanged himself. The post-mortem report will ascertain the cause of deaths, police said.

A senior police officer said that the case is being investigated from all angles. Even if it is a case of suicide, the circumstances that prompted them to take the extreme step will be probed, the officer said. The family of Kumar and his brother were living in the

house. Kumar's nephew saw him hanging in the morning and informed police, they said.

The officer said that there was a matrimonial dispute between Kumar and his wife and the couple used to fight often. She left him couple of months ago.

When she came back around two weeks ago, the family members of Kumar asked him to accept his wife and live with her happily. Everything was going well, they said, adding it was a happy joint family.

According to police, there was a dispute between Kumar, who used to work in a clip factory and his wife.

A case under relevant sections, including murder, is being filed at Samaypur Badli police station and further investigation is underway, they said. In 2018, 11 members of a family were found hanging inside their house in north Delhi's Burari area.

CET for UG, PG through NTA likely from 2022

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In a major reform towards higher education, the Centre on Tuesday announced that a Common Entrance Test (CET) for undergraduate and post-graduate courses at Central universities may be conducted from the academic session 2022 through the National Testing Agency (NTA).

The Ministry of Education wanted that admission to universities will be based on a CET from 2021 academic session itself but the plan could not take off due to challenges posed by Covid-19. Universities' regulator, the University Grants Commission (UGC), said the pattern may also be adopted by the willing State/private universities/deemed to be universities.

"Accordingly, all Central universities are advised to take appropriate measures for the Common Entrance Test from the academic session 2022-2023," the UGC said.

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Team LIC



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Public Notice
It is for the information to general public that Sh Prem Chand S/o Sh Budh Ram R/o H. No. 108, Ward No. 1, Distt Mahendergarh has applied for transfer of her H.No. 1250/OF Situated in Housing Board Colony, Sector-5, Hansi in favour of Smt Anuradha Vijender Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Vijender Bhardwaj R/o Indian Navy, Naval War College Mandoli, Goa N.B. Verin North Goa, Tiswadi Goa. If any person has an objection regarding transfer of this flat he/she should file objection with documentary proof in writing in person, to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the permission for transfer of flat will be granted in favour of Smt Anuradha Vijender Bhardwaj S/o Sh. Vijender Bhardwaj the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Board. No Claim/objection shall be entertained after that in this regards Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Hisar

Public Notice
It is for the information to general public that Sh Jitender S/o Sh Randhir R/o Village Talu, Distt Bhiwani has applied for transfer of her H.No. 1269-SF Situated in Housing Board Colony, Sector-5, Hansi in favour of Sh Surender Singh S/o Sh. Patram R/o H. No. 47, Sainik Adarsh Colony, Near Shyam Mandir TCP-2, Hisar Cantt. Satrod Kalan, Hisar. If any person has any objection regarding transfer of this flat he/she should file objection with documentary proof in writing in person, to this office within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objection is received from any person within stipulated period, the permission for transfer of flat will be granted in favour of Sh Surender Singh S/o Sh. Patram the basis of documents submitted as per policy of the Board. No Claim/objection shall be entertained after that in this regards Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Hisar

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BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OFFICER-CUM-DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, YAMUNA NAGAR (HARYANA)
Whereas, Pankaj Tapparwal S/o Sh. Mam Chand Tapparwal R/o 1097/3B Usha Colony, Jagadhri, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, India and Deepa Rani D/o Om Parkash R/o P/O Bal Chhapper, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, India have served notice to solemnize their marriage u/s of 5 of Special Marriage Act, 1954. In view of above, it is notified as to invite objection, if there is any to any one for the same and be presented before the undersigned within 30 days, other wise marriage shall be solemnized accordingly. For Marriage Officer-Cum-Deputy Commissioner Memo No.409/HRA Dated: 30.11.2021 Yamuna Nagar

Public Notice
Public is informed that Arun s/o Raj Singh has lost its previous original Sale deed dated 09/06/2008 No. 2382 in favour of Surender Kumar s/o Jagdev for the property situated at Plot in Khewat No. 1856/1856 Khatori No. 2635 Khaska No. 2609 Mouja Patel park Railway Line Par, Bahadurgarh. Measuring 75 sq. yds. If any person has found/Intimate/Possession/Knowledge for above said document then Submit/ Intimate within 15 days to Pankaj Sharma, Advocate, Chamber 392, Distt. Courts Rohatk-09866553019. Thereafter no claim will be accepted.
Pankaj Sharm, Advocate

LOST & FOUND
I, Nand Kishore Gautam R/O H.No. 1B/222 NIT Faridabad declared My Property Documents Builders Buyers agreement and valuable securities have lost on Date : 21.11.2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(In case of chain title deed is lost / misplaced) NOTICE is hereby given by Mrs. M. / Mrs. Pannia wife of Vikas (hereinafter referred to as the said Mortgagees / Purchaser) have agreed to create mortgage in respect of the Flat / Property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written which they have purchased / owner by virtue of Sale Deed No. 1786 dated 14.08.2018 S/o S. Gaurar and mutation No. 13007 from Mr./Mrs. Narendra son of Ganesh Dass in favour of myour clients, Aavas Financiers Limited (Formerly known as AU Housing Finance Limited), Branch SCOT 1, 1st Floor, 212, HUDA, Near Axis Bank, Panipat). According to the said Mortgagees / Purchasers they themselves and/or their Vendors above named have lost / misplaced the original registered deed of sale No. 3256 dated 07.02.2007 S/o S. Gaurar entered into between Rajabala wife of Vimal in favour of Poonam wife of Sanjay and sale deed vasika No. 4918 dated 22.11.2011 as executed by Poonam wife of Sanjay in favour of Anita wife of Ram Kishan and sale deed vasika No. 4204 dated 11.11.2013 as executed by Anita wife of Ram Kishan in favour of Narendra son of Ganesh Dass in respect of the property described herein. All persons having any claim against, or in respect of the said Flat / Property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable / registered or otherwise), Gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to me/us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned herein below within 07 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed with the deburment of loan and creation of mortgage in respect thereof.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY:-
Property / plot measuring 150 sq. yards or 5 Marla being 1/96 share out of land measuring 24 Kanal, comprising in (1/96 share out of 24 Kanal) No. 30, Road No. 24, Killa No. 316-0, 125-0, 194-0 in 3 sites, situated in village Gauri, Kauri, within the limit of M.C. Tehsil Gauri, Distt. Sonapat. As per sale deed said property is bounded (49° 03' X 22' 27" as under. East: plot owner's West: Gauri, North: plot owner, South: plot owner. Dated: 24.11.2021

For Rajesh Sharma & Associates,
Rajesh Sharma, Advocate, Lawyers Chamber No. 150, 1st Floor, Distt. Courts Panipat, (Haryana), M. 9416181864

OFFICE OF THE SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE (CENTRAL), U.T., CHANDIGARH.
1st Floor, ESTATE OFFICE BUILDING, SECTOR 17, CHANDIGARH-160017

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed through this notice that a request for the issuance of unmarried certificate to Ms. Seema Sharma D/o Late Sh. Hari Krishan Mehtab & Late Smt. Mohini Chander R/o 3247, Sector-15-D Chandigarh Pin Code: 160015 has been received in this office. The date of Birth of Ms. Seema Sharma is 30.04.1974. Any person is having objections to the grant of Marriage ability/Unmarried Certificate to Ms. Seema Sharma D/o Sh. Hari Krishan Mehtab & Smt. Mohini Chander, should submit the same in writing to the office of undersigned by 5.00 PM within 30 days of the publication of this notice.
Dated: 25/11/2021
TEJDEEP SINGH SAINI, P.C.S
Sub Divisional Magistrate (C) U.T Chandigarh,

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ALLAHABAD
ZONAL OFFICE, CHANDIGARH
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Indian Bank, Zonal Office Sector 17-B, Chandigarh invites Sealed Tenders from Reputed / Eligible Contractors / Suppliers for Furnishing Work of Chhoti Baradari, Patiala Branch. Last Date for Submission of Quotations is 07.12.2021 upto 1500 Hrs. Detailed Quotations documents can be collected from the said Branch or Zonal Office, Chandigarh
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Helpline : 87279-00312, 8437040312

The Jammu and Kashmir Bank Ltd. PUBLIC NOTICE
MANSA
This is for the information of the general public that Mr. Arun Jain S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar & Mrs. Nisha Jain W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar Jain R/o H. No. 800 Ward No. 20, Hawali Valey, Gausalla Road, Mansa, Punjab-151505 have applied for bank for sanction of Housing Loan & Mortgage loan facility against Equitable mortgage of commercial / house property measuring 64' x 50' Sq.ft having measurement and boundaries as North-Mall Godown Road Side 64 feet, South- Main Gausalla Road side 64 feet, East- 50 feet Lal Chand S/o Ram Krishan, West - 50 feet Master Om Parkash S/o Hukam Chand situated at Gausalla Road Ward No. 20 Mansa, Punjab standing in the name of Smt. Nisha Jain W/o Sh. Ashok Kumar and Mr. Arun Jain S/o Sh. Ashok Kumar both R/o Ward No. 20, C/o Kishore Emporium, Gausalla Road, Mansa, Punjab. Public in general is hereby informed that any persons, body/ies, institution/s having any objection to the mortgage of the above said property in favor of the Bank as mentioned herein above may contact the undersigned and file his/her objection within seven days from the date of publication of this notice failing which no objection shall be entertained in this regard and it shall be presumed that nobody has any objection to the mortgage of the said property to the Bank & the same is free from all previous encumbrances, charges, liens, & litigations.
Dated: 30.11.2021 Tel. 0165-2234050, 94192-47600 The J&K Bank, Mansa

OFFICE OF THE MARKET COMMITTEE PILLUKHERA
PUBLIC NOTICE
All the General Public is hereby informed that the Shop plot no. 58, Size of 20'x85', NGM Pillukhera was allotted to M/s Laxmi Trading Company through its Prop. Banarsi Dass S/o Sh. Ram Chander R/o Village Pillukhera Tehsil Safidon Distt. Jind vide Allotment Letter No. 2915 Dated 14.06.2002. The conveyance deed has not been executed till date in respect of this shop plot no. 58, NGM Pillukhera. Now the said allottee had expired on dated 14.10.2013 intestate leaving behind his legal heirs including his wife Smt. Shanti Devi, his sons Sh. Ramiwas and Sh. Roshan Lal, his daughters Roshni, Bimla, Kamlesh, Sneha and Reena. Smt. Shanti Devi has already expired on dated 03.02.2014. Now his daughter Sneha Bansal has applied in this office on dated 22.11.2021 that the said shop plot no. 58, size of 20'x85' NGM Pillukhera may be entered in her name in the records of Market Committee Pillukhera as all the other above-mentioned legal heirs are ready to release their shares in her favour in this said shop plot no. 58, NGM Pillukhera. So as per the settled procedure instructed by the Board Office on dated 28.09.2015 in this regard, objections are invited from the general public in this regard. If anyone has any objection in making the required transfer entry in favour of the applicant, he/she may submit his/her objection in writing in this office of Market Committee Pillukhera within 30 days of publication of this notice. After this period of 30 days, no objection will be entertained and the required entries i.e. Conveyance Deed in the name of Sneha Bansal D/o Late Banarsi Dass S/o Sh. Ram Chander R/o H-42, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi- 110032 will be executed/ made in the records of Market Committee Pillukhera
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Branch Office: City Square, 1st Floor, Plot No. 932/935, Opposite IB Collage, GT Road, Panipat- 132103
Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Hoshier Singh (Borrower), Urmila Devi (Co-Borrower), Sandeep Kumar (Co-Borrower), NHSAFO0001260101	Ward No 44 Khewat No 446 Khattha No 509 Vaka Safidon Property 2 Khewat No 241 Khattha No 234 Murabba No 34 Killa No 13111(14) and Kila No 1214(07) 1216(019) Rakba 121 Sq Yds And Kila No 1216 Shanpur Road Rakba Property 1 Jind Property Id 367 Haryana 126102. Bounded By-North: House of Maifram, South: Gali 16ft, East: House of Saab Singh, West: Plot of Mahipal S/o Satbir. Date of Possession- 27-Nov-21	10-05-2021 Rs. 15,82,977/-	Ambala-B
2.	Manoj Kumar (Borrower), Reshma Devi (Co-Borrower), NHSAFO0001251626	Singphura Other Commercial Place South Side of Railway Station Colony Ward No 2 Hatkeshwar Colony Vaka Singphura Safidon Khewat No 338 Khattha No 513 Kite 14 Shop At Jind Haryana 126102. Bounded By- North: Road 12 Ft 6 Inch, South: House of Gopi Ram, East: House Indar Singh, West: Shop Santram. Date of Possession- 27-Nov-21	28-05-2021 Rs. 6,71,689/-	Panipat-B
3.	Ajay Jha (Borrower), Nitu Devi (Co-Borrower), LHPNF00001321993	Khwat No 310, Tehsil, Samalkha, District, Panipat Panipat Haryana 132103. Bounded By- North: Street, 25 Ft, South: Other Plot, 25 Ft, East: Other Plot, 35 Ft, West: House Nanad, 35 Ft. Date of Possession- 30-Nov-21	28-05-2021 Rs. 8,68,230/-	Panipat-B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date : December 01, 2021
Place: Ambala, Panipat
Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE
ICICI Home Finance
Registered office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Office: 1st floor, 3-A, City Center Building, Massand Chowk, Model Town, Jalandhar-144003
Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gulshan Kumar (Borrower), Manjit Kaur (Co-Borrower), LHJAL00001337375	Khassra No 628/2 3588/630 11 Jalandhar Na H No 45 Portion Geeta Colony Kala Singhia Road Jalandhar-144001. Bounded By - North: Road, South: Geeta Colony, East: Monika Sharma, West: Other. Date of Possession- 29-Nov-2021	27-08-2021 Rs. 23,88,662/-	Jalandhar-B
2.	Komal (Borrower), Sukhjith Singh (Co-Borrower), Mani Kumar (Guarantor), LHJAL00001315301	No 2161/4-1 57525/2160/37-1 Narotam Vihar Khassra Kapurthala-144601 Bounded By-North: Kawajjeet Kaur 32 Ft, South: Sunil Kumar 32 Ft, East: Road 28 Ft 8 Inch, West: Other Owner 22 Ft 8 Inch. Date of Possession- 29-Nov-2021	27-07-2021 Rs. 21,17,029/-	Jalandhar-B

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date : December 01, 2021
Place: Jalandhar
Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for general public that Mr Sanjeev Kumar S/o Kauransing Singh R/O # 529/4 Panchkula declared that original sale deed dated 06-09-2006, vasika no. 2288 as executed and registered by Sh. Dabir Singh s/o Sarwan Singh sold the property measuring 22 kanal 19 Marla in favour of Mahindora Devi w/o Chatan Singh, has been lost in sector 4 Panchkula. DDR Logged no. -12 dated 15-11-2021. If person found the same or in case any person having any claim, night title or interest in the above said sale deeds in any manner shall bring the same to the notice of under signed in writing with supporting documents within 7 days of from the date of this notice.
Amit Sharma & Co. Ch. 270, sec 1 District court panchkula M.-9216087146

Public Notice
Informed that Sheela W/o Anil Kumar R/o Sharma Nagar, Jind has lost original Sale Deed No. 823 Dt. 01-06-2001 in favour of Rishi Parkash s/o Rishpal and Deed No. 825 Dt. 01-06-2001 in favour of Guddi W/o Rishi Parkash both Rst/Vill. Chhapra Distt. Sonapat regarding House Property ID No. 873/28, Sharma Nagar, Jind (Rect. No. 12 Killa No. 22min Vill. Gobindpura Distt. Jind). Now the applicant has applied for loan to LIC HFL by mortgaging the said property. If anyone has any objection in this regard then he may submit objection within 15 days and after that no objection will be entertained. Deepak Sharma Advocate Chamber No. 66 Distt. Courts, Jind Mob: 9416238662

LOST & FOUND
I Jasvir Kaur W/o Amarjeet Singh R/O 239, Teg Colony, Patiala declare that my sale deed Vasika No. 757 dated 21.04.1997 registered with Sub. Registrar, Patiala has been lost. If found, contact above address.

THE ROADWAYS DIRECTORATE PUNJAB EMPLOYEES CO-OP. HOUSE BUILDING First Society Ltd. Sector 50-B, Chandigarh
PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby notified for the general public that Sh. Jagdish Singh S/o Sh. Kedar Singh and Smt. Geeta Rawat W/o Sh. Jagdish Singh both R/O H. No. 1387, Sector 20-C, Chandigarh the intending purchaser of Flat No. 1041 (First Floor) Category A, In The Roadways Directorate Punjab Employees Co-Op. House Building First Society Ltd., Sector 50-B, Chandigarh has applied for the issue of NOC for the registration of sale deed which he purchased from its owner Smt. Meena Kumari W/o Sh. Pardeep Kumar Sharma R/o H. No. 3299, Sector 23-D, Chandigarh. In case any person(s) is/are having any objection against the transfer of right title or interest in the said dwelling unit/flat the same may be submitted to the society in writing alongwith supporting documents within 30 (Thirty) days of the publication of this notice failing which action will be taken for issue of NOC.
PRESIDENT

ELECTION PROGRAMME			
Election programme for The Managing Committee of The Mailkpur Cooperative Credit and Service Society Ltd. Mailkpur to be held on 25.01.2022.			
Sr. No.	Particulars	Date & Time	Place
1.	Exhibition of the list of voters as required under Sub para (2) of Rule 35 of the Society 3. Concerned Sale Point of the society 4. Concerned Branch C.B. 5. Inspector C.S Pehowa - II	29.11.2021 to 07.12.2021	1. Office of A.R.C.S. 2. At the Regd. Office
2.	Hearing of objections of the list of the voters as required Under Sub para rule (4) of Rule 35	08.12.2021 10.00 am to 12.00 pm	In the Office of Assistant Registrar, Coop. Societies Kurukshetra
3.	Filling of Nomination Papers	09.12.2021, 10.00 am to 14.00 pm	-do-
4.	Scrutiny of Nomination Papers.	10.12.2021, 10.00 am to 13.00 pm	-do-
5.	Display of List of Valid nominated Candidates	10.12.2021, 14.00 pm	-do-
6.	Withdrawals of Nominated Candidates	15.12.2021, 10.00 am to 14.00 pm	-do-
7.	Allocation of election symbols	15.12.2021, 15.00 pm to 16.00 pm	-do-
8.	Display of list of contesting candidates	15.12.2021, 16.00 pm	-do-
9.	Taking of Poll (if necessary)	25.01.2022 08.00 am to 16.00 pm	In the premises of Society office

NOTE: 1. It is compulsory for all voters to bring their Society Passbook / other Photo ID. 2. Out of 07 Committee members which has to be elected at least two women members, one S.C. member and if backward caste voters are 10% or more, one B.C. member will be elected and also out of these 7 committee members which has to be elected five members will be elected from Agri. members and two from non-agri. members
Sd/- Returning Officer
Assistant Registrar Coop. Societies, Kurukshetra

Kotak KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. E-AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Registered Office: 27, BKC, C-27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051
Branch Office: SCO 120, 6th Floor, Feroze Gandhi Market, Ludhiana, Punjab - 141001 | Corporate Identity Number - L65110MH1985PLC038137, www.kotak.com
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), Guarantor (s) and / or Mortgage (s), that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged / charged to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor"), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold through E-Auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS", and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on 16.12.2021, for recovery of Rs. 14,47,63,998/- (Rupees Fourteen Crores Forty Seven Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Ninety Eight only) as on 31st October, 2015 together with further interest and other charges thereon at the contractual rates upon the footing of compound interest until payment/realization due to Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited, being the Secured Creditor, from the Borrower/s namely M/s Garg Recyclers (P) Ltd and Mortgageor/s / Guarantor/s namely Mr. Vikas Aggarwal and Mrs. Veena Aggarwal.
The details / description of Immovable Properties put up for auction, the Reserve Price, the Earnest Money Deposit and the Auction Schedule are mentioned below:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Mortgageor/s	Details of Immovable Property put for E-Auction	Last Date for Submission of Online Bid	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price (INR)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (INR)
Lot-I	Vikas Kumar Aggarwal S/o Sudarshan Kumar Aggarwal	Industrial Plot Situated at Madhav Nagar, Sua road, Dhandhari Kalan, Ludhiana admeasuring 1331 Sq.yard Khewat / Khatawni No 555/59, 706/744 Hudbast No. 241, Khaska No.90/22, 3/1, 8,9/1,13/2, 14/2, 17 out of which 2 Kanal-4 Marla.	15.12.2021 upto 04:00 p.m.	16.12.2021 between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	Rs. 65,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakhs only)	Rs. 6,50,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs and Fifty Thousand only)
Lot-II	Veena Aggarwal W/o Vikas Kumar Aggarwal	Industrial plot admeasuring 1346 Sq. Yards (2 Kanal 4.5 Marla) situated at Bhagwanpura Industrial Zone Sahnewal, Ludhiana, Khewat / Khatawni No. 18/18, Hudbast No. 250, Khaska No. 42/12, 22/2, 5/4/27, 14, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25/2, 6/31, 4/1, 5/1, 6/1, 7/1, 7/11, 2,9/1, 10/1 out of which Share is 2 Kanal -4.5 Marla.	15.12.2021 upto 04:00 p.m.	16.12.2021 between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon	Rs. 39,50,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakhs Fifty Thousand only)	Rs. 3,95,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand only)

The undersigned may at his absolute discretion and on request from the prospective buyers, arrange for inspection of the said property on 13.12.2021 between 02:00 P.M. to 03:00 P.M. through his authorised representative/agent.

IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:- (1) The E-Auction shall be conducted only through "On Line Electronic Bidding" through website https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net on 16.12.2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes duration each. (2) For details about E-Auction, the intending bidders may contact Mr. E-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger), A-801, Wall Street-II, Opp. Orient Club, Near Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat, Contact Mr. Sachin Sharma - Mob. +91-9988137576 / +91-7961200520, E-mail id: sachin.sharma@auctiontiger.net; Mr. Vivek Kachariya - Mob. +91-9818330222, E-mail id: vivek@auctiontiger.net / support@auctiontiger.net. (3) The intending bidders may visit the Bank's Official Website - https://www.kotak.com/en/bank-auctions.html for auction details and for the terms and conditions of sale. (4) For detailed terms and conditions of auction sale, the bidders are advised to go through the portal https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net and the said terms and conditions shall be binding on the bidders who participate in the bidding process. (5) It is requested that the Interested Bidders are required to generate the login ID and password from the portal https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net before uploading the bid and other documents. (6) The bid form has to be filled in the prescribed form and is to be submitted / uploaded online only along with KYC Documents of the Bidders on the portal https://kotakbank.auctiontiger.net on or before 15.12.2021 upto 04:00 p.m. and the scanned copies of the duly filled and signed bid documents and KYCs of the Bidders/ should be sent by mail to nitesh.chhibber@kotak.com and amit.kumar16@kotak.com. The Bidder shall write the subject of the email "For purchase of Property in the matter of M/s Garg recyclers (P) Ltd. - <Lot No. II/>". (7) Prospective bidders may avail online training, for generating Login ID and password and for online bidding process etc., from M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger) on above mentioned contact numbers. (8) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / FUND TRANSFER to the credit of Account No. 06410125272001, Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., Nariman Point Branch, Mumbai, IFSC Code: KKBK00000958, on or before 15.12.2021 upto 04:00 p.m. Any bid submitted without depositing the EMD amount shall stand automatically rejected. The EMD deposited by the proposed bidder shall not earn any interest. (9) The bid price to be submitted shall be equal to and / or above the Reserve Price and during the bidding process, bidders who have submitted bids shall improve their further offers in multiples of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) for LOT-I and Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) for LOT-II, respectively. (10) In case any bid is placed within last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-auction proceeding, the closing time shall automatically and immediately get extended by another 5 minutes. (11) The successful bidder has to deposit 25% of the highest bid amount (including EMD already paid) immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings or on the following working day in case business hours is closed on the day of E - Auction, in the mode stipulated as above. The balance 75% of the highest bid amount shall have to be deposited within 15 days from the date on which the acceptance / confirmation of sale is conveyed to such successful bidder or such extended period which shall be at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer and within the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Act, 2002. (12) The highest bidder will not have any right and title over the property until the Sale Certificate is issued in his favour subject to realisation of entire Auction Price and other incidental expenses. Sale shall be subject to terms and conditions of E - Auction and confirmation by the Secured Creditor to that effect. (13) If the successful bidder fails to deposit the entire bid / auction amount, the amount already deposited by the successful bidder shall be forfeited and the defaulting bidder shall neither have claim on the property nor on the amounts deposited. The Authorised Officer shall be free to exercise any one or more rights available to him in terms of the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002 and the Security Interest Rules, 2002, in respect of the auction property/ies. (14) On receipt of the entire sale consideration within the stipulated period as mentioned above, the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate, the sale shall be completed thereafter, and Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited shall not entertain any claims. (15) The sale certificate shall be issued in the same name in which the Bid is submitted. No request for inclusion/substitution in the sale certificate of names of any person(s) other than those mentioned in the bid shall be entertained. (16) The EMD amount, to the unsuccessful bidder/s, shall be returned by Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., in their accounts by way of RTGS / NEFT / Funds Transfer, within 10 (Ten) working days and without any interest. (17) The Authorised Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject a bid or postpone/cancel the notified E-auction Sale without assigning any reason. In the event of postponement/cancellation of the E-Auction Sale after submission of the bids, EMD submitted by the bidders will be returned, without interest and in case the bids are rejected, Authorised Officer can negotiate with any of the bidders or other parties for sale of the property by private treaty. (18) If any bidder intends to bid for more than 1 property under auction, then the bidders has to submit separate bids for each of the properties by following the process as mentioned above. (19) The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor, but the Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. (20) Any other encumbrances are not known to the Bank. The Authorised Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of property Auctioned. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. (21) All statutory dues/ other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. (22) All outgoing charges i.e. Municipal Taxes, Maintenance/Society charges, Electricity and Water charges and any other dues or taxes including transfer charges / fees in respect of the property put for Auction-cum-Sale under the present notice shall be paid by the successful Bidder/Purchaser solely. (23) All other incidental charges (including but not limited to security charges or maintenance charges for preservation of the property under the present auction) will be borne solely by the highest bidder from the date of issuance of Certificate of Sale, which will have to be cleared / reimbursed to the Bank before registration of the Certificate of Sale. However at the sole discretion of the Authorised Officer, any just and reasonable delay will be considered for exemption, without setting any precedent for future. (24) As per Section 194-A of the Income Tax Act, 1961, TDS @ 0.75% shall be applicable on the sale proceeds if the sale consideration is Rs. 50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) and above or at the prevailing rate as amended/revised from time to time. The Successful bidder/purchaser shall deduct 1% TDS in favour of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd., from the sale price and deposit the same with Income Tax Department and submit challan evidencing the deposit of TDS and Form 26OB / TDS Certificate to Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. (25) Sale will strictly be on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS", "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" on the terms and conditions as mentioned herein, however the Authorised Officer shall have the absolute discretionary right to change or vary any of the terms and conditions. The bidders are advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding any encumbrances. Search in Sub-Registrar Office and Revenue Records and Municipal Records and any administrative Government records relating to the concerned Property and shall satisfy themselves regarding the nature and description of the property, condition, any encumbrances, lien, charge, statutory dues, etc. before submitting the bid for the concerned Property. Please note that the Bank/Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor does not in any way guarantee or make any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the property/ies/assets under auction. Sale/auction will be strictly on no recourse basis. (26) If the dues of the bank together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by them or part thereof as may be acceptable to the bank are tendered by/on behalf of the Borrow

Channi writes to PM, seeks complete waiver of farmers' debts

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday sought a “complete debt waiver” for farmers and farm labourers, while offering to shoulder the State’s burden with the Central Government.

The Chief Minister, in his letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent a day after the three farm laws were repealed in the Parliament, said: “With the annulment of the three farm laws by you, the farmers and the Government have moved a step closer to resolving pending issues that have taken centre stage. The foremost of course being the issue of agricultural debt.”

Channi said that during a meeting with farmer leaders in Chandigarh recently, the demand that remains pending at his level is that of the issue of farm debt. “A glittering ray of hope has, however, shone

after the Government of India’s changed stance (on the farm laws),” the Chief Minister said.

The Chief Minister emphasized the need to frame a Centre-State shared scheme of an appropriate ratio spread over some time with proper modalities to handle this issue and end the debt of farmers and farm labourers once and for all. “Despite the stressed revenues of the State Government, no sacrifice would be big enough than the weight of this moral obligation that we owe to farmer fraternity,” he said.

Notably, Prime Minister Modi had announced to repeal the farm laws on November 19, coinciding with the Gurburb to mark the 552nd birth anniversary of Sikhism founder Guru Nanak Dev, after a year-long battle fought by the farmers against the Centre.

As both the House of the Parliament passed the bill to

repeal the controversial laws ion the very first day of the winter session, the farmers, under the banner of Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), are continuing with their protests at the Delhi borders, seeking acceptance of six more demands, including guarantee on minimum support price (MSP). However, their demands don’t include the debt waiver.

Channi, in his letter, urged the Prime Minister, “Today is the day and today is the opportunity and today let’s make a fresh start and work towards improving the entire ecosystem of agriculture in Punjab in particular and the nation in general...We as stakeholders are ready to commit ourselves to any new arrangement that is decided mutually between all the stakeholders.”

“I know some people will question us with economic sheets in their hands but sir do



remember that tomorrow when neither me nor you are here then we will be judged. There will be a reckoning. It will either come from ourselves and our own conscience or it will come from our generations when they will ask that inconvenient question of what were we doing or what we did for those who fed us and for those who carried out the biggest democratic struggle of independent India. Let history

judge us by our deeds and that, when the moment of reckoning arrived, we did not shudder with fear but boldly turned the tide”, the letter read.

Channi pointed out that the farmers of Punjab are the one who picked up the gauntlet of food security of the nation and became the bulwark of green revolution. “The godowns filled to their edges today testify their relentless toil. The long journey from scarci-

ty driven days of PL 480 (ship to mouth) to the ration having given the Right of Food to its citizens is a proof of the hard work of the farmers and farm labour of this great nation. However, while ensuring food security, their self-pride driven farmers have crippled themselves under the weight of mountain of debt,” he said.

Striking an emotional chord, Channi said: “When they toiled on the soil, their sons defended the sensitive borders with their lives. Today’s India is indebted to these sons of soil. I am of the firm opinion that this great nation, which they have served for decades, now owes a moral obligation to shake its inertia and write off complete agricultural debt, including that of farm labour, till date.”

“No banking or non-banking institution should knock the doors of our farmers or farm labour for recovery of

agricultural loans which forms the root cause of suicides by the farmers and farm labour and stress in rural economy,” he said.As per information available, the total loan — institutional and non-institutional — on the agrarian class in Punjab has crossed Rs one lakh crore.

Notably, the Congress-led Punjab Government, under Capt Amarinder Singh, had waived Rs 4,610.24 crore debt on 5,63,718 farmers.

CM ADMITTED THAT CONG GOVT CANNOT IMPLEMENT COMPLETE RS 90K CORE FARM LOAN WAIVER, SAYS SAD

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Tuesday said that Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had admitted that the Congress Government did not have any intention of implementing a complete Rs 90,000 crore farm

loan waiver promised to farmers of Punjab by swearing an oath on the holy Gutka Sahab. At the same time, he accused the Chief Minister of resorting to trickery and treachery to squirm his way out of the commitment by putting the onus of the same on the Central Government. Sukhbir, reacting to Chief Minister’s letter to the Prime Minister on the issue, said that it was clear that the Congress wanted to do a double whammy on farmers of Punjab. “Farmers were tricked into believing the Congress Government would waive off their loans on the eve of the 2017 assembly elections by the then Pradesh Congress president Capt Amarinder Singh. Now, after deceiving and betraying the trust of farmers, Channi is again trying to trick farmers into believing that their loans will be waived off in conjunction with the Central Government,” he said.

Cong hits Amarinder hard in his backyard of Patiala

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Hitting Punjab’s former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh where it would hurt him the most, the Congress party is giving him one setback after another in his bastion, Patiala. After the suspension of Capt Amarinder’s staunch supporter and Patiala mayor Sanjeev Sharma Bittu, Punjab Government on Tuesday replaced his loyalist RP Pandov with the son of Congress legislator Madan Lal Jalalpur on the post of PSPCL Director (Administration).

Jalalpur, once a strong loyalist of Patiala’s royal family, was among the Congress leaders who raised the banner of revolt against Capt Amarinder when he was the Chief Minister and vociferously backed Navjot Singh Sidhu’s elevation to the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president’s post.

The appointment of Ghanaur MLA’s son, Gagandeep Singh Jalalpur, comes at a time when the Congress-led State

Government is already under opposition’s attack for doling out government jobs to the kins of Congress leaders, including ministers and lawmakers.

Gagandeep’s appointment on a government post would be the sixth made by the Congress Government. Before him, government jobs have been given to Deputy Chief Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa’s son-in-law, former revenue minister Gurpreet Singh Kangar’s son-in-law, Congress MLA Fatehjung Singh Bajwa’s son, Congress MLA Rakesh Pandey’s son, and Ludhiana MP Ravneet Singh Bittu’s brother.

While opposition has intensified its attack against the government for fulfilling its promise of Ghar Ghar Naukri by giving jobs to Congress leaders’ families only, the political observers are interpreting Jalalpur’s son’s appointment as a move to weaken Patiala Royal Capt Amarinder’s stronghold in his home constituency.

Ever since Capt Amarinder has bid a goodbye to the Congress party, the State

JOBS GIVEN TO CONG LEADERS' KITH AND KIN			
DATE	CONG LEADER	RELATION	POST
Nov 2021	Madan Lal Jalalpur Congress MLA	Son	Powercom Director (Admn)
Nov 2021	Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Home Minister	Son-in-law	Additional Advocate-General
Sept 2021	Gurpreet Singh Kangar Former Revenue Minister, Congress MLA	Son-in-law	Excise and Taxation Inspector
June 2021	Fatehjung Singh Bajwa Congress MLA	Son	DSP (gave up the offer later)
June 2021	Rakesh Pandey Congress MLA	Son	Naib Tehsildar
2017	Ravneet Singh Bittu Ludhiana MP	Brother (also former Chief Minister Beant Singh’s grandson)	DSP

Government has been replacing his loyalist from various high positions. First one to go was KK Sharma, who was PRTC chairman, followed by unceremonious suspension of Patiala mayor Sanjeev Sharma Bittu, and now RP Pandav.

As per the notification

issued by the government on Tuesday, Gagandeep Singh Jalalpur has been appointed as Director/Administration, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), for two years with immediate effect. Gagandeep is also Zila Parishad member.

OMICRON VARIANT Possible third wave: Punjab orders 40K daily testing

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the threat of a possible third Covid-19 wave looming large over the state in the wake of new variant Omicron, Punjab Government on Tuesday ordered 40,000 daily Covid testing in the State.

Issuing the instructions, the Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Health and Family Welfare Minister Om Prakash Soni ordered 40,000 daily Covid testing in the State following the reports of a spurt of a new Covid-19 variant in some parts of the world and a possible third wave of Coronavirus in Punjab.

Soni held a high-level review meeting with senior health officials including the Principal Secretary (Medical Education and Research) Vikas Garg, National Health Mission-Punjab managing director Kumar Rahul, Punjab Health

System Corporation’s managing director Bhupinder Singh.

Director Health and Family Welfare Dr Andesh Kang, Director Health Services OP Gojra, along with Civil Surgeons and senior medical officers across the State to sensitise the people of Punjab to make them aware of the imminent danger of new form of Covid-19 Omicron.

He directed the officers of the Department to start preparations at the war-footing level at once to tackle any possible emergency.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the RT-PCR tests are capable of identifying new viruses, therefore, maximum Covid tests should be conducted across the state, he added.

Soni also issued directions to set up separate wards for the admission of suspected patients

suffering from the new variant. He also directed the officials of the Health Department to make concrete arrangements regarding the arrival of travellers to Punjab from South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel.

HARYANA DIRECTS SENIOR OFFICERS TO INTENSIFY SURVEILLANCE

Keeping in view the concerns over the Omicron variant of Covid-19, Haryana Government on Tuesday directed Deputy Commissioners, Commissioners of Police, Inspectors General of Police and Superintendents of Police to ensure strict implementation of COVID-19 protocols.

Haryana postpones decision to resume classes with 100% capacity

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A mid concerns over the potentially more transmissible new “Omicron” (B.1.1.529) variant of the Covid-19, Haryana Government has decided to postpone the decision to resume classes in schools with 100 per cent capacity from December 1 onwards.

Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar told the mediapersons that the classes will continue as per the present protocol.

The decision to resume schools with 100 percent capacity has been postponed as of now, he said.

The Minister had recently announced that all classes in schools will resume from December 1 while mid-day meals will start from January 1, 2022.

Haryana issues transfer and posting order of 16 IAS officers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Hours after appointment of new Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, Haryana Government on Tuesday issued transfer and posting orders of 16 IAS officers with immediate effect.

Devender Singh has been posted as Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation & Water Resources Department and Town & Country Planning and Urban Estates Department while SN Roy is given charge of ACS, Forests & Wildlife Department, Environment & Climate Change Department, Power Department and New & Renewable Energy Department.TVSN Prasad is given additional charge of ACS, Cooperation Department; Ankur Gupta posted as ACS Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department.

Punjab CM says Badals responsible for sacrilege, consequent firing incidents

PNS ■ KOTKAPURA (FARIDKOT)

In Kotkapura — the epicentre of the sacrilege incidents and subsequent protests — on Tuesday, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday squarely blamed the Badals for the series of desecration incidents in Bargari and consequent firing incidents in Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura.

“As the matter is subjudice, he cannot divulge more details...Badals were hand in glove with perpetrators of this heinous crime,” said Channi, while addressing a gathering in Kotkapura’s New Grain Market where he also announced to give ₹15 crores each for the overall development of Kotkapura and Jaitu constituencies.

Recalling the firing incidents that occurred in Behbal Kalan and Kotkapura, Channi said that the firing did not took place on peaceful protestors at these places but in reality took



place on our chests. “We vow that real perpetrators of this unpardonable crime will not be spared and those who were very much part of the execution of agriculture bills,” he added.Reiterating his Government’s stance, Channi said that all of his Government’s promises have been transformed into realities during just two months. “Apart from other welfare schemes, now we are offering lowest price of power and petrol in Punjab which is the most useful and required element for survival,” he said.

AAP’s ‘Tiranga Yatra’ in Pathankot on Dec 2

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Stepping up its 2022 Punjab Selection campaign, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), led by its national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, will hold “Tiranga Yatra” in Pathankot on December 2. Along with Kejriwal, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, besides senior party leadership from the State, will also be joining the yatra.Notably, AAP has been holding similar ‘Tiranga Yatras’ or tricolour march in other states also, especially four organises in the poll-bound state of Uttar Pradesh only, and receiving tremendous response.As the party is eyeing to expand its wings outside Delhi where it is heading the Government, Punjab has emerged on the top of its list.

AAP has already sounded the poll bugle in Punjab by organising a massive ‘Kisan Mahapanchayat’ at Moga’s Bagha Purana in March this year. After that, AAP supremo Kejriwal has been regularly visiting the State, and making

pre-poll announcements for various categories.

The party is organising “Tiranga Yatra to galvanise the party cadre, besides making an effort to catch the attention of people, including the party’s workers and supporters from across the State.As a part of the yatra, the party leaders and workers would carry the tricolours, and raise nationalist slogans such as ‘Vande Mataram’, ‘Jai Hind’. The similar yatra, organised in other states, has received massive response with large number of people also coming forward to participate. We are expecting a better response in Punjab,” AAP leader told The Pioneer.The party leader informed that the march would provide a stage for the party to apprise the people about their policies and promises. “The party’s all programmes and meetings are witnessing a considerable response, be it with traders, teachers, or autowallahs,” said the party leader, adding that through this yatra, a new lease of energy would be infused among the party cadre.

Haryana signs MoU with 29 companies of 20 FPOs

CM says companies will buy vegetables and other products directly from farmers’ fields

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said that continuous efforts are being made to strengthen the economic condition of the farmers and encourage them towards trade and market so that every individual in the state can get work and their income can be doubled.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony between Agriculture Sector Investors and Farmer Producer Organizations here, he said that this is a golden programme organized for the farmers in which 29 MoUs have been made to give direct benefits through Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO). Among them, an MoU has also been



signed with Chaudhary Charan Singh Agriculture University, Hisar, under which students of agriculture will also be able to do internships.

It was informed that 599 FPOs have been formed in the state and more than 77,985 farmers have been linked with these FPOs.

Khattar said that such steps would play an effective role in realizing the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Expressing gratitude to the companies coming forward in food processing, the Chief Minister said that now, the buy-

ers will also get benefit as the prices in the market will also be less.

He urged the investors and FPOs in the agriculture sector to give priority to the families in the state having an income of less than ₹1 lakh by providing employment under Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Pariwar Utthan Yojana.

By doing this, they will get the fruits of virtue along with self-satisfaction, he said. Khattar also asked 500 progressive farmers of the state to give training to small farmers in crop diversification.

Sanjeev Kaushal appointed Haryana chief secretary

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The 1986-batch IAS officer Sanjeev Kaushal was elevated by the Haryana Government as State’s Chief Secretary on Tuesday, becoming the third person from his family to assume the charge of top post.

Kaushal’s father-in-law BS Ojha was the Haryana Chief Secretary in the early nineties while his elder brother Sarvesh Kaushal has served as the Punjab Chief Secretary. Kaushal was the senior-most officer and front-runner for the top post in the State and will succeed Vijai Vardhan, who retired on Thursday.

A State Government’s order stated, “Sanjeev Kaushal has been posted as Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, General

Administration, Personnel, Training, Parliamentary Affairs, Vigilance, Administrative Reforms Departments and Secretary incharge of Plan Coordination.”

PK Das, who was also in the race for the top post, has been posted as Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana and Financial Commissioner, Revenue & Disaster Management and Consolidation Departments.

Kaushal, who had been the Principal Secretary to Chief Minister when the BJP formed the government under Manohar Lal Khattar in 2014, has sufficient service left with his retirement due on July 31, 2024.

Kaushal has been instrumental in executing two pet projects of the Chief Minister



during his tenure as the Financial Commissioner Revenue (FCR). These included the modernisation of the age-old revenue record rooms and an ambitious project to make Haryana “lal dora” free. As Additional Chief Secretary, Kaushal has handled the Departments of Finance &

Planning, Excise and Taxation, Agriculture, Cooperation, Revenue & Disaster Management.

During his vast experience, he had worked with Centre as Joint Secretary, two State Governments, two large PSUs as Managing Director, and also the largest Municipal

Corporation of Haryana (as the Chief Administrator of Faridabad Complex with the responsibilities of the Mayor and Commissioner both).

Kushal had served as Assistant Collector (Training), Madurai (Tamil Nadu), a sub-collector, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) 1988-90, Additional Deputy Commissioner Faridabad in 1990-91. He had also served as Managing Director, Haryana Warehousing Corporation, Chandigarh (1993-94), Joint Secretary to Government of Haryana, Cooperation, Health & Medical Education, Wildlife Preservation & Rules Departments (1996-99).

He is a gold medallist in B.Sc (non-medical) from Guru Nanak Dev University Amritsar, a gold medallist in B.Sc (Honours in Mathematics)

from GNDU and has also done Masters in Public administration and economics.

Earlier, Vijai Vardhan superannuated from the post of Chief Secretary. Apart from this, Alok Nigam also superannuated from the post of Additional Chief Secretary, Public Works (Building and Roads) and Mines and Geology Department.

In the evening, Haryana IAS Association bid a warm farewell to Vardhan and Nigam. Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, D.S. Dhesi, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Dr. Amit Agrawal, Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries, Directors of various Departments and many other senior administrative officers were present during the farewell.

Himachal Cabinet gives approval to electric vehicle policy

PNS ■ SHIMLA

The Himachal cabinet on Tuesday approved the draft electric vehicle policy to promote a sustainable transport system for making the hill state a global hub for electric mobility development. The policy will also promote manufacturing of electric vehicles and create public and private charging infrastructure for electric vehicles besides providing subsidies and incentives to the electric vehicles manufacturing industries in the state.

The cabinet which was

held here under Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur also gave its nod to introduce The Sardar Patel University, Mandi, Himachal Pradesh (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2021 in Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly for setting up of new University at Mandi.

To double the farmers income by enhancing production and productivity of traditional crops and to improve nutritional security and income of growers, the cabinet decided to implement ‘Swaran Jayanti Paramparagat Beej Suraksha Avam Samvardhan Yojna’ in the State.

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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(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.

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(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 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](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** otherwise these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

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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-pol 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 meagre 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.

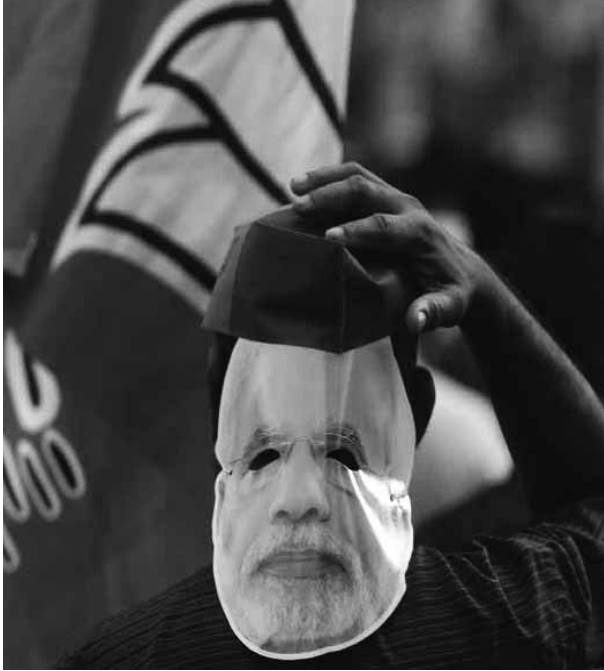
The first Yatra will be taken out from December 7 and will be led by senior BJP leaders, including party president JP Nadda, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

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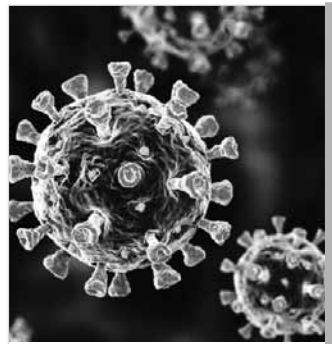
Artist creates a sand sculpture on the eve of the World AIDS Day at Puri beach, Odisha

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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

he was defeated by Germany, led by Chancellor Otto von Bismarck. Italy was not a democratic country until after 1945. Eastwards onwards, there was a variety of autocracies.

India has performed admirably, especially because we started in 1947 with a low rate of literacy. Incidentally, Nehru was a democrat, moreover, he kept winning all the elections until he lived. So did Indira Gandhi in 1972 and 1980 and Rajiv Gandhi in 1985. Except for two years between 1977 and 1979, the dynasty ruled India. The great advantage of democracy is the synergy it produces. Freedom lands enthusiasm to people and the work willing. Compulsion, which often results from autocracy, semi-paralyses. As Prime Minister Modi said that India was able to achieve 100 crore vaccinations within some months because it was everybody's effort, the results of synergy are amazing.

Another reason for the success of democracy is the very size of the country where a takeover by civilians or by soldiers would find it extremely difficult to capture power and hold it. Additionally, the country is so diverse in the language and culture of the people that a

unity amongst people to capture and retain power is difficult.

An autocracy usually survives when there is no alternative. In a reasonably well functioning democracy, this is usually not a problem as a vacuum seldom occurs. The nature and temperament of the people is important. Here, the credit must go to the Hindu faith which makes people believe in their Karma. To an extent, this makes the people individualistic who seldom want to unite to knock out another group. This is unlike Islam which prefers rule by *jamhuriyat* or consensus under a monarch. The contrast between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh tells the story of different temperaments. The contrast between Islamic countries and the rest of the world is interesting. Wherever there is monarchy the people are happy if they are Muslim. The concept begins with the Caliph who is supposed to be the spiritual and temporal head of Sunni Islam. The world of Muslims is meant to be one or pan-Islamic.

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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.

Cricketers 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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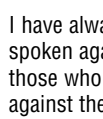


Congress general secretary — Priyanka Gandhi



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

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.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT


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



BKP SINHA

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

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,

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.

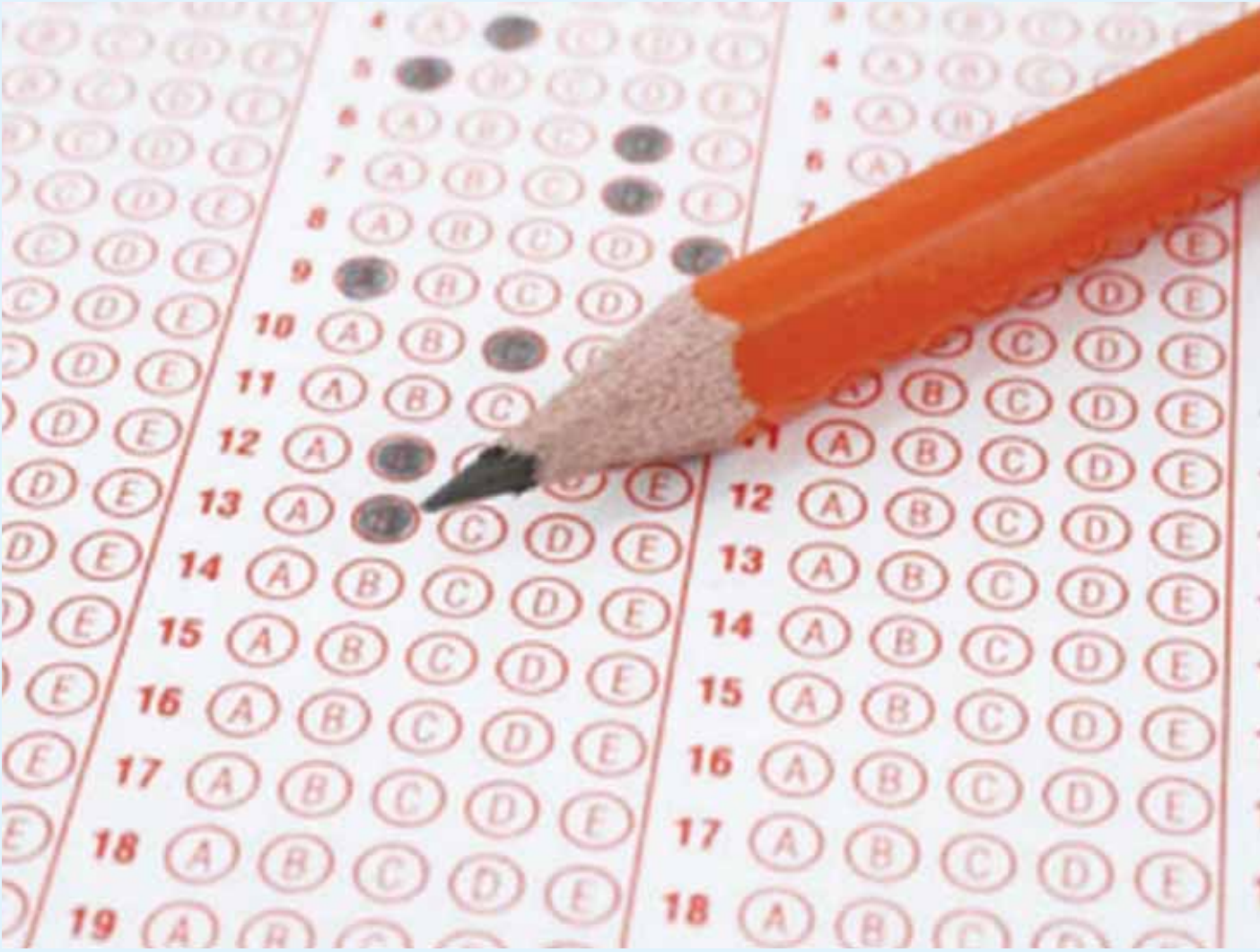
To use renewable energy more efficiently and generate carbon-free energy, we must invest more in research and development. Furthermore, issues such as widespread poverty alleviation, education, health, clean drinking water, water for sanitation and job creation require more money to be diverted to address 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 persuasion, 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.

The analysis is out and the overall exam was not very tough as compared to 2020. However, DILR was a little time consuming and lengthy, says 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), Quant (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.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

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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.

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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 association 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.

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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 boy-hood 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 Ballon d’Or, which is organised by France

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.

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



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

third year that a 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.

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	Égypt, 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

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 first Test match, I was really nervous, and my hands were shak-



ing 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.


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 Permal and Jomel Warrian 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.



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Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002

As the Loan Account Became NPA therefore The Authorised Officer (AO) Under section 13 (2) Of Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 had issued 60 day demand notice to the Borrower as given in the table. According to the Notice if the Borrower does not deposit the Amount within 60 days, the amount will be recovered from Auction of the security as given below. As the demand Notice send to the borrower/guarantor has not been served, copy of demand notice has also been affixed on the secured assets as given below. Therefore you the borrower is informed to deposit the loan amount along with future interest and recovery expenses within 60 days, otherwise under the provisions of section 13 (4) and 14 of the said Act, the AO is free to take possession of the Security as given below.

Name of the Borrower	Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2)	Description of Mortgaged property
Mr. SANTOSH KUMAR Mrs. CHINTA DEVI, Mrs. SHARDA DEVI (A/C No.) LNBHT03718-190101238 LNBHT04320-210146168	26 Nov 2021 Rs. 2757272 & Rs. 52821 25 Nov 2021	(1) PROPERTY IS SITUATED AT KHEVAT NO. 1686, KHATONI NO. 2062, BEARING KHASRA NO. 35/17/2(6-1)17/1(1-4), BHIWANI JONPAL,TEH AND DISTT BHIWANI, HARYANA ADMEASURING 50 Sq. Yard (2) PROPERTY IS SITUATED AT KHEVAT NO. 1688/1599, KHATONI NO. 2062, BEARING KHASRA NO. 35/17/2(6-1)17/1(1-4), BHIWANI JONPAL,TEH AND DISTT BHIWANI, HARYANA ADMEASURING 33.33 Sq. Yard
Mr. SHYAM KUMAR Mrs. NEELAM (Co-Borrower) (A/C No.) LNAM800319-200116441	29 Nov 2021 Rs. 1838616 25 Nov 2021	HOUSE NO. 104, KHATONI NO. 184, VILLAGE-NANHEDA, AMBALA, HARYANA ADMEASURING 183 Sq. Yard
Mr. VARUN KUMAR Mr. PARVEEN VERMA (Co-Borrower), Mrs. ARTI (Co-Borrower) (A/C No.) LNFAR02919-200134781	29 Nov 2021 Rs. 1838616 25 Nov 2021	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY NO 1502 (5718H) AREA MEASURING 223 SQ YDS., SITUATED AT PALWAL (WITHIN ABADI MOHALHA COTE KUMAHARAN) TEHSIL AND DISTT. PALWAL HARYANA ADMEASURING 223 Sq. Yard

Place : Jaipur **Date :** 01.12.2021 **Authorised Officer** Aavas Financiers Limited



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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

THE UNDERSIGNED AS AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED HAS TAKEN OVER POSSESSION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE NOTICE ISSUED U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 IN THE FOLLOWING LOAN ACCOUNTS WITH A RIGHT TO SELL THE SAME ON "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" FOR REALIZATION OF COMPANY'S DUES.

1. BORROWER/S & GUARANTOR/S NAME & ADDRESS 2. TOTAL DUE + INTEREST FROM	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY
RIKHI RAM SUDARSHAN KUMAR H.No. 21/1-C New Model Town Phagwara Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab -144401. Also At:- 3B/5, New Model Town Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab 144001. Rikhi Ram Sudarshan Kumar Dana mandi Road District Kapurthala Punjab 144001. RAHUL DHINGRA H.No. 21/1-C New Model Town Phagwara Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab -144401. VEEENA DHINGRA - H.No. 21/1-C New Model Town Phagwara Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab -144401. KRISHAN KUMAR- H.No. 21/1-C New Model Town Phagwara Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab -144401. Also at:- 3B/5, New Model Town Phagwara District Kapurthala Punjab 144001. Also at:- Rikhi Ram Sudarshan Kumar Dana mandi Road District Kapurthala Punjab -144001 Account No. : 3537624 TOTAL OUTSTANDING : Rs. 8,163,589 (Rupees Eighty One Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Five Hundred And Eighty Nine Only) as of 10.06.2020 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.	House no 21/1-C, Measuring 17.83 Marla in Khasra No. 3606, 3628 and Hadbast No. 74, at new model town, Phagwara Bounded as east :- Gali new model town-H House no 21-C darshan, West :- other, North :- House no 21-C darshan singh and South :-Hakam Chand Dhingra situated at Phagwara Tehsil Phagwara and District Kapurthala Bounded by: North :- H.No. 21-C, Darshan Singh South :- Hakam Chand Dhingra, East: Street New Model Town, West: Other House /46-6	1)E-AUCTION DATE:10.01.2021 10.30 AM TO 11.30 AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2 LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMDWITH KYC 06.01.2021 TILL 5PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 04.01.2021 BETWEEN 12.00 AM TO 01.00PMIST	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs.9349500/- (Rupees Ninety Three Lacs Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Rupees only) EMD Amount(IN INR): Rs.9,34,950/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Thirty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Rupees only)

The intending bidders are advised to visit the Branch and the properties put up on Auction, and obtain necessary information regarding charges, encumbrances. The purchaser shall make his own enquiry and ascertain the additional charges, encumbrances and any third party interests and satisfy himself/herself in all aspects thereto. All statutory dues like property taxes, electricity dues and any other dues, if any, attached to the property should be ascertained and paid by the successful bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s). The bidder(s)/prospective purchaser(s) are requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/herself with regard to the above and the other relevant details pertaining to the above mentioned property/Properties, before submitting the bids.

Terms & Conditions of Online Tender/Auction

(1) The auction sale shall be "online e-auction" bidding through website <https://www.bankauctions.com> Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP on the dates as mentioned in the table above with **Unlimited Extension of 5 Minutes.**

(2) The interested bidders shall submit their EMD through Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com> (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with <https://www.bankauctions.com>) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT in the account mentioned above. After Registration (One Time) by the bidder in the Web Portal, the intending bidder/ purchaser is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded in the Web Portal before the Last Date & Time of submission of the Bid Documents viz. i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS Challan or Demand Draft; ii) Copy of PAN Card; iii) Proof of Identification/ Address Proof (KYC) viz. self-attested copy of Voter ID Card/ Driving License/ Passport etc.; without which the Bid is liable to be rejected. UPLOADED SCANNED COPY OF ANNEXURE-II & III (can be downloaded from the Web Portal: <https://www.bankauctions.com>) AFTER DULY FILLED UP & SIGNING IS ALSO REQUIRED. The interested bidders who require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting Bid Documents, Training/ Demonstration on Online Inter-se Bidding etc., may contact M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd, Udyog Vihar, Phase 2, Gulf Petrochem building, Building No. 301, Gurgaon, Haryana. Pin: 122015. E-mail ID : support@bankauctions.com. Support Helpline Numbers : 124-4302020/2122/23, 7291981124/ 1125/ 1126, Sales Enquiries : sales@bankauctions.com, 7291981129 and for any property related query may contact Authorised Officer: MR. Vikas Anand; Mobile No: 9711010384, e-mail ID: vikas.anand@hdbfs.com, Naval Kishore; Mobile No: 7696442530 e-mail ID: naval.kishore@hdbfs.com, and MR. Vishal Ritpurkar@hdbfs.com, Mobile No: 983671006, e-mail ID: vishal.ritpurkar@hdbfs.com during the working hours from Monday to Saturday.

(3) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit amount of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of Demand Draft/PAY ORDER drawn on any nationalized or scheduled Commercial Bank in favor of " HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PARI/ LUOHIANA or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; **Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above) and register their name at <https://www.bankauctions.com> and get user ID and password free of cost and get training on e-Auction from the service provider. After their Registration on the web-site, the intending purchaser/bidder is required to get the copies of the following documents uploaded i) Copy of the NEFT/RTGS challan/DD copy/ Pay order, 2 Copy of PAN card and 3 Copy of proof of address (Passport, Driving License, Voter's I-Card or Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill, Telephone Bill, Registered Leave License Agreement) on the website before or by the last date of submission of the EMD(s) as mentioned in the table above and also submit hardcopy thereof at the Branch mentioned hereinabove.**

(4) Bid must be accompanied with EMD (Equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price) by way of Demand Draft/ Pay order in favour of " HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PARI/ Chandigarh or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; **Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD; on or before date and time mentioned above.**

(5) Bids that are not filled up or Bids received beyond last date will be considered as invalid Bid and shall be summarily rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. Once the bid is submitted by the Bidder, same cannot be withdrawn. If the bidder does not participate in the bid process, EMD deposited by the Bidder shall be forfeited without further recourse. However, EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded without interest.

(6) The bid price to be submitted shall be above the Reserve Price alongwith increment value of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) and the bidder shall further improve their offer in multiple of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only). The property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price set by the Authorised Officer.

(7) The successful bidder is required to deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD) immediately but not later than next working day by Demand Draft drawn in favour of " HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED" payable AT PARI/ CHANDIGARH or NEFT/RTGS in the account of "HDBFS GENERAL COLLNS"; **Account No 00210310002748; IFSC Code- HDFC0000021; MICR CODE: MICR500240002; Branch: LAKDIKAPUL, HYDERABAD** and the balance amount of sale price shall be paid by the successful bidder within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the Company. The EMD as well as Sale Price paid by the interested bidders shall carry no interest. The deposit of EMD or 10% of sale price, whatever may be the case shall be forfeited by the Company, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to terms of sale or commits any default.

(8) On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser.

(9) Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any.

(10) The successful bidder shall bear all expenses including pending dues of any Development Authority, if any/ taxes/ utility bills etc. to the Municipal Corporation or any other authority/ agency and fees payable for stamp duty/registration fees etc. for registration of the Sale Certificate.

(11) The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immovable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary.

(12) To the best of its knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property to their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness/title of the aforesaid property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any change, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property.

(13) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. is due and payable till its actual realization.

(14) The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchasers for purchasing the immovable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale.

(15) Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <https://www.bankauctions.com> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioned UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concerned Manager Mr. Naval Kishore; **Mobile No: 7696442530; at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS :- SCO 277, 2nd Floor, Sector 32 - D, Chandigarh - 160030 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above).**

(16) The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding, etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the services as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of tenant only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into the principle of caveat emptor.

(17) This publication is also a '30' (Thirty) days' notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith upto date interest and expenses within '30' (Thirty) days' notice from the date of this notice failing which the Secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above. In case there is any discrepancy between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/mortgagors pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED Mr. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7696442530.

Place: Chandigarh, **Date:** 29/11/2021 **AUTHORISED OFFICER,** HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED