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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 travellers 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.

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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.

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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.

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Booster shot for Omicron possible in 6 months: Adar

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Tests are on for Omicron and a call on the matter will be taken in another two weeks, when more is known about the

new virus, he said.

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

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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 Manoharlal Khattar



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

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.

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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.

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CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR MALLIYA, SAYS SC

New Delhi: "We can't be waiting any longer now" and the sentencing aspect in the contempt matter against fugitive businessman Vijay Malliya, 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.

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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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Empty liquor bottles found on legislature premises in ‘dry’ Bihar, uproar ensues

Patna: Empty bottles of liquor were discovered inside the premises of the legislature in dry Bihar, in a fresh embarrassment to the Nitish Kumar Government in the State, which has been drawing flak over recent hooch tragedies that have claimed more than 40 lives.

The bottles were found under a tree in the area earmarked as parking lot for two-wheelers. The news spread like wildfire during lunch hour.

Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav rushed to survey the spot and launched a blistering attack on the Government when the assembly resumed business.

Chief Minister Nitish Kumar grimly told the House, “This is such an unacceptable thing. I am ordering the chief secretary and the DGP to thoroughly investigate the matter. The guilty must not be spared.”

Chief Secretary Tripurari Sharan and Director General of Police S K Singhal reached the spot soon afterwards, collected the bottles for examination and hinted at a conspiracy angle.

“Beyond the working hours of the House, security arrangements are not as intensive. Somebody seems to have taken advantage of the same with a specific motive which needs to be found out. To call the incident a security breach is, however, not appropriate,” Sharan told reporters.

Singhal added: “Unfortunately there is no CCTV camera installed close to the spot, which could give a due about who brought these bottles inside.

“Nonetheless, we have sent these for forensic examination. Experts from the excise department have also been roped in to ascertain the material that might have been contained in the bottles.”

More than one leader of the ruling NDA, however, expressed suspicion that the bottles might have been kept at the spot by leaders of the RJD to defame the government.

“The guilty will not be spared. But, I suspect the RJD is behind the mischief,” said Neeraj Kumar Bablu, a BJP MLA who is also the state minister for environment and forestry.

BJP MLC Naval Kishore Yadav echoed similar views, saying nobody was found drinking at the spot, and some old bottles were thrown there.

Meanwhile, leader of the opposition Tejashwi Yadav fumed upon inspecting the site. “This is outrageous. The spot is less than 100 metres away from the CM’s chamber,” he said.

Earlier, Yadav had expressed outrage over bottles being found at a spot “less than 100 metres from the chief minister’s chamber.... Just a day after he presided over a farce wherein NDA legislators took the pledge, inside the central hall here, against liquor consumption”.

Asked if he favoured a repeal of the prohibition law, which his father Lalu Prasad claims to have been opposed to, Yadav told reporters, “We are in favour of complete ‘nashabandi’ (non-consumption of intoxicants).”

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Secy suspended for UP TET paper leak

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

After directing the Special Task Force to initiate stern legal action against those involved in Uttar Pradesh Teacher Eligibility Test (UP TET) paper leak besides invoking National Security Act and Gangsters’ Act against them, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday made another crackdown when he placed the Secretary of Examination Regulatory Authority Sanjay Kumar Upadhyay under suspension.

According to an official spokesman, Upadhyay was found prima facie guilty of negligence leading to the leakage of the UP TET paper hence action was taken against him by the chief minister.

During the period of suspension, Upadhyay would remain attached to the office of the Director of Basic Education, Lucknow.

“Secretary, Examination Regulatory Authority, Sanjay Upadhyay has been found prima facie guilty of not conducting UP TET in a fair, copy-less and peaceful manner”, the official claimed while issuing his suspension order. Upadhyay was responsible for

conducting the examination.

Meanwhile, in another major development, Director of the RSM FINSERV Ltd, Rai Anoop Prasad, who was summoned by STF for interrogation on Monday night in Noida, was also arrested after his role came up in the paper leakage case.

The firm situated at Mohan Cooperative area in Badarpur, New Delhi was entrusted to print the question paper of UP TET by the Examination Regulatory Authority on October 26 last. The STF registered a fresh case against Prasad and four others in Noida in connection with the paper leakage.

Besides Prasad, the STF claimed to have also arrested one Rahul Chaudhary from Vaidik Degree College in Baraut, Baghpat. Chaudhary runs a shoe shop opposite the college. After being grilled, Rahul revealed that with the help of Feroz, a resident of Ramala in Baghpat, and Babloo aka Balram Rathi hailing from Shahpur in Muzaffarnagar, they operated the gang.

He claimed that the question paper recovered from him was of second shift of UP TET and they procured it from Ravi

aka Bunty, a resident of Kandhla in Shamli, a day before the scheduled exam.

He also disclosed that in the ongoing ‘online’ exams for recruitment of sub-inspectors in UP Police, he and Babloo aka Balram had taken Radheyshyam Vidyapeeth Lab in Kankarkheda locality of Meerut on rent. Through LAN, they tried to hack the question papers and get it solved but due to the alertness of NCiet conducting the said exam, they failed to do so.

A case has been registered against Rahul and further interrogations are on.

The STF team is also concentrating its probe mainly at the office of the Examination Regulatory Authority in Prayagraj. It made one more arrest of an accused Gaurav from Aligarh on Monday. His name came up during interrogation of three accused, Ravi, Dharmendra and Manish, who were already arrested by STF from Shamli on Sunday. The three are suspected to have leaked the paper of the second shift.

During grilling, however, they revealed that it was Gaurav who provided the paper in Mathura on a Rs 2 lakh deal.

Bodies of 2 young couples found, 1 hanging from tree, another on rly track in UP

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 Aagain 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 have 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. The entire sequence of a verbal exchange and assault was captured by a CCTV camera and the police were trying to identify the miscreants.

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.

“As of now, it has been decided to have one kabaddi and one cricket tournament for the entire Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat. Since there will be more rush for cricket, one cricket tournament for each of the seven Assembly segments of Gandhinagar seat will be held and winners of these Assembly-level tournaments will again compete against each other for the crown,” he explained.

Uttarakhand decides to repeal Devasthanam Board Act

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

The State Government has decided to take back the contentious Char Dham Devasthanam Management Board Act. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami announced this decision on Tuesday. The Act had elicited strong opposition from the Teerth Purohits since it was introduced in the assembly session during 2019 in the tenure of the then chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat. It brought the Char Dham shrines and 51 shrines connected to them under the management of the Devasthanam Management Board.

On Tuesday, Dhami announced that based on the final report of the high powered committee headed by Manohar Kant Dhyani and considering the interests and sentiments of all connected to the Char Dham Yatra, the state government had decided to take back the Act.

It will be recalled that apart from the Teerth Purohits, the Akhil Bharatiya Akhada Parishad had also demanded repeal of the Act.

RT-PCR, RAT can...

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States and UTs were advised to have continuous monitoring of areas where recent clusters of positive cases have emerged and send all positive samples for genome sequencing to the designated INSACOG Lab in a prompt manner.

They were asked to do effective and regular monitoring of home isolation cases, with physical visits to homes of passengers from “at-risk” countries.

The status of those who are negative after the test on the eighth day has to also be physically monitored by the State administration, Bhushan said.

“States were also asked to ensure the preparedness of

health infrastructure (availability of ICU, O2 beds, ventilators, etc.) and to implement Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness (EHRP-II) with a focus on rural areas and for pediatric cases,” it said.

They were asked to work for early implementation of sanctioned pressure swing adsorption (PSA) oxygen generating plants, along with ensuring a seamless supply of logistics, drugs, O2 cylinders, etc.

States have been asked to co-ordinate with airport health officers (APHOs) and “Air Suvidha” portal for a list of positive travellers, including details of all international travellers, and strengthen support to them

for effective surveillance.

Effective and timely coordination between State admin, BOI officials, APHOs, port health officers (PHOs) and land border crossing officers (LBCOs) was stressed upon.

States have been advised for meetings with relevant officials to ensure smooth implementation of the new “Guidelines for International Travellers” which come into effect from midnight.

Daily monitoring by the State surveillance officer has been directed to track and contain the spread of transmission of any VoCs (volatile organic compound) in the country, especially from any recent clusters of positive cases.

Existing vaccines...

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While no deaths have yet been reported from Omicron, and it could take weeks to know how infectious and how resistant the strain may prove to vaccines, its emergence underscores how besieged the world remains by Covid-19, nearly two years after

the first cases were recorded.

Moderna, US drugmaker Pfizer and the backers of Russian vaccine Sputnik V have all announced that they are already working on an Omicron-specific vaccine.

Scientists in South Africa said they had detected the new variant with at least 10 mutations, compared with three for Beta or two for Delta -- the

strain that hit the global recovery and sent millions worldwide back into lockdown.

China warned that the fast-spreading Omicron variant would cause challenges in hosting next February’s Winter Olympics in Beijing, with thousands of athletes, media and participants arriving from overseas required to enter a strict “closed-loop” bubble.

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Pal said the farmers groups under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha will decide on names in its December 4 meeting. Sources said the committee will have representatives of the Central Government, State Governments, farmers, agricultural scientists, and agricultural economists. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has even asked States/UTs, to consider the withdrawal of all cases filed against farmers who were part of the agitation as law and order is a subject.

According to SKM, there was a telephone call from the Centre to a Punjab farmer union leader, wherein they wanted five names to be sug-

gested from SKM’s side for a committee. “However, we have received no written communication and no details are available so far about what this Committee is about, its mandate or Terms of Reference. In the absence of such details, it would be premature to comment on this issue,” the SKM said.

Meanwhile, in a reply to Lok Sabha on a legal backing to the MSP, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar did not furnish any clear reply to a question, “whether the Government has any plan to introduce legal backing to the Minimum Support Price (MSP) to agricultural products”. The question was raised by K Muralaedharan .

Apart from the repeal of the farm laws, a legal guarantee on MSP has been one of the major demands of the protesting farmer unions.

CET for UG...

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“These tests would be conducted in minimum 13 languages in which NTA is already conducting JEE and NEET examinations” the UGC said in a letter to vice-chancellors of all universities.

“The Common Entrance Test may also be adopted by the willing State/private universities/deemed to be uni-

versities,” the commission said. UGC also said that for admission in PhD programme NET score shall be used, wherever feasible.

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, had proposed a CET for all universities through the NTA which will serve as a premier, expert, autonomous testing organisation to offer high-quality common aptitude test, as well as specialised common subject exams in the sciences, humanities, languages, arts, and vocational subjects in

higher education institutions.

A committee was constituted to look into the matter and to suggest the modalities for conducting the test for Central universities. “The committee held several rounds of discussions regarding the modalities in details for conducting the CET. Thereafter, a meeting was held with the vice-chancellors of all Central universities on November 21 to discuss the recommendations of the panel,” it said.

Peeved at MPs’ suspension, Opp walks out of RS

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Not satisfied with Naidu’s ruling, the opposition parties, including the Congress, AAP, RJD, and Left parties protested, raising slogans. Naidu, however, ignored them and went on to take up listed Zero-Hour questions. The

Opposition MPs then staged a walkout from the House. TMC members too staged a walkout a short while later after their leader Derek O’Brien said it’s not the Opposition but the 80 MPs of the Treasury Benches who should be suspended as they blocked certain discussions during the previous Monsoon Session.

Naidu said he was not considering Kharge’s appeal as the suspended MPs have not shown any remorse, but on the contrary, justified their acts. “You try to mislead the House, you disturb the House, you ransacked the table, you also threw papers on the Chair and also some of them have got on to the table and then you are giving me lessons. This is not the way,” he said.

Raising the issue when the House met for the day, Kharge said the motion for suspension moved by Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi was in gross violation of the rules and action was taken in the current Winter Session of Parliament for alleged “unruly” conduct in the last session.

Also, the rules require the Chair to name the members before a motion of suspension is moved, which did not happen when the 12 MPs were suspended on a Government motion on November 29, he said, adding that the Chair had on Monday not even allowed him to raise of point of order, which according to the well-settled conventions of Rajya Sabha is always permitted.

Booster shot for Omicron possible in 6 months: Adar

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It is, however, not essential that a specific version of the vaccine will be required for Omicron, he said.

“The Lancet has reported that Covishield’s efficacy is very high and significantly reduces chances of hospitalisation and possibility of death... It is not necessary that the efficacy of Covishield would drop with time, he said, referring to the new study published in the

peer-reviewed journal.

If a booster is needed eventually, he said the company has enough doses and it will be available at the same price.

“We have hundreds of millions of stock in our campus. We have over 200 million doses reserved for States and Union Territories in India. So, if the Government is to announce a booster dose, we are well stocked,” he told the TV channel.

City's air quality continues to remain in 'very poor' category

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

Values of both the pollutants were 263 and 140 (µgm-3) on the National Ambient Air Quality Index (NAAQI). AQI in NCR region – Faridabad 210, Noida 316, Gurugram 320 and Ghaziabad 315.

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



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

Gurugram imposes ₹18L fine on 171 people for flouting pollution norms

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

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

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

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

The commissioner said that

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

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

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

Lok Nayak Hospital designated for treating Omicron cases



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also conveyed that there

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

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

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

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

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

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

delinquents of society."

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

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

The court stated that in the present

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

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

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

Govt extends validity of learner's licences till Jan 31

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

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

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

The Transport Department shared a copy of its order on Twitter.

"Considering numerous requests received & keeping in mind difficulties faced by Delhi Learning License holders in getting slots for Driving license test, we have extended validity of LL that has expired between 01.02.20 & 30.11.21 for 2 more months, i.e., till 31.01.22," the department tweeted.

In a tweet, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said the Transport Department has extended the validity of all documents that expired between February 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021,



till December 31.

The Transport Department has launched an e-learner's licence facility under its faceless service model that allows an applicant to take the driving test from his home or workplace.

PHASE IV OF METRO

SC directs DMRC to get forest clearance for tree felling

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

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

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

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



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

"MoEF on receipt of the application/s, shall consider the same expeditiously and within a period of three months from the date of its receipt, communicate its decision to the applicant-DMRC as

made, the RMB shall make its recommendations on the same and forward a copy of the said recommendations to the Chief Conservator (Forest) and Nodal Officer (FCI), GNCTD, as well as to the MoEF for its consideration under section 2 of the FC Act, 1980 within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the said application.

"MoEF&CC, GoI, shall on receipt of the said application along with the recommendations of RMB and the Chief Conservator (Forest) and Nodal Officer (FCA), GNCTD," the bench said.

With regard to the plea seeking permission for construction activity in the South Central/Morphological Ridge in the 22.34 km Aerocity - Tughlakabad Metro Corridor, the bench directed the DMRC to file an application before the Ridge Management Board to seek necessary permission for diversion of the aforesaid Ridge areas.

"On such application being



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

Ranjan Dimri | Pioneer

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

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

The high court also issued notices on three more fresh petitions by same-sex couples seeking recognition of their marriages, taking the total number of such pleas to eight. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jyoti Singh granted time to the Centre's counsel to take instructions on the matter and file replies on the three fresh petitions and the application for live streaming of proceedings. It listed the matter for further hearing on February 3.

The court was hearing a batch of petitions filed by several same-sex couples, seeking a declaration recognising their marriages under the special, Hindu and foreign marriage laws. Out of the three fresh petitions, the petitioners in two pleas were represented through senior advocate Mukul



Rohatgi.

One of the two petitions was filed by two lesbians who have already solemnised their marriage at Varanasi in February 2018 and are seeking recognition of marriage.

The other one was filed by a transgender person who has undergone a sex reassignment surgery and entered into a civil union with her husband in South Africa and seeks recognition of the marriage.

The application for live streaming of proceedings was filed in the pending petition of Abhijit Iyer Mitra by Akhilesh Godi, Prasad Raj Dandekar and Shripad Ranade, residents of Karnataka and Mumbai. It sought direction to the high court registry to make

arrangements to live stream the final arguments of this case via YouTube or any other platform.

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

He further said it is a matter of great national and Constitutional importance and live streaming can host a larger population.

Kaul submitted that his clients represent a large section of public who are eagerly looking forward to the outcome of these cases and though a large number of people want to

attend the proceedings, they are unable to do so due to limitation of technical platforms.

He said millions of citizens will be keen to watch these proceedings from different nooks and corners of the globe and providing sufficient links during virtual hearings may not be a feasible option and bandwidth constraints will most certainly arise.

He said the Supreme Court and Attorney General for India and the Bar have been in favour of live streaming of proceedings which are in national interest and these petitions fall in this category. He gave examples of High Courts of Gujarat, Odisha and Karnataka which have taken a lead and formulated rules for live streaming of proceedings.

"The Supreme Court, in Swapnil Tripathi vs. Supreme Court of India, has emphasised that there should be live streaming of court proceedings in matters of Constitutional and national importance which has an impact on the public at large.

The right of an interested person to attend court proceedings has been held to be an essential facet of 'open justice,' the application said.

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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

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Gist of e-tender
NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/211/e-tendering
Dated: 29.11.2021

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AA Accorded Vide No :- GMC/Bla/2021/2538-44 Dt:- 02.11.21
TS No :- 147 of 11/21
Position of Funds : Available

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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
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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 junction 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.

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Family man

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

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



Unfortunately, the public health campaigns on family planning engage more with women than men.

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

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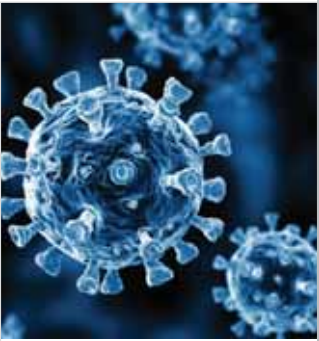
Artist creates a sand sculpture on the eve of the World AIDS Day at Puri beach, Odisha

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Contagion

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

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



Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Tuesday said that "no case of Omicron has been found in India so far", however, Omicron could possibly have entered the Indian borders already. India recorded 6,990 new COVID-19 cases,

the lowest in 551 days, on Tuesday; but now is not the time to relax. In fact, the discovery of the mysterious new strain gives all reasons to worry and, more importantly, to follow the protocols that have been successfully dodged so far. In light of the new variant, the Government has extended COVID-19 measures till December 31. Therefore, while scientists figure out Omicron's risk and transmissibility, the public should refrain from heedless travel and diligently follow COVID appropriate behaviour. In order to stop Omicron from becoming another Delta, which wreaked sheer havoc during the second wave, people must realise the danger. However, there are certain factors that can make things go south pretty quickly: our careless tendency towards COVID-19, this being the high time for weddings and festivities and, of course, only about 40 per cent of the population being fully inoculated so far. Therefore, vaccination becomes of utmost importance and the unvaccinated have a good reason to shed hesitancy and get jabbed. The mistake of taking it lightly caused heavy losses last time and whether we allow it to happen again depends significantly on our behaviour.

Democracy would continue to thrive

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



PRAFULL GORADIA

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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.

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

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

COVID NORMS ARE FOR LEADERS, TOO

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

Need to look back to move ahead



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

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

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

Manish Kumar | New Delhi

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

Jayesh Rane | Mumbai

STATE GOVT FAILED THE EXAM, AGAIN

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

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

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

Janga B Sunuwar | Bagrakote

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

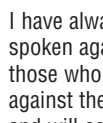


Congress general secretary — Priyanka Gandhi



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

Australian Prime Minister — Scott Morrison



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

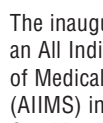


Actor — Kangana Ranaut



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

Team India head coach — Rahul Dravid



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

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister — Yogi Adityanath

FIRST COLUMN

POLITICALLY, WOMEN CANNOT BE IGNORED

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



NILOFAR SUHRAWARDY

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



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

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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 road-side '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 self-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

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

Would it be possible to generate all the electricity we need without emitting additional greenhouse gases?

India emits 83 per cent of greenhouse



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



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

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

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

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

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

Even though nuclear power could be a solution, it is risky and capital intensive.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Omicron was in Netherlands!

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Authorities in the eastern German city of Leipzig, mean-

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

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

Japan confirms first case of new variant

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

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

1st French Omicron case on Indian Ocean island of Reunion

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

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

Iran strikes hard line as talks over nuclear deal resume

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commenting on Western concerns about Russia's alleged

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

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

Taliban kill, abduct dozens of ex-officers

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

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

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

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

Barbados bids farewell to British monarchy, becomes republic

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Deepak Malik, Nisha Malik, K-105, Kumar Residency Plaza, Sector-11, Opp. MCD Office, Near Nagar Nigam office (opp), Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00001722412	Plot No-778, Sec-3, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 7,92,067.18/-	11/01/2021
2.	Vijay Govind, Nidhi Garg, E 1404 Provivul Laboni, Crossing Rebulic, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00002937674	Flat No-E-1404, 14th Floor, Block-E, Provivul Laboni Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.8,15,452/-	31/01/2021
3.	Gopinath Nayak, Aratee Nayak, H.No:135, Block-D, Sector-Beta-1, G.B.Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBAUR00002375917	H.No:135 Block-D, Sector-beta-1 G.B.Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	09/07/2021 Rs.7,98,098/-	31/01/2021
4.	Vaid Awana, Nisha Awana, D-70, Sec-20, Noida, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00001413319	Flat No. 84- A, Block-C Sec-62, Noida	31/07/2021 Rs.10,39,997.85/-	31/01/2021
5.	Sujit Saha, Sumana, Flat No- 704, 7th Floor Tower, Parsvnath Edens- II, Plot No-GH- 05, Sector- Alpha- II Greater Noida, Noida, A/c:-LBND00003668651	Flat No- 704, 7th Floor, Tower- A, Parsvnath Edens Plot No. GH- 05, Sector- Alpha- II Greater Noida, Noida	14/07/2021 Rs. 7,40,094/-	31/01/2021
6.	Sumteet Suri, Pali Suri, E-49, Kapil Vihar, Sector-21C, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDFB00001184102	122, Block-1, Sunrise Tower CGHS-GH-7, Sec-45, Faridabad, Haryana, Faridabad	14/07/2021 Rs.9,11,622.73/-	31/01/2021
7.	Paramjeet Singh, Gurmeet Kaur, 52 Muncipal Market, Cannauht Circus, New Delhi (Near Minto Bridge), Delhi/ A/c No:-LBDEL00001021421	Flat No 167, Type Mig, Madipur Delhi Delhi	03/07/2021 Rs. 8,01,016.12/-	11/01/2021
8.	Biresh Kumar Singh, Chandrakala Singh, H NO 196-A, G-2 Block, Gali No 1, Delhi, Jai Vihar Najafgarh A/c:-LBDEL00004157002	Flat No 859, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 7,00,063/-	31/12/2020
9.	Sweta Saxena, Ramesh Chandra Saxena,manish KAKKARB152, Dayanand Colony, Lajpath Nagar-iv, 3rd Floor, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00001957727	Flat No.-P5-04D, 3rd Floor SRS Pearl Floor Pocket- P5 Village Baseliwa, Sector-87	31/07/2021 Rs. 6,93,487.6/-	31/12/2020
10.	Buland Akhtar, Shahnaj Ansum, Flat No-B-256, Block-B, LIG Flats, Sec-19, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00001692983	Flat No-B-256, Block-B, LIG Flats, Sec-19, Noida	04/08/2021 Rs.7,78,491/-	31/01/2021
11.	Bhagat Singh Gosain, Sharda Gosain, Samir Dass, Mirdul Enterprises, A-6 Sec-57, Noida A/c No:-LBDEL00000778492	House No- 44 A, Abhay Khand - I, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.6,72,786/-	31/12/2020
12.	Sanjeev Das, Manju Das, H.No-744 Sector-23-A, Gurgaon, A/c:-LBGUR0000745244	Plot No. 744, Sector-23-23A Urban Estate Gurgaon	31/07/2021 Rs.7,01,376/-	31/01/2021
13.	Pradeep Kumar Tyagi,poonam Tyagi, SK-III 558 UGF, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00002086054	Plot No-558, Ground Floor Shakti Khand- 3 Indrapuram Ghaziabad Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.7,93,194/-	31/01/2021
14.	Preeti Gupta, Shobhit Bajaj, Flat No-473 First Floor Sector-18b, L And T Quarters Shree Niwas Appt Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:-LBND000002184431	302 G-1A Samridhi Apartment, Sector-18B Dwarka Near Sector-12 Metro Station. Delhi	04/08/2021 Rs. 6,66,255/-	31/01/2021
15.	Manoj Kumar,sunita., A-1/720 Plot-08 Sec 1 Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004342316	Flat No 720, 7th Floor, Tower A1, Supertech Eco Village 1, Plot No 8, Sec 1, Noida	14/07/2021 Rs.6,70,307/-	31/01/2021
16.	Manoj Kumar, Sunita., A-1/720 Plot-08 Sec 1, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004342324	Flat No 720, 7th Floor, Tower A1, Supertech Eco Village 1, Plot No 8, Sec 1, Noida	14/07/2021 Rs.6,53,250/-	31/01/2021
17.	Mahender Kumar Gupta, Monika Gupta, 75/1, Chitra Vihar, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00004563271	Plot No 75, First Floor Chitra Vihar Pincode 110092 Delhi	04/08/2021 Rs. 8,18,564/-	31/01/2021
18.	Rajesh Pandey, Sushila Pandey, Jaco 4/12, Nova 2nd Floor, Shipra Suncity, Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00001466900	JA CO4/12, Nova, 2nd Floor, Shipra Sun City Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.619665.01/-	31/01/2021
19.	Anil Kumar Attri, Urmila Attri, Sheelta Colony Gurgaon, D Sheelta Colony Gurgaon, Gurgaon, A/c:-LBGUR00002025348	0802, Tower- T-2 8th Floor., Spire Woods Sector-103, Gurgaon	04/08/2021 Rs.5,86,046/-	31/12/2020
20.	Jitendra Singh Gupta, Sangeeta Gupta, 787 Gaan Lok Colony, Saray Nasrulla, Khurja, A/c:-LBND000004657171	Flat No 10002, 10th Floor, Tower A, Gaur City 2, 14th Avenue Plot No GC 14 GH-03, Sector 16C, Greater Noida, Noida	23/07/2021 Rs. 5,67,995/-	31/01/2021
21.	Subhash Chand, Rekha, Flat No- F-801 Btp Princess Park, Tigoan Road, Sector 86, Khneri Kalan 113, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDFB00005130245	Flat No F801, Sec-86 BPTP Princess Park Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs. 5,19,001/-	06/02/2021
22.	Mohit Gupta, Raj, Kumar, F- 2603, Neta Ji Nagar, New Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:-LBDEL00003477052	Flat No 603, 6th Floor, SC 02C Ajnara Khel Gaon Sports City-Tower P Sector 27, Greater Noida, Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 5,36,744/-	06/02/2021
23.	Deepak Malik, Nisha Malik, K-105, Kumar Residency Plaza, Sector-11, opp. MCD Office, Near Nagar Nigam office (opp), Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBGHZ00001747100	Plot No-778, Sec-3, Vasundhra, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 5,14,885/-	11/01/2021
24.	Siddharth Budhiraja, Samta Budhiraja, 146 Bavigton Drive Fenham, New Castle Upon Tyne, UK, United Kingdom, A/c:-LBDEL00002295613	Plot No. PGH000145 Green Crest Home Jaypee Greens Sports City, G B Nagar, Noida	31/07/2021 Rs. 4,43,333.8/-	31/01/2021
25.	Rishikant Bhardwaj, Sandeepa Bhardwaj, D-98 1st Floor Sec-52 Noida, Noida, A/c No:-LBND000002061940	Flat No 1503, Floor 15th, Buddh Circuit Studios-II, Tower-2, Jaypee Greens Sports City East Noida Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,85,830/-	11/01/2021
26.	Krishna Kumar, Rekha, E-81, Sector-22, Noida A/c No:-LBND000001361522	Flat No-S-2, Plot No-S-1/93 (SF Front Side LHS) DLF Dilshad EXT-2, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs.5,03,187.84/-	31/01/2021
27.	Munish Jamwal, Yoginder Singh Jamwal, Monika Jamwal-281, 3rd Floor, Sector-8, R.K. Puram, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00001821674	Flat No-10, Block-2, 5th Floor, GH-6, The New- CRPF Co Operative Group H.SO.Ltd, Sec-9 Gurgaon	04/08/2021 Rs. 12,77,898.3/-	31/01/2021
28.	Arvind Kumar Pandey, Neetu Pandey, H No C 20/ 19 Sec 71, PS Sector 24 The Dabri, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Noida, A/c:-LBGUR00003243913	Janta Flat No 19, 2nd Floor Block No C-20, Sai Apartment, Sec 71, Gautam Buddha Nagar	14/07/2021 Rs. 4,62,153/-	31/01/2021
29.	Shantanu Ghosh, Niyogi Jayita, Flat No-A- 503, Exotica, East Square Appt, Ahinsa Khand, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad, A/c No:-LBGHZ00001824526	Flat No-KM-56-1101,kosmos Jaypee Green, Noida	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,64,703.8/-	31/01/2021
30.	Biresh Kumar Singh,chandrakala Singh, H No 196-A, G-2 Block, Gali No 1, Delhi, Jai Vihar Najafgarh A/c:-LBDEL00004157006	Flat No 859, Ground Floor, Nyay Khand II, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.4,30,804/-	31/12/2020
31.	Ajay Chhangani, Aarti Ajay Chhangani, P3B-073 Princeton Estate, DLF Phase-5, Gurgaon, Haryana A/c:-LBGUR00002095571	1404 14th Floor, Tower N, the Palm Drive Sector-66 Haryana Gurgaon 122001, With Parkinf Space U-N-13 & L-N-13	25-06-2021 Rs. 4,26,931/-	31/01/2021
32.	Abhishek Sharma, Santosh Rawat, Flat No. 704, Gaytri Apartment, Sector-45, Hansi, A/c:-LBDFB00001661095	Flat No-203, 2nd Floor, P.NO.GH-20 The Bharti CGHS Ltd Sector-21C, Part-III Faridabad	04/08/2021 Rs.6,12,931/-	11/03/2021
33.	Manjeet Singh, Indrajeet Kaur, B-5 Krishna Awas R-5/120, Raj Nagar Sector-5, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL00001173589	B-14, Jal Nigam Colony, Raj Nagar Sec-1, Near Telephone Exchange, Ghaziabad	03/07/2021 Rs. 4,20,268.12/-	31/01/2021
34.	Deepak Khandelwal, Deepti, H. No E 8 Partly Ward No 14, Dayal Bagh Vill-lafarpur, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBGUR00005336276	House No E-77, Dayal Bagh Colony, Suraj Kund, Faridabad	03/07/2021 Rs. 3,73,211/-	09/01/2021
35.	Amarendra Kumar, Chandra Mukhi, 471, Paschimabad J.n.u, Delhi, Delhi/ A/c No:-LBDEL00001104826	H.no.752, Sarswathi Puram, Jnu, Delhi	03-07-2021 Rs.4,39,216.61/-	31/01/2021
36.	Satendra Singh, Arpna Singh, B 082 Meadows Vista, Raj Nagar Extension, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBGHZ00002983769	Flat No 082, 8th Floor Tower B Meadows, Vista Village, Morla Parganadasna, Jalallabad, KH No 240, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 4,58,147/-	31/01/2021
37.	Arvind Kumar Pandey, Neetu Pandey, H No C 20/19 Sec 71, PS Sector 24 The Dabri, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Dist Gautam Budha Nagar, Noida, A/c:-LBGUR00003243906	Janta Flat No 19, 2nd Floor Block No C-20, Sai Apartment, Sec 71, Gautam Buddha Nagar	14/07/2021 Rs. 3,95,551/-	31/01/2021
38.	Sonia Pant, Yogesh Pant, H No 615 Ground Floor, Near ESI Hospital Sec 9, Gurgaon, A/c:-LBGUR00002495142	Flat No 201, Omaxe Enclave Omaxe Panorama City Homes Bhiwadi	23/07/2021 Rs.3,65,669/-	06/02/2021
39.	Pushpendra Kumar, Somlata, 1268 Sanjay Kaloni, Arthala, Ghaziabad,ghaziabad, A/c:-LBDEL00002979300	Flat No B54-01, Ground Floor, Aasra Type-2, UPAPV, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs.9,68,552/-	31/01/2021

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

Date : December 01, 2021
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALLOTMENT OF COMMERCIAL PLOT AT INTEGRATED INDUSTRIAL ESTATE PANTNAGAR
SIIDCUL invites bids from interested bidders for allotment of Commercial plot admeasuring area 73210 sqm for setting up Commercial Mall/Multi-purpose Business Centre at Integrated Industrial Estates Pantnagar. The bidders must furnish complete information as per the procedure laid down in the bid document. Detailed bid document can be downloaded from website of SIIDCUL www.siidcul.com or www.uktenders.gov.in from 02.12.2021 to 22.12.2021. Further any corrigendum regarding the bid shall only be published in website only. Interested bidders can only submit the complete bid document on e-tendering website www.uktenders.gov.in on/ before mentioned due date i.e 22nd December, 2021 and time 14:00 hrs. **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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

PROVISION OF VOIP BASED CONTROL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
E-Tender Notice No. - N-2021-15 dated, 25-11-2021. E-tender are invited by the undersigned for the works. **Tender No. N-2021-K16, Name of the work:** Provision of VOIP based control communication system. **Tender Value:** ₹.146,36,098.00. **E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 17-12-2021.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 17-12-2021 in website www.ireps.gov.in. **Divisional Railway Manager (S&T), Katihar**
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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PARADIP PORT TRUST
SECOND CORRIGENDUM TO e-Tender Call Notice (e-TCN) No: MD/ACCTS/WK-R-5/2021/1195 Dt. 25.10.2021 as amended after pre-bid meeting Dt. 10.11.2021
Name of the Work : "Supply of 01 no Pilot Launch on Hire for Three shifts operation per day along with operational crew for a period of five (05) years". Estimated cost:Rs. 8,54,98,433/- excluding fuel cost & GST. Last date & time of submission of tender through on-line bidding is 1530 hours on Dt. 14.12.2021. Technical Bids shall be opened at 1530 hours on Dt. 15.12.2021. For details, please log on to the website: <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. **Dy. Conservator PPT/PR/124/2021-22, Dt.30.11.2021**

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Letter No. 919 Tender Notice Dated : 30.11.2021
Office of the Executive Engineer, Maintenance Chilla (Pauri- Garhwal), invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Chilla Power House:-
T-21/EEM/2021-22:-Annual General Cleaning of different places. , Officers Club, Guest House, Substations, Central Store and Tube well premises etc. at Chilla Power House, Chilla.
T-22/EEM/2021-22:- Miscellaneous Stationary Items at Chilla Circle Office. Estimated Cost- Rs 5,91,272.00(Taxes Extra)& Rs 1,55,901.00(Taxes Extra) Date of availability of Tender document on website -01-12-2021 (17:00 Hrs) Date of Receipt of the tender -22-12-2021 up to (11:00 Hrs)
For all details, bidders are advised to visit our website www.ujvn.com
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बिलासपुर दिनांक 27 / 11 / 2021
निविदा सूचना
मेडिकल गैस वर्ष 2021–22
निविदा कार्य का नाम सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर हेतु वित्तीय वर्ष 2021–22 में मेडिकल गैस (ऑक्सीजन, नाईट्रस ऑक्साइड एवं कार्बन डाइऑक्साइड) क्रय किये जाने हेतु निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाना है।
निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य रु 1000.00 (एक हजार मात्र) का **Demand Draft** वापसी योग्य नही। जो की संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक (Joint Director Cum Superintendent, CIMS Hospital Bilaspur C.G) सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) के पक्ष में देय हो।
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निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने कि अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 13 / 12 / 21 को कार्यालयीन दिवस एवं अवधि तक संबंधित शाखा सिम्स, चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर (निविदा प्रपत्र प्राप्त करने हेतु स्वयं के लेटर हेड पर लिखित आवेदन प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य होगा)
निविदा प्रपत्र जमा अंतिम तिथि: दिनांक 30 / 12 / 21 को दोपहर 03:00 बजे तक। शासकीय पंजीकृत डाक अथवा स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से ही।
निविदा खोलने की तिथि तथा स्थान: दिनांक 30 / 12 / 21 को साय 4:00 बजे कार्यालय संयुक्त संचालक सह अधीक्षक कक्ष, सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर में।
उपरोक्तानुसार इच्छुक निविदाकारों से निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है। **हस्ता /—**
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Oli re-elected chief of Nepal's CPN-UML party

PTI ■ KATHMANDU

Nepal's main opposition CPN-UML on Tuesday overwhelmingly re-elected former Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli as the chairman of the country's largest Communist Party for the second time.

Oli bagged 1,840 votes against his nearest rival Bhim Rawal, who got 223 votes, registering a landslide victory in the party's 10th general convention held in Chitwan district. The 70-year-old leader was re-elected as the party chief for the next five years.

Elections were held for a few other posts of office-bearers of the party, despite Oli's attempt to forge a consensus in all the positions.

Myanmar court postpones verdict for ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi

AP ■ BANGKOK

Indian economy grows 8.4% in Q2

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

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

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

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

COVID-19 pandemic last year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Markets will first react to the GDP numbers in early trades on Wednesday and the auto sales will also start pouring in from December 1. Needless to say, the excessive news flow around the new COVID variant would keep the volatility high."

"Keeping in mind the scenario, it's prudent to continue with hedged positions until the markets stabilise," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking.

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

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

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

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

TRADE SHOW FOR HOME PRODUCTS INAUGURATED

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

RIICO faces NGT wrath

New Delhi: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has come down heavily on the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) for its failure to discharge its duties regarding upgradation of Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) Bhiwadi industrial area and setting up STPs. The tribunal has also directed to impose Environmental Compensation of ₹92.5 Crore on RIICO and other state agencies for the damage to environment. It is shocking to learn that state exchequer would bear the cost of negligence shown by the RIICO officials.

LIC honours olympics, paralympics winners

New Delhi: The life insurance corporation of india (LIC) has recognized athletes who have represented india at the tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. 'The performance of the indian athletes at the tokyo Olympics was very impressive,' LIC stated in a statement. The country has won seven medals, including a gold medal, thanks to them. On behalf of lic, not only the gold, silver, and bronze medalists were acknowledged, but also the 4th place finishers who fought valiantly but fell short of winning. Performances were held in the participants' hometowns, and senior lic dignitaries awarded the players with monetary prizes and awards.

Public Notice



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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vikas Bhatnagar, Archana Bhatnagar, Maxamus Pharma Pvt Ltd, Pradeep Chawla, Vikas Bhatnagar, Maxamus Pharma Pvt. Ltd 315 Sarja Mkt 3rd Flr, Naharpur, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00002129290	Plot No-12, Block No-A-2 Second Floor Paschim Vihar, Delhi, Delhi	08-07-2021 Rs. 47,02,159/-	31/01/2021
2.	Harsh Kumar, Harish Kumar, Balaji Tours & Packages Pvt. Ltd, Hansu, Bina Devi, Flat No- 9515 Ff S/f Duplex Sec-C PKT-9, Vasant Kunj, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00002009029	Flat No-9515 Duplex FF & SF, Block-C PKT-9 Catego, Vasant Kunj Delhi, Delhi	21/04/2021 Rs. 43,41,911/-	31/07/2020
3.	Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Bhupesh Mahajan, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, 90/12, Lower, Ground Floor, Malvia Nagar, A/c:-LBDEL00005317157	Flat No B-63, 6th Floor, Modest Ketki Co-operative Group Housing Society, Plot No 8b, Sector-11 Dwarka, Delhi	08-07-2021 Rs. 27,68,000/-	11/01/2021
4.	Amit Kumar, Juhi Tiwari, Amit Kumar, Cs 6 1308 Superitech Capetown Sector-74, Uttar Pradesh, A/c:- LBNO00003134801	Commercial Property No-522, 5th Floor Block-C, Esquire, Hotshot Developer Pvt Ltd, Plot No C-02, Sector-96, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	08-07-2021 Rs. 29,85,925/-	31/12/2020
5.	Charanjeet Dhanjal, Sandeep Dhanjal, Charanjeet Dhanjal, Flat No 85 GF DDA Flats Madipur, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00005032728	MIG Flat No:- 139-D, Third Floor Pocket -AG-1 Vikas Puri, Delhi, Delhi	08/07/2021 Rs. 23,56,158.8/-	31/01/2021
6.	Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Bhupesh Mahajan, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, Vogue Crafts And Designs Pvt Ltd, 90/12, Lower, Ground Floor, Malvia Nagar, A/c:-LBDEL00003163987	Flat No B-63, 6th Floor, Modest Ketki Co-operative Group Housing Society, Plot No 8B, Sector-11 Dwarka, Delhi,	08-07-2021 Rs. 5,79,516/-	11/01/2021
7.	Sartaj Alam, Aftab Alam, Hypnotique, Nazneen, T 23/6 DLF Phase 3, Gurgaonharyana A/c No:- LBGUR00003396736	Plot No-20,ROAD S 19, Dlf City, Phase-III, Road No-III, Gurgaon Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 1,87,68,793/-	31/01/2021
8.	Shiv Kumar Jatia, Archana Jatia, Shashi R Jatia, Hyatt Regency, Bhikaji Cama Place, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002442446	Plot No-B-50 Gulmohar Park Zone F-3 Masjid Moth Delhi 110049	28/07/2021 Rs. 1,55,84,037/-	07/06/2021
9.	Dhiraj Kumar, M/s Air Guru Travel Solutions Pvt Ltd, Shilpa Shrivatsava, Madhusudan Prasad Srivatsava, H No-163 First Floor C-C-bloc Khari Nagar, A/c No:- LBDEL00005057084	Plot No-3, Tower-D Flat No-101 First Floor, Sector - 23, Dwarka, Delhi	12/07/2021 Rs. 1,55,42,193/-	12/01/2021
10.	Ajay Chhangani, Aarti Ajay Chhangani, P3B-073 Princeton Estate, Dlf Phase-5, Gurgaon, Haryana A/c:-LBGUR00002093045	1404 14th Floor, Tower N, The Palm Drive Sector-66 Haryana Gurgaon 122001, With Parkinf Space U-N-13 & L-N-13	25-06-2021 Rs. 1,40,68,351/-	31/01/2021
11.	Sanjay Kapoor,airnoice Aviations Pvt Ltd, Anamika Kapoor, Sanjay Kapoor, B-241 Sector-26, Uttar Pradesh, A/c:-LBDEL00002447141	House No-S 569, Front Portion 3rd Floor, Greater Kailash Part II, Delhi	08/07/2021 Rs. 1,42,45,328/-	31/01/2021
12.	Panache Exhibitions Pvt. Ltd., Mohd. Razi Shakir, Anil Kumar Rana, Panache Exhibitions Pvt Ltd, G/66 2nd Floor, Sha Kalindi Kunj Road Shaheen Bagh, Abdul Fazal Enclave 2, Jamia Nagar, Delhi Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004560874	Flat No-B028, 2nd Floor Tower-b, ATS Bouquet Plot No-A 2/2, Sector-132, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Uttar Pradesh	17/07/2021 Rs. 86,68,683/-	06/03/2021
13.	Kumar Prashant,kumari Bandana, E 50 First Floor, Sec 57, Sushant Lok Ph 2, Gurgaon, A/c No:- LBGUR00004132131	Unit No 101, 1st Floor Iries Tech Park Sohna Road Sector 48, Gurgaon	11/08/2021 Rs. 81,48,151/-	31/08/2020
14.	Raghavendra Naik, B D Arpitha, C-9 Kailash Colony, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002365536	Flat No 1202, 12th Floor Tower C-01 Krrish, Ibiza Town Sector-39, Faridabad, Faridabad	11/08/2021 Rs. 78,69,456/-	31/12/2020
15.	Poonam., Jagdish, Naresh Kumar, House No 481 Near Lal Kuaa, Jharsa, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGHZ00004364495	Flat No 1546, HIG, Housing Board Colony, Sec 31,32 Gurgaon Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 70,40,235/-	06/03/2021
16.	Vipin Kumar, Davender, Krishna Devi, House No-151 J-Block May Field Garden, Gurgaon Haryana A/c No:- LBDEL00005133691	Showroom Room-1397/29, Situated At Plot No-245R, Bata Showroom, Model Town, Delhi Road, Rohtak Haryana	23/07/2021 Rs. 61,60,864/-	31/12/2020
17.	M/s Universal Journeys India Private Limited, Geetanjali Alamshah, Journeys & Destinations India Private Limited, Stephen Alamshah, Flat No 1108/6 Devika Tower, Nehru Place, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002082106	office Space No-DPT 534 Parking No-PB1001, 5th Floor Block-F, Prime Tower, Plot No. 79 And 80 Okhla Industrial Area Ph-1, Delhi, Delhi	17/07/2021 Rs. 63,41,264/-	11/02/2021
18.	Kishor Jacob Mundamattom, Aarathyananth., Flat No 33 Pocket-3 Akshardham Apartment, Dwarka Sector 19, Delhidelhi A/c No:- LBNOD00004839248	Flat No-1003, Floor No 11th, Tower B3, Shree Vardhman Gardenia Phase-2 Sector-10, Sonapat, Haryana	17/07/2021 Rs. 56,79,617/-	06/03/2021
19.	Lalit Jaiswal, Unistem Bioscience Private Limited, Kangan Jaiswal, 124, Sainik Farms, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBGUR00002441944	Blb 154, 15th Floor, Along With Parking Space PB 2049, PB 2050, Belaire Dlf City Phase V Gurgaon	23/07/2021 Rs. 52,81,616/-	06/03/2021
20.	Gaurav Mangla,santosh Kumari, Flat No 250 Bharat Apartment, Sec-13 Rohini, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00003704714	Flat No-250, Second Floor, Sector-13 Plot No-20, Bharat Apartments The Bharat CGHS Ltd Rohini, Delhi	31/07/2021 Rs. 44,58,972.3/-	31/10/2020
21.	Gaurav Talwar, Sakshi Talwar, 39 Chitrakoot Apartment East Arjun, Nagar Shahdara, North East Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBDEL00003888830	Flat No-23262, 26th Floor Tower-23, ATS Picturesque Reprieves Phase-1, Plot No-SC-01, Sector-152, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 43,45,151/-	11/01/2021
22.	Navaid Ur Rehman, MD Naem, Iffat Gulamabbas Sayed, Sharjah Islamic Bank, PO Box No-4 Sharjah Uae, Sharjah A/c No:-LBGHZ000002539542	Flat No A.006, G Ground Floor, Casa Grande, Plot No 7A, Sector Chi-V, Greater Noida	17/07/2021 Rs. 48,95,523/-	31/08/2020
23.	Bipin Chhetri, Rebecca Chhetri, Flat No 1409, M Regalia Heights, Shipra Suncity, Ghaziabad Indira Puram A/c No:-LBGHZ00002922171	Flat No: 904, 9th Floor, Tower A, Meghdutam Encore Sports City, Plot No GH-05, Sec-Adjoining Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, Noida	17/07/2021 Rs. 43,24,264/-	06/03/2021
24.	Vinod Kumar,tripiti Kumari, H No 54 Top Floor Rajapur Uttam Nagar, Delhi,110059, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00005151568	Flat No-704, Tower-C-1, 7th Floor, Vardhman Gardenia, Sonapat	27/07/2021 Rs. 42,67,774.9/-	31/10/2020
25.	Archana Mishra, Avinash Mishra, House No 852 Sector 23, Faridabad, A/c:-LBNOD00002206648	Flat No 1011, 10th Floor, Tower F, Piyush Heights, Sector 89 Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs.40,50,857/-	31/12/2020
26.	Lalit Jaiswal, Unistem Bioscience Private Limited, Kangan Jaiswal, 124, Sainik Farms, Delhi, Delhi, A/c:- LBGUR00002441894	BLB 154, 15th Floor, Along With Parking Space PB 2049, PB 2050, Belaire Dlf City Phase V Gurgaon	23/07/2021 Rs. 42,16,530/-	06/03/2021
27.	Ranjay Kumar Bharti,rita Devi, 226 Yakubpur Noida, Sec 86 Phase 2, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00004883068	Flat No 86-B, First Floor, Block-MIG Sector-93, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 40,87,622/-	11/01/2021
28.	M/s Lark Logistics Private Limited, Sharad Chandra Goel, Vikram Goel, Nalini Goel, 55 Mezzanine Floor Community, Centre East of Kailash, Delhi, A/c:- LBDEL00005325330	Unit No-C 43, Second Floor, South Extension Part 2, Delhi, Delhi	23/07/2021 Rs. 40,32,035/-	31/01/2021
29.	Suresh Ramaya, Lalit Kumar, House No-882, Sector-37, Faridabad, Faridabad, A/c:-LBDEL00003372384	Plot No-881, Second Floor, Sector-37 , With Roof And Terrace Rights, Faridabad Haryana	31/07/2021 Rs.37,93,281/-	31/10/2020
30.	Amit Singh Daga, Vinita Daga, DBM Marketing India Pvt Ltd, 33/5 Gardenia Street Vatika City, Sec-49 Sohna Road, Gurgaon Haryana A/c No:- LBGUR00001967058	Flat Bearing No- Primrose EF-12/3012, Third Floor, Vatika City Sec-49, Gurgaon, Haryana	04/08/2021 Rs. 37,64,578/-	31/01/2021
31.	Vijay Govind, Nidhi Garg, E 1404 Provio Laboni, Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c:-LBGHZ00002919266	Flat No-E-1404, 14th Floor, Block-E, Provio Laboni Crossing Republic, Ghaziabad	14/07/2021 Rs. 35,20,399/-	31/01/2021
32.	Vijay Kumar Khatri, Suman Rana, M/s. A P Hospitalities, M/s. Aryan Car Rental Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Aryan Tour And Travels, Geeta, Anil Kumar Rana, Flat No. 801, Gh-3, Airport Authority Ghs, Sec.-47, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBDEL00001972787	Shop No UG 003 Upper Ground Floor Malibu Shopping Arcade Malibu Towne Sohna Road, Haryana	17/07/2021 Rs. 36,46,399/-	31/01/2021
33.	Subhash Chand, Rekha., Flat No -F-801 BPTP Princess Park, Tigaon Road, Sec-6, Kheri Kalan 113, Faridabad, Faridabad, Faridabad A/c:- LBFB00002906010	Flat No F801, Sec-86 BPTP Princess Park Faridabad	23/07/2021 Rs. 33,66,155/-	06/02/2021
34.	Vijay Lakshmi Tacker, Tacker Technologies Pvt Ltd, Ashok Tacker, 801 Royal Retreat-1, Charmwood, Village- Surajkhand, Faridabad, A/c:- LBNOD00002039551	Commercial Space No-107, 108 And 109, First Floor Eros Garden, Charmwood Plaza Suraj Kund Road, Faridabad, Haryana	31/07/2021 Rs. 40,08,414/-	30/09/2020
35.	Sunil Raisinghani, Sumita Raisinghani, Flat No-22 SFS Rajori, Apartments Opp. Govt Of India, Delhi, Press Rajori Garden Delhi, A/c:-LBNOD00002095764	Flat No-v - 905, 9th Floor, Tower V, Plot No - 01, Logix Blossom Greens, Sector 143, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 33,01,122/-	04/01/2021
36.	Sweta Verma, Rahul Verma, B 401 Plot 4 East Avenue Aptment, Ahinsha Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00002416727	Flat No 1701, 16th Floor, Block C, Aarcity Infrastructure Regency Park, Plot No Gh 03B, Sector 16C, Greater Noida, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 34,82,143/-	11/02/2021
37.	Shobhit Alagh, Yashpal Alagh, C-13/65, Ground Floor, Rohini Sec 3, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00005150678	Property No-79, Third Floor With Roof Rights, Pocket - 5, Sector - 22, Rohini, Delhi	27/07/2021 Rs.34,91,152/-	31/12/2020
38.	Ram Chander, Rahul Kumarflat No 2/13 Rites Flats, Near Water Tank, Ashok Vihar Phase III Delhi, Delhi, A/c:-LBNO000004844639	Flat No-2003, Floor No-20 Tower-E, Plot No-GC-3G/GH-03 Aishwaryam, Gaur City 2, Sector 16c, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	31/07/2021 Rs. 32,12,163/-	31/01/2021
39.	Ruby Sinha, Vikash Kumar Sinha, 189, 2nd Floor, Near Dav Public School, Faridabad, Faridabad A/c No:- LBFB000002215059	Unit No-L-1-15-SF, Park Elit Floor-II, Parkland Faridabad, Faridabad	27/07/2021 Rs. 32,60,905/-	31/01/2021
40.	Suman Lata, Sumit Garg, Neena Datta, A4-2104 Saviour Greenisle Crossing, Republik Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBDEL0000404960006	Flat No-1502, 15th Floor, Block B, Gardenia Square Crossing Republik, Plot No-06, Village Dundahera, Ghaziabad	27/07/2021 Rs. 32,35,239/-	31/12/2020
41.	Tuhin Sinha, Shalini Sinha, 672 Psb Society Plot No 8, Sector 49 A Chandigarh, Chandigarh A/c No:- LBNOD00002021896	Flat No, 3002, 30th Floor, Tower KRH-19, Krescent Homes, Jaypee Greens, Noida, Noida	27/07/2021 Rs. 31,52,823/-	11/03/2021
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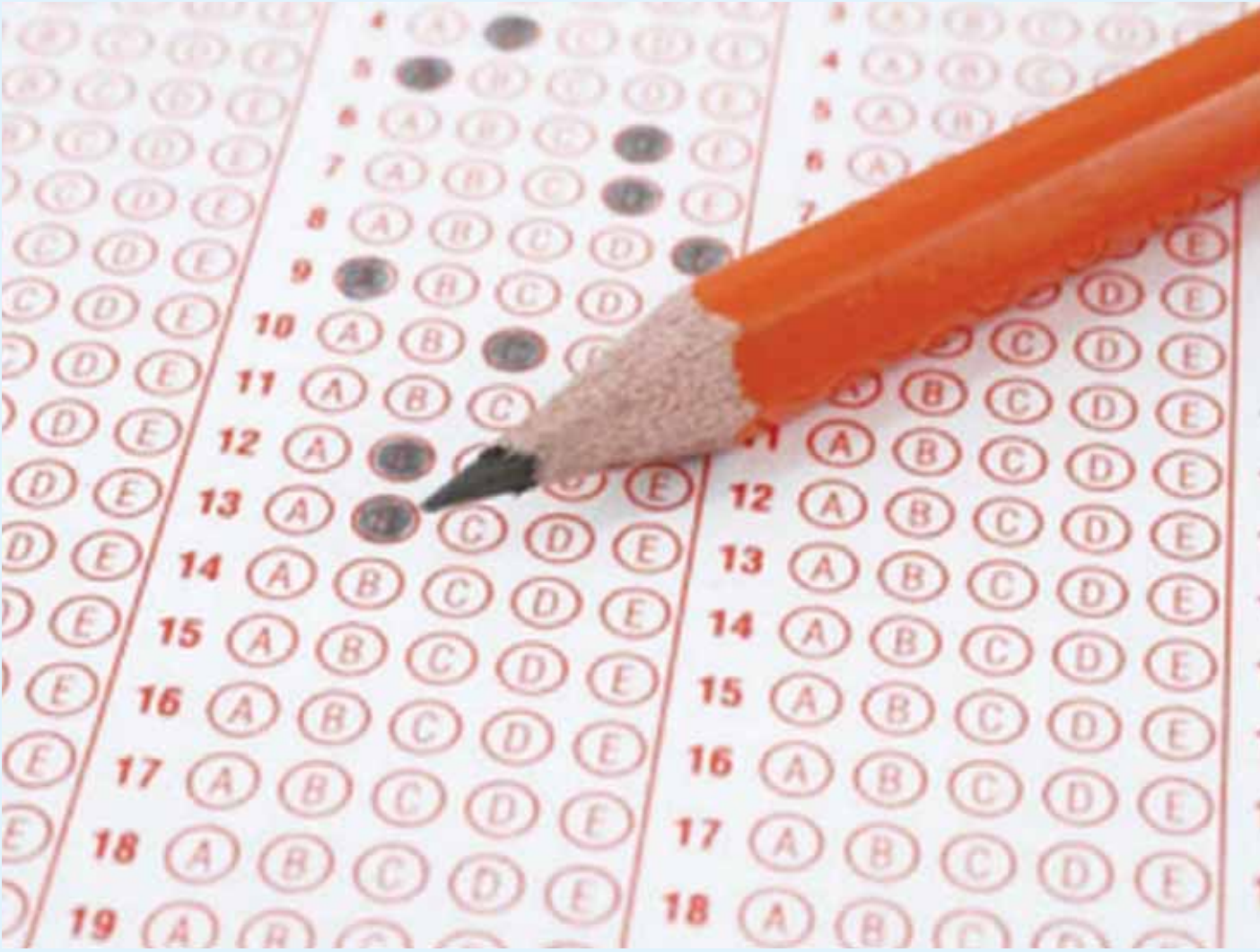
IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

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.

The writer is CEO, Director CATKing

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

— Cesar Chavez

MSC AUTONOMOUS AND INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

Admissions OPEN

The University of Sheffield is inviting applications for its MSc Autonomous and Intelligent Systems course starting in September 2022.

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Fee- Overseas (2022 annual fee): £26,200

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Aspirants with relevant work experience and fresh graduates are also welcome to apply. A valid CAT/MAT/CMAT/ATMA/GMAT/NMAT/XAT Test score is required. All eligible candidates will have to undergo an Entrance Exam.

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

PNS ■ KATTANKULATHUR



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

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

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

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

Alienation leads to unpleasant human experiences

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

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

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

Consequences of Relationship Violence

◆The Snowball Effect of Relationship Violence

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

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

◆The Socio-Economic Cost Effect

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

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

◆The Role of Stakeholders

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

◆Parents

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

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

◆Teachers

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

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

◆Relatives and friends

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

◆Governments

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

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

◆Industry

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

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

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

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

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

Decoding scholarships for international education

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

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

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

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

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

Six top scholarships for undergraduate studies

◆Rhodes Scholarship: allows a monetary benefit of 15000 pounds annually for the first two years of study. The scholarship is offered by Oxford University.

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

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

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

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

◆Karsh International Scholarship: allows a monetary benefit of complete tuition fees. The mentorship is necessary for figuring the right resources and exceedingly for the student's time management, who already has too much on the plate.

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

Great Learning's Advanced Certificate Programme in Sales

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

JK LakshmiPat University celebrates 2nd Management Guru Day

PNS ■ JAIPUR

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

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

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

tion with the University.

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

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



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

CONSERVE YOUR FUTURE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The writer is founder of Smiling Tree

Blend skill development with education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

for creating more darkness.

Four people who had gone to a conference had to spend the night together on an island. It was so cold, everyone felt frozen to the bone. All four of them had matches and kindling with them. Yet each thought he was the only one who had them. The first man thought: "The locket hanging from the other man's neck means he belongs to another faith. Why should I light a fire for him?"

The second thought, "That person belongs to an enemy country. They are always fighting with us. I will never use my matches and wood to warm him!"

MIND IT

The third person looked at the man sitting next to him and thought: "I know this guy. He campaigns against my religion. I'll never let my fire warm his body." Thus, without making a fire, all froze to death. In reality, the cause of death wasn't exposure; it was their cold-heartedness. While today the world is facing the hardships of the coronavirus pandemic, humanity is also being plagued with other forms of disease — the diseases of

selfishness, greed, anger and jealousy. We urgently need a medicine that can transform anger into compassion, hatred into love and selfishness into magnanimousness, etc. Here, faith and spirituality are the solution. A community is comprised of individuals. It is the conflicts in our minds that manifests externally as war. When a transformation takes place in the human mind, society changes automatically. We should try to cultivate love and peace in our

hearts. We have to put in that effort. Nations around the world spend trillions of dollars on the military and defence. When it comes to war, we have such intensity and focus. Why don't we put just a fraction of that money and effort towards creating world peace?

National Defence is essential. But the greatest security comes through implementing spiritual values in our lives. If we want to confront the internal enemy, we have to find and wield an internal weapon.

We are surrounded by millions of people who are poor and hungry. In fact, hunger is our greatest enemy. Hunger is

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

Courtesy: Amma, Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi



Scholarship programmes is January 10, 2022.

The Siemens Limited has launched the 9th edition of Siemens Scholarship Program. The programme hones youth to become industry-ready engineers, and launch a sustainable career in engineering, R&D or manufacturing.

The scholarship programme is available for students throughout the four years of graduation and 50% of scholarships is reserved for girls. As of 2021, 935 students from 93 Government engineering colleges across 26 States in the country have been part of the this scholarship programme.

Eligibility: First-year students of Government Engineering colleges from the following streams can apply: Mechanical / Production, Electrical, Electronics, Instrumentation, Electronics & Telecommunication and Computer Science /Information Technology. Age: Up to 20 years. SSC: Minimum 60% aggregate. HSC or equivalent result: Minimum 50% aggregate and minimum 60% PCM aggregate. Annual family Income: Not more than ₹2 lakh.

How to apply: Interested candidates can visit: www.siemens.co.in/scholarship. **Application deadline:** The last date to apply for this schol-

If you would like to complete your study in Canada, then here is a wonderful chance provided by the Western University through its Admission Scholarship Program.

Eligibility: To be eligible, the applicants must have a high school certificate with a good excellent academic record.

Award: The Western University will provide an award amount of up to \$8,000 to the successful candidates.

Students must be enrolled in any undergraduate degree programme at Western University.

Supporting documents: To apply, candidates must be ready to submit the previous transcripts at the university.

International students can apply.

Admission requirements: For admission, applicants must have a high school certificate before applying for this grant.

Language requirement: Students need to demonstrate that they have a good level of written and spoken English.

How to apply: In order to be eligible, a student must apply for admission directly from secondary school to Western's main campus for full-time first-year studies. No application is required to be considered for these scholarships. Awards are automatically awarded upon admission to Western.

Application deadline: It is March 1, 2022.

BUSINESS DEV (SALES) AT QUADB

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Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
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Deadline: December 8, 2021

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Link: internshala.com/i/5be58c
Deadline: December 8, 2021

MARKETING AT SHIPPINGCHIMP

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
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Deadline: December 8, 2021

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Location: Delhi, Gurugram
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Deadline: December 8, 2021

REACT NATIVE DEVELOPMENT AT LEANVIA LLC

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Stipend: ₹8,000-₹10,000 per month
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Deadline: December 8, 2021

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT STACKMYBIZ

Location: Ranchi
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/c2b0f9
Deadline: December 8, 2021

INBRIEF

AIED 2022 TO BE CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER

The Arch College of Design and Business will conduct the All India Entrance Exam for Design (AIED) 2022 from December 15-25, 2021 for April 2022 batch. The AIED is the one of its kind for online exam in design education which is accessible for interested students from anywhere in the world.

The unique exam is organised to offer admissions to Arch's UG as well as PG design programmes. Design aspirants can apply for the exam till December 10, 2021. The exam was launched in

2010 to introduce a screening process to select the right design students. This screening for design studies' and its parts and stages aim to enable the students to do a self-discovery and in the process, help the college to identify the aspirants rather than just evaluating their skills.

In the assessing process, the college tries to know the students' perceptions, attitude and approach towards the world to identify the potential talent who can write future course of design.

The college is affiliated to the University of Rajasthan for Bachelor of Design Degree & Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA).

INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATIONS

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

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

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

INCUBATION CENTER UNDER RRU

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

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

IT DELHI COLLABORATES WITH NLUD

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

a) Law and Technology, including Operations Research-Artificial Intelligence,

Forensic Science, Cyber Laws and Cybercrimes. b) Law and Development including Official Statistics, International Trade, Migration, Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Environmental Law.

c) Law and Justice including Ethics, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Criminal Law and Justice. The collaboration comes within the ambit of

the Multi-Institutional Faculty Interdisciplinary Projects (MFIRP) scheme of the Research and Development (R&D) Unit of IIT Delhi.

Under the scheme, IIT Delhi and NLUD have sanctioned joint projects on forensic investigations involving human DNA samples and investigation of inherent algorithmic biases and their legal ramifications for India.

NDIA YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME

As a collaborative initiative among the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Australia India Water Centre, and Western Sydney University, The first edition of the India Young Water Professional Programme was launched virtually on November 29, 2021.

This programme will be implemented by the Australia India Water Centre (a consortium of Australian and Indian

universities). The aim is to provide a structured platform for capacity building with strategic and long-term investment to support the water management reforms in India.

The objectives are to equip water professionals with necessary skills, knowledge and networks that will enable them to contribute to the development and management of water resources in India.

WEBINAR ON 72 YEARS OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY

The Mahindra University School of Law organised a webinar on Constitutional Law on the topic: 72 years of Constitutional Democracy: Merits & Demerits.

Justice B Chandrakumar, retired Judge of AP High Court and Professor (Dr) Inukonda Thirumali, renowned academician, spoke on the occasion. Dean and faculty from the

School of Law, Mahindra University also addressed the webinar, which was available to students as well as external audience.

Speaking at the webinar Dr Yajulu Medury, Vice Chancellor, Mahindra University said: "We are proud to be a part of a vibrant democracy. Our democracy's backbone is the Constitution. What better way to celebrate democracy than a discussion of

the constitutional aspects of it! We are happy to indulge in a meaningful discourse on constitution organised by the Centre for Constitutional Studies."

Justice Chandrakumar opined that the citizens could vote out the then Government in power in 1977, when all other constitutional safeguards failed to check the mismanagement of power under the proclaimed Emergency rule.

Messeven

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

AP ■ PARIS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lewandowski second

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

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

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

KEY NUMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Putellas succeeds Rapinoe

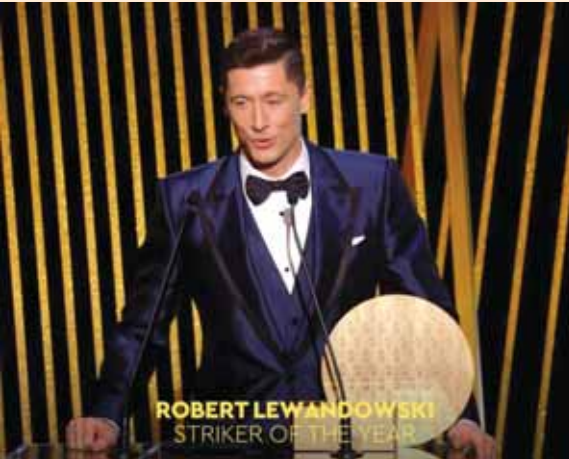
This is just the third year that a



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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kohli, Maxwell, Rohit, Dhoni retained ahead of IPL mega auction



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Royal Challengers Bangalore on Tuesday retained their former captain Virat Kohli while Mumbai Indians predictably retained India’s T20 captain Rohit Sharma and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah ahead of the IPL mega auction.

India’s greatest white ball skipper and Chennai Super Kings talisman Mahendra Singh Dhoni is his team’s second retention behind all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja while Rituraj Gaikwad is the fourth

name in the list. Moeen Ali has also been retained by CSK.

The major names to be released are out of form all-rounder Hardik Pandya and dashing keeper batter Ishan Kishan, who have been a part of Mumbai Indians core while leg-spinner

Yuzvendra Chahal and Purple Cap winner Harshal Patel have been released by RCB.

Punjab Kings released their

FINAL RETENTION	
MUMBAI INDIANS 1: Rohit Sharma(16 cr) 2: Jasprit Bumrah(12 cr) 3: Suryakumar Yadav(8cr) 4: Kieron Pollard (6 cr)	CHENNAI SUPER KINGS Player 1: Ravindra Jadeja (16 cr) Player 2: MS Dhoni (12 cr) Player 3: Moeen Ali (8 cr) Player 4: Ruturaj Gaikwad (6 cr)
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PUNJAB KINGS Player 1: Mayank Agarwal (12 cr) Player 2: Arshdeep Singh(4 cr)	KOLKATA KNIGHT RIDERS Player 1: Andre Russell (12 cr) Player 2: Varun Chakravarthy (8 cr) Player 3: Venkatesh Iyer (8 cr) Player 4: Sunil Narine (6 cr)
SUNRISERS HYDERABAD Player 1: Kane Williamson (12 cr) Player 2: Abdul Samad (4 cr) Player 3: Umran Malik (4 cr)	RAJASTHAN ROYALS Player 1: Sanju Samson (14 cr) Player 2: Jos Buttler (10 cr) Player 3: Yashasvi Jaiswal (4 cr)

last year’s skipper KL Rahul, while SRH retained Kane Williamson and released star spinner Rashid Khan.

Punjab Kings released their

Pakistan beats Bangladesh by 8 wickets in 1st cricket test



AP ■ CHATTOGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sindhu leads India’s campaign at World Tour Finals

PTI ■ BALI

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

on Wednesday.

It will be the best ever representation for India at the year-end tournament with as many as seven of them qualifying for the USD 1,50,000 event.

Save for mixed doubles, the Indians compete in all other categories with Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy, who made the cut after the

completion of the Indonesia Open last week, set to represent the country in the women’s doubles event.

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



seed Chochochwong of Thailand in group A.

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

The 26-year-old from Hyderabad is expected to finish among the top two in the

Pornpawee group as she has a good record against the other two opponents -- Denmark’s Line Christophersen and Germany’s Yvonne Li.

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

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