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Covid curbs in Delhi, Haryana, Punjab

Delhi logs total 54 Omicron cases, bans gathering for X'mas, New Year; no vax certificate, no salary in Punjab

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mid emerging gloom-and-Adoom scenario from the onslaught of Omicron variant of coronavirus, the Delhi, and Harvana Governments have imposed a series of restrictions to prevent

the spread of the pandemic.
The Delhi Government prohibited all cultural and mass gatherings for Christmas and New Year in the National Capital Territory (NCT). "Delhi Disaster Management Authority in view of rising Covid cases and variant of concern-Omicron instructs DMs to take all required measures in their respective jurisdictions to control the spread. No mask/no entry should be strictly ensured at shops/workplace," a statement said.

Delhi has reported a total of 54 Omicron cases. The city recorded 125 new cases of coronavirus in 24 hours, which is the highest in six months'

Monday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced that all samples that test positive for Covid-19 will now be sent for genome

sequencing.

Delhi Health Minister
Satyendar Jain also said that the
national Capital is prepared
with robust health infra in city

hospitals. The number of containment zones in the city has been increased from 173 to 184 on Tuesday. 23,000 Covid-19 beds are prepped and ready in Delhi. Additionally, the Government is planning to arrange 100 beds per ward on a two-week notice. If implemented, the total number of beds in Delhi will grow by 64,000.

In a statement, the Government also announced that 6,800 ICU beds will also be ready very soon to tackle any severe outbreak of Covid-19 or its Omicron variant. Efforts are also being made to improve and develop home isolation arrangements and hospitals are getting booster stocks of medicines

Kejriwal on Thursday will hold a review meeting on preparedness and management amid the potential threat from new Omicron variant, an official said.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Government has ruled that the employees would get their salaries only if they submit their vaccination certificates.

As per the orders issued by the State Finance Department, all the employees whether fully vaccinated or have taken a single dose have to upload their vaccination certificates on the State Government's job portal, otherwise their salaries would not be released.

The vaccination certifi-

cates have to be uploaded on the Punjab Government's iHRMS website (Integrated Human Resource Management System). The software streamlines salary payment and retirement benefit withdrawals, and the salary is credited automatically only to the account of an employees' designated bank account, preventing fraud in salary distribution. The order also assumes

significance as it came at a time when the elections are just about months away. Notably, Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Dr S Karuna Raju had also insisted that all the Government employees should be fully vaccinated to avoid any risk of spread during the elec-

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A worker pastes a sticker on a wall of a Covid-19 facility at Commonwealth Games Village in view of the rising Omicron cases

'We could be entering worst part of pandemic'

Bill Gates cancels most of his holiday plans as Omicron spreading faster

Washington: Bill Gates took to Twitter to alarm people and asking them to stay alert amid the worrisome surge in Omicron cases worldwide. In his tweets he warned of an abundant need for caution as we approach the peak of the festive season, sharing that he too has canceled most of his holiday plans.

"Just when it seemed like

life would return to normal, we could be entering the worst part of the pandemic. Omicron will hit home for all of us. Close friends of mine now have it,

and I've canceled most of my holiday plans." "Omicron is spreading

faster than any virus in history. It will soon be in every country in the world," tweeted Mr Gates. His tweets come at a time

when the whole world is witnessing a surge in cases of the new variant of the deadly coro-

'The big unknown is how sick omicron makes you...Even if it's only half as severe as delta, it will be the worst surge we have seen so far because it's so infectious," he added in a subsequent tweet.

Emphasisng the need to adhering to covid protocols, Gates implored a firm return to wearing masks, avoiding big indoor gatherings, and getting vaccinated'

"Getting a booster gives the best protection," noted one of his tweets.

Finally, Gates attempted to end his Omicron awareness thread on a positive note. "If there's good news here, it's that omicron moves so quickly that once it becomes dominant in a country, the wave there should last less than 3 months," said the Microsoft co-founder.

Modi to hold Covid review meeting today

226 Omicron cases reported

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With the Omicron variant of Covid-19 spreading fast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday reviewed the coronavirus disease situation and the preparedness to tackle it in the country. India on Wednesday totalled 226 Omicron cases with Delhi topping the list.

This is for the first time that the Prime Minister will be holding a meeting to deliberate on the rising Omicron scare which has spread in more than 11 States so far.

The national Capital now leads the tally with 57 cases, followed by Maharashtra, which has reported 54 cases of the new variant till now. Apart from Delhi and Maharashtra, the fast-spreading Omicron strain has seen a rise in Telangana (24), Karnataka (19), Rajasthan (22), Kerala (24)

and Gujarat (14). Kerala on Wednesday recorded nine more Omicron cases and Jaipur four.

Three cases have been reported in Jammu & Kashmir and two each in Odisha and nder. Uttar Pradesh. Andhra **Agencies** Pradesh, Chandigarh, Ladakh,

Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have reported one case each.

The PM has held such

review meetings in the past too. In the last review meeting in the end of November, Modi had asked officials to review plans to ease restrictions on international travel in light of the global concern over Omicron, which was discovered in South Africa. The PM asked officials to be "proactive" in light of the new variant. However, the Omicron strain of Covid, known to be highly transmissible, has set off alarm bells, prompting the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday to alert States and Union Territories about the new variant.

It said that based on the current scientific evidence, Omicron is at least three times more transmissible than the Delta variant.

The Ministry further added greater foresight, data analysis, dynamic decision making and strict and prompt containment action is required at the local and district level.

It also asked the States to activate "war rooms" and bring back curbs, including night curfews to contain it. It also listed a series of prevention and containment measures that included extensive testing and

regulation of gatherings.

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Forces hold synergistic exercise to prepare for China challenge

Defence Forces, 3,000 elite para commandos, **Spl Forces carrying out** combined exercise in **Andaman and Nicobar**

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Honing their operational readiness to meet any challenge from China, the three forces and more than 3,000 elite para commandos and Special Forces are carrying out a combined exercise in the strategi cally-important Andaman and Nicobar islands.

This multi-domain exercise is taking place weeks after the three services carried out similar drills along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh and the Line of Control (LoC) facing Pakistan in

Jammu & Kashmir. This multi-domain exercise is taking place weeks after the three services carried out sim-



ilar drills along the LAC in Ladakh and the LOC facing Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir. ing, in close coordination with the para drop of airborne troops.

Giving details of the current exercise, sources said here on Wednesday the exercise is currently in progress at the Nicobar group of islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

As part of the exercise, troops of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force were mobilised for amphibious land-

Amphibious landing involves the ground troops landing at the seashore from the ships under covering fire from the warships and aircraft.

The rapid response capability of Shatrujeet Brigade has validated wherein the paratroopers who had moved from mainland executed airborne

drop in an island territory of Andamans in a realistic tacti-cal setting under the overall command and control of Command, the only joint services operational command of the defence forces of India.

Lt General Ajai Singh Commander-in-Chief Andaman Nicobar Command, witnessed the Airborne Exercise and complimented the paratroopers for their bat-

tle readiness. The exercise saw the transport planes para dropping light tanks and assault vehicles along with the troops. The Shatrujeet Brigade had earlier participated in the same exercise at the LAC and LOC.

The Andamans is very important for Indian interests as most of the sea lanes ferrying Indian imports and exports pass through them close to the Íslands. India has to ensure that trade takes place unhin-

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Maintaining the tempo of modernisation of missile systems, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday successfully carried out the maiden flight test of 'Pralay' surface to surface missile that can destroy a target in the range of 400 to 500 km and is part of the Prithvi missile arsenal. The new missile can also carry nuclear warhead. It met all the mission objectives during the test firing from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha at about 10.30 am

CAPSULE

ABOUT 48K DEATHS ON NAT'L HIGHWAYS:GOVT New Delhi: A total of 1,16,496 road accidents occurred on national highways (NHs), including expressways, in 2020, causing 47,984 deaths. Parliament was informed on Wednesday. In 2019, a total of 1,37,191 accidents had taken place on

which resulted in 53,872 deaths, according to a written reply to the Rajya Sabha by Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari. He said the ministry is developing way side amenities along the highways to provide hospitals for medical services.

HARYANA LOWERS **DRINKING AGE TO 21**

Chandigarh: Haryana Assembly on Wednesday passed Haryana Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2021 reducing the legal age to consume, purchase or sell liquor and other intoxicant drugs from the existing 25 years to 21 years. The Haryana Excise (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed to reduce the minimum age limit of 25 years as provided in Sections 27, 29, 30 and 62 of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914 to 21 years.

day before schedule

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 $B_{\mathrm{were}}^{\mathrm{oth\ Houses\ of\ Parliament}}$ adjourned sine die on Wednesday, bringing an end to an acrimonious Winter Session marred by unending protest by the Opposition over the suspension of 12 Rajya Sabha members.

The Winter Session of Parliament, which had begun on November 29, was scheduled to end on Thursday.

During the session, Parliament saw the passage of nine Bills which included the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill and legislations to fix the tenure of directors of the Enforcement Directorate and CBI at five years and supplementary demands for grants. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla read out the valedictory remarks as soon as the House



Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Union Ministers and Leaders of parties in the Lok Sabha at the Speaker's Chambers in Parliament House after the conclusion of the Winter Session of Pioneer photo

assembled for the day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress president Sonia Gandhi were among those present in the House on the last day of the Winter Session.

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BJP wants 70 seats. offers 36 to Capt in 117-member Punjab **Assembly elections**

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wants lion's share in the seats for the forthcoming Assembly elections in Punjab. After playing the second fiddle for decades with its erstwhile alliance partner Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), the saffron party is now gearing up to act like a "big brother" with the broken factions of the Congress and the Akali Dal.

The maharaja of Patiala. Capt Amarinder Singh, may be projecting himself as the king



alliance with Amarinder

second position in its alliance by offering just about 30-35 seats, and keeping about 70, of the total 117, with it. And to boost the party's

campaign, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will sound the poll bugle for the ensuing Assembly polls elections in Punjab by addressing a mega rally in the New Year.

Even as the talks of seat sharing arrangement is on between the BJP and Capt Amarinder's new political outfit, Punjab Lok Congress, it has been learnt that the saffron party wanted to contest on 70plus seats. Moreover, the 10-15 seats have reportedly been left for the Akali stalwart Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa's SAD (Sanyukta), which is yet to formally announce being the part of the BJP-led coalition. The BJP has been con-

testing elections in Punjab for decades in alliance with the State's regional party, the SAD, by playing a role of the junior partner. Of the total 117 Assembly seats, the BJP contested on just 23, while the SAD fielded its candidates on the remaining 94.

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Winter Session ends | BJP wants to Captain the | Harish Rawat feels left out in cold by Congress

I have done enough, it is time to rest, mulls Congress first family's Man Friday

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Ahead of the next round of Assembly elections, the Congress received vet another shocker, and this time from Uttarakhand. Former State Chief Minister Harish Rawat has hinted that he was not receiving the required support from the party and was "reconsidering" his future.

The grand old party is already suffering from internal Taking to Twitter, Harish said, "Isn't it strange that the squabble in Punjab, Rajasthan, organisational structure at most Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, places, instead of extending a helping hand, is standing with Goa, and Manipur. In a cryptic message on its head turned away or play-

be close to the Gandhis, appeared to be critical of the Congress leadership. Till recently, he was the Punjab Congress in-charge and handled the internal turmoil that ended in Charanjit Singh Channi replacing Amarinder Singh as the Chief Minister.

Twitter, Harish, who is said to

tweeted.

Asserting that he was reconsidering his future, the Congress leader said, "Then there is a voice in the head that quietly says I am neither weak nor will run from challenges. I am in turmoil. Hope the New Year shows me the way. I am confident that Lord Kedarnath (Shiva), will show me the way." Continued on Page 2

ing a negative role at a time

when I have to swim across the

let loose many crocodiles (predators) in the sea that we

have to navigate. Those whom

I am supposed to follow, their

people have tied my hands

and feet. I have been getting the

feeling that Harish Rawat, it's

gone too far, you have done

enough, it is time to rest," he

The powers that be have

ocean of elections.

BJP looted land in Ayodhya: Cong

PM should answer on the 'loot of donations' and 'loot of land' and entire episode should be probed

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The Congress on Wednesday ■ alleged that several BJP leaders and some officials of the Uttar Pradesh Government have bought the land around the under-construction Ram

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temple in Ayodhya at throwaway prices.

AICC chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should answer on the "loot of donations" and "loot of land' and the entire episode should

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be probed. Surjewala named Ayodhya MLA Ved Parkash Gupta as the kingpin followed by MLA colleagues Indra Pratap Tiwari, Ayodhya Mayor Rishikesh Upadhyay, other party leaders Balram Maurya, Harshvardhan Shahi, MP Agarwal, Purshottam Dass Gupta and others.'

All this was done after the court's decision on the Ram

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temple case came," he alleged."Lord Shri Ram is a symbol of faith, trust, dignity and Sanatan. But the people of BJP are running the business of loot in his name also. Prime Minister, tell me when will you open your mouth? The Prime Minister should also tell when (he) will get the loot of donations and the loot of land," he

Winter...

204 per cent on December 2, was taken up for discussion.

The Government introsion, including the Prohibition Child Marriage

With the Rajya Sabha marred by protests and repeated adjournments throughout the Winter Session, Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Wednesday expressed dismay and urged the Elders to introspect. Later, he adjourned the House sine die. As soon as the papers were laid on the table by the concerned Ministers, Leader of Opposition M Mallikarjun Kharge tried to raise an issue pertaining to Ayodhya land deal but the Chair disallowed it.

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Floor leaders of political parties met the Speaker in his chamber after the House was adjourned sine die. The Lok Sabha had 18 sittings during the Session which lasted for 83 hours and 12 minutes. Birla said the House lost 18 hours and 48 minutes to disruptions, but saw productivity zoom to when the issue of pandemic "The overall productivity

of the Lok Sabha was 82 per cent," Birla said. duced 12 Bills during the ses-

(Amendment) Bill that seeks to increase the marriageable age for girls from 18 years to 21

shrunk by 40%: Study

Melted 10 times more quickly in last few decades than during Little Ice Age

PNS NEW DELHI

Himalayan glaciers have lost ice 10 times more quickly over the last few decades than on average since the last major glacier expansion 400-700 years ago, a period known as the

"Little Ice Age", a study has said.

It warned that accelerating melting of the Himalayan glaciers threatens the water supply of millions of people in Asia.

The Himalayan range is home to the world's thirdlargest amount of glacier ice, after Antarctica and the Arctic, and is often referred to as "The Third Pole".

The study, led by the University of Leeds, also points out that Himalayan glaciers are shrinking far more rapidly than glaciers in other parts of the world, a rate of loss the researchers describe as "exceptional" as they lost around 40 per cent of their area.

confirmation that the changes in the Himalayan glaciers are accelerating.

The paper -- Accelerated Mass Loss of Himalayan Glaciers Since the Little Ice Age published in Scientific Reports made a reconstruction of the size and ice surfaces of 14,798 Himalayan glaciers during the Little Ice Age.

"The researchers calculate that the glaciers have lost around 40 per cent of their area shrinking from a peak of 28,000 sq km to around 19,600 sq km today," said a release

During that period, they have also lost between 390 cubic km and 586 cubic km of ice -- the equivalent of all the ice contained today in the central European Alps, the Caucasus, and Scandinavia

combined. The water released through that melting has raised sea levels across the world by between 0.92 mm and 1.38 mm, the team calculates, the release said.

Harish...

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With the Uttarakhand election coming up early next year, Harish's message has caused a flutter in the State Congress unit, which has been plagued by factionalism.

A top AICC leader said Harish is a very important leader of the party and for the State and has been one of the main trouble-shooters and his

current resentment, perhaps a rare one, could be localised. Rahul Gandhi in his last week's visit to the State had cautioned local leaders sternly not to create any trouble for the party ahead of the polls.

Another leader at AICC said Harish could be soon called by the party high command to prevent the recurrence of situations like in Puniab in Uttarakhand or any other State.

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This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to provide the additional stoppage to Train no. 12957/12958 Ahmedabad-New Delhi-Ahmedabad Swarn Jayanti Rajdhani Express at Sabarmati Railway Station on an experimental basis for a period of 6 months w.e.f. 23.12.2021 as per details given below:

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Letter No. 7390 /E -Tender R.Cir. /21-22

On behalf of the Governor of UP, tender for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Rampur Circle, PWD Rampur online on website https://etender.up.nic.in from registered contractors with UP PWD (as per column no. 8). The bidder may submit bids for any or all of the works. Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 4 of the Instructions to Bidders to qualify for the award of the contract. Bids must be downloan line from 10:00 AM on date 24.12.2021 to 5:00 PM on dated 29.12.2021 and the technical bids will be opened online date 30.12.2021 at 12:30 PM in Office of Superintending Engineer Rampur Circle PWD Rampur and Financial bids of the qualified bidders will be opened on date & time as notified.

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Himalayan glaciers have | Maha Govt tables joint selection report on 'Shakti Bill' in Assembly

The Ma Government MaharashtraWednesday tabled in the State Assembly a report of the joint selection committee of the state legislature "Maharashtra Shakti Criminal (Maharashtra Law Amendment) Bill, 2020, a legislation to deal sternly with serious sexual crimes against women and girls like rape and acid attacks--- which among other things has stipulated death penalty, life sentence, hefty fines and speedy trial for

the perpetrators. Maharashtra

Minister Dilip Walse-Patil tabled the recommendations of a joint committee of the State Legislature on the "Shakti Bill" as it has come to be known as.

The "Maharashtra Shakti Criminal Law (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2020"-which has been modelled along the lines of the Andhra Pradesh Disha Act Criminal Law (AP Amendment) Act, 2019 - had been tabled in both the Houses of the State Legislature in December last year.

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The letter from the Ministry called for "prompt and focused and take containment measures and restrictions even before these thresholds are reached". Besides Omicron, the Delta variant is "still

present" in different parts of the country, the letter read. India's coronavirus tally has reached 3,47,58,481 on Wednesday after the country reported 6,317new infections, which is a jump of 18 per cent from Wednesday's 5,326 cases.

Forces...

From Page 1 Moreover, China is increasingly flexing its maritime muscle in the region and the Indian security establishment is keen to Bengal. test all its equipment and troops to meet any threat, they said. Over the years India has developed vast infrastructure there

fighter jets including SU-30s, Mirage, and Jaguars. These bases have manifold increased the strategic reach of the Indian forces to meet any challenge in the Indian Ocean and the Bay of

This series of exercises is also an effort to validate the doctrine of fighting the war jointly in perfect coordination and achieve the military objective in the shortest possible time.

Covid curbs in...

including airbases with the capa-

bility of launching front-line

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The official added that the

Election Commission had also made it clear that only those employees will be given election duty who are fully vaccinated - taken both doses. "In such a situation, if there are employees who have not taken both the doses, there could be a shortage of employees for election duty," added the offi-

As of now, 2,59,04,479 people in Punjab have been vaccinated, including 1,69,62,706 vaccinated with first dose, and only 89,41,773 having received both the doses. While in Haryana, come

January 1, 2022, the unvaccinated people against Covid-19 will not be allowed entry in restaurants, malls, banks, religious places, Government offices, public transport among other places of public gatherings in Haryana.

The State Government on Wednesday issued an order in

this regard and directed all deputy commissioners to constitute teams to ensure that only those who receive both doses of Covid-19 vaccine are allowed entry at places of public gath-

According to the order, only fully vaccinated people will be allowed entry at places like restaurants, bars, hotels, grain markets, departmental stores, liquor, and wine shops, malls, shopping complexes, cinema halls, religious places, ration shops, petrol and CNG stations, local markets, private and government sector banks, parks, gyms, bus stand, railway station, among other places of public gatherings from January 1, 2022, onwards.

Apart from this, the Covid-19 vaccination certificate will be mandatory for students (more than 18 years) of colleges/polytechnics. Also, no including individuals. Government servants, will be allowed to visit Government offices without being fully vac-

cinated, the order stated.

BJP wants to Captain the...

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kitty of the total 13. Now with the SAD severing its ties with the BJP in protest against the controversial farm, laws, which now stand repealed after a year-long agitation by the farmers, the BJP is exploring new options. Amidst complete turnaround political equations in Punjab, the BJP is building up a brand new alliance with Capt Amarinder's nascent political party, and other Akali factions. At the same time, it is largely banking on the defections from other political parties - including the ruling Congress, SAD, and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), among others prominent

In the recent past, prominent personalities from Congress, Akali Dal, and others including former Cabinet Minister Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi, Akali leaders Manjinder Singh Sirsa and Sarabjit Singh Makkar, among others - have joined the BJP.

Capt Amarinder and Punjab BJP party affairs' in-charge Gajendra Shekhawat had, after a meeting the previous week, announced the alliance, while declaring that seat-sharing would be announced soon.

While Rajya Sabha MP Dhindsa has been holding meetings with the BJP leadership, the other leaders of his party, SAD Sanyukta, are against the decision to alliance with the saffron party.

It has been learnt that another rebel Akali stalwart, Ranjit Singh Brahmpura, is strongly opposing the proposed alliance with the BJP, and is considering returning to the Akali fold.

After repealing the farm laws, the BJP is considering itself to be back in the political battleground in Punjab. BJP, which has presence among the state's urban and Hindu voters, is now relying on Capt Amarinder's charisma and Dhindsa's appeal to pull in the Sikh voters - a task earlier handled by the Akali Dal.

Banking on the BJP-led Central Government's performance and the pro-people and pro-Sikh decisions it has taken during its seven-year tenure, the saffron party is all set to kick-start its poll campaign in the New Year with a bang. None other than Modi will be addressing a mega rally in the State in the New Year under the slogan, 'Nawan Punjab, BJP de Naal'. All set to play a role of a "big brother" in the evolving alliance after Akali Dal decided to part ways, the BJP, by setting in motion its poll campaign with Modi's rally, is sending across a clear signal that it was very much in game in Punjab. "The venue is yet to be decided but the rally is going to be massive and would act as a game-changer in Punjab," said a BJP leader.

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City logs 125 new coronavirus cases

 $T^{he\ national\ Capital\ reported 125\ fresh\ cases\ of\ Covid-19\ on\ Wednesday\ with\ the\ positivity\ rate\ stood\ at\ 0.20\ per\ cent,\ according\ to\ data\ issued\ by\ the\ health\ depart$ ment of the Delhi Government.

The number of cumulative cases of the disease rose to 14,42,515. Over 14.16 lakh patients have recovered so far. The death toll due to the coronavirus infection in Delhi stood at 25,102, according to the latest health bulletin.

As per the health bulletin, a total of 63,313 tests --56,511 RT-PCR and 6802 rapid antigen -- were conducted

Giving details of the new variant of the coronavirus, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Tuesday said that there are a total 54 Omicron cases in Delhi out of which 34 are hospitalized in LJNP and 17 have been discharged

"There are a total of four Genome Sequencing Labs in Delhi which are capable of testing Omicron cases. Two labs are from the central Government and two are from the Delhi Government. Both the labs of Delhi Government have the capacity to do genome sequencing of more than 100 samples per day, he had said.

On June 27, Delhi had logged 259 coronavirus cases

with four deaths, according to the government data.

The rise in daily cases comes amid the Omicron scare



in Delhi as the total number of patients infected with the latest variant of the coronavirus jumped by 12 on

Three deaths due to Covid-19 have been recorded in December so far in Delhi. Seven Coronavirus deaths were reported in November, four in October and five in

Will be under 14-day observation after home isolation restrictions lifted: Recovered Omicron patient

has just recovered from a bout of infection from the Omicron variant of Covid, said he is currently home isolated after being discharged from a hospital, and a cou-ple of security personnel "keep a watch" outside his house to ensure no one ventures out.

The 27-year-old Rohini resident, who had tested Covid positive after returning to Delhi from Dubai, said, even after the home isolation restrictions are lifted, "I have been told that I will be under 14-day observation at home, and doctors will check on me intermittently'

Thakur on Tuesday also said he had been diagnosed with Covid during the first wave of the pandemic too, with loss of taste and smell, but no fever or cough. Omicron is the latest variant of the novel coronavirus infection and reporting of its cases, in various countries, including India, has brought the focus back on the pandemic, the previous two waves of which wrecked havoc

The Union health ministry on Tuesday said 200 cases of Omicron variant of coronavirus have been detected across 12 States and UTs in India so far, and Maharashtra and Delhi have recorded 54 cases each of the variant.

Delhi's first case of the Omicron variant -- a 37-yearold man from Ranchi -- was detected on December 5. He has been discharged. Thakur said he had travelled to Dubai recently for some business work, and flew back to Delhi on December 4 night. asked to fill out e-Suvidha forms, and passengers were

ed now. And, I was not tested on arrival at airport, so I walked out. Plus, I had no symptoms, cough, sore throat or temperature.

So, I just went home and isolated myself in a room as a precaution," he said. "But, I had to fly to Bombay on December 7, so, I got myself tested for Covid before undertaking my journey. I tested positive for Covid on December 6, so my travel plan was cancelled, and two days later, I was informed by authorities that I was pos-Omicron variant,"

He claimed that on his request, he was allowed to stay under home isolation till December 11, and then an ambulance came over to his place and took him to The LNJP Hospital has reported 34 cases of Omicron so far. Seventeen of them have been discharged. Of the 34 patients, three do not have travel history, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said on

"We are trying to ascertain if they came in contact with Omicron-infected people who returned from foreign countries," Jain told reporters here.

Thakur, who lives in Delhi with his parents and a domestic help, claimed that, "about three to four police personnel keep a watch outside his house, day and night, ensuring no one ventures out".

They are very courteous, and also provide us with daily essential items, as none of us can go out till the restrictions are in place.

HC asks AIIMS to set up medical board as woman seeks termination of 27-week pregnancy

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the AIIMS to constitute a medical board to examine a woman who seeks to terminate her 27week pregnancy saying the foetus suffers from abnormal-

survival are remote. Terminating a pregnancy beyond 24 weeks is illegal in the country, barring some excep-

ities and that the chances of its

Justice Rekha Palli asked All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to set up the board at the earliest to examine the woman and give a report on the feasibility of terminating the pregnancy.

The court listed the matter for further hearing on December 27. petition filed through advocates Sneha Mukherjee and Surabhi Shukla, the 33-year-old woman sought the court's permission end her pregnancy under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act.

The plea said that the docfors have explained to the woman that the condition of foetus is critical and that the chances of survival of the baby are less than 50 per cent and it could even collapse immediately after birth due to heart malfunction.

"By enforcing the MTP Act without an exception for the health and welfare of the pregnant mother, the respondents (authorities) have failed to protect the right to life by leaving desperate women carrying severe fetal abnormalities no choice but to seek unsafe abortions, which contributes significantly to India's poor maternal mortality rate," the

It said the woman has suffered immense mental and physical anguish as a result of the "unreasonable" 24-week restriction under the MTP Act.

In September this year, the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021, which provides for enhancing the upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks for special categories of women including survivors of rape, victim of incest and other vulnerable women, like differently-abled and minors, was

enforced The MTP (Amendment) Act also allows for termination in the case of fetal abnormalities beyond 24 weeks gestation. Section 2B of the Amendment Act introduces medical boards to be notified in each state that shall assess cases of MTP for fetal abnormality post 24 weeks

Gurugram residents can avail mental health services with 'I Will Care' app

Gurugram: To make mental health services accessible to residents of Gurugram, the district administration of Gurugram in collaboration with DLF Foundation and ePsyclinic has been launched 'I Will CARE', a mental

health services app.

The officials said the app provides Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Behavior Therapy based counselling through a chatbot, personalized therapy services, and access to educational and self-help content.

Gurugram Deputy Commissioner Dr Yash Garg said that the 'I Will CARE app' also include a mental health helpline 011 42419298 (available - 24*7), which can be used by residents of Gurugram to reach out to professional therapists free of cost. The therapists can communicate in more than 5 Indian languages, making these services more accessible in a cosmopolitan city like Gurugram. Those who do not have access to a smartphone can use the helpline number to avail of these ser-

"We urge all citizens of the district to share this information within their social and professional circles, thereby making these services available to the maximum number of residents of Gurugram," Garg said. 'I Will CARE' app can be uploaded to https://iwillcare.page.link/iwillcare to get instant access to these services.

AAP pledges corruption-free Govt if voted to power in Goa

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will form the first corruption-free and honest government in Goa after being voted to power, party national convener Arvind Kejriwal said on

Announcing the sixth guarantee, Kejriwal said "I guarantee that AAP will form the first corruptionfree and dead honest Government in Goa's history. In the past 60 years, the Congress Party ruled for 27 years in which they did not leave a single stone unturned in looting the state. After Congress, it was the BJP's turn to plunder Goa's treasury and carry forward the shameless corruption and misgovernance for another 15 years?

The AAP leader also announced that party after forming the Government in the State, will start doorstep delivery of services.

"The AAP will bring back the industries that left Goa and revive all the businesses that are under distress. Eeveryone will see big radical changes in governance within a month of the formation of the AAP government," he added.

"The concept of 'guarantees', started by the AAP, is a first in Indian politics because of the constant failure and breach of promises by all other political parties. All parties would bring in lavish promises in their manifesto during the election season, and forget about them soon after coming to

The AAP does not indulge in these election gimmicks. This is the reason that we have introduced the term 'guarantee' to describe our promises to the public. Moreover, we go door-to-door and issue signed cards to people to ensure

HC directs release of delinquent juvenile in robbery case

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the release on bail of a juvenile in conflict with law who, the Delhi

Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) alleged, was in illegal custody.

A bench headed by Justice Vipin Sanghi, while dealing with the Commission's habeas corpus petition, directed that the child be released upon his mother furnishing the requisits hail upon his mother furnishing the requisite bail bond and directed the state to file a status report. "Upon the mother of the juvenile furnish-

ing the bail bond (in terms of the bail order), the child in conflict with law be released today," ordered the bench also comprising Justice Jasmeet Singh. Lawyer Vrinda Grover, appearing for DCPCR, claimed that the child was granted bail

in November but continued to be in custody due to non-fulfilment of bail conditions. "I'm from the poorest section of the society. I can't meet the bail conditions," said the

lawyer who contended that the bail conditions should be modified to his benefit. The counsel appearing for the Delhi State Legal Service Authority informed the court that the juvenile in question would be released as his mother was already in the process of tendering

a bail bond. He added that there was a delay in the case

on account of a difference in opinion between the principal magistrate and two social worker members of the Juvenile Justice Board. In the petition filed through lawyer Tushar Sannu, DCPCR stated that the child, aged 16 years, was taken in custody in October for the alleged offence of robbery under the Indian Penal Code and was granted bail by the JJB on November

It stated that even after the child could not meet the conditions of the bail order, his bail conditions were not modified and was once again sent back to Observation Home in The child in conflict with Law was to be

produced before the Juvenile Justice Board V (JJB-V) by 05.12.2021 (i.E. Within 7 days of order of bail dated 29.11.2021) for modification of bail conditions. However, the child was not produced on 5th December, 2021 and was instead produced before the JJB-V with a further delay of 8 days i.E. On 13.12.2021.

That on 13.12.2021, upon the child being produced before the Juvenile Justice Board-V, instead of modification of bail conditions that could easily be met, the child victim was rather once again sent back to Observation Home without modifying the conditions of the bail," the petition stated.

Deep conspiracy unearthed: Police files chargesheet in Rohini court shootout case

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has public servant in discharge of were also present," the Special filed a charge sheet in a case related to the shootout in the Penal Code (IPC), and various Commissioner said in a press statement. Rohini court in which jailed sections under the Arms Act. assailants dressed as lawyers were killed, unearthing the "deep conspiracy" behind the

The assailants, who were from the rival gang, opened fire at undertrial prisoner Gogi inside a courtroom where an attempt to murder case was being heard against him on September 24. The duo was then killed in a swift police counter-

The charge sheet, filed on December 17, named Umang Yadav, Vinay Yadav, Ashish Kumar, and two gangsters Sunil Baliyan alias Tillu and Naveen Dabas alias Balli as accused. Abated charge sheet has

also been filed against deceased assailants Rahul and Jai Deep alias Jaggu. The police filed the final report for offences under sections 302 (murder), 353 (assault), 186 (obstructing

was conducted by Crime Branch. Five persons have been arrested in the case. During investigation, all physical, oral, material, and technical evidence was collected against the accused persons. The deep conspiracy behind the murder was unearthed," Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) Devesh Shrivastava said.

He added, "During investiga-tion, it was found that some other persons were also involved in the conspiracy to kill Jitender Gogi. Further investigation in this regard is in progress."

The police said that Gogi

was brought to the Rohini court for appearance in a case and was escorted by a strong contingent of the 3rd Battalion of Delhi Armed Police (DAP) as he was a "very high risk" undertrial prisoner. "Other units, like Special Cell and local police,

assailants, armed with deadly lawyers, fired upon Gogi inside the courtroom at 1:20 pm and were shot dead in retaliatory fire

"All three injured persons were rushed to hospital. Gogi was rushed to BSA Hospital emergency ward. Later he was declared brought dead. His dead body was preserved in the mortuary. Rahul and Jai Deep were shifted to BJRM Hospital, where the doctor declared them brought dead," the police said.

Both the assailants belonged to the rival Tillu gang. While Rahul was involved in seven cases of murder and attempt to murder, Jai Deep was accused in three such cases.

"Tillu was engraved on the forearm of the assailant [Jai Deep]," the police added. Rahul belonged to Meerut in Uttar Pradesh and Jai Deep was from Sonipat in Haryana. *PTI* Sonipat in Haryana.

Meenakshi Lekhi: Kejriwal Govt hasn't opened new ration shops, but is opening liquor stores

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party new ration shops in Delhi but has started opening liquor stores across the city, Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi claimed on Wednesday.

Participating in the Delhi BJP's signature campaign against the new excise policy of the Arvind Kejriwal dispensation, the New Delhi MP said that allowing private parties to open liquor stores will impact revenue of the city govern-

"The Kejriwal Government has not opened any new ration shops or issued fresh ration cards but is opening liquor stores all over the city. It will have a harmful effect as families will be broken with people falling prey to alcoholism," Lekhi told reporters.

Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta said that his party's workers have been oppos-ing the AAP Government's excise policy for weeks and will not rest till it's with-

"The people of Delhi are unhappy with this policy that aims to open 850 liquor stores across the city on the pre-



text of equal distribution. Is there any need for this. Why does not the Kejriwal government work for equal distribution of water, improving health and education, and cleaning the Yamuna river instead," Gupta said.

He said that the campaign led by the BJP's mahila morcha will collect 15 lakh

The list of signatures will be handed over to the President of India requesting him to intervene for withdrawal of the Delhi Government's excise policy, Gupta

Patient admitted at hospital in Mangolpuri jumps from toilet window, dies

Sanjay Gandhi Hospital killed himself by jumping from the window of a toilet at the facility in Delhi's Mangolpuri area on Wednesday morning, police said.

Bharat, a resident of Mangolpuri, was addicted to drugs, they said.

He was admitted by his family at Sanjay Gandhi Hospital at 7 am on Tuesday as a suspected case of poisoning. He had reportedly drunk some poisonous substance at home, a senior police officer said.

Bharat was under treatment at ward no. 4 of the hospital which was located on the second floor of the facility, he said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer) Parvinder Singh said, "We were informed at around 7.30 am about the incident. He was immediately rushed to emergency where he was declared dead. Inquest proceedings in the matter have been initiated.'

According to an eyewitness, he went to the toilet inside his ward on Wednesday and jumped from the window of the toilet, he said.

Lungs transported from Ahmedabad to Delhi, transplanted in man from Meerut

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Lungs harvested from a brain-dead patient in Ahmedabad was on Wednesday transported to Delhi for a life-saving transplant surgery, the organs being ferried via air and two green corridors on ground, hospital authorities here said.

The recipient was a 54year-old man from Meerut, who has been suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) for many years, and the operation took place at a leading private facility in south Delhi, they

The green corridor was created between the Civil Hospital and the airport in Ahmedabad, and then the organs were flown via a flight, and then another green corridor was made between the IGI International Airport here and Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket, hospital authorities said in a statement.

"The lungs were seamlessly transported, covering a total distance of 950 km in three hours," it said. criticality of an early transplant for success, safe passage was facilitated by authorities. This ensured the retrieved lungs to be transplanted within the critical eight-hour chest to chest period, Max healthcare authorities said.

The Delhi Traffic Police team created the green corridor here for transportation of the lungs, which were brought here by air from Ahmedabad, at 10.30 am. The distance of about 20 km from IGI Airport Terminal-3 to Max hospital, Saket was covered within 16 minutes, police officials said.

HC directs DMRC to furnish bank account details in execution plea by DAMEPL

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the Delhi Metro Rail ■ Corporation (DMRC) to file an affidavit furnishing the details of its bank accounts along with the balance amount in connection with a Reliance Infrastructure subsidiary's plea for the execution of an arbitral award of over ₹4,600 crore against it.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait noted that the DMRC has Rs 1642.69 crore available in its bank accounts, and said that if the Delhi Airport Metro Express Private Limited (DAMEPL) does not want to accept the corporation's offer of taking over its debts to the extent of the award, the court can't force it to do so.

"(DAMEPL says) if it has money in hand, in escrow account, at least it can bargain with banks for restructuring etc. Suppose it passes on total liability to you, to pay to the lenders, it will lose the bargaining power. It is a decree holder, you (DMRC) are a judgement debtor. If your offer is accepted, no issues. But when it is not accepting that, this court can't force it that you accept in this fashion," the judge



The judge further observed that while the attachment of the DMRC's properties was not permitted, there was

"Here, properties cannot be attached as per Section 89 (of The Metro Railways (Operation and Maintenance) Act, 2002). The option left with court is that how much money is left in the bank account. That can be taken care of," the court stat-

The DMRC is directed to furnish the details of banks accounts ... In Delhi or outside Delhi. It will also be mentioned in the affidavit, how much amount

is lying in a particular account," the court

Lawyer Prateek Seksaria, appearing for DAMEPL, informed that its lenders have rejected the DMRC's proposal of taking care of its liabilities and contended that no special treatment can be given to the government in the present execution pro-

The government should "set an example" by paying the award instead, argued the lawyer who claimed that even after the DMRC deposited ₹ 1000 crore in the escrow account, over ₹ 6,000 crore was still

He submitted that DAMEPL is entitled to the amount awarded in the arbitration proceedings as well as the benefit of "any surplus" which may be utilised to restart its businesses. DAMEPL's counsel further relied on

the DMRC's affidavit to state that the corporation has over ₹ 5800 crore in its bank accounts as on December 17, with ₹1642 crore being its earning and over ₹ 2400 crore and ₹1700 crore being its project allocation fund and deposit fund

Cold wave conditions abate slightly in city, more relief ahead New Delhi: Cold wave conditions abated slight-

ly in Delhi on Wednesday with the slowing down of icy northwesterly winds under the influence of a Western Disturbance affecting northwest

The minimum temperature at the Safdarjung Observatory, considered the official marker for the city, settled at 4.4 degrees Celsius, three notches below normal. The maximum temperature settled at 23.8

degrees Celsius, two notches more than the average temperature. The observatory reported a cold wave on Monday and Tuesday logging a minimum temperature of 3.2 degrees Celsius and 4 degrees Celsius, respectively.

The weather stations at Palam, Lodhi Road, Ridge and Ayanagar recorded a minimum temperature of 7.6 degrees Celsius, 4.2 degrees Celsius, 6.7 degrees Celsius and 4.8 degrees Celsius, respectively.

In the plains, the IMD declares a cold wave if the minimum temperature dips to 4 degrees Celsius. A cold wave is also declared when the minimum temperature is 10 degrees Celsius or below and is 4.5 notches below normal.

An official at the India Meteorological Department said the temperature is set to



under the influence of two back-to-back Western Disturbances in northwest India. Light rain is likely on Saturday. The national capital's air quality remained

severe for the second day on the trot. The 24-hour average AQI read 407. Air pollution levels in the national capital

had entered the 'severe' category on Tuesday and the 24-hour average AQI read 402, a day after the Centre's air quality panel lifted the restrictions on construction and demolition activities

Weather experts said 'very poor' to 'severe' air quality is likely till December 27.

Centre to train at least one 'Oxygen Steward' in each dist To ensure rational utilisation and avoid any wastage of medical oxygen, especially in resource constraint settings

PNS NEW DELHI

With an aim to prevent a repeat of an oxygen crisis like the one during the Covid second wave, the Centre is mulling to train at least one "Oxygen Steward" in each district across the country amid the rising Omicron scare.

The initiative aims to empower all healthcare workers engaged in Oxygen management and administration with the essential knowledge and skills to ensure rational utilisation and avoid any wastage of medical Oxygen, especially in resource constraint settings.

These trained professionals would be responsible for leading the training on Oxygen therapy and management in their respective districts and also support audit of oxygen delivery and preparedness for a surge scenario.

"Öxygen is life saving and critically important in the treatment of several illnesses, not just Covid-19. The country witnessed an increased oxygen demand during the pandemic. Hence, the rational use of oxygen has become mandatory and the need of the hour," said Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr Bharti Pravin Pawar while



inaugurating the National Stewardship Programme on Wednesday.

The training follows observation by a study in June 2021 the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur which had found that around 10-15 per cent oxygen wastage could have been avoided by hospitals during the peak of the second wave of Covid pandemic in Uttar Pradesh that saw a huge demand for oxygen and complaints of lack of its

supply.

The study, conducted at 57 medical colleges across the state, had found that improper use of oxygen-related equipment and leakage from

oxygen mask or nozzle could have been avoided if the medical staff was more careful.

Commenting on the programme, Dr Pawar said, "It will enhance the skills of our healthcare workers in Oxygen therapy with necessary focus on essential knowledge and skills. This will also train our participants to avoid wastage or overuse of oxygen in resource constraint settings.

Detailing the Government's efforts in ensuring increased oxygen availability, the Union Minister said, Government has sanctioned more than 1500 Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) oxygen generation plants of which 1463

(Convention on International

Trade in Endangered Species of

Wild Fauna and Flora) and

export of Red Sanders from

India is restricted as per Foreign

dering investigation by the ED,

a search operation at eight dif-

ferent locations in Mumbai

and suburbs including the res-

idence of Malik was carried out

on December 20 and he was

ous incriminating documents

were seized. Subsequent to the

searches, Malik was summoned

to the office of Enforcement

Directorate. During the record-

ing of the statement, Malik was

non-cooperative, evasive and

did not divulge any relevant information leading to his

arrest on Tuesday and he was

produced before the Special

Court at Mumbai and remand-

ed to ED custody till Friday,

During the searches, vari-

arrested the next day.

During the money laun-

Many mutations in Omicron allow it to bond with human cells efficiently

Even as the newly reported Comicron variant is poised to replace Delta as the dominant variant across the world. a study led by an Indian-origin researcher shows that many mutations in the variant allow it to bond with human cells far efficiently than previous strains.

The Omicron variant was first identified in South Africa in late November, and has since spread rapidly to 106 countries. The variant is now the dominant strain in many countries including the US, the UK, Denmark among oth-

Of all the variants of coronavirus so far, Omicron is the most heavily mutated with more than 30 mutations on its spike protein, which the virus uses to enter human cells. The variant also harbours a high number of mutations in regions of the spike protein that anti-

have been commissioned which

include, 1225 PSA plants which

have been installed and com-

missioned under PMCARES

Fund in every district of the

bodies recognise, potentially dampening their potency.

Researchers from the University of British Columbia, Canada, studied Omicron using cryo-electron microscopy — a technique that provides images of the virus at incredi-

bly high resolution.
The results, published preprint and not peer-reviewed yet, showed that "Omicron has far greater binding affinity than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus" due to new bonds created between the virus and human cell receptors, Dr Sriram Subramaniam, lead scientist, was quoted as saying to the Daily Mail. In addition, the researchers

tested Omicron against human and monoclonal antibodies, finding that the variant is more resistant to these immune system particles than other variants.

The Omicron variant is unprecedented for having 37 spike protein mutations - that's three to five times more muta-

country." The states have also

been asked to install PSA plants

in public health facilities and

facilitate installation of PSA

plants in private health facilities,

tions than any other variant," Subramaniam, a biochemistry professor at the University, was quoted as saying in a statement.

According to Subramaniam, the increased mutations on the spike protein are important for two reasons: "Firstly, because the spike protein is how the virus attaches to and infects human cells. Secondly, because antibodies attach to the spike protein in order to neutralise the virus." The team probed Omicron's mutations through microscopic imaging, and found that some of the mutations create additional bonds between the virus and ACE2 receptors - a human cell receptor located throughout the body, the

These new mutations appear to "increase binding affinity", Subramaniam said, indicating that Omicron can attach more strongly to human

The researchers compared Omicron's binding affinity to that of the Delta variant and the original strain of the coronavirus. "Overall, the findings show that Omicron has far greater binding affinity than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus, with levels more comparable to what we see with the Delta vari-

ant," Subramaniam said. Subramaniam's team also examined the Omicron spike protein's ability to evade both human antibodies and antibodies from monoclonal antibody treatments. This analysis confirmed real-world data, showing that Omicron is more capable of evading antibodies than previous variants - meaning that treatments are less successful, the report said.

"Notably, Omicron was less evasive of the immunity created by vaccines, compared to immunity stemming from natural infection in unvaccinated Covid patients," Subramaniam said, adding **SINGAPORE AIRLINES SAYS NO TO NEW BOOKINGS** FOR ALL VTL FLIGHTS

New Delhi: Amid Omicron scare, Singapore Airlines on Wednesday announced that it will stop accepting new bookings for all Vaccinated Travel Lane (VTL) flights into Singapore from mid-night Wednesday till January 20, 2022. Travellers who have booked a ticket on a VTL (Air) flight before December 22 will continue to be allowed to enter Singapore, provided they meet all VTL (Air) conditions.

"this suggests that vaccination remains our best defence against the Omicron variant.' Both the Omicron variant's increased binding affinity and its capacity to evade antibodies are "likely contributing factors to its increased transmissibility," Subramaniam said.

ED arrests historsheeter on money laundering charges

PNS NEW DELHI

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested Badshah Majid Malik, a history-sheeter and kingpin of Red Sanders smuggling on money laundering charges.

The ED had initiated a money laundering investigation on the basis of seizure of 7.8 metric tons of Red Sanders worth Rs 3.12 crore by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), the ED said

"The said consignment was being exported on the basis of forged documents in the names of companies at SEZ and had been mis-declared as Fabric Glue/Radiators/Assorted

Investigation by the DRI

brought out that Malik was the kingpin of the smuggling syndicate that had already smuggled 17 more consignments of Red Sanders worth Rs 48 crore out of India in this manner. Red Sanders have been list-

ed in Appendix II of the CITES

Govt to increase MSP of milling, ball copras PNS NEW DELHI

The Government on Wednesday decided to increase the minimum support price (MSP) of milling copra by Rs 255 per quintal and ball copra by Rs 400 per quintal for the season 2022. The decision was taken at

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) meeting chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and isbased on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

"The MSP for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of milling copra has been increased to Rs10,590/- per quintal for 2022 season from Rs.10,335/- per quintal in 2021 and the MSP for ball copra has been increased to Rs.11,000/- per quintal for 2022 season from Rs.10,600/- per quintal in 2021," the CCEA said in a statement. This is to ensure a return of

51.85 per cent for milling copra



copra over the all India weighted average cost of production. The increase in MSP for copra for 2022 season is in line with the principle of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times the all India weighted average cost of production as announced by the Government in the Budget "It assures a minimum of 50

per cent as margin of profit as one of the important and progressive steps towards making possible doubling of farmers' incomes by 2022. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited and National Cooperative Consumer Federation of India Limited will continue to act as Central Nodal Agencies to undertake price support operations at the MSP in the coconut growing

she added

(Health), NITI Aayog underscored that resource constraint is faced by all countries but it

Dr VK Paul, Member

is important that the available resources are used prudently. Towards this effort, he lauded this initiative for its focus on ensuring efficiency in oxygen

er important initiative towards oxygen administration.

administration. He also high

lighted the recently launched

"Oxycare" dashboard as anoth-

CRPF women commandos to protect top politicians

PNS NEW DELHI

In a first, an exclusive contingent of CRPF women commandos trained in VIP security will soon be deployed to secure top politicians like Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra besides other such protectees.

The women commandos under the VIP Security Wing of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have been trained to render an array of duties to protect high-risk personalities, including accompanying them during transits across the country, officials said.

The paramilitary has raised its first-ever contingent of 32 women commandos in its VIP security wing and they will soon be enlisted to secure the high-profile protectees granted Z+ category cover, based in the is the highest category next them in view of high-risk only to the SPG protection to the serving Prime Minister and his or her family. The women commandos

of VIP security contingent have completed their 10-week specialized training in VIP security roles like unarmed combat, body frisking and special weapons firing. They are likely to be deployed VIP pro-tection roles in January next year, they said.

The women commandos will be initially deployed to protect Delhi-based protectees like Shah, Congress Party President Sonia Gandhi, her daughter Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and son Rahul Gandhi as also for-Prime Minister mer Manmohan Singh and his wife Gursharan Kaur.

These top protectees also are provided with an Advanced Security Liaison (ASL) protocol entailing an advance assessthreats to them. Later on, a dozen other Z+

category CRPF protectees will have this women commando contingent on a rotational basis, they said. The women commandos

will be deployed as part of the house protection team of these VIPs, proximate security cover besides accompanying them during their travel in the forthcoming Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Manipur and Goa, possibly in February-March next year.

The women commandos, like their male counterparts, will carry sophisticated closecombat arms, ballistic protection and other security gadgets required for securing the pro-

tectees, they added. The CRPF has six Mahila Battalions (6,000 personnel) comprising combatised women constabulary as well as

ED attaches ₹40.64 cr in mobile app fraud case

assets worth Rs 40.64 crore under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in a case connected with fraud committed by a number of dubious merchants by routing the transactions through fraudulent mobile Applications using the services of payment solutions providers.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR dated June 1, 2021, registered by the Karnataka Police at Cyber Crime Police Station, CID Bengaluru under Indian Penal Code Section 420 (cheating). In the FIR, it was alleged that the accused entities induced the public invest through Powerbank/Sunfactory Applications by assuring to remit interest on daily or weekly basis, the ED said in a statement.

"The accused entities closed their purported business after collecting a huge sum of money from the

gullible public. The accused entities neither paid interest Enforcement nor returned the principal The Enforcement nor returned the principal amount to the public and by the public through Powerbank and other such fraudulent Applications which has resulted in commission of cheating," it said.

Money laundering investigation by the ED revealed that the accused entities accepted investment of more than Rs 300 crore by setting up a merchant account on behalf of a seemingly legitimate business and availed Payment PNS ■ NEW DELHI Solutions from Payment Gateways and Payment Solutions Companies, it said.

The accused entities deviated from their declared line of business/activity and collected money from the public by floating untenable investment schemes through Application listed on Google Playstore, it further said.

The funds have been settled into the accused entities' bank accounts after collection of the same from the public in the name of investment with the help of illicit use of Rs.15,31,073 crore worth services provided by payment returned from circulation.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited

("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower,

mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns

heirs]. The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the

Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act")

and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interes (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ('Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon

the borrowers / co borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement

and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of

The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand

notices, a notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned

has taken Symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on

him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of symbolic

Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession

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

Demonetisation: 99.31% of money returned to circulation

he Finance Ministry has I informed Parliament that Rs 10,720 crore worth old Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 notes did not return into circulation after demonetisation.

According to the Ministry, when demonetisation was announced on November 8, 2016, Rs 15,41,793 crore worth withdrawn notes were in circulation. The Ministry told Rajya Sabha that after verification and reconciliation, as on June 30, 2018

The Finance Ministry was





DRDO successfully carries

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Wednesday successfully carried

out the maiden flight test of 'Pralay' surface to surface missile that can destroy a target in the range of 400 to 500 km and is part of the Prithvi missile arsenal.

The new missile can also carry nuclear warhead. It met all the mission objectives during the test firing from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha at about 10.30 am, officials said here later. The test came days after Agni-P with the capability of hitting targets beyond 2,000 km was successfully launched on December 18.

The 'Pralay' missile followed the desired quasi ballistic trajectory and reached the designated target with high degree accuracy, validating the control, guidance and mission algorithms. All the sub-systems performed satisfactorily. All the sensors deployed near the impact point across the eastern coast, including the down range ships, tracked the missile trajectory and captured all the events.

The missile is powered with solid propellant rocket motor and many new technologies. The missile has a range of 150-500 kilometre and can be launched from a mobile launcher. The missile guidance system includes stateof-the-art navigation system

for this maiden development flight trial. He complimented the DRDO for the fast track development and successful launch of modern surface-to-

surface missile.

DRDO chief G Satheesh Reddy appreciated the team and said this is a new generation surfaceto-surface missile equipped with modern technologies and induction of this weapon system will give the necessary impetus to the

Armed Forces. As for Agni-Prime(P), the nuclear capable missile, has the capability to hit a target at more than 2,000 kms. The weapon system gives the forces the advantage of covering any target in China and the Indo-Pacific region. It was the second successful test after the first test conducted earlier this year. At present, India has an

array of strategic deterrence missiles including Agni-V which has a range of over 5,000 km besides Prithvi short range ballistic missiles. Strategic and ballistic missiles are capable of carrying nuclear warheads. Moreover, India has now

completed the nuclear triad meaning it can launch nuclear missiles from air, land, sea and underwater from submarines.

The nuclear arsenal of the country is handled by the Strategic Forces Command. Besides the Agni missiles, the country is also indigenously manufacturing nuclear powered submarines Arihant. While the first submarine is already ready, the next two submarines will also be ready shortly. In all, four such nuclear submarines will add muscle to



Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001) Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813

Tender Enquiry No. 282/HPs/ED-II/ASHP-118 Dated: 21-12-2021 Dy. CE/ Hydel Projects PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala nvites E-Tender for Replacement of 4 nos of old De-Watering Pump sets with Non-Clog Submersible pumps along with accessories for ASHP Power House-II Nakkian.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 23-12-2022 onwards NOTE:- Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at

https://eproc.punjab.gov.in 76155/12/592/2021/11580



Letter no. 1880/Nivida/Anubandh-UdhamSinghNagar/133 **E-Tender Notice** 1. Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF 210 BEDED GIRLS HOSTEL OF EKLAVYA AAWASIYA VIDYALAYA AT KHATIMA

(UDHAM SINGH NAGAR). Estimated Cost: - Rs. 444.44 Lakh

Period of Completion:-12 Month
Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal: 23.12.2021 (10.00 hrs)
Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal:-06.01.2022 (17.00 hrs)

Date & Time of Technical bid Opening: -10.01.2022 (11.00 hrs)

Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: - General Manager

(Kumaon), Nirman Wing, Uttarakhand Pey Jal Nigam, Laxmi Niwas Durgapal Garden, Pilikothi, Haldwani. B. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 27.12.2021(11.00 hrs) Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur, Distt.-Udham Singh Nagar, 263153.

9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement porta





E-Tender Notice 1. Name of the work:- CONSTRUCTION OF 50 BEDED NETAJI

SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE HOSTEL AT G.P.S PRATAP PUR BLOCK KASHIPUR UDHAM SINGH NAGAR. Estimated Cost: - Rs. 220.68 Lakh . Period of Completion:- 12 Month

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and integrated avionics. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO India's nuclear prowess.

Borrower/ Loan **Account Number** Rajiv Kumar/ Alpana/ LBNOD00000855843 | Flat No- Ash 43/06, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapu LBNOD00000855843 | Ghaziabad. Ghaziabad/ December 20, 2021 Flat No- Ash 43/06, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ quarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else

Name of the

possession of the properties are as mentioned below

the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 **Authorized Officer**

Date : December 23, 2021 Place: Delhi NCR

Branch

Delhi/

Date of Demand Notice/ Amount

in Demand Notice (Rs.)

replying to the questions raised by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy about the return of money in circulation after demonetisation. It shows that 99.31 per cent of the money has returned to circulation after banning of old Rs.500 and 1000 notes and just 0.69 per cent of the money (Rs.10,720 crore) did not return into cir-

cy in circulation of the old notes of Rs.500 and Rs.1000 denomination that were demonetised on November 8, 2016, post verification and reconciliation, was Rs.15,41,793 crore. Out of which, the total value of the Specified Bank Notes (SBNs) of Rs.500 denomination and Rs.1000 denomination was Rs.8,56,445 crore and Rs.6,85,348 crore respectively," said MoS Finance Pankaj Chaudhary in a written reply to Swamy. "As on June 30, 2018, the

"Total value of the curren-

total value of SBNs returned from circulation is Rs.15.31.073 crore. Out of which, the total value of SBNs of Rs.500 denomination and Rs.1000 denomination from circulation was Rs.8,53,100 crore and Rs.6,77,973 crore respectively, said the Minister to the question on return of money after the demonetisation.

29 school students test +ve in WB

dents of a residential school in West Bengal's Nadia district have tested positive for Covid-19, an official said on Wednesday.

Twenty-nine class 9 and 10 students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Kalyani have tested positive for Covid-19 and their guardians have been informed to take them back to their homes, the official said.

The students found Covid pos-

itive were advised home quarantine as they have symptoms of cough and cold. SDO Kalyani, Hirak Mandal said the other students of the school and teachers are also being tested for Covid-19. PTI

Omicron variant patients

detected in J&K's Jammu city

have no foreign travel history,

College, Jammu, Principal Dr

Shashi Sudhan Sharma said till

now, three cases of Omicron

variant have been detected in

Jammu out of which 2 patients

do not have any history of for-

eign travel, but had attended

virus of concern due to its pan-

demic potential and faster

Noting Omicron virus is a

marriage functions.

Government Medical

doctors said on Wednesday.

Omicron tally in Kerala goes up to 24, after 9 turn positive Thiruvananthapuram: With Kochi had tested Covid posi-

nine more Covid-19 patients turning positive for the Omicron variant on Wednesday, the tally in Kerala has gone up to 24, said State Health Minister Veena George.She said that out of the nine patients, six came from various countries to Kochi, while three arrived at the airport in the capital city.

"The six who came to

2 of 3 Omicron patients in Jammu

to infection of a more number

of persons with Covid-19, she

said that if we follow Covid

appropriate behaviour, the

virus will not find any human

host which leads to less transmissibility and less disease

Covid appropriate behaviour -

that is wear masks, sanitise

hands, follow social distancing,

avoid mass gatherings, get

vaccinated etc to stop the

Sharma said that everyone

spread of this deadly virus.

She requested all to follow

have no foreign travel history

burden.

Jammu: Two of the three spread which ultimately leads

tive at the airport and were quickly admitted to a hospital and hence there were none in their contact list. While one passenger who arrived from UK tested Covid positive on arrival here, was moved to a hospital, while two others who arrived from Nigeria on December 10 turned positive later and had just two of their children as primary contact,'

must follow the test, tract and

treat policy, that is to get test-

ed if symptoms develop,

inform all contacts to get test-

ed and if test result is positive,

then get treatment at GMC

Jammu or any other institution.

Jammu is fully prepared to

meet any exigency, vaccination

facility is running successful-

ly, and the best treatment facil-

ities are also available. The

medicine and food is provid-

ed by the hospital to the

Covid-19 positive patients.

She emphasised that GMC

Following increase in Omicron cases, all the four airports have ramped up screening of arriving passengers and with the Christmas season beginning, the government has asked all to observe Covid protocols and ensure that all who have not taken the second dose of vaccination take it immediately.

By now 75 per cent of the above aged 18 years have taken both the doses while 97.38 per cent have taken one dose and the authorities are now conducting camps to see all are given both the doses at the ear-



An Indian street vendor displays Santa Claus dolls for sale ahead of the Christmas in Mumbai on Wednesdav

Patna police busts liquor unit run from Govt centre

Wednesday busted an illegal liquor manufacturing unit that was being operated from a government community centre in the Shahpur area under the

Confirming the raid, Syed

Imran Masood, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Danapur, said that three women involved in liquor manufacturthe male accused managed to We had received informa-

tion about a liquor manufacturing unit being run from the community centre. Accordingly, we constituted a team and con-

large number of liquor bottles and labels of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), along with liquor manufacturing equipment from the spot, Masood said.

The three arrested women

Devi, Madhu Devi and Ansu Devi. During preliminary interrogation, the women revealed that the liquor manufacturing unit was run by a local resident named Raju Rai, who managed to escape during the raid. IANS

Kerala youth drive Contessa to Himalayas, sing 'rides like a dream'

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Hindustan Motors, the once iconic manufacturer of Ambassador and Contessa, would be proud of four youths from Malappuram district in Kerala. They are on a mission to create an awareness among the people in the country about the power and utility of Contessa, the first Indian "muscle car" which ruled Indian roads during 1984 to 1992. Barring a few hundred cars under the possession of avid car collectors, all Contessas have become a faded memories as the new generation is ignorant about the value of this sturdy machine which was a status symbol when it was launched.

Jabir P, a 30 year old tax professional, set out with hi friends Niyas, Yoonus and Ameen from Malappuram on tour will see them cover the

Neplal and Bhutan. "By Tuesday evening, we covered more than 4,000 km travelling through the States of Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab. Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir. Right now we are in Uttar Pradesh and on the way to Nepal." Jabir told The Pioneer over phone.

For the team members it was an experience of myriad weather, landscapes and contrasting topography. "From the deccan plateau, we drove through the vast stretches in Maharashtra and the deserts in Rajasthan. It was an awesome experience to see and feel rural India. Wherever we went, people crowded around the Contessa and were taking selfies with the car. Most of them, including cops and the soldiers model Contessa Classic and the and were highly appreciative of it," said Jabir.

He said it was unfortunate that HM stopped production of Ambassadors and Contessa which were ideal cars for Indian conditions. "The Vehicle Scrapping Policy have made it compulsory that all private vehicles should be scrapped after 20 years and this would deny the future generation to know about India's classic and vintage cars. Ambassadors, Contessas, Padminis and Heralds should be preserved at any cost," said Jabir.

Dr Anjan Chatterjee, a car historian based in Nagpur pointed out that Contessa was a tough performer. "It has circumnavigated the globe on two occasions. Salauddin and Neena Choudhary set out from New Delhi on 9.9.1989 and returned back there in 69 days, 19 hours, 5 minutes driving across 25 countries in all conof the Indian Army were seetinents, except Antarctica to set 1989. Jabir and his friends are spreading a very desirable and societal message across the full spectrum of our population. They are driving under hostile weather and road conditions," said Dr Chatterjee. He reminiscent that Contessa was a car of the Governors, Ministers,

Judges and tycoons of an era. Jabir and his teammates are taken care of by vintage car buffs with whom they maintain contact through WhatsApp groups, said Vijayanand who charted out the mission. "By the time our friends complete the trip, we are sure the Contessa would be found a permanent place in their hearts," said Vijayanand. Jabir signed off with the catchwords of Contessa when asked how he felt driving the 34 year old beauty: "Looks like a dream and rides like a dream".

liquor smugglers in Bihar Patna: The special excise court police station, they were in Gopalganj awarded life imprisonment to two liquor

Life imprisonment for two

smugglers on Wednesday. The accused, residents of West Champaran, were caught in Gopalganj district on June 7

The accused were bringing a huge consignment of liquor in a car from Uttar Pradesh. When they reached near Gandak canal under Gopalpur nabbed during checking of The excise court conduct-

ed a speedy trial in this case. The prosecution presented a charge-sheet and evidence including video footage during vehicle checking at the time of the arrest. The guilt of the two smugglers was proved in court as their lawyer failed to defend

ASI, civilian succumb to injuries

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

In two back to back incidents of terrorist attacks an Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI) of Jammu and Kashmir police and a civilian succumbed to their fatal injuries in Bijbehara area of Anantnag and Eidgah area of Srinagar late Wednesday evening.

rorists targeted them from a close range and managed to ran away without facing any resis-

According to media reports, the Resistance Front, an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba, has taken responsibility for the attacks.

According to Kashmir Zone police, "terrorists fired indiscriminately & critically injured a police personnel ASI Mohd Ashraf of PS Bijbehara, Anantnag. Later, injured ASI succumbed to his injuries & attained martyrdom".

ASI had reportedly received two gun shots in the neck and chest. He was first rushed to the Sub district hospital, Bijbehara from where he was referred to Srinagar but succumbed to his injuries while onway to the hospital. In the second incident,"terrorists fired upon a civilian namely Rouf Ahmad at Merjanpora, Eidgah PS Safakadal Śrinagar.

The injured was shifted to SMHS hospital where he was declared dead.Meanwhile, in Jammu, the Director General of Police J&K, Dilbag Singh chaired a high level meeting at PCR Jammu and reviewed the security and crime scenario of Singh, M. K. Sinha, Danesh Rana, IGsPGarib Dass, Alok Kumar, DIsG Vivek Gupta, SSP PCR, SSP Jammu, AIsG of PHQ attended the meeting at PHQ while range DIsG Sunil Gupta, Mohammad Suleman Choudhary and all district SSsP of Jammu Zone attended the meeting through video

conferencing. Addressing the meeting, the DGP directed the officers for improving the human intelligence resources so that no room is provided to the terror group to establish their bases in borders areas.

He stressed for alertness and effective surveillance in border areas to thwart any possible terror activity and stressed for time bound action. The measures regarding the law and orders were also discussed during the meeting.



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WORKS DEPARTMENT **Tender call Notice**

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-19/2021-22 Memo No -

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting intage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE form eligible contractors for Buildings work as detailed in

Nature of Work **Building Works** No of Work 11 Nos Rs.10000.00 (On-Line) **Tender Cost**

Class of Contractor Available of Bid document in the Website A Class and Special Class From 10.00 AM of Dt. 18.01.2022 to 05.00 PM of Df. 31.01.2022 Last Date of receipt of tender Dt.31.01.2022 up to 5.00 PM

Date of opening of Bid The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: https://tenderodisha.gov.in . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the sa

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER O-1472 RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE

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[By E. Mail | D : "e" Procurement Notice for Road Work

Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 312 for 2021-22.

Letter No. 4435/WE Name of the work :- Road work :- 1 No (One)

Total No. of work :- Rs. 347.15 lakhs (Approximately) Estimated Cost ,"A " Class, "Special " Class, Special Class (of Odisha P.W.D.) or relevant Class of other licensing authorities (as per annexure). Eligible Class of Contractor

Period of Completion Other details

07.01.2022 Will be 24.12.2021 06.01.2022 10.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M | 5.00 P.M. | 5.00 P.M.

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PT Thomas, ecology loving Congress leader, is no more KUMAR CHELLAPPAN KOCHI

 $P^{\rm T}$ Thomas, a firebrand leader of the Congress and MLA representing Thrikka kkara constituency died on Wednesday at Christian Medical College, Vellore. Thomas(70) was ailing and undergoing treatment at Vellore. He was also a former MP representing Idukki and the working president of Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee.

A leading environmentalist and ecologist, Thomas wanted the Kerala Government to accept the recommendations of the Madhav Gadgil Committee Report on Western Ghats that had warmed the State about the fast depleting forest wealth to deforestation,

encroachment and mining.
Though the Church in Kerala was for rejecting the Report, Thomas stood his ground and this led the party to replace with another person

at Idukki as candidate for the

Lok Sabha election. Thomas, who entered politics through KSU, the student wing of the Congress, rose from the cadre to the present position through hard work and his leadership qualities. He was a close confidante of former Chief Ministers A K Antony and Oomen Chandi though he had taken independent views on many issues which were diametrically opposite to his leaders.

He is survived by his wife Uma and two sons. Rahul Gandhi MP, former AICC chief, expressed his grief and condolences over the demise of Thomas. The final rites would be held at Ernakulam on Thursday morning. Rahul Gandhi who had reached Kozhikode on Wednesday cancelled his engagements in the district and would proceed to Kochi to pay last respect to his

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1.	Total Income from Operations	1,739.75	2,725.04	229.97	2,662.90	1,739.75	2,725.04	229.97	2,662.90
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (Before Tax and Exceptional items)	(1,005.76)	(1,278.27)	(920.82)	(8,428.92)	(968.14)	(1,279.02)	(990.45)	(8,403.83)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (Before tax)	(1,005.76)	(1,278.27)	(2,413.02)	(12,800.32)	(968.14)	(1,279.02)	(2,482.65)	(12,775.23)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,005.76)	(1,278.27)	(2,418.29)	(12,800.32)	(968.14)	(1,279.02)	(2,487.44)	(12,785.21)
5.	Net profit for the period	(1,005.76)	(1,278.27)	(2,418.29)	(12,800.32)	(968.14)	(1,279.02)	(2,487.44)	(12,785.21)
6.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (After Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)]	0.22	0.50	(2.78)	5.88	0.22	0.50	(2.78)	5.88
7.	Paid-up equity share capital (10,490,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each.)	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00
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2. The above unaudited results duly reviewed by thr Audit Committee have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 22nd December, 2021 and the Auditors nave performed limited review

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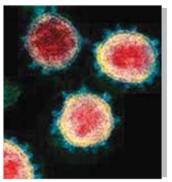
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PAPER WITH PASSION

Smart move

New vaccines must help fight not only the original Coronavirus strain but also new variants

micron may not look life-threatening as of date, but its ability to infect both the fully vaccinated people as well as those who have antibodies owing to a prior infection is a cause for worry. For, it could be that the next Coronavirus mutation may retain the ease of transmission but, unlike Omicron, could prove deadlier than Delta plus. Then what? Secondly, what happens when supposing the Governments keep recommending booster shots to face new variants and scientific studies show that repeated boosters of the same vaccine reduce their efficiency? Even if scientists one day prove that a mix-and-match of vaccines is effective, a question arises: Which vaccine should be preferred — and why — for the third, booster shot? Even though Omicron is beginning to spread furiously across the world, and in India, we are yet to make it mandatory for the States to send all positive cases for genome sequencing, quickly decide on vaccinating children and, more importantly, inform the nation about the scientific community's progress in finding the next-generation vaccine. Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya told Parliament last week that the science laboratories have already initiat-



ed a study of the Omicron variant. That assurance apart, the Government needs to share the current status of our vaccine research with people. Across the world, the race is on to experiment with new vaccine combinations and emerging vaccine platforms to find the one vaccine that can stand up not just to Omicron but possibly future variants of Coronavirus.

A simple logic appears to drive the vaccine research globally: Nobody will escape this virus eventually and, therefore, either the world comes up with an all-purpose vaccine for the entire population or helplessly watches it get infected. The US and Spain have

experimented with a vaccine combo. Research shows that vaccinating people with two vaccines, either Oxford-AstraZeneca and Pfizer-BioNTech or the Spanish CombivacS and Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, has thrown up encouraging results. Many countries are testing next-gen vaccine platforms like viral vector vaccines and nucleic acid-based vaccines that can consist of the DNA or mRNA. The Americans are finding out how to create and distribute synthetic antibodies to pre-emptively prevent a spread. A most important breakthrough may shortly come from the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research that is developing a vaccine to help fight not only the original Coronavirus strain but also the new variants, including Omicron. Named the Spike Ferritin Nanoparticle COVID-19 vaccine, or SpFN, it has completed animal trials and the first phase of human trials. Apparently, the vaccine is being tested against Omicron, too. It is being described as a 'pan-Coronavirus' vaccine which takes the nanoparticle approach wherein different Coronaviruses are placed on the same vaccine so that the immune system simultaneously 'educates' itself about their presence. Given its unpredictability, the idea is to stay a step ahead of the virus; chasing variants after they emerge means staying behind.



INS Tarangini decked up for President RN Kovind's visit, at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi

Fair deal?

Alternative measures rather than tinkering with women's legal age for marriage is the way forward

he Government may have introduced in the Lok Sabha the Bill to increase the legal minimum marriageable age for women from 18 to 21, a move that met with no little resistance from certain political guarters, but is the Bill really the panacea for the ills plaguing Indian women at home, at work, at the roadside or in society at large? While bringing the legal age of marriage for women on a par with men may be seen as a symbolic step towards gender equality, besides an opportunity for the fair sex to have a larger say in the handling of their life and of the immediate world around them, it remains a moot point whether simply waving a



statutory wand would ameliorate their societal conditions. The move emanates from suggestions sent to NITI Aayog last year by the Jaya Jaitly Committee that examined "matters pertaining to the age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering Maternal Mortality Rate, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues". It also clears the way for women to become economically independent. The task force pointed out that empowerment of women was its primary aim.

However, the devil's advocate points out that laws banning underage marriages have been

around since donkey's ears without effecting any significant dent in their numbers, more so in some States than in others. Of course, the Government has a point when it says that delaying marriage will empower women: After all, today's girls may have become more knowledgeable due to easy access to the internet and media, but it holds equally true that staying indoors and being 'connected' has taken a toll on their physical health. No longer do they play in the sun and the soil, which has led to anaemia, vitamin deficiencies and a plethora of other wellness issues. In such a scenario, marrying later is bound to make them healthier and educated with more career choices but for achieving this aim, social awareness is far more important than amending existing laws. After all, the new law takes away the right of a woman to marry at 19 or 20, if she so wanted. It's better that rather than tinkering with the existing laws and allowing women to marry only after crossing the age of 21, the Government sought to change the societal mindset that cares for the views and aspirations of all women.

War on Islamophobia boasts unjust warriors BHOPINDER SINGH



There are enough moderate, educated and reformist voices within the community that need platforming to counter Islamophobia credibly

lobally, religion has intermeshed with polritics to create a polarising 'us' versus 'them' soundtrack, where more progressive outpourings like inclusivity and secularism are increasingly pooh-poohed. Political hardliners with extremist religious views are dominating the political discourse where violence, hate speeches and intolerance are flourishing. Herein, the altar of electoral success is stripping all organised religions of their spiritual, conscientious and gentler anchorage towards decidedly more militant assertions and perceptions. Even in inherently pacifistic faiths like Buddhism, the scourge of hypernationalism has led to calls to arms by Sri Lankan monks and ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar. The proverbial 'walls' are rising, and the name of religions is getting tarnished — none perhaps more than Islam.

For the large mass of moderate Islamic believers, this piquant and hijacked situation has given rise to the unfortunate phenomenon of Islamophobia. Like the clerical order of most organised religions, many Mullahs and Imams of prominence have done little to correct the Islamophobic perceptions whereas the other 'voice' of the community, its political leadership, has further weakened the cause by abusing religious emotions and imperatives. Seeking political legitimacy in the name of religion has been at the heart of most global turmoil and intolerance in society. Religio-politico combine makes for potent short-term ammunition on the hustings, but it invariably leads to unforgiveable and explosive consequences in the long run.

Ironically, it is the political establishments of Pakistan, Turkey and Malaysia who have sought to address the real-time issue of Islamophobia by starting a media channel, which Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan said was "dedicated to confronting the challenges posed by isiamophobia and setting the record straight on our great religion". Noble as it sounds, it has reduced the deep issue to hardly posture as the credible



to genuine misappropriations and usurpations of religious sentiments that needs a combination of societal-administrative-legislative-political corrections. Yet again, those very forces that have diminished the purity and piety of peaceful moorings are posturing as knights in shining armour on the issue of Islamophobia, to suggest otherwise. The self-assumed ambassadorship of concerns that afflict perceptions of Islam by the trinity of political establishments could not possibly have worse emissaries than these counterintuitive politicians.

Pakistan is caught in the vortex of religious extremism that has been assiduously cultivated; it is facing the humiliation of getting blacklisted by watchdog agencies for "financing terrorism" and its infamous dalliances with forces like the Afghan Taliban or even domestic variants like Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP) are on record. Pakistan under 'Taliban Khan', as the popular moniker of Imran Khan goes, has a dubious track record on issues like Ahmediyas, minority rights and blasphemy that were recently exposed by the frenzied lynching of a Sri Lankan expatriate. It can



WITH DAILY

RATCHETING OF **ANTI-WEST** RHETORIC, **COLLAPSING ECONOMIES AND COMBUSTING** COMMUNITIES, THERE IS ENOUGH AND MORE THAT **BOTH PAKISTAN** AND TURKEY COULD DO TO MEND THEIR WAYS

Meanwhile, the erstwhile imagery of a reformist and progressive Turkey under Kemal Ataturk was one thing; the dark and irate reality of Turkey today under a religiorevisionist, Recep Erdogan, the complete opposite! 'Ottomanist' Erdogan has interfered unwarrantedly into the killing battlefields of the Middle Eastern theatre with its own religio-terror proxies, escalated international rows with threats galore, muzzled moderate voices internally and milked religion as his default go-to defence when other levers to defend his autocracy fail. To curry favour with the isolated Pakistanis, he espoused the discredited Islamabad line on Kashmir and sits cosily with other authoritarian leaders like Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin - again, a suspect model for allaying Islamophobia fears. While the 95-year-old Mohamad Mahathir may not

be in power in Malaysia anymore, he as the Prime Minister in 2019, along with Erdogan and Imran, had mooted this media platform. Today, the Mahathir-founded arty that is in power – – tne Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) — is carrying forward that conceptual-

isation. Therefore, Mahathir's ideological heft as was borne out by shocking statements, like "Muslims have a right to be angry and kill millions of French people for the massacres of the past", makes for discomforting underpinnings. For such political thoughts to suggest that they could offer restorative impressions is either very ambitious or, more likely than not, plain political posturing.

The reality of the trinity

coalescing and merging its voice' has more to do with internal fissures and aspirations within the Ummah (Muslim world) to dislodge the Saudi-led bloc and emerge as the alternative power centre. Interestingly, Arab Sheikhdoms are making reformatory noises and thawing moves, like Israeli embassy in the UAE and societal relaxations in Saudi Arabia, whereas the more strident, inflexible and puritanical bluster is coming from Ankara and Pakistan, the 'terror nursery' of the world. With daily ratcheting of anti-West rhetoric, collapsing economies and combusting communities, there is enough and more that both Pakistan and Turkey could do to mend their ways before setting themselves the task of coun-Islamophobia. Especially Pakistan and Turkey are now at the global forefront of infusing religiopolitics and exporting it across the world, which is primarily responsible for creating Islamophobia. It will take more than religious drama serials, austere content and 'sanitised news' to convince the wary world of Islamophobia. There are enough moderate, educated and reformist voices within the community that need

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platforming to counter

Islamophobia more credibly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN NOW

Sir - Omicron, a new variant of Coronavirus, is said to have three times more transmissibility than the previous Delta plus. The Omicron cases in India have crossed the 200 mark in no time. Some of these cases have no travel historv. Therefore, the Government should be serious in implementing preventive measures among the masses. Apart from measures like containment zones, night curfews and partial lockdowns, the Government should impose fines on those who violate COVID norms like not wearing masks, unnecessary gatherings, social distancing etc.

The vaccinated people are likely to take these norms lightly due to an assurance of false security. Therefore, they should be educated that they are no less vulnerable to the threats of the new strain than others. Though the infection from Omicron is believed to be low in severity, the likely high number of cases would strain the resources more. So the Government and civil society should work hard to impress upon the people not to lower their guard. There should be no room for complacency at least for the coming couple of months. We must not get carried away in this festive season and realise that we are still in danger.

DVG Sankararao | Vizianagaram

WHAT IS INDIA WITHOUT FARMERS?

Sir — The National Farmers Day is celebrated every year on December 23, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh. It is believed that due to the hard work of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the Zamindari Abolition Bill was passed. Agriculture plays a crucial role in our economy; it contributes about 17 per cent to the total GDP and provides employment to many.

It's not easy being a farmer. The farmers work very hard to produce the food that we serve on our plates and sometimes waste, too. Farmers have had an arduous history in India. They are hailed as 'anna data' (food provider) but barely receive the due credit and recognition they deserve. They are barely aware of most of

Why should the students suffer?



ishore Kumar's song 'Vaada tera vaada' from the movie *Dushman* becomes relevant during elections. Whether there is a promise of employment or betrayal of promises, either of them is eventually fulfilled. Nobody knows what kind of intoxicant one consumes during elections that even the educated ones take an unprecedented turn and cast their votes on the basis of caste and religion. The veteran and experienced leaders presiding the constitutional posts proudly say in their speeches that India is a youthful nation. But, on the other hand, the youth is

left behind with unfilled promises and boastful words. The Governments try to avoid the question of rising unemployment and the youth continues to suffer amid these promising sounding speeches.

The students who were not able to appear in their last attempts of the UPSC, PCS or other Government examinations due to the horrific COVID-19 must be given one more chance on the grounds of humanity. It is worth pondering upon that elections and its results are neither leaked nor go to court and are announced right on time but competitive exams, the result of which can make or break a student's career, are delayed for years and sometimes cancelled entirely. Statistics show that Indian students die of suicide a lot. This is disturbing and disappointing. We cannot create circumstances that make the students feel that dying is easier than living. Students today will be the future tomorrow and we have to save the tomorrow, today.

Aman Jaiswal | New Delhi

the Government schemes designed to benefit them. Therefore, the Government and the society should work to spread awareness among them. The agricultural sector is one of the crucial pillars of India's economy and farmers are a pride of the nation. Therefore, any injustice upon them should be dealt with strictly. Vishal Patidar | Ujjain

THE ODDS OF MENTAL ILLNESS DEFIED

Sir — Mental illness continues to confuse people because there is no unambiguous line between disorder and disease. A condition called "bipolar disorder" is quite common in India and elsewhere. According to a rough estimate, there are more than 10 million men and women who exhibit this disorder. Affected individuals display extreme mood swings that can last for months. The person can become a manic at one point and depressed at another. An individual who is not aware that he is in the manic phase

of bipolar disorder can have strained inter-

personal relations. Can an individual with bipolar disorder don the important post of a judge?

The Supreme Court seems to have the answer; it recently dismissed a petition that challenged the appointment of a person to the Delhi judiciary as a judge under the mental illness quota. Although the candidate cleared the Delhi Judicial Services Exam in 2018, under the "person with disability" category, his candidature was rejected by the Delhi HC that felt he would not be able to perform well as a judge due to his bipolar disorder status. The court trashed the petitioner's contention saying that since the candidate was on medicines and was under "remission", he cannot be considered "disabled" anymore. Consequently, the SC order comes as a ray of hope for mentally ill individuals aiming high.

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I think the TMC doesn't have even one per cent vote share as of now. It came to Goa only



Delhi Chief Minister —Arvind Keiriwal



We can see another storm coming. Within weeks Omicron will dominate in more countries of the region.

WHO Europe director -Hans Kluge

I love Ranveer (Singh) like no one else: he is the next superstar of the industry. May God

bless him!



If there is one bowler who can exploit South African



conditions pretty well, it's Jasprit South Africa captain

—Dean Elgar

Some people called the vaccines 'Modi teeka'. Today I ask them How was the

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LINKING VOTER ID AND AADHAAR A BAD IDEA

Bogus voters must be eliminated but for that the Pandora's box of cyber fraud must not be opened



SHIVAJI **SARKAR**

he Government needs to review its decision on electronic linking of documents. It is not a matter of mere individual privacy that is threatened but leakage of critical data can threaten national security as well. The linking of Aadhaar with different other digital documents like Voter ID and PAN card is fraught with risks and can result in cyber frauds. Rushing through The Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, was possibly not needed. The Lok Sabha should have considered the aspects pertaining to national and voter security. The Government, the opposition and the civil society need to discuss the provisions of this significant bill in light of possibilities of wide and clandestine misuse of, for instance, data on how one votes. Nefarious forces know how to abuse a system for their benefit. The push to link Aadhaar with voter IDs is not new. Neither is the criticism. The Election Commission had started linking the two in 2015.



It had already completed the process for around 30 crore IDs when the initiative was stayed by the Supreme Court as part of a case about the constitutionality of Aadhaar. Aadhaar may have emerged virtually as a citizen's identity document, but allowing it to be linked to all electronic functions is not good. In an age of increasing cyber fraud, such bills should be scrutinized by parliamentary committees before their passage. Citizens and political parties alike are concerned about duplication of voters. That does not require an Aadhaar link to rectify.

The EC has its procedures, it has been implementing regularly. Linking to Aadhaar may appear to make the job of officials easy, but in reality, it makes them lethargic and dull their interest to probe deep into questionable cases. The bill says the Aadhaar linkage is voluntary but that is a euphemism for pressurizing voters and a coercive method. Even Aadhaar enrolment was originally voluntary, but today cyber fraud cases exploit the Aadhaar and PAN details with impunity. Many individuals in the Delhi NCR region are reported to have lost a crore each or more to such frauds. Having Aadhaar as an independent instrument is fine but when linked digitally, it becomes a weapon for fraudsters. The other issue about the bill is breach of privacy which the Supreme Court has ruled is a basic right. If a voter's Aadhaar is linked voter ID, it can record how a person votes. Though the EC can say it is secret document, there is nothing secret in a digitized world. The leakage of the secret data can have a more deleterious effect than bogus voting. It can provide nation's detractors a potential weapon to target people who may not vote as per their desire. Such voters and even leaders can be intimidated. Hypothetically, even a political party can be targeted. The innocuous aspects of the present law must be purged before it can be part of the Statute book. The law-makers have to seriously discuss all aspects to avoid any possibility of misuse or abuse. As of now, it seems that potential of intimidation of voters is quite high. It would be also useful to study the new bill in the light of Ashwani Upadhyay's PIL in the Delhi High Court seeking to put in place Aadhaar-based e-voting system. He wants to simplify the system. But in a vast country like India, one does not yet know how beneficial it is likely to be. Let us take all necessary precautions so that a good law does not become its own victim. Bogus voters must be eliminated but for that the Pandora's box of cyber fraud must not be opened.

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed

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India not ready for cryptos, for now



ASHWANI MAHAJAN

The fast price fluctuations in the value of Bitcoins and other types of cryptos and their ever-increasing demand successfully attracts the youth

ecently, the Government has announced the introduction of 'Cryptocurrency Government Digital Currency Bill 2021' in the ongoing winter session of Parliament. It is clear from the details of the bill that the government intends to ban private cryptocurrencies and issue digital currency through Reserve Bank of India. Although the draft of the bill has not been made public, as per the details in public domain, the government is willing to give some relaxation to encourage the technology underneath these cryptocurrencies. With this, panic has spread among the people engaged in crypto busi-

The craze for cryptocurrencies has been increasing in the country and the world. In India, both the Union Government and the Reserve Bank had long been of the opinion that cryptocurrencies are illegal. Therefore, their transactions were not being given legal recognition. Reserve Bank of India issued a notice, asking banks to distance themselves from the transactions of cryptocurrencies and warn their customers about the same. Then the Supreme Court ruled that since the government has not banned cryptocurrencies legally, the instructions passed on to banks are not legally tenable. With this, crypto exchanges started trading cryptocurrencies on a large scale. Although there is no official information about this, it is estimated that about 20 million people have put their money in cryptocurrencies. People (mostly youth) of small and big cities and even villages are getting attracted towards it, because they feel that they can get quick profit by putting their money in it. It is being said that a total of ₹6 lakh crore has been parked in cryptocurrencies in India.

Crypto is actually the product of a new computer technology called blockchain. It is said that the first cryptocurrency named 'Bitcoin' came into existence in the year 2009 through opensource software. The experience of this technology so far has been that nothing is known about the origin and creator of the current cryptocurrencies. Not only that, if someone illegally obtains crypto, it is not possible to trace the same.

Blockchain technology is behind cryptocurrency creation (also known as coin mining). The development of techis a continuous process Blockchain technology has many phenomenal advantages. This technology can help in improving many of the civic amenities including health, education, agriculture, land records etc. However, the question is, is it necessary to adopt crypto too, in the name of this technology?

Proponents of crypto claim that mining of cryptocurrency serves as an incentive for the development of blockchain technology. Therefore, their argument is that crypto and blockchain technology cannot be separated. However, detractors



IT IS A WRONG

NOTION THAT **CRYPTOCURRENCY** IS A CURRENCY. **CURRENCY MEANS** AN INSTRUMENT ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL BANK AND GUARANTEED BY THE GOVERNMENT. **CRYPTOS ARE PRIVATELY ISSUED VIRTUAL** COINS THAT HAVE NO LEGAL RECOGNITION. FOR THIS REASON, THE VALUE OF CRYPTO IS EXPRESSED ONLY IN THE FORM OF A FIAT **CURRENCY**

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Why continuation of present day cryptos is not right? First of all, it is a wrong notion that cryptocurrency is a currency. Currency means an instrument issued by the central bank and guaranteed by the government. Cryptocurrencies are privately issued virtual coins that have no legal recognition. For this reason, the value of crypto is expressed only in the form of a fiat currency. Significantly, in the early days of Bitcoin, the value of ten Bitcoins was equal to one pizza, which has increased to more than \$50,000 by now.

dition, as they are not legal and

there are many ethical issues about

Secondly, crypto is being used by criminals, terrorists, smugglers and persons involved in nawaia. Recently, when cybercriminals blew up the data of many companies through a computer virus all over the world and ransom was demanded in Bitcoins, to return the same, the world became aware of the criminal use of Bitcoin.

Thirdly, the real value of this virtual asset is known only to its holders. Authorities will come to know only when it is transacted through a bank. Although it can be taxed when its transaction is

declared; however, if it is sold abroad and not in the country, then it will not be taxed. In fact, crypto is not a legal asset and therefore, cannot be shown in the balance sheet of a company or an individual. That is, crypto is becoming a medium for evasion of income tax, GST and many other types of taxes. There is yet another problem that it is the most convenient method to transfer capital from the country bypassing rules.

Fourthly, due to the fast price fluctuations in the value of Bitcoin and other types of cryptocurrencies and their ever-increasing demand, the youth is getting attracted towards it. Fluctuations in its value encourage betting in Bitcoin. A huge amount of the country's money is being put into this. It is like a dark web, because where is this money going, in whose pocket it is going, nobody knows anything. Imagine, if the same money is invested in productive assets for the development of the country, we can help increase our Gross Domestic Product(GDP). It is being said that capital formation in the country has been decreasing for some time now, with more money going into purchase of cryptocurrencies, productive investment could further get eroded.

Fifth, one of the major arguments against crypto is that its mining consumes huge amount of electricity, which can lead to power shortages. This is the biggest argument China has made in banning crypto.

Supporters of cryptos also concede that it is necessary to regulate crypto. But they say that cryptos should be recognized and then regulated. There is also a section of crypto opponents who believe that although it is good to ban it, its ban would not be practical, because this ban cannot be implemented.

But there is also a section of people in the country which believes that crypto should be banned as they promote illegalities and it is possible to impose ban. They cite the example of China, where the Chinese government has moved to ban crypto and issue state-run digital currency. America is also ready to walk on the same path. Even in India, prior to the judgement allowing crypto exchanges, crypto transactions were very minimal.

Banning crypto should not detract from its underlying technology. Blockchain technology can be used even then. Even if the logic of the people involved in this business is to be accepted that it will be necessary to incentivise the development of this technology, this incentive can still be provided through digital currencies issued by the government, rather than any private crypto. Government digital currency can not only be used for transactions in the country, but it can also have a global demand. The price of Government digital currency can also be kept stable doing away with any incentive for betting and gambling.



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The politics and economics of fuel prices

For a country like India, the dollar-rupee exchange matters a lot as we pay for imported crude in dollars. This pushes the price up significantly

Pinally, the Centre slashed excise duty on petrol and diesel. It is claimed that the reduction has been initiated to help the 'aam aadmi'. This move will leave a hole of about ₹60,000-65,000 crore in the government's tax collection in the remaining months of this fis-

cal year. For quite some time, the opposition parties were building up pressure on the government to reduce the tax on petrol/diesel. It is obvious that though the government was not willing to respond for various economic reasons, it was finally pushed to reduce the taxes due to the electoral reverses the ruling party suf-

fered recently. What are the options available to the Centre as well



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as State Governments to address the massive revenue gap? One way is to prune their expenditure. As the revenue expenditure cannot be reduced, obviously the capital expenditure will have to be cut. This will affect investments which, in turn, will affect growth and employment opportunities in the country

Another option is to borrow from the market to offset the loss of revenue. This will push up interest rates in the market and also revenue expenditure of the government. This will also in turn affect investments and

Yet another option will be to compensate the loss of revenue by taxing other items.



owners of vehicle, we are going to pass on the burden to other categories.

Before acceding to the expectation of the people, the Government should have tried to explain to the people that the present increase in petrol and diesel is on account of increase of imported crude prices and we import eighty percent of our crude requirement. The recent price increase is not

taxes. The Government has failed miserably to explain this. The opposition parties cited the taxes charged by the government as the reason for the increase in retail prices. This is false propaganda by the opposition, which the ruling dispensation has not countered effectively.

When we depend on import of crude for our use, the retail price cannot be controlled beyond a point.

Increase in petrol and diesel prices is not something new. The following analysis of increase during every seven years block will show how the present increase is not something unusual.

Between 1979 and 1986, the price of petrol increased This means that to help the on account of increase in in the 1993-2000 period, 70 the Government has term goals like winning elec-

per cent in the next seven responded by reducing the years. During 2014 and 2021, the increase is 30 per cent with the price of petrol at ₹100 per litre.

Crude price is decided by various factors. There is continuous increase of demand at the international level but the supply is restricted by the producing countries by way of a cartel. This pushes up prices. For a country like India, the dollar-rupee exchange matters a lot as we pay for imported crude in dollars. One dollar was costing around ₹8.13 in 1979. Now it is around ₹75 plus. This itself pushed up the

price by nearly ten times. As it is, we do not have any long term policy for pricby 110 per cent, 60 per cent ing petroleum products. Now

taxes to provide some relief to the common man. If the international crude price further travels north, what is the option open to the government? Can they afford to go on reducing taxes on petrol and diesel? After all the government needs to tax such items that cannot evade taxes and taxing petrol and diesel is the best way. Alternatively, if the international price of crude drops will the government allow such reduction to be passed on to the consumer

long-term policy on these. Any Government must think of long-term economic prosperity of the country instead of focusing on short-

or will they increase the

taxes? It is better to have a

tions. People should be groomed to sacrifice something in the present for better future.

Earlier the Finance Minister expressed her apprehension that if the central government reduces taxes on these products, the state governments may quietly raise their tax kitty and nullify her sacrifice. However, we now see that the state governments ruled by BJP have also slashed their VATs and there is pressure on other state governments to reduce their VATs.

When there is a need to develop green energy by promoting electric vehicles to address the target of zero emission by 2070, encouraging the consumption of petrol and diesel is a retrograde step by the Government.

France pushes vax amid Omicron surge

French Health Minister Olivier Veran said Wednesday that omicron infections are spreading fast and that the coronavirus variant will become the dominant infection in the last days of 2021.

Speaking to BFMTV, Veran ruled out additional restrictions on public life and said the government's main effort to stop the spread of the virus is a robust vaccination campaign, including vaccination of children aged 5-11 that started on Wednesday. "It's time to start vaccinating children," Veran told the morning news pro-

Case decrease may show South Africa's Omicron peak has passed

JOHANNESBURG South Africa's noticeable drop in new COVID-19 cases in recent days may signal that the country's dramatic omicrondriven surge has passed its peak, medical experts say. Daily virus case counts are notoriously unreliable, as they can be affected by uneven testing, reporting delays and other

the country to start administering shots to young children. Children need the consent of one parent to be vaccinated, and one parent has to be present when they get a shot.

More than a thousand in every 100,000 children aged 6-10 are infected with coronavirus, according to govern-ment figures that were last updated Dec. 6. Currently, 145 children are hospitalized in France for severe illness due to COVID-19 and 27 children are receiving medical treatment in intensive care units, the heath minister said.

Spain's Xmas lottery offers distraction from coronavirus

MADRID: Spaniards looking for a respite from pandemic's gloom and doom turned their attention Wednesday to a rite that for more than two centuries has marked beginning of festive period: the country's bumper Christmas lottery, known as "El Gordo," or "The Fat One." The draw, held annually since 1812, dished out a total of 2.4 billion euros (\$2.7 billion) in prizes this year, or 70% of proceeds from ticket sales.

Australia PM meets with state leaders as virus cases surge

AP SYDNEY

New COVID-19 cases in Australia's most populous state surged to a pandemic record Wednesday, as Prime Minister Scott Morrison met with state leaders to discuss preventative measures.

Morrison emerged from national cabinet meeting again rejecting lockdowns and mask mandates imposed by federal government. He said policies on mask wearing were best left to state governments and to Australians who should follow "commonsense behavioral measures." New South Wales state on Wednesday recorded 3,763 new cases, up 706 from Tuesday, though number of omicron cases was not known because genomic sequencing is not routinely carried out there.

State and territory leaders were expected to press Morrison to reduce gap between second vaccine doses and booster shots. Morrison said any decision on reducing gap from five to four months would be made by Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunization.

Small business owners rally in Seoul to protest virus curbs

AP ■ SEOUL, South Korea

Hundreds of small business owners rallied in South Korea's capital on Wednesday, calling for withdrawal of a curfew and tough coronavirus restrictions on restaurants, cafes, gyms and other facilities. The protesters pumped their fists in air and chanted, "Guarantee right to live!" and "Scrap restrictions on business operations!"

Some jeered when a lawmaker took podium to explain aid packages proposed by governing party presidential candidate. But no major violence or clashes with police erupted. Under current social distancing guidelines, up to 299 people are allowed to join rallies but all must be fully vaccinated.

On Saturday, South Korea reimposed its toughest social distancing rules to try to control a record-breaking surge of coronavirus. Most new cases in South Korea are still delta variant, but health officials say new omicron variant could become

Chinese city locks down 13 million residents to fight **Covid outbreak**

Beijing, China: The northern Chinese city of Xi'an ordered all 13 million residents to stay home in a strict lockdown Wednesday, while dramatically tightening travel controls to fight a growing Covid-19 outbreak. With Beijing preparing to

host the 2022 Winter Olympics in February, China is on high alert as it fights local outbreaks in several cities. Xi'an reported 52 new coronavirus cases on Wednesday, bringing the total to 143 since December 9. From midnight on Thursday, all households may only "send one household member outside once every two days to purchase necessities," with all others ordered to remain indoors except for emergencies, the city government said in a statement on its official Weibo social media account.

Residents "should not leave the city unless necessary," the government said, adding that those seeking to leave would have to provide evidence of "special circumstances" and apply for approval.

Russia warns West of military action over unfriendly steps on Ukraine row

Russian President Vladimir Putin warned Tuesday that Russia was prepared to take military steps in response to "unfriendly" Western actions over Ukraine conflict, in a sharp escalation of rhetoric. He also called for "serious

negotiations" on Russian security demands put to United States and NATO during his first call with new German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who in turn called for "de-escalation". The Russian president has

for weeks accused United States and Washington-led NATO military alliance of stoking tensions near Moscow's borders, but these were his first comments hinting at potential conflict. Putin told defence ministry

officials that if West continued its obviously aggressive stance" Russia would take "appropriate retaliatory military-technical measures". Russia "will react toughly to unfriendly steps", he said, adding that he wanted to underscore that "we have every right to do so". The United States has been sounding alarm since mid-November that Moscow could be planning a large-scale attack on its ex-Soviet neighbour Ukraine and has

sanctions. Western governments have accused Moscow of amassing some 100,000 troops near its border with eastern Ukraine, where Kiev has been fighting pro-Russia separatists since 2014.

"Doorstep of our house" Russia denies plotting an invasion and has demanded legal guarantees over its security from United States and NATO, demanding alliance stop an eastward expansion. Last week Moscow presented its demands to United States and NATO, saying alliance must not admit new members or establish military bases in ex-Soviet countries.

In his first call with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin on Tuesday said he wanted "serious negotiations" on demands, accusing Ukraine of having violated the 2015 ceasefire agreements. "The chancellor expressed his concern about situation and spoke of urgent need for de-escalation," said a statement released by Scholz's office.

At meeting with defence officials earlier, Putin voiced concern in particular over what he said was US missile deployments in Poland and Romania, countries he said would soon be capable of launching Tomahawk cruise missiles.

Russian pipeline faces hurdles amid **Ukraine tensions**

AP ■ FRANKFURT, GERMANY

The pipeline is built and being filled with natural gas. But Russia's Nord Stream 2 faces a rocky road before any gas flows to Germany, with its new leaders adopting a more skeptical tone toward the project and tensions ratcheting up over Russia's troop buildup at the Ukrainian border.

The pipeline opposed by Ukraine, Poland and the U.S. awaits approval from Germany and the European Union to bypass other countries and start bringing natural gas directly to Europe.

The continent is struggling with a shortage that has sent prices surging, fueling inflation and raising fears about what would come next if gas supplies become critically low.

The US has stressed targeting Nord Stream 2 as a way to counter any new Russian military move against Ukrainė, and the project already faces legal and bureaucratic hurdles.

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal

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Sr. No	Name of the Borrower/ Number (Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN)	Description	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch					
1.	Alok Kumar Mishra/ Retesh Mishra (19600043311 & QZGRN00005029461)	Property No- 1618A/1 UGF out of Khasra No-93 Gali No-13 Govindpuri Kalkaji New Delhi New Delhi) December 18, 2021	July 08, 2021 Rs. 29,08,994/-	Delhi/ NCR					
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the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता चतुर्थ वृत्त, लोक निर्माण विभाग, रूद्रपुर (ऊधम सिंह नगर)

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राष्ट्रीय प्रतिस्पर्धात्मक अल्पकालीन निविदा (e-tendering)

महामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, चतुर्थ वृत्त, लो०नि०वि० रूद्रपूर (ऊधम सिंह नगर) द्वार निम्निलिखित कार्यों हेतु ई–टेण्डरिंग द्वारा टू–बिड बिड सिस्टम के अन्तर्गत निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा से सम्बन्धित सभी सूचनायें वेबसाईट http://www.uktenders.gov.in पर दिनांक 24.12.2021 से उपलब्ध होंगी।

क्र0 सं०	कार्य का नाम	धरोहर धनराशि (लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रु० में)	निविदा की वैधता (दिवस)	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय (माह में)	ठेकेदार की श्रेणी
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नोट- उपरोक्त कार्यों की निविदायें स्वीकृति की प्रत्याक्षा में आमंत्रित की गयी है।

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Shahnawaz Faisal/ RGF Hospitality Pvt Ltd / LBDEL00003701949	Unit No- UG SR- 35, Upper Ground Floor, Ansal Plaza Sector-1, Vaishali, Ghaziabad December 20, 2021	January 31, 2020 Rs. 21,78,694/-	Delhi/ NCR
Mohd Izhar/ Mohd Vikar/ LBDEL00001373671	Flat No. G-1, Ground Floor, Lig Type (Without Roof Right) Constructed on Plot No. 129, Block C Sahil Appartment Shalimar Garden, Extension- II Gram Pasonda Pargana Loni Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad- 201010/ December 20, 2021	June 23, 2021 Rs. 3,82,126/-	Delhi/ NCR
Jitender Kumar Yadav/ Krishna Devi/ Anjani Steels Private Ltd/ LBNOD00001538493	House- No-183, RDC, Raj Nagar Ghaziabad/ December 20, 2021	August 30, 2021 Rs.30,56,439/-	Delhi/ NCR
Kamran Akhtar/ Sana Yasmin/ LBGUR00003054421	Flat No. 1101, 11th Floor Gul Mohar Garden Phase 1 Tower 10 Lotus 6 Ghaziabad/ December 20, 2021	August 30, 2021 Rs.30,62,334/-	Delhi/ NCR
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Ro.No.: DIPR/C/2922/2021

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No. SSA/Esstt/KGBV-Bed/372/2021/8117 Date: 22.12.2021 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from supplier dealing with Bedding Materials for supply of Bedding Materials.

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable bid processing fee of Rs. 5000/-(Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.



SSA, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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To, be known to all that my client, SHRI MADAN LAIK KHERA \$70 Sh. B.R. KHERA R/O FLAT NO.C-6/F-1, FIRST FLOOR, DILSHAD GARDEN, DELHI, Is the owner of FREEHOLD DDA MIG FLAT NO.S-C-7-1, FIRST FLOOR, SITUATED AT DILSHAD GARDEN, DELHI, VIDE DDA FILE NO. MOIOL(147)82/2/MIG. The original document is. OMNEYANGE DEED which was duly registered as Document No. 13652, Book No.1, Volume No.7351, on pages 179 to 182, on dated 29.08.2019, in the office of Sub-Registrar-VII, Delhi/New Delhi, of the above said property has been lost or misplaced by my client and is/are not traceable inspite of his best efforts. An FIR./NCR to this effect has been logged in the Police Station, Crime Branch, Delhi (LR No. 1065327/2021 dated 17.12.2021).

10632//2021 dated 17.12.2021).
Any person(s) claiming any rights, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Address/Phone No. 9918859234 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Naveen Aggarwal (Advocate)

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Ch.No. M-7, Near SBI, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-54

PARADIP PORT TRUST Administrative Department (Estate - Wing)

Sd/-Mission Director

No.:AD/EST/GENL-1/2021/3883 Dated 14.12.2021 e-Tender Notice

An e-Tender Notice invite bids for the work "Providing Field/Office Assistance for Estate Work for a period of two years" is available the website from 15.12.2021 to 04.01.2022. Interested bidders may log on the website https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. PPT/PR/132/21-22 Date 22.12.2021 Sr. Asst. Estate Manager

उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, निर्माण शाखा, विकासनगर (डाकपत्थर रोड नियर पुल न0–01) ईमेल eecdvikasnagar@gmail.com

पंत्राक ३५९० / निविदा / १९४ <u>"ई - निविदा सूचना"</u> अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, देहादून के पत्रांक

6771 / निविदा / 1018, दिनांक 22.12.2021 द्वारा जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत जनपद देहरादून के विकासखण्ड चकराता की भटाड चौटाड पेयजल योजना (अनुमानित लागत रू 83.00 लाख) एवं अणु पेयजल योजना (अनुमानित लागत रू 1.02 करोड) के पेयजल योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत निर्माण एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्यो हेतु राज्य सरकार की वेबसाइट http://www.uktender.gov.in के माध्यम से दिनांक 23.12.2021 से दिनांक 06.01.2022 तक ई-निविदा (e-tender) आमन्त्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की नियम एवं शर्ते उपरोक्त वेबसाइट से प्राप्त की जा सकती अधिशासी अभियन्ता

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24/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2021-22-Miscellaneous development works of DGM CM-YV) Office Dhalipur.

Estimated value of Tender:Rs. 16,94,588.53 (excluding GST) & Rs 12,96,665.71 (excluding GST) respectively Date & Time of availability of bid document on website:23.12.2021 a

17:00 Hrs Last Date & Time for submission of tender:07.01.2022 up to 13:00 Hrs For fuller and further details, kindly visit our website. The tender docum can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com

Executive Engineer(PCM)

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग अजमेर क्रमांक.अमुअ. / अज. / तक. / एफ-2(30ए) निविदा / डी-933 दिनांक:- 16.12.2021 NIB No.:PWD2122A2480

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China's Xi endorses **Hong Kong's 'patriots** only' election

AP ■ BEIJING

hinese leader Xi Jinping on Wednesday endorsed Hong Kong's first legislative elections held under new laws ensuring that only "patriots" who have shown loyalty to Beijing could run as candidates. Sunday's elections for 90-

seat Legislative Council were swept by politicians backed by China's ruling Communist Party. Just 20 seats were directly elected, and turnout of 30.2% was the lowest since British handed Hong Kong over to China in 1997. All candidates were vetted by a largely pro-Beijing committee before they could be nominated.

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Myanmar fighting forces 4,200 people to flee into Thailand a few days and then are

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 $F_{\text{government forces and eth-}}^{\text{ighting between Myanmar}}$ nic guerrillas has sent about 4,200 villagers fleeing across the border into Thailand over the past week, a Thai army officer said Wednesday.

That number includes more than 2,500 who fled into Thailand on Friday from territory held by ethic Karen minority. A similar wave took place in April, when several thousand villagers from Myanmar's eastern state of Karen fled following airstrikes by Myanmar government. Usually when such incidents occur, the villagers are allowed to stay in Thailand for

returned to Myanmar. The Karen are one of several ethnic minorities that have been battling for decades for greater autonomy from Myanmar's central government. Fighting between two sides is intermittent, but increased after military seized power in February from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. Thai Defense Ministry

spokesperson Gen. Kongcheep Tantravanich said a total of 4,216 villagers crossed Moei River into Thailand from Dec. 16 to Dec. 21 because of skirmishes between Myanmar government and ethnic Karen forces. Of that number, 861 have returned and 3,355 are being sheltered in Mae Sot district in western border province of Tak, he said.

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It is notified for the information of general public that my client Mrs. Bindu Goyal W/o Mr. S.K. Goyal has lost the original documents i.e. Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Lease Deed, All General Power of Attorney Agreement to Sell & Will in respect of Plot no

Agreement to Sell & Will in respect of Plot no. 249, Pocket no. 04, Block no. B, admeasuring 25.09 sq. mtr., Sector-08, Rohini Rohini, Delhi FIR was lodged on 17.08.2012 for the same Any person having any right, interest or claim in respect of the said property are hereby required to give notice of the same the undersigned on below mentioned address within 15 days from the date of publication before the right property and the property of the same to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 15 days from the date of publication before the right property of all decreases. hereof together with copies of all document on the basis of which claims are made, failing on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on our Clients.

C.K. Jha (Advocate), ChmNo, E-524, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi. (9811295674.)

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Term tender in anticipation of sanction through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 23/12/2021 & onwards on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in

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1	SDBC & Signage work in Khairna - Ranikhet - Ramnagar Motor Road (SH-14) Km. 1 to 17 Under Special Assistance Scheme. (Anticipation of Sanction) Package-2	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	7.44 Lakh	60 Days	2 Months	Category "A" & above (Road Works)
2	SDBC & Signage work in Almora -Sharfatak Motor Road (SH-10) Km. 16 to 25 Under Special Assistance Scheme. (Anticipation of Sanction) Package-3	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	4.46 Lakh	60 Days	2 Months	Category "B" & above (Road Works)
3	SDBC & Signage work in Bhanoli - Jainti Motor Road Km. 1 to 9 and Km 18 to 28 Under Special Assistance Scheme. (Anticipation of Sanction) Package-4	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	7.08 Lakh	60 Days	2 Months	Category "A" & above (Road Works)
4	SDBC & Signage work Under Special Assistance Scheme in following roads - 1- Ring Road Bageshwar (Mandalsera Section) Km 1 to 3.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	10.00 Lakh	60 Days	2 Months	Category "A" & above (Road Works)

Sensex, Nifty extend gains for second session

Mumbai: Equity benchmarks darted up for the second session on the trot on Wednesday, mirroring a rebound in world stocks despite the looming threat of the Omicron variant.

A sustained recovery in the rupee, which advanced for the fifth straight day, further boosted sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 611.55 points or 1.09 per cent to end at 56,930.56. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty jumped 184.60 points or 1.10 per cent to 16,955.45.

Bajaj Finance was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising 2.94 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharma,

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New Delhi: Rationalisation of income tax

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Rupee rises for fifth straight day, ends 5 paise up at 75.54 against USD

Mumbai: The rupee appreciated by 5 paise to close at 75.54 against the US dollar in rangebound trade on Wednesday, extending gains for a fifth straight session helped by firm domestic equity mar-

Lower crude prices in the international market and a subdued dollar overseas also supported the local unit, forex

Pre-budget consultations with FM: Industry groups seek

rationalising I-T slabs, infra status to digital services

ITC and Nestle India, dipping up to 0.77 per cent.

Gold tanks ₹145;

New Delhi: Gold in the national capital on Wednesday dipped by ₹145 to ₹47,093 per 10 gram in-line with weak global precious metal prices and rupee appreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

precious metal settled at

₹397 to ₹60,498 per kg from ₹60,895 per kg in the previous

Electric 2-wheelers sale rise after remodelling of FAME -II scheme: Govt

New Delhi: The heavy industries Ministry on Wednesday said sale of electric two wheelers has increased to over 5,000 per week from 700 per week earlier after remodelling of the FAME II scheme in June this

Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME India II) Scheme has been launched with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore to in centivize demand for Electric Vehicles (EVs) by providing upfront subsidies and creating EV charging infrastructure.

scheme was redesigned in June based on experience particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic and feedback from industry and

"After remodelling of FAME II in June 2021 sale of electric two wheelers has increased to over 5,000 per week from 700 per week before remodelling," the Ministry said in a statement

The redesigned scheme aims at faster proliferation of electric vehicles by lowering the upfront costs.

"After remodelling of FAME II in June 2021 sale of electric two wheelers has increased to over 5,000 per week from 700 per week before remodelling," the Ministry said in a statement.

It added that in 2021 so far, total 1.4 lakh electric vehicles (1.19 lakh electric two wheelers, 20.42 K electric three

wheelers and 580 electric four wheelers) have been incentivized up to 16 December, 11 of FAME.

2021 amounting to incentive of about ₹ 500 crore under Phasebeen incentivised under FAME II till now, it said.

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rower(s) respectively.	or due repayment of the loan, the following ass	ets have been mortgaged to renire by the said
Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
No. 00043788 of Delhi - Safdurjung nch) Vivek Chanana (Bornower) Kalawati nana (Co Borrower 1) Om Parkash nana (Co Borrower 2) Chanana Plastics ate Limited (Guarantor 1) Himani nana (Guarantor 2)	22-11-2021 /₹ 19157934 /- (₹ One Crore Ninety One lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Four) NPA (09-10-2021)	Plot No 826 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block D New Friends Colony New Delhi Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110065
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C No. 00000425 of Azadpur N S P nch) Tanush Garg (Borrower) Itee I (Co Borrower 1)	22-11-2021 /₹ 7558750 /- (₹ Seventy Five lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty) NPA (09-10-2021)	Plot No. III-b-31, First Floor (without Roof Rights),nehru Nagar-iii, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201001

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lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty One) NPA (09-10-2021)

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Seven lakh Twenty Two Thousand Sev Hundred Ten) NPA (09-10-2021)

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block-f, Slf Ved Vihar Village Sadullabad Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh :- 20101 Flat No.- 402, Second Floor, Rear Rhs Block-A, Plot No.- A-402 Shalimar Garden Extensio 2 Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh 201010

Flat No. Sf- 3, 2nd Floor Rear Side Rhs Plot lakh Eighty One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine) NPA (09-10-2021) No. A- 39.block-a, Shilimar Garden Main Village Pasonda Ghaziabad Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh :- 201305 Flat No A-13 First Floor, The kuni vihar CGHS 22-11-2021 /₹ 1524405 /- (₹ Fifteen lakh Ltd., Plot No 19 Sector-12 Dwarka New Delhi

New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110075 Plot No. B-45, 2nd Floor Kh No. 27/25 Gali No 4, Village Khureji Khas Old Gobind Pura Exten. Shahdara, New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110051

22-11-2021 /₹ 1407979 /- (₹ Fourteen lakh Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Nine) NPA (09-10-2021) (LC No. 00000867 of Greater Noida Branch) 22-11-2021 /₹ 1281576 /- (₹ Twelve lak Flat No 682 Sf Block A Sector Mu li Greater Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Six) NPA (09-10-2021) Uttar Pradesh :- 201308 Flat No. 1,ff,(rhs Without Roof Rights) Village Sarfabad Near Yadu Public School Sector-73, Noida Noida Gautambudh Nagar Uttar

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Flat No- 19 , Front Side, Second Floor, Without Roof Right ,plot No- 876 Shalimar Garden Extn-1 Ghaziabad Ghaziabad Uttar Sixty Nine) NPA (09-10-2021) Pradesh :- 201010 22-11-2021 /₹ 1087379 /- (₹ Ten lakh

Plot No.172, 3rd Floor Rear Side, Kh.no.17. Gali No.05,vill. Bindapur Block.t, Uttam Nagar new Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110059 Eighty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Nine) NPA (09-10-2021) 22-11-2021 /₹ 893429 /- (₹ Eight lak Chewat No: 626, Khasra No: 28/7 (8-0) Moza

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AP_MODEL_NO :- 200 Ton Servo
AP_INVOICE_NO :-NM/049

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Plot No 137, Ground Floor, Pocket 10, Sector 20, Rohini Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110085 28-06-2021 /₹ 2197227 /- (₹ Twenty One Flat No-29 C , First Floor Near Shadipur lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Metro , Pandav Nagar, Shadipur Delhi New Twenty Seven) NPA (12-05-2021) Delhi Delhi :- 110008 20-07-2021 /₹ 64688915 /- (₹ Six Crore

Plot No 591 C. Entire Property Block B-1

Jttaranchal :- 248001

Janak Puri Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110058

Forty Six lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen) NPA (09-06-2021)

Branch) Dinesh Kumar (Borrower) Manju Gupta (Co Borrower 1) Suresh Kumar Gupta (Co Borrower 2) Beena Gupta (Guarantor 1) Vineet Gupta (Guarantor 2) 20-07-2021 /₹ 1639896 /- (₹ Sixteen lakh New Plot No. Wz-42, Entire 1st Floor Khasra Place Branch) Manpreet Singh (Borrower) Amrit Pal Kaur (Co Borrower 1) Jitender Pa Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six) NPA (09-06-2021)

Flat No -ugf-4, Upper Ground Floor Plot No

20-07-2021 /₹ 496001 /- (₹ Four lakh Ninety Six Thousand One) NPA (LC No. 00001635 of Greater Noida Branch) 597, Niti Khand 2, Indirapuram, Ghazlabad Ghazlabad Uttar Pradesh :- 201010 09-06-2021) 20-07-2021 /₹ 309633 /- (₹ Three lakh C 3 Ground Floor Without Roof Right Out Of Khasra No 10/1/3 Golden Park Shahdara Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three) NPA (11-04-2021) New Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-Date: 23-12-2021 (Authorised Officer)

silver declines ₹397

In the previous trade, the

₹47,238 per 10 gram. Silver also declined by

I-T refunds of over ₹1.44 lakh cr issued so far this fiscal

New Delhi: Income tax refunds December 21. of over ₹ 1.44 lakh crore have been issued to 1.38 crore taxpayers so far this fiscal, the Idepartment said on

Wednesday. This includes 99.75 lakh refunds of Assessment Year (AY) 2021-22 (fiscal ended March 31, 2021) amounting to ₹20,451.95 crore.

More than 4 crore ITRs for 2020-21 fiscal (ended March 2021) have been filed till

In a tweet, the department said income tax refunds of ₹49,194 crore have been issued to 1,35,35,261 entities and corporate tax refunds of ₹95,133 crore have been issued in over 2.11 lakh cases.

'CBDT issues refunds of over ₹1,44,328 crore to more than 1.38 crore taxpayers from 1st Apr,2021 to 20th December,2021," the tweet

development were some of the suggestions made by various stakeholders at the pre-Budget consultation meeting convened by Finance Minister

NAME CHANGE APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION It is for general information that I General Public is hereby informed that Usha Kuchhal D/O Late Sh. Shian Sunder Gupta residing at S-1/21 an unidentified dead body of a male DLF Phase 3, Gurgaon 122002 Haryana declare that name of mine has been written as Usha Agarwal in my HDFC Bank Demat A/c No. IN300126-10969847. The actual name of mine is Usha Kuchhal respectively which may be amended accordingly.



No. 16/10-12, DN Line, Near Narayana VIhar Railway Station, Delhi on 14.12.2021 at 13:22 PM. The dead body has been preserved in DDU Hospital Mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard a DD No.03A dated 14.12.2021 U/s 174 Cr.PC has been lodged at P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

DP/414/RLY/2021

General Public is hereby informed that one lady Namely: Pooja, W/o: Yashi

Danger, R/o: H.No. A-31/55, Bhatia Gali, Maujpur, Delhi, Age: About 24

Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion:

Wheatish, Built: Normal, Face: Oval

Wearing: Black Colour Saree, Black

Colour Jacket and Blue Colour Slipper

in feet with two daughter & one son

has been missing since 21.11.2021 from her house. In this regard **DD No.**

93-A, Dated 22.11.2021, has been registered at P.S. Jafrabad, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local

police to trace out the missing lady and

Ph.: 011-22560191, 22560192

SEARCH FOR MISSING

P.S. Delhi Cantt. Railway Station, Delhi Ph.: 011-25688505 Mob.: 8750871309

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified deadbody of male namely Neelu Age: 40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Build: Normal, Face: Round, wearing white colour shirt and blue colour pant, was found dead on 10.11.2021 near Axis

Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 11-A dated 10.11.2021 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Burari, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for identification in the

found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO: P.S. Burari, Delhi Tel. No.: 09953745253, 06377284157

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

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property on him/ her ur 13(4) of the sai with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general

Oile	arge of ICICI Bank Limited.			
Sr. No.	Haine of the bollower	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Kailash Singh/ Jaya Tiwari/ LBBAR00005505921	House Built on Plot No. 34 and 35, Part of Khasra No. 71 and 69, Situated in Mohalla Dohra, Mahendra Nagar Phase-II, Pargana Tehsil & District Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh/ December 17, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 19,89,641/-	Bareilly/ Delhi

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

WESTERN RAILWAY

her children but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone

have any information about this missing lady and her children

Phone: 011-24368638 and 24368641, Ext. 2101.

Corrigendum Notice No. WR-MMCTOCOMM(CLQT)/1/2020 (8165) dated 17.12.2021

(8165) dated 13.12.2021 Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Western Railway, Mumba Division, Mumbai Central for and on behalf of The President of India invites quotation in sealed covers from registered leaseholders of Mumbai Division

Western Railway for Temporary Leasing Contract for a period not exceeding 90 days at a time or till finalization of tender whichever is earlier for train compartments as listed below. All terms & conditions of CPLP of 2014 along with amendments issued from time to time will be applicable. Bidder should specifically and clearly mention Train no. and Location of SLR on cover of their offer & should enclose valid registration certificate, GST and PAN Certificate copy. Offer to be submitted along with minimum security deposit of Rs.1 Lakh in form of Demand Draft /Pay order /Fixed Deposit receipt in favour of "SR.DFM, Mumbai Central, Western Railway" payable at Mumbai. Successful bidder has to submit security deposit amount equivalent of 5% of lakh. Difference of security deposit is required to be submitted before start of contract, if any Applications/ offers without requisite documents and minimum

Sr. No.	Train No.	Station From	Station To	Frequency	Compartment & Carrying Capacity	Remarks/ RP for per single trip
1	12951	ммст	NDLS	Daily	FLWLRRM (3.9 Tonnes)	Cancelled
2	12925	BDTS	ASR	Daily	R-LWLRRM (3.9 Tonnes)	Cancelled
3	12901	DDR	ADI	Daily	R-LWLRRM (3.9 Tonnes)	Cancelled
4	09045	ST	CPR	MON, WED, THU, FRI & SUN	FSLR-II (4.0 Tonnes)	Cancelled
5	09045	ST	CPR	MON, WED, THU, FRI & SUN	RSLR-I (4.0 Tonnes)	Cancelled
6	12971	BDTS	BVC	Daily	FLWLRRM (3.9 Tonnes)	4,380
7	22209	ммст	NDLS	Mon, Fri	FLWLRRM (3.9 Tonnes)	14,298
Re	serve F	Price is	exclusiv	e of Develop	ment Charges an	d GST which a

presently @ 2% and 5% respectively. These shall be remitted in addition to accepted rate. The percentages of these charges are subject to revision as advised by Railway Board from time to time and any variation in taxes shall be borne by the leaseholder. Date & Time of submission of Quotation :- up to 30.12.2021 at 12:00 hrs. Date & Time of opening of Quotation:- At 12:15 hrs. on 30.12.2021 hrs. Quotation form is available on wr.indianrailway.gov.in for download.

SHO

P.S. Jafrabad, Delhi

Please Refer to earlier Notice No. WR-MMCTOCOMM (CLQT) /1/2020

contract value as per lumpsum leased freight subject to minimum of Rs. security deposit amount of Rs. 1 lakh shall not be accepted.

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slabs, infrastructure status for digital services and More than 120 invitees representing seven incentives to hydrogen storage as well as fuel cell ings, scheduled during this period, it said.

22, as per the finance ministry statement.

The customary pre-budget consultation meetings were held with the Finance Minister virtually between December 15 and December

stakeholder groups participated in eight meet-The stakeholder groups include representa-

tives and experts from agriculture and agro-processing industry; industry, infrastructure and climate change; financial sector and capital markets; services and trade; social sector; trade union & labour organisation and economists, it said.



Bank, West Sant Nagar, Burari,

mortuary of Babu Jagjivan Ram Hospital, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this

DP/1834/N/21

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

FICICI Bank The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction

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Date: December 23, 2021

Ground Floor, Zenith House, Keshavrao Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400034 Tel No.: +91 22 49116300 HDB SERVICES FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that th below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded /complied with the communication, and notice send by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in espect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreeement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in excercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public uction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering ned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on 23-12-2021 at the below mentioned local branch of +HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table;

S. No.	Loan No	Customer Name	Date Of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name
1	8719433	Gaurav Jain	31/08/2019	5100	Delhi-Bhajanpura
2	14364414	Ravi Singh	25/02/2021	7640	Delhi-Bhajanpura
3	12336621	Uday Mohan Goyal	04/09/2020	1018334	Delhi-Kashmiri Gate
4	12338695	Uday Mohan Goyal	04/09/2020	916500	Delhi-Kashmiri Gate
5	12610412	Mohd Asad	28/09/2020	14875	Delhi-Kashmiri Gate
6	12800624	Alok Yadav	16/10/2020	7996	Delhi-Kashmiri Gate
7	11865607	Rohit Kumar	14/07/2020	28312	Delhi Shahdara
8	13928880	Hariom Singh	16/01/2021	9355	Delhi Shahdara
9	14294136	Saurabh Arora	16/02/2021	22865	Delhi Shahdara
10	10495852	Safi Mohammad	18/01/2020	42985	Delhi Uttam Nagar
11	10839540	Ram Singh	10/02/2020	29542	Delhi Uttam Nagar
12	10979737	Bindu Yadav	24/02/2020	9885	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
13	13752285	Ashok Kumar	31/12/2020	15084	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
14	13828885	Ashok Kumar	08/01/2021	25656	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
15	11934532	Indra Vati	22/07/2020	74101	Delhi-Badarpur
16	12005210	Ranjeet Singh	30/07/2020	4952	Delhi-Chandni Chowk
17	13361971	Raj Kumari	28/11/2020	29732	Delhi-Chandni Chowl
18	15907111	Jasbir Singh	30/06/2021	27400	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
19	13894318	Rajesh Pandey	13/01/2021	8825	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
20	13955716	Bohla Sharma	19/01/2021	3924	Delhi-Hari Nagar
21	14038714	Rohan Singh	28/01/2021	15864	Delhi-Jagatpuri
22	15718789	Lalit Omkar	28/06/2021	7065	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
23	11973244	Ankit Jain	28/07/2020	40600	Delhi-Kamla Nagar
24	9351638	Vishal Sharma	24/10/2019	8636	Delhi-Karol Bagh
25	13693677	Santosh Gupta	26/12/2020	9030	Delhi-Madipur
26	12013670	Kanhaiya Kumar Jha	30/07/2020	35060	Delhi-Malviya Nagar
27	10912979	Rajeev Kumar	15/02/2020	33801	Delhi-Nangloi
28	12336192	Sachin Verma	04/09/2020	398329	Delhi-Narela
29	11695044	Laxman Dass Sharma	26/06/2020	10550	Delhi-Patel Nagar
30	11291188	Nirmal Kumar	18/03/2020	9938	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
31	15613217	Sunil Kumar	15/06/2021	4396	Delhi-Tilak Nagar

epresentation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sol and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine. at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to suc urther terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose lf the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan accou in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction

to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same. Date: 23-12-2021 (HDB Financial Services Ltd)

vithout further notice. Please note the it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either

PARADOXICAL ACCELERATION WITH A DIGITAL DIVIDE

Enabling digitisation among microentrepreneurs in a post Covid-19 world opens new possibilities, says Bhavya Kharoo

he Covid-19 pandemic necessitated a swift move to digital-focused business strategies and transactions due to safety, business discovery, marketing and logistical considerations. Even the informal and micro business segments, that traditionally relied on manual and face-to-face transactions, had to adapt to survive in one of the most arduous times in recent history. However, what started off as a necessity now has the potential to spur personal income, business and community growth for India's nano and micro entrepreneur segment, which makes up around 6.3 crore enterprises, and over 11 crore people working in them.

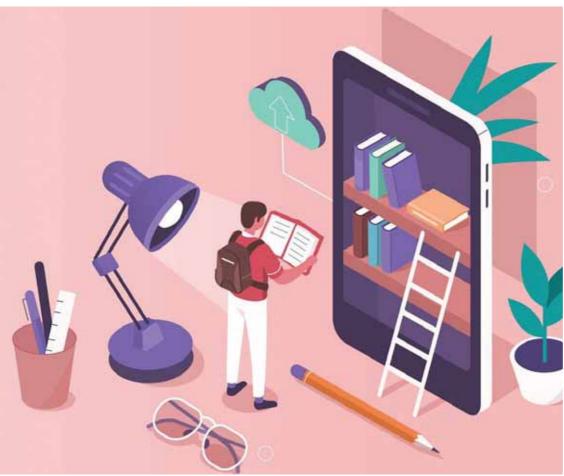
□Experimenting with digital pay-

Perhaps the biggest change in both rural and urban settings across micro businesses has been the shift towards UPI and digital payment platforms like PayTM, PhonePe and Google Pay. Paan stalls, auto-rickshaw drivers and neighbourhood vegetable sellers all accept payments via these platforms on a daily basis — due to a rising demand for touchless payment and social distanc-

Nano and micro entrepreneurs, including farmers, found that digital payments make regular finance activities like paying bills, house rent and other essentials easier without having to leave their homes. For example, farmers who are now being supported by innovative finance initiatives provided by the REVIVE Alliance, would earlier travel 100 kilometres to reach the nearest bank to make deposits, while completing paperwork for bills would entail an entire day spent at the electricity office. When the pandemic struck, they switched to UPI and digital banking, where basic banking services could be conducted at any location with the tap of a finger These farmers now regularly request money through online payments, and pay their bills digitally.

Digital payment platforms are also a key part of the delivery mechanism, showcasing the criticality of digital tools in socio-economic empowerment

Another important aspect of cash-



less transactions is security. Micro entrepreneurs have reported that not having to carry around their cash which makes their hard-earned money vulnerable to theft — helps them feel safer and engenders greater trust in dig-

□Digital tools such as social media for marketing and business discovery

There have been many instances where microentrepreneurs have started utilising social media as a low cost and targeted means of advertising to their customers. This is particularly crucial for female business owners, for whom societal and cultural restrictions make



it much tougher to market to a bigger audience. Beauty-preneurs, for example, were looking for new ways to conduct business from home during the pan-demic and turned to digital media to spread awareness about their business and to upskill themselves on make-up trends. Asha, one such beauty-preneur, talked about how she uses Instagram actively to market her parlour to ladies in and around her village with the help of hashtags and images.

□Increasing digital inclusion and

Many, however, continue to have reservations about these technologies. This could be due to uneven access to the internet and smart devices, lack of knowledge about how digital technologies work, privacy concerns about personal and financial information — all of which need to be addressed for maximal digital inclusion.

To illustrate, today's small kirana stores face immense competition from large online and offline players. Technology and digital access can help kiranas compete with these larger companies. REVIVE has a component where Samhita-CGF partners with retail technology firms to enable the entire digital management of a kirana store from providing point of sale devices, upskilling through online platforms, access to suppliers and so on.
However, while this provides them

with the necessary tools, the partners have embedded a mechanism to ensure the adoption and stickiness of these digital tools in the long run.

What we are witnessing right now is a paradoxical acceleration in digitisation coupled with a digital divide. There is a strong case to improve accessibility and awareness among hitherto excluded workers and entrepreneurs sections through targeted efforts so that everyone can reap the benefits of digitisation. From digital payments and marketing opportunities to greater knowledge about banking and other topics, digitisation has helped everyone become more connected and gain more control over their livelihoods.

(The author is a research associate at Samhita-CGF.)



Living a Maratha wedding

AAROHI PATEL and VENKATESH PANDE look adorable in the marriage track of Kashibai Bajirao Ballal, the untold story of the fierce queen. By TEAM VIVA

A fter an overwhelming response to the journeys of Jodha Akbar and Jhansi ki Rani, Zee TV recently introduced viewers to the historical magnum opus of 2021 as it presents the untold story of one of the most iconic women of the Maratha empire — Kashibai Bajirao Ballal. The show went on air recently and has won the audience's hearts. The audience is in for some high-end drama with Kashibai and Bajirao's wedding being showcased in the forthcoming episodes.

Viewers will witness how Bajirao is all set to get married to Kashi and accept her as his responsibility, but it gets called off due to some reason. At the same time, Kashibai gets kidnapped, and after struggling to find her, Bajirao saves Kashibai. After seeing his heroics, Kashi's mother Bhawani Bai (Hetal Yadav) approach the Ballals for Bajirao and Kashibai's marriage, and they agree. The two get married in a beautiful Maratha wed-

As Aarohi Patel revealed, "It is not easy to shoot for a wedding sequence, especially when you have to pull off such a heavy saree and jewellery. Being a Gujarati girl, I have also never witnessed a Maratha wedding like this. It was so different from the typical Gujarati weddings, but I enjoyed it a lot. It's great to be able to live and experience a Maratha wedding through my show. Having said that, I want to mention that I am happy that at a young age, I am getting to live such an epic character and the traditions of the 18th century." (To know more, tune into Kashibai Bajirao Ballal

every Monday to Friday at 8 pm, only on Zee TV.)



s 2021 draws to a close, we all wait for Athe festivities of the upcoming Christmas and New Year season to begin. Putting away the old and ushering in the new tops our list this time of the year as we all look for fresh ideas to decorate our homes. We've put together a list of items that can spice up any corner of your home this festive season, all available on ShopClues' website at discounted rates.

♦Christmas Pine Tree, X-Mas Tree 3-Feet

This three-feet artificial Christmas tree is the perfect addition to your home, both indoors and outdoors. The foldable tree can be wrapped up and stored away for next

Price: ₹570

♦ Pack of 12 Hanging Mini Santa Christmas Ornaments-Christmas Tree Decorations

These charming little tree decoration ornaments will brighten up your home with good cheer this Christmas. You can deco-

A lot like Christmas

Spruce up any corner of your home these festive offerings. By TEAM VIVA

rate your tree with them or string them up on your walls, doors or windows for effect. Price: ₹190

♦ Christmas Wall Door Decorations — Holly Wreath

Ring in the Christmas spirit and welcome your guests with this beautiful holiday wreath on your front door. Price: ₹1377

♦Christmas Decoration— set of bells —

String up these brightly coloured set of bells in any nook in your home and transform the space to spell all things Christmas.

You can even wind these shiny bells around vour tree. Price: ₹522

♦Sunrise Christmas Santa Cap - pack of 2 Santa Clause is coming to...your house! Let the Christmas spirit run wild through your home with this festive Santa hat hang-

♦Christmas Tree

ing decoration.

Price: ₹195

This mini version of your large Christmas tree fits perfectly on any table. The tabletop Christmas tree is the perfect way to bring in the festive cheer in all the



Set Of 3 Hosley Highly Fragranced Lavender Fields Filled Glass Candle

Light a few candles to fill your home and office with the relaxing fragrance of these designer Hosley Scented Candles. They are made from natural wax using the highest quality of imported fragrance oils. Price: ₹256

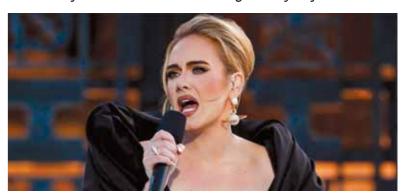
♦9 Pcs Christmas Wall Art Prints Posters for Living Room Office Decorations **Christmas Signs Paintings**

Let the walls at home or at work send out with this beautiful, vibrant poster that has a collage of nine Christmas sayings all in hues of red, green and white.

(All above items are available on on www.shopclues.com at discounted rates.)

A journey of self-healing

Catch a glimpse of Adele's latest album 30, as SonyLIV exclusively streams Adele: One Night Only. By TEAM VIVA



medley of human emotions, Adele's Acomeback album, 30, navigates the listener through her journey of heartache, hope, remorse, and resurrection. Released after six years since her last album, in 2015, Adele has eloquently expressed her journey, through her divorce, motherhood, and fame. Written between 2018 and 2021, 30 was finally released on November 19, and has received an incredible response from fans across the world. Providing a glimpse into the many circumstances and emotions she had to confront, while composing the album, Adele: One Night Only is a concert special featuring an exclusive interview of the singer by Oprah Winfrey. Giving a tear-jerking experience, the special has been produced by Adele and presented by Winfrey. It will be streaming exclusively on SonyLIV from December

Adele: One Night Only is an engaging and emotional concert special, where Adele walks viewers through her journey of self-healing, recovery and repairing



her relationships. Presented by the renowned television host and media star, Winfrey, the show was one of the most watched. During the concert, Adele performs three songs from 30, as well as a few from her previous albums. Adele: One Night Only is inspiring, insightful, and an imaginative concert special, which will surely be a soul-searching entertainment experience.

(This Christmas, catch Adele: One Night Only, exclusively on SonyLIV from December 24.)

TREND

PC'S CONDITIONS FOR JEE LE ZARAA

While promoting her next film *Matrix 4*, **PRIYANKA CHOPRA** spoke about the Katrina Kaif and Alia Bhatt co-starrer. Revealing her conditions for doing Jee Le Zaraa, the actress said, "I have told Farhan it's been a while since I spoke Hindi in a movie, I want to do that and I want to dance so there should be dance in the film.'

When announcing the film in August. Chopra wrote on her social media that she wanted to do a Bollywood film, "But it had to be the right one – different, cool, never been done before.'



for my parents to handle. Very difficult, still. Actually, I don't know was growing up that I was thrown out of a school. I was in fourth grade and then highly er school. From there, So then I came back and passed out from there.

'As a child, I was difficult

what went wrong while I recommended into anoththey requested my earlier school to take me back.

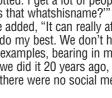


'It was important that I play the role of a trans-woman in Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui with utmost purity, sincerity and sensitivity. The love I'm receiving for the film from the community, audience and even critics is overwhleming. I hope I have played a part in starting a conversation about equality. I have taken it slow by choice to pick films that help me showcase my talent. So, I feel hugely validated today.'

TOM HAS THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Actor TOM FELTON, famous for his role as Malfoy in Harry Potter, recently shared, "I get the best of both worlds. I take the Tube, the bus, I walk my dog in the park. I saw Emma Watson the other night – she looks exactly as she did ten years ago. It's impossible for her not to be spotted. I get a lot of people whispering, 'Is that whatshisname?'

He added, "It can really affect you. I try to do my best. We don't have too many examples, bearing in mind that when we did it 20 years ago, obviously when there were no social media."



INCREASING VIGILANCE

Metro Railway, Kolkata will tighten security arrangements during Christmas and New Year's Eve at Park Street, Maidan and Esplanade Metro stations



In order to provide better services, hassle-free journey and ensure passenger safety, Metro Railway is going to strengthen its security arrangements at Park Street, Maidan and Esplanade Metro stations on Christmas i.e. on December 25 and on New Year's Eve i.e. on December 31. Metro RPF will arrange extra deployment in these three stations in order to manage anticipated huge rush on these two days. Lady RPF teams (con-

sisting of head constables and constables) will be deployed in these stations to ensure safety and security of ladies and children. One special team consistof one inspector/assistant, subinspector and four staff

including two lady staff will remain present with arms at Park Street, Maidan and Esplanade Metro stations from 11:00 to the end of the service hours on the said dates. This team will remain in readiness to reach any of these three stations to tackle any emergency.
Another special team

and four staff will be deployed with arms at Park Street Metro station on these two days to manage the rush. Adequate number of staff will be deployed in the stations to provide proper guidance to the commuters. Further, Metro users are requested to follow all

Covid Protocols and co-

operate with the Metro

authority and co-passen-

consisting of one officer

Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora informed that the Rajasthan Housing Board, while taking major action in the high profile Shri Ram Colony B located in Krishna Kunj Yojna, unclaimed land on B-2 bypass, Tonk road, seized 40 truck building materials collected with the intention of illegal construction.

He said that in compliance with the order passed by the



Action taken The Rajasthan Housing Board seized 40 truck building materials collected with the

intention of illegal construction

the building material like bricks, gravel, cement, stone and rebar, among others, was taken over by the Rajasthan Housing Board. This action was taken by the Housing

Commissioner himself standing. A large number of divisional personnel, police personnel were present during this proceedings. Guards have also been posted here by the

struction takes place here. It is noteworthy that even today this land is in the category of unclaimed land and even if Jawaharpuri Society

Board so that no new con-

had acquired this land in 1981, it should have raised objection during the acquisition proceedings in 1991, which was not done. Therefore, in the event of no objection being presented, this land is completely unclaimed.

In the investigation report of the Cooperative Department, it has also come to the notice that Jawaharpuri Society has not shown the purchase of this land from the account holders in its records in 1981, which further proves that the agreement and further proceedings are not correct. Against this, the Housing Board has lodged an FIR under 420 against the office bearers of Jawaharpuri Society at Jawahar Nagar police station, in which investigation is still going on. The next date in this case is January 10, 2022. The High Court, understanding its seriousness, has listed it as the

delegation from Bangladesh consisting of Mukti Jodhas (freedom fighters) and serving Bangladesh Armed Forces personnel are currently visiting India to take part in the events as part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations organised to commemorate the golden jubilee of victory over Pakistan in 1971 war.

The Bangladesh delegation embarked on a Swarnim Vijay Varsh Special train from Safdarjung railway station at New Delhi to Agra today. The train was flagged off jointly by Lieutenant General AK Singh DG of Lieutenant General AK Singh, DG of Operational Logistics & Strategic Movements and Ashutosh Gangal, general manager of Northern Railways.

The delegation will be visiting the Taj Mahal and Ajmer Sharif Dargah as an enduring testimony of the military cooperation and strong bonds of friendship between the two nations. The visit of Mukti Jodhas, when India is cherishing the memories of 1971 war, is an acknowledgment by Bangladesh to the contributions and sacrifices made by the Indian Armed Forces.

Golden jubilee of 1971 victory

A delegation from Bangladesh, consisting of Mukti Jodhas, embarks on Swarnim Vijay Varsh Special train





New milestones

SRMIST opens a hi-tech centre for clinical trials and research in Kattankulathur

SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur through its Faculty of Medical & Health Sciences, has set up a 5,000 square feet research faculty in SRM called the Centre for Clinical trials & Research. This facility is located at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC). It is capable of handling clinical tri-als of drugs, vaccines, and med-

ical devices. The facility was inaugurated by pro-vice chancellor (Medical & Health Sciences) Lt Col Dr A Ravikumar, registrar ical) Dr A Sundaram, among

The facility has two wards with 12 beds and several rooms for sample collection, processing, data documentation, and monitoring. It has state-of-theart equipment for preserving serum samples at -80 °C and 20°C deep freezers, high-speed centrifuge, facilities for electronic data capture with high-speed internet, thermohygrometers, and data security is maintained with controlled access.

Congratulating the team, Dr Ponnusamy said, "SRM MCH&RC has achieved 46th position in research and such initiatives will help in increasing the hospital ranking." He then urged students to make use of this world-class center and undertake research activities.

"Research is the most important area that we are concentrating on these days," mentioned dean (medical).
"Students and faculty can do any types of clinical trials at this centre like the recent COVAXIN trial. Research should be given primary importance," he added.

presidential address shared, "It s important to motivate the hidden talents in this Institution. During the COVID, when we were awarded the clinical trial of COVAXIN, the minimum requirement was for a virology lab. This was met by developing, a world-class lab that was done entirely in-house."

Urging students to overcome the fear he continued, 'Only when you grow out of fear can you achieve anything

Cheers to the Kolkata Metromen

The general manager of Metro Railway felicitated the runners up of the 43rd All India Railway Bridge Championship

Manoj Joshi, general manager of Metro Railway felicitated the six-member team of Metro Railway, which took part in the 43rd All India Railway Bridge Championship, 2021. It concluded on December 20 at Metro Rail Bhawan.

The Metro team, comprising Sumit Kumar Sarkar, Swarup Ghosh, Sujit Ghosh and Manabendra Nath Majumder, has achieved the second position in the team event in this cham-

Mukherjee and Majumder have also occupied second position in the pair category in the championship. Congratulating every member of the team for this achievement, Joshi wished that Metro team wins many such tournaments in future.

The Kolkata Metromen — Mukherjee and Majumder, as a part of six-member Indian team also won the Asia and Middle-East Bridge Championship held in Noida recently and qualified for the World Bridge Championship to be held in Italy in March, 2022.

Leveraging expertise

RITES and BEML sign MoU to explore and jointly bid for opportunities in the fields of metro systems and export of rolling stock

 $R^{ ext{ITES}}$ Ltd, a transport infrastructure consultancy and engineering company, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with BEML Limited to explore and jointly fields of metro systems and export of rolling stock.

As part of the MoU, RITES will provide expertise in design, engineering, marketing and any other support that may be required for tapping domestic and overseas opportunities while BEML will be responsible for manufacturing of customised metro coaches and rolling stock.

The MoU will allow both companies to leverage each other's expertise and tech-



nologies to opitimise operations and expand on a global level. It would enable BEML and RITES to jointly bid and provide the entire spectrum of services from design, manufacture to operations & maintenance for the existing and upcoming metro systems as

well as export of rolling stock and related services.

The collaboration will not only create a platform to enable exploration of business opportunities around the globe, but also facilitate knowledge sharing to strengthen respective organisations' operations.

Increasing non-fare revenue

Branding of 52 Card Balance Checking Terminal (CBCT) machines in North-South metro stations of Kolkata

Metro Railway has been constantly striving for increasing non-fare revenue in the Covid times. On December 16, a milestone has been achieved as a branding agreement of 52 Card Balance Checking signed with a famous TMT bar manufacturing company. These 52 machines have been installed in 26 North-South Metro sta-

Metro users are requested to use these CBCT machines to check their smart card status as well as balance and place their smart cards on these machines for 30 seconds to update their balance after recharging their cards on-line. Metro users can check the status of the tokens (time of issue and expiry as well as source and destination stations). Commuters can also check last five entry/exit details through smart cards with the help of these machines.

> Appreciating the dedication and hard work done by

> SPH, Pro Chancellor

(Academics), Dr P Sathyanarayanan shared, "The

aim of such 'Findings' is to pre-

vent pandemic such as COVID

19." Ĥe elaborated on how such

findings alert the people and

the precautions they need to

take. "SPH has done extreme-



Imparting skills

VIT-AP University inks MoU with ISDC, UK

The signing ceremony of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) between International Skill Development Corporation, United Kingdom and the VIT-AP School of Business, VIT-AP University was held on

Wednesday.

Dr S V Kota Reddy, viceVIT-AP chancellor, VIT-AP University after signing the MoU with ICDS, UK said that in order to impart skill and capabilities to the students, a skill development company which has expertise in professional and vocational education, will associate with VIT-AP School of Business to promote and

deliver business analytics to all the students of BBA, endorsed by IoA (Institute of Analytics), UK, professional body for data science and analytics. Further ISDC Diploma in Business Analytics will be awarded to the students along with their BBA from VIT-AP University. VIT-AP School of Business also had MoU's with Alphabeta, USA, Digital scholar and MasterMinds CA Academy. Along with numerous

other programmes, these programmes are aimed at providing industry-ready skills in campus and boost competency and employability of

Elevation of health

SRM School of Public Health disseminates key findings of NFHS-5 for TN and Puducherry



School of Public Health (SPH) at SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), Kattankulathur celebrates the successful completion and dissemination of the key findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS -5) for the state of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry at SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre (SRM MCH&RC). NFHS-5, the fifth in the NFHS rounds, provides information on population,

health, and nutrition for India

and each state/union territory

(UT) and also provides data at

the district level.

NFHS-5 includes some new topics, such as preschool education, disability, access to a toilet facility, death registra-tion, menstrual hygiene, and abortion. The scope of clinical, anthropometric, and biochemical testing (CAB) has also been extended to include measurement of waist and hip circumferences, and the age range for the measurement of blood pressure and blood glucose has been expanded. SRM SPH surveyed a total of 27,929 households, 25,650 women, and 3,372 men in Tamil Nadu and 3,520 households, 3,669 women, and 534 men in Puducherry.

Chief Guest of the event, Dr P Kuganantham, member of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Expert Advisory Committee for COVID19 said, 'This is an eye-opener about the health status of India. Data helps to make decisions. It highlights the public health of the community and the nation at large."

He elaborated and stated the strategies used in Survey 1 conducted in 1993. He said that public health is always side-lined. During a pandemic, it was Public Health that came to the rescue in Tamil Nadu. "During the COVID only a third of the affected were admitted in hospital, while the others were treated through a good public health system in TN."

He added, "The development of a national, will only come from the development of a family' mother and child. Health is not just physical or mental but includes economic, religious and social wellly well in this research." He said that SRMIST is doing extremely well in research and urged the institution to keep up the

work.
Congratulating the remarkable achievement by SPH, SRMIST's Vice-Chancellor Dr C Muthamizhchelvan said, "Collecting data is difficult, and doing it during COVID is much more difficult. Data is much more difficult. Data is very important, as it leads to making informed decisions. Modern technology helps us to size-fit enormous data and helps decision science."

SRM MCH&RC's Pro-Vice Chancellor (MHS) Lt Col Dr A Ravikumar said, "This is

a landmark history in Medical and Health Science at SRM MCH&RC. "Authentication of data is a very big achievement as it involves planning, field-work among others. This NFHS -5 has a lot of interesting finds to help the health of

the country." The key findings of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry were released on the occasion. The team members that completed the NFHS -5 Project for SRM SPH were also felicitated. Present on the occasion was Dean (Medical) Dr. A. Sundaram, Dean (School of Public Health) Dr Padma Venkat and other members of



Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, informed that public trust in constitutional institutions is essential to maintain their credibility. Rajasthan Public Service Commission has created a reputation by upholding this belief. The commission selects youth for administrative services as well as other important services. The future of youth is made here. In such a situation, it is necessary that the credibility of the commission should be maintained

he pioneer

India beat Pak 4-3 in thriller to win bronze

misfiring India were made to toil hard before getting the better of arch-rivals ►Pakistan 4-3 in a pulsating third-fourth place contest to clinch the bronze medal at the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament here on Wednesday.

After having topped the round-robin stages, the Tokyo Olympics bronze medallists were far from impressive in their last two games, and the Manpreet Singh-led side had to play out of its skin to outwit Pakistan and finish on the podium.

After being stunned by Japan 3-5 in the semifinal on Tuesday, much was expected from India against Pakistan. They did press hard and created numerous chances, including 11 penalty corners, out of which they made use of just two.

India, who were the defending champions along with Pakistan in the last edition of the tournament in Muscat, will thus return with a consolation prize. The Indian team took the lead in the very first minute through vice-captain Harmanpreet

Kumar (53rd) and Akashdeep Singh (57th) struck a goal each.

Pakistan's goals were scored by Afraz (10th), Abdul Rana (33rd) and Ahmed Nadeem (57th).

It was India's second win over Pakistan in the tournament after having beaten them 3-1 in the roundrobin stages. In the summit clash late on

Wednesday, South Korea will play Japan. India started the match on a bright note, pressing the Pakistani defence from the onset. Unlike against Japan, India came

out attacking and secured as many as four penalty corners straightaway, the last of which was converted by Harmanpreet with a powerful low flick in the first minute.

The Indians kept up the pressure with numerous raids inside the Pakistan circle but failed to create a clear-cut chance. Pakistan grew in confidence as

time passed by and drew level in the 10th minute courtesy some sloppy defending by the Indians, in partic ular Harmanpreet, as he failed to clear a loose ball inside the circle, and Afraz



did enough to get past onrushing goalkeeper Krishan Bahadur Pathak.

The Indians responded after conceding the goal and earned their fifth penalty corner soon, but

second quarter as Pakistan defended Harmanpreet's flick was saved by the Pakistani defence. In the 14th minute, in numbers to deny their neighbours. Pakistan got their first penalty corner,

In the 22nd minute, India which was saved by Pathak. secured another penalty corner, but once again, Pakistan goalkeeper

by denying Harmanpreet.

Four minutes later, Amjad Ali was again in the thick of things when he saved Akashdeep Singh's reverse

hit from close range.

India continued their attacking spree and earned their seventh penalty corner soon, but an alert Amjad Ali made twin saves to deny Jarmanpreet Singh.

At the stroke of the half-time hooter, India secured their eighth penalty corner but, as has been the case, the finishing was not up to the mark. Three minutes after the change of ends, it was Pakistan who surged ahead when Abdul Rana scored from a rebound from the team's second penalty corner.

India were lucky not to concede another, in the 43rd minute, as Abdul Rana's attempt from Ali Shan's pass hit the near post.

But three seconds from the third quarter, Gursahibjit Singh created a chance from nowhere and Sumit found himself at the perfect position xinside the Pakistan circle to tap the ball in and draw level.

With the scores tied at 2-2, the

end-to-end hockey from both the

India had the better share of chances but Pakistan too didn't give up without a fight.

Lalit Upadhayay came close to handing India the lead, only to see his deflection sail inches wide off the tar-

get from Gurinder Singh's cross. India secured two more penalty corners soon and this time, Varun was bang on target to make it 3-2 in

his side's favour. Pakistan responded immediately by earning two penalty corners in succession but India skipper Manpreet defended brilliantly as first

Three minutes from the final hooter, Akashdeep scored with a reverse hit from a pass off Lalit, but Pakistan responded within no time when Nadeem deflected in a long ball to reduce the margin, from the next

Two unnecessary yellow cards, to Hardik Singh and Sumit, in the last five minutes didn't help India, but the suspensions didn't hurt the side

IPL mega auction likely in Bengaluru on Feb 7, 8 PTI ■ NEW DELHI UAE but as of now, BCCI has no for its Letter of Intent from the

The BCCI is planning to hold the two-day mega Indian Premier League auction on February 7 and 8 in Bengaluru, a senior BCCI official said on Wednesday.

It could well be the last mega

auction that BCCI might conduct as most of the original IPL franchises want it to be discon tinued.

"Unless the COVID-19 situation worsens, we will have the IPL mega auction in India. The two-day event will be held on February 7 and 8 and like other years, we plan to hold it in Bengaluru. Preparations are



underway," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity. There were reports that auction will be held in the

such plans.

However with the emergence of Omicron variant of COVID-19 and cases on the rise, the situation will remain fluid but if there are restrictions with regards to overseas travel (unless all owners decide to use charter planes), conducting it in India will be less of a logistical night-

This year's IPL will be a 10team affair with Sanjiv Goenka owned Lucknow franchise along with venture capital firm CVC owned Ahmedabad making their debut in the cash rich

CVC is however waiting

BCCI but is expected to get an all clear in the next few weeks.

Both teams have time till Christmas to announce their three draft picks but BCCI might extend the dates for both as CVC is yet to get clearance.

Most of the franchise own-

ers feel that mega auctions have passed their sell-by-date and a team's composition and balance gets severely compromised when there are auctions after every three years.

Delhi Capitals co-owner

Parth Jindal had in fact said this on record how it is tough to release players after having put in effort to build a team.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Riding on his historic World Championship silver, India's Kidambi Srikanth jumped four places to regain his place in the world's top 10 in the latest Badminton World Federation (BWF) rankings.

The 28-year-old from Guntur was rewarded for his final finish in Huelva, Spain as he grabbed the 10th position in the rankings. Young Lakshya Sen, who

also secured a maiden bronze at World Championship in his first campaign at the event, jumped two spots to the 17th



position but B Sai Praneeth slipped two places to be at the 18th spot.

H S Prannoy's quarterfinal finish in Spain saw him improve six places to the 26th spot. In women's singles, two-

time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu remained static at seventh place, while Saina Nehwal, who is recovering from multiple injuries, is at the 25th place.

Men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy slipped one place to the 10th position, while Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy regained their place in the top 20 in the women's doubles

Positive Covid cases will be isolated, matches to continue ICC Test Rankings: Labuschagne is new

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The BCCI and Cricket South Africa have I mutually agreed that the upcoming Test and ODI series between the two teams will continue even if there is any COVID-19 case among players or support staff and close contacts will not be forced into isolation, the host board's medical officer Shuaib Manjra has said.

India will start their three-match Test series against the Proteas on December 26 at the Centurion followed by Tests in Johannesburg (January 3-7) and Cape Town (Jan 11-15).

The Tests will be followed by three ODIs on January 19, 21 and 23.

While there is a specific agreement that BCCI can pull out of the tour in case situation in South Africa, where the new variant

Omicron was found, worsens, a senior official said that they are not contemplating any such move as of now. 'There is an agreed medical protocol

between Cricket South Africa (CSA) and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)," Cricket South Africa provided Manira's comments to PTI. "Considering that everyone within the

Bio-Secure Environments' (BSE) and the broader cricket ecosystem will be vaccinated. any positive case will isolate within their designated hotel room if clinically stable, or an alternate space within the hotel," he added.

Respective team doctors will take care of the players in case any of them test positive

"They will remain under the care of their respective team doctors.



Any contacts (close or incidental) will continue playing and training with non-pharmaceutical interventions strictly observed. All team members will undergo symptom screening and COVID-19 testing daily, and the tour will proceed as planned," he added. It is understood that Rapid Antigen Tests

will be carried out daily and both teams are ready for the eventuality that there will be positive cases. But as long as proper precautions are taken, the series will contin-

Even hotel staff were put in a bio-bubble one week before the Indian contingent's arrival.

"The BCCI is very satisfied with the kind of bio-bubble that CSA has provided for the Indian team. Yes, we will definitely take a decision which is in best interests of our players and their families.

"As of now, everyone is in the bubble and being tested regularly," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

world No 1, Virat Kohli slips to No 7

PTI DUBAI

▼ndian captain Virat Kohli slipped a Inotch to be placed seventh in the latest ICC rankings for Test batters even as Australia's Marnus Labuschagne. riding on his prolific Ashes form, displaced England skipper Joe Root to become the new world number one. India's Rohit Sharma remained

static at fifth position. Among bowlers, Ravichandran

Ashwin is still in second place behind Australia skipper Pat Cummins.

placed sixth and now with 756 points the Ashes.

is in seventh position.

Labuschagne has climbed to the top of the ICC rankings for batters for the very first time after sensational performances in the two matches of the Ashes so far.

With career-best 912 rating points, he went past Root (897), who has dropped to the second spot.

Ranked fourth before the series, Labuschagne rose two spots to No.2 after scoring 74 in Australia's win in the Brisbane Test. In the second Test at Adelaide, he scored a hundred and Kohli, who played the second Test against New Zealand, was earlier England by 275 runs to go 2-0 up in

Saurashtra slay Vidarbha to enter semifinals



PTI JAIPUR

Saurashtra produced another dominating display to steamroll Vidarbha by seven wickets and storm into the semifinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Wednesday.

First, Saurashtra bowlers-led by skipper Jaydev Unadkat (2/25) dished out a clinical show and bundled out the opposition for a paltry 150 in 40.3 overs, despite Apoorv Wankhede's hard-fought 72.

They then rode on Prerak Mankad's gusty unbeaten 77 off 72 balls to chase the target with 20.1 overs to spare despite a top-order failure.
Put into bat at the Sawai

Mansingh Stadium, Vidarbha lost their first three batters inside the first eight overs as Unadkat and young speedster Chetan Sakariya (1/12) wreaked havoc.

Vidarbha lost in-form opener Atharva Taide (1), who became Unadkat's first scalp. Ganesh Satish (1) and Yash Rathod (1) also faltered cheaply. Then skipper Faiz Fazal (23) and wicket-keeper bater Akshay Wadkar (18) tried to rally the innings with their 45-run stand

for the fourth wicket.

But it was medium-pacer Prerak Mankad (1/22), who broke the stand after cleaning up Wadkar, to leave them reeling at

Vidarbha lost half their side Only Apoorva Wankhede, who hammered five boundaries and as many maximums, showed mettle and hit a quick-fire 72 off 69 balls, but was devoid of partners in the crunch game as Saurashtra bowlers bowled in the right areas.

Aditya Sarwate (14), Lalit Yadav (1), Yash Thakur (0) and last man Aditya Thakare (0) made a beeline to the pavilion.

Mankad, medium-pacer Chirag Jani (2/34), seasoned left-arm orthodox spinner Dharmendrasinh Jadeja (2/34) and leg-spinner Yuvraj Chudasama (2/15) played their parts to perfection.

Chasing 151, Saurashtra lost openers Vishwaraj Jadeja (0) and Harvik Desai (9) early as pacer Aditya Thakare (2/13) struck twice inside the first five overs.

Then Sheldon Jackson and Mankad tried to steady the ship but were able to add only 22 runs for the third wicket.

Services thrash Kerala by seven wickets to storm into

Services put up an allround show to sail into the Vijay Hazare Trophy semi-finals with a facile seven-wicket win over Kerala at the K L Saini Stadium here on Wednesday.

Chasing a paltry 176, Services cantered home in 30.5 overs with opener Ravi Chauhan top-scoring with a 90-ball 95 (13x4, 3x6) and skipper Rajat Paliwal making a 86-ball 65

Paliwal won the toss and sent Kerala in as their bowling department led by seasoned medium pacer Diwesh Pathania (8-2-19-3) rattled the Kerala top-order before bowling them out for a paltry 175 in 40.4 overs.

Later, Pulkit Narang (2/51), Abhishek Tiwari (2/33 from 7.4 overs) and Rahul Singh (1/35 from 9 overs) made their presence felt to polish off the tail.

Services were also brilliant on the field and ran out Rohan Kunnummal -- the Kerala topscorer -- for 85 to restrict them to a below-par total.

The 32-year-old Pathania struck twice in the seventh over when he dismissed Mohammed Azharuddeen (7) and Jalaj Saxena (0) in successive balls to give them a perfect start. It was Kerala's rookie open-

er Kunnummal (85 from 106 balls; 7x4, 2x6) who kept them on the track with a resolute halfcentury, reaching his second List A fifty in 77 balls. Kerala No 4 Vinoop

Manoharan gave a fine support with a brisk 41 off 54 balls laced with four boundaries and one six as the duo put together a fine 80-run partnership for the third wicket to repair the early damage.

Ganguly shouldn't have spoken on Virat's captaincy issue, says Vengsarkar

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m ormer}$ India captain and chairman of selectors Dilip Vengsarkar feels that board president Sourav Ganguly wasn't right in airing his views on behalf of national selectors Virat Kohli's captaincy saga which has triggered a con-

Ahead of their departure to South Africa, Virat Kohli in a media conference said that no one from BCCI told him not to quit T20 captaincy, contrary to Ganguly's claims that he had spoken to the skipper on the issue.

The 'Colonel' on his part, opined thar Ganguly had no business to speak in the matter.

"The thing is that Ganguly had no business to speak on behalf of the selection committee. He is the BCCI president. Any issue about selection or captaincy, it's the chairman of selection committee Chetan Sharma, who should speak," Vengsarkar, a veteran of 116 Tests told PTI on Wednesday.

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Aconfident Hyderabad FC will look to keep the juggernaut rolling and bridge the gap on leaders Mumbai City FC when they take on wooden spooners SC East Bengal in the Indian Super League here on Thursday.

Hyderabad are on a five-match unbeaten streak, the joint longest unbeaten streak this season along with Kerala Blasters. They have a game in hand and with a win against lowly East Bengal, they can move to the second spot with 14 points, one adrift of Mumbai who have 15 from seven matches.

The Nizams have looked one of the most balanced sides this season with attack and defence clicking in tandem. Australian forward Joel Chianese has been impactful for Hyderabad chipping in with one goal and two assists in 282 minutes



Chianese has played as the second striker behind Bart Ogbeche and has rotated with Edu Garcia for a place in the starting XI.

Hyderabad have conceded five goals in six league games this season, they boast the second-best defensive record in the league after Chennaiyin FC. Manolo Marquez will know all too well that this is their best opportunity to cut the gap at the top of the heap. In East

Bengal, they have a side who are on an 11-match winless streak (4 matches last season and 7 matches this season).

East Bengal are a different story altogether. Jose Manuel Diaz's men are at the foot of the table with three points from seven engagements. They lost 0-2 to NorthEast United FC in their last encounter and also saw their best player, Antonio Perosevic, sent off.

Juve beats Cagliari to close gap on top 4 as Atalanta draws

Tuventus ended the year on a positive note by beating relegation-threatened Cagliari 2-0 to close the gap to the top four in Serie A.

Moise Kean and Federico Bernardeschi scored as Juventus moved to within four points of Atalanta, which was surprisingly held to a 0-0 draw at struggling Genoa. Atalanta was in fourth place and the

final Champions League qualifying berth. Juventus had struggled at the start of the season but things were starting to click under returning coach Massimiliano Allegri and the Bianconeri came into the match having won five of its past six matches, drawing the other.

It almost took an early lead but Kean headed Juan Cuadrado's cross off the far He did better five minutes from half-

time when he headed in Bernardeschi's cross following a superb run from the

2020. He received a standing ovation from the crowd in Turin for ending his And Bernardeschi got on the score-43-match drought.



when he turned in a pass from Dejan

Kulusevski for his first goal since July

Atalanta tried everything but could not find a way past a resilient Genoa team and missed the chance to move into second place in Serie A. It was one-way traffic but when Atalanta did find a way

through the defense it was denied by good saves from Genoa goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu. Atalanta could have moved a point above Napoli and AC Milan before their games on Wednesday. Genoa remained in the drop zone but inched to within two points of safety. It is one point above Cagliari.

COVID OUTBREAK Salernitana's match at Udinese was

not officially postponed but it could not take place because of a coronavirus outbreak at the visiting club. Salernitana was blocked by local

health authorities from traveling to Udine after at least two members of the team tested positive for COVID-19.

The league's governing body said on Twitter: "The match #UdineseSalernitana was not held due to Salernitana failing to show up." A similar incident happened last year when Napoli couldn't travel to Juventus. Napoli was initially handed a 3-0 loss and docked a point but it won on appeal and the sentence was revoked and the match rescheduled.