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DON'T HAVE WORDS: RANVEER





Don't drop your guard Ludhiana court blast against Covid: Modi

PM asks Centre to work in tandem with State Govts

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With no let up in the hyper-mutated Omicron variant's march in the country and a rise in Delta strain of Covid-19 virus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday asked people to be "satark" (vigilant) and "saavdhan" (cautious) even as he directed the Centre to work in close coordination with the States to support their public health measures for containment and management under the "whole

of Government" approach.
The strategy of the Centre for proactive, focussed, collaborative and cooperative fight against the pandemic should guide all our future actions, the PM told the officials at a meeting held here while reviewing the country's preparedness in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis.

Hyper-mutated Omicron variant number has since then crossed the 236 mark, spreading in 16 States and UTs so far. As per the Union Health Ministry data, 104 people have recovered or migrated so far.

cases, Maharashtra reported the highest incidence, followed by Delhi (64), Telangana (24), Rajasthan (21), Karnataka (19), Kerala (15) and Gujarat (14).

Modi reviewed the public health response measures for containment and management of Covid-19, strengthening of health infrastructure including availability of drugs, oxygen cylinders and concentrators, ventilators, PSA plants, ICU/oxygen supported beds, human resources, IT interventions and status of vaccination.

According Government statement, officials briefed the PM about the emerging scenario globally driven by the new variant, with an overview of surge in cases in countries having high vaccination coverage and presence of Omicron variant.

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Crowded Sarojini Nagar market amid rising cases of Omicron variant of Covid-19,

Unlike Delta, Omicron may not land you in hospital, says study

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mid a rise in Omicron Acases across the world, a study has brought a sense of relief as it noted that Covid-19 infections with the Omicron variant are less likely to result in hospitalisation compared to the Delta strain.

It has thus suggested the

Omicron cases will not overwhelm the hospitals even if its transmission rate is high.

According to early results from the study conducted in the UK which is yet-to-be peer-reviewed, Omicron cases are 15-20 per cent less likely to attend hospital, and 40-45 per cent less likely to be hospitalised for a night or more,

compared to Delta.

The researchers from the Imperial College London, UK, noted that these estimated reductions in severity must be balanced against the larger risk of infection with Omicron, due to the reduction in the protection provided by both vaccination and natural infection.

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sets alarm bells ringing

MHA seeks report from Punjab Govt as 1 killed, 5 injured in likely IED explosion

PNS LUDHIANA

man was killed and five A seriously injured in a blast inside a court complex in Ludhiana on Thursday afternoon, with the police suspecting it to be triggered by a human bomb. Alarmed, the State Government has put "every crowded place" on alert, while asking the people to 'be careful".

Coming close on the heels of the two back-to-back incidents of attempted sacrilege, and ahead of upcoming Assembly polls, the bomb blast incident has created a stir with Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi blaming the "antinational elements" behind the same with the sole aim to disrupt State's law and order.

"Since they failed to succeed in their nefarious designs while committing the recent sacrilege incidents, they are now creating terror," the Chief Minister said, adding that stern action would be taken against those trying to disturb law and order in the State.

Deputy Chief Ministercum-Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa said, "Punjab has been put on high alert. Special teams have been deployed to probe

Seeking a detailed report on the incident, the Union Home Ministry has asked the Punjab Government to inform about the findings of the initial investigation and who could be possibly involved in the explosion.

The Home Ministry, in a communication, has asked the State Government to send the report "as early as possible", giving details of the incident.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister, who visited the blast site and later met the injured in all three hospitals with Randhawa, announced free treatment for all injured per sons in the blast.

A two-member team of National Investigation Agency (NIA) from Chandigarh rushed to probe the blast incident. Ludhiana Police Commissioner Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said the area has been sealed and forensic teams will collect samples from the blast site.
"The explosion might have

been executed by a human bomb. Though not confirmed, the person, whose body is inside and is yet to be identified, was either carrying the bomb or was very close to the same, we are investigating," said Bhullar, who is leading the investigation.

Maintaining that the deceased is the prime suspect of the blast, the Police Commissioner said that the

body yet and are waiting for the NSG's bomb disposal squad to investigate the link between the man and the mysterious explosion. The police are suspecting use of IED in the blast.

The police have confirmed

one death, though initially two deaths were reported from the spot. Bhullar said that the deceased was being identified to ascertain how and why he reached the blast spot. Among the injured include

an advocate, a photostat machine operator, a cop, and two visitors. The condition of all injured was stated to be stable and out of danger.

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CAPSULE

DON'T WRAP FOOD IN NEWSPAPERS: FDA

order, asking food vendors not newspapers while selling them to customers as the ink used for printing is harmful.

MAHA GOVT PASSES SHAKTI BILL Mumbai: The Maharashtra

Legislative Assembly on Thursday unanimously passed (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill that provides for stricter punishment, including death penalty for crimes against women and children. The bill, which also provides for speedy trial in such cases, was tabled by Home Minister Dilip



passed in Karnataka amid Opp's protest

The contentious "Anti-Conversion Bill" was passed by the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Thursday, amid din, with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai terming it as both "constitutional and legal", and aimed at getting rid of the menace of

religious conversion.
Opposing the "Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021", tooth and nail, the Congress dubbed it "anti-people", "inhuman", "anti-constitutional", "anti-poor" and "draconian", and urged it should not be passed for any reason and that it be withdrawn by the Government.

The ID(S) too expressed its

Opposition to the Bill. The Bill provides for protection of right to freedom of religion and prohibition of unlawful conversion from one

religion to another by misrep-

resentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement or



Karnataka CM Basavraj Bommai speaks in Assembly, in Bengaluru, on

by any fraudulent means.

It proposes an imprisonment from three to five years with a fine of ₹25,000, while for violation of provisions with respect to minors, women, SC/ST, the offenders will face jail from three to ten years and a fine of not less than ₹50,000. The Bill makes provisions for the accused to pay up to ₹5 lakh as compensation to those converted, and with regards to cases of mass conversion there shall be a 3-10 year jail term

and a fine of up to ₹1 lakh. Continued on Page 2

Sahasrabuddhe signed the let-

Anti-Conversion Bill Modi hits out at Opp in UP, says LPG, roads, toilets not in their dictionary

RAMESH K SINGH W VARANASI

Targeting the milkmen community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said development is not in the syllabus of

the Opposition leaders who ruled the States for decades. "The words of LPG, roads, toilets and other basic amenities the people need are not in their dictionary," said the PM while addressing an impressive public meeting at Kharkhinav near Varanasi-Jaunpur highway here on Thursday, falling in Pindra Assembly constituency, a segment of Machhalishahar

(Jaunpur) Parliamentary seat. 'Mafia, Parivarvad, illegal grabbing of land are some of the words found in the dictionary of the rival political parties who were responsible for all the backwardness of this region of Purvanchal," he said, adding the Government work on the



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a memento from UP CM Yogi Adityanath during launch of various development projects, at a public meeting at Karkhianv (Pindra), in Varanasi on Thursday

principle of seeking the support, faith and efforts of all for their overall development.

Through the meeting after laying the foundation stone for ₹475 crore Banas (Amul) Dairy plant, the third one after Lucknow and Kanpur in UP, Modi indirectly targeted the traditional Yadav vote-bank of

the Samajwadi Party, wooing the milkmen. He also launched the "Dairy Mark", a unified logo and certification mark that ensures quality and food safety products across the country. Strengthening the dairy sector is one of the top priorities of our Government," Modi said.

"Seeing the double devel-

opment work and double strength of the double engine Government of UP, frustration has started brewing up among the Opposition parties because they had always played a politics of caste, creed and religion in their bid to come to the power in the State," he said.

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Priyanka, Maya demand SC-monitored probe into Ram Mandir land scam

Questions how UP Govt officials involved in scam could probe it

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA

Aday after the Ram Mandir land scam expose, Opposition leaders, including Bahujan Samaj Party chief Mayawati and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, start ed mounting pressure of a Supreme Court-monitored probe alleging that the enquiry ordered by the State

Government is an eyewash.

Leaders of all the Opposition parties, including the Bahujan Samaj Party, the Congress, the Samajwadi Party, the AAP, questioned how the UP Government officials involved in the scam could probe it.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday ordered a probe after an inves-



Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addresses a Press conference in New Delhi on Thursday

Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

tigative report found that Government officials and their relatives have purchased land Ram around construction site post-Ayodhya

judgment. Attacking the Government over the issue, Bahujan Samaj Party president Mayawati has sought Supreme Court intervention in the alleged land scam in Ayodhya.

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Maestros bat for Indian classical music in flights

Eminent artistes, ICCR urge Scindia to play this also at Indian airports

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Eminent artistes, singers and music composers along with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) have urged the Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to make it mandatory that only Indian classical or instrumental music be played in flights being operated in India and at airports in the country to connect people emotionally with the country's traditions.

Renowned music composer and singer Anu Malik, Manjusha Patil-Kulkarni, Kaushal Inamdar, Wasifuddin Dagar, Rita Ganguly, Shounak



flights operated by airlines of Indian origin', in New Delhi, on Thursday Abhisheki, Malini Awasthi and ber and Padma Bhushan years ago, Air India had intro-Pandit Sanjeev Abhyankar and awardee Sonal Man Singh, ICCR president Vinay

Padam Shree awardee Kailash Kher, Hindustani classical ter. The same was also vocalist Pt Ajoy Chakrabarty endorsed by Rajya Sabha memand Kalapini Komkali. A few

duced Indian classical music in some of its long route flights. Pakistan has been doing this

The ICCR, which works

under the Ministry of External Affairs, said on Twitter that various suggestions were made during the meeting "including promotion of Indian music in flights operated by the Indian air companies". Scindia visited the headquarters of the ICCR the headquarters of the ICCR on Thursday and met Sahasrabuddhe.

"... Playing Indian classical or light vocal and instrumen-tal music in aircraft being operated in India and also at various airports be made mandatory for all India-based airlines," read the letter.

The letter added music played by most airlines across the globe is the quintessential of the country to which the air-line belongs. "For example, it is most likely that we shall come across Jazz in an American airline or Mozart in an Austrian airline and Arab music in an airline from the Middle East.



Tourists walk along a road during light snowfall at ski resort of Gulmarg in Baramulla district of north Kashmir on Thursday PTI Continued on Page 2

Can tackle up to 1 Lakh Covid cases per day: CM

The Delhi Government is I prepared to handle about 1,00,000 Covid -19 cases a day, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Thursday after chairing a high-level meeting with senior officials at Delhi secre-

Kejriwal, addressing the media, assured Delhiites that ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has made all possible arrangements and the administration is preparing for 300,000 tests daily to detect

Listing the preparedness for the new variant Omicron, he urged masses not rush to hospitals as the variant appears

"I convened a meeting of all concerned departments to discuss the issues and review our preparedness to deal with this virus. The Omicron variant has two major characteristics that we have learned about it: one, it is highly transmissible, and two, it is extremely



mild, with fewer hospitalisations and casualties. We have taken precautions in light of these considerations," he said, "One, because this variant of the coronavirus spreads so quickly, our containment infrastructure must be strong. We have increased our testing capacity to 3 lakh samples per day, the current rate is around 60-70 thousand tests per day but we can conduct up to 3 lakh tests in Delhi every day if necessary. Two, when the second Covid wave hit in April, we were seeing daily cases reach a high of 26-27 thousand cases

He added that foreign nations are reporting a need for excess manpower in this fight

being prepared in this aspect too. Medicines are being stocked for two months of a buffer. The procurement is going on and we will ensure that there is no shortage of medicines. Another major problem was related to oxygen. Even if Delhi was being allotted oxygen, it could not be transported due to lack of trucks as till now Delhi never needed such infrastructure. We are now bringing in 15 such trucks that will be able to transport oxygen and these trucks will arrive in three

weeks.' CM Kejriwal added that 70 percent of Delhiites have received their second dose.

The Delhi Government is preparing 65 thousand beds and strengthening the home isolation system. The Government has also appointed specialized doctors and adequate staff to deal with new variants. Besides, helpline 1031 also has been operational.

Religious places in Delhi to remain open on Christmas, New Year's eve for celebration, prayers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $R^{
m eligious}$ places in the national Capital will remain open for prayers despite restrictions on Christmas and New Year celebrations that have been imposed to contain the spread of the highly transmissible Omicron variant of the coronavirus, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA)

said in an order on Thursday.

Religious places will, however, have to ensure adherence to all Covid-19 related protocols such as wearing masks, maintaining social distance, hand washing and sanitisation, the DDMA said.

"All religious places (temples mosques, churches, gurudwaras etc) are already permitted to open for visitors/devotees to offer prayers/devotion/celebrations/ within such places subject to strict compliance of related SOPs issued from time to time and adherence of Covid appropriate behaviour viz. wearing of a mask, maintaining social distancing, regular hand washing and use of sanitiser etc." the DDMA order read

The order added that no separate permission is required for the above

'96% of pollution related complaints received through Green Delhi App has been resolved'

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 $3^{4,411}$ complaints on pollution have been received through Green Delhi App so far, out of which, more than 32,897 complaints have been resolved, Delhi Government said on Thursday. Environment Minister Gopal Rai said that the maximum number of complaints came from MCD, DDA, and PWD. The app has proved to be highly successful as 96% of the pollution related complaints received

through Green Delhi App have been resolved already. "Any Delhi citizen can complain about pollution through the Green Delhi App. The Government ensures immediate action on the basis of the type of complaint received through the app," added Rai.

Rai also stated, "A question that often arises about the Green Delhi App is which incidents should be reported as complaints. The Green Delhi App is meant for pollution related complaints only."

54-year-old man arrested for stealing bags from senior citizens at ISBT, railway stations

NEW DELHI: Delhi Police has arrested a 54year-old man for allegedly stealing luggage bags of senior citizens at the Delhi's Kashmere Gate ISBT and railway stations on the pretext of helping them. Police said that the accused identified as Suraj Parkash, a resident of Shalimar Garden in Ghaziabad, used to run a medical store that faced losses and he started commit-

A 56-year-old woman, from Hisar in Haryana, lodged a complaint on October 18 at the Kashmere Gate police station stating that after she arrived at the ISBT, the accused offered to help her with her bags and then disappeared with everything. The bag the man stole had some clothes, a mobile phone, some jewellery and documents, the police said.

According to Sagar Singh Kalsi, the

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North district, during investigation, police checked CCTV footage and spotted one suspicious individual following the complainant.

'Thereafter, more footage was analysed to ascertain the suspect, and it was found that he committed similar thefts earlier also. The accused was apprehended on Tuesday when he was roaming around ISBT. Thereafter, a raid was conducted, and 51 bags and 26 stolen mobile phones were recovered from his home," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, it was disclosed that the accused is a BSc graduate from Meerut University. Earlier, he used to run a medical store on rent, but nad some 1000 in 5000 started committing crime around two years ago, SR

Technology and Management welcomes new batch

STAFF REPORTER GURUGRAM

World College of

World College of Technology and Management (WCTM), Farrukh Nagar, welcomed a new batch of 2021 Engineering, Management and Computer Application students on its campus. A Fresher Party was also on Thursday organized with full pomp and show. The program was initiated with the blessings of Maa Saraswati and freshers were welcomed with

tilak and smileys. Yudhbir Singh Registrar, of the college, said an event was also organized in the college and freshers participated enthusiastically in the ramp walk and won the titles under the able guidance of talented faculty members.

Managing WCTM, Kunwar Nishant Singh felicitated all the winners and motivated the students to do their best in life.

Director, Brig. (Retired) R.K.Kaushish emphasized the importance and utilization of college years to their fullest.

City Govt orders salary hikes for guest teachers

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Government on Thursday ordered salary hikes for guest teachers. "I am happy to announce that the government has started the process to increase the salary of guest teachers," said Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said in view of rising inflation and financial constraints due to Covid, orders have been issued to increase the salary of guest and contract teachers. "This comes as a gift ahead of the upcoming New Year and will provide significant relief to them in the pandemic," Sisodia said, who also holds the portfolio of Education Minister in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government in Delhi.

A delegation of the "Dilli Atithi Shikshak Sangh" met with Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Shri Manish Sisodia on Wednesday and submitted a representation on behalf of all guest teachers posted in the schools of Delhi Government and shared their teaching-learning experiences with students in schools during the meeting.*SR*

Gangster arrested with arms after brief exchange of fire with police in City

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

fter a brief exchange of fire, the Delhi Police After a brief exchange of fire, the Samuel Ahas arrested a 25-year-old member of the Kapil Sangwan gang with a huge cache of arms in outer Delhi on early hours of Thursday.

The accused has been identified as Sidharth alias Somveer, who hails from a village in Jhajjar district of Haryana. Police said that he suffered a bullet injury on his right thigh and was admitted to a hospital. Police said the accused was caught with 12 pistols and 47 live cartridges which were allegedly meant to be distributed to the gang's operatives based in Delhi. A preliminary inquiry has revealed that the accused is part of the gang led by Kapil Sangwan who now lives abroad.

According to Brijendra Kumar Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer North district, police got a tip-off about the movement of member of dreaded Kapil Sangwan alias Nandu and Jyoti Baba gang.

'Based on the inputs, a trap was laid near Nala Road, Kadipur village here wherein the accused was intercepted while he was spotted coming on a motorcycle. The accused opened fire on seeing the police party, so in order to restrain his activity and to stop him from fleeing from the spot, the police team also fired four rounds aiming towards his legs. Out of which one bullet hit the accused on his right thigh," said the DCP.

The accused was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment and is out of danger. The motorcycle recovered from the accused was also found to have been stolen from Shahadra area, he added.



Delhi Police celebrates Khaki Ke Sang - Shiksha Aur Umang at DCP Office Complex, Begum Pur, Sector-23. Rohini in the presence of Rakesh Asthana. Commissioner of Police Delhi, in New Delhi on Thursday

Ludhiana court blast sets...

As per the information

available, the blast took place at 12:25 p.m. inside a bathroom on the second floor of the court complex building. courtrooms are located

near the toilet. The explosion damaged the walls of the bathroom and ripped through a section of the building, besides shattering glass in nearby rooms. Following the explosion, the bathroom grill fell on the vehicles parked on the ground

Though the district court was functioning when the explosion took place, there was not much footfall of litigants and their attendants in the complex as the lawyers were observing strike.

Following the incident, the entire district administrative complex was evacuated on directions of the Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar

Thorough checking of all the Government offices in the district was also done.

Turbulence in U'khand Congress: Harish Rawat, top State leaders to meet party high command

PNS NEW DELHI/DEHRADUN

Aday after Congress campaign head, for-mer Uttarakhand Chief Minister Harish Rawat, accused the party organization of not co-operating with him, a section of the State unit leaders are scheduled to meet party leaders in the national Capital on Friday.

AICC sources said top Congress leaders also spoke to Rawat and sought to mollify him after his public outburst against party leaders. The senior leaders sought to know from Rawat the reasons behind his criticism. He was asked to continue to work towards ensuring the party's victory in the upcoming polls and visit Delhi to meet the leaders to iron out the dif-

But Rawat indicated more troubles for the grand old party as he offered no explanation for tweets and instead told the media that he would "speak when the time comes." "When the time comes, I will share everything with you. Who else will I speak to, if I don't speak to you? I will call you. For now, just have fun," said the former Uttarakhand Chief Minister.

Rawat's stand has been seized by leaders of the "G-23", the group of 23 Congress "dissidents" who took the unprecedented step last year of writing to party president Sonia Gandhi asking for sweeping reforms, including a "visible, full-time leadership" and collective deci-

Priyanka, Maya ...

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"It is a serious matter since the names of influential people, including bureaucrats, have emerged in the scam. The Supreme Court should take note of it and the Centre must order a high-level probe. The matter concerns the faith and sentiments of crores of people. A committee of retired judges should be set up to probe the matter," she said while talking to reporters here on Thursday.

Firing a broadside at the BJP Government, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Thursday alleged the pieces of land of Dalits, which could not have been purchased, were grabbed and demanded the Supreme Court must probe the

Priyanka said almost every household in the country has donated something to the Ram Mandir Trust.

"A door-to-door campaign was held too. It is a matter of devotion and that is being toyed with. The pieces of land of Dalits, which could not have been purchased, were grabbed," she said. "Some pieces of land were of a lower value and were sold to the Trust at a very high price. It means that there is a scam regarding the money which was collected through the donation," she added.

Escalating her attack on Yogi-led Government, the Congress general secretary said the matter is being probed at the level of district officers.

'The UP Government said they are ordering an inquiry. Who is probing it?...It is being probed at the level of district officers. Ram Mandir Trust was formed on the basis of the Supreme Court verdict. So, it should be probed by the SC," she told a press conference.

Similar attack was also made by AAP's MP Sanjay Singh. "A person from Prayagraj comes to Ayodhya, purchases 21 acres of land from Dalits and then gifts it to a person from Ghaziabad for stamp paper worth Rs 10. The transaction has been made in the name of Maharshi Ramayan Vidya's name and then the trust sells it to many Government officials. This is illegal and reeks of corruption," said Singh.

He added, "Yogi has ordered his own officers to probe the land scam. The scam in which MLAs, Mayor, Commissioner, DIG, DM, ADM, SDM are all involved in forgery, cannot be investigated by Yogi's officials. An SIT should be constituted under the supervision of the Supreme Court and the fraudsters should be put in

Unlike Delta...

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For example, at a population level, higher numbers of infections could still lead to a large number of hospitalisations, they said. "Whilst the reduced risk of hospitalisation with the Omicron variant is reassuring, the risk of infection remains extremely high," professor Azra Ghani, from Imperial College London said. "With the addition of the

booster dose, vaccines continue to offer the best protection against infection and hospitalisation," Ghani said.

The study estimated hospitalisation risk for Omicron cases in England, included all PCRconfirmed SARS-CoV-2 cases between December 1 and 14, 2021.The dataset included 56,000 cases of Omicron and 269,000 cases of the Delta variant. The researchers cautioned that insufficient time has passed for enough data to have accumulated for severity to be

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comes such as intensive care unit admission or death.

The estimates suggest that Omicron cases have, on average, a 15-20 per cent reduced risk of any hospitalisation and an approximately 40-45 per cent reduced risk of a hospitalisation resulting in a stay of one or more nights, they said. Reinfection is associated

with approximately a 50-60 per cent reduction in hospitalisation risk compared with primary infections, according to the researchers. Moderately reduced severity is also supported by the observation that the mean lengths of hospital stay for Delta and Omicron cases in the study were 0.32 and 0.22 days, respec-

tively, they said. "Our analysis shows evidence of a moderate reduction in the risk of hospitalisation associated with the Omicron variant compared with the Delta variant," Professor Neil Ferguson from Imperial College London said.

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He was also apprised of the technical brief and priority actions recommended by WHO in the context of Omicron. "The fight against the pandemic is not over," he said, "and the need for continued adherence to Covid safe behaviour is of paramount

importance even today."

Modi directed the officials to ensure that the health systems in the States, beginning from the district level, are strengthened to meet any challenge posed by the new variant.

"It is important for States to ensure that the oxygen supply equipments are installed and fully functional," he instructed the officials and asked them to work with the States on a regular basis and review the status of preparedness of various components of health infrastructure including training and capacity building of human resources, timely availability of

"Heightened and close monitoring of emerging clusters and hotspots through active, prompt and effective surveillance should continue," he stated and directed for sending a good number of positive samples for genome sequencing to INSACOG Labs in a

prompt manner. Sources said the PM took stock of the situation of the availability of oxygen and medicines besides other healthcare infrastructure to meet the emergency if any if the cases spread fast as is being witnessed in many developed countries.

While Madhya Pradesh has ordered night curfew from 11pm to 5am amid Omicron threat till further orders to curb likely crowd in the wake of Xmas and New Year celebrations, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the city is prepared to handle the highly infectious Covid variant and focus is on home isolation of patients.

paid rich tributes to former PM

Chaudhary Charan Singh on

his birth anniversary, being

observed as Kisan Diwas. "The

day is historic for the milkmen

Anti-Conversion Bill...

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It also states that any marriage which has happened for the sole purpose of unlawful conversion or vice-versa by the man of one religion with the woman of another, either by converting himself before or after marriage or by converting the woman before or after marriage, shall be declared as null and void by the family court. Wherever the family court is not established, the court having jurisdiction to try such case, on a petition presented by either party thereto against the other party of the marriage.

The offense under this Bill is non-bailable and cognizable.

The Bill was passed by a voice vote on Thursday, even as Congress members were protesting from the Well of the House, demanding continuation of the debate on it, that began earlier in the day.

They were also expressing their anguish against some remarks made by Minister KS Eshwarappa, during his intervention in the

However, the Congress seemed to be on the back foot with the ruling BJP alleging the bill was actually "initiated" by the former CM Siddaramaiah led administration, and placed documents to support its claim before the House. Though Siddaramaiah, now the Leader of

Opposition, denied it, later on went through the records in the Speaker's office and accepted that records in the Speaker's office and accepted that as the CM he had then only asked the draft bill to be placed before the cabinet and no decision was taken in this regard. Hence it cannot be seen or projected as the intention of his

With Siddaramaiah alleging RSS' hand behind the Bill, Chief Minister Bommai said, "RSS is committed to anti-conversion, it is not a hidden secret, it is an open secret. Why did the Congress Government in 2016 initiate the bill during its tenure following the RSS' policy? It is because Congress CM in Himachal Pradesh Virbhadra Singh had brought a similar law. You are a party to this bill."

Bommai said the Bill is both constitutional and legal, and aimed at getting rid of the menace of religious conversion.

"It is for a healthy society...The Congress was indulging in vote bank politics by opposing it now, their double standard is clear today."

The Bill that is also being opposed by Christian community leaders, mandates that persons who wish to convert to another faith shall give a declaration in a prescribed format at least 30 days in advance to the District Magistrate or the Additional District Magistrate specially authorised by the District Magistrate in this connection of his residing district or place of birth within the state.

Indian classical music in flights From Page 1

However, it is extremely unfortunate and even ironical that most airways in India

however both private and Government-owned as well as both domestic and international, seldom, if at all, play Indian music. Our music mirrors our rich heritage and culture and it is one of the many things every Indian has a reason to be truly proud of!" read the letter. "ICCR joins the fraternity

of musicians, singers and artistes associated with India traditional music, in demanding that playing Indian classical or light vocal and instrumental music in aircraft being operated in India and also at various airports be made mandatory for all India based airlines," the letter said.

"It is our considered opinion that this seemingly small change shall go a long way in strengthening the emotional connect of our people to our civilisational traditions in music and arts for music is a language that never fails to

strike a chord," it said. About the proposal for olaying Indian music on Indian flights, music composer Anu Malik said it is a fabulous idea. Singer and music director Kaushal Inamdar said the whole idea is not only about promoting music but also Indianness.

Vocalist Manjusha Patil-Kulkarni said whether it is classical or instrumental or any other form, every airline in India should be playing Indian

Modi hits out at... From Page 1

According to him, on the other hand our Government is not only accelerating the pace of development but also reviving and protecting our rich her-

"Many had expressed their objections on the development of Shri Kashi Vishwanath Dham and development in entire Purvanchal," said Modi, adding that he was informed that on last Sunday about 1.5 lakh devotees had thronged the corridor and when in the coming days, the rush goes up further there, it would increase the heartbeats of the rivals also.

Wooing the farmers, he

community of the region. With the hard work of Pashpalak (animal keepers) and continuous efforts of the Government during the last 6-7 years, the milk production has seen a remarkable growth as it has increased by 45 percent and today, our share in the world is about 22 per cent. Besides, the business is of about Rs 8.5 lakh crore annually, which is much more than the total production of wheat and rice together," said the PM, making scathing attacks on those who hate talking about cows and cow dung.

"Since ancient time, cattle were the symbols of prosperity of our houses and this profession had also given a large number of employment but the same could not get such support from the ruling parties which was expected," he said, adding that however, our Government is giving all support to the farmers and cattle keepers by not only issuing them credit cards but also launching a free vaccination for animals like we have done it against corona and Pulse Polio. According to him, the setting up of the Amul plant would promote cooperative movement in the region and with the double power of the Government and cooperatives,

the picture of not only the region but also of the entire State would be changed.

"About 1000 collection centres would be set up in various adjoining districts of the region which would improve the condition of the milkmen," he said, issuing Rs 35.91 crore as bonus on behalf of Banas Dairy to about 1.7 lakh milkmen digitally. Besides, he also issued land deeds to 20 lakh farmers of the State digitally, including six to whom he handed over the Khatauni papers by hand. On the occasion, the PM also launched projects worth over Rs 2100 crore, including inauguration of 27 projects worth Rs 870.16 crore and laying the foundation stones of many

others worth about Rs 1225 Earlier, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath praised the PM for

making the glory of Kashi Vishwanath Corridor popular across the world and accelerating the pace of physical development, along with reviving the glories of the rich cultural and religious heritage. In the beginning, Chairman of Banas Dairy Shankar Chaudhary welcomed the PM. The function as also attended by Union Minister MN Pandey, MP (Machalishahr) BP Saroj, Rajya Sabha MP Seema Dwivedi, UP Ministers Anil Rajbhar, Neelkanth Tiwari, Ravindra Jaiswal and Girish Yadav, several MLAs and MLCs.

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With the aim of validating the parameters of its latest missile, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Thursday conducted the second flight test of indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay' off the Odisha coast. The first successful test of the missile was carried on Wednesday at the same site.

The nuclear capable missile can hit a target at 500 kms. It was for the first time, flight tests of a ballistic missile, developed by the DRDO were conducted successfully in two consecutive

the APJ Abdul Kalam Island, met all the mission objectives, the DRDO said. "In today's launch, the 'Pralay' missile was tested for heavier payload and different range to prove the pre-cision and lethality of the weapon," defence ministry officials said here.

The second launch was monitored by all the range sensors and instruments, including telemetry, radar and electro-optic tracking system deployed across the eastern coast and the downrange ships positioned near the impact

'Pralay' is powered with solid propellant rocket motor

The missile guidance sys-

tem includes state-of-the-art navigation and integrated avionics. The missile can be launched from a mobile launcher thereby giving the armed forces the flexibility during operations.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh congratulated the DRDO and associated teams for the consecutive launches of the modern surface-to-surface missile. Chief of DRDO G Satheesh Reddy also appreciated the teams and said the country proved its capability for design and development in defence research.

Desi Pralay missile tested | India seeks return of democracy in Myanmar

PNS NEW DELHI

Tndia on Thursday emphasised that democracy returns to Myanmar as soon as possible and detainees and prisoners are released. One million doses of the anti-corona vaccine were also handed over to Myanmar during the two-day visit of Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla to the neighbouring nation now under military junta rule.

Giving high points of his visit starting Wednesday, the ministry of external affairs said here on Thursday Shringla called on the Chairman, State Administrative Council and other senior representatives. He also held meetings with members of civil society and political parties, including the National League



Democracy. He is also scheduled to meet Myanmar-based Ambassadors, and representatives of the UN.

During his meetings with all concerned, the Foreign Secretary emphasized India's interest in seeing Myanmar's return to democracy at the earliest, release of detainees and prisoners, resolution of issues through dialogue and complete cessation of all violence. He reaffirmed India's strong and consistent support to the ASEAN initiative and expressed hope that progress would be made in a pragmatic and constructive manner, based on the five point con-

Emphasizing that India shares a long border with Myanmar, Shringla conveyed India's continued humanitarian support for the people of Myanmar. In the context of Myanmar's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, he handed over one million doses of Made in India" vaccines to the Myanmar Red Cross Society. A part of this consignment will be utilized for communities living along Myanmar's border with India. A grant of 10,000 tons of rice and wheat to Myanmar was also announced.

He expressed India's continued support for people-centric socio-economic developmental projects, including those along the India-Myanmar border areas, as well as India's commitment for expeditious implementation of ongoing connectivity initiatives such as the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project and the Trilateral Highway.

Shringla also reiterated India's commitment to continue with the projects under Rakhine State Development Programme and Border Area Development Programme for the benefit of the people of

The visit also provided an opportunity to raise matters relating to India's security, especially in the light of the recent incident in Churachandpur district in southern Manipur. He stressed the need to put an end to any violence and maintain peace and stability in the border areas. Both sides reiterated their commitment to ensure that their respective territories would not be allowed to be used for any activities inimical to the other. India shares an approxi-

mately 1,700 kms long border with Myanmar. Any developments in that country have a direct impact on India's bordering regions. Peace and stability in Myanmar remain of utmost importance to India, specifically to its North Eastern

'Third dose of Covishield boosts antibodies against Omicron'

PNS NEW DELHI

three-dose course of AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine, available in India under the brand name of Covishield, is effective against the newest Covid virus variant Omicron, the pharmaceutical major said on Thursday, citing data from an Oxford University

Covishield, produced by Pune-based Serum Institute of

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used Covid vaccine and over 124 crore doses of this vaccine have been administered in the country so far.

Findings from the study, yet to be published in a peerreviewed medical journal, match those from rival vaccines such as Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna which had also found that the third dose of their shots raises the vaccine efficacy significantly.

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Aim of 'Mission Karmayogi' is to impart futuristic vision to civil services: Minister

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday said that the aim of "Mission Karmayogi" is to impart futuristic vision to civil services which could effectively determine the roadmap for the next 25 years.

He said, the era of generalists is over and this is far more relevant to administration as we are entering the age of super-specialisation.

Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel, said, a civil service 'fit-for-purpose' and 'fitfor-future' requires a competency driven capacity building approach that focuses on imparting competencies critical to discharge its roles and that is exactly the main goal of Mission Karmayogi.

Addressing the workshop on Mission Karmayogi-The Path Ahead, as part of celebration of good governance week, the minister said, the imperative need of shift from "rule" to "role" in governance is essential to meet PM Narendra Modi's goal of new India and live up to its aspirations.

The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB), also known as Mission Karmayogi, is aimed at enhancing governance through civil services

capacity building.

Dwelling on the theme of integration, Singh said that Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) has established a Mission-

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Karmayogi Resource Cell and is working in close coordination with National Capacity Building Commission, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) and other central training institutions (CTIs).

Referring to Prime Minister's exhortation to the civil servants to be creative and constructive; to be imaginative and innovative; to be proactive and polite; to be professional and progressive; to be energetic and enabling; to be efficient and effective; and to be transparent and tech-enabled, Singh said, to achieve his vision, it is imperative that the civil servants across the country have the right set of attitudes, skills and knowledge.

The Mission Karmayogi is expected to integrate various dimensions of human resource management in government, such as capacity building through carefully curated and vetted digital e-learning material; deploying the right person to the right role through competency mapping; succession planning, etc., a statement issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Singh expressed hope that Mission Karmayogi will be a key enabler in continuously augmenting and enhancing delivery, and over time will be able to support in achieving the goal of USD 5 trillion economy set by the Prime Minister.

He said, the foundations of this mission are rooted in the recognition that a citizen-cen-

with role right attitude, functional expertise and domain knowledge will result in improved ease of living and ease of doing business. The minister said, in the

background of ever changing demographics, digital penetration as well as growing social and political awareness, there is a need to empower the civil servants to be more dynamic and professional. Recalling former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's

monumental contribution to good governance, Singh said, it's an occasion to celebrate his vision of spreading awareness on accountability of the gov-

December 25 is observed as a good governance day to commemorate birth anniversary of Vajpayee.

The minister said that he strongly believes that with citizen-centric governance at its heart, Mission Karmayogi will transform India's new governance landscape and will deliver excellence in action and work for the welfare of the soci-

P K Tripathy, Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Sanjay Singh, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), V Srinivas, Special Secretary, DARPG and Rashmi Chowdhary, Additional Secretary, DoPT, among others had joined the deliberations. the statement said.

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'RS Chairman constantly engaged with members to resolve stalemate in House'

PNS NEW DELHI

 $R^{\text{ejecting as "incorrect" suggestions by certain quarters}$ including politicians and media that Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu acted on Government pressure during the Winter Session, the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on Thursday said the Chairman was constantly engaged with the members of the House to resolve the stalemate over the suspension Separately, MPs, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi also said Naidu tried to break the logjam between the Government and the Opposition, but the Congress and the TMC were adamant on not letting the

In a statement, the Rajya Sabha secretariat said the Secretary General on Thursday discussed and reviewed reports in the media on the course and conclusion of the just concluded Winter Session. "It has been noted with concern that a factually incorrect narrative has been presented based on the observations of some leaders and Members of Rajya Sabha in the matter of stalemate over the suspension of 12 Members of the House and adjournments of the House during the session," it said.

House run smoothly.

"The Chairman was actively engaged in resolving the stalemate over the suspension issue but there was no progress due to shifting positions of the concerned and perhaps, due to unwillingness to regret the misconduct of suspended Members and lack of agreement among the concerned parties on regretting the incidents that led to suspension. It is hence, misleading on the part of concerned to suggest that the Chairman did not take initiative to resolve the stalemate," a statement from the RS

Secretariat said. The Secretariat said the Chairman could not have forced any section of the House to take a particular view in the matter of suspension to resolve the stalemate, even as he consistently engaged with both sides to find

a way forward. Regarding adjournments, the statement said the Chairman soon after assuming office in 2017 had made it clear that if in his assessment the intention of the protesting parties was clearly not to allow the functioning of the House, he would be left with no option but to adjourn.

'The Chairman has been consistent in this regard. It is hence, factually incorrect and misleading to suggest that the Chairman resorted to frequent adjournments during the just concluded Winter Session under some pressure as sought to be alleged by some sections of the House. "Casting such aspersions amount to disrespecting and disregarding the institution of the Chairman of the House," the statement said.

It recalled that the Chairman on several occasions in the past, both in the House and outside has expressed concern over disruptions as a matter of strategy to derail the functioning of the House instead of debating the The Chairman even sug-

gested to the Government to move a Motion for termination of suspension in case such a regret was expressed. The precedent of the then Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha late Arun Jaitley expressing regret on behalf of 7 Members suspended (no BJP Members suspended) for their misconduct during the passage of the Women's Reservation Bill in 2010 also came up for discussions with leaders, it said.

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Jayant raps Yogi over law & order

'Modi won't sleep today as we have joined hands with Akhilesh'

 R^{LD} president Jayant Choudhary said in a rally held in Aligarh that "Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not be able to sleep today since we have joined hands with Akhilesh" He added, "Will you sup-

port me as Choudhary did?. Jayant further said, "If the person of the village has to reach the mainstream, then development has to be brought to the village. If you do not get a job, then there will be no marriage. Degree holders do not have employment."

After the RLD-SP alliance, a crowd gathered to listen to RLD president Jayant in the rally organised in Aligarh's Tehsil Iglas. Villagers had started reaching the rally venue Iglas since morning to hear the leader. SP president Akhilesh Yadav also had to reach to attend the rally, but he could not come due to corona.

Jayant said, "Yogi says we have improved the law and order, while the girls are still

being molested. These people were busy in saving the slayers of Hathras case. It is easy to take the name of Chaudhary Charan Singh, but it is difficult to follow his path. It is very difficult for BJP people. We will give jobs to one crore youth. If a coalition Government is formed next year, we will give 12 thousand to the farmers where BJP gives only 6 thousand. Peasants will uproot the opposing forces.

Our Government will give one crore rupees to the farmers who were martyred in the farmers' movement. It is not my intention to create a ruckus, all I want to say is that the fire which is in the heart should

Akhilesh gave a message that due to positive corona reports of the family members, we will not be able to participate in public programs for three days as a precaution. Best wishes for appeal to all the workers to remain active with full enthusiasm and energy.
In the second rally, leaders

of both the parties have given

strength to mobilise the crowd. may have won in the last This rally, to be held in this assembly elections, but this assembly constituency called seat is mostly dominated by the Mini Chhaprauli, will also give an important political signal in western Uttar Pradesh. In the

rally, both the leaders are doing

the work of holding on to the

farmers. The leaders of both the

parties are excited for the first

In the rally to be held in Jatland on the birthday of for-

mer Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh, SP

National President Akhilesh

Yadav and Rashtriya Lok Dal

President Jayant Chaudhary

will again share the stage

together. The rally to be held at

the ground on Mandi Road of

Iglas has been named as Kisan

western Uttar Pradesh are also

being tested on the pretext of

both the leaders. The crowd

that gathers in the joint rally

will also act as a script for the

strengthening of the alliance in

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ble at the rally site. The BJP

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Akhilesh seeks **Bharat Ratna** for Chaudhary Charan Singh

Lucknow: Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday demanded that the Bharat Ratna be conferred on former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.

On the Kisan Diwas today, we demand that the Bharat Ratna be conferred on the former prime minister, who devoted all his life for farmers and the country, Akhilesh said in a tweet in Hindi on the leader's 119th birth anniver-

The birth anniversary of Charan Singh is observed as

Previous Governments neglected farmers: Yogi

PNS LUCKNOW

Accusing the previous Governments in Uttar Pradesh of neglecting farmers, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said the farmers were forced to commit suicide in the State due to the anti-farmer approach and unscientific policies of the previous regimes.

"When the Central and UP Governments work in tandem with each other, then fruitful results are visible. A lot of them moved away from agriculture as they used to get so buried under debts that ending their lives was the only option left for them," Yogi said on the occasion of Kisan Samman Diwas organised to mark the 119th birth anniversary of former prime minister Chaudhary Charan Singh in Lucknow on Thursday.

Paying tribute to Chaudhary Charan Singh, the Chief Minister asserted that the BJP Government is fulfilling the former farmer leader's dream through welfare measures.

SP workers planning protest at Modi's event briefly detained

Shahjahanpur: Police briefly detained around 70 Samajwadi Party workers who were on their way to stage a protest at the Prime Minister's rally which he addressed after laying the foundation stone of the 594-km-long Ganga Expressway. According to former SP MLA Rajesh Yadav, the

SP workers were planning to go to Rauza ground before the arrival of the Prime Minister and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to protest against the government for not declaring the district as calamityaffected following floods.

Circle Officer (city) Saravanan T said that around 70 SP workers were detained by the police and taken to police lines. After the public meeting was over, they were released. "Owing to floods, the crops

of the farmers have been destroyed, and in this scenario, the district should have been declared calamity-affected.

But, this was not done. And, the prime minister and chief minister are holding public meetings here. The **Riots took place under SP rule: Anurag Thakur** gals' (wrestling competitions) are being organised," he said.

There used be riots under the Samajwadi Party rule and now wrestling competitions are being organised, on the premises of SP leaders, said Union Minister Anurag Thakur said some people need to answer questions about the Thakur as he credited his party's government in Uttar money recovered." On the blocking of YouTube channels and "fake Pradesh with checking crime.

"During the last five years, we have seen Uttar Pradesh free from 'gundaraj' (hooliganism). Now, the state will be sports and development-oriented," he said.

He said the BJP government in the state under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath is promoting sports. "There used to be riots dur-

register our protest,"

Rajesh Yadav said.He claimed

the SP workers had gathered at

the party office in Khirnibagh

ing the Samajwadi Party (SP) government but during Yogi Adityanath government, 'dan-

Eklavya Stadium in Āgra. It was organised by Fatehpur MP Sikri Rajkumar Chahar. PTI Samajwadi Party workers were going to show black flags, and

and were moving on foot towards the venue of PM's programme when the police detained "around 600 SP workers" near Nishat talkies and took them to Police Lines.

On recent income tax raids

website" by the Centre, Thakur,

who is the Union Sports and

Information Technology

Minister, said strict action will

be taken against those involved

attend the award ceremony of

the "Sansad Khel Spardha" at

Thakur was in Agra to

in anti-national activities.

Church reopened after 30 yrs in Srinagar

head of Christmas, one of Athe oldest churches in Srinagar has been thrown open after thirty years for the public to offer prayers after restoring its past glory. The Lt-Governor of the

Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha Thursday formally inaugurated the renovated St Luke's Church in Srinagar. The restoration and con-

servation work of St Luke's Church has been carried out under the 'Smart City Project'. The Christian community of Srinagar has expressed happiness at the government's initiative to renovate and reopen the Church ahead of Christmas.

Addressing the gathering through virtual mode, the Lt Governor said that the lost glory of the oldest Church in Srinagar

has been restored today. "Reopening of St Luke's



Church in Srinagar after restoration is a historic occasion to celebrate and imbibe Lord Christ's message of sacrifice, service, redemption, love and compassion", observed the Lt Governor.

The Lt Governor said that the St Luke's Church is a unique symbol of J&K's composite culture, which was built in 1896 on the southwest slope of Shri Shankaracharya Hill.

St Luke's Church is a single-storey building constructed on a cruciform plan. The Church follows the Gothic Style of Architecture which is distinct from the other important monuments dotted in the landscape of Srinagar. Attached to the porch, there is a bell tower which is three-story in height, mounted by a high pitched CGI roof with dormer

and approach to the church has been upgraded. The inside of the Church has also been redone with construction of Alter, wooden flooring, seating, window panes, access gate and porch.The Lt Governor congratulated the citizens of J&K, especially the Christian community and all the artisans involved in the renovation and conservation

Before the restoration works, the Church was lying in a dilapidated condition, with the structural members suffering major damage. The CGI roof ing was completely damaged the rainwater intrusion from the roof aggravated the decay of important components.

On the occasion, the Lt Governor remembered Dr. Arthur Neve, and threw light on his life. Dr. Arthur served the people of J&K for three decades, by establishing this Church as well as saving many lives as a doctor, he added.

Didi's Cabinet collegue Kolkata's new Mayor

TMC bags 134 out of 144 seats in Kolkata Municipal Corporation polls

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee who is also the president of the ruling Trinamool Congress on Thursday named her Cabinet colleague Firhad Hakim as the Mayor of Kolkata two days after the TMC romped home with a resounding majority winning 134 out of 144 seats in the historic Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections.

Hakim who was for the first time appointed Mayor in 2018 after his party colleague Sobhan Chatterjee stepped down is set to take oath next week. Hakim a close aide of the Chief Minister besides being her party's most prominent minority face also holds the Transport and Housing port

Hakim occupies a seat that had historically been graced by the likesof Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and oth

"I want to thank Mamata Banerjee for giving me this opportunity to serve the people of Kolkata again... After taking oath as Mayor I will work towards implementing the TMC manifesto," he said. Earlier the Chief Minister

instructed all the party councilors to work continuously and submit your work reports every six months ...your performance would be evaluated according to the work you do and service you render to the people in your ward," Banerjee said. Shealso declared the names of 13 Mayors-in-coun-

"No one should think that after winning we can sit and enjoy the postand power ... this will not be allowed to happen ... everyone will have to work and work hard," Banerjee

message towards women empowerment Mamata also announced that 9 out of 16 boroughs of the KMC would be chaired by women

In an apparent

said adding "as the people'srepresentatives all of you have to be polite and humble ... you willhave to shed your arro-Atin Ghosh a senior coun-

cilor from North Kolkata was appointed theDeputy Mayor while Mala Roy --- who is also the party MP from SouthKolkata --- has been named the Chairperson of the

In an apparent message towards women empowerment Banerjee also announced that 9 out of 16 Boroughs of the KMC would be chaired by women. On an average 8 Corporation wards are clustered into oneBorough which is headed by a Chairperson.

According to a survey the women voters had voted for the Chief Minister in overwhelming numbers in the April-May Assembly elections. While the TMC had won

134 wards, the BJP could manage to win only three and the Left and the Congress got two seats each. Incidentally the KMC elections saw the Left coming up to occupy the second position recovering from its earlier 5 percent vote share in Kolkata to garner about 12 percent votes. The BIP go 9 percent votes. In the Assembly elections the BJP got about 38 percent votes.

HC refuses to intervene in plea seeking change in factual errors in bail order

TN RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

More than three weeks after it denied them default bail in the Elgar Parishadcase, the Bombay High Court on Thursday refused to intervene in a plea eight accused in the Bhima Koregaon violence case seeking a rectification of the 'factual errors' in the order denying default bail to them.

A HC bench of Justices SS Shinde and NJ Jamadar noted that the court could not pass any orders accepting or denying the claims made by the parties, or even listen to the arguments on merits since the accused had preferred to move the speaking to minutes application.

After the HC declined to entertain their plea, the eight accused told the high court that they would file a review peti-

tion against the order passed by the high court on December 1 on the ground that it was based on a "factual error".

advocate Sudeep Pasbola told the HC bench that old the bench that the accused would withdraw the speaking to minutes application and file fresh pleas seeking a review of the HC order in January 2022 when the court reopens after the Christmas vacations.

The eight accused in the Elgar Parishad-cum-Bhima-Koregaon riots case - whose plea seeking a rectification of the 'factual errors' in the order default bail to them was not entertained by the HC bench were: Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Surendra Gadling, snoma Sen, Mahesh Raut, P Varavara Rao, Vernon Gonsalves and Arun Formalia Gonsalves and Arun Formalia Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira.

In their plea, the eight accused told the high court that the reason for granting bail to Bharadwaj was a common Appearing for one of the order which included names of

gables on each side.

The eight accused stated that the statutory bail of all these accused first came to be rejected by Pune Sessions Court by a common order. The date of the arrest of the accused was common and hence they were all at par. "The accused 6 to 8 have been denied the same relief as accorded to accused 9 on account of factual error," the application said.

The remaining five accused had filed the applications in 2018 and was pending in the Pune Sessions Court before it was transferred to the NIA Court in Mumbai.

appearing for the accused, told

Bhima-Koregaon riots case

restricted the Court from altering or reviewing its judgment after it is signed "except to correct a clerical or arithmetical error", their current application for "speaking to minutes' would not lie.

He urged the Court to pass an order disposing of the precipe and then the accused would move the Court with a plea seeking a review of the order. "What we have sought for cannot be granted through speaking to the minutes. There is a judgment which says that review is permissible," Pasbola told the HC bench as he sought liberty from the Court to file review.

On his part, Additional

the high court that in light of Solicitor General Anil Singh Section 362 of the Code of stated that while the application could always file review, even though it is not maintainable".

Noting that there was no requirement for liberty from the Court to file a review petition against the high court December 1 order denying them default bail in the Élgar Parishad-cum-Bhima-Koregaon riots case, the HC bench of Justices SS Shinde and NJ Jamadar said: "We need not grant you any liberty. If review is maintainable, then that can be filed. These are not just "factual errors", we have made observations based on those

"What the applicants are seeking cannot be done through a precipe for speaking

to minutes. Hence, the present proceeding is disposed of," the HC bench noted. While rejecting default bail pleas by eight accused Sudhir Dhawale, Rona Wilson, Surendra Gadling, Dr. Shoma Sen and Mahesh Raut had never claimed to have filed an application for default bail after the expiry of initial period of 90 days from the date of their production till the fling of the chargesheet on November 15, 2018. The three other P Varavara Rao, Vernon

sheet. The eight accused are the first among 16 activists and academicians arrested in the case While Bharadwaj was the first among 16 activists and

Gonsalves and Arun Ferreira

had not preferred to file such

an application till the filing of

the supplementary charge-

academicians arrested in the case to have been granted default bail. While Jesuit priest Stan Swamy died in a private other accused, the HC bench hospital on July 5 this year Poet-activist Varavara Rao is currently out on medical bail.

The arrests of "Maoistlinked" activists were made under the FIR registered on January 8, 2018 at the Pune's Vishram Baug Police Station in connection with the Elgar Parishad organised on December 31, 2017 by the leftist outfit Kabir Kala Manch (KKM) and Republican Panthers Party ahead of the January 1, 2018 Bhima-Koregaon riots.

It may be recalled that the scanned copies of 10 "incriminating" letters were among the virtual and physical documents recovered by the investigators during their simultaneous raids conducted by the investigators on April 17 2018 ahead of the arrest of Wilson and other accused in the case.

Among other things, the with promoting the activities and ideologies of the banned outfits, mobilising people and students, training in handling sophisticated arms and explosives.

The NIA's draft charges said the larger objective was to conspire against and destabilise the governments of India and Maharashtra, threaten their sovereignty with largescale violence, strike terror in the people, as per the draft

charges.

The NIA said that to achieve their objectives, the accused - through a banned Leftist organisation and its frontal outfits - had arranged to raise Rs 8 crore for annual supplies of sophisticated weapons

23 new Omicron cases logged in Maha, tally touches 88 mark

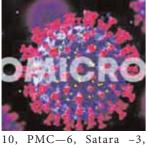
T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In a major spurt in the num-Lber of Omicron infections in Maharashtra, 23 fresh cases of the new Covid-19 variant were recorded in the State on Thursday, taking the total number of cases registered so

Of the 23 Omicron cases recorded, 22 cases were reported by the Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV), while the remaining one new case was reported by the National Chemical Laboratory,

Of the 23 new Omicron cases, Pune reported a maximum of 14 cases (three cases each in Pune Municipal Corporation and Pune Rural 3 cases each, while the Pimpri-Municipal Chinchwad Corporation recorded seven

The following is break-up of total 88 Omicron cases registered in the state is as follows: Mumbai-35, Pimpri-Chinchwad: 19, Pune rural --



Osmanabad-5, Kalyan-Dombivali and Nagpur--2 each, Buldhana and Latur - 1

Of the total cases, 42 patients have been discharged after a negative RT-PCR test. Of the 23 cases reported on

Thursday, 16 had international travel history and 7 patients are their high risk contacts. Of them, siox had gone to Middle-east countries, four to Europe, two each to Singapore and Tanzania.

There are 4 kids under 18 years of age while two patients are above 60 years of age. Of the 23 persons who tested positive Omicron, 18 patients have

been fully vaccinated, while one patient i not vaccinated and four are not eligible for vacci-

Meanwhile, the authorities said the total number of passengers who arrived at Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur airports since December 1 was 1,56,115 (22,859 from At-risk countries and rest 1,56,115 are from other countries), while passengers whose RT-PC tests have been done are 27,819 (22,859 are from high-risk countries and 4960 are from other countries). Similarly, RT-PCR positive and samples sent for genomic sequencing was 117 (117 are from at-risk countries and 39 are from other

countries). Additionally, field surveillance of all international passengers who have arrived since

1st November is underway. "Through airport and field surveillance, 670 samples have been sent for genomic sequencing. The results of 124 are awaited so far," the daily health

Packaged foods and beverages should have clear mandatory Front of Pack warning Labels (FoPL) to help consumers make healthy and safe decisions, lawmakers and experts said here as they noted how rising non-communicable diseases (NCDs) including diabetes have overburdened the country's health system.

According to the ICMR State Level Disease Burden Initiative, 2016, NCDs, such as heart attack, stroke, diabetes and cancer accounted to an estimated 60 lakhs deaths, constituting 62 per cent of the total mortality of that year.

Diets high in fat, salt and sugar (HFSS) is a major risk factor for these chronic ailments.Rajya Sabha BJP Member, Sushil Modi called for stringent health warning on the unhealthy packaged foods specifying that it has HFSS.

'The warnings should be on the lines of those on the cigarette packets that "smoking is injurious to health." This would help people make healthy and safer choices," the



Shukla and Lok Sabha MP from Ranchi Sanjay Seth attend an interaction organised by the IGPP, an advocacy platform, on 'FOPL and its health impact' recently in New Delhi

former Deputy Chief Minister time when India is deliberating of Bihar, said, while particion adoption of the FoPL for pating at a first-of-its-kind roundtable discussion on "FoPL, impact of packaged foods on health" organized by the Institute for Governance Policies and Politics (IGPP), a policy dialogue platform here

The MPs meet comes at a colleague and MP from the

stressed on launching an intenpackaged food and beverage sive awareness campaign for industry which in the absence FoPL particularly in rural India of adequate guidelines has been where packed foods have penrampantly dishing out packetrated at an alarming aged foods high in HFSS, level. resulting in a spike in NCDs Agreeing with his party

Upper House, Deepak Prakash

Dr Naval K Vikram, leading diabetologist and professor at the department of medicine of the All India Institute of

gic role the warning labels (FoPL) can play in reducing chronic diseases."With the easy-to-understand information printed on the food packets, people will avoid consuming unhealthy food. "This would avert the NCDs crisis, mainly caused by

Delhi talked about the strate

consumption of processed and packaged foods having HFSS. Warning labels would guide people to make healthi-

er choices and even bring down consumption of unhealthy foods. "Those who participated in the debate included ruling party MPs from Rajya Sabha Shiv Pratap Shukla, Mahesh Poddar, Ram Kumar Verma and Lt Gen (Retd) Dr DP Vats and Lok Sabha BJP member Sanjay Seth among others. Senior fellow from IGPP, Dr Manish Tiwari talked about rising childhood obesity in the country with around 1.5 crore kids into its grip.

If appropriate steps such as making FoPL mandatory are not taken, India would soon become the world's Capital of Childhood Obesity, he warned.

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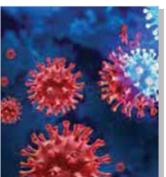
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Global disarray

It seems a consensus eludes world Governments on how to tackle the Omicron's swift spread

The Omicron variant is now spread over 56 countries and still counting. It spreads fast and it is impossible to stop it from entering any country. It is only a matter of time before Omicron becomes the dominant strain in the world. Vaccination is not going to stop Omicron. Antibodies in previously infected patients are not strong enough to thwart it. The only silver lining is that scientific studies are yet to indicate that its infection can prove serious. The unusual characteristics of Omicron have flummoxed world Governments. To lockdown or not is the question they are grappling with today. Strangely, there is no indication of the Governments approaching, or intending to approach, a global platform, like the WHO or the United Nations, for a universal response to Omicron. In early 2020, when the Coronavirus wave hit the world, the WHO came up with three broad policies that all member nations accepted. One was the concept of lockdown. Two, a massive mobilisation of medical infrastructure. Three, a race to find a vaccine. The world, once again, needs to reach a common understanding to tackle the unpredictable Omicron variant. However, there appears



to be no cohesion in how to combat the spiking Omicron. The world appears divided on it. In India, most States are still considering what restrictive measures to announce. The United States is also mulling restrictions even though around 571,461 cases were reported in the last week.

China, in stark contrast, has a zero-case policy that has resulted in a complete lockdown of cities reporting even a single fresh case. The Chinese do not want the Coronavirus to cancel the Winter Olympics in Beijing beginning next February. In the United Kingdom, the Omicron surge is already appar-

ent. However, the Government is only toying with its options. South Africa, where Omicron was first reported and now records 20,000 fresh cases daily, is not intent on implementing any strict measures. The Netherlands is relatively free from fresh cases, but it went into total lockdown last week. Israel is similarly strict, its list of red countries increasing daily. Israelis are banned from travelling to 58 red countries unless they get a special exemption. Switzerland wants its residents to carry vaccination certificates when entering public places. Japan has a 14-day compulsory quarantine for incoming travellers. French Health Minister Olivier Veran says no new restrictions are mooted even though the country may soon see one lakh new cases a day. Germany does not want to impose restrictions till December 28 while Spain wants Britons to show evidence of vaccination before entering the country. Portugal, where 30,000 cases were reported last week, has not introduced any safety measures yet. Is there an unsaid realisation that total lockdown cannot be an option because it affects the economy and the practical objective, in face of the inability to reduce the speed of Omicron's spread, is to limit the risk of serious cases?

PICTALK



Students make a sand art of Pandit Madan Mohan Malayiya on the eye of his birth anniversary in Varanas

In bad taste

The sacking of a Dalit cook from a school in Uttarakhand smacks of blatant discrimination

n unsavoury incident involving a Dalit woman and upper caste school students, which led to her dismissal soon after the kids boycotted the mid-day meals cooked and served by her, has put the spotlight back on the unending issue of social discrimination and caste prejudice. The sense of shock and indignation over the unsightly development, which was reported from the Champawat district of Uttarakhand, is intensified by the fact that the very same set of students had had no qualms in consuming the food prepared by her on her first day in the kitchen. However, the following day, they obnoxiously started boycotting the mid-day meal provided by the Government



through the school on the pretext that it was cooked by Sunita Devi, the Dalit bhojanmata, and got their lunch tiffin from home. To complicate matters and giving the issue a caste angle, while the village's upper caste parents alleged that Devi had been chosen by overlooking a more deserving Brahmin candidate, the school's principal steadfastly refuted the charge and asserted that she was selected in an "open meeting of the parent teacher association and school management committee" in early December.

However, an inquiry ordered by the State education authorities has since decided that norms were

allegedly flouted in Devi's appointment and she lost her job. Till the appointment of a new cook, another bhojanmata, an upper caste woman, has been roped in to make the midday meals. Now, it's for any right-thinking and logical citizen to gauge how easy it is to manipulate local sentiment and the inquiry team against a Dalit woman in a predominantly upper-caste locality (remember, 40 of the 66 pupils meant to consume the meals are children belonging to upper castes). The casteist nature of the incident is blatantly obvious. For one, the children and their parents complied with resuming meals from someone who was appointed as a temporary replacement to Devi. Moreover, institutional casteism has always employed process-related roadblocks to disguise prejudice on paper. As is often the case with institutional casteism, a combination of being outnumbered by the oppressor caste people and strong bureaucratic machinery operated in this case, too. The relationship between one's religion, caste and food in India has always been fraught with tensions due to the notions of 'purity' or 'pollution' associated with the Dalits. Isn't it time that we stopped eating out of the hands of bigots?

Reforms take off but Ummah at a crossroads



Anything rigid is apt to break, as communism did. Anything that does not change with time is apt to shrink. It applies to religions, too

sympathies go out to some of my Muslim friends who have been true momins and have lived through their religion, which is now approaching an era of flux. On the one hand, Saudi crown prince Mohammad bin Salman, or MBS, has abolished Friday as the day of rest and prayer. The entire Abrahamic world has had a tradition of allotting one fixed day of the week as a day of Sabbath since the time of Prophet Abraham. The great man asked the Jews only to rest and pray on Saturdays, and not work. When Christianity appeared on the world stage, the apostles chose Sunday. The Muslim Caliphs were taken up with Friday and with afternoon prayers, accompanied by the khutba, which the imam delivers to communicate with the worshippers, standing on the steps, called the mimbar. In the pre-technological era, this was about the only means of communication between the leaders and the followers.

With the advent of technology, the khutba is no longer indispensable. So presumably believes Prince Salman of Saudi Arabia. He has abolished Friday as the weekly holiday in his country. Women are now free to drive cars in the kingdom; unmarried couples are free to occupy hotel rooms. The Sharia has been amended whereby minors will no longer be punished with death for any crime. Flogging, too, has been replaced with prison time, fines and community service.

Salman's Saudi Arabia is home to the Hejaz, where Mecca and Medina are situated. One must remember that the king of Saudi Arabia is the guardian of these two holy places. The lid on taglid, or orthodoxy, which was placed some thousand years ago, is off. The era of reforms has begun to take off.

One leader who violated taglid and subjected his country to drastic reforms was Mustafa Kemal Pasha, popularly known s Ataturk. He came to ower in Turkey soon after World War I Muslims' — so eloquently ended. He told his people that advocated, first by Sir Sayyid Turkey's future lay with Europe. Ahmad Khan, seconded by

He exhorted his country's menfolk to dress in lounge suits and womenfolk in skirts and blouses. He abolished the Arabic script for the Turkish language, all in a matter of three months. The Quran was re-written in the Roman script, just as the Turkish language. Kemal Pasha introduced Western-style democracy, replacing the Ottoman autocracy. Atatürk's vision has sadly not been followed by the present ruler, Erdogan; consequently Turkey's dream of being admitted into the Europe Union and becoming a western country has crashed.

In contrast to the tale of reform told above, our neigh-Pakistan and Bangladesh, especially the former, have chosen orthodoxy, if not also obscurantism, as their pathway to destiny. Both call themselves Islamic republics and both desecrate, demolish temples as though they are siding with Emperor Aurangzeb. These two States came together, separated from India in 1947, to fall apart from each other in 1971. We still wonder what happened to the Two-Nation Ineory - Hindus and



IN SAUDI ARABIA.

WOMEN ARE NOW FREE TO DRIVE CARS; UNMARRIED **COUPLES ARE FREE** TO OCCUPY HOTEL ROOMS. THE SHARIA HAS **BEEN AMENDED** WHEREBY MINORS WILL NO LONGER BE PUNISHED WITH DEATH FOR ANY CRIME

poet Mohammad Iqbal and time is apt to shrink. When taken to its climax by Mohammed Ali Jinnah. The myth that Muslims are one people was exploded by the Mukti Bahini of Bangladesh.

Abrahamism needs a CT

scan to know why Judaism, membered by arguably the most brilliant people in the world, has shrunk so exponentially. Why Christianity scattered into so many denominations and lost some of its followers very perceptibly in Europe? Why has Islam antagonised so many countries in five of the six continents? Arguably, the fourth sibling, Marxism, packed its bags hastily. Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. Had William Shakespeare been commenting on the Abrahamic ideologies or outlooks, these famous lines of his would aptly describe them.

A British visitor once tried to explain to me that anything which is rigid is apt to crack and break, as communism did. Anytning firm, on the other hand, tends to scatter. Anything that does not change with the sands of

frustrated with changelessness, some people cry out to quit their faith. Filmmaker Ali Åkbar of Kerala is one who has quit. As a good Indian, he could not bear the sight of people smiling at the recent helicopter crash over the Nilgiris. This phenomenon of smiling at such a national tragedy indicates that there are young men and women in India who feel happy when the country suffers misfortune. They were possibly there in the days of Babasaheb Ambedkar who, incidentally, did not wish to die a Hindu. He, therefore, converted to another religion long before his death. When he began thinking, he summarily put aside Christianity and Islam. Ambedkar said that since these faiths had been born outside India, they might have a denationalising effect on his followers. His choice eventually fell on Buddhism. A person quitting her/his religion is a deserter who is called a *murtad* (apostate) who deserves the punish-

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CASTE PREJUDICE WINS, AGAIN

Sir — Unable to understand that some 40 upper caste students of the Sukhidhang Government Inter College (GIC) of Champawat district in Uttarakhand refused to eat food cooked by Dalit 'bhojanmata' (cook) Sunita Devi. Though, on Devi's first day, all students consumed the mid-day meal together which implies that the students were provoked or misguided by some bad elements. Sadly, not only the students, even their parents backed the boycott that prompted the School Management Committee (SMC) set up a meeting and seal the fate of Dalit bhojanmata Sunita Devi. Consequently, Sunita Devi has been fired for 'wrongful appointment' and sacked. As a result, parents are satisfied with the inquiry and upper caste children have called off the boycott and are having midday meals as

The judgement is absolutely unfair. Discrimination will only alienate lower caste people from the society. People wonder why the inquiry committee did not ask the aggrieved persons if they ever eat 'samosas' from a shop and ask the seller his caste? The college authorities indeed should have made an example by allowing Sunita Devi to continue as the cook. The students who protested against her and the parents who supported them are causing and promoting discrimination.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH SRI LANKA?

Sir —The arrest of 69 Tamil Nadu fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy for allegedly violating the international border has again raised concerns for Indian fishermen in that region. The question arises that what is the problem with Sri Lanka? When the civil war broke out in Sri Lanka, the Indian Army supported the Sri Lankan Government. Both the countries have always been good friends. So what is the reason why India and Sri Lanka are not able to resolve this matter?

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

The cause of dispute is the fishing method of the fishermen of Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu fishermen use bottom trawlers, which are banned in Sri Lanka.

Brace for Omicron's impact



he end of the year gives no sign of the ending of the COVID-19 pandemic ending any time soon. At the turn of the year, we are on tenterhooks waiting to see if Omicron, which is currently spreading rapidly, will establish itself as the dominant variant and drive new waves of infection. It is sobering to realise that the elimination of SARs-CoV-2 to achieve the "Zero COVID-19" goal is nowhere in sight. Even as the WHO holds that it is too early to determine

The Sri Lankan Government says that the marine ecosystem will be disturbed if fishermen use the bottom trawler methodology of fishing. The Tamil Nadu Government should encourage their fishermen to do deep sea methodology of fishing which will also be good for the marine ecosystem but this method is very expensive. The State and Central Governments must find ways to help the fishermen continue fishing without calling for such inci-

Tarun Patidar | Ujjain

TURN FULL MAJORITY TO GOOD USE

Sir — In tune with their usual practice and on the basis of the brutal majority they have in Parliament, the BJP Government at the centre has bulldozed another controversial Bill without allowing any discussions, wider consultations or deliberations in both the houses of Parliament. The unwillingness of the ruling dispensation

to allow meaningful debate on the con-

the severity of COVID-19 caused by Omicron, preliminary data suggest that the new variant 'may cause milder and less severe disease'. But then we can only draw a little comfort from it in view of its high level

of transmissibility.

India should not be complacent about Omicron as there could be a fresh surge in cases powered by this variant. Omicron cases add up to 287 and counting while there were none at the start of the month. It should put India on full alert. Anticipating the worst case scenario. India must be prepared with hospital beds, supplementary oxygen and medicines to prevent needless deaths. We should lose no time to take science-based decisions on administering booster doses and labbing those below 18 years. Wherever necessary, restrictions must be imposed, mask wearing and physical distancing must be made compulsory and holiday gatherings and partying must be banned in order to protect lives.

G David Milton | *Maruthancode*

tentious Bill to link electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem exposes the unclean and murky intention of the Government. There can be no second opinion that once the linking is made mandatory, many will lose their franchise for various reasons.

This Bill is brought in such a hurry as the BJP, which is on a sticky wicket in various States that are going for Assembly elections shortly, particularly Uttar Pradesh, hopes to gain out of this Bill in the elections. While there is no doubt that the Bill will be given the necessary assent by the President without delay, only the Supreme Court can come to the rescue of us citizens who are really concerned about the implications of this unwarranted exercise by the BJP Government for selfish ends.

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India does not have any significant free trade agreement with prosperous markets in the world



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ast week India was swamped by several senior leaders from the immediate neighborhood. First there was a host of bilateral meetings between visiting foreign ministers of five central Asian countries neighboring Afghanistan. These leaders also revived the India-Central Asia dialogue and met with the Indian prime minister, discussing regional issues of safety, security, stabilization of Afghanistan, and improving bilateral ties. Around the same time, Vuong Dinh Hue, President, National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, along with a Parliamentary delegation, was holding conversations with senior Indian leaders in New Delhi. The year 2021 also marks the golden jubilee of India establishing diplomatic ties with Vietnam. The External Affairs Minister rightfully pointed out that "as political and security partners, India and Vietnam have converging interests in a multi-polar and rebalancing world". Vietnam ascended to the international trade body WTO in 2007 and ever since



has amalgamated with global trade rhythms and rules and signed several free trade agreements (FTAs) bringing bounties for this relatively smaller nation. This south-east Asian country, ravaged by internal unrest and foreign attacks, has developed into one of the most promising investment destinations for all across the globe. This has been strategically made possible by carefully using bilateral and multilateral trade agreements as assets to its advantage. Consider this, Vietnam, an erstwhile communist state, has a flourishing trade agreement in place with many countries across the world. That it has successfully managed to negotiate trade deals to its advantage either as an individual country, like the EVFTA (Europe Vietnam free trade agreement) with Europe, or, as a member to a regional multilateral forum such as ASEAN and RCEP, speaks a lot about the sharp achievements by this country in few years. An FTA is an agreement between two countries or a country and regional/trading block which sets the ground rules of tariffs and duties for entry and exit of goods and services into each other's territories. One of the key factors that has facilitated any country to avail benefits of market access into lucrative geographies is by allowing mutually complementary conditions in domestic markets to trading partners. Most of these ultimately boil down to tariff and non-tariff barriers. Direct tariffs imposed by countries on entry of imported goods and non-tariff(barriers) constitute those dealing with regulatory practices, both taken together form the entire complex universe of free trade agreement negotiations. India does not have any significant free trade agreements with any prosperous market in the world due to the complex mix of domestic and global lobbies influenc-

India is considered one of the highest tariff nations on the world trade table with some for the most complicated and often repetitive regulatory practices and compliances. A telecom infrastructure equipment, not currently manufactured in the country, when imported. may have to undergo a compliance and safety test in multiple labs around the country before it can be certified fit for use. Most of the labs would be guided by their own regulatory practices and will have separate clearance timelines. Labor laws and land acquisition, investment guarantee are other key factors which impact the sentiments. This brings one back to India and Vietnam both of which are on different trajectories on the trade front. However, they are extremely important for each other in the strategic Indo-Pacific Region. India referred to increasing mutual trade with Vietnam from \$10 bn in 2020 to \$12 in 2021 and reiterated the need to promote resilient, reliable and trusted supply chains but with a no trade agreement in place, it would be a tough task.

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Green shoots for agri sector with NEP2020



The Government must take steps to initiate and integrate agricultural education in middle and senior secondary schools across the country

he holistic, inclusive, flexible and multidisciplinary approach adopted by the Government towards the formulation and implementation of the National Education policy (NEP) 2020, has raised the expectations of all the stakeholders. The aim of the NEP is to bring the next generations of our students at par with international standards by making them globally competitive and stop the outflow of creamy layer of Indian students to universities in developed countries. The reforms suggested are expected to transform India into a "global knowledge power — the Vishwa Guru" as envisaged by the Prime minister, Narendra Modi.

The new policy talks about establish-

ing a single regulator for higher education in the form of National Research Foundation which would ensure funding for outstanding peer-review research and to actively promote research in universities and colleges. The Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) should be governed by highly qualified independent boards having academic and administrative autonomy who would ensure the appointment of competent and experienced faculty and fill up institutional positions on merit.

Agriculture plays a crucial role in feeding the masses and providing employment to a large section of Indian population. But unfortunately, the NEP has no specific mention about agricultural education per se. It mentions "show the way to reform and re-engineer India's agriculture education system in conjunction with the systems for other branches of education, especially such that it can deliver high-quality higher education, with equity and inclusion".

Taking notice of this omission, a group of more than 60 eminent scientists, professionals, education and policy related experts from India and abroad, representing the newly formed "Indian Agriculture Advancement Group International (IAAG), organized an international webinar to discuss about the need for an orientation and reforms in India's agricultural education system in order to make it relevant,

efficient and effective in line with NEP.
The convener of IAAG International, Ramesh Deshpande, submitted the report "Re-engineering India's Agricultural Education" prepared by the PM's group. The report stated that India has a robust Agricultural Education System comprising of 73 agricultural universities- State griculturai Universities (SAUs) Deemed Universities — 5, Central Agricultural Universities — 2 and Central Universities with agricultural faculties- 4. Unfortunately, they are being badly managed with outdated curriculum and working with the mindset of the early 1990s when Green Revolution started waning away and agriculture growth became sluggish. At present, the SAUs are facing a range of challenges in terms of governance with little or no autonomy for the Vice Chancellors, frequent and unnecessary interventions by government officials and



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coordination, disconnect between research, extension and education, inadequate investment and imbalance in resource allocation, lack or slow implementation of reforms and above all outdated curriculum and infrastructure and no accountability of faculty performance in time-

bound promotions.

While appreciating the positive steps taken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for implementation of some recommendations of the NEP, the IAAG members feel much more needs to be done. Firstly, the role of ICAP be done. Firstly, the role of ICAR should be explicitly defined and delineated under the NEP. There should be a strong ICAR/DARE system with the creation of an independent "National Agricultural Education Council" as an apex body to monitor, coordinate and have an oversight function at the national level. Secondly, effective steps need to be taken to evolve a mechanism and ways to initiate and integrate agricultural education in middle and senior secondary schools. Thirdly, SAUs need to aim for excellence through diversification and making the course curriculum more relevant and flexible and ensuring faculty to generate resources by competing for external grants thus reducing the dependence on public funds. Fourthly, create a "National Agricultural Research and Innovation Fund" with an initial allocation of ₹1,000 crore under ICAR.

the National Fifthly, Agriculture Research and Extension System (NARES) must integrate Science Social Responsibility with Corporate Social Responsibility leading to effective Public Private Partnership (PPP). It must enhance the complementarity of ICAR institutes and SAUs in different agri-

income while meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. It must create a 'National Mission on Youth" to motivate and attract youth in agriculture to act as technology agents, extension service providers and successful entrepreneurs. Sixthly, steps should be taken to transform the Land Grant University System the world Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) with the flexibility for the entry-exit system and to embrace non-formal vocational education for needed professionalism and skill development in agriculture. This system is working effectively in the US from where we adopted the Land Grant University System. The universities in the US enjoy direct linkages with Community Colleges which offer two-year Associate Degrees with provision of flexible entry and exit and vertical mobility by way of transfer of credits to four-year colleges and universities. Students coming from underprivileged and low-income groups are taking advantage of this system to join the otherwise very costly mainstream education in the US. The same system can be introduced through community colleges in India which can offer one-year or two-year Diploma courses with the provision of transfer of credits to agricultur-

Similar views emerged in the recently concluded meeting of the Dean's Committee constituted by the ICAR at CSR Himachal Pradesh Agriculture University, Palampur, attended by the Vice-Chancellors and Deans of Agricultural Universities of the region. Dr Tej Partap, Vice-Chancellor, GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Uttrarakhand and

al and horticultural universities.

Chairman of the Committee, admitted that at present admissions in farm universities are not as per the needs and are unable to serve the purpose as many students who are passing out are not joining the farm sector. There is a need to frame guidelines to introduce the component of entrepreneurship in the curriculum. Dr Partap said that "fundamental changes had been proposed in the National Education Policy but the ICAR had left it to farm universities to restructure the course and curriculum. Efforts should be made to increase the component of practicals in undergraduate programmes and Postgraduate courses would also be restructured in a similar manner. Farm universities should structure one-year certificate courses leading to two-year diploma courses,he suggested. Dr HK Chaudhary, Vice-Chancellor of the host university, suggested widening the horizon of farm education by allowing freedom to choose subjects, multi-disciplinary approaches and introducingfarm education at school level. CSK University, Palampur, had moved fast to adopt and implement key recommendations of the NEP by increasing the intake of various UG and PG programmes, digitisation, smart classrooms and use of sophisticated new age technology", he added.

The agriculture sector in India is passing through a sensitive and critical phase. The country has faced one of the longest farmers' agitations because farming has become uneconomical due to fragmentation of farm holdings and imbalance between the input and output ratio of farm economics. Consequently, the rural youth have lost interest in the profession of farming. Hence, an effective strategy needs to be worked out to revive the farm sector at the



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Galvanise the life-cycle approach to child nutrition

Little knowledge about healthy food choices, poor diet diversity and emphasis on fatty, sugary & salty foods have a dire impact on nutritional status

→he fifth round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) data depicts a holistic picture of India's health status thereby giving us some reasons to celebrate and others to think. Data on India's nutritional status highlights the triple burden of malnutrition (undernutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, and obesity) faced by the country even before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As required, the focus for the past year and a half was on the immediate threat of the virus followed by immunizing the population. India now enters a new phase wherein true resilient recovery can only take place if we pledge to focus on nutrition, especially of the young population collectively.

The second phase of



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age of children who are stunted, wasted and underweight has gone down only marginally. There is, however, a slight increase in the percentage of severely wasted and overweight children. Concomitantly, there has been a steep increase in anaemia among all age groups. The percentage of overweight or obese (BMI —25.0 kg/m2) women and men between ages 15-49 has also increased.

NFHS-5 conducted in 2019-

2021, shows that the percent-

The Comprehensive National Nutrition Survey for 2016-2018 reveals that every second Indian adolescent suffers from some form of malnutrition. About a quarter of adolescents are thin for their age while five per cent are overweight (BMI-for-age >+1



SD). Under half of preschoolers, a fourth of school-age children, and close to a third of adolescents were anaemic.

An often-overlooked aspect of malnutrition is the lack of proper dietary habits. Lack of adequate knowledge and awareness about healthy food choices, poor diet diversity, and emphasis on high fat, sugar, salt (HFSS) foods have a dire impact on the nutritional status. The existing underlying nutritional challenges have been further exacerbated with the collateral impact of the fight

disruption in food and nutrition services such as in Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and mid-day meal (MDM) and Weekly Iron Folic Acid Supplementation (WIFS) in schools, the malnutrition challenge has further been compounded. The prolonged closure of schools and extended online classes has not only impacted eating habits but also decreased the physical activity levels of children, increasing the susceptibility to

Micronutrient deficiency during early childhood can often transverse into adolescence which if not addressed can lead to long-term effects on health, cognition, education, and productivity. Hence, ado-

lescence can be considered as untritional and health status of

against COVID-19. With the a second window of opportunity to improve the nutritional status of the individual. India is home to almost a fifth of the global adolescent (10-19 years) population. Nutritional requirements increase substantially and peak during this period with a 15-25 per cent increase in height, attainment of 40-60 per cent of peak bone mass, and up to 50 per cent of adult body weight — as well as blood loss due to the onset of

menstruation among girls.
Adopting a lifecycle approach, by ensuring good nutrition to our children and adolescents will go a long way

in ensuring the good health of future generations. To strengthen the health of the future of the country, we need to ensure the optimal

our children and young people today. To understand the state of nutrition in different population segments and the target areas which need to be focused on for effective, immediate as well as sustained interventions, research in the form of a rapid assessment should be conducted.

Dietary factors are associated with increased risk of chronic diseases and undernutrition, national and international dietary guidelines recommend improving the diversity of diet to achieve a balanced diet. This requires that the macro and micronutrients requirement and sources, are understood and accessible by all, especially growing children and adolescents. By enabling and empowering the present and future generation through the access and knowledge of a healthy diet and its sources, India enables subsequent economic and development goals as well.

Given the scale and size of India, in order to achieve this goal, all stakeholders must take conscious measures. Public-private partnerships across sectors can enable congruence of efforts toward common goals to address malnutrition and boost immunity. Food technology and logistics expertise of the private sector can be leveraged to strengthen and scale-up government initiatives like Poshan Abhiyaan and Anemia Mukt Bharat. Convergence of efforts would enable the maximization of impact while optimizing resources across nutritional outcomes for India.

Pillar of Shame removed in Hong Kong



University students clean "Pillar of Shame" statue, a memorial for those killed in 1989 Tiananmen crackdown, at University of Hong Kong on June 4, 2019. A monument at a Hong Kong university that commemorated 1989 Tiananmen massacre was boarded up by workers late on Wednesday, prompting fears over the future of monument as city's authorities crackdown on dissent

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monument at a Hong Akong university that was

the best-known public remembrance of the Tiananmen Square massacre on Chinese soil was removed early

Thursday, wiping out the city's last place of public commemoration of the bloody 1989 crackdown. For some at the University of Hong Kong, the move reflected the erosion of the relative freedoms they have enjoyed compared to mainland The 8-meter (26-foot) -tall

Pillar of Shame, which depicts 50 torn and twisted bodies piled on top of each other, was made by Danish sculptor Jens Galschioet to symbolize the lives lost during the military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4,

They are sending a signal to the students that it is over with the (Hong Kong) democracy movement and that it is over with free speech in Hong Kong," Galschioet said of the monument's removal. The university said it asked that the

Putin urges West to act quickly to offer security guarantees

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin urged the West on Thursday to 'immediately" meet Russia's demand for security guarantees precluding NATO's expansion to Ukraine and the deployment of the military alliance's weapons there. Speaking during a marathon annual news conference, the Russian leader welcomed talks with the US that are set to start in Geneva next month, but sternly warned that Moscow expects the discussion to produce quick results. "We have clearly and precisely let them know that any further NATO expansion eastward is unacceptable,"

standing on its campus for more than two decades, be put in storage because it could pose "legal risks." "No party has ever obtained any approval from the university to display the statue on campus, and the university has the right to take appropriate actions to handle it

year on June 4, members of the now-defunct student union would wash the statue to commemorate the massacre. The city, together with Macao, were the only places on Chinese soil where commemorations of the crackdown were allowed.

Why did Hong Kong remove Tiananmen memorial?

AP ■ HONG KONG

It happened in dead of night. Workers at University of Hong Kong put up barriers that largely blocked their activity from view and, over next several hours, took down towering Pillar of Shame" and carted it away early Thursday in a container truck.

The 8-meter (26-foot) -tall sculpture, which was taken away in parts, remembered victims of China's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protests at Beijing's Tiananmen

Its removal is testament to the ruling Communist Party's efforts to erase bloody events of that day from public consciousness. It also comes as party snuffs out democratic challenges in Hong Kong to its rule. Together they signal different future that lies ahead for city of 7.4 million people.

WHAT IS THE "PILLAR OF SHAME"?

There is more than one Pillar of Shame, It is a series of works by Danish sculptor Jens Galschioet, all same height and typically made of bronze, copper and concrete. They

have been erected in Hong Kong, Mexico and Brazil, and are designed to remind people of events to ensure they don't happen again. The one in Hong Kong, which marks Tiananmen crackdown, depicts a mass of torn and twisted bodies in a tall pile. Galschioet has said bodies symbolize devaluation of individual, and sculpture expresses pain and despair of what happened. It was erected in Hong Kong in 1997 during an annual candlelight vigil

to commemorate event. The text at base of sculpture reads, "The old cannot kill young" in English and Chinese. Later, the Pillar of Shame was exhibited at several universities in city before being placed at University of Hong Kong on a long-term basis.

WHY WAS THE SCULP-TURE IMPORTANT?

China's Communist Party has worked hard to scrub the June 4, 1989, Tiananmen crackdown from history on the mainland. Authorities don't allow any memorial and even whisk dissidents out of town so they can't organize any commemoration around the

No country can boost its way out of pandemic, says WHO director-general

income countries have had at

least one vaccine dose -- but

not even 10 percent in low-

income countries. "It's frankly

difficult to understand how a

year since the first vaccines

were administered, three in

four health workers in Africa

remain unvaccinated," said

Omicron in 106 coun-

His comments came as the

Omicron variant's lightning

dash around the globe since it

was first detected in South

Africa last month dampened

hopes the worst of the pan-

ing at unprecedented speed

and has already been detected

said. Early data indicates that it

some vaccine protections,

spurring the rush to provide

boosters. But Tedros insisted

we have remain effective

against both the Delta and

ber that the vast majority of

hospitalisations and deaths are

in unvaccinated people, not un-

boosted people," he said.
The WHO's Strategic

Advisory Group of Experts

(SAGE) on Immunisation also

recommended Wednesday

against blanket booster pro-

grammes, insisting additional

doses should be "targeted to the

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AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, GENEVA. SWITZERLAND

World Health Organization chief warned Wednesday that the rush in wealthy countries to roll out additional Covid vaccine doses was deepening the inequity in access to jabs that is prolonging the pandemic.
WHO Director-General

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus insisted that the priority must remain to get vaccines to vulnerable people everywhere rather than giving additional doses to the already vaccinat-

"No country can boost its way out of the pandemic," he told reporters. The UN health agency has long decried the glaring inequity in access to Covid vaccines.

Allowing Covid to spread unabated in some places dramatically increases the chance of new, more dangerous variants emerging, it argues. 'Blanket booster pro-

grammes are likely to prolong the pandemic, rather than ending it, by diverting supply to countries that already have high levels of vaccination coverage, giving the virus more opportunity to spread and mutate," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters.

Months ago, Tedros called in vain for a moratorium on booster doses to vaccinated, healthy people until at least 40 percent of people in all countries had received a first jab.

He pointed out Wednesday that while enough vaccines had been given to people globally this year to reach that tar get, distortions in global sup ply meant that only half the world's countries had done so. According to UN figures, about 67 percent of people in high

Madagascar's police chief swims to shore after helicopter crash

AP ■ ANTANANARIVO, MADAGASCAR

Madagascar's police minister and an air force mechanic succeeded in swimming for 12 hours to safety after their helicopter crashed in the Indian Ocean.

Gen. Serge Gellé, 57, the Secretary of State for Gendarmerie, was discovered in water by a fisherman in a canoe who brought him to shore, according to officials. Another passenger, Chief Warrant Officer Jimmy Laitsara, also swam to the beach at Mahambo.

"My turn to die has not yet come, thank God. I'm well. I'm just cold," said Gelle in a video posted to Twitter by Madagascar's defense ministry. 'But I'm sad because I don't know if my friends are alive."

in 106 countries, the WHO Gelle appeared on a lounge chair, still in his military camcould be better at dodging ouflage, his hands pale and wrinkled by the water and the cold. "There were four of us in Wednesday that "the vaccines aircraft. I was seated behind pilot," he said of Monday evening crash.

"Not having a life jacket, I unfastened the seat and used it as a buoy. I stayed calm and took off anything heavy I was carrying like my boots and belt. I did everything to stay alive," he said.

Gelle said he expected to be back at work in 24 hours and said that he lost his cell phone in the crash.

On Wednesday afternoon, rescue workers recovered the body of Col. Olivier Andrianambinina, director of security for the prime minister. The pilot remains missing.

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हस्ता/-कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड.

R.o. No- 66126/7 R.o. Date-23/12/2021 गरियाबंद (छ.ग.)

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डागांव जिला – कोण्डागांव (छ०ग०) (Phone No. 07786 - 296071, Email id - eekon-phe-cg@gov.in)

> ऑन लाईन निविदा संशोधन सूचना क्रमाँक — 01 जी क्रमाँक - 65289, 65290

इस कार्यालय द्वारा ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित सूचना क्र0 80, 81, 83 दिनांक

16.11.2021 एवं, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95 / व0ले0लि० / का०अ० / लो०स्या०यां० / कोण्डागांव/दिनांक 17.11.2021 में अपरिहार्य कारणों से निविदा के तिथियों में संशोधन किया जाता हैं। विवरण निम्नानुसार हैं:-

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	एवं दिनांक		अंतिम तिथि
1	2	3	4
01	80/16.11.2021	87281	
02	81/16.11.2021	87282	
03	83/16.11.2021	87284	
04	90/17.11.2021	87291	
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उक्त निविदा की शेष नियम व शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी।

95/17.11.2021

हस्ता /

R.O No.:- 66110/8 R.O Date: - 23/12/2021

कार्यपालन अभियंता लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड कोण्डागांव (छ०ग०)

Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Department of Official Language

The Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs circulates list of books in Hindi marked by qualitative excellence, with recommendation for their purchase by libraries of the Central Government Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations. Accordingly, list of books of a range of subject published in Hindi during the period from 01.01.2020 to 31.12.2020 and meeting the of excellence is to be circulated by this Department. Books are invited from writers, publishers, printers, distributors and NRIs persons of Indian origin for the above-said purpose.

Complete details in this regard are available at the department's website www.raibhasha.gov.in.

> (Manjula Saxena) Director(Patrika)

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown was admitted for treatment in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi where doctor declared him dead on 27.05.2020 in the area of P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi. The body has been preserved for 72 Hours in

Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a case has been lodged vide DD No. 17A dated 27.05.2020 at P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- Age: 35 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Yellow colour shirt with light green strip and blue colour jeans. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. SHO

DP/661/SHD/2021

In The Court 0f Sh. Shirish Aggarwal:

Administrative Civil

Judge-cum-ARC(Central) Delhi-110054.

Seema Verma & Anr. Vs. State & Anr.

Seema Verma W/o Late Sh. Sandeep

Tanushka Verma D/o Late Sh

Sandeep Verma Both R/o H.No. B-107, Type-II, Minto

Minto Road, Central Delhi, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002

(Petitioner no.2 is minor being represented through her mother/natural guardian Smt. Seema Verma/Petitioner

FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE

UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT.192

Whereas in the above noted petition the

applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble

Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs xxx. As

per record to be standing in the name of

Late Sh. Sandeep Verma deceased.

Whereas the 15.01.2022 at 10' o clock in

the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or

the application notice is hereby given to

Given under my hand and the seal of the

(Shrish Aggarwal)

ACJ/ARC (Central)

court on this 21.12.2021.

SC.No.-120/2021

N.D.O.H. 15.01.2022

P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi Ph.: 011-225580947, 7065036031

UN Security Council adopts resolution to ease humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan by West in what UN has

United Nations: The UN Security Council on Wednesday unanimously adopted a USproposed resolution to help humanitarian aid reach desperate Afghans, while seeking to keep funds out of Taliban hands.

The resolution -- a first step by UN after months of wrangling over how to avert a humanitarian catastrophe amid economic meltdown in Afghanistan -- was welcomed by the Taliban swept back to power in August, billions of dollars in aid and assets have been frozen

ing that millions face a choice between starvation or migration during a combined food, fuel and cash crisis throughout the bitter winter. The Security Council resolution allows aid to flow into country for one year without

aimed at isolating Taliban,

described as an "unprecedented

fiscal shock" to aid-dependent

Afghan economy. For months

now, observers have been warn-

whose regime is not recognized by international community. "We appreciate it (as) it can help Afghanistan's economic situation," Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said, adding he hoped international community would also "speed up" removal of crippling economic and banking sanctions imposed

on entities linked to the group. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that "UN sanctions are an important tool to respond to threats and human rights abuses, but we must make sure these sanctions do not hin-

der delivery of urgently needed aid. The United States also announced additional steps on Wednesday easing sanctions against Taliban to allow aid, updating guidance to make clear that exports of goods and cash transfers are allowed as long as

they do not go to individuals tar-

geted by US sanctions.

East Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 308/21 U/s 363 IPC dated 13.07.2021 has

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Nisha, D/o: Rajkumar, R/o: Jhuggi No. 97, Balaji Nursery, Opposite Yamuna Bank Metro Station, Yamuna Khadar, Shakarpur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 11.07.2021 at 02:00 am. from the area of P.S. Shakarpur,

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

been registered at P.S. Shakarpur, East Delhi. The description of the missing/ kidnapped girl is as under: Age: 17 years, Sex: Female, Height: 4'6", Face: Round, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Orange colour suit salwar and slipper in her feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/831/ED/2021

P.S. Shakarpur, Delhi Tel.No. 011-22011083, 8750870623

जल संसाधन विभाग

अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या- 01 SBD/ 2021-22 जो PR-010188(WRD) 2021-22 द्वारा दिनांक 06.12.2021 को विभिन्न दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में

क्र0	विवरण	पूर्व से निर्घारित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि			
4	निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की अवधि:-	दिनांक 21.12.2021 के 10:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 27.12.2021 के 3:00 बजे अपराह्न तक।	दिनांक 05.01.2022 के 10:00 बजे पूर्वाहन से 12.01.2022 के 3:00 बजे अपराहन तक।			
5	प्री-बीड मीटिंग की तिथि एवं	दिनांक 23.12.2021 को 3:00 बजे	दिनांक 10.01.2022 को 3:00 बजे			
	समय:-	अपराहन में।	अपराहन में।			
6	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि	दिनांक-29.12.2021 के अपराहन 3:00	दिनांक- 14.01.2022 के अपराहन 3:00			
	एवं समय:-	बजे।	बजे।			
14	अग्रधन की राशि (बैंक गारंटी	दिनांक 28 .12.2021 को 3:00 बजे	दिनांक 13.01.2022 को 3:00 बजे			
(ख)		अपराहन् तक।	अपराहन् तक।			

संशोधित समझा जाय एवं निविदा से संबंधित शेष शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी। कार्यपालक अभियंता.

सोन नहर प्रमण्डल, खगौल

PR-010542 (WRD) 2021-22 नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, सोन नहर प्रमण्डल, खगौल

:- शुद्धि पत्र :-

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1417 दिनांक 13.12.2021 के द्वारा निर्गत प्रकाशित हुआ है, में कुछ बिन्दुओं को निम्न प्रकार से संशोधित किया जाता है-

क्र0	विवरण	पूर्व से निर्घारित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि		
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	एवं समय:-	बजे।	बजे।		
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तदनुरुप निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या— 01 SBD/ 2021-22 को इस हद तक

मो0- 7463889567

NOTICE

The last date for submission of books is 23.01.2022

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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 described herein below in exercise of

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

powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below- mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited. Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession Name of the Borrower/ LoanAccount Number

Branch M/s Bharat Trading Co/ Harjit Singh/ A/c No.112905500302 A-2/1, Lower Ground Floor (Back Side) Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063/ December 21, 2021 30.61.490.93/ The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per

the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: December 24, 2021 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorized Officer

Investors richer by over ₹8.58 lakh cr in 3 days

<u>he pioneer</u>

New Delhi: Investors' wealth has soared by ₹8,58,979.67 crore in three days of market rally, with domestic bourses climbing in tandem with global equities amid abating concerns over the economic impact of the Omicron variant.

The 30-share BSE benchmark Sensex jumped 384.72 points or 0.68 per cent to close at 57,315.28 on Thursday. During the day, it gained 559.96 points to 57,490.52

In three days, the index has gained 1,493.27

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies has rallied by ₹8,58,979.67 crore to stand at ₹2,61,16,560.72 crore.

"Domestic bourses continued to trade firm mirroring an upbeat mood in the global markets led by gains in realty, financials and IT stocks, while broader markets strengthened," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

PowerGrid was the biggest gainer among the Sensex constituents on Thursday, gaining 3.40 per cent, followed by ITC, Bajaj Finance, Infosys and NTPC.

Markets inched further higher and ended in the green for the third successive session, tracking firm global markets. After the initial uptick, the benchmark remained range bound crore, as per stock exchange data.

till the end, however movement across sectors kept the participants busy," said Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd. *PTI*

Rupee strengthens for sixth day, up 28 paise to 75.26 per USD

Mumbai: Rising for the sixth straight session, the rupee climbed 28 paise to close at 75.26 against the US dollar on Thursday as abating concerns over the Omicron variant improved risk appetite globally. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 75.43 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high 75.22 and a low of 75.44.

On Wednesday, the rupee had appreciated by 5 paise to close at 75.54 against the US Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against the basket of six currencies, rose 0.03 per cent to 96.10. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.20 per cent to USD 75.14 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors remained net sellers in the capital market on Wednesday, as they offloaded shares worth ₹827.26

Trai gives more time for written submissions on spectrum auction discussion paper

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Telecom regulator on Thursday Comments delecom regulator on Thursday extendline for submission of written comments on its recently-floated discussion paper related to spectrum auction across various bands, including 5G.

The deadline for written comments, which was earlier set for December 28, 2021, has been extended after requests from stakeholders for more time, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said in a statement.

"TRAI had released a consultation paper on 'Auction of Spectrum in frequency bands identified for IMT/5G' on November 30, 2021," the regulator added.

The last date for receiving written comments on the issues raised in the consultation paper from the stakeholders was earlier fixed for December 28, 2021, and for counter comments, it was January 11,

"Keeping in view the requests of stakeholders for extension of time for submission of comments, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of written comments and counter comments up to 10 January 2022, and 24 January 2022, respectively," Trai said.

No further requests for extension will be considered, it asserted.

Last month, Trai had released a detailed consultation paper to discuss threadbare the modalities for auction of spectrum across multiple bands, including pricing, and other conditions preparing the groundwork for 5G auctions slated for next year.

Trai's comprehensive consultation paper touches upon crucial aspects like valuation and reserve price of spectrum, including 5G, quantum of the spectrum, block size, eligibility conditions for participation in the auction, roll-out obligations, and surrender of the spectrum.

Norms will also be worked out for new frequencies such as 526-698 MHz and millimetre band, that is 24.25 - 28.5, in addition to bands such as 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz, 3300-3670

The telecom industry has repeatedly expressed concerns over high spectrum pricing and is hopeful of a rehaul in valuation methodologies.

Institution of Engineers to demand implementation of 'Engineers Bills'

New Delhi: India's apex organisation of engineers the Institution of Engineers (India) will demand the implementation of the Engineers Bills, which has been hanging fire for about two decades. The issue would be the main agenda of the meeting during the 36th Indian Engineering Congress - Centenary Celebration being organized on December 26-28, in the national Capital. The Indian Engineering Congress will be inaugurated by Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey, Minister of Heavy Industries, and the Valedictory address will be delivered by Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Development Skill

Entrepreneurship. Addressing the media, Dr HR P Yadav, Director, HQ-Cell, Institution of Engineers (India) said that they have been pushing the Engineers Bill since 2000. "At present India has act for lawyers, doctors, architects, medical professionals, and others but not for engineers to regulate their activities. They don't have institutions like medical professionals have like Medical Council of India has to regulate them. If we have Engineers Act, the IEI can be given the mandate to

regulate all engineers under its umbrella," he said.

Themed as "Engineers for Viable Technology and \$ 5 Trillion Economy", the 3-day event would witness participation of top-notch engineers from India and abroad and two union ministers. The congress also includes one technical meet of the World Federation of Engineering Organisation Committee on engineering for Communication and Information (WFEO-CIC), where participants from different countries are expected to take part.
Dr. Yadav said that in the year

2007, a draft engineers bill was submitted to the MHRD with the signature of the then power secretary RV Shahi who was given the responsibility of drafting the engineers bill.
"Then RN Rajpoot represented

the IEI committee. Following this, AICTE was given the mandate by the MHRD, which constituted a drafting committee headed by Prof. Anand, director IIT Madras. İt drafted a professional engineers bill in 2019 and it was submitted to MHRD for consideration and since then this has been lying with the Ministry and there is no progress," he added.

Omicron worries may impact passenger vehicle supply: FADA

New Delhi: Automobile dealers' body FADA on Thursday said passenger vehicle supplies may get affected further, if chip making countries go under lockdown due to the spread of Omicron variant of

The industry body, however, noted that it expects the semiconductor shortage situation to normalise by the second half of next year.

"We see year 2022 as a neutral year as the rise of Omicron has once again created fear globally This may further impact the supply in passenger vehicles if chip making countries go under lockdown or prioritise chip making for electronics used for work from home," Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) President Vinkesh

Gulati said in a statement.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, DELHI WATER SUPPLY MAINTENANCE UNIT, UTTAR PRADESI JAL NIGAM (URBAN), R-1, RAJ NAGAR NEAR HINT CHOURAHA. GHAZIABAD (U.P.) PIN 201002

Short Term E-Tender Notice e-tender for "Construction of RCC retaining wall and other allied work along the boundary wall of cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" is hereby invited in two bid system on behalf of Chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam from the contractors having requisite work experience and financial capability Tender document shall be available at e-procurement website http://etender .up.nic.in latest by 27.12.2021. Interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by 06.01.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs. Technical & Financial Evaluation cum Technical Bid (Pre-Qualification Bid) of E-tender shall be opened on 07.01.2022 at 16:30 Hrs.

My client, Sh. Vikrant Sikka S/o Late Sh RAVINDER SIKKA R/o H.No. 19 C, GAL NO.2 RAM NAGAR EXTN KRISHNA NO.2 RAM NAGAR EATN KRISHNA
NAGAR EAST DELHI-110051 is the
Registered owner of property bearing address
PLOT NO.117 D BLOCK KH.NO.210/2 SLF
VED VIHAR VILLAGE SADULLABAD
LONI GHAZIABAD vide Registered Power
of attorney dated 24,09 2021 Doc. No. 8518
Sub Registrar—Loni Ghaziabad. My client has
received the said property from her Sister Smt.
Priynaka Arya. Any person/bank/inancial
institution having any elaim/right, lien any
objection whatsoever in regard to above
property, should notified to the
undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713,
Karkardoona Court. Delhi-110092 along with
documentary evidence under address through
registered A/D within 15 days from the date of
publication of this notice failing which any
claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to
have been waived.

Vishal Mehan, Advocate NAGAR EAST DELHI-110051 is Vishal Mehan, Advocate E-713, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to general public at large that my client Sh.Kailash Chand age 102 years S/o Late MevaLal R/o H. No. 1084, GaliMandirWali, PaharGanj, New

Delhi, has debarred and disowned,

his son namely Sh. UmeshNarain

and his daughter in law namely Smt. Rani W/o Sh. UmeshNarain

both resident of Street No.13, Amarjeet Colony, Near

SaiVidyaMandir, GurdwaraWaliGali

Rahon Road, Ludhiana, Punjab-

141007 from his all moveable &

immoveable properties, as his son

& son's family through his

granddaughter RaginiVerma, has

been troubling/harassing him since

long. Hence, any person dealing

with aforesaid.disowned persons

will do so at their own risk &

consequences and my clients shall

not liable/responsible for their act.

KuldeepGola (Advoacate)Ch.

No.789-A, First Floor, Western

Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, New

Delhi-110054

Sebi overhauls advisory committees on secondary markets, mutual funds, corporate bonds New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi has restruc-

tured its three advisory committees pertaining to the secondary market, mutual funds, and corporate bonds and securitisation. Rejigging its secondary market committee,

Sebi has listed Zerodha's co-founder and chief executive officer (CEO) Nithin Kamath among the new inductees in the 17-member panel, latest information on the regulator's website

The advisory committee will now be chaired by Madhabi Puri Buch, ex-whole time member of Sebi. The panel was earlier headed

by IIM Ahmedabad professor and former whole-time member of Sebi, Jayanth R Varma

Other members of the panel include Dhiraj Relli, MD and CEO of HDFC Securities; Kaku Nakhate, President and Country Head India at Bank of America; Naresh Yadav, MD and CEO of SBICAP Securities; and Leo Puri, Chairman, JP Morgan, South and Southeast

The panel advises the regulator on matters related to the secondary market, including suggesting steps to improve market safety, efficiency and transparency.

FIEO aims at USD 460-475 bn exports next fiscal year

New Delhi: The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) on Thursday said taking a conservative approach, it will aim for USD 460-475 billion exports in the next fiscal year due to emergence of new variants of coronavirus and the existing supply side chal-

During 2021-22, exports are expected to reach USD 400 billion, FIEO President A Sakthivel said. He said

cent, buoyed by high prices of commodities, as witnessed in 2021 will not be there to provide the tailwind to India's exports.

manufacturing capacity.

growth across sectors both in traditional exports as well as sunrise sectors of exports during the current fiscal.

"We are hopeful that the same trend will continue particularly as the order booking position of all exporters is extremely encouraging and China plus one policy of global companies is definitely helping our exports," he

Office of the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle, Public Works Department, Nainital-263002 Phone/Fax: 05942-235728/ 232030 Email: sepwdntl@rediffmail.com

Letter No. 6055 /41 M-2/2020-21

Short term National Competitive Bidding (E-Tendering)

Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system) For further details please log on to http://www.uktenders.gov.in from 24.12.2021

SI. No.	Name of Work	Money (Rs in Lacs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of Tender	Period of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	25 mm SDBC Surface dressing work form Km 10 to 21 of Ramnagar Bhandarpani- Amgari Bohrakot Okhaldunga-Talli Sethi Betalghat Ratuda-Bhujan-Visalkot - Jena-Richi Billek(S.H 71) Under Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.	4.20	5000.00 + 18% GST	60Days	2 Month	Class A and above Class in any State Govt. 1 Central Govt. or any Govt. Undertaking in Road Works.
2	25 mm SDBC Surface dressing work form Km 15 to 21 of Ramnagar Ring Road (MDR) Under Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.	4.20	5000.00 + 18% GST	60Days	2 Month	Class A and above Class in any State Govt. / Central Govt. or any Govt. Undertaking in Road Works.
3	25 mm SDBC Surface dressing work in Km 41 and Km 46 to 54 of Ranibag Bhimtal - Khutani- Padampuri - Dhanachuli - Motiyapathar - Saharfatak - Mornaula Devidhura - Lahaghat - Pancheshwar Motor Road (5H 10) Under Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.	3.80	5000.00 + 18% GST	60Days	2 Month	Class B and above Class in any State Govt. / Central Govt. or any Govt. Undertaking in Road Works.
4	25 mm SDBC Surface dressing work form Km 17 to 33 of Kathgodam Hairakhan Sanni Bend Simalya Bend Motor Road (SH 103) Under Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.	6.00	5000.00 + 18% GST	60Days	2 Month	Class A and above Class in any State Govt. / Central Govt. or any Govt. Undertaking in Road Works.

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, अनुरक्षण खण्ड

पत्रांक : 1428/ई—निविदा/2021—22									
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अधिशासी अभियन्ता

सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारियां व शर्ते उत्तराखण्ड की वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in पर ऑन लाइन देखी / प्राप्त की

Whereas

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

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken 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 helow mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)		
1.	Rishabh Tiwari/ Jyotsna Tiwari/ LBLUC00005137429	House No. ED/ 906, Sector- Q, Aliganj, Ward Jaishankar Prasad, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh/ December 18, 2021	September 27, 2021 Rs.11,91,183/-	Gurgaon	
2.	Shashank Awasthi/ Shashi Awasthi/ LBLUC00004959619	Plot No. B 23 (DH-2), Khasra No.770 Minjumla, Madiyaon, Ward Jankipuram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh/ December 18, 2021	July 06, 2021 Rs. 15,23,703/-	Delhi	

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

Date: December 24, 2021

Place: Delhi/ NCR (Gurgaon) Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

"Looking into the emerthe spectacular increase in global trade by about 22 per gence of the new variants and

Much will also depend on

whether the world would be able to contain Covid-19 through massive vaccination across the globe and be able to create the required vaccine

supply side challenges at this point of time, we would like to be a little conservative and will aim for an export of USD 460-475 billion during the next fiscal," he added. He also expressed hope that the global consumption

would go up substantially in 2022, albeit the pandemic is controlled. "The good thing with our exports

NORTHERN RAILWAY

	TENDER NOTICE								
	S. Name of work with its location N.	App. Cost of the work (In Rs.)		Tender Document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Website particular & notice board location where complete details o the tender can be seen etc.		
	Comprehensive AMC of RDSO type GPS clocks at station over Delhi division for three years.	₹ 2392633.08 only.	Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-c Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.	only.	₹ Nil only.	Tender Uploading/ Closing date & time 19.01.2022 15:00 hrs.	See the N.Rly. website www.ireps.gov.in & Notice Board at S&T Branch, 3 st Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, State entry road, New Delhi-110055.		
ſ	Tender No. 558-Sig/16/Tele/AMC/579/2021-22. Dated: 23.12.2021 3025/202								

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that this female namely Rajni W/o Lakshman Prasad, R/o H.No. T-634, Near Chachi ka Mandir, Baljeet Nagar, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 03.11.2021 from the area of P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 49A, dated 05.11.2021 has been lodged at PS,

Patel Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped female is as under: **Age:** 30 years, **Height**: 5'1", **Face** Round, Complexion : Fair, Built: Medium, Wearing Not known

If anyone having any clue/information, about the missing/kidnapped female kindly inform the following:-Website: http://cbi.nic.in SHO

e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax : 011-24368639 P.S., Patel Nagar, New Delhi Ph: 011-23874034 Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/1150/CD/2021 <u>25872637, 8750870434</u>

General Public is hereby informed that

an unidentified dead body of a male

Namely Shiv Kumar S/o Sh. Chand, R/o

247, Rain Basera Nigam Bodh Ghat,

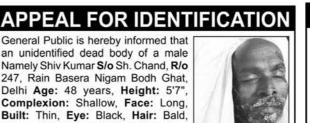
Delhi Age: 48 years, Height: 5'7"

Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long,

Built: Thin, Eye: Black, Hair: Bald,

Beard: Yes, Wearing: Bare feet, Was

admitted in Sushruta Trauma Centre,



Civil Lines, Delhi vide MLC No Shiv Kumar 32128/2021 on dated 04.12.2021, during the treatment Doctors declared him dead on 07.12.2021. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for 72 hours. In this regard a DD No. 101A dated 07.12.2021 U/S 174 Cr.PC has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

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

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi Ph.: 011-23953776, 23958234 DP/1837/N/2021 Mob.: 8750870122

Ph.: 011-23967889, 23968730 DP/1839/N/2021

School, Delhi.

In this regard DD No. 72-A, U/s 174-CR.PC, Dated

11.12.2021 has been lodged at Police Station,

Kashmere Gate, Delhi. Any clue come to notice

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed

that one person Name: Unknown,

S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown,

Age: About 45 Yrs., Height: 5'6",

Sex: Male, Complexion: Shallow,

Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing:

Black Jacket and Blue Pajama,

Place of Recovery: Found dead at

Kela Ghat Road, Near Ambedkar

P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi



please inform undersign.

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male Age: Approx. 35 years, Height: 170cm, Complexion: Wheatish, Build: Normal, Face: Oval, wearing yellow dark colour shirt & black colour lower, was found dead on 09.12.2021 near Metro Choki No. 02, Sindhora Kalan, Sarai

Rohilla, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 98-A dated 09.12.2021 u/s 174 Cr.P.C. has been lodged at P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi. The deadbody has been preserved for identification for 72 hours in the mortuary of Sabzi Mandi, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this found person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO: P.S. Sarai Rohilla, Delhi Tel. No. 011-23691106, 8750870133

MISSING/KIDNAPPED



Fax: 011-24368639

DP/1141/CD/2021

Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641

SEARCH FOR

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely Dipanshu Kumar S/o Sh. Jitender Kumar, R/o H.No. 2132, Gali No. 6, Ground Floor, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi, Age: 13 years, Height: 3'8" Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin wearing Sky Blue colour T-Shirt, Grey colour Pant and Grey colour

P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi

Ph.: 011-25704034, 8750870434

Sports Shoes in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 12.12.2021 around 7:00 PM. In this regard a FIR No. 754/21 u/s 363 IPC, dated 12.12.2021 has been registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace

out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in

Gali No. 12, Rajbir Colony, MV III Delhi, Age: 24 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing Red colour Suit, Yellow colour Pajama and Pink colour Chappal in feet, has been missing from her house along with her

General public is hereby informed that

one female namely Pooja, W/o

Sandeep R/o Kardam Ka Makaan,

son namely Shiv, Age: 2 years, Height: 2'2", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, wearing Blue colour Jeans, White colour Shirt and Blue colour Shoes, since 28.11.2021 at 10:00 AM. In this regard a DD No. 126A, dated 29.11.2021 has been registered at P.S. Gazipur, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female and her son but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about them please inform undersigned. Website: http://cbi.nic.in

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 P.S. Gazipur, Delhi Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Ph. No.: 011-22610068, 22610094 DP/817/ED/2021

A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

TEAM VIVA prepares an extensive gifting list for the festive season

Brand name – Vogue Eyewear

VO4223S (for women)

Product name - VO4227S DECÒ and

Product description – VO4227S DECÒ — Slightly oversize, and oh so trendy, this decò

inspired round metal frame raises the fash-

ion status of an iconic retrò shape with fresh

attitude. And when it comes to the world of

fashion accessories, it has all the right cre-

dentials. From classic gold or silver frames

with an uber fashionable gold chain to mod-

ern rose gold or total black color options that

definitely make the latest cut, not to mention

an eye-catching new cast metal letter logo

temple with fine laser detailing, this look has

too seriously - it's time to lighten up and have

some fun! All about color and light, this con-

temporary design deconstructs the metal

framework of everyday urban style, contour-

VO4223S — Life is too short to take style

FOR YOUR FACE GLOW

Since Christmas is almost here, and with it the year end vibes are raining on us, it's time to look for presents under the Christmas tree. And we're aware you are more worried about what to gift to your loved ones. No sweat! The elves are here to the rescue.

Below is an elaborate list of gifts from face-care to winter clothing that you can select from:



Brand name – Simply Nam

Product name – Golden Hour and Juicy Product description — Golden Hour is a tinted gloss with an oil-like texture, naturally making your lips firmer and fuller over time

Juicy is a lip gloss with an oil-like texture, which gives a lovely shine while deeply moisturising and hydrating your_lips

Availability https://www.simplynam.com/

Product name - Simply Nam Ultra-Soft Comfort Wear Matte Lipsticks Product description

Comfortable, hydrating, weightless, and a perfect everyday lip colour, the collection leaves you feeling as if you are wearing nothing. This is a tribute to every woman who inspires and leads the way – leaving a mark on our lives, most subtly and humbly. The collection is available in shades of pinks, reds, and nudes designed to perfection and to find the perfect pair for one's skin.

Price – ₹1299

Availability – https://www.simplynam.com/ and Sephora both in stores and Online

Brand name - Arata **Product name** – Moisture Rebalancing Combo **Product description** – This enriching

combo boosts your moisture barrier,



oxidative damage, and minimises pores with the help of purifying Face Wash and Green Tea Seed Serum. Together, this dynamic duo cleanses and hydrates your skin with pure, power-packed extracts that give you dewy, moisturised, youthful skin.

Price - ₹1199 Availability - https://www.arata.in



Brand name - Kaya Product name -Kaya Super Hydrator and Antox Vit C Formula **Product description**

Kaya's Super Hydrator -The hydrator gives your skin up to 80 per cent hydration boost and locks hydration for 24 hours. It leads to improved skin texture and soft and supple skin. The Super Hydrator is enriched with colloidal oatmeal which is

clinically proven to replenish skin moisture, relieve dry skin, and increases overall skin repair capabilities. It is a powerful skin-soothing anti-irritant, reduces redness to support an even and luminous tone. It also contains shea butter which helps to give moisturized and smooth skin feel and hyaluronic acid which increases innate hydration and youthfulness of the skin. The moisturelock technology prevents loss of water, rendering hydrated and supple-looking skin at all times. The formula is proven to effectively lock in abundant hydration deep within your skin, and continuously suffice the hydration needs of your

Antox Vit C Formula — It is a nongel, enriched with Vitamin C which is known to counteract free radicals responsible for premature skin aging. **Price** – Hydrator: ₹650

Antox Vit C: ₹1,840 Availability - https://shop.kaya.in/



Brand name — Mary Cohr **Product name** — Mary Cohr's special Winter Skincare Kit

Product description — Kick-start your skin regime with their Hydrosmose Mask that leaves your skin with a radiant complexion and hydrates it for that flawless party look. Follow this up by applying Hydrosmose Eye Contour to get rid of fine lines and dark circles and erase all signs of fatigue. Finally, treat your skin with Hydrosmose Cellular Moisturisation Cream to provide your skin with a non-stop source of hydration all day long, and regain comfort and softness. Be it gifting it to someone special or gifting it to yourself, this Christmas hamper will bring joy to you.

Price — ₹7,000

Availability https://marycohr.co.in/products/festive-combo



Product name — Ayurvedic Wellness

Product description — Presented in our chic, embossed gift box, our Quadro of Inatur Ayurvedic oil. These oils are enriched with Anti -Inflammatory properties to relieve pain & aches Improves blood circulation, pacifies unbalanced Dosha and improves quality of sleep. The Gift Box consists of Neem oil 50ml Shirodhara Oil 50ml, Kapooradi oil 50ml & Bhringraj Oil

Price — ₹750 Availability — http://www.inatur.in/

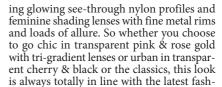


Brand name — Love Earth **Product name** — Box 1 of Cocoa Body Butter, Multipot and Reed Diffuser-Jasmine **Price** — ₹2,100

Availability— https://www.loveearth.in/

FOR YOUR EYES

ion trends.



Price – On Request Availability – Sunglass Hut

Brand name – Versace

Product name - VE4411 and VE4412 (Versace - His & Her Eyewear Collection for the Festive and Wedding season in India) Product description - VE4411 — Designed for women, these stylish and oversized

square shaped sunglasses include the iconic golden Safety Pin hardware embedded with the Medusa medallion.

VE4412 — Crafted for men, these 90's inspired sunglasses add to your everyday glamour and the iconic Safety Pin temple celebrates the legendary Versace design in contemporary style.

Price – ₹18,690 Availability - Sunglass Hut



Brand name - Burberry Product name - BE 4344 and BE 4346 Product description -BE 4344 - Monogram motif oversized square

frame sunglasses, garnet frames with gradient bordeaux lenses. BE 4346 - Bio-acetate square frame sun-

glasses, antique yellow vintage check frames with dark grey bio lenses. Price – On request Availability – Sunglass Hut

IT'SCHRISTMAS



Brand name - United Colors of Benetton

For Benetton menwear: roduct name - Social analog watch for men Price — ₹7,995



For Benetton womenwear:

log watch for women and Iconic analog watch **Price** — ₹3,995

Availability - On Flipkart exclusively and at select Timex world and modern retails stores.

GARMENTS AND ACCESSORIES



Brand name - United Colors of Benetton For Benetton menwear: Product name - Red 100% Cotton

Hooded Sweater Price – ₹6,000

Price - ₹1.899 Availability - In stores pan India

Product name —Men's muffler



For Benetton wom-

Product name - Sweater With Inlaid Bears **Price** – ₹5,800

Product name — Round Purse With Drawstring Price - ₹2,200

in the coldest night. The comforter blan-

icals to keep you safe while you

sleep. Made with ideal 200 GSM microfiber fillings, the

Availability -In stores pan India

Brand name — Livpure Sleep **Product name** — Livpure All-Weather ket is made using zero artificial chem-Comforter

Product description hitting the bed after the tiring Christmas eve, you can get tucked in the comfortable Ultra soft All Weather Reversible Comforter. It is your perfect companion as you snuggle

comforter provides a sound sleep in winters as well as in summers. The microfiber comforter works best for temperatures varying from 12-25

Price — ₹1,299

Lockdown remodelling

TEAM VIVA lists DIY home-improvement trends witnessed on Flipkart as a result of prolonged stay-at-home periods

All this time indoors has encouraged people to undertake home improvements and other small crafts, construction projects as both creative/recreational and costsaving activities. They experimented and explored their potential in diverse home activities that involve group engagements as part of the family and skill-building activity, bringing the DIY culture back to its

Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has observed a 56.62 per cent year-on-year growth in this particular segment. A large part of the sale was witnessed from cities and was majorly driven by men (about 83 per



cent). The most searched items were drill machines, inverters with batteries, umbrellas, bathroom accessories, glue guns, soldering irons, solar panel battery, and washing machines.

Trends around decorating household spaces and upgrading bathroom accessories were observed as people engaged themselves in indoor activities to relieve themselves from the fatigueness of work. This led to the surge of plant containers, power and hand tool kits, cloth dryer stands, power drills, angle grinders, where some of the top products were pur-chased under the home improvement tool category.

Gardening emerged as one of the popularly sought activity, thus planting and plant pot decorations peaked the indoor interior setup trends witnessing the sales of plant container, plant seed, plant sapling, grass trimmer, hose pipe, and soil manure. In the gardening section alone, Flipkart observed 60.91 per cent Y-O-Y growth. In this regard, the ecommerce marketplace made an affordable collection of plant seeds starting from ₹49.

 $E_{\text{politician, a record holder}}$ of being a six-time chief minister, a woman with a purpose

— Jayalalithaa, fondly known as 'Amma' has been an inspiration to people across the world. Envisioned by the director AL Vijay, Zee Cinema is primed to host the world television pre-

miere of Thalaivi. The film beautifully portrays Jayalalithaa's fight for self-respect as on every step she is tested and challenged, and yet keeps her head held high bringing reforms that no one in the history could. Kangana dons the role rendering a powerful portrayal of Jayalalithaa, who keeps rising like a phoenix from the ashes. The film also stars Arvind Swamy and



Bhagyashree in pivotal roles. Talking about the film, Ranaut shared, "Thalaivi was

definitely a life-changing experience for me as it was profuse with learning. Portraying a strong and inspiring personality like Jaya amma, was an enriching experience. Among

one of the many hats that she wore, Jaya amma was also a trained Bharatanatyam dancer, and a fabulous actress in mainstream cinema. She had a very different physique as compared to mine. The storyline follows from the time she was 16 up till she turned 42 that had

Woman with a purpose

to look absolutely convincing, and there is a lot that went behind transforming my body in a way that would look like hers. It was our director, Vijay Sir, that made me believe that I could do this and now that I look back, I am only grateful to have played this career-defining role."

Commenting on her experience, Bhagyashree continued, "I feel that it is one of the most difficult things in an actor's career to have to portray someone in all authenticity, in a manner that is convincing enough for the audience to be able to see the actor and the person who is being showcased as one and seeing Kangana playing Jayalalithaaji's character with such grace is truly

delightful. I am more than happy to have chosen Thalaivi as a project to come back on screen after all these years as it was a truly fulfilling and wholesome experience. It was an absolute delight to work with all of them are incredibly talented and we had so much to learn from each other on the sets of Thalaivi."

Thalaivi is a story that powerfully encapsulates the spirit of Jayalalithaa, embarkng on her inspirational journey of being a successful actress to one of the most influential political figures in the history

(Catch the world television premiere of Thalaivi on December 25 at 8 pm, only on Zee Cinema.)

TREND 3



RANVEER GETS EMOTIONAL

RANVEER SINGH who is currently busy with the promotions of 83, was caught getting emotional and teary while talking about being part of a film that has such a rich history attached to it.

During his show titled Stars of 83 a special show, the Gully Boy star was seen saying, "For all of us, it — just being a part of that process — has been the most incredible thing. Like Kabir (Khan) mentioned, just being in this room today, I don't have words."



fairtalk

'There's a huge debate on gender parity in the film business and in other industries. I've worked in nine films with my wife and in eight of those, she's got paid more than I have. The highest-paid actor in *Piku* was Deepika (Padukone). It's a business and if you are a saleable actor, you get paid accordingly. You can't be a new actress and demand to be paid the same as Shah Rukh Khan.'



'I am not very strict...I think I am quite relaxed and chill. I have to inculcate discipline a little more as Saif spoils Taimur so much that it annoys me sometimes. And during the lockdown, our schedules went haywire. So, Saif would want to watch a movie with Taimur at 10 pm and I would have to step in and say no because it is his

NEW CATWOMAN SHARES HER SECRET

Actress **ZOE KRAVITZ**, who plays Selina Kyle and her alter ego, Catwoman, in Matt Reeves' forthcoming blockbuster *The Batman*, opened up on her research to help add something special to her performance. Kravitz shared, "We watched cats and

lions and how they fight, and we talked about what is actually possible when you're my size." "We did floor work that had different

martial arts and capoeira and a kind of

feline, dance-like movement," she added.

Winte has come SAMEER BAWA describes Ditas as a fine balance of luxury and simplicity in its gastronomic delights o you know what is better than an elaborate and lazy

brunch under the winter sun? One with a view of Qutab Minar! Ditas located at the Chic Ambawatta One complex is an eclectic concept of an Al Fresco dining restaurant by the day and plush bar by night. The spacious restrobar is built with stunning mirrored ceilings and has a really energetic and vibrant outdoor seating space surrounded by natural greenery and a spectacular view of the Qutub. Offering world cuisine, Ditas is the brainchild of founder Udita Khaitan and it radiates a fine balance of luxury and simplicity in its gastronomic delights.

I went in to try out the new winter menu a couple of days ago and we could not have chosen a better day. The sun was out in full glory and you could feel the Christmas vibe in the air. Before digging into the winter specials, we started with the roasted cherry tomatoes and holy basil soup served with herbed butter croutons. Soulful and comforting, it helped warm up the proceedings before we moved to the business end of the meal. While we were at it, a mystery Cocktail Chandelier was requested for the table. Basically, you had to select the spirit of choice, and the resident



capers. Went really well with my gin cocktail. Also loved the sugarcane chicken skewers served with the Thai sweet chilli dip. The lamb hummus awarma that was served with toasted pita was expertly done and provided a good contrast to the first two preparations.

It was not time to move on to something more substantial! The Swiss two cheese fondue that came next was exactly that and much more. It was served with Rosemary baby potatoes, french beans, mushrooms, roasted broccoli, croutons, grapes, apples, olives and lavaash. You could call it a miniature version of a grazing table and it really did hit the spot. Also, I think you would agree that with the pandemic looming in the background, any preparation that encourages community eating is so endearing. In addition to the fondue, we requested for the Baked Mac & Cheese parmesan crumble, a portion of peri peri grilled chicken and Wine braised lamb shanks. You can't go wrong

with Mac & Cheese or grilled chicken in winters but the object of my affection was the lamb shanks served on a bed of rosemary barley and kodo millet, leeks ratatouille and jus. Excellent meat preparation that would nourish both your body and soul To culminate the lovely after-

noon, we shared an assortment of desserts and oh boy they really did save the best for the last! All the desserts that we tried Baked Alaska bomb, Ditas Signature Hot chocolate fudge and Drop it like its hot were intricate yet delicious and I promise you that anybody with a sweet tooth would find the dessert section difficult to resist. The founder Udita who comes with the pedigree of Le Cordon Bleu has personally conceptualised the dessert menu and She seems mike one person who is always keen to innovate and take things to the next level. It was difficult to choose a favourite but if you put a gun to my head, I shall choose the Ditas signature deconstructed *Hot chocolate fudge* done with butterscotch ice cream, honevcomb, cocoa crumble and a secret sauce done in-house.

Overall, it was lovely afternoon with friends around good food and drinks. The staff at Ditas is well trained and took good care of our table. A dining experience which left us satiated and happy! Would I be back? Yes, for sure, especially for the desserts.

Changes in F&B industry

AJIT SHAH discusses popular food and dining trends that peaked in the past year, including mindful eating and exploration of cross-cultural cuisines

Tt has been more than a year since India's first lockdown, and the pandemic has changed the way we live and, of course, the way we eat. In 2020, we saw restaurants close, then open, and then close again, and we saw culinary projects put on hold. But we also saw a lot of resilience and innovation despite the circumstances.
Evidently, Covid-19 pandemic has

changed the whole flavour of the restaurant and food business since March, 2020. Restaurants are now operating very differently than they used to. Additionally, there has been a change in eating habits among people which has led to the emergence of a new set of food trends in 2021. These trends are set to dominate the industry and equip restaurants to stay ahead of the curve in the coming years. Below are a few food trends that have, in my experience, dominated the F&B industry in 2021.

Mindful eating

With customers opting for more healthy, sustainable and immunity boosting foods, the year 2021 has seen a rise in popularity of such concepts hitting the restaurant space. Throughout the lockdown period, health was a major concern among all age groups to protect themselves against the pandemic. Moreover, a mindful diet is something Indians have been focussing on. There has been a transition in their eating habits from staple foods, such as coarse cereals, to vegetable and animal-based proteins which contain healthy fats, fibres and antioxidants. In my opinion, this trend is not going anywhere anytime soon.

Veganism and vegetarianism

The influx of people joining the vegan lifestyle is on the rise, and the abundance of plant-based options on the market has made the switch easier than ever. Plant-based protein also made a statement last year and many restaurants now have a separate plantbased menu for vegans. Chefs have also become more creative with vegetables by studying seasonal availability as well as regions and cuisines around the world where vegetables are the primary ingredients.

Having said that, not everyone is ready or willing to make the switch to a total plantbased diet, which is why the trend of flexitarian eating is also on the rise. The concept of being a flexitarian is simple: Meat becomes a once-in-a-while or only-on-the-weekends food rather than part of your regular meal

Comfort food

Comfort food has been in high demand since 2020. Whether due to nostalgia for better times or cost-cutting practices, people have increasingly turned to familiar favorites such as pizzas and burgers to ease their minds. Starchy dishes that warm the soul and nourish the body seem to resonate at a high-

Local and seasonal ingredients

2020 brought imports and international travel to a screeching halt, thus making us rely on locally available options, especially for food. Therefore, if there was ever a time to go local, it is now. Imports of food items has been steadily declining over the past few

and far-that you're

glaced

years and this year, our reliance on internationally produced fruits and vegetables has significantly reduced as restaurants nationwide are relying more on seasonal ingredients and basing their menus around the

Buzz-less spirits

The non-alcoholic spirits category has also gained popularity in 2021. The sobercurious Gen Z-ers have been experimenting with this line-up of drinks that provides the taste and sophistication of cocktails and spirits, without the buzz.

Local cuisines

Cuisines from lesser-known regions of the country have been popular through 2021. People have started seeing cultures more holistically through food and have become more excited by the wonderful flavours that each local cuisine offers.

Cross-cultural cuisine

A huge food trend in 2021 has been cross-cultural cuisine. Fusion dining is not a new concept, but the time for creativity and innovation in food has definitely arrived. Fusions like Mexican-Korean, Chinese-Peruvian and more are delicious and excit-

Cloud kitchens

The growth of delivery and cloud kitchens, which started in 2020, has continued to remain popular through 2021. This is because cloud kitchens are better suited to the needs of socially distanced customers than traditional diné-in restaurants. It also helps restaurants to minimise some costs, such as rent and wait staff.

As 2021 comes to an end, I look forward to more innovative food trends in the coming year. While it may feel overwhelming to think about what comes next, we have already made it through one of the most turbulent years in modern human history. The F&B industry is bound to face its highs and lows, but the beauty of the industry lies in the fact that innovation can always push you through any obstacles. At the end of the day, all we, as industry leaders want, is for people to truly appreciate the joy of good food and the special moments that come with it.

(The author is a partner at White Panda Hospitality.)

For nibbles, we had savoury filo cups done with sun dried tomatoes, mushrooms, goat mixologist would whip up a myscheese, caramelised onions and

MUNCHING UNDER THE MISTLETOE

Khushbu Kirti receives boxes of happiness from Cafe Monique, comprising colourfully soft macaroons and a French cake, to commemorate the advent of the festive week

fast-forwarded to the end of yet another challening year. But, I am glad we are nearing the end, and excited to welcome the new year with new resolutions and new opportunities. In the past year, my food palette has evidently expanded and I'm grateful to have trodden on this new path. Christmas vibes are in the air and I

feel merry. I received, to mark the week of the official festivities, a perfect food package from Cafe Monique. The boxes of happiness were blue and

white in colour, with blue ribbons waiting to be untied to reveal multitude macarons, called Les Macarons de Paris.

CHRISTMAS

WHAT YOU NEED

Rum: 170 gm

Boiling water: 150 gm

Black currants: 240 gm

Black raisins: 185 gm

Brown sugar: 50 gm

Red cherries: 150 gm

Brown sugar: 300 gm

Chocolate 72 per cent:

Vanilla extract:10 gm

Chopped dates: 150 gm

Cocoa powder: 20 gm

Sultanas: 85 gm

Prunes: 150 gm

• Figs: 200 gm

Butter: 250 gm

100 gm

PUDDING

The founder of the online delivery



pattiserie, Shivan, had advised me to refrigerate the food and take it out five minutes prior to serve, so I did exactly that. He mentioned that these were fresh

bowl

• Eggs: 180 gm

METHOD

Baking powder: 2 gm

Cinnamon powder: 2.5

Garam masala: 2.5 gm

Cardamom powder: 3

Combine the black

currants, black raisins,

Sultanas, prunes, figs.

brown sugar and rum in a

mixing bowl. Stir well to

additions to their exclusive Christmas The different hues of macarons gelled

together were soft as marshmellow, and melted in the mouth. The texture was smooth. Each one of the Christmas macarons was double-flavoured.

The dake chocolate macaroons were far ahead in the competition, taste-wise, a lil too sweet though. You could taste the sugar separately. The green ones tasted of pistachio. So, micture of sweet and salty. They rendered a sort-of earthy flavour. The orange ones were softer still, breaks when you pick one up. The orange flavour was mixed with vanilla. Cream was filled up between the sides.

My favourites were the brown and

pink shaded macarons. The chocolare and bubblegum flavours blended well to produce a juicy and sweet after-taste. La Buche de Noel - Myrtille &

Marron, or the Yule log happens to be a traditional French Christmas dessert which takes the shape of a piece of wood, thus, literally, a log. It was gel-like on the tongue, and had milk cookies attached on the sides. The Yule log was an amalgamation of punchiness of blueberry with the sweetness of chestnut. As Chef Maxime explained, these are two traditional fruits from the European hills. He explained the story of how in the middle age, during the longest night of winter, families would burn a yule log and it would keep them warm and unted together for a night.

Ε C S

WHAT YOU NEED

- Egg yolk: 6
- Grease pudding mould
- pudding mixture into the spoon moulds.
- Bake in a double boiler at 140°C for 60 minutes.

mix, cover and leave for

After 24 hours, mix the

powder, baking powder,

butter, spices and eggs

along with the soaked fruit

mixture in a large mixing

with butter. Pour the

24 hours to soak.

flour, dates, cocoa

- Once the pudding is cooked, remove from the pan and set aside to cool.
- Cover with cling wrap to keep it soft.

Courtesy: L'Opéra Culinary Head Amit Kumar

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- Sugar: 100 gm Milk: 500 ml
- Heavy cream: 250
- Cinnamon: ½ bar
- Nutmeg: 1½ bar
- Clove: ¼ tsp Vanilla essence: ¼
- Whiskey: 360 ml
- **METHOD**
- Mix cream, sugar and egg yolk.
 - Add milk cream and spices in a pan and let

- it simmer for a minute Add this hot mixture into cream egg yolk slowly and mix vigorously to avoid
- curdle. Add vanilla essence and let it cool down to
- room temperature. Add bourbon & let it
- rest overnight. Serve chilled with
- grated nutmeg on top. Courtesy: Rohit Pandey, F&B executive assistant manager The Leela Bhartiya City Bengaluru

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CHRISTMAS PLUM CAKE

WHAT YOU NEED Cashewnut: 30 gm

• Flour: 320 gm

- Himachali almonds: 30 gm Tutty fruity: 50 gm
- Local Himachali orange peel: 50 gm

Dry ginger: 25 gm

Raisins: 50 gm

- Blackcurrant: 50 gm Mace powder: ½ tsp
- Cinnamon powder: 1 tsp Black pepper: ½ tsp
- Cloves powder: ½ tsp Cardamom powder: 1 tsp
- Rum: 150 ml Orange juice: 100 ml
- Honey: 100 ml
- Red wine: 90 ml



For cake batter:

- All-purpose flour: 250 gm
- Butter: 200 gm
- Eggs: 4
- Soaked dry fruits: 350 gm
- Baking powder: 1 tsp Milk powder: 2 tsp
- Vanilla essence: 2 ml **METHOD**
- Chop and soak the nuts Cut all the dry fruits and peels in small pieces, and soak them along with the raisins

- and tutti-fruity in the rum, red wine and orange juice (this is normally done 20-25 days in advance so that the dry fruits absorb all the spirits).
- Prepare the batter Mix the butter and sugar along and beat the vanilla essence in it. Add in the eggs gradually to the vanilla essence mixture and mixing all the while. Then fold in the flour sifted with baking powder and mix in all the soaked ingredients.
- Prepare a baking tin Grease a one kg baking tin with butter and sprinkle a little flour on the surface. Then place a sheet of butter paper on the bottom, and pour the cake batter into the tin. Bake the cake at 160°C for about 20-25 minutes. Take out the cake from the mould and leave aside to cool it down and do the dusting of icing sugar.
 - Courtesy: Rajnish Malkoti, executive chef, Welcomhotel Shimla

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Indian batting line-up good enough to tackle South African pacers: Pujara

PTI ■ CENTURION

iddle-order batter Cheteshwar Pujara says the current India batting line-up is experienced enough to tackle lateral movement on pace-friendly tracks in South Africa and he has no doubt that the team led by Virat Kohli will deliver in the Rainbow nation.

Puiara said the recent overseas success has made India a confident unit and that will reflect in the three-Test series, beginning

"When you are a visiting team, you know that there is pace and bounce and there is lateral movement and to face the fast bowlers is always a big challenge when you go out of India," Pujara said in a video posted by BCCI on its twitter handle.



this is a much more balanced bat- preparation I am very confident ting line-up and I think we will be

able to tackle that and with our

Pujara also felt that the experience of having played in South Africa will also stand them in good stead.

...Most of the (Indian) players have played in South Africa in the past, it is an experienced side and it terms of preparation, we know what is expected from us.
"Most of the teams play well

in their home conditions and it's the same with the South African team. They have one of the best bowling line-ups and facing one of the best fast bowlers has always been challenging," said the 33-year-old from Rajkot.

India had retained the Border-Gavaskar trophy after beating Australia 2-1 in the fourmatch series early in the year.

Virat Kohli's men also claimed a 2-1 victory in the five-Test rubber in England before the fifth Test was cancelled due to COVID-

"Having done well in England and Australia will make a big difference in this squad's confidence and self belief that we can win overseas, we can win in any conditions," Pujara said.

"And with our bowling and batting line-up, I am very confident that we have the capacity to win a series in South Africa."

Pujara has lacked consistency since 2020 with his last century coming in January 2019 in Australia. In the last 10 innings, he has scored two fifties but couldn't convert them to big

The Indian batting mainstay said he has better clarity now about how to go about things, having played in these conditions

India thrash UAE in opener

Harnoor Singh struck a fine hundred before the Indian bowlers ran through the opposition to complete a 154-run rout of UAE in their opening U-19 Asia Cup match here on Thursday.

Put in to bat, India put up 282 for five, courtesy Harnoor's 120 off 130 balls and skipper Yash Dhull's 63 off 68 balls. Rajvardhan Hangargekar's unbeaten 48 off 23 balls provided the final flourish.

UAE used as many as nine bowling options at the ICC Academy Ground but the move did not help their cause.

The home team's batters came a cropper against the Indian bowling line up, folding up for 128 in 34.3 overs. Hangargekar took three wickets for

India while Garv Sangwan, Vicky Oswal and Kaushal Tamble took two each.

India next play arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday.

In the other matches played on Thursday, Pakistan beat Afghanistan by four wickets and Sri Lanka hammered Kuwait by 274 runs.

The tournament is being played ahead of the U-19 World Cup in the





If possible, I would play for KKR forever: Gill

PTI KOLKATA

The talented Shubman Gill said that given a choice he would like to play for Kolkata Knight Riders forever.

Gill, who is currently nursing a shin injury which is keeping him out of South Africa tour, was released by the KKR management, who retained Andre Russell, Sunil Narine, Venkatesh Iyer and Varu Chakravarthy.

Once seen as KKR's future captain, the 22-year-old Indian opener was among the likes of Eoin Morgan, Dinesh Karthiik, Rahul Tripathi and Nitish Rana to be released.

"The kind of bond I have with the KKR franchise is something really special to me," Gill said in a short-film

"Once you're associated with a franchise you would want to carry on and play with them forever... And if I would be able to play in purple and gold, I would play forever," he

Bought for Rs 1.8 crore ahead of IPL 2018, a 18-yearold Gill rose to prominence with KKR in the very first season where scored 203 runs in 13 matches at a strike-rate of

But later on he drew flak for his poor conversion rate while his strike-rate too came down as overall he has so far played 58 matches for the franchise, scoring 1417 runs at a strike rate of 123.00.

"Not every year you can have all the best teammates or all the best players or all your best friends in one team. Instead of cribbing about the fact that we don't have them we should cherish the time that we had with them," Gill added.

The 11-minute short-film is a KKR's tribute to some of the who were a part of the fran-

chise.

"Ideally, there are so many players you want to retain but it just does not work that way," MD & CEO, KKR Venky

In-form Saurashtra face uphill task against TN, Himachal hold edge over Services Their formidable bowling attack, led by

Saurashtra run into an equally dominant Tamil Nadu, while Himachal Pradesh would have slight upper hand against Services when they face-off in the semfinals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy here on Friday.

Both Saurashtra and TN made it to the last four in convincing fashion. While the southern outfit thrashed arch-rivals Karnataka by 151 runs, Saurashtra slayed Vidarbha by seven

Services, on the other hand, decimated Kerala to make it to the last four of the national ODI championship for the first time ever, while Rishi Dhawan-led Himachal notched up a five-wicket win over Uttar Pradesh the other For Saurashtra, their biggest asset is the form

of the middle-order comprising the experienced Sheldon Jackson, Prerak Mankad and Arpit

The trio can take any good attack apart on their day, including Tamil Nadu's strong and var-Mankad (339 runs) would take a lot of con-

fidence from his unbeaten match-winning 77 in the quarter-final and would be keen to contin-



The 35-year-old Jackson, who has 2,212 'List A' runs, holds the key and his performance could eventually be the difference between the two

However, Saurashtra openers Vishwaraj

Jadeja and young Harvik Desai, would need to get runs under their belt and would be eyeing a big knock in the crunch game.

Samarth Vyas and Chiraj Jani would also need to play their parts as Saurashtra are unlike-

skipper Jaydev Unadkat, comprises young India seamer Chetan Sakriya and the duo can wreak havoc at the start and also at the death. The spin duo of Dharmendrasinh Jadeja and

leggie Yuvraj Chudasma also need to bowl well in tandem to stop marauding TN batters. Even Chiraj Jani and Mankad's contribution with the ball will be handy.
For Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy champions
Tamil Nadu, the role of opener N Jagadeesan,

who hit a superb hundred in the quarters, would be key and the start he provides with B Aparajith will have a say in the team's fortunes. Even the other batters including R Sai

Kishore, who was promoted up the order, skipper Dinesh Karthik, the reliable Aparajith and Baba Indrajith can tear into Saurashtra's bowling and given the form they have been in, a big score looks imminent. Tamil Nadu has two other players, who can

change the match's complexion in a jiffy -- the burly M Shahrukh Khan, who has been making headlines, and all-rounder Vijay Shankar. Shahrukh Khan was in devastating mood

against Karnataka and his blistering assault at the death pounded the bowlers into submission and he will look to make his presence felt again.

Suspended NDTL gets back WADA recognition: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur reveals

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday said that the World Anti-Doping Agency has restored the accreditation of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL), which was suspended in 2019 because of its failure to meet global standards.

capital. "National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) regains the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accreditation," Thakur posted on his official Twitter page.

"Restoration of accreditation is a boost to India's efforts to achieve the highest global standards of excellence in sport.



(Government of India)," he added. India is currently third in the WADA's

global list of dope violators led by Russia.

This is the result of untiring efforts by GOI

"Last week in Parliament, we introduced 'The National Anti-Doping Bill 2021, which is another step in India's quest to become a sporting powerhouse," Thakur said referring to the legislation which give the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)powers to conduct raids to nab dope offenders.

The suspension of the NDTL had proing activities, including all analysis of urine

and blood samples. The WADA first suspended NDTL in August 2019 for a period of six months and extended the de-recognition period after its inspections showed that non-conformi-

CABI pick 14-member Indian blind team for home series against B'desh lowed by three ODIs on

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Pricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has selected a 14-member squad for the three-match ODI and T20 series against Bangladesh starting on Friday at Bhopal.

The captain of both squads is Sunil Ramesh from Karnataka Haryana will be his deputy.

The bilateral series, to end on December 29, will be played at Bhopal's Faith Cricket Club.

The series will start with T20 matches to be played on December 24, 25 and 26 fol-

December 27, 28 and 29, CABI president Dr Mahantesh G . Kivadasannavar said in a release.

India's squad for 3 T20s:

B1 category: Kalpesh Nimbadkar (Gujarat), Lalit Meena (Rajasthan), A Venkateswara Rao (Andhra Pradesh), Praveen Kumar Sharma (Haryana).

B2 category: Venkateswara Rao (Andhra Pradesh), A Maneesh (Kerala), Irfan Diwan (Delhi), Nakul Badanayaka (Odisha).

Second seed B Sai Praneeth,

who also had a tough 2021, would

also be looking to start the year on

a high as he opens against Spain's Luis Penalver in the opening

round. He could face Indonesia's

Indian men to finish 2021 in third spot, women drop to ninth



Olympic bronze winning Indian men's hockey team will end the year in third spot, its highest-ever, as per the International Hockey Federation (FIH) rankings released on Thursday.

The Manpreet Singh-led Indian team won the bronze in Tokyo Games earlier this year to end a 41-year medal wait for the country. India, who finished third in the just-con-

cluded Asian Champions Trophy in Dhaka, will end the year with 2296.038 points behind Olympic champions Belgium and toppers Australia. Australia have leapfrogged Belgium in the latest chart following the Red Lions' recent FIH Hockey Pro League draw and defeat at the hands of the Netherlands.

Australia will close the year with 2642.25 points, just 10 points ahead of FIH Hockey Pro League and Olympic champi ons Belgium, who have 2632.12.

The Asian Champions Trophy saw various exchanges of ranking points between the competing teams, although there was little in terms of movement. Champions South Korea remain 16th with runners up Japan still in 17th position. Fourth placed finishers Pakistan continue to hold onto 18th place, while fifth placed Bangladesh have dropped two places to 40. | to lay claim on her first title of the

omeback man Kidambi Srikanth might clash with Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in a rematch of their World Championships final after being drawn in the same half, while PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen received easy draws in the Yonex-Sunrise India Open 2022 to be held from January 11 to 16.

Top seed Srikanth, who regained his place in world's top-10, will open his campaign against compatriot Siril Verma and is likely to get another chance to avenge his loss against World champion Loh Kean Yew as they are drawn to clash in the semifinals.

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, seeded top, will hope

new year when she begins her campaignagainst compatriot Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli.

The26-year-old could face Russian fifth seed Evgeniya Kosetskaya in the last-8 stage. Fans would be hoping for the

marquee all-India summit clash between Sindhu and the former World No. 1 Saina Nehwal, who has also received a relatively tough The London Olympics bronze

medallist and fourth seed Nehwal, who endured a tough year plagued with multiple injuries, is likely to square off against seventh seed Iris Wang of USA in the quarter-finals and second seed Busanan Ongbamrungphan in the semifinals. Organised by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), the USD 400,000 Super 500



event will kickstart the 2022 BWF World Tour season.

In-form Sen, who claimed a maiden bronze at the World Championships, will start his campaign against Adham Elgamal of Egypt and could face compatriot and World Championships quarter-finalist HS Prannoy in the ıarterfinals.

kickstart his challenge against

Prannoy, who is making a comeback after battling post COVID after-affects, is set to Tommy Sugiarto in the quarter-

Sixth seed Sameer Verma, who had suffered a calf muscle injury in Denmark, will also look to go deep into the draw after starting his campaign against his elder brother Sourabh.

India's top men's pairing of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, seeded second, will pen against compatriot Ravi and Chirag Arora and are likely to meet fourth seeded pair of Ben Lane and Sean Vendy from England in the Last-4 stage.

brace as Madrid beats Bilbao 2-1 in virus-hit game enzema

rarim Benzema struck two quick Kgoals to lead Real Madrid to a 2-1 win at Athletic Bilbao in a Spanish league game missing several players because of coronavirus infections.

Defending champion Atlético Madrid slumped to a fourth consecutive league defeat after losing 2-1 at Granada, extending its worst run in the competition since Diego Simeone took charge a decade ago.

A total of 12 players between Madrid and Bilbao missed the game after testing positive for COVID-19. That included Madrid midfielder Luka Modric and Bilbao's Unai Simón, the goalkeeper for Spain's

Benzema started the scoring for the league leaders with a superb strike four minutes into the match at San Mamés. He struck again in the seventh for his league-leading 15th goal of the season. Oihan Sancet hit right back for

the hosts to close out a wild first 10 minutes of the game.

Iñaki Williams went close to grabbing an equalizer with a half-hour to play, but a defense anchored by Éder Militão held on to increase Madrid's lead to eight points over second-place Sevilla.

The outbreak on Madrid's squad gave Eden Hazard, Eduardo Camavinga, and Nacho Fernández the opportunity to earn rare starts.

want to highlight the players who hadn't played much were ready Martínez, Jokin Ezkieta and Alex

to go, that is the strength of a team that wants to compete," said coach Carlo Ancelotti, whose side enters the winter break on a 15-game unbeaten streak in all competi-"Now to rest and get back those

players who weren't with us today... I think that we can have them all back after the holidays." The game came hours after the

Spanish league strengthened its testing protocols to try to prevent teams being hit by outbreaks. In addition to Modric, Madrid was without David Alaba, Isco Alarcón, Marco Asensio, Rodrygo, Gareth Bale, Marcelo and backup

goalkeeper Andriy Lunin. Besides

Šimón, Bilbao was without Iñigo



Benzema dazzled with his opening goal from the side of the area. The France striker stunned

Bilbao when he used one touch to send a pass from Toni Kroos curling into the far corner of the net. "What a striker, what a captain, what a player," Ancelotti said.

Benzema's second came after a poor touch by Bilbao defender Unai

Nuñez gifted him the ball with only Simón's replacement, Julen Agirrezabala, to beat.

"I like this type of soccer in a great stadium like this, it makes me happy, but it makes me even happier to beat this good team," said Benzema, who was applauded by the Bilbao crowd when substituted late. Sancet struck from the edge of

"We had our chance to tie the

match," Bilbao coach Marcelino García said. "I am proud of how we played against a great league leader." ANOTHER LOSSAtlético had

not lost more than two league games in a row since Simeone became its coach in December 2011. This month it has

lost to Mallorca, Real Madrid and

Sevilla before its defeat in Granada. Atlético started well with a goal from João Félix only three minutes after kickoff.

Darwin Machís then leveled in the 18th and Jorge Molina scored from a cross by Granada striker Luis Suárez to complete the comeback in