



# WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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- Arvind Kejriwal

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#### **SURGING OMICRON**

## Govt roping in NGOs to strengthen health facilities in Capital

New Delhi: The Delhi Government is in process of roping NGOs for strengthening its health infrastructure and manpower in view of rising cases of Omicron in the national capital

"A cabinet not for hiring 'Doctors for You' for providing manpower for running 3 DCHCS (Sawan Kripal Ashram; Sardar Patel, Chattarpur & Sant Nirankari, Burari) and Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbia Hospital has been put up for approval," according to an official documentation.

'Doctors for You' has already been engaged for DCHCS including Shehnai Banquet Hall, Commonwealth Games Village Hall, Rouse Avenue School and Yamuna Sports Complex, the document stated. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had yesterday announced that since Omicron

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infection does not require hospitalisation in most cases, the home-isolation module is being strengthened and an agency was being hired for it.

"The capacity to follow up patients in home isolation will be increased from the current 1,100 cases daily to one lakh each day. As soon as someone tests positive, a phone call will be made to the person and the next day a medical team will visit the person to provide him with a kit containing medicines and other

"Also, patients in home isolation will be counselled by the doctors for 10 days,l. The government will also increase daily Covid tests capacity from around 60,000 to 70,000 at present to three lakh per day. A two month stock of required medicines will also be maintained," the Chief Minister had added.

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## **Buying of 15 02 tankers** allowed to fight virus

The Delhi Government on Friday ordered to procure 15Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) tankers. These oxygen tankers would have a capacity of 10 tonnes, 15 tonnes and 20 tonnes with a total strength of 225 MT.

The Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) in its Board Resolution, chaired by Chairman of DTC Board and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot.

It is pertinent to mention here that in a high-level meeting on Thursday on the issue of emergence of new variants of Covid -19 and latest orders of Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) order in light of Omicron, an emergency meeting of DTC board was called to focus on the need for a fallback procurement of LMO.

Delhi Transport Minister, Kailash Gahlot said, "The oxygen supply chain management had undergone severe pressure due to an exponential rise in demand for LMO during the second wave. In order to avoid a situation in case an unfortunate third wave occurs, we have pre-

ensuring that no Delhiite suffers from lack of Oxygen. During the last wave too, DTC control room was converted into an Oxygen War room, and the Delhi Government and DTC is on a war footing to ensure that any eventuality is dealt with, in case any need aris-

Manpower for the operation of these tankers would be recruited by DTC and each tanker would be manned by one driver and one helper in each shift of 8 hours each," a government official said.

During the second wave of COVID-19, the Delhi Government had decided that a dedicated fleet of LMO tankers will be procured and DTC was given responsibility by the Delhi Government to procure LMO tankers for the Health Department.

The procurement of these tankers would be done to create an emergency reservoir pool of tankers to tide over any emergent requirement of liquid oxygen procurement from suppliers outside Delhi and to serve the purpose of intra-

## Gurugram 6 star village Wazirpur on alert amid Omicron outbreak

Gurugram: Amid the threat of the Omicron Covid variant, the Gurugram district 6 stars rated village Wazirpur is on high alert and the village head (Sarpanch) has issued necessary directions to villagers and migrant workers to get administered with both covid-19 doses to avoid infections. Wazirpur village of Gurugram is one the vil-

lage where no covid cases were found till now. However, the village now falls under the lim-

its of the Municipal Corporation Manesar

Sarpanch Sher Singh Chauhan of village Wazirpur briefed that the village population is approx 3,500 and 100 per cent of villagers in his village have been vaccinated.

A number of workers from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and other states used to live on rent who works in nearby warehouses and companies for their convenience the village panchayat has organized covid-19 camps on time to time. I have also issued necessary directions to them as well as villagers if someone still did not get a covid jab to get it soon," Chauhan said. Chauhan said for workers vaccination he has approached the company owners and even the general manager to share their employee's data who reside in the village so that their vaccination can be scheduled.

Wazirpur gram panchayat is the only panchayat who has received 6 stars from the Haryana



government for the facilities like sanitation, law and order situation, education of girls, sex ratio

"Amid the omicron threat, I have given strict directions among the villagers and migrant workers that despite covid camps if someone found in the village without covid jab he/she will be expelled from the village," Chauhan said.

"To inform villagers and migrant workers about the vaccination camp in the village we used to conduct 'Munadi' across the village. Also, it has been made mandatory for the residents to wear masks in public places and follow the rules of social distance," Chauhan added. The district administration of Gurugram has been alerted and also issued precautionary orders recently.

Orders have been issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Yash Garg in compliance with the guidelines given by the State Home Minister Anil Vij for the prevention of infection of the

## Mentally-challenged man from Bihar reunited with family

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has reunit-L ed, a 39-year-old mentally unstable man, who came to Ambala in Harvana from Bihar around eight years ago and later reached the national Capital, with his family.

The man identified as Shravan Mandal, was with a two-year-old boy claiming to be his child. The DNA samples have been taken to prove his

According to police, on December 1, the Delhi Police found a man, along with a twoyear-old boy, at Sadar Bazar area in the northern part of the city.

The police suspected the man to be mentally unstable. Later, he was admitted to the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) and the boy was admitted to a children's home," said police.

"Police team faced several difficulties as the man was not ready to talk. For the police, the child was more important and we wanted to know about the family members of the boy so that we can reunite them," said a senior police official.

"The doctors at IHBAS hospital also cooperated with them and helped them in the investigation. Later, the man said his name is Shravan Mandal and that he is from Madhubani district in Bihar. The police checked the voters' list of Madhubani district on the Election Commission's website and three persons with similar names came to know, following which the local police in Bihar was contacted," said the senior police official.

The relatives of one Shravan Mandal, who also went missing around four years ago from Bihar, approached the police.

The police took them to IBHAS hospital but they refused to identify the man, police said.

During further investigation, a police team of assistant sub-inspector Vinod Walia and head constable Ashish Lakra contacted the BDOs of Phulparas, Jhanjharpur, Ghoghardiha and Nagar Panchayat Ghoghardiha who provided them local phone numbers.

Among them, the number provided by the BDO Ghoghardiha belonged to Bathnaha village, the official said. Mandal's photograph was sent through WhatsApp and his family members identified him.

His brother Jai Prakash and brother-in-law Arun were called to IBHAS hospital. Jai Prakash informed the police that Mandal has a wife and two daughters in the village.

Seven-eight years ago,

Mandal came to Ambala along with his brother to work in a factory. However, Mandal left Ambala after working for only one month, the police said.

He reached Delhi and started living in the Madipur area. He started working here after changing his name. When his brother got to know about his location, he came to the city to meet Mandal but he never met him, they" said. According to the police, Jai

Prakash also said that Mandal came in contact with a woman in Delhi and the woman later left him. The boy most probably belongs to Mandal and that

The police said that the oy is in a children's home in Dhirpur and a DNA sample has been sent. If the report is positive, the child will be handed over to Mandal and his family members," the official said.

## SDMC inaugurates 'Nigam Haat' to reduce load on landfill sites

NEW DELHI: In order to ensure reduction and recycling of waste at source, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has inaugurated its unique initiative 'Nigam Haat' to reduce the load on landfill sites. To fulfill the concept of the Prime Minister, SDMC's Central Zone setup it at Lajpat Nagar's Central Market. Additional Commissioner A A Tazir and local area councilor Seema Malik inaugurated the facility.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner of Central Zone Radha Krishan and other senior officials of the SDMC were present. Talking about the SDMC's unique initiative, Tazir said that the concept is based on principles of 3R under which reduce, reuse and recycle of waste are the components. "The SDMC is determined to improve its ranking in Swachh Survekshan 2022 and is also committed to provide better civic services to citizens. It will also be established in other zones of the SDMC," he added.

Deputy Commissioner of Central Zone Radha Krishan said that this Haat will be operational from 11 am to 4 pm for citizens to participate in various IEC activities, watch demonstrations of home composting kits and also buy recycled products made out of waste.

Radha Krishan further said that the centres of attraction at 'Nigam Haat' are proper use of tyres which were lying unattended, a tree made from waste of dumped vehicles and conversion of an abandoned jeep into a selfie point.

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NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-Tender Notice
On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun online tenders in Two Bid System, on item rate contract basis (inclusive of all materials & taxes), are invited for the following works in District Dehradun (Uttarakhand) under Jal Jeevan Mission from technically and financially capable bidders, registered with Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan/ Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam in appropriate class & category up to prescribed date & time on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions.

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GST The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows (Key Dates) Date of Online Publication 04.01.2022 at 11:00 Hrs Document download: Start Date 05.01.2022 at 11:00 Hrs Pre-Bid Meeting: Date 10.01.2022 at 11:00 Hrs Bid Submission : Start date 14.01.2022 at 11:00 Hrs Bid Submission : End date 18.01.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of 18.01.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs affidavits and all supporting Document in Date of Bid Opening
Date of Financial Bid Opening 19.01.2022 at 11:00 Hrs To be intimated later "Save Water - Save Life"

Office Of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division Uttrakhand Jal Sansthan Lane No-1, Tarun Vihar, Mothrowala Road, Dehradun-248001 Phone No/Fax. 0135 2671940, E-mail - eemdujs@rediffmail.com Letter No.-3806 /E-Tender notice/2021-22 Date: 24-12-2021

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01	Construction of Purohitwala Water Supply Scheme I/C Clear Water Reservoir Installation, Testing & Commisioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System etc Complete.		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
	Construction of Aduwala Water Supply Scheme I/C 300 mm Dia T/W, Over Head Tank & Installation, Testing & Commisioning of Rising Main & Distribution System etc Complete		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
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04	Construction of Prateetpur Water Supply Scheme I/C Over Head Tank & Installation, Testing & Commisioning of Rising Main & Distribution System etc Complete		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
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10	Construction of Nawabgarh Water Supply Scheme I/C Electrical / Mechanical Work for existing T/W & Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System etc Complete.		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
11	Construction of Sorna Water Supply Scheme I/C Clear Water Reservoir Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System etc Complete		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
12	Construction of Sudhowala Water Supply Scheme I/C 300 mm Dia T/W, Over Head Tank & Installation, Testing & Commisioning of Rising Main & Distribution System etc Complete		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
13	Construction of Atanbagh Water Supply Scheme I/C 300 mm Dia T/W, Over Head Tank & Installation, Testing & Commisioning of Rising Main & Distribution System etc Complete		₹4000.00 + GST	12 months	
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Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting Document in support of qualification).

Date of Bid Opening

Date of Financial Bid Opening

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR Telefax No. :- 0194-2496089, Email Id:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

(Short-term)

Gist of E-NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2021-22/250/e-tendering Dated: 23.12.2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from registered/ reputed/ experienced firms with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the below mentioned work:-Name of Work:- Providing of Insulation over the newly installed Central Heating

Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 200 Time of completion (in days):-05 AA Accorded Vide No :- 14-MCS of 2021, Dated: 21-05-2021

piping inside the augmented Boiler house at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.

TS.NO:-MHCHD/TS/166, Dt: 12/21

Earnest Money (in Rs.):-8200

1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 23-12-2021 (18.00 hrs).

2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 24-12-2021(10.00 hrs). to 29-12-2021(14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover

3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened or 29-12-2021(16.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

No. DIPK-15624/21 Dated: - 23.12.2021

Sd/- Executive Engineer MHCHD, Srinagar



Chief Engineer, Uttarakhand Rural Roads Development Agency First Floor, Directorate of Panchayatiraj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradur

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PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY) e-Procurement Notice- 23/2021-22

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behall of Governor of Uttarakhand invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Almora, Chamoli & Tehri for 04 number of Packages with estimated cost totaling to Rs. 6.83 Crore including their maintenance for five years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or equivalent\*.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 24-12-2021.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying

The bidders are required to submit original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED CIRCLE OFFICES, mentioned in SBD/MBD, only up to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bid shall be declared nonresponsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date and time of

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement: 31.12.2021 01:00 PM. For further details please log on to www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in

\*Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract. Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number may be contacted

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# 91% Omicron +ve had both shots

India records 122 Omicron cases in last 24 hours, highest rise so far

PNS NEW DELHI

India recorded 122 cases of the Omicron variant in the last 24 hours on Friday, the highest so far, pushing its tally in the country to 358. Of which, 114 have recovered.

A worrying point from the Health Ministry briefing on Friday was that 91 per cent of all Omicron patients in India were fully vaccinated, and seven per cent had one shot. Interestingly, 44 cases out of the 183 Omicron cases analysed had no foreign travel history, but the majority of them were contacts of foreign travellers.

The travel history of the remaining 18 cases is not known.

Uttar Pradesh has decided to impose night curfew from Saturday. Haryana imposed night curfew from Friday night. Maharashtra is expected to follow soon.

The Ministry said the world is witnessing the fourth surge in Covid-19 cases and the world recorded over 9 lakh Covid-19 cases on December 23, which indicates a fresh wave of the pandemic and cautioning people against dropping the guard, particularly during Christmas and New Year festivities.



A healthcare worker collects swab samples of a policeman for Covid-19 test, amid concern over rising Omicron cases, in Jammu on Friday

were partially vaccinated and

jab. The vaccination status of 73

patients is unknown," he said.

positivity rate in Kerala and

the national average and a cause for concern. It said 20

districts across the country

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Haryana imposes night curfew

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The Ministry said the case

Briefing mediapersons, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said India's Omicron caseload crossed 100 exactly one week ago and it crossed 200 on Tuesday

Maharashtra has recorded the highest number of 88 cases of the Omicron variant, followed by Delhi 67, Telangana 38, Tamil Nadu 34, Karnataka 31 and Gujarat 30. Besides, Haryana, Odisha, J&K, Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, UP, Chandigarh, Ladakh and Uttarakhand have confirmed cases of the new strain.

Bhushan said 61 per cent of the Omicron cases analysed were male and 39 per cent were

"About the vaccination status, 87 patients were fully vaccinated and out of these, three were also inoculated with the booster dose. Seven patients were unvaccinated and two

## Delhi sees 180 fresh Covid cases in a day

New Delhi: The national Capital on Friday recorded 180 fresh Covid cases, the highest single-day rise since June 16, and zero death while the positivity rate mounted to 0.29 per cent, according to data shared by Delhi's health department.

On June 16, the city had logged 212 Covid-19 cases. The total number of cases reported in Delhi so far rose to 14,42,813. Over 14.16 lakh patients have recovered from the infection. The death toll 16 were ineligible to take the due to the coronavirus infection in Delhi stands at 25,103. Five deaths have been report-Mizoram is much higher than ed in December so far.

Delhi has witnessed an uptick in Covid-19 infections in the last few days amid a jump in cases of the new Omicron variant.

 Uttar Pradesh to impose night curfew from Saturday; Madhya Pradesh has already imposed night

The third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic in India may peak by February 3, 2022, claims a modeling study by researchers at Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur:

Government appeals to the private health sector to be ready

## All eligible for Covid vax in Capital given first dose: Kejriwal



vaccine has been administered to all people eligible for inoculation, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Friday. Also, he hailed doctors and frontline workers. The Delhi Government is prepared to deal with Omicron variants at every level, taking all necessary

steps, he said.

Taking to Twitter, he shared data on the vaccination drive underway in the city. "Delhi completes first dose to 100 per cent eligible people --148.33 lakh. Salute to doctors, ANMs, teachers, ASHAs, CDVs and all other frontline workers. Congratulations to DMs, CDMOs, DIOs and all district functionaries," Kejriwal tweeted.

Delhi on Thursday had achieved the milestone of administering at least one dose

the Government data showed According to the CoWIN dashboard, 1,48,27,546 people

in Delhi have taken at least one shot of Covid-19 vaccine by 8 pm on Thursday. As per the draft roll published on November 1, 2021, the total number of electors in Delhi stands at 1,47,95,949. Over 2,53,37,557 doses have been administered in the city since the inoculation exercise started on January 16. As many as 1,05,10,011 people have received both doses. Over 1.22 lakh people were vaccinated against coronavirus in Delhi on Thursday.

To deal with Omicron, the Delhi Government said it has made adequate arrangements for hospitals, beds, medicines, and oxygen, and is strengthening home isolation. *SR* ening home isolation.

## I-T, GST raid on Samajwadi Attar maker's premises

#### Kanpur pan masala trader also raided

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA LUCKNOW

After last week's operations on the Samajwadi Party leaders and businessmen close to the SP, the Income Tax and GST teams on Thursday once again conducted raids on the offices and premises of industrialists close to Akhilesh Yadav.

Raids on premises linked to a businessman Piyush Jain, who had launched Samajwadi Attar (perfume) last month in the presence of the SP chief, have led to the recovery of ₹150 crore cash, so far, IT department sources said.

A photograph that went viral on social media also showed IT and GST officials squatting on a floral sheet spread in the middle of a room and surrounded by piles of cash and three note-counting machines. In Kanpur, the office and residence of the industrialist was raided by the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) and IT teams on Thursday. His brother Pammi Jain is

senior leader in the Samajwadi Party. Besides, IT teams also raided the premises of pan masala trader KK Agarwal in Kanpur. The raids



were initiated by GST (Goods and Services Tax) officials for tax evasion.

After unearthing detail, the Income Tax, Department was also roped in. Sources said that tax evasion worth crores of rupees have been detected during the raids on Piyush Jain premises In Kanpur, Kannauj, Mumbai, and Gujarat. The Income Tax department raided the house, factory, office, cold store, and petrol pump of Piyush. Along with the I-T raid, on specific intelligence inputs, officers of the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI), Ahmedabad initiated searches in Kanpur on Thursday on the factory premises of a pan masala manufacturer and a transporter.

He was involved in the transportation of goods under the cover of fake invoices, without generating e-way bills.

Hours after Punjab Chief

five days after an enraged mob

the Kapurthala incident have not found any evidence of desecration...The youth was lynched. The investigation is pointing towards a murder. We will modify the FIR accordingly," Channi said at a press conference in Chandigarh.

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Athat he had an elder sister.

Around 40 years back, when he

was a toddler, Munni went missing. His father tried to

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for dead.

The youth, till now, has remained unidentified, but is suspected to be a migrant tify him, the Kapurthala police has sent the deceased's picture to police stations across the country. His samples have also been taken for a DNA test. His autopsy report, received a day before, had shown 30 cuts on the body, which is mostly sharp, deep cuts, suspected to have been inflicted by a sword, on his neck, hips, and head.

"Amarjit was arrested and murder charges have been added in the FIR filed earlier, under Section 295 (A)," said Kapurthala SSP Harkamlpreet Singh Khakh.

"As many as 100 unidentified people have also been booked for the lynching of the youth. The remaining people, who include 25 to 30 armed persons, are unidentified. But we have the videos and photographs, and they will be identified and arrested. We can't allow lynching incidents to happen," said IG Gurinder Singh Dhillon added.

## **Harish placated after** meeting with Rahul, to steer U'khand polls

PNS NEW DELHI

 $\Delta$  fter going public with his of affairs in Uttarakhand Congress, former Chief Minister Harish Rawat on Wednesday met senior party leader Rahul Gandhi and said the elections would be fought under his (Rawat's) leadership in the State.

"I am completely satisfied. The high command has told me that the Uttarakhand election will be contested under my leadership. We all must be united," Harish said talking to the media after calling on Rahul.

Others who met Rahul were Congress Legislature Party leader of the State Pritam Singh, State Congress chief Ganesh Godiyal and party leader Yashpal Arva.

"My hands are no longer tied. We are all Congress soldiers," he said, indicating that his near-revolt is a closed chapter for now.

While giving him a free hand in running the Congress



campaign for the forthcoming Assembly elections in the Himalayan State, the party has so far not named him as the chief ministerial face. Top leadership maintained that MLAs would take that decision after the election early next year This is obviously an attempt to

keep the party united. Whether I become Chief Minister or not will be decided by the legislature party after the elections. The only message is that we have to win the elec-

tion," Harish said. Harish stunned the Congress on Wednesday with a Twitter thread in which he spoke about being abandoned by his party bosses and about seeking divine guidance on the road ahead.

Dehradun: A day after the Allahabad High Court suggested deferring the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections due to a possible Omicron-led third Covid wave, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Friday said an appropriate decision will be taken on the issue after his UP visit next

week. The HC had urged the Government and the EC to consider postponing the UP Assembly elections for a month or two and banning all political rallies amid the fears of an impending third wave of Covid

decommissioned after 32 years

## **CAPSULE**

EC TO TAKE CALL ON HC'S

IDEA TO DEFER UP POLL

INS KHUKRI DECOMMISSIONED New Delhi: Indian Navy Ship

(INS) Khukri, the first of the indigenously-built missile corvettes, has been of service



## Gurudwara head held for lynching in sacrilege name PNS CHANDIGARH

Channi on Friday maintained that investigations into Kapurthala incident had not found any evidence of desecration but the youth was lynched, the police arrested the Gurudwara head Amarjit Singh on murder charges. Besides, over 100 unidentified people have been booked in the case. The arrest, which came

lynched a youth in the presence of the police on the allegations of attempted sacrilege bid at a local village Gurudwara at Nizampur Mor in Kapurthala, was made after the CM had maintained the FIR filed in the incident would be modified.

"The investigations into

Indian Munni finds a Bajrangi in Pak! Pakistan woman connects to her family in India

"I was shocked. I could not recognise my sister initially, but the way she described the village and our family there was no doubt that she was my eldest sister," Akram told this reporter from Sambhal, where he worked as a menial worker. The script has a resem-

locate her for almost two years. After he failed, they took her On December 20, a viral video turned the life of Akram, a resident of a non-descript Saraitareen village in Sambhal, upside down. This was about a middle-aged woman from Karachi in Pakistan looking for her relatives in Sambhal's



Saraitareen village

Munni with her family. Here too a local journalist Md Gufran, who located Akram and showed him the video which had gone viral in WhatsApp, helped the family reunion. "I saw the video in Moradabad media group. I

belong to the same Saraitareen blance with the blockbuster village and the details that lady movie Bajrangi Bhaijaan, where was giving interested me. I enquired from the elderly per-Pawan Kumar Chaturvedi (Salman Khan) travelled to sons from my village about that and Mohammed Pakistan to reunite a six-yearold girl Munni, with her fam-Chhiddan, whom she claimed ily. In the movie a local jourto be her father. This took me nalist, Chand Nawab, played an to Akram," Gufran said. Continued on Page 4 instrumental role in uniting

## **Omicron fear: EC to visit UP on Dec 28**

To take stock of polls readiness, Covid situation; to defer elections of the policy of

Aday after the Allahabad High Court urged the Centre to put off the upcoming assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh and ban rallies and public meetings of political parties owing to rising cases of the Omicron, a high-level team of the Election Commission of India (ECI) will visit the State on December 28 to take stock of the polls preparations and Covid-19 situation. The poll body will take a final call on holding elections and four other States after an assessment of the Covid-19 situation with

the Government. According to sources, a high-level team comprising Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra, Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey, along with other senior officers of the Commission will review the preparations for the assem-

state government officers on December 28, 29 and 30. The EC team will also hold a meeting with the chief secretary, the director general of police, and other top state government officers as well health department. The team will also meet all stakeholders including representatives of political parties to take their viewpoints.

Responding to a query, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra on Friday said an appropriate decision will be taken on the issue after his UP visit next week. "I will be visiting UP next week. An appropriate decision as required by the situation will be taken after we review it," CEC Chandra said. He was responding to a question whether it was possible to defer the polls in the backdrop of the Allahabad High Court observations to ban political rallies over the rising cases of the Omicron vari-



A team of the EC headed CEC Chandra is currently in Úttarakhand to take stock of the poll preparations and is scheduled to visit Uttar Pradesh next. The EC has earlier visit-

ed Punjab and Goa to review the poll preparedness amid the Omicron scare.

The chorus to postpone the upcoming assembly polls got louder after the Allahabad High Court has requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the EC to immediately ban rallies and public meetings of political parties, and consider postponing the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election owing to rising cases of the

19. The court requested the EC to possibly postpone the U.P. election scheduled to be held in February by one or two months. Citing news reports of increasing COVID-19 cases and deaths, the HC said the third wave "is at our doorstep".

The High Court judge, while praising the PM's vaccination drive, requested him, taking into consideration the "frightening situation", to take tough steps and consider deferring or stopping the rallies, meetings and election. "Jaan hain toh jahan hain (if there is life, there is hope)," remarked

The Uttar Pradesh election in 2017 was conducted over seven phases between February 11 and March 9 while three other states polled in a single phase and Manipur had polled in two phases after the election schedule was announced on January 4, 2017.

spread hatred: Rahul

after Haridwar hate

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## Bihar, T poll panels to make presentation on use of technology

A parliamentary committee will next month invite officials of the State Election Commissions (SECs) in Bihar and Telangana to showcase the use of technology, including biometric systems to authenticate genuine voters, in conducting local body polls.

Sushil Modi, chairperson of the Department-related Standing Committee on Law and Personnel, said the panel would invite the SECs of the two states for a presentation sometime in January next year.

He said the Bihar State Election Commission also experimented with another technology -- the results shown on individual EVMs (control units) were captured by CCTV cameras and sent to the central table after adding all results."What happens now is that results displayed on individual EVMs are noted on paper and sent to the central table where they are added up using calculator. There are chances of someone fudging the figures. Under the system used in Bihar, everything is fast and automated," he explained.
"In a first, Bihar used bio-

metric system to authenticate voters during the panchayat elections. The voting percentage went down (to 65 per cent). The reason was that only genuine voters exercised



their voting rights," Sushil

State election commissioners of five states have so far been to Bihar to understand the CCTV-based counting system, he noted.Referring to a 'mock poll' organised by the Telangana SEC, in which a group of sample voters used smart phones to cast their votes in Khammam district, he said a presentation on the technology used will be sought.

SECs are entirely separate bodies mandated to hold local body polls in their respective states.The Commission of India organises polls to elect the president, vice president, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members and members of state legislative assemblies and legislative

## **CENTRAL HOUSING SCHEME**

## Construction of 1.07 L houses approved in 5 States

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has approved the construction of 1.07 lakh houses in five States, including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban). The approval was given on Thursday by the Central Sanctioning and Committee

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The ministry said project proposals for 1.07 lakh houses were approved for construction from Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Maharashtra, Puducherry and Uttarakhand under various verticals of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

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According to the statement, the secretary also reviewed the progress of implementation of PMAY-U in other states. The ministry said the total number of sanctioned houses under the mission is now 1.14 crore, of which around 91 lakh have been grounded for construction and more than 53 lakh have been completed and delivered to the

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The total investment under the mission is Rs 7.52 lakh crore with central assistance of Rs 1.85 lakh crore. So far, central assistance amounting to Rs 1.14 lakh crore has already been released, it said. The Housing and Urban Affairs secretary directed the states and Union territories to expedite the construction of houses, adding that grounding should be the first responsibil-

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#### New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said that all the religions pay a price for the violence propagated by hate-mongers. In a tweet after the Haridwar incident came to

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light, Rahul said, "Hindutvadis always spread hatred and violence and Hindus Muslims Sikhs and Christians pay the price but not any more."

The incident was reported to have taken place in Haridwar during an event held from December 17 to 20. The video clips circulated on social media say that "Hindus should arm themselves like those seen in Myanmar, every Hindu must pick up weapons and conduct a Safayi Abhiyan."

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra had sought action against those people who incited hatred and called for unleashing violence against followers of a particular reli-

Priyanka said, "Strictest action should be taken against those who incite hatred and violence of this kind. It is despicable that they should get away with making an open call to murder our respected against people of different com-

'Such acts violate our constitution and the law of our land," she added.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said, "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas is total Bakwaas as far as the Prime Minister and his drumbeaters are concerned. It's only an empty slogan! Why the thundering silence on the atrocious hate speech made in Haridwar? Why the paralysis from the Home Minister & Uttarakhand CM?"

The three-day event was organised Yati Narasimhanand, a controversial religious leader who has been accused in the past of inciting violence.

The Uttarakhand police have lodged an FIR in the case against Jitendra Narayan Tyagi, who was former Shia Waqf board chairman and recently

## **JEHANABAD ARMS RECOVERY CASE**

## **NIA** files chargesheet against 5 men

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a chargesheet against five accused persons in Jehanabad arms recovery case, before a designated court in Patna.

The agency filed the chargesheet in the case Indian Penal Code Sections relating to waging war against the nation and criminal conspiracy besides relevant provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosive the Criminal Law Amendment Act, the NIA said in a state-

The five accused named in the chargesheet are Parshuram Singh alias Nandlal, Prem Raj alias Gautam Kumar, Rakesh Kumar and Mohd. Badruddin, all residents of Gola Road, Gazdarchak, Danapur, Patna, Bihar and Sanjay Singh of Bohiya, Gaya, Bihar, it said.

The case relates to the recovery and seizure of arms, ammunitions and other incriminating materials from the accused persons. The case was originally registered as FIR No. 246/2021 dated March 31, 2021 of Police Station Karona Out Post, Jehanabad, Bihar and the NIA had re-registered the case June 17 Another case FIR No.

260/21 dated March 31, 2021 registered at Danapur Police Station, was found to be connected to the earlier case and converted to Hinduism. IANS | was accordingly taken up for



investigation, it said.

"Investigation has established that the accused Parshu Ram Singh alias Nandlal, active member of the CPI (Maoist) was associated with the top Naxal commander Arvindji alias Dev Kumar (now deceased). He was responsible for the fabrication of improvised hand grenades and their transportation along with other arms and ammunition to Jharkhand-based Maoist Commanders for the furtherance of terrorist activities. Parshu Ram Singh used his garage at Danapur for the storage of the arms. Mohd. Badruddin was the fabricator of the grenades and the entire module was supported by the other accused persons," it

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## Indian Munni finds a Bajrangi...

The Munni in Bajrangi Bhaijaan had a protagonist in form of Pawan, but real-life Munni, faced wolves, one of them her own uncle who sold her to a person in Delhi when she was just 16-17 years of age. That person later sold her to another person in Haryana and from there she was trafficked to Pakistan.

"My khaalu (uncle) took me to Delhi and sold me to a person. I went with him, because I knew him and he said he will take me to Delhi and bring me back within a few days," Munni told this reporter from Karachi on a WhatsApp call.Akram claims that his khaalu ĥad taken his sister away because he wanted to take revenge on his father as his father married a second time to a lady whom his khaalu wanted to marry. Munni wants to forget her initial years in Pakistan. "You can understand what had happened with me there," she said. But savior for her came in form of Sajjad Haider. She was staying with one of his tenants

when Sajjad noticed her and found something amiss. "I do not need to elaborate you can understand the plight of Munni," Sajjad said.She was rescued and later Sajjad married her despite pressure from the family and society. After marriage, Munni took a new name Bushra.

"I am happy now. I have four children. But I always wanted to meet my family - my father, brothers, and sisters. I do not how, but I remember about our locality and the people staying around our house," Munni said.Mohammad Chhiddan lived with his wife Muniza, elder daughter Munni, younger daughter Bhuri sons Munna alias Islam, Akram, and Baher Alam in Mohalla Hiidan of Saraitarin, Sambhal. In 1981, Múnni suddenly disappeared. The father died in 1997 and moth-

er Muniza also passed away in 2004. In 2010 the sister Bhuri died too leaving behind three brothers."Almost every day we talk on the telephone. The conversation continues for hours and ends up with tears in our eyes," Akram said."I appeal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to issue a visa for my sister so she can come to India visit us,"

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## **SP-BJP slugfest over seizure** Hizbul ultra who of cash from perfume trader killed BJP men in

## SP distances itself from Piyush Jain

PNS LUCKNOW

Opposition Samajwadi Party and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party were involved in a slugfest over an Income Tax department raid and subsequent seizure of huge cash and unaccounted wealth from the Kanpur premises of a perfume trader of Kannauj, the former Lok Sabha constituency of SP chief Akhilesh Yadav and later his wife Dimple Yadav.

Businessman Piyush Jain had recently developed 'Samajwadi Itr' (perfume) which was released at a press conference by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav in

Slamming the IT raid as a political vendetta of the ruling BJP, Akhilesh tweeted, "Some journalists source their news reports from the BJP office. The perfume trader raided by the Încome Tax department has no links with the Samajwadi Party

**Businessman Piyush Jain had** recently developed 'Samajwadi Itr' (perfume) which was released at a press conference by SP chief

yet the media is projecting the businessman as having close links with the SP.

**Akhilesh Yadav in** 

Lucknow

On its part, the BJP alleged that Samajwadi perfume 'reeked' of corruption as Akhilesh Yadav's aide hid Rs 150 crore and the process of counting of the cash by eight note counting machines s still underway.

Pictures of machines counting wads of cash went viral and the figure is said to have already reached Rs 159 crore.

According to officials, tax evasion worth Rs 159 crore was detected during the raids and eight cash counting machines were taken to Jain's house and the process of counting seized currency notes was on with the help

claimed that the I-T department had raided the perfume manufacturer who recently launched Samajwadi Itr' endorsed by Samajwadi Party. Taking the attack on the SP to social media, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra claimed that the massive amount of cash seized during the raids was from the house of the person who launched 'Samajwadi' perfume.

Samajwadi Party spokesperson Rajendra Chaudhary distanced the party from perfume manufacturer Piyush Jain, saying that he was not the one who launched Samajwadi Itr and a false narrative was being peddled by the BJP.

Last week, the I-T department had raided the residences of people associated with the SP. The raids took place at the residence and offices of Jainendra Yadav in Lucknow, SP spokesman Rajeev Rai in Mau, Manoj Rai in Agra and some others closely associated with SP and party chief Akhilesh Yadav. Akhilesh had attacked the BJP over the raids and said that the party was misusing the agencies.

# J&K gunned down

Srinagar: A Hizbul Mujahideen militant, involved in the killing of an inspector and BJP workers among others, was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, police

A police spokesman said a cordon and search operation was launched in Mumanhal Aarwani area of Bijbehara in the south Kashmir district based on inputs about the presence of militants

"During the search operation, as the presence of the trapped terrorist got ascertained, he was given ample opportunities to surrender. However, he denied the surrender opportunities and instead fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said.

In the ensuing encounter, the terrorist identified as Shahzad Ahmad Seh, a resident of Sehpora in Kulgam, was killed and his body was retrieved from the site of the shootout, the spokesman

"As per police records, the man was a categorised terrorist linked with proscribed terror outfit Hizbul Mujahideen and was part of groups involved in sev-

eral terror cases," he said. Seh was involved in the killing of

police Inspector Mohammad Ashraf Bhat in Anantnag in October last year, he said. "He was involved in the killing of three BJP workers at YK-Pora Kulgam in October last year. He was also involved in the killing of a BJP sarpanch and his wife at Lal-Chowk Ananthag on August 9 this year," the spokesman said.

He said the slain militant was also involved in the attack on DDC candidate Anees ul Islam Ganie at Sagam Kokernag in December last year and in snatching the weapon from a constable at Shamispora crossing in Khudwani area of Kulgam in July this

"Moreover, he was involved in various grenade lobbing incidents and attacks on security establishments in Anantnag and Kulgam areas," the ookesman said.

Incriminating materials, arms and ammunition including an AK-47 rifle, two AK magazines, 40 AK rounds and a grenade were recovered from his possession and all the seized materials have been taken into case records for further investigation, the spokesman said. PTI

## Indian Army Madras Regimental Centre inducts 132 new recruits



**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ NILGIRIS

Despite the Covid-19 induced lock-down and restrictions, Wellington based Madras Regimental Centre, one of the oldest infantry units of the Indian Army, kept the tradition of despatching well trained new recruits to regiments in the forward units of the country. Wellington, atop the Nilgiri mountains, came alive on Friday morning as Army buglers announced the beginning of the annual attestation parade.

The impressive parade saw the induction of 132 recruits into the Indian Army after a gruelling training that lasted for more than a year. The recruits drawn out from the six southern States who successfully completed basic and advanced military training were designated as sepoys and would board trains and aircraft to move over to units of Madras Regimental Centre spread out

across the forward areas of the country for active military life.

Brigadier Rajeshwar Singh, commandant , MRC Wellington, reviewed the parade held at the historic drill ground of Sreenagesh Barracks The Madras Regimental Centre is an iconic Army unit in the country and which has proved its mettle during combat operations as well as peacetime initiatives.

The Army centre earned the love and affection of the people in Nilgiri and surrounding districts when the soldiers of the unit reached inaccessible terrains in the region to feed thousands of civilians who were left penniless and jobless because of the Covid-19 induced Íockdown.

Addressing the soldiers and their instructors after reviewing the impressive attestation period, Brigadier Rajeshwar Singh emphasized on the fact that the regimental centre has not missed out a single day of training since the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

## Workshops to empower elected panchayat members organised

#### Lawyers, HC, SC ex-judges come forward to help organisation

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Agroup of lawyers, former judges of Supreme Court and High Courts and former bureaucrats have come together to empower all members of grama panchayath, block pan-chayath and district panchayaths. They are also taking law to the last man in the State to drive home the lessons that all are equal before law and in a society governed by law the young should know the basics of law.

Connecting Governed, Governing and Governance (CG3), an organization led by Dr K P Kylasanatha Pillay, senior advocate, Supreme Court, who is an authority on Panchayati Raj laws, has for elected members of panchayath bodies and the result has been impressive.

"These workshops have helped in creating an awareness among the local body members that they are the most effective and powerful entities in local governance. They are fully aware of the power wielded by them," said S M Vijayanand, former chief secretary of Kerala who has held the portfolio of secretary to local body department for a record period of ten years.

Acquisition of land for laying panchayath roads, digging of public wells, provision of drinking water to villages, functioning of primary health centres in each panchayaths, river water management and resolving of any shortcomings faced by their respective wards have become an easy proposition to these members because of the efforts put up by resource persons of CG3, said Dr Pillay.

The seventh edition of the workshop organised by CG3 and attended by members

representing panchayath wards from four districts in the State was a revelation. "The local body members in Kerala are no more just the silent spectators who used to suffer the callousness of bureaucrats. They are an empowered lot capable of ques-

works," said Dr Pillay. Vijayanand said that panchayaths in Kerala do not make any complaints about allocation of funds by the Government. "This is because of decentralisation of power which in turn resulted in equitable development," he pointed out. The queries put forward by participating panchayath members about the legal hurdles faced by them in land acquisition itself is proof of their awareness level.

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cians for any kind of delays in

implementing the development

CG3 has chalked out a plan to provide free legal aid to all panchayath members in issues concerning development and overcoming bottlenecks. village governments which are not insurmountable. Once they approach us, we will help them to sort out any issues," said Jayasree, a lawyer working with

the organization. C T Mohan, former Panchayath secretary said that politicians used to hold the members to ransom. "The ignorance of the members about their rights has led to that situation. Election to local bodies have reached a stage that is above party politics," said Mohan.

CG3 initiative is worth replicating in all States in India, according to Babu George and Jayasree, livewires of the institution. "Connecting the governed with the government and governance. We show the correct path to those who have lost their way in the wilderness of busy life. Access to justice to the deprived and disconnected citizens by connecting them to the benefits of governance is the avowed motto of CG3. This is a 24X7 mission," said Dr Pillay. | Companies (DPGC), said.

Maha records 20 more Omicron

### Firm wins financial bid for pvt-built smart city

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

 $\mathbf{T}$ n a development that will **⊥** pave the way for revival of the Lavasa hill station, the Mumbaibased Darwin Platform Infrastructure Ltd (DPIL) has won the financial bid involving a sum of Rs 1,814 crore for Lavasa Corporation, India's first privately-built smart city near

The Committee of Creditors (CoC) of Lavasa on Friday voted in favour of and accepted a final and revised Rs 1,814 crore Total Resolution Plan for revival of Lavasa city. The amount comprised working capital, repairs/refurbishment and other works for the country's first privately built smart city near Pune.

On November 25, DPIL had submitted an Addendum to its November 20 Resolution Plan. Early this month, the CoC had started the process to finalise Resolution plans of applicants like DPIL.

"DPIL has proposed payment plan and schedule that crore), Payment to Home Buyers (RERA) within 24 months of receipt of EC, Construction and delivery of Homebuyers properties, Redemption of the Secured NCDs at the end of 108 months, and these will incur a cost of Rs 1,466.50 crore. Adding working capital, Repair/ Refurbishment, and other construction, the company has offered a total of Rs 1,814 in its revised resolution plan," a COC member said.

"It is very encouraging for us as CoC has accepted for Resolution Plan and expressed full confidence in it. We have an ambitious and long-term plan for Lavasa Smart City. DPIL has capabilities and resources to meet the expectations of the CoC. Our revised resolution offer was very competitive and based on rational cost calculations. DPIL is committed to executing the Plan as per the schedule proposed to the CoC," Ajay Harinath Singh, Chairman of Darwin Platform Group of

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Maharashtra on Friday recorded 20 more cases of the new Covid-19 variant, taking the total number of cases registered so far to 108. Of the 20 Omicron cases

recorded, 22 cases were reported by the Pune-based National Institute of Virology (NIV), while the remaining six cases were reported by the Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER), Pune.

Of the 20 new Omicron cases, Mumbai recorded a maximum of 11 cases, while Pune reported six cases. Satara and

of total 108 Omicron cases registered in the state is as follows: Mumbai-46, Pimpri-Chinchwad: 19, Pune rural --15, Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC)—7, Satara -5, Osmanabad—5, Kalyan-Dombivali and Nagpur--2 each, Buldhana, Latur, Vasai-Virar, Navi Mumbai, Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC), Mira-Bhayandar and Ahmednagar—1 each,

Of the total cases, 54 patients have been discharged after a negative RT-PCR test.

Of the 20 cases reported on Thursday, 15 had internation-

trave and 4 patients are their high risk contacts. Of them, one is under 18 years of age, while six are aged above 60 years. "All are asymptomatic. Of them patients, 12 have been vaccinated fully, seven are yet to receive vaccine. One patient is not eligible for vaccination," a daily State health bulletin said

Meanwhile, the authorities said the total number of passengers who arrived at Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur airports since December 1 was 1,63,553 (22,993 from At-risk countries and rest 1,39620 are from other countries), while passengers whose RT-PC tests have been done are 30,345.

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## **Double fault**

First the Tiananmen massacre, now attempts to erase it from memory show China's desperation

mymbols of democracy are being dismantled in Hong Kong. Recently, the University of Hong Kong removed a statue called 'Pillar of Shame', erected to commem-Orate Beijing's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters at Tiananmen Square. The next day, two more universities followed suit. The Chinese University of Hong Kong brought down the 'Goddess of Democracy' statue on its campus. Lingnan University removed a relief sculpture. The actions come on the heels of the first election to Hong Kong's legislature after changes to electoral laws allowed only pro-China 'patriots' to contest. The majority of the Hong Kongers rejected the election by refusing to vote. Is the removal of the statues an attempt by Beijing to erase all memories of the 1989 massacre? The Tiananmen Square massacre remains a delicate issue in mainland China. It is a taboo topic in Chinese politics amid sustained attempts to erase it from public memory. To date, there is no official acknowledgement that the military wrongfully opened fire at the protesters. There is no official confirmation of the death tally either. Only last week, some pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong were sent to jail



for inciting people to take part in a banned vigil last year for the Tiananmen victims. It is part of the crackdown on all forms of anti-democracy protests. Hong Kong was the one city in China that assiduously remembered the Tiananmen victims every year. Thousands of people gathered annually to back the demand for democracy the victims died for.

The students kept the issue alive on the campuses of the island's universities by erecting installations and statues. They symbolised the freedoms the island enjoyed under the very nose of mainland China. The removal of the statues, therefore, may

also serve the larger purpose of erasing signs of democracy, making it easier for Hong Kong to no longer look different from the mainland. The removal of the statues is the latest in a chain of events since 2014 to disprove that the island's autonomy is set in stone by calling for Beijing to have a "comprehensive jurisdiction" over Hong Kong. Western intellectuals call it an attempt to mould Hong Kong in Beijing's authoritarian image. It began with electoral reforms in Hong Kong that people protested by taking to the streets. The protests reached their peak in 2019 when millions opposed a Bill that proposed the extradition of arrested Hong Kongers to the mainland. The angry protesters defaced the Chinese national emblem atop the Central Liaison Office. The Government took it as a challenge to its claims over Hong Kong. The island subsequently saw the enforcement of a draconian natural security law that brought the mainland's security apparatus to Hong Kong. Any protest could now be treated as an act of separatism, subversion, terrorism or collusion with foreign powers with severe penalties. Then came the revised laws to keep people with protest histories out of the electoral fray. And now the statues have come down. Systematically.

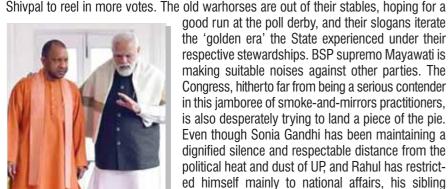


A man dressed as Santa Claus distributes free masks amid rising concern of Omicron, in Ahmedabad

## **Disneyland**

Everything is hunky-dory in UP, or will be with regime change, going by politicians' statements

s expected, the political cauldron in Uttar Pradesh is simmering ahead of the Assembly election there early next year. With each passing day, new leaders are mushrooming and squeaking their intent to serve the State's electorate in general and the voters of their caste- and community-specific constituency, in particular. RJD president Jayant Chaudhary is a case in point, whose joining hands with SP chief Akhilesh Yadav was recently compared to Ram-Lakshman unity (after Yadav's 'Do ladke' fiasco with Rahul Gandhi). Yadav also recently mended fences and reunited with uncle



good run at the poll derby, and their slogans iterate the 'golden era' the State experienced under their respective stewardships. BSP supremo Mayawati is making suitable noises against other parties. The Congress, hitherto far from being a serious contender in this jamboree of smoke-and-mirrors practitioners, is also desperately trying to land a piece of the pie. Even though Sonia Gandhi has been maintaining a dignified silence and respectable distance from the political heat and dust of UP, and Rahul has restricted himself mainly to national affairs, his sibling Priyanka occasionally comes out with guerrilla-style

attacks on the ruling establishment. Then there are fringe players like the AAP and AIMIM. Outshining the sharp-tongued Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, PM Modi has these days taken it upon himself to denounce all recent political statements made by the SP president since he very well understands that he has to strategically manoeuvre the badlands and dusty, undeveloped roads of Uttar Pradesh if he wants to make it yet again to 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. Meanwhile, the good ol' robust and menacing BJP poll machinery is oiling its nuts and bolts to roll out the juggernaut to vanquish the Opposition: Now the polarisation bid has moved farther from Ayodhya, to Kashi. Yogi is firmly in the saddle, with Modi right beside him. Let the politicians say what they want, and all they want, but the onus of electing a people-friendly Government rests with the voters. Let them not forget the goonda raj that once prevailed in the State, nor how a particular caste was favoured under a CM or how another CM blatantly

plays the religion card to divide the electorate or how ill-prepared he was to deal

with the second wave of COVID-19 when it unleashed initially.

# Karzai speaks his mind on Af future HIRANMAY KARLEKAR



But the key question is whether the Taliban would accept his proposals, especially those relating to women's participation in politics and Govt

he contents of former Afghan President Hamid Karzai's statements during an interview on December 15 with Kathy Gannon of the Associated Press fall into two parts — the first relating to the circumstances in which the Taliban entered Kabul, Afghanistan's capital, on August 15, 2021, and, the second, to his observations that all Afghans must come together, and the world must engage with the Taliban. Describing the Taliban as Afghans who, like other Afghans, had been through a very difficult period in the last 40 years, he bemoaned that sometimes wrong international perceptions of the Taliban prevailed, citing, as example, the claim that women and girls were not allowed outside their homes or required a male companion to go out. He added that the situation on the ground in Kabul would bear out that there were "girls on the streets women by themselves".

As to the first part, he contended that President Ashraf Ghani's flight from Kabul had scuttled an agreement on the Taliban entering the city under "controlled conditions", on which the Government's chief negotiator, Abdullah Abdullah, had begun talks with the Taliban's leadership in Doha. According to him, the Taliban were already on the outskirts of Kabul but their leadership had promised not to enter the city until an agreement had been arrived at. Besides scuttling the talks, Ghani's flight created a situation in which almost all Government functionaries had fled Kabul, and the shadow of large-scale disorder hung over the city, which made him invite the Taliban to come and take over.

What Karzai said is credible. The souring of his ties with the Americans and his belief that the US could not win the war in Afghanistan had prompted him to reach out to the Taliban leadership and Pakistan, several years into his presidency. In fact, former Taliban ambassador to Pakistan, Mullah Abdul Salam Layeer, was leading his efforts to persuade the Taliban to negotiate an end to the ongoing war. Kayani, then Pakistan's Chief His brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, of Army Staff, and Lieutenant-



pressure for the US-Taliban talks to begin in Doha. Karzai was also in touch with Pakistani's military and a member of the Haqqani family, whose terrorist network was the principal asset of Pakistan's spy-cum-dirty tricks agency, the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) Directorate, in Afghanistan. According to a report in The New York Times of June 24, 2010, (online edition) by Jane Perlez, Eric Schmitt and Carlotta Gall, vvasnington watched nervous ly General Ashfaq Pervez

authorities, which was the

real reason for his arrest by

Pakistan in January 2010. He

was interrogated by both

Pakistanis and Americans

and remained incarcerated

until 2018, when he was

released under American



THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THE AFGHANS CAN END ONLY WHEN ALL OF THEM 'GET TOGETHER' **SUGGESTS** THAT EFFORTS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN CONTINUE. BUT ONE CAN'T **VISUALISE** THESE EFFORTS SUCCEEDING SOON General Ahmed Shuja Pasha, then the ISI's Director-General, shuttling between Islamabad and Kabul, telling Karzai that they shared his assessment that the US could not win in Afghanistan, and arguing that a post-war Afghan settlement should include the Haqqanis.

This history of contacts reinforces the possibility that the Taliban and Abdullah Abdullah had started negotiations and the former would have entered Kabul under "controlled conditions" had Ashraf Ghani not fled. Equally, it might have spawned talks of the formation of an "inclusive government" comprising representatives of the country's religious, ethnic, economic and tribal communities, and including Opposition leaders like Karzai and Abdullah Abdullah, that was afloat in the immediate aftermath of the Taliban's victory. While that does not appear to be happening soon, Karzai's observation that the sufferings of the Afghans can end only when all of them "get together" suggests that efforts to make it happen continue.

One can visualise neither these efforts succeeding soon nor the Taliban accepting his suggestion for a temporary resurrection of Afghanistan's Constitution when it was a monarchy, while a Loya Jirga,

a "Grand Council" in Pashto, simultaneously decides on a representative government, Constitution and a national flag for the country. Loya Jirgas, national gatherings of the representatives of all ethnic, religious and tribal communities of Afghanistan, have since 2002 also come to include women. Would the Taliban, given their absolutely negative stand on women's participation in politics and Government, agree to holding a Loya Jirga which includes women? Also, having proclaimed Afghanistan an Islamic Emirate governed by Sharia law, would they agree to have parliamentary democracy if the Loya Jirga prescribed it — particularly since they

have already rejected it? Finally, even if the Taliban accept Karzai's position that Afghan boys and girls must have a universal right to education, they are bound to reject his stand that women must find their places in Afghanistan's polity, administration and economic activiindeed, all walks of life. To bring them round, the world must go beyond merely engaging with them. It must apply the kind of pres-

sure that makes them bend. (The author is Consulting Editor, The Pioneer. The views expressed are personal.)

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#### **AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION NEEDS STIMULUS**

Sir — By uplifting agriculture to a highly technical business, involving scientific knowledge and management skills, India can develop farming business in a big way. Our success will depend on our ability to attract talented students to agriculture, the resources and ingeniousness with which we train them and the zeal and vision that we instill in them. The kind of agricultural training programmes that we offer today to these young talents will ultimately determine the quality of the work and progress in the agricultural sector tomorrow. Without imparting this basic and fundamental strength, progressive improvement in any of the branches of agriculture - research, vocational skills and understanding and advancement, will be impossible.

Perhaps, the greatest challenge the country faces today lies in the sphere of agricultural education. For increased production in agriculture, trained technical personnel are required in large numbers, both in the public and private sectors that will make our soils yield better. There is little doubt that agricultural education in India assumes greater value and importance.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

#### **BID TO DIGITALISE THE BANKING SECTOR**

Sir —The journey of restyling the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) sector into a digitally enabled segment is truly impressive and the most significant one for placing India at the helm in the imminent digital world. The infrastructure catered by our IT sector abetted the BFSI decidedly in this transition. If we look through this whole process, one thing which is going to give banks an edge and help customers get every service at their disposal at a time when they feel themselves in a quandary is 'data'.

The phrase 'Data is the new oil' has become a folk chant in recent years but if data is going to be the oil then we must embark on setting up oil rigs. The Account Aggregator Framework, introduced by the RBI, is going to be a key

## Bhajji calls it a day!



teran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who became the first Indian bowler to grab a Test hat-trick in a memorable international career, announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, saying that he is finally communicating what has been on his mind for the past few years. The 41year-old from Punjab took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25

scalps in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career, which began in 1998. Despite all his success in the international career, he was in the thick of controversies throughout his career. First of all, he was referred to ICC for chucking not once but thrice and he was rehabilitated for his suspect action.

Other than that, he was a trouble shooter in the field of play a couple of times. Both the 'Monkeygate' and 'Slapgate' episodes brought him and the Indian team disrepute for his misbehaviour. He tried hard to make a forceful comeback without much performance in domestic circuit but still hanging on for a long time before calling it a day. Thus, the 'Turbanator' quit and people ask 'why" and not why not? The ace spinner proved crucial with both the ball and bat for the team. From the narrow lanes of Jalandhar to becoming the Turbanator of Team India, it has been a long journey with controversies and convictions

MR Jayanthi | Mumbai

catalyst in this data revolution and will act as an oil rig. This is very welcome that the key BFSI players zeroed in on harnessing this account aggregator network. The BFSI sector did a very great job in achieving the goal of financial inclusion and now it should go for the digitalfinancial inclusion spree and must focus on rural areas. This Digital-Financial inclusion drive will make our dream of 'Digital India' a reality.

Priyanshu Sharma | Ujjain

#### **NOT THE SAVIOURS OF RELIGION**

Sir — India is celebrating the 75th year of its Independence. When the outline of the Indian Constitution was prepared, it was ensured that the people holding Constitutional positions would not discriminate on the basis of religion, caste and language or do anything that could harm its dignity. It was also made sure that the country's values will be stitched to a political party or leader. However,

though all the Governments today are elected democratically, they rigorously lean towards a particular ideology which

is not so tough to understand. The Prime Minister of the country and his party are visibly linked to a certain ideology that presides on the socalled "national interest" and more importantly religion. Anything said against the Government or its leaders can make a citizen anti-national, anti-religion and what not. If the leaders are criticised, it becomes treason. The Constitution gives us the right to express dissent but maybe the leaders skipped that chapter. It is of utmost importance for the growth and stability of the country that religious and communal harmony is restored. If the Prime Minister leaves office tomorrow, will the religion be in danger?

Aman Jaiswal New Delhi

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## **FIRST COLUMN DECEMBER 6, AND** THE AYODHYA WAVE

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Almost all key leaders flaunt their secularism by sending a token symbol to Ajmer Sharif



**NILOFAR SUHRAWARDY** 

mid big fat Indian weddings and the threat of a new Covid-19 variant, December 6 passed off this year without anyone recalling its communal history. Undeniably, the threat of a new pandemic wave also appears to have considerably subdued the Ayodhya wave. Nevertheless, some political attempts were made to keep the Ayodhya issue alive. For instance, new train services for free pilgrimage of senior citizens to Ayodhya. The communal drive was virulent when the Ayodhya issue flared up in the early 1990s and led to the demolition of the Babri Masjid on December 6, 1992. It would be wrong to assume that at that time, every Indian Hindu and Muslim was involved in communal rioting. Rather, a substantial percentage of the people chose to keep distance from the same. A decade later, when the Gujarat riots took place, it is noteworthy that it was primarily confined to that state only. During this period, people in other



parts of the country were not provoked into similar communal rioting. Clearly, this conveyed a strong message. It was not easy to weaken the secularism of the community in the country. Of late, attempts have been made by certain individuals to prevent Muslims from reading Friday prayers at few public places in Gurugram. It was met with some criticism of right-wing functionaries for indulging in such behaviour. Equally important is the offer of a Hindu of his premises for Friday prayers and similar offer made by Sikhs of their places of worship, the Gurdwaras. Communal incidents at Gurugram have been in the news since September. The hard reality of such incidents taking place as crucial elections approach cannot be ignored. The Ayodhya issue can no longer be viewed as a communal bomb that it once seemed to be. Against this backdrop, what can politicians gain by playing upon people's religious sentiments over Ayodhya? Of course, constitutionally, they have as much right to be as religious they desire. After all, India is a multi-religious, secular country. Besides, most politicians indulge in display of their religious as well as secular images for political gains. Almost all key leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, flaunt their "secularism" by sending a token symbol to Ajmer Shareef every year.

When it is election time, substantial importance is given by most in the electoral race to publicise their visits to temples and other religious activities. Well, this is India. Considering that these moves are being indulged in when the vicious virus is sending distress signals from all directions and several crucial state elections are approaching, certain political sections are probably hopeful that the Ayodhya plank will be of some help in distracting people's attention from real national issues. Will it? That is the million-dollar question. Be that as it may, a decline in the nature and frequency of communal rioting across the country cannot be missed. Those who still remain pessimistic about success of Indian secularism need to pay serious attention to this reality. Yes, there lurks a fear that failure of concerned politicians and officers to take strong action against extremist, communal elements is likely to encourage the latter to continue with lynching activities as and when it pleases them. Well, over past two decades, the manner in which secularism has frequently raised its head only indicates that it should not be expected to bow down before communalism. That December 6 has practically ceased to bear communal overtones is just a mild indicator

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# Will Yogi break the 'expressway' jinx?



The expressways provide the much-needed leeway to the Yogi Govt to showcase its development agenda despite the pandemic's bottlenecks

nce reckoned as a Bimaru state, Uttar Pradesh today boasts of a slew of mega projects in the country's industri-

al, infrastructure and social landscapes. Whilst the work on the ₹30,000-crore Jewar International Airport project has started, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 18 had laid the foundation of ₹6,000-crore Ganga Expressway project in Uttar

With expressway projects of about ₹80,000 crore underway or already commissioned in the current regime of Yogi Adityanath, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party has tactfully brought nearly half of the 75 districts in UP under purview of these mega infra projects.

Understandably so, the saffron outfit is eager to reap the political dividends of these road projects, which are positioned as game changers for the respective regions in the politically most crucial state.

The expressway projects under the belt of Yogi Adityanath include Ganga Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway, Gorakhpur Link Expressway and Purvanchal Expressway. (Of these, Purvanchal Expressway has already been commissioned this year.)

There is a catch nonetheless. No chief minister piloting an expressway

project has returned to power in UP.
Sample this. BSP Mayawati had started the mega Agra-Greater Noida Yamuna Expressway project during her tenure (2007-12) in UP. She had started the preliminary groundwork for the Ganga Expressway project too and some villages were even notified for

However, 'Behanji' lost the 2012 UP elections to the Samajwadi Party, paving the way for a much younger Akhilesh Yadav to take the reins of the state from

On his part, Yadav started the Agra-Lucknow Expressway project during his regime (2012-17). He had also announced plans to develop the Purvanchal Expressway. However, he lost the 2017 UP assembly elections to a resurgent BJP fronted by its mascot

In contrast, the Yogi Adityanath government has launched four mega projects since 2017 under different financing and construction models. The work on these flagship projects were not allowed to impede even during the stiff Covid-19 waves. The state government deftly tied up with the financial institutions to fund these projects and ensure that the original timelines were met.

Not without reason that PM Modi gave the moniker of 'Express Pradesh' to UP for the large number of expressway projects and the speed of work over the past 4-5 years.



CONSIDERING THE RECENT FARMERS' STIR OVER THE **NOW-ANNULLED** CENTRAL FARM LAWS, THE BJP **GOVERNMENT HAS** BEEN TREADING nomic growth in the periphery of big projects, especially express-CAUTIOUSLY ON THE FARMERS' **ISSUES AND** TAKING ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES, **BOTH IN ACTION** AND VERBAL

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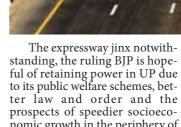
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ways.

The Yogi government has already announced plans to develop industrial hubs and corridors in the swathes flanking these projects. To help farmers, agricultural mandis and food processing clusters are also proposed.

Considering the recent farmers' stir over the now-annulled central farm laws, the BJP government has been treading cautiously on the farmers' issues and taking all possible measures, both in action and verbal articulation, to keep the community in good humour.

The pandemic crisis, inflation, job losses and seasonal shortage of fertiliser are some of the elements, which have the propensity to play a spoilsport for the party in power. BJP is the candidate this time.

In this dynamic scenario, the expressways provide the muchneeded leeway to the Yogi government to showcase its development agenda despite the pandemic bottlenecks. Since expressways are mammoth physical infrastructure spread over many districts and spanning hundreds of kilometres, they serve the purpose of subtly yet explicitly prop-

agating the achievements of a government. On umpteenth occasions,

Akhilesh Yadav is seen and heard harping on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway built during his tenure. He makes snide comments on the now commissioned Purvanchal Expressway calling for comparing the quality of civil works and public amenities between the two mega roads to decide for their respective supe-

Interestingly, Yogi Adityanath, the monk-turned-politician, has acquired the reputation of taking tough decisions and treading the unbeaten path. For instance, former UP CMs Mayawati and Akhilesh Yadav never visited Noida while in office for the fear of losing successive elections. This is still known as Noida jinx.

However, after assuming office in March 2017, Yogi Adityanath has visited Noida more than once. On November 25, Yogi accompanied Modi to Noida (Gautam Buddha Nagar district) for the ground-breaking ceremony of Jewar airport.

Another jinx associated with the UP CMs is that no CM has returned to power consecutively in the state over the past 35 years. While Mayawati and Mulayam Singh Yadav have assumed the top post, they had to relinquish power, and could only return to office in later years.

Unfazed by the multiple jinx, Yogi Adityanath does not offer any credence to these theories. He

has asserted that the saffron party would return to power with a thumping majority and prove the detractors and punters

wrong this time. Although the Election Commission of India (ECI) has not announced the UP poll dates and the political parties are still to come in the election groove, yet the major players viz. BJP, SP, BSP and Congress have started the process of mobilising their cadres and local level leaders.

Over the past few weeks, the state of UP has witnessed a slew of development projects being launched or dedicated by Modi, who takes these opportunities to

take potshots at the rivals. Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi have also been meeting the party workers in the state. Priyanka has even announced the manifesto of the grand old party with special focus on wooing the women vot-

BJP has sought suggestions from the people to compose its manifesto or Sankalp Patra for the coming UP polls.
While, BSP never releases its

party manifesto, the SP is expected to come out with its document soon to gain traction among the different sections of society.

Nonetheless, the coming weeks would throw up mixed visages of the political firmament in the country's most populous state. Whether the jinxes spoken about are broken or are further fortified would be one.

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## Kabir Khan's 83 on Kapil's Devil's accomplishment

## Making a known story a compelling watch is difficult. Kabir Khan should be praised for the hard work, research, authenticity, casting and sincerity

Sports movies are not common in India. We have had a few like 'Chak de' and 'GOLD', based on free India's first hockey Gold medal in 1948 Olympics. Sports movies are difficult. It takes a lot of research, time and plenty of money for recreating the scenes. But why did Kabir Khan chose to make '83'? Was it only to cash in on the "Nationalism" narrative, or the context was larger? So, before we analyse the cricketing angle, let's first look at the human angle and the nation-

al context. India won the Hockey world cup in 1975, beating arch-rival Pakistan in the finals. How many of our ever die-hard jingoistic brethren remember that event? It had plenty of potential for the



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professional and a cricket enthusiast. The views

expressed are personal.)

"nationalism" pitch. It also had Pakistan as an ingredient. But India was the best Hockey playing nation in those days, and was expected to win.

Let's check the India of 70s and 80s. Pakistan was roundly defeated in 1971, we had fired our first rocket, set-off our first nuclear test, thrown out and brought back a "dictator" democratically. But the nation/nationals still hadn't been convinced that they quite had the respect of the world. Pankaj Tripathi quite rightly says so in the movie, 83. We were a growing military and scientific power, but underdogs in economic and sport-

There was a yearning for that respect. Individually, many made incremental progresses in many fields in dif-



ferent parts of the world, but at Lords, the nation "collectively" hit the bull's eye. Kapil's Devils believed and won.

The perennial nice guys, the members of the underdog Indian team, achieved something which the Gowers and Bothams of England, the Imrans and Qadirs of Pakistan, the Lillees and Chappells of Australia could not achieve. Considered unfit to be even called the "David", they felled

the Goliath. entered the hall with

be adulteration of the India strong. India in the first match English contempt. story of the Prudential World Cup '83? Those below 40 years will try to absorb, gauge it from the filmi angle, some from the nationalist angle; and they are the target audience of Kabir Khan. He is an adroit filmmaker and has injected ample doses of human drama, deftly compressed for screen time, along-with high-on-adrenaline, foot-tapping "pitch-burn-

ers" like "Jitega-jitega". Comparing 2½ hours to 17 days of unparalleled cricketing exhilaration — what diehard cricket lovers experienced from June 9 to 25, 1983, would be unfair. But for our below 40 brethren, let's just recount actuals.

The laughable irony was that the so-called no-hoper some trepidation. Could there Indian team was actually quite hear it to really understand the with this particular team dated

itself, discovered potency of their pace attack. Kapil, Madan, Binny, Sandhu bowling at 125-130 kmph, were perfect for the June weather in England. They felled the mighty West Indies in the Cup opener, setting the cat among the pigeons.

England and Australia were busy heaping racist insults on sub-continental teams, unaware of the impending danger and got famously mauled. The build-up to that famous "Do and Die" Zimbabwe match and finals has been fabulously captured by Kabir Khan; though not the off-course details of the heaps of insults in the commentary box during the return league match with WI. One had to

Zimbabwe had seriously good bowlers in Rawson, Curran, Butchart, Flecher. The 17/5 was no surprise. Kapil beautifully crafted his first 50 runs and then unleashed absolute havoc.

Kabir Khan could not quite capture on camera, what we simply heard in radio, that gut-wrenching, unbelievable journey from 50 to 175 not out. Commentators Henry Blofeld, Christopher Martin-Jenkins, Farroukh Engineer were left in absolute daze and

so was the cricketing world. The Windies were invincible. PERIOD. Murderous pace attack. Loads of swag and arrogance. No one gave India any chance. But there was a backdrop then. India's rivalry

back to 1974. They handed us a series defeat 3-2 on the sixth day of last test at Mumbai. Mauled in Australia they wanted to thrash us in 1976 in West Indies, but again that didn't happen and India levelled the series 1-1 with that famous last innings chase of 400+. In the decider Lloyd, with intimidatory bowling (round the wick-et) injured three batsmen, and India virtually conceded the match. That wound was carried by all of us, growing up. It was the sweetest revenge. Making a known story a

compelling watch is difficult. Kabir needs to be praised for the hard work, research, authenticity, casting and sincerity. As director he has balanced sincerity towards his commerce with sincerity towards his craft. Kabir, well done!

## **Covid dampens Christmas** joy in biblical Bethlehem

- The biblical town of Bethlehem marked its second straight Christmas Eve under the shadow of the coronavirus -- with small crowds and gray, gloomy weather dampening celebrations Friday in the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

A ban on nearly all incoming air traffic by İsrael -- the main entry point for foreign visitors heading to the occupied West Bank -- kept international tourists away for a second consecutive year. The ban is meant to slow the spread of the highly contagious omicron variant, which has shaken Christmas celebrations around the world.

Instead, local authorities were counting on the Holy Land's small Christian community to lift spirits. It was a theme seen around the world as revelers, weary from nearly two years of lockdowns and safety restrictions, searched for ways to revive customs and celebrate safely with loved ones.

In Germany, a Cologne cathedral held a special Christmas vaccination campaign. In the Philippines, people wore masks as they did their last-minute shopping, and in France, hospital workers decorated a Christmas tree in an intensive-care unit. Mask mandates and lockdowns kept celebrations subdued in many countries, and hospitals were

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mayor, Anton Salman, said the town was optimistic that 2021 would be better than last year's Christmas, when even local residents stayed home due to lockdown restrictions. Bethlehem planned a return of its traditional marching band parades and street celebra-

"Last year, our festival was virtual, but this year it will be face to face with popular participation," Salman said.

Police erected barricades early Friday as scout bands marched through Manger Square banging drums and holding flags ahead of the expected arrival from Jerusalem of Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the top Roman Catholic clergyman in the Holy Land."I hope that this COVID will finish," Pizzaballa said as he left Jerusalem, saying there needs to be a balance between public health and community life.

We need pilgrims to bring us the life in our communities, he said. "We need to find this balance and we are all working for this because it's very sad to see the Old City (of Jerusalem) almost empty." Pizzaballa was scheduled to celebrate Midnight Mass at the nearby Church of the Nativity which houses the grotto where Christians believe Jesus was

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dred people, nearly all of them Palestinians, milled about behind barricades to celebrate occasion. Before pandemic, Bethlehem would host thousands of Christian pilgrims from around world, bringing a strong dose of holiday spirit to town and a huge jolt to the local economy.

In early November, Israel lifted a year and a half ban that had kept most foreign tourists out of area. But weeks later, it was forced to re-impose the restrictions as omicron variant began to spread worldwide, dashing hopes of the local tourism sector.

Tourism is the lifeblood of Bethlehem's economy, and the lack of visitors has hit hotels, restaurants and gift shops espe-cially hard. "Under normal conditions for this time of year, I usually have a 20-meter queue outside," said Adil Abu Nayaf, owner of an empty food stall in Manger Square.

Those who attended tried to make the best of a difficult situation. The Holy Land is home to over 200,000 Christians, a small but tightknit community that makes up an estimated 1% to 2% of population in Israel and occupied West Bank. There are also thousands of foreign laborers and African migrants, as well as diplomats and journalists.

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## **Vessel fire kills at** least 39 and 70 injured Bangladesh

#### **Death toll may be** expected to rise: rescue op incharge

AP DHAKA, BANGLADESH

A massive fire swept through a crowded river ferry in Bangladesh early Friday, leaving at least 39 people dead and 70 injured, officials said. Many passengers leapt from vessel into cold waters to escape blaze. It took 15 fire engines two hours to control fire and another eight to cool down vessel, according to fire officer Kamal Uddin Bhuiyan, who led rescue operation.

Afterward, the blackened hull of ferry sat anchored at river's edge. Many anxious relatives gathered on banks, while divers continued to search waters. The blaze broke out around 3 am on MV Avijan-10, which was carrying 800 passengers, many of whom were traveling to visit family and friends for weekend, officials

"I was sleeping ondeck and woke up hearing screams and a loud noise," survivor Anisur Rahman told reporters, adding that he saw smoke coming from back of ferry. "I jumped into freezing water of river in thick fog, like many other passengers, and swam to riverbank." Police officer Moinul Haque said rescuers recovered 37 bodies from river, while two people died from burn injures on way to hospital. All of 70 injured were hospitalized,

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#### **SKorea ex-Prez Park**, jailed for corruption, later pardoned

AP ■ SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Friday he will pardon his chief conservative rival and predecessor, Park Geun-hye, who is serving a lengthy prison term for bribery and other crimes Moon's liberal government

said the pardon is meant to problamed on overcrowding or lax safety rules. The ferry was mote national unity in face of diftraveling from Dhaka, the capficulties brought by pandemital, to Barguna, about 250 ic.Some observers say Moon kilometers (155 miles) to may want to ease conservative south. It caught fire off coast of criticism stemming from Park's Jhalokati district on Sugandha health problems, or even use her River, toward end of journey. to split opposition ahead of a Bhuiyan said fire may have presidential polls in March. "We started in engine room. The should move into a new era by getting over pains of past. It's time to boldly pull together all mittees to probeb blaze and ordered them to report their our strengths for future rather findings in three days.In April, than fighting against each other while being preoccupied with lided with another vessel and past," Moon said in remarks released by his office.

## Texas board withdraws pardon recommendation for George Floyd

**AP** ■ AUSTIN, TEXAS

A Texas board that unani-mously supported a posthumous pardon for George Floyd over a 2004 drug arrest in Houston has withdrawn that recommendation over "procedural errors" after sending it to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's desk, his office said on Thursday.

The unusual reversal announced by Abbott's office two days before Christmas around the time he typically doles out pardons—drew outrage from a public defender who had submitted pardon application for Floyd, who spent much of his life in Houston before his death in 2020 in custody of a white Minneapolis police officer. Floyd's name was withdrawn along with two dozen other clemency recommendations

Texas Board of Pardon and Paroles. In a letter dated Dec. 16, the board told Abbott that it had identified "unexplained departures" from its process of issuing pardons and needed to reconsider some recommendations, including one for Floyd. "As a result of Board's withdrawal of the recommendation concerning George Floyd, Governor Abbott did not have opportunity to consider it," Abbott spokeswoman Renae Eze said in a statement.

Allison Mathis, a Houston public defender who submitted pardon application on behalf of Floyd, called last-minute reversal a "ridiculous farce." It really strains credibility for them to say now that it's out of compliance, after board has already voted on it," she said. Floyd grew up and was laid to rest in



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including some with severe

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Department of Health and Family Welfare, GNCTD issued a circular dated 02/05/2019 specifying the hospitals designated for this purpose in NCT of Delhi. The copy of circular is available on website of Department of Social Welfare i.e. https://socialwelfare.delhiaovt.nic.in/home/socialwelfare-department.

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## **Sensex snaps 3-day winning run as** pre-Christmas rally runs out of steam

Mumbai: Equity indices nursed losses on Friday after a three-session rising streak as selling in banking, finance and power stocks offset continued outperformance by the IT pack.

Unabated selling by foreign investors and a muted trend overseas also weighed on bourses, traders said. After a choppy session, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 190.97 points or 0.33 per cent lower at 57,124.31. Similarly, the NSE Nifty declined 68.85 points or 0.40 per cent to 17,003.75. NTPC was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 2.69 per cent, followed by PowerGrid, M&M, Axis Bank, Kotak Bank, UltraTech Cement and Dr Reddy's. On the other hand, HCL Tech, Tech Mahindra, Asian Paints, Wipro, Infosys and Reliance Industries were among the gainers, surging up to 3.08 per cent.

"Weighed by muted global markets and continued FII selling, domestic indices erased mid-day gains to slip into red, led by selling pressure in index heavyweights.
"The markets remain high-

ly volatile amid rising Omicron cases, higher monetary policies and inflationary woes. While pharma, realty and energy stocks

#### Rupee jumps to 3-week high of 75.03 against USD

Mumbai: Continuing its winning streak for the seventh straight session, the rupee on Friday rose by 23 paise to a three-week high of 75.03 against the US dollar as risk appetite improved in view of broader weakness in the greenback

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 75.12 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 75.00 and a low Over the past seven sessions, the domestic currency has gained 129 paise against the greenback. In the absence of fresh global cues, the rupee gained every single day of the week and recovered the ground it

lost during the start of the month,

Dilip Parmar- Research Analyst,

HDFC Securities, said

stocks traded firm in the weak market," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial

dragged the indices lower, IT

#### Gold climbs ₹57: silver gains ₹183

New Delhi: Gold price in the national capital on Friday gained ₹57 to ₹ 47,263 per 10 gram tracking firm international trends, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at ₹47,206 per 10 gram.

"Spot gold prices for 24 carat at Delhi were trading up by ₹ 57 in line with global gold prices," HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan

Silver also gained ₹ 183 to ₹61,054 per kg from ₹ 60,871 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading with gains at USD 1,810 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 22.78 per ounce. PTI implicitly sets the goal for the RBI - 100 per cent financial inclusion for India.

India's monetary policy financially

inclusive by design: RBI DG Patra

Mumbai: The country's monetary policy is, by design, finan-

cially inclusive and this strategy

will result in policy effectiveness

and welfare maximization going

ahead, Reserve Bank of India's

Deputy Governor Michael D

Patra said on Friday. Speaking

at an event organised at Indian

Institute of Management (IIM),

Ahmedabad, he said monetary

policy maximises human welfare

by minimising the deviations of

output from its potential and

ing and strong conclusions from

its analysis may be premature,

but India's monetary policy is, by

design, financially inclusive and

it will reap the benefits of this

strategy in the future in terms of

effectiveness and welfare max-

sion in the country appears to

have gone up, with the level of

the RBI's financial inclusion

index (FI-index) rising from

49.9 in March 2019 to 53.1 in

March 2020 and further to 53.9

released in September 2021,

takes values from 0 to 100 and

The index, which was

in March 2021, he said.

He said the financial inclu-

imisation," Patra said.

"The evidence is still form-

inflation from the target.

Patra said although it is empirically observed that there is a two-way relationship between monetary policy and financial inclusion, it is unambiguous that financial inclusion is able to dampen inflation and output volatility. This, he said, is achieved by smoothing consumption by enabling people to draw down financial savings in difficult times for everyday needs. In the process, it makes people interest-sensitive.

Moreover, inflation targeting monetary policy ensures that even those at the fringe of financial inclusion are secured from adverse income shocks that hit them when prices rise unconscionably, the deputy governor said.

"Looking ahead, as financial inclusion rises even further in India, consumption volatility as a source of output volatility can be expected to wane, providing headroom for monetary policy to remain focused on minimising inflation volatility, which brings welfare gains for all," he said.

## CSCs prepare for ITR filing as deadline approaches

PNS NEW DELHI

With the Income Tax Return filing deadline coming to an end on December 31, citizens can visit their nearest Common Services Centers (CSC) to e-file their returns seamlessly. CSC, an SPV under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, has readied 75,000 centres mainly in urban and semi-urban areas which are currently giving this facility across the country.

This year we have made this facility available at more than 75,000 CSCs across the country. CSC has been engaged in assisting citizens file their ereturns since 2015 with the help of companies, Tax2Win and TaxGenius," said CSC Managing Director Dr Dinesh

Tyagi.
"For the financial year 2020-21, around 10 lakh citizens have so far availed the ITR filing service from CSCs across the country. We are giving

special emphasis this year and hope to see 25 lakh citizens filing their income tax return through CSCs," Dr Tyagi added.

For e-filing the returns, citizens can visit the CSC with their PAN Card, Aadhaar, Residential Address proof, details of source of income, and Bank Account Number. Once the details are uploaded by the Village Level Entrepreneur managing the CSC, the citizen receives a call from the companies asking for additional details. After complete details are

submitted, the ITR is filed within 3-7 days and e-verified. The citizen then receives acknowledgement of te ITR and the computation on mail. Customer receives acknowledgement and computation on mail

Within 20-25 days, TDS money is refunded to the citizen in his/ her bank account.

## **BRIEFS**

GERIATRIC CARE BRAND'S EXPANSION PLAN New Delhi: KITES Senior Care,

geriatric care brand, has announced the expansion plans after its proven successes in its pilot projects in providing superlative geriatric care for elderly both at their stepdown care facilities and at the residence of the elders. "We started KITES Senior Care with a vision to be the trusted out of hospital care continuum partner to the elderly and their family," said Reema N, Director & COÓ.

#### LIP-SMACKING DELICACIES **ON CHRISTMAS**

New Delhi: Most people, regardless of their religion, enjoy the celebration of Christmas and all the delicious things to eat. With this in mind and to celebrate Christmas with lip-smacking delicacies, Pure Flour from Europe by ITALMOPA has brought some special delicacies for the Indian foodies. There are fried cakes such as cartellate, the folds of their flower-like shapes meant to represent the swaddling clothing of Baby Jesus, said Chef Fabio Di

## PHDCCI organises webinar on post Covid era Industrial training scenario

New Delhi: PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter organized a Webinar on "Post COVID Era Industrial Training Scenario & Way Forward-Embracing the New Opportunities" on 24th December

Digvijay Dhabriya, Chair, PHDCCI-Rajasthan Chapter in his welcome address narrated dent of COVID-19 in the personal and social lifestyles and its adverse impact on trade and businesses. Some of the changes in thought process and business practices seem to be of irreversible nature and going to stay for long, Mr. Dhabriya added. He observed that it is high time to identify proper training needs for different sectors to effectively cope-up with & embrace the changes in Post COVID Era and convert them into new opportunities.

#### LOST & FOUND

I, Shantilal Sethia s/o Ramlal **Sethia** R/0, A-161, old number F-48-A, Situated at village Sadhora kalan Dabar Wala Garden Colony know as Shastri Nagar, Delhi - 110052, have lost my Original GPA dated 16-01-2006 executed by Manohar lal in favour of Jagat Singh and Original ATS will dated 16-01-2006 executed by Manohar lal in favour of Jagat singh. Lr no. 1094714/21

#### PARADIP PORT TRUST e-TENDER NOTICE

Name of the work: "Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of 2.50 MLD STP at Brundaban colony for two years." Estimated cost: Rs. 1,89,59,149/-. Last date & time of submission of bid up to 12.01.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs. Refer our website for details

Executive Engineer, E&CM PPT/PR/135/21-22 Dt. 24/12/2021

https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

#### NOTICE

I. Pintu Dinda Director of M/s Neel Mahadev Builders Pvt. Ltd. Address 311, 3rd Floor, Global Foyer Mall, Sector-43, Gurugram, Haryana - 122009 have lost document of Re-Allotement Letter - 94B Udyog Vihar, Phase-V in favour of M/s Neel Mahadev Builders Pvt. Ltd. issued by HSIIDC. If anybody finds, please return to the above address.

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F.No.A-42018/28/2021-ESTT Government of India Ministry of Social Justice and **Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons** with Disabilities (Divyangjan)

Room No. 517, 5th Floor, B-2 Wing, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003 VACANCY NOTICE

Applications are invited for engagement of Senior Consultant/ Consultant initially for a period of one year (extendable), purely on contract basis. Detailed information regarding eligibility criteria and other terms and conditions may be seen on the website (www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in). Interested and eligible candidates may send their applications in the prescribed proforma by 15th January, 2022 to the undersigned at address:- Room No. 517, 5th Floor, B-2 Wing, Pandit Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003.

(Sunil Kumar Mahto) Under Secretary to the Government of India davp 38117/11/0045/21-22

उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, चम्पावत

पिन-262523 फोन : कार्यालय : 05965-230044 E-mail: executivechampawat@gmail.com पत्रांक - 1796/निविदा/245 'शुद्धि पत्र'

एतद्द्वारा इस कार्यालय की विज्ञप्ति संख्या 1781/निविदा/233, दिनांक 16.12.2021 द्वारा आमंत्रित की गयी निविदा के सम्बन्ध में अवगत कराना है कि क्रम संख्या 3, 4 एवं 5 में अंकित कार्यों की निविदाओं को Two Bid System एवं शेष कार्यो की निविदाओं को Single Bid System के अन्तर्गत तथा "Date of Bid opening" दिनांक 03.01.2022 at 11:00 पढ़ा जाये। पूर्व विज्ञप्ति को इस सीमा तक संशोधित किया जाता है।

'मास्क पहनना है जरूरी' 🐷 'आपस में हो दो गज दूरी'

शेष शर्ते पूर्ववत् रहेगी।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता



given below:

#### UJVN LIMITED H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006 Telephone.: 0135-2763508, 2763808 Fax- 0135- 2763507

CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com Ref. No.: 1029 Dated: 24.12.2021 **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalipur, Dehradun invites

Tender No-26/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2021-22- M&R of Asan Barrage Power Channel and other appurtenant structures, Dehradun. Estimated value of Tender: Rs. 11,18,529.67 (excluding GST)

sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is

Date & Time of availability of bid document on website: 27.12.2021 a 17:00 Hrs Last Date & Time for submission of tender: 17.01.2022 up to 13:00 Hrs

For fuller and further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website www.ujvnl.com Executive Engineer(PCM)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

#### **WESTERN RAILWAY ENGINEERING WORKS**

Divisional Railway Manager (WA) Western Railway, 6th Floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. invites E-tender as per details give as follows Executive: Sr DEN/N/BC1 ender Notice No. & Date: BCT/21

22/236 dtd. 22/12/2021 Work and Location: Virar - Jora-Vasan Sec. (i) (UP & DN Line) - TRR(P) = 8.612km & . TSR = 29.543km (By PQRS = 26.398km & by Manual = 3.145km) (ii) (DN Line) CTR(P)-17.242 km (By PQRS = 16.21 km & By Manual = 1.031 km) (iii) TTR (TWS+WCMS)=56, (CS+CMSC)=10 (iv) TFR=16.543km. (Composite Tende Engg. + S&T work) - (Re-invite-1) Approx. Cost of Work in Rs.: Rs 9,99,52,777.72 EMD Rs.: 649800/- Date & Time of Submission: On 18.01.2022 till 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On 18.01.2022 till 15.30 hrs.

This is to inform public in genera that Kotak Mahindra bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles. **VEHICLES FOR SALE** 1) FORCE TTFBP FORCE

UP16ET5742-YOM 2017 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 581750 2) FORCE TTFBP FORCE

UP16GT7962-YOM 2020 **MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 1038153** FORCE TTFBP FORCE UP16DT1585-YOM 2015

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 449445 4) TATAMOTORSLPT1412 UP17AT5844-YOM 2018

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 805708 5) FORCE TTFBP FORCE

DL1VC2104-YOM 2014 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 356265 6) FORCETTFB

DL1VC2247-YOM 2015 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 296888 7) FORCETTFB

HR58B7576-YOM 2015 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 432608 8) FORCE TTFBP FORCE

UP16ET5742-YOM 2017 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 581750 9) CB\_MAHINDRA\_FURIO\_11\_

**FULLY BUILT UP14HT8805** YOM 2019 MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 1108380

10) HR VECV2PRO 5040 HR38Y3994-YOM 2018

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 795690 11) SM SAMRAT UP15ET6450-YOM 2019

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 749228 12) CB SML SARTAJ UP15DT7330-YOM 2018

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 612521 13) TATA MOTOR LPT 2518

UK17CA2506-YOM 2012 **MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 196823** 14) BOLERO MUV UP14JT5634-YOM 2020

MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 427232 **UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH** M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK

IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS (ONLINE/ OFFLINE) WITHIN 15 DAYS FROM THIS PAPER PUBLICATION I.E. ON **OR BEFORE 06.01.2022 (PLEASE** NOTE THAT CLOSING AUCTION DATE WOULD NOT BE A WEEKLY OFF / HOLIDAY).

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. PLOT NO.7 INSTITUTIONAL AREA SECTOR-125 NOIDA NEAR DELL CAMPUS NOIDA (U.P) UP-201313 OR CONTACT : RAJESH ANTIL KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT / 09711173320 EMAIL rajesh.antil@kotak.com

BRANCH ADDRESS:

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mrs. Balvinder Kaur wife of Late Shri Kanwal Jit Singh Resident of WZ-90, Street No. 8, Old Krishna Park, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, wants to inform has expired on 15.11.2020 and He was partner of M/s. Sunshine Electroplating Industries with Shri Jaspal Singh. I have oined the above said partnership firm 15-11-2020 in place of my deceased husband Shri Kanwal Jit Singh for 60% shareholding and my both sons namely Shri Amandeep Singh & Shri Jasmeet Singh have given No Objection Certificate regarding the same So with the help of this notice it is informed regarding the joining in the above partnership firm in place of my deceased husband.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Notice is hereby given on behalf of Mr. Sunil Kuma who is purchasing part of Plot No.A-25, admeasuring 70 Sq. Yds. out of Khasra No.1610, situated in the 70 Sq. Yds. out of Khasra No.1610, situated in the Revenue Estate of Village Loni, Ram Vihar, Paragna Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad (U.P.) from Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Sto. Mr. Maan Singhwho is the owner of the property vide General Power of Aftorney Agreement to Sale & WILL dated 02.09.2019 and ntend tomortgage against the financial assistance from Ummeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. That the from Ummeed Housing Finance Pvt. Ltd. That the Death Certificate & Surviving Member Certificate of Late Mr. Shiv Kumar S/o. Mr. Medha is not available also the Original WILL dated 01.07.2008 Mr. Shiv Kumar S/o. Mr. Medha in favour of Mr. Shyam Lal S/o. Mr. Titla Ram in respect of abovernentioned property which is registered as Doc no. 283 registered in Ghaziabad IV is Lost / Misplaced. To comply the requirements of BANK/NBFC, we give this public notice that if any person(s) having any objection regarding ownership and/or creating mortgage of the said property is/are hereby requested to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 7 days at below address. requested to intimate in whiting to the discollar within 7 days at below address. Lucem Legal LLP

269, Rama House, Ground Floor, Masjid Moth, Opp. Uday Park, South Ext.II, New Delhi-110049 Contact # 011- 40046316



राष्ट्रीय फैशन प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान नेयम, २००६ द्वारा शासित एक सांविधिक संस्थान, वस्त्र मंत्रालय, भारत सरव निपट परिसर, होज खास, समीप गुलमोहर पार्क, नई दिल्ली-110016

राष्ट्रीय फैशन प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, हौज खास नई दिल्ली फैशन के क्षेत्र में एक प्रमुख संस्थान है। निफ्ट हिंदी अंग्रेजी फ्रीलांस अनुवादकों का पैनल बनाने के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है। अधिक जानकारी के लिए www.nift.ac.in का अवलोकन करें।

**BALVINDER KAUR** 

#### *ICICI Bank* **NOTICE - TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

Shri Awadhesh Kumar Director of M/s Sun Engineering Pvt. Ltd. has offered property at C-14, Sector-4, Block-C, Industrial Area UP-201301 Noida to mortgage with ICIC Bank. Since original sale deed of the said property has been lost the Bank is mortgaging the said property with permission to mortgage from Noida Authority.

If anyone has any claim and objection in mortgage of aforesaid property he may lodge his claim before the bank within a week

For ICICI BANK LTD. Regional Office:

Sector-18, Noida-201301, Uttar Pradesh, India

#### Sale Notice The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases: Asset Details Case Details

No			Price	Amount
	Deepak Sharma,	Vehicle No- DL3CCA3466, Make & Model- MARUTI UDYOG LTD SWIFT DZIRE LDI, Manu. Year- 2014.		Rs 14,000/-
2.	Rajesh Kumar	Vehicle No- UP16AS1600, Make & Model- AUDI A6 2.0 TDI, Manu. Year-2013	Rs 8,80, 000/-	Rs 88,000/-

DD/PO of EMD amount is to be made in favour of ICICI BANK LIMITED Payable at Delhi and bidder has to bring original DD/PO at site with original KYC.

Auction Date: January 12, 2022, From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Venue: Godara Yard, Khewat No: 166/1, Near Atul Kataria Chowk, Behind Gyan Devi School, Sec-17, Sukhrali, Gurugram- 122022.

Contact Person- Rajeev Ranjan (8584874809)/Jitendra Kumar

Terms of Sale The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated

to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself / themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at site with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction and also original DD of EMD. Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount ) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited.
The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, 1st Floor, SD Tower

Community Center, Plot no-7, Rohini Sector-8, New Delhi-110085.

for details and inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY **OPEN-E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender fo

th€	following work.	
1	Name of work	Rag picking along track in the section of SSE/P-way/SSB under ADEN/DLI
2	Approx cost of work	Rs. 39,96,951.42 (Rupees Thirty Nine Lakt Ninety Six Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One and Forty Two Paise Only)
3	Earnest Money to be deposited	Rs. 0/-
4	Cost of tender document	Rs. 0.00/-
5	Date & Time of submission of tender bld and opening of tender	18.01.2022@15:00 Hrs.
6	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

 The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement syste (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For a terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offers ar acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. No. 128-W/280/e Tende Notice/NIT/28/2021-22/W-3 Dated :- 24.12.2021

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005 FICICI Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET [See proviso to rule 8(6)] Notice for sale of immovable assets

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

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

Sr. No.	Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.  With known encumbrances, if any		Amount Outstanding Price Earnest Money Deposit		Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	
1.	Vijay Grover (Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002365295	Flat No B1 1301, JKG Palm Court, Plot No Gh 1d, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up. Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq Ft	Rs. 80,94,028/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 49,42, 000/- Rs.4,94, 200/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 2022 From 11:00 AM Onwards	
2.	Vijay Grover (Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002371601	Flat No B1 1302, JKG Palm Court, Plot No Gh 1d, Sector 16c, Greater Noida West, Up Super Builtup Area-1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 80,61,215/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 49,42, 000/- Rs.4,94, 200/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 At Onward	
3.	Himanshu Gupta (Borrower), Vandna Rani (CO-Borrower) LBGHZ00002313993	Flat No B1 1801, 18th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up. Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 83,62,175/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 49,42, 000/- Rs.4,94, 200/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
4.	Neera Sharma (Borrower), Ankur Mohan (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002313398	Flat No B1 1304, JKG Palm Court, Plot No Gh 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up Super Builtup Area-1635 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 79,91,643/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 45,78, 000/- Rs. 4,57, 800/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
5.	Sandeep Kumar A Upadhyay (Borrower), Shilpi Upadhyay (Co- Borrower) LBDEL00002275165	Flat No B2 1704, 17th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up Super Builtup Area- 1635 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 75,04,175/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 45,78, 000/- Rs. 4,57, 800/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 At Onward	
6.	Sanjiv Lamba (Borrower), Madhu (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002935333	Flat No 1603, 16th Floor, A2 Palm Court, Plot No.Gh-01d Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301. Super Builtup Area 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 61,22,589/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 34,36, 000/- Rs. 3,43, 600/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
7.	Manoj Kumar Sharma (Borrower), Rachna (Co-Borrower) LBNOD00002375543	B2-1801, 18th Floor, JKG Palm Court,plot No. Gh/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up - 201307 Super Builtup Area – 1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 82,39,407/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 49,42, 000/- Rs. 4,94, 200/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
8.	Vikrant Singh (Borrower), Ritu Singh (Co- Borrower) LBGUR00002386632	Flat No. B1-1802, 18th Floor, Jkg Palm Court, Gh-1D, Sector 16c, Greater Noida West, UP. Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq Ft	Rs. 82,71,341/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 49,42, 000/- Rs.4,94, 200/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	Januar 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
9.	Ganesh Sharma (Borrower), Kamla Katwal (Co- Borrower) LBDEL00002947887	Flat No 1804, (18th Floor), JKG Palm Court, Tower B2, Plot no. GH-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201307. Super Builtup Area- 1635 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 81,24,194/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 46,00, 000/- Rs.4,60, 000/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
10.	Kanishka (Borrower), Santosh Kumari (Co- Borrower) LBGUR00002372750	B-2-1303, 13th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. Gh/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP. Super Builtup Area- 1395 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 70,86,719/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 41,00, 000/- Rs.4,10, 000/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
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14.	Chintu Ghai (Borrower), Shilpi Ghai (Co- Borrower) LBDEL00002342824	Flat No 1805, (18th Floor), JKG Palm Court, Tower A1, Plot no. GH-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201307 Super Builtup Area-1090 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 49,41,618/- as on November 29, 2021	Rs. 32,00, 000/- Rs.3,20, 000/-	January 03, 2022 From 11:00 Noon to 2:00 PM	January 18, 202 From 11:00 Al Onward	
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#### SHORTCIRCUITS

## **AKSHAY KUMAR**

'Yes, I did call Shah Rukh Khan to invite him. When Kareena and I suddenly decided to have a party, we decided to invite the entire industry. This wasn't a party to celebrate our success alone. It was also a party to celebrate the success of New York as much as my own film. So, apart from me and Kareena, the party's unofficial host was the entire New York team.'



#### **SUNNY LEONE**

'When I shot for a big song like Madhuban, I knew that everyone was going to like it. Working on this song has been unlike any other. From the online digital campaign to learning the song, then shooting for it and also getting into the costume — all of it was a lot of hard work and I hope that people enjoy watching it. It's a high upbeat party number. I want Madhuban to be the biggest party anthem of this year.'



#### **URFI JAVED**

'I am a Muslim girl. Most of the hate comments I receive are from Muslim people. They say that I am tarnishing the image of Islam. They hate me because Muslim men want their women to behave in a certain way. They want to control all the women in the community. I don't believe in Islam.'

#### **KATE WINSLET**

'Leonardo DiCaprio is my friend, my really close friend. We've bonded for life,. When I met him I couldn't stop crying. We have not been able to leave our countries. Like so many friendships globally, we have missed each other because of Covid. It wasn't pleasant for any of us, but we were all in it together.'



irector, actor, playwright and writer Mahesh Dattani began his career as a copywriter in an advertising firm. He started acting on the stage with Bangalore Little Theatre, where his first role was in Utpal Dutt's Surya

He further diversified into writing after reading Edward Albee's play Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? In 1986, Dattani wrote his first full-length play, Where There's a Will and it is this play, translated in Hindi as Hasmukh Saab ki Wasihat, which will be screened on Zee Theatre today as a teleplay.

Ámong his other accomplishments, Dattani is also a film director. His debut film is Mango Souffle, adapted from one of his plays. He also wrote and directed the movie *Morning Raaga*.

He is the first playwright in English to be awarded the Sahitya Akademi award who has written plays such as Final Solutions, Dance Like a Man, Bravely Fought the Queen, On a Muggy Night in Mumbai, Tara, Thirty Days in September and The Big Fat City. His plays have been directed by eminent directors like Arvind Gaur, Alyque Padamsee and Lillete

Extracts from an interview:

□A teleplay and the one performed in the theatre... What are the points of convergence and divergence?

They are completely different art forms. With this kind of theatre-on-film that we have created, it is a hybrid of sorts. With theatre, the atmosphere and vibrations of the performance are palpable. In digitised plays, these may not be as palpable but there is a certain aesthetic accomplishment (as with all cinema and most television) that one hopes to achieve. Whether we succeed or not is left for viewers to tell us. I feel there should be a more interactive platform with their telecast so that we learn more about what is coming through. So, the point of convergence is really the story and there is a divergence on how that story is received

# DANCE LIKE DATTANI

SAIMI SATTAR caught up with director, actor, playwright and writer MAHESH — as his teleplay Hasmukh Saab ki Wasihat airs — to talk about theatre and more

□Your plays have often touched upon social issues. Can performing art change society's narrative? And how?

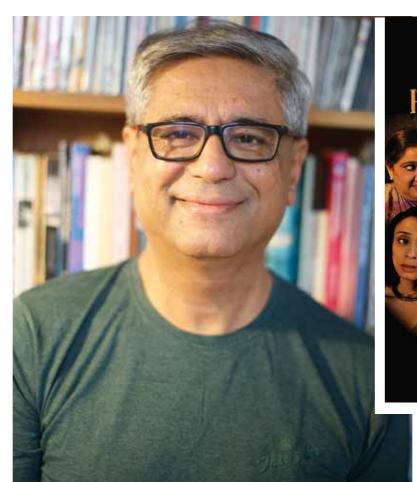
I am not sure whether social narrative can change by theatre alone. But it definitely is a point of departure. As more stories are told through multiple perspectives, the idea that there is only a single story to follow will be challenged. That is the power of all storytelling. It offers multiple perspectives to a society that sometimes leans towards a unidimensional viewpoint. Theatre definitely plays a significant role.

The pandemic has affected all the performing arts. How will these go forward given that a third wave is starting?

I believe the pandemic is going to change art forms forever. This is most visible in performance art where we rely so much on a physical space to come together. Sports will also undergo a change. Even in this short period, one can see the changes. For instance, I did an in-person play this month in the USA. In response to the advertising, one person asked me on Facebook for a link to the play! The good thing about digital work is that remote audiences get a chance to experience it as well. The elite quality that urban theatre holds will, hopefully, be a thing of

□What makes you pick up any topic? How did you zero down on Hasmukh Saab ki Wasihat?

Where There's a Will (translated to Hasmukh Saab ki Wasihat) was the very



first play I wrote in 1988! A lot of the plot is imaginary but the idea came to me from my relationship with my dad. I even stole some of his in-house jokes. He had a great sense of humour and was my first

■English theatre as opposed to the one performed on vernaculars... Advantages and disadvantages?

Language is always seen as a limitation in theatre. I see it more as a definition. I am always proud when my plays are performed in other languages. As far as I see, it is all advantageous. You reach a different audience. In my opinion, all language is vernacular when a popular idiom is employed. All languages become undialectical when proper and cultivated. So, whether it is cultivated English or Sanskritised Hindi or chaste Urdu, they are all non-vernacular.

#### □What are the changes that you've witnessed in theatre since you started?

I love the way the hierarchy in the theatre has crumbled (at least in pockets). Earlier, the director was the auteur and it was his way (usually male) or the highway. Now there is greater creative equity with actors, scenographers, dramaturges contributing significantly to authorship and creative interpretation. Post-pandemic, creative equity has expanded to include technicians such as editors, sound designers, graphic artists and more.

#### ■Has it become the stepping stone for people who want to act in films?

To some people it is, but the clever ones take theatre seriously enough to treat the art as more than a stepping stone. As a result, they learn the craft of performance. Once they do, it is extremely likely they will be offered film jobs without even trying.

#### **■**With corporates coming in to sponsor plays and festivals, would you say theatre has become a more viable means of livelihood?

Theatre has always relied on patrons. Without patrons, it is impossible to do theatre anywhere in the world.

#### Future projects?

I do want to focus on my writing for now. I do have my new play Snapshots of a Fervid Sunrise which only had four shows before the lockdown in 2020. Once the situation improves, I hope to revive it.

## The mane man

Hair Designer DARSHAN YEWALEKAR shares how he transformed RANVEER SINGH into the iconic Indian captain in 83. By Team VIVA

 $F^{\text{or hair virtuoso Darsham}}_{\text{Yewalekar, it was a once in}}$ a lifetime opportunity to be a part of a historic project like 83. The Kabir Khan directorial encapsulating the magic of India's first World-Cup win has opened in theatres to rave reviews and Ranveer Singh's performance has been greeted with a rapturous response for its note perfect authenticity. Yewalekar shares, "At the

heart of this story is of course Kapil Dev, the fearless skipper who made the impossible possible. The challenge hence for me was to transform Ranveer into Kapil sir and to ensure that he closely reflected the legend who made history when he lifted the trophy at the hallowed grounds of Lord's! Every strand, every wave of hair needed to be perfect to recreate Kapil sir's persona!'

Singh has been Yewalekar's muse for over ten years and the two have worked on multiple films together but this was the first time they were striving to pay tribute to a living legend. He expresses, "When Kabir sir first met me, his brief was very straightforward. He just said, 'Let's replicate the hair.' Ranveer and I knew we had to be as close



as possible to how Kapil sir looked in 1983 and we went through volumes of vintage pictures and almost four to five look tests to get the famous curls right. Then there was his classic moustache. It had to be just right and it literally came down to slowly removing a single hair strand to make sure it looked as authentic as possible! And yes, it is absolutely real. I insisted that we avoid a fake moustache."

The curls had to be devised artificially because it is hard to tweak natural hair to replicate the kind of volume and bounce Dev sported but it is to Yewalekar's credit that it looks real. He says, "This is not to say that it was an easy process. There were a lot of conversations between Ranveer, Kabir sir and me and together, we ironed out the imperfections to ensure that we created not a caricature but a character with real gravitas and depth. All of us are obsessed with micro details and so we were open to contin-

the final look. I am glad that we have been able to do justice to a very special chapter in our his-

ue experimenting till we nailed

The process, according to Yewalekar, was challenging but rewarding. "It was a matter of great relief that the captain of the ship, Kabir Khan, was willing to give me time and space to get every detail just right for the overall look" That all the work has paid of is a matter of great joy and pride for him who cannot believe the amount of appreciation that is coming his way now.

He says, "The biggest com-pliment I have got from indus-try veterans is, 'You have made it happen!' The whole experience has been overwhelming to say the least, especially because it is relatively easier to work from one's imagination but to replicate something that is part of everyone's imagination just

adds that extra pressure."

The hair designer has been Singh's mane man since the beginning of his career, apart from styling superstars like Ranbir Kapoor and Salman Khan in the past. His filmography has spanned films like Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram-Leela, Dil Dhadakne Do, Bajirao Mastani, Gunday, Simmba, Padmaavat, Saawariya, Laal Kaptaan, Wanted, among others. His forthcoming projects include Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani where he is designing the hair for the entire star studded cast.

an extensive schedule, Ganapath has almost reached the finishing line in London and the team cannot contain their excitement as the countdown begins for the film's Christmas weekend release.

The Vikas Bahl directorial mounted ever with the slick action sequences putting even global block-

Ganapath is directed by Vikas Bahl and produced by Vashu Bhagnani, Vikas Bahl, Deepshikha Deshmukh, and Jackky Bhagnani.

challenges, these blockbusters drew film buffs in droves to the big screen. By Team Viva

The film industry in India has suffered numerous setbacks in the past few years but it is beginning to see hope and resurgence on the horizon. In the past one year, many films drew audiences back to theatres despite the many challenges that the pandemic imposed in terms of an occupancy limit in theatres, social distancing protocols and a lot more.

Here are some of our favourite films that reminded audiences of the joys of big screen entertainment.

Spiderman: No Way Home



emerging once again to chal-

This one smashed records even before its release and delivered the biggest ever opening day for Sony Pictures Entertainment Índia and enjoyed the second biggest ever opening in the history of Hollywood releases in India. For Śpiderman: No Way Home, the Multiplex Association of India saw the second busiest advance ticket sales ever in the entire history of cinema exhibition! The film, distributed by Sony Pictures Entertainment India, had created a massive buzz thanks to its unusual premise of major villains in the Spider-Man multiverse

## Despite multiple pandemic-induced Return of the theatres

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become the biggest film of 2021 in India, with an opening weekend of ₹138.55 cr GBOC. Globally, the film has broken post pandemic records grossing \$587 million in the first weekend! Marking the 'highest opening weekend' for the company, the film raced past the half a billion-dollar mark in just five days and is dominating box office charts around the world. The friendly super-hero has yet again won the hearts of Indian fans and with shows still going house-full in several parts of the country. The Jon Watts directorial, boasts a scintillating starcast headlined by Tom Holland alongside

Zendaya, Benedict Cumberbatch, Jacob Batalon, Jon Favreau, Marisa Tomei, J. B Smoove, Benedict Wong, Jamie Foxx, Alfred Molina, Willem Dafoe, Thomas Haden

Church, and Rhys Ifans. Antim: The Final Truth

This remake of Marathi film Mulshi Pattern was directed by Mahesh Manjrekar and produced by Salman Khan Films. Distributed by Zee Studios, the Salman Khan starrer also featured Aayush Sharma and Mahima Makwana and despite partial occupancy woes in many regions, it has been doing steady business in India and

overseas territories. The question whether in the post pandemic world, stars will continue to hold sway over audiences has been answered by this film in the blockbuster league has seen loyal fans queuing up to see Salman in an extended

Venom: Let There Be Carnage This 2021 release from the Marvel multiverse brought back the iconic Venom, in a



Distributed by Sony Pictures Entertainment India here, the Andy Serkis directorial was released in Hindi, English and multiple regional languages and brought new and old fans back to theatres to catch the impossibly charismatic Tom Hardy as Éddie Brock / Venom alongside Michelle Williams, Naomie Harris, Reid Scott, Stephen Graham, and Woody Harrelson. The film, which depicted Venom's conflict with serial killer Cletus Kasady (Harrelson) and the host of Carnage, also accrued great box-office numbers.

Master

Tamil film Master came at a time when the industry was still struggling to deal with the aftershocks of multiple lock-downs. The Lokesh Kanagaraj directorial was produced by Xavier Britto, and starred Vijay and Vijay Sethupathi with Malavika Mohanan, Shanthanu Bhagyaraj, Andrea Jeremiah, Arjun Das and Gouri G Kishan. This eventually became the first Indian film to top glob-



release and went on to gross around ₹230-300 crore. With its success, it inspired other filmmakers to not let pandemic blues stymie their cre-ativity and wait for an opportune time to release their films because as the film proved, there is always an audience for good content.

Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui The steady box-office per-

formance of this Abhishek Kapoor directorial and T-Series and Guy In The Sky Pictures co-production has demonstrated that even films with mid-



dling budgets and an unconventional story-line can sell tickets and win fans over. The quirky film headlined by the ever dependable Ayushmann Khurrana and Vaani Kapoor in an unusual role as a transwoman, explores a love story outside the normative gender identities and entertains even as it sensitises the audiences about issues such as transphobia.



## One year to go TIGER SHROFF and KRITI SANON starrer Ganapath's

teaser reminds the audience to block their Christmas weekends next year. By TEAM VIVA

One year to *Ganapath* seems to be the mood of the moment with Tiger Shroff, Kirti Sanon, and the team posting a scintillating, new on December 23 next year and the producers are pulling out all stops to make the event as grand as possible. motion picture on their Instagram handle. Every asset released by the team has so far created a buzz and the fans are looking forward to the impending release of Ganapath in 2022.

The film will hit the big screen

Ganapath, the mega-budget,

dystopian thriller produced by Pooja Entertainment stars Shroff and Sanon in never-seen-before avatars and features high-octane action sequences shot with top-notch, international stunt directors. After

promises to be a unique, one-of-akind thriller that has never been presented before in Indian cinema. No expense has been spared to make the film, one of the most lavishly

busters in shade.





## TRAVEL BUG

INDIANA JONES AND THE RAJBARI OF DREAMS

AJAY RAWAL has sensitively and painstakingly restored a palatial mansion over seven years and converted it into a boutique hotel. GUSTASP and JEROO IRANI document the journey and capture it for eternity



e was like a man possessed; inflamed with the passion of an Indian Michelangelo. The object of his overriding desire was a palatial zamindari mansion in the hamlet of Bawali, 24 Pargannas, that he had stumbled upon; pushing past creepers, weeds and fecund vegetation that had claimed the ruins. Despite the sadly dilapidated state of the magnificent mansion, a one-and-a-half-hour drive from Kolkata, the original splendour and contours were faintly visible.

Ajay Rawal, the protagonist of this story and the current owner, reminisced about his journey as we sat in the glass-enclosed bar, the Verandah, at Rajbari Bawali, a boutique heritage hotel that he has sensitively and painstakingly restored over seven years. Rawal said, with his signature fugitive smile, that he has a bit of Indiana Jones in him. When he first stumbled on the Rajbari in 2009, it resembled the crumbling palace of a forgotten king. May be an Angkor Wat kind of place where the roots of banyan trees curved sinew-like around the grounds and had destroyed walls and several wings of the palace. Yet the historic pile thrummed with magic and finally, after repeated visits, he succumbed to the irresistible, poignant romance of the place and the promptings of his inner voice to save this splendid 250-year-old building for posterity.

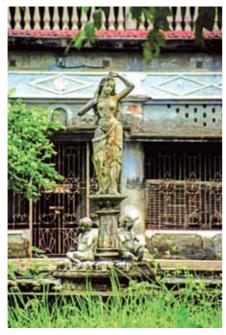
As we chatted, we gazed at the grand courtyard in front of us with steps leading up to the in Bengali) flanked by two colonnaded wings of high-ceilinged rooms. It was hard to believe that this stately mansion was located in an obscure hamlet that was once part of the Sunderbans. Back in the day, its wild topography was covered with swampland and mangroves and dotted with a few isolated homes where Baul tribals lived. Tigers would stroll past to slake their thirst at watering holes and, even today, there is an aura of desperate fertility about this neighbourhood, carved out of the Sunderbans. Lush vegetation, orange groves, tall palms interlaced with tranquil water bodies and the occasional low-slung home where the elderly sit, watching the world go by.

As remarkable as its location is the story of the Rajbari's restoration. Brushing away the warnings of naysayers who cautioned, "You will never do it but if you do, you deserve a UNESCO award," Rawal began the arduous task of tracing land records and locating the 18 owners scattered across the world. During much of the time, the Kolkata-based industrialist was gnawed by fear that the stately mansion would be felled by time and nature. And it took another five years to restore, brick by brick, the extravaganza that once belonged to landed aristocrats, the Mondal family.

When the Mondal family first settled in the obscure hamlet, they built a temple to Lord Krishna, their family deity. Over a period of time, more temples and palatial mansions came up in this rural heart of Bengal. The Rajbari Bawali meanwhile became the centre of wealth and privilege, and grand parties and banquets were hosted to entertain its many eminent guests. The Rajbari also became a hotspot of culture and romance, and even intrigue and battles, typical of those times. Post-Independence, the fortunes of the zamindari families dwindled and the forest clawed its way back, overtaking many a palatial mansion and the temples that clustered round them.

Once Rawal got possession, he began to consult architects and advisors from the US, UK, Italy and Mexico as well as Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage(INTACH), in order to master the nuances of restoration. He even sent a team of local craftsmen to train in the art of lime water construction at the Aga Khan Foundation by the craftsmen who had been involved in the restoration of the famed Humayun's tomb in Dalhi.

With his eye for detail, finely honed aesthetic sense and driven by unbridled passion, Rawal became the architect, restoration expert and designer — all rolled into a one-man army. He stretched both his imagination and finances to re-create a splendid slice of history from what was largely rubble, a gaping wound left behind by time. Roofs were restored, ponds carved out



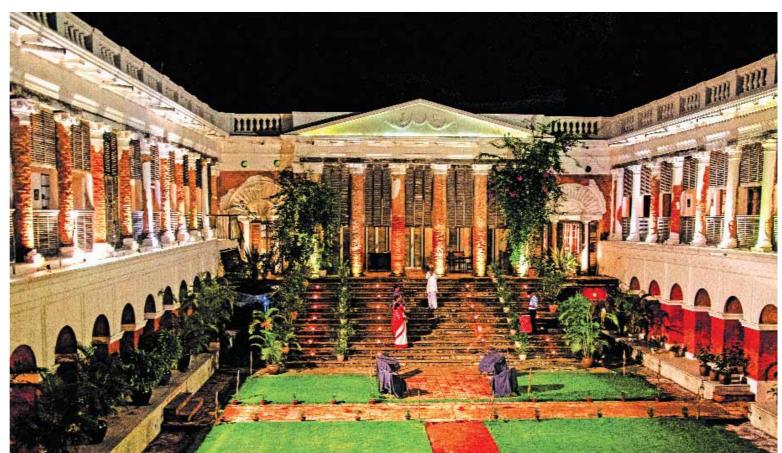


with the help of a willing Mother Nature, engaging pavillions were raised and new bricks made in the traditional style with moulds specially made in Murshidabad. Plumbing, lighting and air-conditioning systems were laid.

A beautiful old mosaic floor was salvaged when it emerged from the palace ruins while Burma teak was rescued from colonial homes and cast-iron pillars and railings were brought from north Kolkata edifices that were being torn down. Even Italian marble rescued from old homes that were being demolished found its place at the Rajbari as did old wooden shutters that once shielded the women in the zenana from prying eyes.

Today, the Rajbari has a patina of age but with all the mod cons that a modern-day traveller would expect in a luxury hostelry. Rawal even added a new wing connected with the restored one by a terracotta tiled pathway and lush tropical gardens. The new wing, too, exudes the same spirit as the vintage section with its low-slung buildings and pitched, tiled roofs. It encompasses in its faux old-world interiors a modern spa, swimming pool and a hip bar and restaurant where the front end of a Tata truck and a Rajdoot motorbike are part of the eclectic décor.

The interiors of the 30 rooms and the public areas are furnished with antiques that Rawal had collected over the years, thanks to his passion for old things. There are touches of the outré yet everything seems to have a preordained place in the general scheme of things. The corridors are lined with the stands of Singer Sewing machines; a huge Louis Vuitton trunk, which perhaps sailed on gracious ocean liners of the past, stands in a corner outside a suite while the rooms are kitted out with grand handcrafted four-poster beds, old sitars, drums, carved treasure chests, sinuous old metal chandeliers, sepia-tinted photographs, largewinged armchairs, skylights, distressed chests of drawers. In the dining area, a polished grand piano occupies centre stage. It was sold to Rawal on the condition that the then owner could play it whenever she visited Kolkata. There are many objets d'art with fascinating back stories.



And the Rajbari adds to the fairy-tale ambience with bespoke experiences that offer a glimpse of the opulent zamindari lifestyle of one of the richest and most powerful families in Bengal. Guests get to savour splendid zamindari thali spreads and culinary demonstrations where you bite into living history. Come evening, take to the river on a vintage country boat with a sundowner and watch life unfold along the river banks as musicians strum your

Early morning, embark on a walk in the village and watch it wake up to a new dawn. The sun drizzles its rays on crumbling temples and the remains of old palaces that speak of a discarded past against the backdrop of a vibrant present where locals sit on the verandahs of their homes and watch the world go by. Later, enjoy high tea by the pool and as dusk settles on the mansion, seeming to bring alive the ghosts of the past, a sandhya aarti (an evening prayer ritual) takes place on the diyalit steps of the Thakur Dalaan. Accompanied by the blowing of conch shells and pounding of drums, and the swirling of a tray-full of diyas, this mov-



ing ritual is followed by a candle-lit dance performance. Rawal's path was rocky and lit-

tered with ups and downs and even personal tragedy. "When you embark on something like this, it owns you,"

he mused. "When I was re-building Rajbari, I was re-building myself in a way."



# Thank you Harbhajan!

## All good things come to an end, says veteran spinner as he retires from all forms of cricket

eteran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who became the first Indian bowler to grab a Test hattrick in a memorable international career, announced retirement from all forms of cricket on Friday, saying that he is finally communicating what has been on his mind for the past few years.

The 41-year-old from Punjab took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25 scalps in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career, which began in 1998. "All good things come to an end and today as I bid adieu to the game that has given me everything in life, I would like to thank everyone who made this 23-year-long journey beautiful and memorable," he

"From the narrow lanes of Jalandhar to becoming the Turbanator of Team India, it has been a beautiful journey of past 25 years," he said.

Harbhajan, who made his India debut during an ODI against New Zealand at Sharjah in 1998, last played for the country in March 2016 during a T20I against the UAE at Dhaka. He said he har-

boured hopes of retiring in India colours but that could not materialise. "Like all cricketers, I too wanted to bade adieu in Indian jersey but fate had something else in store for me," he said in a youtube video posted alongside his tweet. "...There

comes a time 🥛 when you have to take some tough decisions and have to move on in life. Mentally I had retired long back but couldn't announce it

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All good things come to an end and today as I bid adieu to the game that has given me everything in life, I would like to thank everyone who made this 23-yearlong journey beautiful and memorable. My heartfelt thank you 🖂 Grateful 2:23 PM - Dec 24, 2021

Harbhajan Turbanator 🧔

"For whichever team I have played, there has always been 100 per cent commitment from me to ensure that my team finishes at the top, whether it is India, Chennai Super Kings, Mumbai Indians, Kolkata Knight Riders, Surrey or Essex

in the UAE leg of the league.

"I haven't been playing active crick-

et for quite some time but due to my commitment with Kolkata Knight Riders, I

wanted to stay with them in the IPL sea-

son but I had made up my mind during

One of the most memorable moments in his international career was when he snapped 32 wickets in three Tests, including the first Test hat-trick by an Indian, against Australia in March 2001. That historic Test triumph is one of most iconic moments in Indian crick-

> "In my cricket career, I was happy for the first time when I had taken a hat-trick in Kolkata and I became the first Indian bowler to take a hat-trick in Test cricket. I had also taken 32 wickets in three matches, which is still a record.

Then the 2007 and 2011 World Cup wins were most important for me. Such memorable moments I can't forget in my life and I can't ever explain in words what it meant to me."

Harbhajan thanked his parents, his spiritual guru, his wife and children in the video, saying that he would now try to make up for the time he couldn't be there with them due to his cricketing commitments. "My parents worked hard to fulfil my dreams. If I am born again, I would like to be born again as their son," he said. "My wife

I haven't been active in cricket," he Those who say cricket is becoming a Harbhajan had featured in a few batsman's game should look at your career. matches during the first phase of last IPL for Kolkata Knight Riders but didn't play You're a true superstar @harbhajan singh!

> Congratulations on a wonderful career Pajhi Your contribution to cricket has been immense and it was a pleasure to play alongside you Enjoyed our great moments together on and off the field. Wishing you luck for your next innings @harbhajan\_singh

—SHIKHAR DHAWAN

GAUTAM GAMBHIR

Hearty congratulations to my great mate @harbhajan singh on a remarkable career! A tremendous exponent of off-spin, a gifted batsman and a true competitor who fashioned many a wonderful Indian victory. Best wishes for the future, Bhajji, go well!

Congratulations Bhajji paa on an amazing career. Thank you for always supporting me like a big brother. Best wishes for the future @harbhajan\_singh paaji -YUZVENDRA CHAHAL

A legend of the game and a match winner for our country Thank you Harbhajan Paaji for your guidance and helping me with my game. You will be missed. Best wishes

Bhajju Pa with 711 international wickets has been a legend but he was always been a very humble teammate and inspiration for all the boys who came from the small towns. I am sure your new innings will be as rocking!@harbhajan singh #harbhajansingh

-RP SINGE

More than a truly great player, Bhajju Pa was always a big brother for all the juniors. @harbhajan\_singh would make us laugh all the time and was someone who always made the dressing room like our home. Best wishes in your new innings. #harbhajansingh

-PRITHVI PATEL

Geeta, your love completes me, you have seen the best and worst of me. You won't complain that I don't give you time anymore. (And) I am happy that I will have time for my children

and watch them grow up," he added. I need to think about lot of factors before I can even decide on joining politics

After bringing the curtains down on his cricket career, veteran off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on Friday said he is not averse to joining politics but would like to put in a lot of thought before taking a final decision on such a move.

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1.	Providing new water connection including water meter and replacement of non functional water meters in Ward No.48E in AC-67 Babarpur EE(M)-67 Tender I.D No. 2021 _DJB_213502_1	25,82,368/-	500/-	EMD Exempted	24.12.2021	31.12.2021
2.	Providing new water connection including water meter and replacement of non functional water meters in Ward No.49E in AC-67 Babarpur EE(M)-67 Tender I.D No. 2021_DJB_213502_2	25,82,368/	500/-	EMD Exempted	24.12.2021	31.12.2021
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विकास और सुशासन के मूल में 'सबका साथ, सबका विकास, सबका विश्वास, सबका प्रयास' है। पीड़ित, शोषित, वंचित, नौजवान और महिलाएं, सबका विकास हो, कोई पीछे न रहे, न ही किसी से भेदभाव हो, इसी सोच के साथ हमारी सरकार लगातार काम कर रही है और भारत को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने में जुटी है।"

- नरेन्द्र मोदी

91 तहसीलों के वेब हैलरिस <sup>44</sup>हमारी सरकार कार्य निष्पादन में पारदर्शिता लाने तथा जनता की विश्वसनीयता को बरकरार रखने के लिए कटिबद्ध है ताकि सुशासन एवं सुराज की दिवस संकल्पना को जन-सहभागिता से सही मायनों में परिभाषित किया जा सके।"

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