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**CAPSULE**

**DENGUE DEATH TOLL RISES TO 15 IN DELHI**  
New Delhi: Six more deaths due to dengue have been reported in the national Capital, taking the total number of fatalities due to the vector-borne disease reported in Delhi this year to 15, according to a municipal report released.

**INDONESIA VOLCANIC ERUPTION KILLS 15**  
Sumbawulu: Rescuers dug out the body of 13-year-old boy with their bare hands, as improved weather conditions allowed them to resume their search after the highest volcano on Indonesia's Java island erupted with fury, killing at least 15 people with searing gas and leaving 27 others missing.

**THAROOR NOT TO HOST SANSAD TV SHOW**  
New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Monday said he is suspending hosting a talk show on Sansad TV in solidarity with the 12 Rajya Sabha members suspended from the House, and would not resume his anchoring until their suspension is revoked and a "semblance of bipartisanship restored to the conduct of Parliament".

**PAK GROUP IN INDIA TO ATTEND SCO SEMINAR**  
New Delhi: A Pakistani delegation arrived here on Monday to participate in a cyber security seminar being hosted by India under the framework of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorism Structure (RATS). The Pakistan High Commission said its Charge d'Affaires Aftab Hasan Khan received the delegation at the mission.

## Modi, Putin vow to cement unique ties

Two leaders discuss Af, terrorism; 28 pacts signed

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India and Russia on Monday reaffirmed their commitment to enhance their ties during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Modi said relations between India and Russia are truly unique and a reliable model of interstate friendship. "Your visit to India is a reflection of your commitment to ties with India," Modi told Putin, adding the two countries remained in touch about situation in Afghanistan and other issues.

Putin said India is a great power and a time-tested friend.

The two leaders discussed the situation in Afghanistan and Putin said they are "concerned about everything that has to do with terrorism. Fight against terrorism is also fight against drug trafficking and organised crime."

On economic ties, the Russian President noted at present mutual investments amounted to more than 38 billion dollars and said "the two countries have a strong co-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives Russian President Vladimir Putin at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Monday

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operation in military and technical sphere like no other country. We develop high technology together as well as produce in India."

It was the 21st annual summit between the two countries. Modi had attended the summit

in Russia in 2019. Last year, it could not be held due to the pandemic.

Putin's one-day visit also signified the importance of the relations as this is his second visit abroad since the outbreak of the pandemic. He

travelled to Geneva in June for his first meeting with US President Joe Biden.

The latest summit saw the two countries covering an array of areas with the objective to further cement the special and privileged strategic partner-

ship between the two countries.

Highlighting the time-tested ties between the two nations, Modi said there is no change in the pace of relations between India and Russia despite the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Lavrov: US made abortive efforts to scuttle S-400 deal

'It tried to make India obey the American orders'

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the USA tried to undermine India-Russia cooperation on the issue of the S-400 air defence missile and tried to make India obey the American orders.

Lavrov is in New Delhi for the Puti-Modi summit and inaugural 2+2 dialogue.

"S-400 deal doesn't have only a symbolic meaning. It has a very important practical meaning for an Indian defence capability and the situation is basically underway. The deal has been implemented," he told news agency ANI.

"We witnessed attempts on the part of the United States to undermine this cooperation & to make India obey the American orders, to follow the American vision of how this



region should be developed," the visiting Russian Minister said.

"Our Indian friends clearly and firmly explained that they are a sovereign country & they will decide whose weapons to buy and who is going to be a partner of India in this & other areas," he said.

In October 2018, India had signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems despite objections from the USA. The Trump administration had even warned to impose sanctions like it had done in the case of Turkey for acquiring S-400 missile defence systems from Russia.

## Rise in Covid cases raises concerns amid Omicron fear

60 CASES SURFACE IN 24 HRS

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At least 60 fresh cases of Coronavirus infection have surfaced in the State in the past 48 hours, raising concerns over a gradual rise in cases of Covid-19 amid the fear of the new Omicron variant, which has already made its way to some Indian states that are well-connected to Jharkhand by airways and railways.

Jharkhand reported at least 35 fresh Covid cases on Saturday and 25 Covid cases on Sunday. In these two days, the state reported 60 fresh cases of coronavirus infection against hardly 25 Covid recoveries, and the active caseload in the state jumped to 127 from 95 on December 2, figures compiled by the National Health Mission (NHM) reveal.

Meanwhile, a Covid-19 patient, suspected to have been infected by the Omicron variant of the virus, has been admitted in a private hospital in Ranchi, and his samples have been sent for whole genome sequencing to the Institute of Life Sciences



A health worker conducts COVID-19 testing of commuters amid fear of a new variant of COVID-19, at Birsa Munda International airport, in Ranchi on Monday

Photo | Patan Lal

(ILS) in Bhubaneswar, an official from Ranchi Civil Surgeon's office said. In the wake of the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus, said to have a higher transmissibility and the ability to bypass immunity provided by vaccines, Jharkhand has prepared a list of close to 150 international travellers who have come to the state in the past 14 days. These travellers are being screened and tested by the concerned districts, but many districts are yet to share the test reports with the health depart-

ment in Ranchi, officials said. According to latest government data, the Omicron variant of Coronavirus has already spread to Mumbai, Bangalore and New Delhi. Several thousand passengers from these three cities visit Jharkhand every day.

Ranchi continues to be the worst-affected district in terms of the active caseload in Jharkhand. At least 50 Ranchi residents were battling Covid-19 on Monday morning, while 41 people were undergoing

treatment for the viral infection in East Singhbhum, NHM data highlighted. These two districts account for more than 70 per cent of active Covid cases in the state. The state has also failed to achieve its daily vaccination target in the first five days of December. The health department had set a target of vaccinating at least 4 lakh individuals daily in the month of December, and Jharkhand has vaccinated about 1 lakh residents daily on an average this month.

## Future pandemics could be more lethal than Covid: Vaccine creator

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

One of the creators of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine has cautioned that vaccines could be less effective against the Omicron variant and warned that future pandemics could be more lethal than the current Covid crisis.

Delivering the 44th Richard Dimbleby Lecture, Prof Dame Sarah Gilbert said there needed to be more funding for pandemic preparedness to prevent the advances made from being lost. She also batted for a universal flu jab saying it should be developed in order to wipe out the threat from influenza.

Sarah added people should be cautious until more was known about it.

She said, "This will not be the last time a virus threatens our lives and our livelihoods. The truth is the next one could be worse. It could be more contagious, or more lethal, or both."

"We cannot allow a situa-



Professor Dame Sarah Gilbert, one of the scientists behind the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine

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tion where we have gone through all we have gone through, and then find that the enormous economic losses we have sustained mean that there is still no funding for pandemic preparedness," she added.

## Sensex slumps 949 points on Omicron scare

Mumbai: Equity indices spiralled lower on Monday as the spread of the Omicron variant in the country spooked investors and triggered an across-the-board sell-off. A plunging rupee and continued selling by foreign institutional investors added to the woes, traders said.

Extending its losing streak for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 949.32 points or 1.65 per cent to close at 56,747.14, an over three-month low.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty slumped 284.45 points or 1.65 per cent to 16,912.25. All Sensex components ended in the red.

IndusInd Bank was the biggest laggard, shedding 3.75 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech, TCS, Tech Mahindra and Infosys. **PTI Detailed report on P9**

## New Industrial policy attracting investors to Jharkhand: CM

Soren lays foundation for Unit 2 of Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant in Bokaro

PNS ■ RANCHI

Chief Minister Hemant Soren today said that it is a special priority of the government that maximum capital investment should be done in Jharkhand. For this a better and better Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy - 2021 has been made. Industrial houses should come forward to set up industries in this State, the government will extend full cooperation to them, said the CM while laying the foundation stone of the second unit of Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant today at Balidih Industrial Area of Bokaro district.

"Nothing is impossible if you have a positive attitude and a strong will power. With this thinking in mind, the government has prepared an action plan to improve the industrial

environment. A new industry policy has been made and State's policies and objectives are being put in front of the business world. Industrialists have appreciated our policy and are expressing their desire to set up industries here. In this sequence, Dalmia Group stepped forward for the cement factory and signed an MoU with the Industries Department," he said.

"Our government has kept its promise and Dalmia Group is also keeping its promise today. It will definitely benefit the State and the people of the State. We assure that we will fully cooperate in making Dalmia Cement Factory established in the State one of the leading cement producing factories of the country," said the CM.

Soren said that if the government gives land to industrial houses, then they should use it for setting up industries. "Don't let it be empty or encroaching. Because, with great expectations, the ryatts,



Chief Minister Hemant Soren, along with Minister Jagarnath Mahato, MLAs Biranchi Narayan, Jaimangal Singh, Lambodar Mahato, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey, Industries Secretary Pooja Singhal and Managing Director of Dalmia Bharat Group Puneet Dalmiya and Mahendra Singhi (MD & CEO) during foundation stone laying of second unit of Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant in Balidih Industrial Area of Bokaro District on Monday

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poor farmers and needy have given their land, so that they can get an opportunity to be empowered with employment," he said.

The CM further said that Bokaro Steel Plant was once the largest factory in Asia. But, today the situation is a bit opposite. Although it is a public undertaking, our government is ready to do everything possible to restore its old reputation. The Chief Minister said that any scheme, whether

it is government or private sector, we need to understand it as our own so that the state and the people of the state benefit from it.

The State Government has provided 16 acres of land for Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant Expansion Project in Balidih Industrial Area of Bokaro District.

The Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant already established here has a production capacity of 3.7 million tonnes

per annum. With the commissioning of the new unit, the annual production capacity will increase to 6.2 million tonnes. For this the company will invest Rs 567 crore. It is worth mentioning that under the Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy-2021, an MoU was signed between Dalmia Cement India Limited and the Industries Department in the Investors Summit held in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren in New Delhi in August this year for the establishment of a cement plant.

Ministers Jagarnath Mahato, MLAs Biranchi Narayan, Jaimangal Singh and Lambodar Mahato, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey, Industries Secretary Pooja Singhal, besides the management of Dalmia Bharat Group. Directors Puneet Dalmiya and Mahendra Singhi (MD & CEO) were present on the occasion.

But shots make it less impactful; mild symptoms, no death so far

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The cases of Omicron infection reported from vaccinated people in India show that the super mutant virus manages to break the security ring provided by the vaccine.

However, the impact has been less, said health experts, noting that this (vaccine) could also be the reason that there has been no death so far and the symptoms are mild.

They also said the vaccines may well continue to ward off severe illness and death, although booster doses may be needed to protect most people.

Against the backdrop, of the rising number of Omicron cases being reported among the fully vaccinated people, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Monday urged the Government to announce "additional" doses of Covid



Health workers walk past the passengers waiting in a queue during Covid-19 testing at Katra railway station, amid the threat of spreading of the new Covid-19 variant 'Omicron', in Jammu on Monday

PTI

vaccine for healthcare, frontline workers and immunocompromised individuals amid concerns over the Omicron variant of coronavirus, 21 cases of which have been detected in India so far.

It also demanded that the proposal of vaccinating individuals aged 12 to 18 years. So far, in India 23 people have been found to be suffering with the new variant of Covid-19 with two cases detected on Monday. The heavily mutated Omicron coronavirus variant is likely to spread internationally and poses a very high risk of infection surges that could have "severe consequences" in some places, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

No Omicron-linked deaths had yet been reported, though further research was needed to assess its potential to escape protection against immunity induced by vaccines and previous infections, it added.

**MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION, CHATRA**

**Very short e-Procurement Tender Notice**

Tender Reference No. WRD/MID/CHATRA/F2-03/2021-22 Date :- 06.12.2021

- Date of publication of Tender on website 15.12.2021
- Last date/Time for submission of Bids 22.12.2021
- Date of opening of e-Tender 24.12.2021 at 2.00 pm
- Name & address of office Inviting tender Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Chatra. 9835148687 eemidchat-cemr-jhr@nic.in 0651-2210618
- Contact no. of Procurement officer 9835148687
- E-mail of e-procurement Officer eemidchat-cemr-jhr@nic.in
- Helpline number of e-Procurement cell 0651-2210618
- Last Date for receipt of Bids fee Security and other documents.(In Hard copy) 15.12.2021 to 23.12.2021 at Minor Irrigation Division, Chatra between 10.00am to 5.00 pm

Sl No.	Group No.	Name of Scheme	Estimated cost	Time of Completion
1	1	Well Renovation 11 Nos and Soak pit 06 Nos at Block- Pratappur, Dist.-Chatra	2202100	3 Month
2	2	Well Renovation 07 Nos and Soak pit 30 Nos at Block-Kunda, Dist.-Chatra	1622700	3 Month
3	3	Well Renovation 05 Nos and Soak pit 24 Nos at Block- Huntergunj, Dist.-Chatra	1175500	3 Month
4	4	Deep Boring 04 Nos at Pratappur Block and 02 Nos at Block - Huntergunj, Dist.-Chatra	1512000	3 Month

Note :- Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

**Executive Engineer,**  
Minor Irrigation Division, Chatra.

PR 258603 (Minor Irrigation) 21-22 (D)

**झारखण्ड सरकार**  
**श्रम, नियोजन, प्रशिक्षण एवं कौशल विकास विभाग,**  
**औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा**

**नामांकन सूचना**

निदेशालय, नियोजन एवं प्रशिक्षण, झारखण्ड, राँची को पत्रांक 1276 दिनांक 16/11/2021 के अनुपालन में शैक्षणिक सत्र 2021-22-23 में सरकारी औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा में नामांकन हेतु JCECEB के द्वारा 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Counseling और LWE के Offline Counseling के समाप्त के उपरान्त रिक्त सीटों पर नव निर्मित औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा में SCVT व्यवसाय में प्रवेश के निमित्त इच्छुक उम्मीदवारों/वाम उद्योग से प्रभावित परिवार के युवाक-युवतियों/उनके आश्रितों/ से अनुसूची-क के अनुरूप हस्तलिखित/टंकित आवेदन पत्र निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट/हाथों-हाथ में से किसी एक माध्यम से दिनांक-09.12.2021के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक नामांकन सूचना के कण्डिका 13 में दर्ज पत्रों पर आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

**औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा में नामांकन हेतु रिक्त सीटों की संख्या :-**

Sl. N	Name of the Trade	SCVT	Duration	UR	EWS	ST	OC	BC-I	BC-II	PH	SMQ	TOTAL SEAT
1.	ELECTRICIAN	SCVT	2 Years	06	02	01	02	02	02	01	01	17
2.	FITTER	SCVT	2 Years	05	02	01	03	01	02	01	01	16
				<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>33</b>

- औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थानों में सत्र 2021-22-23 में नामांकन हेतु दिशा-निर्देश :-**
- शैक्षणिक योग्यता**—प्रवेश पत्र हेतु शैक्षणिक योग्यता DGT द्वारा निर्धारित शैक्षणिक योग्यता के समरूप होगा जो निम्नलिखित हैं—  
(क) उपरोक्त व्यवसायों के लिए मान्यता प्राप्त संस्थान या बोर्ड से जारी माध्यमिक/10वीं/समकक्ष परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण प्रमाण पत्र के आधार पर।  
(ख) नामांकन प्रवेशिका या समकक्ष परीक्षा में प्राप्त अंक के आधार पर जिला स्तरीय नामांकन समिति के समक्ष उपस्थित होने के समय उपलब्ध सीट के आलोक में ओपन बोर्ड प्रणाली द्वारा मैट्रिक के प्राप्तांक/मेरिट के आधार पर नामांकन नियमानुसार किया जायेगा।

- आयु अहर्ता** :-  
(क) 01 जुलाई 2021 को न्यूनतम आयु 14 वर्ष एवं अधिकतम आयु 40 वर्ष के बीच होना चाहिए।  
(ख) सैन्य कारवाई में मारे गये सैन्य कर्मियों के विधवाओं के मामले में अधिकतम आयु 45वर्ष। (आयु के निर्धारण के लिए केवल माध्यमिक/10वीं समकक्ष परीक्षा के मूल/औपबधिक प्रमाण-पत्र में अंकित जन्म तिथि ही वैध होगी।)
- शारीरिक योग्यता** :-प्रवेश के लिए अनुशंसित अभ्याशियों को नामांकन के समय संस्थान में निबंधित चिकित्सक द्वारा प्रदत्त चिकित्सा प्रमाण-पत्र उपलब्ध करवाना होगा अन्यथा अयोग्य होने की स्थिति में नामांकन नहीं किया जाएगा। अभ्याशियों को लिखित आश्वासन देना होगा कि वे प्रशिक्षण की अवधि में अनुशासन का पालन करेंगे। प्रशिक्षण समाप्त होने के पूर्व प्रशिक्षण कमी भंग नहीं करेंगे।

- शुल्क** :-  
सरकारी संस्थानों में प्रशिक्षण के लिए प्रत्येक माह सामान्य एवं पिछड़ा वर्ग के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों से 40/- (चालीस) रुपये तथा अनुसूचित जन जाति एवं अनुसूचित जाति के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों से 20/- (बीस) रुपये शुल्क लिया जायेगा इसके अतिरिक्त प्रवेश के समय प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को 500/- (पाँच सौ) रुपये मात्र कौशन मनी के रूप में जमा करना होगा।
- अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति/पिछड़े वर्ग के प्रशिक्षणार्थियों को कल्याण विभाग से नियमानुसार छात्रवृत्ति मिल सकती है।**
- आरक्षण आहर्ता** :-  
(क) आरक्षण का प्रावधान कर्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के ज्ञापांक संख्या 7/आरओ(जिओआरओ)-33/2002 काओ-2020/राँची, दिनांक 09.04.2010 (जिला आरक्षण) एवं ज्ञापांक 14/आओनो-04-02/2019 काओ-1434/राँची, दिनांक 15.02.2019 का अनुपालन किया जाएगा। साथ ही कर्मिक प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग द्वारा समय-समय पर निर्गत परिपत्र का भी अनुपालन सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा।  
(ख) प्रत्येक व्यवसाय में एक-एक सीट क्रमशः दिव्यांग एवं भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के आश्रितों के लिए आरक्षित है।

- 7.आवासीय अहर्ता** :-सरकारी औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा में वे ही उम्मीदवार नामांकन ले सकते हैं जो झारखण्ड राज्य के निवासी हैं या स्थानीय निवासी के श्रेणी में आते हैं।  
झारखण्ड सरकार के कर्मिक प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के ज्ञापांक-7/आओ नौती (सर्वदलीय बैठक) 27/2002 (खण्ड) काओ-3198/राँची, दिनांक 18.04.2016 में स्थानीय निवासी को परिभाषित किया गया है। उम्मीदवारों को अपने दावे के समर्थन में सक्षम पदाधिकारी (अंचलाधिकारी/अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी/उपायुक्त) द्वारा निर्गत स्थानीय निवासी प्रमाण-पत्र की मूल प्रति नामांकन के समय प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है।

- जाति आधारित आहर्ता** :-नामांकन में झारखण्ड सरकार द्वारा लागू अद्यतन आरक्षण नीति का पालन किया जाएगा। आरक्षित सीटों पर दावा करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को सक्षम पदाधिकारी (अंचल अधिकारी/अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी/उपायुक्त) द्वारा निर्गत आहर्ता प्रमाण पत्र की मूल प्रति नामांकन के समय प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है।
- EWS कोटि के अंतर्गत आरक्षण लाभ लेने हेतु झारखण्ड राज्य के अंचल अधिकारी या अनुमण्डल पदाधिकारी (असैनिक) या उपायुक्त द्वारा विहित प्रपत्र में निर्गत आय एवं सम्पत्ति प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है।**
- निशक्त अभ्याशियों (दिव्यांग जन) के आरक्षण के लिए कर्मिक प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाषा विभाग के ज्ञापांक 14/आओनो-04-05/2016 काओ 2249/राँची, दिनांक-03.04.2018 का अनुपालन किया जाएगा। दिव्यांग जनों को अपना आवेदन पत्र देते समय एक फूल साईज का फोटो देना होगा तथा प्रमाण पत्र निर्गत करने हेतु गठित समिति/जिला के असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक द्वारा प्रदत्त प्रमाण पत्र भी संलग्न करना होगा। दूसरे किसी चिकित्सकों के प्रमाण पत्र की मान्यता नहीं दी जाएगी।**
- सैनिक कर्मचारी कोटा के अंतर्गत आरक्षण का लाभ लेने हेतु सक्षम सैन्य अधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत आश्रित प्रमाण-पत्र (सेवारत सैनिक कर्मियों/अधिकारियों के लिये) या जिला सैनिक परिषद् द्वारा निर्गत आश्रित प्रमाण-पत्र/सेवा मुक्ति प्रमाण-पत्र/पेशन बूक (सेवा निवृत्त सैन्य कर्मियों के लिये) प्राथमिकता क्रम के अनुसार निर्गत प्रमाण पत्र प्रस्तुत करना अनिवार्य है।**
- अनुसूचित वर्ग के अभ्याशियों को आवेदन पत्र के साथ निम्न प्रमाण पत्रों की स्वअभिप्राणित छायाप्रति देना अनिवार्य है—**  
(क) प्रवेशिका अंक पत्र एवं उत्तीर्णता प्रमाण पत्र (ख) कंडिका 7 में वर्णित अद्यतन आवासीय प्रमाण-पत्र (ग) आयु के निर्धारण के लिए केवल माध्यमिक/10 वीं समकक्ष परीक्षा के मूल/औपबधिक प्रमाण-पत्र/एवं उसमें अंकित जन्म-तिथि सहित (घ) अद्यतन जाति प्रमाण-पत्र (च) सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा निर्गत दिव्यांग प्रमाण-पत्र (दिव्यांग कोटि के लिए) (छ) जिला सैनिक परिषद् द्वारा निर्गत आश्रित प्रमाण-पत्र (भूतपूर्व सैनिक कोटि के लिए) स्वप्रमाणित छायाप्रति।

- आवेदन आवेदन पत्र निबंधित डाक/स्पीड पोस्ट/हाथों-हाथ में से किसी एक माध्यम से दिनांक-09.12.2021 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे (फार्म जमा करने की अंतिम समय सीमा) तक औ प्रो संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा के लिए आवेदन करना चाहते हैं निम्न पते पर अपना आवेदन जमा कर सकते हैं।**  
**पता निम्न रूप से है—**  
(1) प्राचार्य, औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान, सिमरिया, चतरा।  
पोस्ट - दुंदुवा, थाना - सिमरिया, जिला - चतरा, पिन कोड -825103

- नोट :-**
- औ प्रो संस्थान, किशनपुर, चतरा हेतु नामांकन फार्म केवल उपर्युक्त पता में (कंडिका-13 में दर्ज) पते पर भेजना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।
  - आवेदन आवेदन पत्र पर अपना मोबाइल नम्बर, वाट्सअप नम्बर एवं ईमेल आईओ डीओ आवश्यक रूप से लिखें।
  - अनुसूची (क) (नामांकन फार्म) चतरा जिला के वेबसाइट [www.chatra.nic.in](http://www.chatra.nic.in) से डाउनलोड कर सकते हैं अथवा संबंधित औद्योगिक प्रशिक्षण संस्थान के कार्यालय से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। काउन्सिलिंग के लिए घयनित अभ्याशियों की मेरिट लिस्ट (मेरिट सूची) चतरा जिला के वेबसाइट [www.chatra.nic.in](http://www.chatra.nic.in) जारी कर दी जाएगी तथा अभ्याशियों द्वारा उपलब्ध कराये गए मोबाइल नम्बर, **Whatsapp No.** पर सूचना दी जाएगी। इसके अतिरिक्त अखबार में अलग से विज्ञापन प्रकाशित नहीं कराया जाएगा।
  - आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि :- 09.12.2021 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक।
  - मेरिट लिस्ट जिला के वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की तिथि :- 10.12.2021 अपराह्न।
  - काउन्सिलिंग की तिथि :- 11.12.2021 पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे से।
  - काउन्सिलिंग का स्थान :- जिला नियोजनालय, नियर सदर ब्लॉक, चतरा
  - नामांकन के लिए मेरिट लिस्ट में शामिल अभ्याशियों साक्षात्कार के लिए दिनांक 11.12.2021 को 10.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न में जिला नियोजनालय, नियर सदर ब्लॉक, चतरा : 825401 में उपरोक्त वर्णित सभी मूल कागजातों तथा छाया प्रति के साथ उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें।

**नामांकन पदाधिकारी**  
**औ प्रो संस्थान, किशनपुर,**  
**चतरा सह**  
**प्राचार्य, औ प्रो संस्थान, कोडरमा**

PR258567 (Labour Employment and Training)21-22\*D

**SER cancels trains in view of infrastructure work**

**PNS ■ JAMSHEDPUR**

December 8, 12870 Howrah-Mumbai CSMT Express via Tatanagar will remain cancelled on December 10 and 12869 Mumbai CST-Howrah Express via Tatanagar will remain cancelled on December 12. The 22169 Rani Kamalapati (Habibganj)-Santragachi Express will remain cancelled on December 8. 22170 Santragachi-Rani Kamalapati (Habibganj) Express will remain cancelled on December 9. Apart from this, several trains will also be short terminated. 08861 Gondia-



Jharsuguda Special will be short terminated at Bilaspur from December 6 to December 19. On the other hand 08862 Jharsuguda-Gondia Special will originate from Bilaspur between December 6 and December 10. The 12834 Howrah-Ahmedabad

Express will run as a passenger train from Jharsuguda to Raigarh between December 6 and December 10. The Tatanagar railway station is the only A1-category railway station under Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway (SER). In view of the pandemic around a dozen trains pass through the station these days. The footfall of passengers has also come down drastically however, with reducing numbers of Covid cases, the footfall is increasing.

**SAIL, MTI inks MoU with M/s Siemens**

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Steel Authority of India Limited, Management Training Institute (SAIL, MTI) signed an MoU with automation giant M/s Siemens on 6th December 2021 for Technical Training on Electrical, Automation and Industry 4.0 related areas. Kamakshi Raman, Executive Director, HRD, SAIL, B Roy, Vice President Digital Enterprise Services, Siemens and Deepak Malhotra, GM (Business Administrator), Siemens signed the MoU on Virtual meeting platform maintaining the existing social distancing norms.



The MoU will help in enhancing the Operational efficiency of SAIL Plants and Units on a continuous basis and will facilitate excellent maintenance of Equipment and Machinery. Speaking on this occasion, Roy expressed his pleasure in the more than a decade long collaboration with SAIL in fostering technical excellence. Kamakshi Raman, endorsed her confidence in the MoU and expressed that Virtual training component of the MoU will ensure maintaining continuity of technical learning in SAIL. The MoU signing ceremony was attended by Mr. P Shaw, CGM (HRD), Mr. Sachin Bhanushali, Head (Sitrain), Siemens and Heads of Training of SAIL, Plants at BSL, BSP, DSP, ISP and RSP.

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (TENDERING) M-3**  
DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI  
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**"Stop Corona : Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"**

**PRESS NIT No. 36 (2021-22)**  
**Press Notice Tender**

S. No.	Name of work	Amount put to Tender/ Estimated cost	Tender Fee	Date of release of tender procurement solution/D. No.	Last date/time of receipt of bid through e-procurement solution
1.	Improvement of sewerage system in ward no. 58 Rohini in AC-13 Rohini under ACE(M)-3	Item Rate	Rs. 500/-	03.12.2021 2021_DJB_212120_1	1412.2021 Upto 3.00 PM
2.	Improvement of Peripheral sewerage system of AC-05 under ACE(M)-3	Rs. 34,87,317/-	Rs. 500/-	03.12.2021 2021_DJB_212121_1	1412.2021 Upto 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) Advt. No. J.S.V. 729 (2021-22)

Sd/- (SUHIR KUMAR)  
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-3

**कार्यालय : जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह।**  
**अति अल्पकालीन कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना**

जिला मत्स्य कार्यलय, गिरिडीह के द्वारा स्वीकृत योजनाओं की जांच/पर्यवेक्षण एवं स्थल भ्रमण तथा अन्य महत्वपूर्ण कार्यों के निष्पादन हेतु क्षेत्र भ्रमण के लिए 01 (एक) चार पहिया वाहन (Scorpio / Bolero / Sumo Grand - AC/Non AC) की आवश्यकता है। जिला मत्स्य कार्यलय, गिरिडीह के लिए चालक सहित वाहन (Scorpio / Bolero / Sumo Grand-AC/Non-AC) की आपूर्ति हेतु इच्छुक आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से दिनांक 16.12.2021 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक शर्तों के तहत कोटेशन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। इच्छुक कोटेशनदाता निबंधित डाक द्वारा/हाथों-हाथ जिला मत्स्य कार्यलय, गिरिडीह के कार्यालय में दिनांक 16.12.2021 के अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक जमा कर सकते हैं। प्राप्त कोटेशन को खोलने का स्थान, तिथि एवं समय की सूचना दूरभाष पर बाद में दी जाएगी। निविदा की आवश्यक शर्तें जिला मत्स्य कार्यलय, गिरिडीह के सूचना पट्ट पर देखी जा सकती है।

जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह।

PR 258536 Fish(21-22)D

**जिला स्वास्थ्य समिति, सिमडेगा**

**विज्ञापन संख्या - 03 / 2021**

जिला स्वास्थ्य समिति, सिमडेगा के अन्तर्गत राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन एव ATF (Addiction Treatment facility) के तहत निम्नलिखित पदों पर अनुबंध के आधार पर नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। अभ्याशियों का आवेदन निबंधित डाक/स्पीडपोस्ट/हाथों-हाथ के माध्यम से सिविल सर्जन कार्यालय, सिमडेगा में दिनांक 11.12.2021 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। निर्धारित तिथि एवं समय के उपरान्त आवेदन स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा। उक्त विज्ञापन संबंधी विस्तृत जानकारी एवं आवेदन प्रपत्र सिमडेगा जिला के वेबसाइट <http://simdega.nic.in> में देखा जा सकता है।

क्रमांक	पद का नाम	रिक्त पदों की संख्या	कोटि	आयु (As on 03.12.2021)	मानवब/अग्रि प्रति नासिक	योग्यता
1.	Pharmacist (RBSK)	04	ST-4	ST (21-50 वर्ष)	Rs. 10450/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 10+2 with Diploma in pharmacy from a recognized institute. Registered under Jharkhand state pharmacy council computer proficiency (MS office) & Internet.
2.	Radiographer	01	ST-1	ST (21-50 वर्ष)	Rs. 16002/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 10+2 Intermediate, Diploma in X-Ray Technology/Radiology from a recognized institute. Two years work experience in a medical lab.
3.	ARSH Counsellor	01	UR-1	UR (21-35 वर्ष) UR Female (21-38 वर्ष)	Rs. 15000/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 1. Graduate Degree in Sociology/Psychology/Social Work /Home Science/ Rural/Development from any recognized University or General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) from Institute Recognized by INC. 2. Preference will be given to the candidate having higher qualification in the above-mentioned stream. 3. With minimum 1 year of experience in the relevant field work and having good knowledge of Health Sector. 4. Excellent interpersonal Communication. Fluency in local language, both written and oral. 5. Computer skill, MS Office Package and data management skill. 6. Ability to work in team. 7. Preference will be given to the female candidate.
4.	Nutritional Counsellor	02	ST-2	ST (21-50 वर्ष)	Rs. 12375/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 1. Graduate Degree in Sociology/Psychology/Social Work /Home Science/ Rural/Development from any recognized University or General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) from Institute Recognized by INC. 2. Preference will be given to the candidate having higher qualification in the above-mentioned stream. 3. With minimum 1 year of experience in the relevant field work and having good knowledge of Health Sector. 4. Excellent interpersonal Communication. Fluency in local language, both written and oral. 5. Computer skill, MS Office Package and data management skill. 6. Ability to work in team. 7. Preference will be given to the female candidate.
5.	Ayush Pharmacist	01	UR-1	UR (21-50 वर्ष) UR Female (21-53 वर्ष)	Rs. 10000/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 10+2 with Diploma in Pharmacy in Ayurveda from Govt. recognized institute. <b>Essential Qualification:-</b> • Should be post graduate degree in psychology/socialwork/Sociology/Anthropology/Human development or hold diploma in Nursing with minimum 1-3 years experience in Field of adolescent work • Knowledge of adolescent developmental stage. Good working knowledge of MS the position would be block level position.
6.	ARSH Counsellor (ARSH CELL)	07	UR-4, ST-3	ST (21-40 वर्ष) UR (21-35 वर्ष) UR Female (21-38 वर्ष)	Rs. 15000/-	<b>Essential Qualification:-</b> • GNM qualification as recognized by Nursing council of India. At least 2 year's experience of working in a Hospital.
7.	GNM (ATF)	01	UR-1	UR (21-35 वर्ष) UR Female (21-38 वर्ष)	Rs. 18900/-	<b>Essential Qualification:-</b> • Graduate with At least 01-year diploma in Computer Application/BCA /BSC IT with 3 years' working Experience
8.	Data Entry Operator (NCD Cell)	01	UR-1	UR (21-35 वर्ष) UR Female (21-38 वर्ष)	Rs. 12000/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> 1. Intermediate (10+2) and Diploma or certified course in Medical Laboratory Technology or equivalent. <b>Preferential Qualification -</b> 1. One year experience in RNTCP or sputum smears microscopy. 2. Candidate with Higher qualification (for example Graduates) shall be preferred.
9.	RNTCP Laboratory Technician (LT)/ Sputum Microscopist	1	ST-1	18-60वर्ष	Rs. 12600/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> • Graduation in any Discipline from any recognized University with at least 1 year Diploma in Computer Application/ Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application/DOEACC "O" level from Govt. recognized Institute/ ITI/ IDTR or Bachelor in Computer Application/ B. Sc. (IT)/ B. Sc. (Computer Science)/ DOEACC 'A' level from recognized Institute/University. • Minimum 2 year of post qualification relevant experience with reputed Organization. • Experience in working on MS-Office Package and Internet Usage. With basic knowledge of Software and hardware and able to attend troubleshooting in computers, printers and network connectivity. • Typing skills in English is mandatory with minimum speed of 40 WPM in English. Knowledge of typing in Hindi will be desirable. • Excellent interpersonal Communication. Fluency in local language, both written and oral.
10.	Block Data Manager (NHM)	1	UR-1	UR (21-35 वर्ष) UR Female (21-38वर्ष)	Rs. 15000/-	<b>Essential Qualification/ Requirements -</b> • Graduation in any Discipline from any recognized University with at least 1 year Diploma in Computer Application/ Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Application/DOEACC "O" level from Govt. recognized Institute/ ITI/ IDTR or Bachelor in Computer Application/ B. Sc. (IT)/ B. Sc. (Computer Science)/ DOEACC 'A' level from recognized Institute/University. • Minimum 2 year of post qualification relevant experience with reputed Organization. • Experience in working on MS-Office Package and Internet Usage. With basic knowledge of Software and hardware and able to attend troubleshooting in computers, printers and network connectivity. • Typing skills in English is mandatory with minimum speed of 40 WPM in English. Knowledge of typing in Hindi will be desirable. • Excellent interpersonal Communication. Fluency in local language, both written and oral.

आवेदन पत्र भेजने का पता -  
असैनिक शल्य चिकित्सक सह मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी, सिमडेगा  
सदर अस्पताल केम्पस, सिमडेगा 835223 (झारखंड)  
सिविल सर्जन-सह-सचिव,  
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PR 258545 (Simdega)21-22\*D

**झारखण्ड सरकार**  
**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा**

**शुद्धि पत्र एवं सूचना**

इस कार्यलय के निविदा आमंत्रित सूचना सं- DWSD/EE/JAMTARA-08/DWSD/JMT/2021-22 (2<sup>nd</sup> Call) जिसका PR No.- 258297, Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22) है में निम्नलिखित हदतक संशोधित समझा जाए।

आग्रह की राशि एवं परिमाण (1) कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा/ देवघर/ मधुपुर/ गोड्डा। (2) अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता देवघर अंचल देवघर।

शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी। कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा

PR 258586 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D)

**कार्यालय नगर निगम, गिरिडीह।**  
**दुकान आवंटन हेतु आम सूचना (सप्तम)**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि गिरिडीह नगर निगम बाजार परिसर (व्हीटी बाजार पानी टंकी के पास) में अवस्थित दुकान सं- 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 15, 25 एवं 26 (कुल 14 दुकान) का आवंटन खुले डाक के माध्यम से दिनांक 09-12-2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:30 बजे से उप नगर आयुक्त, गिरिडीह नगर निगम की अध्यक्षता में गिरिडीह नगर निगम के सभा कक्ष में किया जायेगा।

2. खुले डाक के माध्यम से आवंटन की जाने वाली दुकान के लिए जमानत की राशि 100- 30,000.00 रु० सहित वांछित कागजात आवेदन पत्र के साथ दिनांक- 08-12-2021 को अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक कार्यालय में दे सकते हैं।

दुकान आवंटन की शर्तें नगर निगम के सूचना पट्ट अथवा विभागीय वेबसाइट- [udh.jharkhand.gov.in](http://udh.jharkhand.gov.in) पर देखी जा सकती है।

उप नगर आयुक्त,  
गिरिडीह।

PR 258526 Urban Development(21-22)D नगर निगम, गिरिडीह।

**ई - प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल**  
**मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय,**  
**कम्बार्न्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग**  
**भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।**

**ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट नोटिस**  
**टेंडर रेफरेंस नं०-BCD/CE/82/Koderma/2021-22**  
**दिनांक- 06-12-2021**

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	अंदाजित राशि (रु०)
1	कार्य का नाम	Construction of Girl's Hostel for Sainik School Tilaitya
2	प्राक्कलित राशि (रु०)	रु० 1,69,20,000.00(रुपये एक करोड़ उनहत्तर लाख बीस हजार) मात्र।
3	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	09 महीने
4	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	21-12-2021
5	वेबसाइट पर बिड प्राप्ति के लिए अनंतिम तिथि/समय	27-12-2021 के 11.00 AM तक
6	निविदा प्रकाशित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	ई - प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, कम्बार्न्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग, भवन निर्माण विभाग, लाईन टैंक रोड, राँची।
7	प्रोक्वोरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	9973708817
8	ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	9631476651

• किसी भी प्रकार का बदलाव <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।  
• अन्य किसी भी प्रकार की सूचना <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।  
Note: UCAN Registration is mandatory for the Bidders

नौडल पदाधिकारी  
ई - प्रोक्वोरमेंट सेल,  
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PR 258611 (Building) 21-22 (D)

**INBRIEF**

**TRIBUTES PAID TO BABA SAHEB AT ECR HQRS**  
The Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was celebrated at East Central Railway Headquarters on Monday following the protocol and social distancing of Covid-19. On this occasion, Additional General Manager, ECR, Ashok Kumar Mishra, Principal Chief Personnel Officer J.K.P. Singh, other high officials and employees of the headquarters paid floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Along with this, zonal secretary of East Central Railway SC/ST Association Pawan Kumar Ram, Zonal additional secretary Shambhunath Ram, headquarter president Surendra Kumar and other members also paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar by paying homage to him.



**CRS INSPECTION, SPEED TRIAL ON DOUBLE LINE**  
Inspection of newly constructed railway section between Windhamganj-Mahurja stations under Garhwa Road-Garhwa and Ramna-Singrauli doubling project under Garhwa Road-Ramna doubling project by Commissioner of Railway Safety, Eastern Circle, Kolkata will be done on December 7. Along with this, speed trials will also be done on these sections by special trains at high speed. So it would be unsafe to go near anyone's railway line. Therefore, the general public is warned not to come near the railway line and also keep the cattle away. Also, take special care while crossing the level crossings and cross the railway line only after seeing the condition of the train. The railway administration will not be responsible for any kind of accident if it is neglected.

**CCL PAYS TRIBUTES TO DR AMBEDKAR**  
On the 65th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on Monday CMD CCL, PM Prasad, Director Technical (Operations), Bholu Singh along with officers, public representatives, representatives of trade unions paid tribute to him by offering flowers. Today is celebrated as Mahaparinirvana Diwas in all the areas of Headquarters as well as CCL. CMD, PM Prasad said that the whole Country will always be grateful to Babasaheb as the father of Indian Constitution by imbibing his values and ideals, we will all pay true tribute to him.

**RDR OBSERVES AMBEDKAR'S DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
Every year on 6th December, the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar is celebrated as Mahaparinirvana Diwas on Monday. On the occasion of 65th death anniversary of Bharat Ratna, Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, Divisional Railway Manager, Pradeep Gupta praised the eminent architect of the Constitution of India, Bharat Ratna Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar for his extensive contribution and great contribution to make the Country progressive and encouraged all the officers and employees present to follow the ideals of Dr Ambedkar. Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Operations), MM Pandit, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infra), Satish Kumar, Senior Divisional Engineer (Coordination), Amit Kanchan, Senior Divisional Traffic Manager, Aditya Kumar Choudhary, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer Manik Shankar and other officers and employees of the division paid tribute to Dr Ambedkar.



**BAU CELEBRATED 65TH MAHAPARINIRWAN DIWAS**  
A function was organized on the 65th Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr Bhim Rao Ambedkar on Monday in the Management Board Room of Birsra Agricultural University (BAU). BAU Vice Chancellor, Dr Onkar Nath Singh started the ceremony by paying homage by garlanding the picture of Baba Saheb. In his address, Singh said that India will always be indebted to the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar. "Babasaheb has played an advance role in showing the direction to the country and in protecting the social values along with the improvement of the condition," he added.

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR MERITORIOUS CHILDREN OF SER**  
General Manager, South Eastern Railway and President, South Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (SERWVO) Archana Joshi, handed over Scholarship to 17 meritorious children of non-gazetted employees of SER in a function held at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach today. The Scholarship is being granted by SERWVO. South Eastern Railway Women's Welfare Organisation has always come forward to provide help and care to railway employees and their families. It has continued to work relentlessly and has dedicated itself towards multifarious welfare activities.



**JHALSA BEGINS 5-DAY MEDIATION CAMP**  
On the initiative of Executive President JHALSA, Aparesh Kumar Singh on Monday on the first day of the five-day special mediation campaign organized at the Mediation Center located at District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Ranchi, a total of 75 cases were forwarded and received in the mediation center from the Family Court and various Courts referred to different arbitrators, in which a total of 22 cases were successful and both the parties happily agreed to close their case. In other cases, the final stage is yet to be discussed, so those cases are pending for the next level of hearing with the special arbitrator.

**UBER OPERATIONS BEGIN IN JAMSHEDPUR, DHANBAD**  
Popular mobility service provider Uber has begun serving riders and drivers in Jamshedpur and Dhanbad cities in the State with the launch of its popular Moto service. It will offer riders a convenient and affordable way to move around the city. In Jamshedpur, Uber already offers Uber Go and Uber Premier to move around the city. The addition of Uber Auto will provide drivers with another option to drive on the Uber platform and earn their livelihoods. In Jharkhand, along with Jamshedpur, Uber rides are available in Ranchi and Dhanbad.

**Govt focus on urban poor women's empowerment**

**UNDER DDANULM, 126 URBAN POOR WOMEN GET TRAINING TO REMOVE POVERTY**

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

In a bid to provide employment to urban poor, Under Deen Dayal Antyodaya National Urban Livelihood Mission (DDANULM), 'Ten Day Residential Training cum Capacity Enhancement Programme' of Community Resource Servants (CRSs) from November 6 to November 15 organized by Directorate of Urban Administration, Urban Development and Housing Department, Kejriwal Institute of Management and Development Studies conclude began today at Namkum in

Ranchi. The training programme was started by lighting the lamp by Director, Directorate of Urban Administration, Vijaya Jadhav. In the training programme the State Resource Persons of JSLPS and the State Mission Managers of NULM will give training to 126 Community Resource Persons (CRPs) from the State bodies on various subjects. On the occasion of the inauguration of the training programme, Jadhav appraised all the trainees about the objectives of the training programme, its benefits and various points related to the present problems. While motivating the women, she said, "You should devote your hundred per cent in the training programme and become an important cadre of the body for capacity building and in the implementation of schemes,

**CM inaugurates 4 textile firms, 2K workers get jobs**

**80% WOMEN WORKERS GET EMPLOYMENT IN TEXTILE UNITS**

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

It was the priority of the state government that as soon as the lockdown is over, a better framework should be made in relation to how to connect more and more people with employment, so that people can be provided employment. The scope of other employment-oriented activities including textile policy is being expanded in the State," Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, while addressing the inauguration and appointment letter distribution programme of industrial units of four textile companies organised at Ormanjhi (Kulhi) on Monday. The CM said that there is

no dearth of talented youth and women in the state. Due to lack of proper platform, young men and women from here used to wander towards other states in search of employment. He said that the thinking of our government is to use the talent of the youth of the state and connect them with employment and give respect to their skills. Soren said that it is the policy of the State Government to ensure that 75 per cent of the manpower in various industrial institutions working in Jharkhand should be from the State. It is the priority of our government that maximum investment should be made in Jharkhand under the cooperation of the people and better policies of the government.

The CM further said that it is a pleasure to inform that today with the inauguration of four textile companies, more than 2,000 people working in the textile sector are getting appointment letters. About 95



Chief Minister Hemant Soren during the inaugural ceremony of four Textile Industry Company Kishore Exports, The West Band, Shree Ganpati Creations, Valencia Apparel based and appointment letter distribution programme at Ormanjhi (Kulhi) near Ranchi on Monday  
Pioneer Photo

per cent of the employed people are from Jharkhand, in which 80 per cent are women. The CM said that when women would be strong in the family, only then the coming generation would also be empowered. He said that the State

Government is moving ahead with a better action plan for women empowerment. In the coming days, the result of these action plans will definitely be seen among all of us. On this occasion, Industries Secretary, Pooja

Singhal said that under the leadership of CM Hemant Soren, the Industries Department is continuously focusing on employment-oriented schemes. As per the instructions of the Chief Minister, efforts are being made to bring such industries on the ground in which the maximum number of people can get employment. Today 2000 people are getting employment from this platform, in which 80 per cent are women. Women who received appointment letters also include women who were working in states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala before the lockdown, the state government had assured them of employment in their villages or districts. He said that under the better textile policy, in the coming 6 months, 10,000 people working in the textile sector will get employment, all preparations have been made for it.

On the occasion, the CM, symbolically, distributed appointment letters among many women workers. He also took a tour of Kishore Exports Unit and got information related to production from the workers working there. Khijri MLA Rajesh Kachhap, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey, Industries Secretary Pooja Singhal, Director Industries Jitendra Kumar Singh, Deputy Commissioner Ranchi Chhavi Ranjan, President Industrial Area Kulhi Association Deepak Agarwal, Director Orient Craft Limited, Sudhir Dhingra, CEO of Arvind Textile Company, Ankur Trivedi and HR Head, Matrix Textile Company, BN Jha, along with other employees and young men and women who received appointment letters and other dignitaries were present.

**Jharkhand entering new era of growth, stability: Dalmia**

**COMPANY ADDS 2.6 MTPA PLANT IN BOKARO**

**RAHUL SHARMA ■ BOKARO**

During the foundation stone laying ceremony of Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Limited's new 2.6 MTPA plant in Bokaro district of the State Managing Director, Dalmia Bharat Limited, Puneet Dalmia, appreciated the Government of Jharkhand approach on the launch of Bokaro Facility. He said, "Jharkhand is entering a new era of growth and stability with increased focus on the environment, industry, infrastructure, skill-building, education and more. We are here to march along with this great State through our business ambitions as well as our social and sustainability initiatives.

Dalmia also expressed strong desire for the setup of a Solar Power plant in Bokaro against which CM Chief Minister Hemant Soren instantly agreed for the same review.

The leading Indian cement major and a subsidiary of Dalmia Bharat Limited, announced the official launch of its Bokaro facility through a high-profile groundbreaking ceremony officiated by the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Hemant Soren. The company set up its grinding unit in Bokaro with an investment to add a capacity of 2.6 MTPA which will take the overall capacity of the unit to 6.3 MTPA.

The CM while laying the foundation stone of the second unit of Dalmia Cement said that it is a special priority of the government that maximum capital investment should be done in the State. For this, a



Chief Minister Hemant Soren alongwith Minister Jagarnath Mahato, MLAs Biranchi Narayan, Jaimangal Singh, Lambodar Mahato, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey, Industries Secretary Pooja Singhal and Managing Director of Dalmia Bharat Cement Puneet Dalmia and Mahendra Singh (MD & CEO) during foundation stone laying of second unit of Dalmia Bharat Cement Plant in Balidih Industrial Area of Bokaro District on Monday  
Pioneer Photo

better Jharkhand Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy - 2021 has been made. Industrial houses should come forward to set up industries in

this state, the government will give them full cooperation & environment to flourish. Mahendra Singh, MD and CEO of Dalmia Cement

(Bharat) Ltd, while extending vote of thanks said, "At Dalmia Bharat, we are achieving great milestones to ensure we can keep pace with the nation's

cement production needs by bringing in a new age of progressive prosperity and partnering with the community without inflicting much on the environment. With the support of the Government of Jharkhand we have been able to successfully launch the Bokaro plant and if support continues one can expect Bokaro unit as the biggest unit of Dalmia group in near future."

During this occasion, Education Minister Jagarnath Mahato, Bokaro MLA Biranchi Narayan, Gomia MLA Lambodar Mahto, Bermo MLA Jai Mangal Singh, Principal Secretary Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary Vinay Choubey, Industrial Secretary Pooja Singhal, DC Kuldeep Choudhary, SP Chandan Jha, Regional Director JJADA Bokaro Region Kritishree, Unit Head Priya Ranjan, Unit corporate affair's Head Rajeev Sinha and others were present.

**HEC workers' strike gets 'silent support' of officials**

**OVER 3000 EMPLOYEES DEMAND SALARY CLEARANCE**

**PNS ■ RANCHI**

Senior officials of Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) have extended their "silent support" to the ongoing strike of the 3000-odd workers at the PSU over the non-payment of salary for at least seven months, the striking employees of HEC said on Monday. The president of Hatia Kamgaar Union, Laldeo Singh said that the strike was unlikely to end soon as the higher management of the company has not shown interest in holding dialogues with the striking workers.

"How do they expect us to work when we don't even have money to buy ration? We will not resume work until our pending payments are cleared. Seven months is a long time," said Singh.

The HEC workers went on a tool-down strike on December 2 against non-payment of salary, and are yet to have any dialogue with senior authorities. On Monday, the striking workers locked the main gate of HEC campus as a mark of protest against the

non-payment of their salary. Their strike has also grabbed the attention of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICTU), which has expressed the need to hold dialogues with the union ministry of commerce and industries to ensure payment of salaries to HEC workers at the earliest and avoid huge losses to the company. In a recent tweet, the AICTU claimed that HEC may have incurred a loss of Rs.1 crore due to workers' strike so far, and a greater crisis could only be averted if immediate actions are taken to ensure the disbursement of payment to the workers.

Workers in HEC have had to deal with non-payment of salary even in the past. In 2015-16, HEC workers had sent at least 100 postcards to Prime Minister Narendra Modi asking when "Acche Din" would come for these workers following non-payment of salary for several months.

No senior authority from the organisation was willing to talk about this issue on record on Monday. However, on the condition of anonymity, an official said that many employees were forced to go on a strike as they did not even have enough money to pay for their children's education.

**सशस्त्र सेना झण्डा दिवस**

**7 दिसम्बर**

**संदेश**

आज सशस्त्र सेना दिवस है। इस शुभ अवसर पर मैं भारतीय सेना के सभी कार्यरत तथा अवकाश प्राप्त सैनिकों एवं उनके परिवार के सदस्यों को हार्दिक शुभकामनायें देता हूँ।

प्रत्येक वर्ष 7 दिसम्बर को सशस्त्र सेना झण्डा दिवस मनाते हैं। इस दिन हम अपने देश की सशस्त्र सेना के प्रति सम्मान एवं एकजुटता प्रदर्शित कर उनका उत्साहवर्द्धन करते हैं और अपने रक्षकर्मियों को एहसास दिलाते हैं कि हम सभी भारतवासी उनके साथ हैं जिनकी दिलेरी, बहादुरी, सतर्कता एवं चौकसी के कारण ही देश की सीमाएं एवं हम सभी देशवासी सुरक्षित हैं।

हमारे देश की सशस्त्र सेना निरंतर सतर्क रहकर देश की स्वतंत्रता एवं संप्रभुता की रक्षा में सतत सेवारत रहती है। चाहे युद्ध का समय हो या शांति काल, हमारी सशस्त्र सेना ने अपने कर्तव्य, साहस, समर्पण तथा निष्ठा से राष्ट्र को सदैव गौरवान्वित किया है। यह देश एवं हम सभी देशवासी अपने देश के महान वीर सैनिकों के प्रति सदैव ऋणी रहेंगे।

हम नागरिकों का कर्तव्य है कि हम अपनी क्षमता अनुसार "सशस्त्र झंडा दिवस कोष" में योगदान दें तथा उन वीर सैनिकों जिन्होंने देश के लिए अपने प्राणों की आहुति दी है, के प्रति अपना आभार प्रकट करें।

मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि झारखण्ड के निवासी अपने गौरवमयी परंपरा को दृष्टि में रखते हुए झंडा दिवस के अवसर पर उदारतापूर्वक दान देकर सशस्त्र बलों के प्रति हम सभी की गहरी कृतज्ञता एवं असीम प्यार अभिव्यक्त करने में अन्य राज्यों के लिए भी उदाहरण प्रस्तुत करेंगे।

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**रमेश वैस**  
राज्यपाल, झारखण्ड

हम प्रत्येक वर्ष 07 दिसम्बर को सशस्त्र सेना झंडा दिवस के रूप में मनाते हैं। इस अवसर पर हम उन बहादुर सैनिकों के प्रति श्रद्धा एवं सम्मान प्रकट करते हैं, जिन्होंने विगत युद्धों तथा आतंकवाद के खिलाफ वीरतापूर्वक लड़ते हुए देश के लिए अपनी जान की कुर्बानी दी या निःशक्त हो गये।

राष्ट्र को अपनी सशस्त्र सेना पर गर्व है। बाहरी आक्रमण से भारतीय सेना ने देश की रक्षा करने तथा राष्ट्र की एकता एवं अखंडता कायम रखने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। हम सबका नैतिक कर्तव्य है कि इन बहादुर सैनिकों के कल्याण एवं पुर्नवास हेतु प्रयास करें। इसके लिए राज्य में "सैनिक कल्याण कोष" का गठन किया गया है। राज्य सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय द्वारा चलाई जा रही कल्याणकारी कार्यक्रमों में इस राशि का उपयोग किया जाता है जिससे विरांगना विधवाओं, निःशक्त सैनिकों और उनके आश्रितों तथा सेवारत कर्मियों को लाभ मिलता है। हम सभी को इस कोष में उदारतापूर्वक दान देना चाहिए।

मैं, झारखण्ड की जनता से अपील करता हूँ कि सशस्त्र सेना झंडा दिवस के शुभ अवसर पर शहीद सैनिकों, निःशक्त जवानों एवं आश्रितों के कल्याणार्थ गठित सैनिक कोष में उदारतापूर्वक दान दें।

हम सबों का सहयोग प्रतीक रूप में अपनी सशस्त्र सेना के प्रति हमारी कृतज्ञता का प्रकटीकरण होगा। यह अशंदां हमारे सैनिकों का मनोबल ऊँचा करेगा एवं देशवासियों के सम्मुख एक अनुकरणीय उदाहरण बनेगा।

**हेमन्त सोरेन**  
मुख्यमंत्री, झारखण्ड

**गृह, कारा एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग, राज्य सैनिक कल्याण निदेशालय, झारखण्ड सरकार**

# Nagaland killing: Opp MPs demand repeal of AFSPA

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As several Opposition members in the Lok Sabha on Monday demanded the repeal of the Armed Forces (Special Power) Act, 1958, the Congress sought a judicial probe by a sitting judge of High Court into the killings of civilians by security forces in Nagaland.



Members of the AFSPA are seen in Nagaland.

Condemning the killing of civilians during an anti-insurgency operation by security forces in Nagaland, the Opposition members expressed concern over the lapse and wanted an impartial probe into the incident.

Members called for repeal of the AFSA enforced in Nagaland that allows security personnel to use force and even open fire after due warning in case of breach of law and order. Congress member Manish Trewari said while probing the incident Government should not invoke immunity under special pow-

ers act. Stressing that emotional integration of people living in border areas is extremely important for the unity and integrity of the country, Tewari demanded that there should be an impartial judicial inquiry by a sitting high court judge into the unfortunate incident.

"It will have a long-term impact" he said. Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) member Tokheho Yephthomi, said, "There should be an inquiry into the incident. The state government has

announced an ex-gratia of Rs five lakh for those slain. But, since the civilians were killed by central security forces, the compensation should be paid by the Centre".

"The AFSPA has not given powers to security forces to indiscriminately kill people," Yephthomi said referring to the killing of 14 civilians during an anti-insurgency operation in Nagaland on December 4.

Congress member Gaurav Gogoi said the death of Indians at the hands of security forces was highly condemnable.

"How can a group of unarmed civilians be mistaken as militants," Gogoi said and demanded convening of an all party meeting to discuss the situation in the north-east.

Sudeep Bandyopadhyay (TMC) said the situation in Nagaland should not be allowed to deteriorate further and demanded maximum compensation be given to the next of kin of those killed in the incident.

Members noted that Nagaland should not be "thrown into uncertainty" at a time when the Centre was holding peace talks with different groups in the state.

Shiv Sena member Vinayak Raut questioned how intelligence agencies could give such misleading inputs to the security forces. He also demanded an inquiry into the functioning of intelligence agencies.

YSRCP member P V Midhun Reddy sought action against the perpetrators but said that care should be taken

## 4-member Congress delegates to visit violence-hit Nagaland

It will submit its report to Sonia Gandhi within a week

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A four-member Congress delegation led by former MoS Home Jitendra Singh will visit the violence-struck Nagaland to report on the incidents that took place in the past week. The delegation

will submit its report to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi within a week.

The delegation consists of Congress leader Jitendra Singh, Dr Ajoy Kumar, Gaurav Gogoi and Anto Antony, according to an AICC statement.

Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi through a social media post consoled to the families of those who've been killed in the incident. Rahul Gandhi on

Facebook mentioned that Congress is on the ground in Mon District and all the regional party office bearers participated for the last rites of the deceased in the Mon Town. W Aum Yim Vice President NPCC, Mr Nadang Konyak, President DCC Mon, President NSUI DIMAPUR Unit, ACCC Vice President, General Secrecy ACCC Tizit and PCC President K Therie along with others participated in the Mon Town funeral

that took place this morning, informed Rahul.

The Trinamool Congress too had formed a committee led by Rajya Sabha MP Sushmita Dev that was supposed to visit the Nagaland's Mon district on Monday to meet the families of civilians but had to cancel as the Nagaland government has imposed section 144 in the affected area because of the deteriorating law and order situation.

to ensure that the morale of the armed forces does not go down.

T R Baalu (DMK), Rajiv Singh Ranjan (JDU) and Supriya Sule (NCP) expressed deep anguish at the killings and

demanding a statement of Home Minister Amit Shah in Parliament.

Ritesh Pandey (BSP) said "mistakes" by the armed forces or failure to follow protocol has raised questions on the credi-

bility of the government and called for an impartial probe into the incident. Asaduddin Owaisi (AIMIM) wanted the government to tell Lok Sabha when it would repeal the AFSPA in the state.

Pradyut Bordoloi (Congress) demanded an oversight mechanism on the implementation of the AFSPA in Nagaland and demanded that the perpetrators of the crime be brought to book.

## Scindia issues directions for crowd management at IGI airport

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amid reports of no social distancing, chaos and overcrowding at airports after new travelling guidelines were imposed due to spread of Omicron strain of Covid-19 variant, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday directed the GMR group-led Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), to implement better crowd management strategies.

The Minister called a meeting on Monday with officials of the Airports Authority of India, Bureau of Immigration and DIAL. Officials of Genestrings Diagnostics, the sole laboratory that does RT-PCR testing at the Delhi airport, were also present at the meeting.

Amid growing concern over the new Omicron variant of coronavirus, long queues at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport with no social distancing is giving a harrowing time to flyers as they wait to get their RT-PCR test results. Most travellers are facing a tough time as they wait five to six hours to get their RT-PCR.

At the Delhi airport, Rapid PCR test costs a passenger Rs

3,500 but the results come in 60-90 minutes. RT-PCR costs a passenger Rs 500 and the results come in around six hours. A passenger coming from an "at-risk" country can choose either of the tests at the Delhi airport.

In a statement issued on Monday evening, Vidh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO, DIAL, said that the Delhi airport has been making continuous enhancements in infrastructure and processes to manage the new screening norms for passengers arriving from "at-risk" countries. The number of passengers pre-booking their tests on arrival have been going up every day, he noted.

In a series of tweets, Delhi airport said "We have updated testing capacity at international arrival with deployment of 120 Rapid PCR machines, taking hourly capacity to 500-600 per hour with a TAT of less than 60 minutes.

Further, there is provision for approximately 500 RTPCR tests per hour. This additional capacity will further smoothen the international arrival process".

On Saturday, taking to Twitter, people narrated their

ordeal and shared pictures of the jam-packed airport. "IGI Airport at 5 AM, seems all flights for the day arrive at the same time. Finding Omicron is sure going to be like finding a needle in a haystack", one of the flyers tweeted.

The DIAL had said on Saturday that 20 dedicated counters have been set up for the passengers arriving from "at-risk" countries and having pre-booked their mandatory COVID-19 test.

After the new travelling guidelines, all passengers coming from "at-risk" countries have to compulsorily undergo RT-PCR test and two per cent of passengers arriving from other countries would also have to take the test on a random basis.

The passengers will have to wait for the results before leaving the airport or taking a connecting flight, according to the guidelines. Countries in Europe, including the UK, and South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Singapore and Israel have been placed in the "at-risk" category by the Union Health Ministry.

## Delhi Govt issues showcause notice to Etihad Airways for violating Covid norms

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Etihad Airways has received a show-cause notice from the Delhi Government's New Delhi district for the alleged violation of guidelines for international travellers amid the Omicron surge.

The Vasant Vihar sub-divisional magistrate under New Delhi district has asked station managers of the airline to respond to the show-cause notices within 24 hours. Earlier, a show cause notice to American Airlines was issued for alleged non-compliance with the guidelines for international arrivals. Air India and Iran's Mahan airlines have also

received notices for violation of norms last week.

"Non-compliance shall be viewed seriously, and it would be presumed that the Station Manager has nothing to say in the matter and action as deemed fit shall be initiated as per relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005; Section 188 of IPC and other applicable laws," the notice read.

"Travellers from Countries excluding those Countries at risk, will be allowed to leave the airport and shall self-monitor their health for 14 days' post arrival. A sub-section (2% of the total flight passengers) shall undergo post-arrival testing at

random at the airport on arrival.

The 2% of such travellers in each flight shall be identified by the concerned airlines (preferably from different countries). Such travellers shall be escorted by the concerned airlines/MoCA to testing area on arrival on December 5 and 6," read the notice.

According to the Centre, the countries designated as "at-risk" are European countries, including the UK, and South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Singapore, Hong Kong and Israel. Travellers from these "at-risk" countries are following addi-

tional measures on arrival in India from Tuesday midnight.

Under the new norms, RT-PCR tests are mandatory for passengers arriving from "at-risk" countries, and they will be allowed to leave the airport only after the results come. Also, two per cent of passengers arriving on all flights from other countries will be subjected to the test randomly.

Meanwhile, on Saturday the New Delhi district administration issued show-cause notices to Air India and a private airline from Iran for alleged violation of passenger boarding guidelines issued by the Centre following the emergence of the coronavirus vari-

ant Omicron, officials said. They said three passengers -- one each in Air India flights from Dubai and Amritsar and the third travelling in a Mahan Air flight from Tehran -- were allowed boarding without filing up their personal details.

A passenger in Mahan Air flight from Tehran that landed at Delhi's IGI Airport on Friday evening was allowed boarding despite not filling up personal details form, stated the notice.

Similarly, two passengers from Air India's Dubai and Amritsar flights that landed here on Saturday early morning had not submitted their personal details.

## Air India owes ₹2,350 crore to AAI, SpiceJet ₹185 crore

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Air India tops the list of airlines so far as outstanding dues to the Airport Authority of India is concerned. The carrier has outstanding dues of ₹2,350 crore followed by SpiceJet having dues of ₹185 crore to the AAI as on September this year.

Minister of State for Civil Aviation V K Singh said on Monday said in a written reply in the Parliament that some airlines have defaulted on clearance of their dues. The AAI follows up with the airlines regularly for recovery of dues according to its credit policy, he added.

As per the reply, the outstanding dues of Air India, Alliance Air, SpiceJet and Go Air (now called Go First) up to September 2021 was ₹2,350 crore, ₹109 crore, ₹185 crore and ₹56 crore, respectively.

AAI charges airlines for using air navigation services, landing, parking among other facilities.

Charging penal interest, encashment of security deposits along with resorting to legal action were other measures available with the AAI to carry out recovery of dues, the minister noted.

The AAI owns 125-odd airports across the country. AAI incurred a cumulative loss of ₹2,948.97 crore in 2020-21. As per ministry of civil aviation data, out of 136 airports operated by AAI, as many as 107 airports were running in losses due to Covid disruption.

The data said that tier-II airports such as Chandigarh, Dehradun, Bhopal, Belgium, Aurangabad, Delhi (Safdarjung), Imphal, Gaya, Dimapur, Dibrugarh, and Hubli recorded losses during FY19, FY20, and FY21.

## CBI books pvt companies in ₹240 cr bank fraud case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has registered two separate cases against private companies and others, including their directors on the allegations of bank frauds causing losses to banks of nearly Rs 240 crore and conducted searches against them.

The agency registered a case on a complaint from State Bank of India (SBI), SAM Branch, Ahmedabad against a Surat-based private company Siddhi Vinayak Logistic Ltd. (SVLL) and others including its directors, unknown public servants and unknown others on the allegations of causing loss of Rs 214.11 crore to SBI, the CBI said.

The cases relates to sanction of term loans to the private company for purchasing new commercial vehicles.

## LS nod for Bill on pharma institutes, research

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday introduced a Bill which seeks to accord special status to six more institutes of pharmaceutical education and research as well as set up a council for these institutes. The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced by Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

The Bill, introduced in Lok Sabha in March this year and referred thereafter to the Standing Committee on Chemicals and Fertilisers, seeks to amend the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Act, 1998, which established the National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER), at Mohali in Punjab and declared it as an Institution of National Importance.

With the amendment, six more institutes of pharmaceutical education and research will be declared as Institutions of National Importance. These institutes are at Ahmedabad, Guwahati, Hajipur, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Raebareilly. It also proposes to bring down the membership of the board of governors — mandated to manage the institute's affairs — of each NIPER from the current 23 to 12 members.

## Govt move to amend NDPS Act

A Bill on the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances was introduced in the house even as the Opposition members demanded that the Government should re-draft it and then "come back for approval". BJD and RSP members Bhartruhari Mahtab and NK Premchandran opposed the bill.

Initiating debate on the Bill, Abdul Khalek from the Congress said the Bill, which seeks to bring down the number of members from 23 to 12, has also led to removal of three MPs from the governing council. Saugata Roy (TMC) demanded that the Government provide permanent campus to these institutes.

Stressing that there is need to focus on capacity building, BJP's Rajdeep Roy said it will help train manpower. Participating in the discussion, Sanjeev Kumar Singari (YSRCP) said industrialists should be incentivised for every research undertaken.

He said the country's youth are talented and there is a need to train them in the pharmaceutical sector. Alok Kumar Suman of JD(U) said with this Bill, research in the pharmaceutical sector will be strengthened.

## Scientists devise method to increase success of kidney transplants

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Two scientists with the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) have developed a method to increase the success of kidney transplantation specifically among patients from Kerala. The genetic study determines the optimal dose of immunosuppressant drug to be administered to prevent organ rejection, a major risk factor in transplantation procedures.

Radhakrishnan Nair and Lekshmy Srinivas, Division of Laboratory Medicine and Molecular Diagnostics, RGCB, conducted the pharmacogenetic study involving patients who have undergone kidney transplantation at the Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital.

At present, the dose of the drug administered to patients to lower the body's immunity is calculated on the basis of body weight. In this procedure, blood levels have to be closely monitored and doses adjusted, as lower levels can lead to rejection of the transplanted kidney, while higher levels can cause medical complications. Not only is this trial-and-error method time-consuming and costly, but it also creates other complications for the patient.

"Though similar studies have been conducted among other populations before, the predictive value of pharmaco-



genetic factors identified were insufficient and not enough for clinical use. The new development would help prevent the adverse effects of overdose and help a lot of patients," said Chandrabhas Narayana, director, RGCB.

The researchers studied the effect of genes and their variants in determining the drug concentration in a patient's blood. "We have developed an equation/technique that can be used by nephrologists to predict the starting dose of the immunosuppressant drug tacrolimus, which has to be administered to patients to attain optimal drug level in the initial period after the surgery, based on their genetic profiles," Radhakrishnan Nair said.

"This equation is specific to patients from Kerala who undergo kidney transplantation. The molecular-based method tests the patient's DNA

for a specific variation before the surgery," Dr Lekshmy Srinivas explained.

The dose prediction study was focused on tacrolimus, which is administered to kidney, heart or liver transplant patients. The pioneering study was conducted in collaboration with Dr Noble Gracious, Department of Nephrology, Government Medical College Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram. The group has also discovered the genetic variants that increase the chances of rejection and the adverse effects associated with the drug.

The research, which has significant potential to save lives of kidney transplant patients, was jointly funded by the Science and Engineering Research Board and the RGCB, and was published in the journal Frontiers in Pharmacology.

**Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
No. SSA/Esstt/IE-AD/397/2021/7724 Date : 03.12.2021  
Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed supplier for supply of Assistive Devices.  
To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.  
The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/ Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.  
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## Tomato prices skyrocket to ₹140/kg in southern India

### Supplies hit due to heavy rain

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The latest Ministry of Consumer Affairs data on Monday showed that retail prices of tomato have skyrocketed to a high of ₹140 per kg in some parts of southern India as supplies have been hit due to heavy rains.

In metros like Mumbai tomato was sold at ₹55 per kg. Tomato prices have been ruling high since September-end in most retail markets of the country but there has been a sharp rise in southern states of late due to continuous rains.

In the northern region, retail prices of tomatoes were ruling in the range of ₹30-83 per kg on Monday, while in western region it was ₹30-85 per kg and ₹39-80 per kg in the eastern region. All India average modal price of tomato has remained high at ₹60 per kg for over a couple of weeks now. Retail prices of tomato were ruling at ₹140 per kg at Mayabunder and at ₹127 per kg at Port Blair in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In metro cities, tomato was sold at ₹55 per kg in Mumbai, ₹56 per kg in Delhi, ₹78 per kg in Kolkata and at ₹7 per kg in Chennai on Monday.

In Kerala, tomato was available at ₹125 per kg in



Thiruvananthapuram, at ₹105 per kg in Palakkad and Wayanad, ₹94 per kg in Thrissur, ₹91 per kg in Kozhikode, and ₹83 per kg in Kottayam on Monday.

In Karnataka, the retail price of the key kitchen veg-

etable was ruling at ₹100 per kg in Mangalore and Tumakuru, ₹75 per kg in Dharwad, Rs 74 per kg in Mysore, ₹67 per kg in Shivamoga, ₹64 per kg in Davanagere and ₹57 per kg in Bengaluru. In Tamil Nadu too, tomato was as high as ₹102 per

kg in Ramanathapuram, ₹92 per kg in Tirunelveli, ₹87 per kg in Cuddalore, ₹83 per kg in Chennai and ₹75 per kg in Dharmapuri.

In Andhra Pradesh, tomato was sold at ₹77 per kg in Visakhapatnam and at ₹72 per kg in Tirupathi, while in Telangana, tomato was costing ₹85 per kg in Warangal. Retail price of tomato was ruling at ₹85 per kg in Puducherry. On November 26, the consumer affairs ministry had said that tomato prices are likely to soften from December with the arrival of fresh crops from northern states.

Retail tomato prices have risen from September-end due to unseasonal rains in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh which led to crop damage and delay in arrival of these states, it said. Delayed arrivals from north Indian states was followed by heavy rains in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, which disrupted the supply and also resulted in crop damage.

Tomato prices are highly volatile and any slight disruption in supply chain or damage due to heavy rains result in spurt in prices, it had said. As per the Agriculture Ministry, kharif (summer) production of tomato in the current year is at 69.52 lakh tonne as against 70.12 lakh tonne produced last year.

14 CIVILIANS DIE IN BOTCHED UP OP BY ARMY IN NAGALAND

NHRC notice to Centre, State over incident

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Monday issued notices to the Centre and the Nagaland Government over reports of killing of civilians during an alleged "botched up operation" by the Army Para Commandos to target militants, officials said.



It triggered several incidents of arson, rioting and attack on soldiers and Assam Rifles camp, resulting in more injuries and deaths, including that of one soldier, the rights panel said in a statement.

The NHRC has "taken suo motu cognisance of media reports on the killing of civilians when their vehicle was fired upon in an alleged botched-up operation by the Army Para Commandos, lying in wait for militants in Mon district of Nagaland late Saturday", it said.

The commission has issued notices to the defence secretary, Union Home Secretary, Chief Secretary and the Nagaland Director General of police, seeking a detailed report in the matter within six weeks, the

TMC calls off Nagaland visit

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after declaring that a three-member delegation of the Trinamool Congress will tour trouble torn Mon district of Nagaland the party on Monday called off its visit to the North Eastern State saying the situation was not conducive for travelling to that State.

A party delegation of the Trinamool Congress was scheduled to visit the Mon district of Nagaland where innocent villagers killed by the security forces but we were told that the area has been put under Section 144 ... and that we will not be allowed to go outside the airport," TMC MP Shantanu Sen said.

country she asked as to what Shah was doing when the innocent people were being killed. "The Home Minister should resign owning moral responsibility for the entire episode ...," she said. Meanwhile hitting back at the TMC for calling off its Nagaland trip Bengal BJP president Sukanto Majumdar on Monday said that the Bengal ruling outfit had declared the trip out of excitement but knowing that they would not be welcomed in Nagaland they decided to cancel the trip.

"Why did not go ahead with the tour ... they cancelled their trip because they knew that they will not be welcomed there ... they knew that they were only going to earn political mileage from a sad incident," Majumdar said.

"From Jorhat we were scheduled to go further 75 miles but we were not assured any security by the administration ... and we were also told that the delegation will be detained at the airport ... We were going to that State to stand by the families of the people who were killed in the firing," he said adding "we do not want the BJP to earn political points by alleging that the TMC is trying to politicising an issue that concerns national security."

Earlier, TMC Rajya Sabha MP Shusmita Dev too attacked the BJP government for killing the people at will. Demanding Home Minister Amit Shah's resignation for failing to provide security to the citizens of the

Bengal Opposition Leader Suwendu Adhikari on the other hand lashed out at the TMC for compromising with national security by raising issues which should be raised in the national interest. "The TMC has almost sold out this region ... now they are trying to play dirty politics with other states without having any concern for the country's national security," he said.

The Left Front however criticized the TMC for dropping the tour saying "they did not visit Nagaland because there is no civic election there like Tripura ... where they went to divide the opposition vote and help the BJP"

Mother, brother hack girl to death for marrying lover in Maharashtra

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

In a ghastly "honour killing" that took place nearly six months after she eloped and got married with her boyfriend from her village, a 19-year-old girl was hacked to death by her brother and mother in Goygaon village in Vajapur taluka of Aurangabad district in Maharashtra on Sunday.



A day after they severed the head of the girl Kirti Mote, clicked selfies with the deceased and posted them in local WhatsApp groups, Sanket S Mote (18) along with his mother Shobha S Mote (40) surrendered to the police and confessed to their crime, prompting the police the two under arrest on Monday.

lowed her to the kitchen where Shobha held Kirti's legs tight, while her son Sanket took out a sickle he was carrying and beheaded her. Kirti died on the spot.

Later, the mother-son threw Kirti's head outside the house, went to the police station and surrendered. They admitted to the crime. Meanwhile the selfies of Kirti's beheaded body clicked by the mother-son duo had gone viral in the local whatsapp groups

The neighbours saw the woman's head outside Motes' home and the headless body lying inside in a pool of blood nearby and alerted the police.

The investigations have revealed that Thore, a history-sheeter with some cases lodged against him in Vajapur Police Station, was allegedly harassing his wife Kirti.

After a post-mortem, Kirti's funeral was performed on Monday morning in the presence of her peasant father Sanjay Mote, and her in-laws.

47 schoolchildren fall ill after eating mid-day meal in UP

PNS ■ KANPUR

As many as 47 students (boys and girls) of a primary school in Sarsi village of Bhitargaon Development Block under Ghatampur police station fell sick after eating the mid-day meal served to them on Monday morning.



While some students started vomiting soon after eating the mid-day meal, some others complained of dizziness. Many children started weeping due to pain in their stomach.

Seeing the serious condition of the children, the school's headmistress informed the incharge of the community health centre at Bhitargaon.

After check-up by a team of doctors, eight children were sent to the community health centre for treatment in view of their serious condition.

According to reports, aloo-soya and rotis were prepared to be served to students as mid-day meals at integrated higher primary school at Sarsi village. According to a worker Minu, eating the mid-day meal, children began to vomit and she informed headmistress Shamima Khatun about the children's condition.

The headmistress informed

Bhitargaon CHC Medical Superintendent Dr Ajay Maurya about the incident. Dr Maurya immediately informed the nodal officer officer of ambulance services, ACOMO Dr RK Gupta, who directed the district convener of ambulance service Ashish Tewari to send the ambulance to the school. One ambulance from Bhitargaon CHC and two from Ghatampur CHC rushed to the school.

Dr Ajay Maurya also reached the school along with Dr Khan, Dr Sachin Pandey and his medical team. The doctors examined the children and in view of the serious condition of eight, sent them to Bhitargaon CHC. Their condition was stated to be under control.

UP ELECTIONS AND POLITICS

Yogi calls SP a party of goons

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Realising that the epithet 'goonda ki party' hurts Samajwadi Party the most, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath coined a slogan saying "Jis gari par Samajwadi Party ka jhanda ho, us gari me koi goonda hoga", hitting SP where it hurts the most.

Cong manifesto to be vision document of UP's development: Priyanka

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Congress general secretary and party's Uttar Pradesh in-charge, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, claimed that the party manifesto would be the vision document of development of Uttar Pradesh with women getting special privileges to bring them into the mainstream.

She made this remark soon after she chaired the meeting of the Congress' election related committees at the UPCC office here on Monday.

After reaching Lucknow on Monday morning according to the scheduled programme, Priyanka Vadra participated in the meeting of the party's manifesto committee, coordination committee, and election and campaign committee.

During the discussions, Priyanka Vadra said that in the manifesto, special attention would be given to youth, farmers, women, traders and the deprived of all sections.

The manifesto of the Uttar Pradesh Congress will be a document to prepare the way for the progress of the state, she added.

Before the meeting, the Congress leaders paid tributes to Dr Ambedkar by garlanding his portrait on Parinirvana Diwas. Priyanka Vadra remembered the contribution of Dr Ambedkar in the making of the Constitution.

The meeting was attended by former MP and former UPCC president Nirmal Khatri, former Union Minister Pradeep Jain Aditya, former MP PL Punia, Begum Noor Bano, leader of the legislature party, Aradhana Mishra, leader of the Legislative Council Deepak Singh, former MLA Akhilesh Pratap Singh, Ajay Rai, Ranjit Singh Judev, Supriya Shrinet, UP Mahila Congress president Shehla Ahraari and councillor Mamta Chaudhary.

Mayawati attacks BJP, SP on poor law and order

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Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) President Mayawati on Monday attacked both Bharatiya Janata Party and Samajwadi Party on the law and order and claimed that her party was going to form a new Government after the Assembly elections.



She also announced that like UP, BSP would go it alone and fight on all seats in neighboring Uttarakhand.

She made the above claims while speaking to reporters on the 65th death anniversary of Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of India's Constitution.

Asserting that Dr Ambedkar fought for the uplift of Dalits and minorities, Mayawati targeted the Yogi Adityanath government, saying that no day goes by when atrocities are not committed against individuals from the lower sections of the state.

"No day goes by when atrocities are not committed against those from the weaker sections in the state. We don't see many media reports on such incidents. The state gov-

ernment knows how to manage the media," Mayawati said.

The BSP leader further claimed that due to the apathy of the casteist regimes at the Central and state levels, individuals from the backward classes were unable to get the benefits from the Constitution Dr Ambedkar drafted.

"Dr BR Ambedkar struggled for the uplift of Dalits, tribals, backward classes, minorities and the neglected. Today, they are unable to avail the benefits given to them in the Constitution drafted by him due to the apathy of casteist governments at Centre and states," she stated.

The BSP supremo also targeted the previous SP government and alleged that 'goonda-gardi' (hooliganism) and 'mafia-gardi' (rule of the mafias) were at peak in Uttar Pradesh when the SP was in power.

Govt working on implementing tribal advisory councils in J&K: Arjun Munda

PNS ■ NEW DELHI :

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda said on Monday that the Home Ministry was currently working on implementing tribal advisory councils in Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to questions in the Lok Sabha, Munda said Tribes Advisory Council (TAC) have been constituted in ten states having scheduled areas namely Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan.

The minister said, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand despite not having any notified scheduled area, also have tribes advisory council constituted there-in.

Answering a question on the status of TAC in J & K, he said the process is on and with the removal of Article 370, all provisions applicable in the rest of India will also be brought into effect in J & K.

Nishikant Dubey (BJP) asked about the removal of the Governor from the TAC by the government of Jharkhand and sought to know what is being done on the issue.

SUSPENSION OF 12 RAJYA SABHA MPs

Tharoor not to host Sansad TV show until suspension is revoked

New Delhi: Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Monday said he is withdrawing himself from hosting of a talk show on Sansad TV in solidarity with the 12 Rajya Sabha members suspended from the House and would not resume his anchoring until their suspension is revoked and a "semblance of bipartisanship restored to the conduct of Parliament".



Tharoor's decision to stop hosting the talk show, "To The Point", on Sansad TV comes a day after Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, who is among the 12 suspended Rajya Sabha members, said she has stepped down as the anchor of the Sansad TV show, "Meri Kahaani".

While Tharoor's show was about candid conversations with eminent personalities and saw him interviewing the likes of sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and cineaste Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Chaturvedi's programme had women MPs share their journeys.

"I believed that my accepting Sansad TV's invitation to host a show was in the best traditions of India's parliamentary democracy, reaffirming the principle that our political differences did not prevent us, as Members of Parliament, from participating fully in various

parliamentary institutions which belong to us all," Tharoor said in a statement.

"However, the prolonged suspension of 12 MPs from the Rajya Sabha, expelled in an arbitrary manner for actions committed during a previous session, has called into question the very assumption of a bipartisan spirit animating the work of Parliament," the MP from Thiruvananthapuram said.

Tharoor said as an MP who has gone every morning to greet the protesters and express his solidarity with them, he is concerned that his continued involvement in hosting the show on Sansad TV would be seen as making him complicit in the "undemocratic manner" in which parliamentary institutions are being run.

"Sadly, Sansad TV itself

Omicron cases in Maha mount to 10 as 2 more +ve

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

The number of Omicron infections rose to 10 in Maharashtra on Monday, as two more persons -- a 37-year old man and his 36-year-old friend who landed in Mumbai from Johannesburg and the United States respectively on November 25 -- tested positive

for the new Covid-19 variant. "Both patients have not shown symptoms and are admitted to the BMC's Seven Hills Hospital in Andheri east. The two patients have taken doses of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine," senior State health official said.

In a related development, five five high-risk and 315

low-risk contacts of the both the men have also been traced. The tracking of more contacts of the two men is underway.

The two fresh Omicron were detected a day after seven more cases of Omicron were detected in Maharashtra. Six members of a family that returned from Lagos, Nigeria on November 24 and a man

from Pune tested positive for the new Covid-19 variant.

The first case of "Omicron" was detected in the twin township of Kalyan-Dombivli in Thane district where a 33-year-old man - who had arrived from South Africa to Mumbai via Dubai and New Delhi - tested positive for the Covid-19 variant on Saturday.

Giving details of the Omicron situation in Pune, a Health department official said: "A patient was found positive for Omicron variant in Pune through routine surveillance. He visited Finland from 18 to November 25 2021. He was tested after he experienced mild fever on November 29 and was found Covid positive.



Former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir and president of the PDP Mehbooba Mufti, along with party leaders, takes part in a protest against the abrogation of the special status of Jammu & Kashmir under Article 370 and 35A and the killing of civilians, in New Delhi on Monday

Leave India if you feel suffocated here: RSS leader to Farooq Abdullah

New Delhi: Senior RSS leader Indresh Kumar on Monday hit out at National Conference president Farooq Abdullah over his remarks that people of Jammu and Kashmir may have to make "sacrifices" like agitating farmers to get back their rights, saying it shows that he loves violence, not peace.

He also suggested that Abdullah should leave the country to live in any other part of the world that he likes, if he feels suffocated in India.

The RSS leader also slammed PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti for staging a protest in the national capital against alleged repression of people of the union territory, saying "it has become a fashion for her to tell lies".

He also said that both leaders from Jammu and Kashmir should stop playing "politics of provocation" and stop becoming an obstruction in maintaining unity and integrity of the country.

"His statement clearly shows that he loves violence, not peace. He is saying that he will get everyone killed, keep them hungry," Kumar told reporters here at a press conference when asked for his comments on Abdullah's remarks.

Abdullah on Sunday said the people of Jammu and Kashmir may have to make "sacrifices", as farmers protesting the new farm laws did, to restore its statehood and special status.

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Two-front challenge

Time's running out as fresh cases of Delta variant emerge while Omicron increases its presence, too

A bizarre situation is unfolding in India. The new Coronavirus variant, Omicron, has reared its head in five States. At the same time, fresh Covid-19 (probably Delta) cases are being reported from eight States. While scientists study the distinction between the two variants, they currently seem to share the same fallout on patients: they are either asymptomatic or have minor symptoms that have so far not attracted serious medical attention. Four factors stand out in the latest bout of the pandemic in the country. Even a person without any travel history has contracted Omicron, like in Karnataka. Omicron is infecting people irrespective of their vaccination status. Adolescents — this is worrisome — are also getting infected, as has been reported from Gujarat. India is reporting cluster infections involving both the variants. Omicron clusters were reported from Maharashtra and Karnataka. Non-Omicron COVID-19 clusters were reported from Telangana and Karnataka. Over 40 students of a medical school in Telangana tested positive following a college event where they wore no masks. Karnataka reported two separate clusters from a school and a college, involving over 300 students and staff, following a freshers' party. Telangana Public Health Director Dr G Srinivas warns COVID cases may increase by mid-January with numbers peaking by February.



The Government's medical infrastructure apparatus may be ready to handle a fresh wave, but that is beside the point because the Omicron infection has so far not been intense among its patients, vaccinated or not. The Government faces two issues. One is how to reduce human transmission of the virus. The only option is to mount a massive screening operation in the country, especially in airports, railway stations, and other public transport centres. Sending those who test positive into compulsory quarantine is the need of the hour. The Centre should also coordinate with the States on increasing testing and tracing. Closing down airports and railway stations is not recommended unless the infection is severe enough to cause complications and even death. Secondly, time is running out for the Government to decide on vaccinating children. There are 14-odd crore children in the 12-17 age group in India. Most are already exposed to the Delta variant. Omicron has now begun infecting children in that age group in Gujarat. India is witnessing a unique situation. On the one hand, local outbreaks of Delta are witnessed in areas where the people are not yet exposed. On the other hand, the virus has since mutated into the Omicron variant which is also around. We need an urgent assessment of the implications of this twin-pronged attack. The COVID-19 task force has to address two issues. One, we have waited so far to vaccinate children, and should we now wait a while longer for a new vaccine for children that protects them from new and future variants? Secondly, the South Africa case reveals Omicron is also infecting previously infected people. Has Omicron also the potential to override vaccine-induced immunity?

### PICTALK



Tourists at play at a snow-covered field after light snowfall at Sonmarg in Ganderbal district of central Kashmir

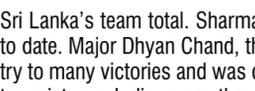
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## Ten on ten

Records are meant to be broken in sports or life; what we need is to learn to be grounded

New Zealand bowler Ajaz Patel on Saturday achieved the rarest of rare feats in international cricket as he clinched all 10 wickets in first innings of the second Test match against India at the Wankhede Stadium. With that, he joins England's Jim Laker and former Indian captain Anil Kumble to dismiss 10 opposition players in an innings. Though his 10-wicket haul could not ensure Kiwis the victory, the Mumbai-born left-armed Ajaz, whose parents emigrated to New Zealand in 1996, won many hearts as he pulled off this miracle of a record. With this resounding victory, India not only registers a comprehensive series win by 1-0, it also dethrones New Zealand from the ICC Test rankings and claims the top spot. However, whatever the outcome at the end of the day might be, the match would be known for Patel's perfect 10 at his long-lost hometown.

There have been enough instances in the history of team sports when one player proved enough for the opposition team. Rohit Sharma, for example, scored a massive 264 runs against Sri Lanka in November 2014. In return, the Lankans were all-out for 251 runs before the end of the 44th over. The 'hitman' Sharma scored 13-odd runs more than Sri Lanka's team total. Sharma's 264 remains the highest individual score in ODIs to date. Major Dhyani Chand, the first superstar of Indian hockey who led the country to many victories and was considered a magician of the game, was the key protagonist as India won three consecutive Olympic hockey gold medals — Amsterdam 1928, Los Angeles 1932, and Berlin 1936. Diego Maradona, who is often hailed as a one-man army in the world of football, led Argentina to the FIFA World Cup title in 1986. The quarter-finals against England saw him beat five English players to score a goal. This was voted as the goal of the century in 2002. There are many honourable mentions who have achieved feats like these players have in various sports. While victory may not always be the most satisfying milestone, to give everything a person has got surely is. A takeaway from these events is to learn to be grounded in life. Records, no matter how unbreakable they might seem, are not invincible in any sport. Jim Laker wouldn't have thought that another 10-wicket haul will happen again, but Anil Kumble did it in 1999, followed by Ajaz Patel.



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# Did democracy win or the nation lose?



VIVEK GUMASTE

When a protest based on disinformation triumphs over bold courageous reform, it does not augur well for democracy or the progress of a nation

When on November 19, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unexpectedly announced the repeal of the three farm laws, he coincidentally brought into focus a flaw in our national psyche: a penchant for fuzzy unreal narratives driven by sheer emotionalism as opposed to hard facts and sensible logic.

At the outset the PM's statement was a straightforward apology; of having failed to convince the farmers of the Government's good intentions. But in reality, it was far more than the obvious. This abrupt course reversal raised a series of existential questions:

First, were these farm laws so diabolical in their intent and so farmer averse in their construct that annulment was the only option? Or was it a classic case of political chicanery outwitting honest intentions? And did this retreat signal a victory for democracy as some newspapers editorialised?

To begin with, for decades, all political parties have been in agreement that the agricultural industry in India is in dire straits and badly in need of reform. During his tenure, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh once stated: "There are other rigidities because of the marketing regime set up in the 1930s which prevent our farmers from selling their produce where they get the highest rate of return. It is our intention to remove all those handicaps."

Accordingly, in September 2020, the Modi Government passed three Bills — the Farmers (Empowerment & Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, the Essential Commodities Act (Amendment) Bill and the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill.

The Bills would allow greater market play and attract private investment and technology that was needed to better the infrastructure (storage facilities), increase productivity and improve farm incomes.

There has been much debate on the merits and demerits of these Bills and there is near unanimity among experts like Ashok Gulati, the Infosys chair professor for agriculture at ICRIR on the validity and timeliness of these proposed changes.



More recently on July 2, 2021, Sharad Pawar, a former Agriculture Minister and a politician conversant with agricultural issues had called for amendments to the farm bills instead of rejecting them outright.

Failure to implement the farm bills will have serious consequences at the ground level as Ashok Gulati elaborates: "...Cropping patterns will remain skewed in favour of rice and wheat, with the granaries of the food corporation of India bulging with stocks of grain. The food subsidy will keep bloating and there will be large leakages. The groundwater table in the north-western States will keep receding and methane and nitrous oxide will keep polluting the environment."

So, objectively, devoid of political rhetoric and emotional blackmail (displeasing respected and revered farmers), one can only reach this conclusion: the farm bills had merit and did not deserve to be retracted. Was this really a victory of democracy as claimed by some? The answer is a categorical, no.

Tavleen Singh, writing in the *Indian Express* (Well Done PM Modi. Nov 22, 2021), sermonised: "In the end it was not about the farm laws but about democracy and the right to protest. Democracy won. The most powerful Prime Minister India has seen for more than three decades bowed to the wishes of the people."

For one, Modi is no tin pot dictator whose dominance is sustained by the might of an army. His power and popularity are a reflection of the people's mandate vetted by two successive parliamentary elections. The farm bills were passed as per Constitutional regulations. Therefore, to project this as a standoff between an autocrat and valid public aspirations is an erroneous interpretation of democracy.

Second, protest is an integral part of a democracy and the farmers are justified in their agitation regardless of the virtues of their case. However, when a protest takes a maximalist stance, turns into a violent (Republic Day happenings), disruptive (blockage of



THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS WISDOM AND CAPACITY, CHOSE TO EMPATHISE WITH THE FARMERS AND WITHDREW THE BILLS. BUT LET US NOT KID OURSELVES THAT THIS WAS A VICTORY OF RIGHT OVER WRONG AND A TRIUMPH OF DEMOCRACY. IT WAS NEITHER

highways, rail roko) vendetta with the sole motive of humbling the other party, then it becomes a mobocracy.

More importantly, when a protest based on disinformation triumphs over bold courageous reform, it does not augur well for democracy or the progress of a nation.

The Opposition waltzing with schadenfreude may think themselves as victors, farmers may pat themselves. But the greatest loser is not the BJP or Modi but the nation whose progress has been set back several decades.

The Prime Minister in his wisdom and in his capacity as the ultimate elected leader chose to empathise with the farmers despite their misplaced feelings and withdrew the Bills to defuse the spreading rancor and in the larger interest of the nation (There was a suggestion that external forces might exploit the situation).

But let us not kid ourselves that this was a victory of right over wrong and a triumph of democracy. It was neither.

(The author, a US-based academic and political commentator, frequently writes on current affairs in India.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NEED MORE THAN PHYSICAL FITNESS

Sir — We all have heard our elders reiterate the phrase 'health is wealth', although how much attention we pay to it is a different discussion altogether. Over time, we have created our own definition of health. People generally think good health means a body that is free of physical illness. But it makes no sense to call a person 'healthy' if he/she is suffering mentally. In modern times, health is limited to balanced eating, popping multivitamin pills, and of course, fat loss or muscle building. Of Course being physically active and fit is important for one to feel healthy, but we must realise that physical fitness is just a small part of being healthy.

One can be disease-free but not healthy if he/she is suffering from mental or emotional illnesses like depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, etc. Sadly, emotional and mental health hasn't been given due importance in India. Just like a plant needs sunlight, water, air, soil and good climatic conditions to grow, a person needs vitality (sunlight), vibrance (water), values (air), ethics and morals (soil) and a positive environment (good climatic condition). Good health is denoted not only by physical fitness but more importantly by mental and emotional well-being. If you burn fat, burn negativity too. If you develop muscles, develop positive vibes too. Instead of chasing a perfect body, we should lead a healthy life.

Nikita | New Delhi

### SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR DADA

Sir — BCCI president and former India captain Sourav Ganguly, who underwent angioplasty after a mild heart attack, is stable and his health parameters are being closely monitored. We, the cricket fans, wish for his speedy recovery. Even active cricketers suffer such mild attacks and it is time to undergo testing every year as a routine to avoid a major setback.

The treadmill test is a dangerous one and avoided in border line cases. The aim is to bring awareness, education and training to the general public in order to increase the likelihood of lives being saved in the event of a heart attack, as the

### An irreparable botch-up



The killings of innocent civilians in Nagaland's Mon district were profoundly sorrowful and poignant. In what seemed to have been a case of mistaken identity, the tribal villagers were returning home in a pick-up van singing songs after a day's work in a coal mine. Nagaland had to go through this heart-breaking tragedy when it was celebrating the Hornbill Festival. It is just not enough to deplore and condemn the carnage or be satisfied with mere expression of regret

and condolence. Those who are responsible for it must be severely punished. The killings constitute a heart-rending tragedy and cannot be downplayed as an 'unfortunate incident' and an 'ambush blunder'. The version that the Assam Rifles went by the colour of the vehicle (supposedly the same colour as that of the insurgents' vehicle shared with it by the intelligence) and opened fire when it did not stop when asked to fall short of standards expected of a professional organisation. The ascription of the botched operation to faulty or half-baked intelligence cannot be cited to reduce the gravity of the crime. The intelligence inputs on the 'likely movement of insurgents' should have been meticulously corroborated and verified in a highly professional way. The north-eastern State of Nagaland now needs a healing touch; its legitimate political aspirations need to be acknowledged and fulfilled.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

### FREEING TEMPLES FROM STATE CONTROL

Sir — Recently, the Uttarakhand Government repealed the Char Dham Devasthanam Board Management Act, the object of which was to extend the Government's control over the four Hindu shrines of Gangotri, Yamunotri, Badrinath and Kedarnath in addition to 49 other temples in the State. The decision was prompted by the opposition faced by the Government from priests, pilgrims, politicians and various other stakeholders who viewed it as an attempt to dilute the community's control over its religious institutions. The withdrawal of the Act shows that political will bends to public sentiment but some might argue that it was motivated by political opportunism considering the

impending Assembly elections. Nevertheless, it was a noteworthy decision.

Now, this incident should not be viewed in isolation because it reflects a larger socio-political issue that pervades public discourse today i.e., the State control over Hindu temples. In many States across the country, temples are controlled by the respective State Governments and not by the local Hindu community to whom they actually belong. This is not the case with non-Hindu religious institutions like mosques and churches which are controlled by the Muslim and Christian communities respectively. Surprisingly, or maybe not so surprisingly, the Left which seems to worship secularism has failed to address this issue, perhaps because the victim this time is not the minority.

Nissim Aggarwal | Panipat

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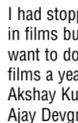
The Government sincerely regrets the incident in Nagaland and expresses its deepest condolences to the affected families.



Union Home Minister —Amit Shah



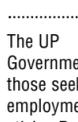
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## FIRST COLUMN

## UKRAINE HAS BECOME AN EXCITING CRISIS

It would be colossally stupid of Vladimir Putin to invade Ukraine, and he is not a stupid man



GWYNNE DYER

There is a threat today that there will be war tomorrow. We are entirely prepared for an escalation," said Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky. His head of military intelligence, Kyrylo Budanov, warned that around 90,000 Russian troops are now deployed in the vicinity of Ukraine, and could invade "from several directions" by January. Nato's Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg warned that Russian use of force against Ukraine would "come at a cost", without specifying what this would be. And the US State Department let it be known that it is considering its options to deter the Kremlin, including sending military advisers and new weapons to Kyiv. American intelligence services started warning that Russian tanks were moving west several weeks ago. Ukraine played down the reports at first, but now it's begging for new weapons to resist the allegedly impending attack. One significant Russian military force did move west last month: the



41st Combined Arms Army, which was transferred from Novosibirsk in western Siberia to Yelnya southwest of Moscow. That puts it 280 km from the Ukrainian frontier, which is not exactly breathing down the necks of the Ukrainians. The Russian troops that really are near Ukraine's borders in the east and in the Crimean peninsula are exactly where they were before this 'crisis'. So why did the 41st Combined Arms Army (around 30,000 soldiers) move almost 4,000 km. west last month? Here's a clue. It's now 280 km north of the Ukrainian border, but it's less than 100 km from the border of Belarus.

It's not there to invade Belarus right now, of course. 'President' Alexander Lukashenko, still clinging to power there after rigging an election last year and crushing the massive protest movement that ensued, is a long-standing Russian ally. The 41st Army's job is to keep Lukashenko in power if it can, and to ensure that his successor is friendly to Moscow if he falls. So, there's no threatening build-up on Ukraine's border — nor would Russia have an easy time invading Ukraine even if there were. Russia has three times Ukraine's population, but its ground forces are not even twice as big (400,000 vs. 255,000). It has many far-flung borders to guard, and half its soldiers are conscripts serving only one year. True, Russian air power is much superior to Ukraine's, so it might win in the end if NATO did not intervene militarily (and NATO wouldn't do that — nobody wants a nuclear war). But it would be colossally stupid for Vladimir Putin to invade Ukraine, and he is not a stupid man. He would end up occupying a country of 45 million people most of whom resent the Russian occupation so much that a big, long guerrilla war would be almost inevitable. He would face a rejuvenated NATO that posed a real threat to Russia from borders far closer to Moscow than those of the old Cold War, plus a crippling full-spectrum trade embargo. There has been some rhetorical sabre-rattling from Moscow recently, but NATO has also been pushing the Russians hard: American and British warships in the Black Sea coming very close to Russian-occupied Crimea, US nuclear-capable bombers doing the same, and sales of advanced Western weapons to the Ukrainians. The Kremlin is just as suspicious and frightened of the West now as it was at the height of the Cold War. That does not excuse Putin's behaviour towards Ukraine, but if the 'Western media' just go on just printing the handouts, everything will seem to be under control until one day somebody makes a serious mis-step in the dance, and everything goes very badly wrong.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

## India should abandon the MSP track now

The Government should consider direct benefit transfer to farmers. It will help eliminate inefficiencies and misuse that go with current MSP regime



UTTAM GUPTA

In view of the new Coronavirus mutation Omicron rearing its head, the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC) of the World Trade Organization (WTO), scheduled to have commenced from November 30, has been deferred indefinitely.

The Government should use the interregnum for formulating strategy and coordinate with other like-minded developing countries. The key areas requiring attention are (i) permanent solution to the public stockholding (PSH) program for food security; (ii) a special safeguard mechanism (SSM) for developing countries; (iii) remove the existing inequity in fishery subsidies; (iv) patent waiver for manufacture COVID-19 vaccines; (v) WTO reforms.

India runs a mammoth program of public stockholding for food security purposes. Under it, agencies of the Government like the Food Corporation of India (FCI) buy agri-produce such as wheat, rice/paddy, coarse cereals from farmers at the minimum support price (MSP) and distribute at a heavily subsidized price of ₹1/2/3 per kg through a network of fair price shops to meet the needs of India's poor and vulnerable population.

The excess of MSP plus handling, storage and distribution cost over the realization from sale (read: ₹1/2/3 per kg) is paid as subsidy from the Union Budget. This includes (a) subsidy to the farmer being the excess of MSP of say, rice over its international price also known as External Reference Price (ERP) in WTO parlance and (b) subsidy to the food consumer — being the excess of ERP over the price paid (₹ 3 per kg rice). The WTO is concerned with (a) branded as "product-specific" subsidies. It is also concerned with subsidy on agricultural inputs like fertilizers, seed, irrigation, power, etc., referred to as "non-product specific" subsidies.

Under the Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) of the WTO, the sum total of product and non-product specific subsidies or aggregate measurement support (AMS) is capped at 10 percent of the value of agricultural production for a developing country. If, a member country gives AMS in excess of 10 percent, it is a violation.

The AoA came into force on January 1, 1995. For India, until 2005, MSP was less than ERP. Thereafter, even as MSP was higher than ERP, in the last decade, this gap widened. For instance, as per a May 2018 submission by the USA to WTO, during 2013-14, Indian AMS on rice was 77 percent.

At present, India enjoys protection under a "peace clause" which was sanctioned in the 9th MC held in Bali (2013). It said "if a developing country gives AMS in excess of 10 percent, no member will challenge this until 2017, when the WTO would look for a permanent solution". In the General Council (GC) held in December 2014, this sanction was modified to say "the peace clause will stay till a permanent solution was found."



INDIA COULD FACE A MUCH BIGGER CHALLENGE IF PM MODI AGREES TO THE DEMAND FOR LEGAL GUARANTEE TO MSP. IN THAT SCENARIO, THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO PROCURE THE ENTIRE PRODUCE OF ALL FARMERS — UP FROM THE PRESENT MEAGRE SIX PER CENT — RESULTING IN AN INCREASE IN AGGREGATE MEASUREMENT SUPPORT TO ASTRONOMICAL LEVELS

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However, the peace clause is not a panacea as it comes with several riders such as submission of data on food procurement, stockholding, distribution and subsidies. These also include establishing that subsidies are not "trade distorting." This makes India vulnerable which is evident from some countries insisting on 'safeguards' and 'transparency' obligations after it invoked the peace clause in 2018-19.

Therefore, India is looking for a 'permanent solution'. It has asked for 'total exemption for support to PSH for food security'. But this is a tall order as it will render the very concept of cap meaningless and tantamount to re-writing AoA.

A practical option would be to address the flaws in computation of AMS under AoA viz. (a) ERP is taken for the year 1986-88 even as MSP is for relevant year say, 2018-19; (b) subsidy given to resource poor farmers is not excluded; (c) entire output — instead of quantity procured for PSH — is used. If, these flaws are removed, the resulting AMS will be well within the permissible 10 per cent. Thus, for 2013-14, against 77 per cent as per US submission (it suffered from the flaws), AMS for rice works out to only 5.45 per cent.

This alone will not help as with increase in MSP and substantial increase in procurement thereafter, even with flawless calculation, the AMS will exceed the 10 percent threshold. During 2018-19, on rice it works out to over 11 percent.

India could face a much bigger challenge if Prime Minister Narendra Modi agrees to the demand for legal guarantee to MSP as in that scenario, the Government

will have to procure the entire produce of all farmers — up from the present meager 6 per cent — resulting in increase in AMS to astronomical level. This will not even pass muster under 'PSH program for food security' as such procurement is not for feeding the poor; instead, it will be only for supporting the farmers.

Looking forward, it should consider direct benefit transfer (DBT) to farmers — on lines similar to the developed countries of US and EU. While, ensuring compliance with WTO rules (assistance in this form is not subject to cap), this will also help in eliminating inefficiencies and misuse that go with current MSP regime.

Coming to SSM, it allows members to temporarily raise tariffs beyond the "bound levels," (this is the maximum permissible duty that a member country can impose under bound rate agreement) to deal with surging imports and resultant fall in prices.

The 2015 MC-10 in Nairobi had recognized that developing countries will have the right to take recourse to SSM as envisaged under the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration. But this comes nowhere near India's demand to amend an already existing provision in Article 5 of the AoA to provide them the same benefit that developed countries derive from Special (Agricultural) Safeguards (SSG).

On the third issue, during 2018, developed countries gave massive fishery subsidies against just \$227 million by India, leading to the former overexploiting world's fish stocks even as small fishermen struggle to earn their livelihood.

In sync with the principles of "polluter pays" and "common but differentiated responsibilities", in its submission, India has proposed that developed countries abolish their subsidies over the next 25 years even while exempting developing countries from over-fishing subsidy prohibition within these 25 years. It wants special and differential treatment (S&DT) to be an integral part of the pact.

As for patent waiver for manufacture of COVID-19 vaccines, India along with South Africa had submitted a proposal in October, 2020 seeking temporary waiver of TRIPS (trade related intellectual property rights) provisions to deal with public health emergencies. Even as it has received support of majority of members including USA, it is facing resistance from EU and the UK.

Finally, the US, under the Trump administration, had blocked the appointment of members of the appellate authority of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) — an authority for adjudicating disputes arising from non-compliance with WTO rules. At present, there being just one member in the body against the required strength of seven, the dispute resolution process has come to a grinding halt.

To conclude, India should abandon the MSP track; instead go for DBT to protect farmers. On SSM, fishery subsidies and TRIPS waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, it should garner support from all like-minded developing countries, especially G-33, to get our proposals accepted. As for WTO reform, Modi should persuade Joe Biden to remove the US veto.

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

SCINDIA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE CONGRESS AND JOINED THE BJP. HE ALSO TOOK OUR MLAs WITH HIM BY DISTRIBUTING MONEY.

—CONGRESS LEADER DIGVIJAYA SINGH



SOMETHING MUST HAVE HURT HIM (DIGVIJAYA SINGH) THAT HE WENT TO THIS LEVEL DESPITE BEING OLD AND MATURE IN POLITICS.

—UNION MINISTER JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA

## Unfortunate Nagaland killings: Time for retrospection

Such hostile agendas will not allow an occasion to go by to harm the nation's security. After all, their sole raison d'être is to bleed India

The December 4 incident in the Tiru area of Nagaland's Mon district when some people were killed in a case of mistaken identity by the security forces is also perhaps one of the unpleasant aberrations in recent times, and one which has been genuinely regretted by the security forces.

But the fact of the matter is that it was a freak incident and it was not premeditated in the manner in which Col. Viplav Tripathi and his guiltless family were murdered in Manipur. To that end, the episode must be treated, an incongruity that has been truly repented for by a force that has contributed not only to the security of the North East, but its all-round welfare as well.



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A colossal error would be made were the incident to be allowed to be hijacked by the anti-India forces which have been scavenging the expanse for just such an opportunity. Agencies such as the Ministry of State Security of the People's Republic of China and the Inter Services Intelligence of Pakistan either in isolation or togetherness of agenda have been attempting to pin down the Indian security forces to counter-insurgency operations and away from their primary border management duties. Indeed, these agencies would not let go of an opening to rabble rouse the peace-loving people of the North-East into an anti-India course of action when aberrations come their way as it



indeed did in Mon. Such hostile agendas — as has been seen time and again in the past, in Assam, Kashmir and Manipur and elsewhere in India — will not allow an occasion to go by to harm the nation's security. After all, their sole raison d'être is to bleed India with a "thousand cuts" and set a "hundred prairie fires" which would

not only seek to thwart India's growing prowess as a regional power, but heap ignominy onto its security forces in order to mislead the nation's population from the growth curve and upward mobility that the nation is all set to achieve.

The Mon incident provides an ideal opportunity for a stock-taking exercise. While it has been analysed that the episode was certainly — were one to paraphrase a timeless expression from Shakespeare — one which has always been "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" the fact of the matter is that the security forces had definite and credible information that a terrorist outfit, namely the National Socialist Council of

Nagaland (Khaplang-Yung Aung) faction was in the area with an objective to carry out subterfuge in the vicinity of Tiru in Nagaland's Mon district. Therefore, an operation was planned by the security forces in the area in order to counter the nefarious designs of the anti-nationals. L'affaire Mon took place because of the events including both the preparedness and the sense of duty with which the security forces were seeking to thwart a repeat of the November 13 episode when non-combatants in the form of the Colonel's family were purposely targeted by the merciless terror actors.

The Mon incident, if fair play has to be taken recourse to, must also take into account what took place on

December 3 and 4 in Pherzawl district of Manipur when the Vang Battalion of the Assam Rifles was in the process of vacating their operating base in Parbung. The villagers of Parbung including women, elders and children came out in their numbers to request the Assam Rifles not to move out of the area. The force was considering vacation because insurgency had fallen to a low in the location. This unprecedented event was not only because of the exceptional operational achievement and civic action policies of the Assam Rifles unit, especially by way of aiding the population by provision of every sort of support during the COVID-19 pandemic, but also because a

sense of bonhomie had grown between the inhabitants of Parbung and the Assam Rifles since 2006 when an officer of the Assam Rifles, Lt Col. Rajeev Bakshi, made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty in the area. Indeed, a commemorative football match, the Lt Col. Bakshi Memorial Football Tournament, is organised every year in Parbung to commemorate the manner in which officers and men of the Assam Rifles have dedicated their lives for the people of the North East. It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that the denizens of a region to which the Assam Rifles have set aside their entire existence for is truly termed as the "Friends of the North East".

SPREAD OF OMICRON

# Nepal confirms presence of Omicron variant in 2

**Kathmandu:** Nepal on Monday confirmed the presence of Omicron variant of the coronavirus in two people, including a foreigner, in the country.

Two individuals -- a 71-year-old Nepali and a 66-year-old foreigner -- have been found to have contracted the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. Health ministry deputy spokesperson Samir Adhikari told a press conference, without revealing their identities.

The foreign national had arrived in Kathmandu from South Africa, where the Omicron variant was first detected, he said.

The Nepali national, who came in close contact with the person, started experiencing similar symptoms on November 23, and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19, the spokesperson said.

According to the ministry, the presence of Omicron variant was confirmed on Sunday



night during gene sequencing of the two samples at the National Public Health Laboratory in Teku.

The foreigner had entered Nepal on November 19, MyRepublica news website reported.

The foreign visitor had produced a recent negative PCR report upon arrival, and was fully vaccinated, the Himalayan Times newspaper

## Russia reports its first cases of Covid-19 variant

**Moscow:** Russia has confirmed the first two cases of the omicron coronavirus variant in the country in travellers who returned from South Africa, health authorities said Monday.

The Russian public health watchdog, Rosпотребнадзор, said a total of 10 people who returned from South Africa recently tested positive for COVID-19, but the new variant has only been confirmed in two cases so far, with other samples still being studied for omicron.

All those returning from South Africa in recent days have been quarantined in observation facilities, according to media reports. All travellers who tested positive for the virus have been hospitalized, Rosпотребнадзор said. It wasn't immediately clear if they were hospitalised as a precaution or because they were seriously ill.

Russia restricted entry for all foreigners travelling from countries in southern Africa. AP

## Pak bans travel from 15 countries amid looming Omicron threat

**PTI ■ ISLAMABAD**

**Pakistan** on Monday banned travel from 15 countries, except under certain conditions, and tightened up travel restrictions on 13 other countries in wake of the threat of the new Covid-19 variant Omicron.

The National Command and Operation Center, the top anti-coronavirus body, reviewed the prevalent Covid-19 situation across the globe in order to revise the policy for categorization of air travel.

According to a NCOC statement, the meeting revised categories based on disease profile and health protocols applicable to travellers from different countries, which have been placed in three categories, including A, B and C.

Category 'C' included 15 countries: Croatia, Hungary, Netherlands, Ukraine, Ireland, Slovenia, Vietnam, Poland, South Africa, Mozambique, Lesotho, Eswatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Namibia.

## Next virus could be more lethal, warns Oxford University vaccine creator

**London:** The scientist behind the creation of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, administered in India as Covishield to protect against Covid-19, on Monday warned that the next virus to hit humankind may be even more lethal and contagious.

Professor Sarah Gilbert, Professor of Vaccinology at the Jenner Institute of the University of Oxford who was made a Dame by Queen Elizabeth II for her pivotal role in developing the vaccine, said there needed to be more funding for pandemic preparedness to prevent the advances made in the field from being lost.

She also warned vaccines could be less effective against the new Omicron variant, but noted that reduced protection against infection and mild disease would not necessarily mean reduced protection against severe illness and death.

"This will not be the last time a virus threatens our lives and our livelihoods. The truth is the next one could be worse. It could be more contagious, or more lethal, or both," Prof. Gilbert said.

"We cannot allow a situation where we have gone through all we have gone through, and then find that the enormous economic losses we have sustained mean that there is still no funding for pandemic preparedness," she said. PTI

## Scientists developing chewing gum that could cut Covid transmission

**Washington:** Scientists are developing a chewing gum laced with a plant-grown protein that serves as a "trap" for the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes Covid-19, reducing viral load in saliva and potentially lowering transmission.

The researchers noted that people who are fully vaccinated can still become infected with SARS-CoV-2 and can carry a viral load similar to those who are unvaccinated.

"SARS-CoV-2 replicates in the salivary glands, and we know that when someone who is infected sneezes, coughs, or speaks some of that virus can be expelled and reach others," said Henry Daniell at the University of Pennsylvania in the US.

"This gum offers an opportunity to neutralise the virus in the saliva, giving us a simple way to possibly cut down on a source of disease transmission," said Daniell, who led the study published in the journal Molecular Therapy.

Prior to the pandemic, Daniell had been studying the angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) protein in the context of treating hypertension.

His lab had grown this protein, as well as many others that may have therapeutic potential, using a patented plant-based production system.

This system has the potential to avoid the usual obstacles to protein drug synthesis: an expensive production and purification process, the researchers said. PTI

# Chinese Prez calls for tightening controls over religious affairs to boost national security

**Beijing:** Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for further measures to tighten the state's control over religious affairs in the country, including the "sinicization"

of faiths which broadly means bringing them in line with the policies of the ruling Communist Party. An official white paper released in 2019 said China has about 200 million believers - majority were Buddhists in Tibet. Others included 20 million Muslims, 38 million Protestant

Christians and 6 million Catholic Christians; besides 140,000 places of worship.

Xi, 68, head of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the powerful military and the Presidency and widely expected to remain in power for life, has been calling for "sinicization" of religions, re-orienting them to function under the guidance of the CPC which ideologically remains atheist.

# Top UAE adviser makes rare trip to Iran amid nuclear talks

**Tehran:** The national security adviser of the United Arab Emirates met Monday with his Iranian counterpart and the country's hard-line president in Tehran, a major visit for the Gulf Arab federation that has long viewed the Islamic Republic as its main regional threat.

The visit by Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed Al Nahyan comes as the Emirates and Saudi Arabia are both negotiating with Iran amid efforts in Vienna to save Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

The UAE, home to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, reached a

diplomatic recognition deal last year with Israel, increasing tensions with Tehran. The UAE has long served as a lifeline to the outside world for Iran amid international sanctions.

Sheikh Tahnoon, wearing a navy-blue thobe, black suit jacket and his signature aviator sunglasses, met with Ali Shamkhani, the head of Iran's Supreme National Security Council. The two men smiled and shook hands in front of journalists before their meeting, a large map of Iran and the Persian Gulf looming behind them, with just a sliver of the Emirates visible on it. AP

# Remains of Sri Lankan national lynched by mob in Pakistan arrives in Colombo

**Colombo:** The remains of a Sri Lankan national, who was lynched by a mob in Pakistan over allegations of blasphemy, were brought to Colombo on Monday, even as authorities in the Pakistani province of Punjab arrested more suspects involved in the grisly incident.

The wooden coffin carrying the remains was brought to Sri Lanka from Lahore's Allama Iqbal International Airport on a Sri Lankan Airlines flight. "Human remains of late Don Nandasri P Kumara Diyawadanaage.

From Lahore to Colombo" was transcribed on the coffin.

The remains of Diyawadanaage were brought to Colombo from Lahore, News1st channel reported.

A mob of over 800 men, including supporters of hard-line Islamist party Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), attacked a garment factory and lynched its general manager Priyantha Kumara Diyawadanaage and set him on fire over allegations of blasphemy on Friday last in Sialkot district, some 100 km from Lahore. PTI

**E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Medical Superintendent, AGMC & GBP Hospital, Agartala invites E-Tender from Original Equipment Manufacturers or Authorized dealers, in the state of Tripura for Procurement of 2(two) nos. Portable USG with Color Doppler Machines for the Department of Radio-diagnosis, AGMC & GBP Hospital, subject to certain terms & conditions through E-Procurement website of Government of Tripura, <https://tripuratenders.gov.in> (NIT also should publish in AGMC website [www.agmc.nic.in](http://www.agmc.nic.in)). The Tender fee (non refundable) and Earnest money (Refundable) are to be paid electronically over the online payment facility provided in the portal, any time before bid submission end date using either of the supported payment modes like net banking / debit card / credit card. Last date of submission is up to 24/12/2021.

- The other details related e-Tender can be seen and obtained from the website <http://tripuratenders.gov.in>
- Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, will be published only on the above website.

Sd/-  
Medical Superintendent (H.O.D.)  
ICA/C-2810/2021-22 AGMC & GBP Hospital, Agartala.

**उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम**  
कार्यालय: कौशिक अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, देहरादून नगर, देहरादून-248001 फोन नं. : 0135-2751879 ईमेल: se@nic19@yah.co.in

पत्रांक-6337 / निविदा / 853 दिनांक-04.12.2021

ई-निविदा सूचना

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, देहरादून के पत्रांक 6335/निविदा/851, दिनांक 04.12.2021 एवं पत्रांक 6336/निविदा/852 दिनांक 06.12.2021 द्वारा जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शांभरा पेयजल योजना एवं शंकरबाग पेयजल योजना के निर्माण एवं तन्त्रम्बन्धी कार्यों हेतु राज्य सरकार की वेबसाइट <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> के माध्यम से दिनांक 06.12.2021 से 22.12.2021 तक ई-निविदा (e-tender) आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की नियम व शर्तें उपरोक्त वेबसाइट से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

**BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004**

Bid No. E-46/2021-22 E-TENDERS Date: 03.12.2021

E-Tenders are invited for & behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class-III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence.

**S. No., Tender No.(Due Date), Description and Quantity.**

1. 05211016B (22.12.2021), Copper Coated Carbon Electrodes, Part No. 76018441, 930 Nos. 2. 05191088A (27.12.2021), Clamp, Part No. 15610743, 50 Nos. 3. 05191098A (27.12.2021), Piston Ring Compression Guide, Part No. 15610408, 10 Nos.
4. 05191105A (27.12.2021), Clamp for Lifting Idler, Part No. 15610494, 07 Nos. 5. 05215160A (27.12.2021), LT Wheel for EOT Crane 50 Ton, 08 Nos. 6. 05211074A (28.12.2021), Manual Metal Arc Welding Electrodes, Part No. 76010739, 20952 Nos. 7. 05215279 (28.12.2021), Spare Parts for Godrej Fork Lifter, 02 Nos. 8. 05215280 (28.12.2021), Lower Feed Roll & Upper Feed Roll, 01 Set.
9. 05215281 (28.12.2021) Spare parts for EOT Crane, 04 set. 10. 05215029D (31.12.2021) Digital Vernier Height Gauge, 02 Nos.
11. 02211345A (27.12.2021) Stn. Steel Hardware Items Kit for TAS CAB, PL NO. 29408532, 205 Set. 12. 02211344A (27.12.2021), Stn. Steel hardware Item Kit for TASS ASM, PL NO. 29408520, 236 Set.
13. 03211696 (28.12.2021), Cab Assy Complete, P L No. 29170953, 54 set. 14. 03211701 (27.12.2021), Central Underframe Assy, P L No. 29120305, 57 set. 15. 03210003A (28.12.2021), Side Wall Assy, P L No. 29171040, 72 set. 16. 03211700 (28.12.2021), Wiper Assy Complete, P L No. 29162026, 48 set. Note: The details of above Tenders are available on [www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in) and [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Request has been received for mutation of names of Rohit Sripat Singh & Anchit Sripat in respect of property B-707- Vardhaman Apartments, Mayur Vihar Phase-1 Extn. Delhi-110091.

Any person having any objection to mutation of above names may within 15 days of publication of this notice may reply to the undersigned failing which mutation will be permitted.

Secretary  
Vardhaman C.G.H.S. Ltd.  
Plot No.3, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Extn., Delhi-91  
#011-22718057, 22716430

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Mr. Mandep Singh Mahajan and Smt. Indeeep Kaur had entered into Agreement for purchase of Built-up First Floor without roof rights of Property No. B-111, Municipal No. WZ-379, measuring 53.5 Sq. Yards, Khassa No. 585, Village Tihar, Colony known as Fateh Nagar, New Delhi-110018 from Mrs. Surinder Jit Kaur and Original Sale Deed dated 15.05.2007 in favour of Mr. Jagtar Singh has been lost/misplaced and my client is mortgaging the said property with LIC Housing Finance Ltd. If anybody including Bank, Financial Institutions, persons, relative has any claim, right, interest whatsoever in the said property shall also inform within 15 days to the undersigned with documentary evidence. In the event of no response to this notice, then our client shall procure that title of the said property is unencumbered and clear.

Sd/-  
Karnail Singh, Advocate, K-8, Basement, Jungpura Extension New Delhi Contact No. 9811163363 & 9853683363

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**E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 07.12.2021

GMVN Invites Tenders from Reputed Vendors to operate the Selected 7 TRHS and 1 TIC of GMVN on Rent for performing tourism activities for the period of three years.

Tender details are available at [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) and [www.gmvnonline.com](http://www.gmvnonline.com). Last date of submission of Bid is 27.12.2021, upto 1700 Hrs. Further updates will be available only on these websites therefore interested parties are advised to visit these websites regularly.

Managing Director

**Executive Engineer PD, P.W.D, Bulandshahr E- Procurement-Short Term Tender Notice**

Letter No. 51611/A Dated: 25.11.2021

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate short term bids online through <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 9 below Roads work Category as applied from Date 09.12.2021 to 15.12.2021 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-1 of Govt. of U.P. The technical bids will be opened online on dated 15.12.2021 at 02:00 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. In Lac)	Time of Completion work including rainy season	Tender Cost (in Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer	Address of Superintending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
1	Special repair work of JBSD to Pipera link road.	23.40	01 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	Executive Engineer P.D, P.W.D., Bulandshahr	Superintending Engineer, BSR Circle P.W.D., Meerut	Chief Engineer, Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A, B, C, D (Road Work)
2	Special repair work of JBSD to Kalyani link road.	21.10	01 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-	A, B, C, D (Road Work)
3	Special repair work of Sotha to Nagla Jagat link road.	29.75	01 Month	300+500+18% GST 144.00 = Rs.944.00	-Do-	-Do-	-Do-	A, B, C, D (Road Work)

- Time allowed for completion of Whole work in column No. 4, including rainy season.
- The Tender Document Fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only.
- In compliance with the letter 3951 MT / General Class / 60 MT / 2020 dated 13.04.2021 of the Office of the Engineer in Chief, Uttar Pradesh, Public Works Department, Lucknow, the Bid Security for the Tenders is not required till 31.12.2021 but as per finance Ministry (Govt. of India) New Delhi letter no. 9/4/2020-PPD Dt. 12.11.2020 attached with G.O No. 480/23-7-2021 Dt. 12.04.2021 Bid Security Declaration on attached performa in Bid Documents on 100 Rs. Stamp is to be submitted compulsory with the Bid. Otherwise, Bid will be declared non responsive.
- All registered contractors have to upload turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum cost of work satisfactorily completed in last 5 years on Chanakya Software before submission of tender. Details of e-tender uploaded on <http://etender.up.nic.in> shall also be uploaded on updated Chanakya Software before last date & time of submission of bid.
- Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on <http://etender.up.nic.in>
- During execution of work contractor should ensure the all safety Measures for COVID-19 issued by the Uttar Pradesh government.
- In PWD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahar Software URL for Prahar is <http://www.uppwd.gov.in/Prahar/>.

Assistant Engineer P.D. P.W.D BULANSHAHR Executive Engineer P.D. P.W.D BULANSHAHR  
UP- 170697 Date 6.12.2021 विज्ञापन वेबसाइट [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

# 27 still missing after Indonesia volcanic eruption kills 15

**Sumberwuluh (Indonesia):** Rescuers dug out the body of 13-year-old boy with their bare hands on Monday, as improved weather conditions allowed them to resume their search after the highest volcano on Indonesia's Java island erupted with fury, killing at least 15 people with searing gas and ash and leaving 27 others missing.

Mount Semeru in Lumajang district in East Java province spewed thick columns of ash as high as 12,000 metres (40,000 feet) into the sky in a sudden eruption Saturday triggered by heavy rain. Villages and nearby towns were blanketed by tons of volcanic debris.

Searing gas raced down the sides of the mountain, smothering entire villages and killing or seriously burning those caught in its path.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said 56 people had been hospitalised, mostly with burns. He said rescuers were still searching for 27 villagers reported missing. Nearly 3,000 houses and 38 schools were damaged, Muhari said.

The body of the 13-year-old boy was recovered



in the worst-hit village of Sumberwuluh, where houses were buried to their rooftops and cars were submerged. Crumpled roofs, charred carcasses of cattle and broken chairs covered in gray ash and soot dotted the smoldering landscape.

Search and rescue efforts were temporarily suspended Sunday afternoon because of fears that heavy rain would cause more hot ash and debris to fall from the crater.

The eruption of the 3,676-metre-high (12,060-foot) mountain eased pressure that had been building under a lava dome in the crater. But experts warned that the dome could further collapse, causing an avalanche of blistering gas and debris trapped beneath it.

More than 1,700 villagers escaped to makeshift emer-

gency shelters after Saturday's powerful eruption, but many others defied official warnings and chose to remain in their homes to tend their livestock and protect their property.

Semeru, also known as Mahameru, has erupted many times in the last 200 years. Still, as on many of the 129 volcanoes monitored in Indonesia, tens of thousands of people live on its fertile slopes. It last erupted in January, with no casualties.

Indonesia, an archipelago of more than 270 million people, is prone to earthquakes and volcanic activity because it sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire", a horseshoe-shaped series of fault lines. AP

**Notice Inviting e-Tender**

No.SSA/Esst/I-E-AD/403/2021/7723 Date: 03.12.2021

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# Aid group says tribal violence kills 24 in Sudan

**Cairo:** Tribal clashes between Arabs and non-Arabs killed at least 24 people Sunday in Sudan's western Darfur region, an aid group said.

It was the latest bout of intercommunal violence to rock the conflict-stricken region.

The fighting grew out of a financial dispute late Saturday between two individuals in the Krinding camp for displaced persons in West Darfur province, said Adam Regal, the spokesman for the General Coordination for Refugees and Displaced in Darfur.

Regal said Arab militias known as Janjaweed attacked the camp early Sunday, torching and looting properties.

At least 35 others were wounded, he said. A hashtag

that reads "Krinding is bleeding" in Arabic was trending on Twitter on Sunday, with users posting footage purportedly showing burned houses and bodies wrapped in burial shrouds.

The camp is located around four kilometres (some 2.5 miles) east of the provincial capital of Genena, and houses displaced people from the African Masalit tribe, who have been forced to leave their homes during the Darfur conflict.

The violence in Krinding was the latest to rock West Darfur in recent weeks. Last month, a land dispute between Arabs and non-Arabs in the Jebel Moon area led to bloody clashes that left at least 17 people dead and 12 others wounded. AP



# Sensex slumps 949 pts as Omicron spreads in India

## Investors lose ₹4.29 lakh cr



**Mumbai:** Equity indices spiralled lower on Monday as the spread of the Omicron variant in the country spooked investors and triggered an across-the-board sell-off.

A plunging rupee and continued selling by foreign institutional investors added to the woes, traders said.

Extending its losing streak for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex crashed 949.32 points or 1.65 per cent to close at 56,747.14, an over three-month low.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty slumped 284.45 points or 1.65 per cent to 16,912.25. All Sensex components ended in the red. IndusInd Bank was the biggest laggard, shedding 3.75 per cent, followed by Bajaj Finserv, Bharti Airtel, HCL Tech, TCS, Tech Mahindra and Infosys.

Equity investors lost ₹4.29 lakh crore in Monday's session, with the market capitalisation of all BSE-listed companies standing at ₹ 2,56,72,771.67 crore.

India reported 17 more cases of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus on Sunday -- nine per-

sons in Rajasthan capital Jaipur, seven in Maharashtra's Pune district and a fully vaccinated man who arrived in Delhi from Tanzania -- taking the tally to 21 in the country.

With this, four states and the national capital have now reported cases of the potentially more contagious variant which has sparked a fresh alert across the world.

"Ambiguity surrounding Omicron continued to dent the morale of domestic investors ahead of the important RBI policy announcement on Wednesday. The domestic market is expected to be volatile as the near-term will be dominated by developments on new variant and, RBI and Fed policy decisions.

"Market expects RBI to hold on to the accommodative policy considering short-term uncertainties. However, a change is expected during H1 2022, which Indian market is factoring while global equities are trading mixed," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

The Reserve Bank's rate-setting panel began its three-day deliberations on Monday to decide the next monetary policy amid expectations that the central bank will maintain status quo on the benchmark interest rate in the backdrop of the Omicron threat.

All sectoral indices ended in the red, with BSE IT, tech, telecom, energy, healthcare and auto tumbling up to 2.49 per cent.

Broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices fell 1.35 per cent each. Global markets were mixed as investors tracked the spread of Omicron in multiple countries. In China, the central bank cut banks' reserve requirements to shore up liquidity, even as embattled property major Evergrande said it may run out of money to "perform its financial obligations".

PTI

# Rupee hits 8-week low of 75.45, tumbles 33 paise against USD



**Mumbai:** The rupee on Monday plunged 33 paise to hit its weakest level in eight weeks at 75.45 against the US dollar in line with massive erosion in domestic stocks as concerns over the new Omicron variant.

Besides, rising crude prices in international markets and a surging greenback overseas also pulled the rupee back.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened weak at 75.22 and witnessed an intra-day high of 75.19 and a low of 75.45 against the US dollar in the day trade.

The local unit finally settled at 75.45 a dollar, down 33 paise over its previous close -- the lowest closing level for the rupee since October 12.

"Rupee depreciated for the third day in a row following a plunge in domestic equities and strong haven demand for the dollar. Investors have trimmed risk exposure ahead

# Gold climbs ₹29; silver tanks ₹149

**New Delhi:** Gold in the national capital on Monday gained ₹29 to ₹46,974 per 10 gram supported by rupee depreciation despite weak international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at ₹46,945 per 10 gram.

Silver, however, dipped ₹149 to ₹60,137 per kilogram from ₹ 60,286 per kilogram in the previous trade.

The rupee slumped 30 paise to close at 75.42 (provisional) against the US dollar.

In the international market, gold trading lower at USD 1,781 per ounce and silver flat at USD 22.38 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading down at USD 1,781 per ounce on Monday. Gold prices traded under pressure fluctuating above USD 1,780 per ounce on mixed global cues," according to HDFC Securities, Senior Analyst (Commodities), Tapan Patel.

PTI

# Indian economy shows strong signs of recovery, upswing in 19 of 22 eco indicators

**New Delhi:** Indian economy is showing strong signs of recovery from the devastation caused by the pandemic, with an upswing being reported in 19 out of the 22 economic indicators as compared to the pre-Covid levels.

High-frequency indicators (HFIs) are being monitored to track the progress of economic recovery in India since the first COVID-19 case was reported in the country in January 2020. The latest information indicates that among 22 HFIs, full recovery has been achieved in respect of 19 HFIs, as their latest levels in the months of September, October and November this year are higher than their pre-pandemic levels in the corresponding months of 2019, official sources said.

Among the 19 HFIs, there are some indicators whose recovery is way beyond 100 per cent, such as e-way bill by volume, merchandise exports, coal production and rail freight traffic, which suggests that not only the recovery is complete, the economic growth is now gathering momentum over the pre-pandemic levels of output.

This is further confirmed by the estimates of GDP recently released for Q2 (July-September) of 2021-22, whose year-on-year growth in real terms at 8.4 per cent takes the output level higher than the pre-pandemic level of Q2 output in 2019-20.

While Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) at ₹108.2 crore in October was 157 per cent of the pre-Covid levels of 2019, UPI volumes are nearly four times at 421.9 crore.

Merchandise imports at USD 55.4 billion in October are 146 per cent of 2019 levels. E-way bill volume has more than doubled to 7.4 crore in October.

# Need for monetising gold for economic growth: RBI ex-Dy Guv

**New Delhi:** Discussing ways to democratise access to credit for all Indians and the need for a dramatic shift in perception of gold as an investment, RBI former Deputy Governor R Gandhi stressed on the need for monetising gold for economic growth. Rupee founder and CEO Sumit Maniyar said, "Technology and Innovation are the two cornerstones for building India's Gold Monetisation infrastructure. The Gold Teller Machine, Digilocker, the Gold powered Credit Card and the Buy Now Pay Later product put together truly are going to create the foundation on which this country's Gold is going to get monetised.

# Over 55 % Jan Dhan account holders are women: FinMin

**New Delhi:** Of the nearly 44 crore Jan Dhan bank account holders in the country, more than 55 per cent are women account holders, the Finance Ministry informed Parliament on Monday.

There are as many as 43.90 crore beneficiaries of the PMJDY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana) account holders in the country as of November 17, 2021, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

Of these, as many as 24.42 crore are female beneficiaries as informed by the banks, which comprises 55.60 per cent of the total PMJDY accounts, he added. When asked about the number of people benefitted from this scheme in Gujarat, he said there are a total of 1.65 crore beneficiaries in Gujarat, of which 0.84 crore (51 per cent) are the women bank account holders.

The government had announced the PMJDY on August 15, 2014, under the National Mission on Financial Inclusion with a view to increasing banking penetration, promote financial inclusion and provide at least one bank account per household across the country.

PTI

# PSBs restructure over ₹58,500 cr loan advanced to 9.8 lakh MSME accounts amid pandemic: Govt



**New Delhi:** Public sector banks (PSBs) effected restructuring of 9.8 lakh accounts of micro, small and medium enterprises, due to the impact of Covid-19 pandemic, amounting to ₹58,524 crore as of November 26, the Government said in Parliament on Monday.

While, as many as 8.5 lakh accounts of individual borrowers of over ₹60,000 crore have also been restructured.

"As per inputs received from public sector banks (PSBs), as on November 26, 2021, resolution plan/restructuring has been implemented by them in 9.8 lakh MSME accounts amounting to ₹58,524 crore, and in 8.5 lakh accounts of individual borrowers amounting to ₹ 60,662 crore, as on November 15, 2021," the Finance Ministry said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

The government and the Reserve Bank took a number of measures to support the retail and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) borrowers in the wake of the pandemic, including a Covid-19 regulatory package granting moratorium of six months on payments of all instalments of term loans and deferment of recovery of interest on working capital from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020.

Under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme

# FMCG distributors seek level-playing field with B2B retailers

**New Delhi:** Distributors of fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) have sought a "level-playing field" with the leading B2B retailers from the makers, failing to which they have threatened to drop products from their portfolio.

All India Consumer Products Distributors Federation (AICPDF) has written to FMCG companies against the price disparity between traditional distributors and other organised business-to-business (B2B) distribution firms, both online and offline, which have entered the sector in the last few years.

The federation had said it has decided to call for a "non-cooperation" movement against FMCG companies from next year if B2B retailers such as Jiomart, Walmart, Metro Cash & Carry, Booker, ElasticRun, udaan etc. "If the companies are not able to give us a level-playing field then we will drop the product sold by Jiomart/ B2B companies from our portfolio," said AICPDF.

Speaking to PTI, AICPDF President Dhairyashil Patil said rates and schemes given to the retailers are governed by the FMCG companies and the distributors have no say in the entire process.

"If brands are the same, then how could the same products lands in the market in two prices," he said. According to him, sometimes discounts are even less than the landing price of distributors. "We need a price parity in the market," he said.

**कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड बालोद, जिला- बालोद (छ.ग.)**

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ई-प्रक्रोसेसिंग प्रथम निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

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R.O.No - 65581/7  
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**PARADIP PORT TRUST**

**E-TENDER CALL NOTICE (e-TCN)**

Name of the work : "Annual Maintenance Contract of M.S.Navigational Buoys with Self contained lights for a period of three Years". Estimated Cost : Rs.1,42,00,000/- . Last date & time of submission : 15.30hrs Dt.28.12.2021. Date & time for opening of Technical Bid : 15.30hrs 29.12.2021. For details please log on to the Website <https://eprocure.gov.in/>

Deputy Conservator  
PPT/PR/126/21-22 Dt.06.12.2021

To  
Smt. Suma Devi @ Suman W/o Late Sh. Avadh Kishore @ Awadh Kishore Add: L-II-E, Railway Qtr. New Rohtak Road, Sarai Rohilla, Karol Bagh, Central, Delhi-110005  
Presdny R/o: H.No. 9788, 1st Floor, Sarai Rohilla, Ahata Thakur Dass, (Near Delhi Sarai Rohilla Railway Station), New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Central Delhi-110005

Petitioner  
**FOR SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE UNDER INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT.1925**  
To,  
All Concerned  
Whereas in the above noted petition the applicant/petitioner has applied for Succession Certificate to the Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 in respect of the debt and securities amount of Rs xxx. As per record to be standing in the name of Late Sh. Awa/Uj/sk\*iglAY\*dh.Mshpre.d ceased.

Whereas the 29.01.2022 at 10' o'clock in the forenoon has been fixed for hearing or the application notice is hereby given to this concerned. Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 25.11.2021

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**Nehru Memorial Museum and Library**  
Teen Murti House, New Delhi 110011

Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture is developing Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya in the Teen Murti complex. NMML invites E bids for the following:

MOPM/RFP/2021/003V4 Setting up and Operating Souvenir shop on Revenue Sharing basis

The last date for submission of e-bid is 13th December 2021 up to 11.00 AM( 1ST) .For more details please visit website [www.nehrumemorial.nic.in](http://www.nehrumemorial.nic.in) , [www.tenderwizard.com/NMML](http://www.tenderwizard.com/NMML) and [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in).

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**Date Extension Notice- 11**

Due to unavoidable reasons the Date of Submission & opening of the e-NIT No. NCB/01/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22 & NCB/02/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22 invited by the office of the Executive Engineer Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar is being extended as below:

Last Date & Time for submission of bids on the portal Up to 17:00 hrs of 13.12.2021

Date & Time of Opening of bids on the portal at 11:00 hrs of 14.12.2021

Information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation etc. of tender may be obtained from the website.

Full & Further Details of tender can be seen from the e-procurement portal "https://uktenders.gov.in".

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**OFFICE OF MEMBER SECRETARY, RA JASTHAN**  
**MEDICARE RELIEF SOCIETY & SUPERINTENDENT, ZENANA HOSPITAL, JAIPUR**

No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice Inviting Bid:**

Bids for Supply of Hospital Mattress and CAMC of Passenger Lifts "are invited from interested bidders. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>). Details of Bids are give below:-

Sr.	Bid Details	UBN No.	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Last Date of Submission of Bid
01	Supply of Hospital Mattress	SMS2122GSR00447	06 Lacs	08-12-2021
02	CAMC of Passenger Lifts	SMS2122S0B00448	03.50 Lacs	09-12-2021

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ZENANA HOSPITAL, JAIPUR

RO.No. :-12378/2021  
RO.Date :-06-12-2021

**Notice Inviting e-Tender**

No. SSA/IE/Hearing Aid/577/2014/PI/7725 Date :03.12.2021

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam ( Samagra Shiksha Abhijan) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Manufacturer of Hearing Aids for assessment and supply of aids and appliances for Children with special needs.

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

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

Sd/-Mission Director,  
SSA, Assam  
Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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Letter No. 952 Short Term Tender Notice Dated : 06.12.2021

Office of the Executive Engineer, PCM-Dakpathar, UJVNLtd., Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.22/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2021-22

Name of work: Replacement of roof sheets, doors and windows of Saraswati Shishu Mandir School building at Koti Colony, Koti, Dehradun. Estimated cost: ₹10,20,948.14(GST Extra)

Date of availability of bid document on website: 06-12-2021 from 11.00 Hrs

Last date for submission of tender: 21-12-2021 up to 15.00 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

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**RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD**

No. RE/Div-IV/RHB/JPR/2021-22/535 Date: 03-12-2021

**NIB: 01/2021-22**

Bids for 1. Cleaning of roads, medians, footpaths, circles, cutting of shrubs/bushes & pruning of trees at Pratap Nagar, Jaipur 2. Repair of roads, medians, footpaths, kerb stones, marking of centre line, painting of kerb stones, deviders & gates etc at Pratap Nagar, Jaipur are invited from interested bidders from 07.12.2021 to 13.12.2021 upto 6:00 PM. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement portal <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in> of the state & <http://urban.rajjasthan.gov.in/rhb> department website.

UBN : RHB2122WS080199, RHB2122WS080200

Resident Engineer, Div. IV, Jaipur

**FORM G**  
**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
(Under Regulation 36A (1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

**RELEVANT PARTICULARS**

Sr.	Name of the corporate debtor	ZENITH AUTOMOTIVE PRIVATE LIMITED
1.	Name of the corporate debtor	ZENITH AUTOMOTIVE PRIVATE LIMITED
2.	Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	08.02.1996
3.	Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	ROC-Delhi
4.	Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U34300DL1996PTC076177
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of the Corporate Debtor	55A A-1, P. No. 25/9 AFIF, Bhim Gali, Vishwas Nagar, Shaheed New Delhi -110032
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	24.09.2021
7.	Date of invitation of expression of interest	07.12.2021
8.	Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	Eligibility Norms: a) Minimum Net worth of INR10,00,000(Ten Lakh) as per the latest Audited Financial Statements for the FY 2020-21 or thereafter; b) In case of Assets Reconstruction Company, Minimum Assets under Management of INR 100,00,00,000 (Rupees One Hundred Crore Only) as per the latest Audited Financial Statements for the FY 2020-21 or thereafter; c) If any company's including holding company, subsidiary company or group company is having their amount as NPA in less than 12 months, the said company including holding company, subsidiary company or group company will be ineligible to submit the Resolution plan. d) There is no default on the part of the Company in filing the latest Audited Financial statements and /or the income tax return and /or GST Returns (if applicable) for the FY2020-21 or thereafter. Further detail can be sought by emailing: <a href="mailto:nazim@mnkassociates.com">nazim@mnkassociates.com</a> , <a href="mailto:crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com">crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com</a>
9.	Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	<a href="http://ibbi.gov.in/webfront/legal/framework.php">http://ibbi.gov.in/webfront/legal/framework.php</a> (Official website of IBBI-Legal framework-Updated Code
10.	Last date for receipt of expression of interest	22.12.2021
11.	Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	01.01.2022
12.	Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	06.01.2022
13.	Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	16.01.2022
14.	Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	06.01.2022
15.	Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum("IM") and further information	Details can be obtained by e-mailing at <a href="mailto:nazim@mnkassociates.com">nazim@mnkassociates.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com">crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com</a>
16.	Last date for submission of resolution plans	05.02.2022
17.	Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	By electronic mode through email <a href="mailto:nazim@mnkassociates.com">nazim@mnkassociates.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com">crip.zenithautomotive@gmail.com</a>

## DangerAvert

The Omicron variant may not be as dangerous as the Delta and Alpha, which has so far claimed more than five millions lives across the world. However, the variant appears to be more contagious, said a scientist from Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Israel



## DOCYARD

DR SHOBHA GUPTA

Medical Director and IVF specialist

MOTHER'S LAP IVF CENTRE



## Is biological clock ticking?



Many people in India are struggling from infertility and they all have different stories to tell about their infertility journey. Today, the lifestyle which we live is the biggest culprit of being infertile.

Our lifestyle and health do not support fertility, particularly when we are waiting. It is very important to remember that you should maintain and sustain this whole year.

♦**Don't sit, go out and walk:** Walking is an ideal preconception exercise. It is a great cardiovascular exercise especially if you step at a reasonable pace and it also helps to tone your legs, back and tummy.

All these are very important in treating infertility as being fit is the most integral part of your conception plan. So, go for a regular walk in the morning and evening.

♦**Sugar is the biggest enemy:** Every time you eat foods that are high in sugar, your pancreas produce insulin to convert the sugar in your blood into energy. And if this is repeated frequently, you may develop insulin resistance which results in diabetes.

High levels of insulin slow down the ovulation process and cause PCOS, which further contribute to infertility issues.

♦**Eating right is significant in your fertility journey:** Too many of us are eating too late in the day or when we go to bed at night, we're meant to digest our day, not our dinner. Eating at the right time is important also, it is very important for a woman to have a balanced diet which is full of multi vitamins and minerals.

**Too much stress is bad for your physical and mental health. Stress suppresses ovulation in women, reduces sperm count in men and lowers libido in both. Give your body a physical and mental rest**

Try to make your dishes mainly plant-based, with a little high-quality meat included in your weekly diet. Cook mainly with second-pressed olive oil and use cold-pressed oils to add to food after cooking.

♦**Keep stress at bay:** Too much stress is bad for your physical and mental health. Stress suppresses ovulation in women, reduces sperm count in men and lowers libido in both.

So, give your body a physical and mental rest. Listening to some soothing sounds like sea movement, waterfalls and rainforest noises, can also eliminate stress.

♦**Is your biological clock ticking:** Natural pregnancy is

any day better. Keep a check on your biological clock, as we age our biological clock starts ticking. It's hard to know when is the right time to do something about checking your fertility or should you wait another two months, six months or do something now?

Women are most fertile in their early 20s and their fertility declines with age. From the age of 35, this fall becomes steeper. The more "fertility aware" you are the better, so you can make an informed decision and be aware that it might take you longer to conceive.

♦**Limit the usage of laptops, computers and phones:** Especially at night, limit the usage of electronic devices as radiation from them harms your fertility big time. Instead of working on laptops and sticking to your phone; invest your time in your partner.

♦**Seek professional advice:** You are the best person yourself to know about your body. When you think everything is getting lost and things go out of your way its best to seek a professional's advice on your fertility.

## WARMFOOD

**GRAPES:** Due to their high nutrient and antioxidant contents, grapes provide a plethora of health benefits.

Antioxidants aid to repair the damage that free radicals, which are damaging chemicals that produce oxidative stress, inflict to your cells. Grapes have a high concentration of beneficial plant chemicals that may help protect against cancer.

Vitamin K, a fat-soluble vitamin important for blood clotting and bone health, is found in more than a quarter of a cup (151 grammes) of grapes. They're also high in vitamin C, which is an important nutrient and powerful antioxidant for connective tissue health.

One of the compounds found in this fruit, resveratrol, has been extensively researched in terms of cancer prevention and treatment.



## DON'T IGNORE THIS PAIN

It is estimated that over 4 lakh Indians above the age of 60 are suffering from Lumbar Canal Stenosis' symptoms. DR SK RAJAN says not to ignore pain in lower back and shares ways to address it

Our lower back (Lumbar spine) consists of five big bones (aka vertebrae) in the lower part of the spine between the ribs and the pelvis with intervening soft cushion like pads referred to as discs. Each of the bones have a hole in them and these holes align to form a pipe for passage of spinal nerves. Narrowing of this passage is referred to as Lumbar Canal Stenosis (LCS). This stenosis results in compression of the nerves traveling through the lower back into the legs.

While it may affect younger population due to developmental (birth related) causes, it is more often a degenerative (wear and tear) condition that affects people age 50 and older. The discs may become less spongy as you age, resulting in reduced disc height and bulging of the hardened disc into the spinal canal. Currently, it is estimated that over 4 Lakh Indians above the age of 60 years are suffering from its symptoms and over 12-15 Lakh across age brackets having some sort of spinal stenosis.

Depending on the severity of the condition, Lumbar spinal stenosis may or may not produce symptoms. While the narrowing of the spinal canal itself does not produces the symptoms but due to the inflammation of the nerves caused by the increased pressure attributes to the cause. Varying from person to person the various symptoms include -

- Pain, weakness, or numbness in the legs, calves, or buttocks
- Pain may radiate to one or both the legs (resembling a painful condition referred to as Sciatica)

■ In rare cases, there is loss of motor functioning in the legs, and loss of bowel control

■ Excruciating pain while walking that may subside while bending forward, sitting or lying down

Degenerative spondylolisthesis and degenerative scoliosis (curvature of the spine) are two conditions associated with lumbar spinal stenosis. Degenerative spondylolisthesis (slippage of one vertebra over another) is caused by arthritis of the facet joints. Most commonly, it involves the L4 slipping over the L5 vertebra. It usually is treated with the same conservative or surgical methods as lumbar spinal stenosis.

Degenerative scoliosis occurs most frequently in the lower back and more commonly affects people age 65 and older. Back pain associated with degenerative scoliosis usually begins gradually and is linked with activity. The curvature of the spine in this form of scoliosis often is relatively minor, so surgery is required when conservative methods fail to alleviate pain associated with the condition.

**Diagnosis**  
Based on the medical history, symptoms, hereditary risk factors, physical examination and diagnostic tests are required to confirm the condition. Radiology tests including X-rays, CT Scan and MRI are helpful in identifying the structure of the vertebrae and outline of the joints. These imaging techniques help the surgeons a detailed view of the spinal canal, its content and the structures around it. 3 D imaging produced through MRI are also helpful in analyzing the nerve roots,



Dr S K Rajan  
Neuro-spine Surgeon, Agrim Institute of Neurosciences, Artemis Hospital, Gurugram

adjacent areas, any enlargements, degeneration or tumors. In specific cases a myelogram may be required, which is a special X-ray of the spinal cord that is taken after injecting a contrast material in the surrounding cerebrospinal fluids (CSF). This is helpful in monitoring the pressure on the spinal cord or on the related nerves due to the compression, herniated disc, bone spurs or tumors.

### How can this be treated?

While medication and physical therapy remain the first line of treatment module, surgical intervention is only preferred when these fails to provide relief. Medications & injections - Anti inflammatory medications and analgesics may be helpful in the initial stages to subside pain. But in case is the pain is persistent or worsens with time, the doctor may prescribe other medications or injections. Epidural injections also help in reducing pain and swelling, but is only a temporary

relief method followed. Physical therapy - this along with prescribed exercises may help stabilize your spine, build your endurance and increase your flexibility. Therapy may help you resume your normal lifestyle and activities. In those cases where these conservative options fail, surgery may be the only resort. Depending upon age, overall health, associated co-morbidities and pre-existing conditions doctors may consider the type of surgery.

### Surgical Treatment

There are several different surgical procedures that can be utilized, the choice of which is influenced by the severity of your case. In a small percentage of patients, spinal instability may require that spinal fusion be performed - this decision generally is determined prior to surgery. Spinal fusion is an operation that creates a solid union between two or more vertebrae. This procedure may assist in strengthening and stabilizing the spine, and may thereby help to alleviate severe and chronic back pain. Decompressive laminectomy - The most common surgery in the lumbar spine is called decompressive laminectomy, in which the laminae (roof) of the vertebrae are removed to create more space for the nerves. A neurosurgeon may perform a laminectomy with or without fusing vertebrae or removing part of a disc. A spinal fusion with or without spinal instrumentation may be recommended when spondylolisthesis or scoliosis occurs with spinal stenosis. Various devices (such as screws or rods) may be used to enhance fusion and support unstable areas of the spine.

## Time to get rid of dry skin



During winters, our skin loses its moisture to the dry air around us, causing dryness

and breakouts. DR AJAY RANA gives us tips to maintain healthy skin

As soon as the temperature drops, Skin tightness, dryness, and seasonal breakouts can be very common in the winter season. A hot summer season and monsoon season has bestowed its mark upon our face with pigmentation from excessive tanning, travel-induced dehydration, and inflammation and the sudden drop in temperature can impact the way our skin performs, looks and feels.

During winter, impairment and fragility of the skin barrier is the most common thing which can manifest as symptoms of dryness, sensitivity and a lack of lustre look. During this time, the barriers of the skin become damaged and the pollution and other external aggravators penetrate deeper into the skin and can cause inflammation, sensitivity and redness.

### Treat dry skin

♦ As temperature drops, humidity levels also drop and our skin loses its moisture to the dry air around us. So, during winters, switch to a more moisturising cleanser that can help to hydrate parched skin and support the skin's barrier to help protect the skin from the damaging effects of the cold weather.

♦ Fundamental key to keep skin clean and free of accumulated dirt is cleansing morning and night. Cleansing also increases the blood flow and aids elimination of toxins so don't rush it.

♦ Exposure to the heating and harsh, bracing winds during the winter season can lead to dry skin. Hydrate your skin always. For hydrating use a Hyaluronic acid.

♦ Retinol is great for plumping and smoothing skin. Use retinol on your skin, retinol should always be followed up with a good SPF. It increases cell turnover, regulating oil flow and improving the appearance of pigmentation.

♦ The biggest mistake you can make is not wearing SPF in winters. Our skin can be damaged by UV rays all round the year. Use a mineral-based SPF for its lightness, breathability, ocean-friendliness and ease of use.

♦ Humidity levels and low temperature during winters can sometimes cause many skin problems. Use a mask that includes Clay and Seaweed Extract, which can help draw out impurities, calm spots, and exfoliate your skin.

♦ Add Vitamin C To your skincare regime. It works effectively in winters and helps combat SPF rays that aren't fully blocked by the sunscreen. It helps to boost collagen production resulting in a brighter complexion.

♦ Use a lip moisturiser and eye cream. ♦ Indulge in a creamy body butter with must-have winter skin ingredients like strengthening shea and cocoa oils.

♦ It is always important to complement a winter skin routine with a nutritional and seasonal diet with skincare regime. During this season, eat lots of squashes, like butternut and pumpkin, that are rich in beta-carotene that helps to aid cell renewal, normal skin function and collagen production. The writer is Dermatologist and Aesthetic Physician, Founder, Director of ILAMED

## Gendered stigma in TB care

The negative impact of stigma is felt worse by women, who already face challenges with autonomy and financial independence, says SHALINI SAKSENA

Tuberculosis is a major public health challenge. In India, the disease affects more than 1.8 million people annually. The country has the highest global TB burden, with more than 2.8 million cases of active TB and around 435,000 deaths every year. This, despite more than a million cases going unreported/undiagnosed. The challenge only worsened with the COVID-19 pandemic and consequent lockdowns.

The challenge continues due to several factors, including economic or gender inequalities, overcrowding, inadequate ventilation and lack of awareness, amongst others. While there are free TB testing and treatment options available at Government hospitals, Community Health Centers (CHC), Primary Health Centers (PHCs), people lack access to them due to lack of transportation or support.

Stigma is a major barrier to accessing TB care and leads to suffering. Even though the disease is entirely curable and preventable, there is neglect, delay in diagnosis and incomplete treatment adherence. This delay in diagnosis

prevents access to life-saving drugs and improper treatment leads to many developing multi-drug resistance, another condition highly prevalent in India.

The condition is more likely to affect men. Data from 2020 shows that out of a total 19,07,760 cases - 11,13,462 were men, and 6,91,238 were women.

However, the negative impact of stigma is felt worse by women, who already face challenges with autonomy and financial independence. The stigma and injustice faced by women with TB are a harsh reminder of how entangled these issues are with the role of women in Indian society, and the gender-based inequities that continue to be nurtured by age-old cultural norms, economic disparities, and lack of adequate social protection.

Young girls too get negatively affected by TB, and because of the stigma attached to the disease, are forced not to share their status and seek treatment which might affect their schooling and even future career opportunities. In the case of eighteen-year-old Mahima (name changed), a TB survivor, and a

champion posed a much bigger question of the right to live with dignity to those present and the society at large. Mahima raised a critical question on why should TB patients not be allowed to live with dignity and face such intense stigma?

Those diagnosed with the disease face difficulties in marriage prospects, education, employment opportunities, hurtful behavior by the society, accessing nutrition and social isolation. They are subjected to extreme persecution, where they receive little to no support, and are forced to eat or sleep separately from others. More than 15 per cent of women with TB in rural and urban areas face rejection from their families, friends and society. Spousal support, crucial in the treatment of any health condition, remains a challenge for many women with TB. Evidence from the Foundation of Research in Community Health, Pune found that men had a more definite anticipation of spousal support, however, it was conditional for women, worsening their vulnerability to tackle the disease. Recently, the National

Framework for a Gender-Responsive Approach to TB-Care was released by the Indian government. It pushes for the need to mobilize, empower and engage women, men and transgender persons in the TB response at the health system and community levels to accelerate efforts to end TB in India. It is critical that the framework guides future action on TB care and is implemented in all sections of the society.

To achieve the goal of elimination, it is vital to incorporate campaigns to spread awareness about the disease, its prevention, and treatment, as well as to address the stigma associated with it. Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT) recognising the dual burden of gender and stigma for women affected by TB, works on building a gender approach to equitable healthcare for all.

This can be made possible with the inclusion of people affected by the disease and their families or friends to share their experiences about challenges and successes as it will help to counter misinformation, decrease the stigma and motivate others to seek treatment.

## INBRIEF Nature is a way to nurture

Descended wholly from Cannabis Sativa, Sativa is crafted exclusively to serve its customers the world's finest source of nutrients for skin and overall health. Sativa formulates its products from the revolutionary hemp seed oil. Not only does it have tons of healthy benefits, but hemp seed oil also happens to be a foremost contender in the health and beauty world today.

Namrata Hemp Company (NHempCo) is the parent company of Sativa. The young and enterprising couple, Harshaavardhan Redi Sirupa and his wife, Namrata Reddy Sirupa have made it possible to bring out the best of nature to you.

Namrata Hemp Company introduced Sativa in order to offer the natural preventives and therapeutic benefits of Industrial Hemp Seed Oil. The raw material is sourced from Govt. Approved vendors of the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand, where hemp is cultivated and grown in natural surroundings.

Hemp Seed oil is purely made from the seeds of the hemp plant which is a Cannabis plant cultivated for non-drug use. Research has proved that hemp seed oil is a great ingredient in moisturising topicals. And even on its own, it can be a useful supplement.

It is one of the best sources of Omega and Amino acids that enhances skin cells' resistance to infection, minor cuts, and rashes.

# BEYOND NATURE AND MAN

The idea of sculpture becoming a part of public art for viewers to enjoy its magnitude and composition is something that defines the very conception of *iSculpt for Delhi*. By UMA NAIR

Contemporary sculpture practice and the combination of masters and practicing sculptors in the city of Delhi become the most important part of this 20 artist gathering at the Gandhi King Plaza that morphs into a sculpture court.

**Sculpture and space**

At the Gandhi King Plaza, the configuration between the sculpture and the space it inhabits and shares with the viewer, will contribute to this sensation. Sculpture should always be understood as having been placed, and should be read in relation to the area it occupies. An exhibition is always a testing ground, an integral space for both the viewer and the artwork *iSculpt for Delhi* will be a well staged enhancer for this sensation. The theatricality of the setting will arise from the sculptures' dramatic postures, amplified by the relationship orchestrated between the form, the space and the viewer.

Amongst the 20 sculptures it is the environmental echo that surges in the works of Neeraj Gupta's elephant with pots called Heaven and Earth, and Satish Gupta Conference of the Birds.

In the exploration of extraor-



inary vitality and innovation in the art of sculpture, reflects, a large number of methods, from traditional modelling and casting to the modes of assemblage, 'soft' sculpture, and minimalism. Heaven and Earth is a monumental elephant with pots, is Neeraj Gupta's ode to the elephant who stands as an endangered species and is on its way to extinction. Gupta extols the beauty of the gentle giant and its place in the habitat with this majestic sculpture.

Another ode to the environment is Satish Gupta's Conference of the Birds, an elegy to the 5,000 year old Sufi poem that spoke of finding truths amidst hardship in the dialogues between two birds. Linking the ecological system in many ways and telling us the importance and imperative role of trees in the world is Dhannanjay Singh's man and the tree as well as a ceramic artist and National Award Winner Keshari Nandan's Tree of Life. Taking us beyond to the con-

text of nature and man is Rahul Modak's Monumenta 1 that holds terracotta leaves with a holistic pillar in the intensity of leaves of time and decay and death and despair.

**Heads and the spirit**

Amongst the most enduring of subjects is the human head. National Award Winner Arun Pandit's monumental Head is an amalgam of pathos and pain. Pandit has merged man's role in the world of technological

advances with his work that makes us think of Errors and multiplicity. Yet another head of a different dimension is the marble head of Parmod K Mann entitled Nymph. Looking for works that uplift are Biman Bihari Das's Lord Buddha and Rita Datta's Madhav two works that are created in the depth of spiritual fervour.

*iSculpt for Delhi* runs till December 18 at Gandhi King Plaza.

## Battle of Stalwarts

KUMAR SANU revealed, on the sets of *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa*, that he wanted to take revenge from Anu Malik who didn't let him sing the rap of *Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhen*. By TEAM VIVA

Last month, Zee TV returned with its most iconic, longest-running singing reality show that has stayed relevant to music lovers across the country, *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa 2021*. With a rich legacy of over 25 years, *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* has been successful in discovering some truly invaluable gems of the music fraternity. The show started off with a bang and the talented contestants of this season have already managed to impress the audience. However, viewers are in for a special treat this weekend.

The upcoming romantic special episode will have music maestros and veteran singers, Kumar Sanu and Anuradha Paudwal, as the special guests. While they thoroughly enjoyed all the performances by the contestants, Yumna Ajin's rendition to the song *Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhen* caught Kumar Sanu's attention the most, which was crowned by Kumar Sanu and Anu Malik in the movie, *Baazigar*. In fact, Sanu went on stage and recreated the song to mainly sing the rap part of it. He shared a few anecdotes from the time of their recording of the song.

Talking about his song, Sanu said, "I actually wanted to take revenge from Anu Malik. He didn't let me sing the rap part of the song. I could have done it easily, but he didn't let me do it. Since then, I always wanted, from the bottom of my



heart, to take revenge on him by singing the rap part. And today my revenge is completed on these sets."

Snigdha's soulful rendition of the song *Dheere Dheere Se Meri Zindagi Mein Aana* from the movie *Aashiqui* also cannot be missed.

(To witness more such revelations, tune into *Sa Re Ga Ma Pa* this Saturday and Sunday at 9 pm, only on Zee TV.)

# MELODIOUS BEGINNINGS

CITI-NCPA are offering their Young Musicians 2022-23 scholarship in advance training in Hindustani music

all details regarding the candidate's name, date of birth, address, contact number/alternate contact number, professional qualification, email ID, music teachers/gurus, number of years of total training and details of achievements/prizes/scholarships and performances, amongst other noteworthy details. Please do not send any scanned copies of

the certificates/audio/video clips of musical performances. Bio-data containing all details in the listing format will be sufficient. The shortlisted candidates will be informed via email or telephone.

The eligibility criteria and general instructions are given as follows:

▲Candidate's bio-data will be considered as his/her application



for this scholarship. There is no separate form to be filled.

▲Age limit — For Khayal & Melody Instruments is 18 to 30 years (as off March 1, 2022), and that for Dhrupad is 18 to 35 years (as off March 1, 2022).

▲Candidates who are beneficiaries of other scholarship/grant in the field of music during April 2022 to March 2023 are not eligible.

▲Candidates who are full-time/ part-time working profes-

sionals at any company cannot apply.

▲Professional musicians including those with 'A' grade from All India Radio are not eligible.

▲Applications received through courier will not be accepted. Only the applications received on email id mentioned above will be considered.

▲Only Indian citizens are eligible to apply.

▲Applications received after December 31 will not be entertained.

▲The decision of the NCPA Selection Committee will be final.



## Achieving heights

Zee TV's *Kumkum Bhagya* achieves a rare milestone with its 2000<sup>th</sup> episode airing on December 8. By TEAM VIVA



have emerged into an emotion that viewers across the country closely connected with. We're a family on the sets and these memories we've built together will keep us closely bound for life. I can't thank Ekta enough so I will just say I admire you, you inspire me."

"I can't believe we have completed 2000 episodes. I am so grateful to the entire team, especially Ekta Ma'am for giving me this opportunity. And of course, our viewers who have made this possible. Cheers to 2000 episodes, I wish and pray for another 20,000 episodes," Kaul expresses.

"My heart is filled with a lot of gratitude for the entire team for all the hard work everyone has

put in. The new generation has entered for almost three years now, but this show has always been Shabir and Sriti's show for the past eight years. We have a lot of love and affection towards each other on the set and that is what helps us to keep going. Thank you to our fans because of which we are where we are today and also to Ekta ma'am as her impeccable vision, this show has always been everyone's favourite," Chapekar adds.

Pooja Banerjee who plays the role of Rhea says, "I joined this show very recently but in no time, it felt like I became a part of this beautiful family. I have received so much love from everyone

that I am filled with tears of joy! Thank you to each & every cast and crew member for creating this show and of course, lots of love to Ekta ma'am."

In the current track of the show, Abhi and Pragya are in a state of coma after the one-month leap in the show. Meanwhile, their daughters — Prachi and Rhea — will continue to witness some unexpected news in their lives as Prachi discovers her pregnancy after finding out that Ranbir is getting married to her sister Rhea.

(To know all this and more, tune in to *Kumkum Bhagya* every Monday to Friday at 9 pm, only on Zee TV)

## Wedding anthem season

PADMINI KOLHAPURE's recreation of her iconic song, *Yeh Galiyan Yeh Chaubara*, reminded her of all the memories of shooting the song back in the day. By TEAM VIVA

Priyaank Sharma, the brainchild of Dhamaka Records, has released Padmini Kolhapure's iconic song from *Prem Rog*, *Yeh Galiyan Yeh Chaubara*. The song is sung by the actress herself in her soulful voice and melodious tune.

Earlier on, Dhamaka Records, launched by Paras Mehta and Sharma, had topped all the music charts and made headlines for their stellar song, *Hum Hindustani*, featuring 15 legendary artists including, Amitabh Bachchan, Lata Mangeshkar, Shradha Kapoor, et al. Now Priyaank Sharma's label has released the biggest heartwarming wedding anthem and we are sure they will yet again top all the music charts.

Talking about the song Kolhapure shares, "While working on this song, it took me back to the memories of shooting the song back in the day. It makes me so happy to feel that zest again and I'm elated to be able to recreate the iconic song once again."

On the release, Sharma expressed, "I wanted to recreate this song even before we started the label. This has been a song close to my mother's heart and to get a chance to recreate it and release it on our label is more than special. A big thank you to Saregama, we hope everyone gives as much love to it as they gave the original."

Adding to this, Mehta shared, "The iconic song and the legendary



Padminiji are a win-win combo and makes it the perfect anthem for this wedding season. We are so thankful to her for lending her soulful voice to the recreation."

*Yeh Galiyan Yeh Chaubara* presented by Saregama and Dhamaka Records is produced by Sharma and Mehta. The song features Aimee Misobbah and Amaira Bhattia and is out now on Dhamaka Records' YouTube channel.

## Tribute to the spirit of India

TAHIR RAJ BHASIN is amazed to see people's reactions to the trailer of *83* and is overwhelmed by the unprecedented love showered on the film. By TEAM VIVA

Actor Tahir Raj Bhasin plays the legendary Indian batsman Sunil Gavaskar in Kabir Khan's directorial *83* that is being helmed by superstar Ranveer Singh. Singh plays the role of Kapil Dev, the iconic Indian cricketer who captained the underdog Indian cricket team to its maiden World Cup victory in 1983. Bhasin has been bowled over by the unprecedented love that the trailer of the film has received since it was dropped digitally.

Bhasin says, "It is amazing to see the reaction that people have had on the *83* trailer. Kabir Khan has created a magnificent cinematic vision and we were all confident that the trailer will blow people's mind. *83* is a tribute to the spirit of India that can't be tamed. Kapil's Dev showed that to the world in 1983. I'm certain that this film will cut across all audience groups and entertain the whole of India."

He adds, "I'm hugely fortunate to be a part of this film and Kabir sir's vision. We have all given our heart and soul to *83* because we believed that this story needs to be told to everyone because it is inspiring and deeply emotional. I can't wait for people to see the film on the big screen because that's where one will get to enjoy the canvas of the film and cheer for underdog India to win the World Cup."

Bhasin will also be seen in *Looop Lapeta* as a romantic lead opposite Taapsee Pannu and in *Yeh Kaali Kaali Ankhen*, in which he has been paired with Sweta Tripathi. *83* releases worldwide on December 24.

**BEAT YOUR FRIDAYS AT WHIZ CAFE**

Whiz Café is hosting an Open Mic Night in collaboration with Pinetree Events. The event is a flagship event by Pinetree called *Beat your Fridays: A stand-up comedy open night*. The event is curated to provide a platform to regulars from the comedy circuit to perform new material and witness how comedy is made.

The event will be hosted by Kushagra Srivastava, an up and coming stand up artist in Delhi.

**When:** December 10, 7 pm onwards  
**Where:** Whiz Café, Greater Kailash 2, New Delhi-110048  
**Cost of ticket:** ₹199 per person

**UTSAV-2 CELEBRATION OF ARTS, 2021**

Celebrating the diversity of Indian art, various art forms and cultures of India, Akatva Arts Foundation, in collaboration with the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina, opens the stage for PAN-India artists to display their novel artistic creations by organising a group art exhibit *UTSAV-2 Celebration of Arts 2021* in New Delhi.

The art expo, the four-day art fest, will feature eminent artists, reputed professionals, and also budding artists displaying their novel artistic ideas and creations.

**When:** December 10-13, 10 am-7 pm (on all the days)  
**Where:** Visual Art Gallery, Habitat Center, Lodi Road, New Delhi



**THREADS OF TIME - THE MATERIAL MEMOIRS**

Gallery Espace presents a solo exhibition titled *Threads of Time - The Material Memoirs* of Puneet Kaushik. The show will feature the contemporary artist Kaushik's recent body of works made during the lockdown, consisting of mixed media installations and drawings made with steel wire, sequin dust, beads, thread, resin, nails, watercolour, handmade paper.

Gleaming with remnants of tangled memories-personal and collective, of clandestine lived encounters, and of sensuous pleasures of the material, the body of work on exhibit is biographical in a sense. It weaves collective and personal histories of a generation born into a world of the displaced in urban spaces, mindful excesses, economic inflation, Emergency of 1975-76, increasing rural-urban divide and the ever-separating chasm between the contemporary eyes that see only the surface and the traditional fingers in layers.

**When:** December 3, 2021 - January 12, 2022  
**Where:** Gallery Espace, 16, Community Center, Sujan Mahindra Road, New Friends Colony, near Surya Hotel, New Delhi

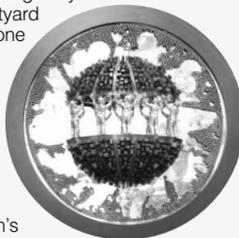


**BETWEEN BODY AND IMAGINATION, SHOVIN BHATTACHARJEE'S INNER QUEST**

*Between Body and Imagination, Shovin Bhattacharjee's Inner Quest* is an exhibition of sculptures, physical and digital installations which will be inaugurated in Dhoomimal's recently renovated and expanded gallery space including a courtyard and a sculpture court; one of the few that exist in the country.

Curated by the artist himself, the exhibition covers the works done over the period of the last four years and is an amalgamation of Shovin's thematic concerns. The artist celebrates humankind's ability to overcome adversary and survive despite the challenges.

**When:** December 4, 2021 - 10 January, 2022  
**Where:** Dhoomimal Gallery, G-42, Cannanught Place, New Delhi 110001





# INDIA DEMOLISH NZ BY 372 RUNS

## CLAIM SERIES 1-0

PTI ■ MUMBAI

India carried out a decimation of New Zealand, winning the second Test by a record-breaking 372-run margin to clinch the two-Test series 1-0 with comeback-man Jayant Yadav cleaning up the visiting team's lower half on the fourth morning here on Monday.

At exactly 10.13 am, 43 minutes to the start of the day, Ravichandran Ashwin (4/34) benefitted from a reflex stumping by Wriddhiman Saha and also completed his 300th wicket on Indian soil to finish the proceedings in a jiffy as New Zealand were all out for 167 in 56.3 overs.

The margin of victory is India's highest ever on home soil.

For a team that had fought tooth and nail in Kanpur, the extra bounce and turn did pose familiar problems for the Kiwis in a match they will try to remember for Ajaz Patel's 10-wicket heroics.

"I think it was good to finish the series as winners, came close in Kanpur, not able to get that last wicket, had to work

hard here.

This result seems one-sided, but right through the series, we were made to work hard," India coach Rahul Dravid said after the demolition act.

"There have been phases where we were behind and had to fight back, credit to the team. Great to see the boys stepping up and taking their opportunities," he added.

Funnily, Patel bowled 73.5 overs across two innings for New Zealand and his team, in total, batted 84.4 overs which would signify abject capitulation.

Apart from this, there was nothing much to write home about in an insipid performance from a usually gutsy side.

Starting the day at 140 for five, the victory target of 540 was simply out of reach for the Black Caps but Jayant, who had not looked in good rhythm on the third evening, suddenly found his mojo with a career-best spell of 14-4-49-4 having last played a Test match in 2017.

"In the morning, the mois-

ture in the wicket helped. You could see the difference between last evening and this morning, it was getting much more bite," Yadav said explaining his performance.

"It was just important to get the ball in the right areas," he added.

The win in which India ticked almost all the boxes save their middle-order woes will give skipper Virat Kohli lot of confidence going into the away series against South Africa starting in three weeks' time.

It was Yadav's first five-wicket haul in a Test and considering that he hasn't had a great run in first-class cricket, plagued by injuries and poor form, head coach Rahul Dravid's confidence in his abilities certainly bore fruit.

He didn't turn the ball a lot but bowling from Tata End, he used the rough to good effect as he pitched it on the cracks and got extra bounce bringing both inside and outside edges into the equation.

Rachin Ravindra edged one to second slip after he was drawn forward by the flight

while Kyle Jamieson tried to play an off-break on the back-foot to be plumb in-front. It was a delivery for which he should have used his giant stride to smother the spin.

Tim Southee went for a slogger's hoick to be bowled and Kanpur Test's hero Will Somerville gave a simple bat pad catch at forward short-leg.

While the series will definitely be a confidence booster but at the same time, everyone knows what awaits in South Africa and the most pressing issue will be the lack of form of three key batters in skipper Kohli, his vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane and No.3 Cheteshwar Pujara.

On current form, all three can't be accommodated in the playing eleven and with Shreyas Iyer and Shubman Gill showing good form and Hanuma Vihari, with some useful knocks, waiting in the wings, there are some tough selection calls to be taken.

Another concern is veteran pacer Ishant Sharma, who no longer fits in the four-pronged pace attack with Umesh Yadav and Mohammed Siraj way ahead of him.

PTI ■ DUBAI

India on Monday reclaimed the top spot in the ICC rankings after winning the two-match series against New Zealand, the reigning World Test Champions.

India beat New Zealand by 372 runs in the Mumbai Test on the fourth day after drawing the opening match in Kanpur.

India had lost to New Zealand in the World Test Championship final in June.

The Virat Kohli-led side now has 124 rating points and is followed by New Zealand (121), Australia (108), England (107), Pakistan (92), South Africa (88), Sri Lanka (83), West Indies (75), Bangladesh (49) and Zimbabwe (31).

On the WTC table, India are third with 42 points and win percentage of 58.33.

Sri Lanka lead the standings with two wins in as many games and Pakistan are second with win percentage of 66.66.

## ICC TEST RANKINGS As on Dec 6, 2021

Rank	Team	Matches	Points	Rating
1	India	28	3,465	124
2	New Zealand	25	3,021	121
3	Australia	17	1,844	108
4	England	35	3,753	107
5	Pakistan	27	2,481	92
6	South Africa	19	1,675	88
7	Sri Lanka	30	2,485	83
8	West Indies	33	2,480	75
9	Bangladesh	16	779	49
10	Zimbabwe	11	342	31

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## Abhishek wins men's singles title at Int'l Challenge

PTI ■ DHAKA

India's Abhishek Saini defeated compatriot Rithvik Sanjeevi in straight games in the summit clash to claim the men's singles title at the Bangladesh International Challenge badminton tournament here.

In the final played on Sunday, Saini beat Sanjeevi 21-15 21-18 in 34 minutes.

Earlier in the semifinals, Saini had quelled the challenge of fellow Indian Kartikey Gulshan Kumar 17-21 21-15 21-15, while Sanjeevi, a trainee of Hatsun Badminton Centre in Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu, edged out Indonesia's Sulistio Tegar 21-13 19-21 21-14.

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## B'desh, Pak 2nd test hit by rain; draw likely

AP ■ DHAKA

The third day of the second and final cricket test between Bangladesh and Pakistan was called off Monday due to persistent rain without a ball being bowled.

The announcement came about 90 minutes after the scheduled lunch break as there was no sign of an end to the rain that was caused by Cyclone Jawad. Rain has fallen heavily on each day of the match so far.

The third session of the first day was lost to rain and bad light and only 6.2 of 98 overs were possible on day two.

With more rain or thundershowers being predicted in many parts of Bangladesh in the next 24 hours, a draw looks like the only possible

result. Pakistan, which opted to bat first, reached 188-2 in 63.2 overs with captain Babar Azam batting on 71 and Azhar Ali on 52. Pakistan won the

first test by eight wickets and leads the two-match series 1-0. Earlier, the visitors swept the three-match T20 International series.

### कार्यालय, जिला मत्स्य पदाधिकारी-सह -मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, गढ़वा

#### समेकित मत्स्य पालन अन्तर्गत मछली-सह-बतख पालन हेतु आवेदन आमंत्रण सूचना

कृषि पशुपालन एवं सहकारिता विभाग (मत्स्य प्रभाग) के राज्यदेश संख्या 24 रा० (वि०) दिनांक 26.11.2021 के आलोक में गढ़वा जिले के मत्स्य कुपको को समेकित मत्स्य पालन की ओर उन्मुख करने तथा उनकी आय में बढ़ोतरी हेतु निजी तथा सरकारी क्षेत्र के लिए राज्य योजनाअन्तर्गत समेकित मत्स्य पालन योजना के तहत मछली-सह-बतख पालन की योजना है, इस योजना अन्तर्गत गढ़वा जिले को भौतिक लक्ष्य निम्नवत् है :-

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- नियम व शर्तें :-
- एक एकड़ अथवा उससे बड़े जलक्षेत्र के तालाबों को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी। किन्तु एक स्थल/लामुको पर एक युनिट (160 डकलिंग) ही स्वीकृत किया जायेगा।
  - आजोआओ/आजोआओ के लिए भी प्रति स्थल अधिकतम दो इकाई की परियोजना होगी एवं लामुको अंशदान वहाँ कार्यरत लामुको समूह / आजोआओ द्वारा वहन किया जायेगा।
  - लामुको का अपना निजी तालाब अथवा वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 से तीन वर्षों के लिए लीज पर होना आवश्यक है।
  - प्रस्तावित स्थल आबादी के नजदीक हो एवं जिला मुख्यालय के नजदीक के लामुको को प्राथमिकता दी जायेगी।
  - लामुको के अंशदान तथा अनुदान की प्रथम किस्त की राशि से बतख घर (Duck House) का निर्माण, Starter feed/ Medicines तथा Duckling के क्रय किये जायेंगे। (Duck House) लामुको द्वारा स्थानीय स्तर पर बनवाया जायेगा।
  - 0.2 हे० जलक्षेत्र पर मछली-सह-बतख पालन योजना के लिए राज्य सरकार के अंशदान की राशि समानुपातिक रूप से लामुको होगी। उपयुक्त विवरण एवं शर्तों के अधीन इच्छुक सुयोग्य मत्स्य पालकों / RFF समूह से विहित प्रपत्र में दिनांक 24.12.2021 अप० 5:00 बजे तक जिला मत्स्य कार्यालय, गढ़वा में आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। आवेदन का प्रपत्र कार्यालय में नि:शुल्क उपलब्ध है।

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#### द्वारा आयोजित राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत

(दिनांक 11 वीं दिसम्बर 2021 शनिवार पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से कार्य समाप्ति तक)

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग द्वारा दिनांक 11.12.2021 को 11.00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत का आयोजन PHYSICAL MODE द्वारा किया जायेगा। अतः आप सभी पक्षकारों से निवेदन है कि आपस में अपने-अपने वादों का निस्तारण PHYSICAL MODE से राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत के माध्यम से करायें एवं इस अवसर का लाभ उठायें। (यहाँ यह उल्लेखनीय है कि दिनांक 06 दिसम्बर 2021 से 10 दिसम्बर 2021 तक न्यायालय एवं स्थाई लोक अदालत के समक्ष समझौतापूर्वक बैठक के लिए PHYSICAL MODE या अपने अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से अपने मामले को सूचीबद्ध करा सकते हैं।)

उक्त राष्ट्रीय लोक अदालत में निस्तारण योग्य वाद निम्नवत् हैं:-

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विद्युत अधिनियम के वाद	बिजली से संबंधित मामले
विवाहोत्तर प्रताड़ना के वाद	बौमा कंपनी के दावों से संबंधित मामले
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अंतिम प्रपत्र से संबंधित वाद	भूमि अधिग्रहण के मामले
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छोटे आपराधिक वाद (माप-तौल), वन विभाग, उत्पाद विभाग, ट्रैफिक चालान के मामले	पारिवारिक विवाद के मामले
बैंक ऋण के मामले	सर्विस से संबंधित मामले एवं अन्य सभी प्रकार के प्री-लिटिगेशन मामले।

इस संबंध में अधिक जानकारी हेतु मो० सं०- 9939201624 पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं एवं विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु कार्यालय: जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, व्यवहार न्यायालय, हजारीबाग से संपर्क करें।

पुलिस अधीक्षक सह सदस्य, उपायुक्त सह उपाध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, हजारीबाग प्रधान जिला एवं सत्र न्यायाधीश सह अध्यक्ष जिला विधिक सेवा प्राधिकार, प्रमारी हजारीबाग

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## Barcelona, AC Milan among teams seeking last-16 spots in CL



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Barcelona's first Champions League campaign without Lionel Messi in nearly two decades may come to an end in the group stage if it doesn't find a way to beat Bayern Munich on Wednesday.

It would be the first time since the 2003-04 season that the Catalan club didn't play in the knockout stage of the competition. Barcelona is second to Bayern in Group E, and two points ahead of third-place Benfica.

But a draw or a loss in Germany would allow Benfica to advance with a home win against already eliminated Dynamo Kyiv. Atlético Madrid is another Spanish club in danger of not advancing, as it sits last in Group B.

It has to win at second-place Porto on Tuesday and hope that AC Milan draws or loses at home against group-winner Liverpool.

Villarreal can advance in Group F on Wednesday if it avoids defeat at Atalanta, which will move on with a win. In Group G, Lille, Salzburg, Sevilla and Wolfsburg can still advance, with Lille and Salzburg needing draws. Lille is at Wolfsburg and Salzburg plays Sevilla.

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