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## Farmers unable to find lacuna in farm laws: Tomar

Despite that Govt willing to amend laws, says Union Agriculture Minister

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the Opposition mounted pressure on the Centre in Parliament to repeal the three farm laws, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday said the Government is willing to amend them. At the same time he insisted there were no discrepancies in the laws.

Making this assertion in the Rajya Sabha, he also said the various kisan unions now agitating at the borders of the national Capital were unable, so far, to pinpoint any lacuna in the laws during the 11 rounds of talks.

Insisting that the new laws were meant to increase the income of the farmers and improve their standard of living, in an obvious reference to Punjab, Tomar said farmers from one State were "misled and misinformed".

He said while the Contract Act now practised in Punjab provided for arresting the defaulting farmers besides imposing a penalty of ₹5 lakh, the Central law gave protection to them. Elaborating upon this, the Minister said a farmer at any time can opt out of the Central Contract Act, but the corporate or business entity with whom the contract was arrived at cannot do so.

Highlighting these points while participating in a discussion on the President's address, Tomar reiterated the Government's assurance for

continuing talks to resolve the issue. He also said if the Government wanted to make any changes in these laws, it didn't mean there was any problem with them. "I made it clear that if Govt was ready to make amendments, it did not mean there was any problem in farm laws," he said.

The Minister also said there was misinformation spread among the farmers that their lands will be taken if the laws were implemented. "Let me know if there is a single provision in contract farming law which allows any trader to snatch away the land of any farmer," he said.

Tomar informed the House that the Government was committed to welfare of farmers and to the continuation of the mandi system of procurement of crops on minimum support price (MSP) based mechanism.

The laws give farmers alternatives to sell their produce outside mandis, and unlike the State Government notified market places, such sale would not attract any tax.

"The agitation should have been against the tax levied (by state government) on sale made in mandis but strangely the protests are against freeing of the system from such taxes," Tomar said.

Taking a dig at the Opposition for terming the legislations as "black laws," he said during the last two months of talks with the farmers not

even a single black point was brought out by the farmers representatives.

With regard to the MSP which has been the key issue of the farmers' movement, the Minister said it was being provided at 50 per cent more than the production cost and the Centre ensured that requisite investment reaches the agriculture sector.

Tomar reiterated the PM is committed towards the welfare of farmers and efforts were on to double their income and also increase the contribution of agriculture towards the country's GDP rapidly. Under this year's Union Budget, the Centre had allocated an amount of Rs 2.83 lakh crore for agriculture with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman adding that the MSP regime underwent a change to assure price to farmers that is at least 1.5 times the cost of production across all commodities.

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Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar talks to the media at Parliament House complex during ongoing Budget Session in New Delhi on Friday PTI

## Farm panel talks with State agri marketing boards, pvt mandis

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

While farmers unions are readying for pan India chakka jam from 12 to 3 pm on Saturday in protest against farm laws, the Supreme Court-appointed expert committee on Friday held discussion with representatives of State agriculture marketing board, private mandis operators and food parks of 10 States, including Kerala, over the three farm laws and sought their comments and suggestions to further improve it.

The meeting was held through video conferencing.

This was the fifth round of talks with stakeholders engaged in agriculture. The committee members will hold deliberations with industry bodies on February 9. The committee is scheduled to meet State Governments on February 11.

The three-member committee is holding consultations with stakeholders both online and in person. The protesting farmers groups have refused to meet the committee over the farm laws.

In a statement, the committee said it held a detailed discussion "in person" with managing directors, administrators, directors of State marketing boards, private mandi operators and food parks of different States and UTs through video conferencing.

These officials were from 10 States — Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh. The committee members requested the participants to give their views on the three farm laws.

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Police personnel set up barricades at Ghazipur border ahead of farmers' proposed Chakka Jam against the Centre's three agri laws in New Delhi on Friday PTI

## Delhi Police seeks from Google IP address of stir toolkit poster

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Ahead of chakka jam proposed by farmers, the Delhi Police have made adequate security arrangements at borders of the national Capital.

Meanwhile investigating the toolkit document uploaded on a social media handle which the Delhi Police believe scripted the January 26 violence in the Capital, the police have sought from Google the IP

address from which the toolkit was uploaded.

Police Commissioner SN Shrivastava held a meeting with the senior officials of the force and reviewed the security arrangements. The police will monitor content on the social media to keep tabs on those spreading rumours against the force.

"In view of the violence that took place on January 26, adequate security arrangements have been put in place by the

Delhi Police at the borders so that miscreants are not able enter the national Capital. Police teams are monitoring content on the social media to make sure rumours are not spread against the police. The protesters are camping at the borders of Delhi. We are in touch with the police force of other States also," said Chinmoy Biswal, the Public Relation Officer (PRO) of Delhi Police.

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### CAPSULE

#### 5 INDO-NEPAL BORDER BRIDGES REOPEN

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#### FIRST THUNDERSTORM TESTBED IN BALASORE

**Bhubaneswar:** Odisha's Balasore will get the country's first thunderstorm research testbed, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said. The objective of setting up the thunderstorm testbed is to minimise human fatalities and loss of property due to lightning strikes.

#### 'US WILL NOT HESITATE TO RAISE COST ON RUSSIA'

**Washington:** US President Joe Biden on Thursday said the days of his country rolling over in the face of Russia's aggressive actions are over and warned Moscow that his administration will not hesitate to raise the cost on it. P8

## 1 more chance for IAS aspirants whose last bid exhausted in 2020

But no relaxation for those who crossed maximum age limit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The UPSC civil services aspirants, who ended the last of the attempts in the 2020 examinations amid the Covid-19 pandemic will get one more chance provided they are not age-barred. The Centre on Friday told the Supreme Court that it is agreeable to give an extra chance as a one-time relaxation.

"Relaxation, only to the extent of providing one extra attempt for Civil Service Examination (CSE), specifically limited to CSE-2021, may be granted to only those candidates who appeared for CSE-2020 as their last permissible attempt and are otherwise not age-barred from appearing in CSE-2021," the Centre told a

bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar and comprising Justice Dinesh Maheshwari.

In a note filed in the SC, the Centre said that no relaxation shall be granted for CSE-2021 to those candidates who have not exhausted their permissible number of attempts or to those who are otherwise age-barred from appearing in CSE-2021 as per the prescribed age limits of different categories, or to any other candidate for any other reasons.

"This relaxation for the candidates and to the extent as prescribed above, shall be a one-time relaxation only and shall apply only for appearing in CSE-2021 and shall not be treated as a precedent," it said.

The Centre said the relaxation "shall not create any vested right whatsoever or any other purported right on ground of parity or otherwise, in favour of any other set/class of candidates at any time in the future."

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## Pfizer withdraws plea for jab emergency use nod

Expert Committee had recommended against approval

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Those looking for Pfizer developed mRNA-based vaccine against Covid-19 will have to wait. Just two days before the pharma major announced the withdrawal of its application for the emergency use authorisation of its Covid-19 vaccine in India, an expert panel of the country's drugs regulatory authority recommended against granting such approval to the firm at this stage.

Pfizer had said it has decided to withdraw its application for emergency use authorisation of its Covid-19 vaccine in India.

The first pharmaceutical firm to seek such authorisation from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), Pfizer on December 5



approached the Indian authorities for its Covid-19 vaccine, after it secured such clearance in the UK and Bahrain.

As of now, two vaccines — Covishield, manufactured by Serum Institute of India, and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin — have been approved for restricted emergency use in India.

On February 3, the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) deliberated on Pfizer's application.

The firm presented its proposal for emergency use authorisation of Covid-19 mRNA

vaccine BNT162b before the committee, an official said.

"The committee noted that incidents of palsy, anaphylaxis and other SAEs have been reported during post-marketing and the causality of the events with the vaccine is being investigated.

"Further, the firm has not proposed any plan to generate safety and immunogenicity data in the Indian population. After detailed deliberation, the committee has not recommended for grant of permission for emergency use in the country at this stage," states the recommendations of the SEC.

A Pfizer company spokesperson in a statement said that in pursuance of the emergency use authorisation of its Covid-19 vaccine, the firm participated in the SEC meeting.

"Based on the deliberations at the meeting and our understanding of additional information that the regulator may need, the company has decided to withdraw its application at this time," the spokesperson said.

## Day after resigning as Speaker, Nana Patole made Maha Cong prez

Unease among MVA constituents

PNS ■ NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

The Congress on Friday effected immediate change in the Maharashtra Congress unit with former Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Nana Patole appointed as the president of Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC). He replaces Balasaheb Thorat, who holds the Revenue portfolio in the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government.

Patole, the MLA from Sakoli in Bhandara district, had resigned as the Speaker of Maharashtra Assembly on Thursday, creating a new scramble among the constituents of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) Government.

A delegation of Congress Ministers, headed by Thorat, had recently met the party leadership in Delhi.



Patole, an influential leader from the Vidarbha region, was made the Speaker after the Shiv Sena, the NCP and the Congress joined the ranks to form an alliance Government in November 2019. Patole represents Sakoli (Bhandara district) Assembly seat in the Legislative Assembly.

Further, former Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde's daughter Pranati has been appointed as the working president.

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## RBI keeps policy rates intact at 4%, vows to support eco growth

RBI pegs GDP growth at 10.5% next fiscal year

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday kept interest rates on hold for the fourth time in a row but vowed to support growth as long as it is needed even as it began withdrawing some pandemic-era policies. While the Union Budget 2021 earlier this week laid out an expansive fiscal strategy over the medium term to strengthen the growth engine in the economy, the RBI affirmed its support to such a plan through appropriate monetary tools.

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) kept the repo rate or policy rate unchanged at 4 per cent, Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

Consequently, the reverse repo rate will continue to earn 3.35 per cent for banks for their deposits kept with the RBI.

The central banks had last year cut borrowing costs by 115 basis points before hitting the pause button in mid-2020 over inflation worries.

All six members of the MPC voted to continue with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth and mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the economy while ensuring that inflation remains within the target.

Signalling rollback of pandemic-era policies, the RBI announced an increase in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) — the amount of deposits lenders must set aside as reserves — to 3.5 per cent by March and to 4 per cent by May.

The cash returning to the central bank can be used by it for open market operations and other liquidity measures.

To absorb higher government borrowings, the central bank provided retail investors a direct option to invest in government securities.

Acknowledging the strengthening signs of recovery, the RBI applauded the Union Budget for providing a strong impetus for revival while stating that the near-term inflation outlook has turned favourable.

RBI expects Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for next year to grow by 10.5 per cent, a tad lower than 11 per cent predicted by the Governments Economic Survey last week. The growth compares to an estimated 7.7 per cent contraction in the economy during the current fiscal ending March 31.

The inflation forecasts are pointing to a decline from 5.2 per cent in March 2020 to 5-5.2 per cent in H1-FY22 and 4.3 per cent in Q3.

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**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA**

**Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Review**

**Highlights**

- Interest rates left unchanged for 4th time in a row
- Short-term lending rate (repo) stands at 4%
- Decides to continue with accommodative stance as long as necessary
- Indian economy is poised to move in only one direction and that is upwards
- GDP growth at 10.5% for 2021-22
- Revises retail inflation outlook, 5.2% for Q4:2020-21, 5% in H1:2021-22 & 4.3% for Q3:2021-22
- Union Budget has provided strong impetus for revival of sectors like health, infrastructure
- Restoring CRR to 4% in two phases beginning Mar 2021

- Proposes to provide funds from banks under TLTRO on Tap scheme to NBFCs for incremental lending
- Announces new scheme to incentivise new credit flow to MSME
- Setting up panel to provide a medium term road map for strengthening of Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks
- Retail investors to get direct access to govt. securities market, with this India will join select countries providing such facility
- Round-the-clock helpline for digital payment services to be set-up for grievance redressal
- Integrate all Ombudsman schemes & introduce centralised processing of grievances



PTI GRAPHICS

## 4G mobile internet to be restored in whole of J&K

UT admin gives permission after feedback from security services

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

After keeping it suspended for 551-long days, the Union Government has finally decided to restore high speed mobile internet services (4G) in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

Confirming the much awaited positive development, spokesman of the Jammu & Kashmir Government and Principal Secretary of Power and Information department Rohit Kansal on Friday evening tweeted, "4G mobile internet services being restored in the entire J&K".



High-speed mobile internet was earlier restored in two districts — one each from Kashmir Valley and the Jammu province — almost a year after the services were suspended throughout the erstwhile State. Reacting to the positive development, former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah wrote a cheerful post, "4G Mubarak! For the first time since Aug 2019 all of J&K will have 4G mobile data. Better late than never".

The student and business community suffered the most due to absence of high speed mobile internet facilities in J&K.

The chief of BJP unit in Jammu & Kashmir, Ravinder Raina, had dropped clear hints during the day claiming the 4G mobile internet services would be restored soon across Jammu and Kashmir.

# 26/11 Mumbai attack accused opposes extradition to India

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman Tahawwur Rana, a key accused in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack, has opposed his extradition to India, arguing that he has previously been acquitted of the offences for which his extradition is sought.



Tahawwur Rana

Rana, 59, a childhood friend of David Coleman Headley, was re-arrested on June 10 in Los Angeles on an extradition request by India for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack in which 166 people, including six Americans, were killed. He has been declared a fugitive by India.

Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist Headley was involved in plotting the 2008 Mumbai terror attack. He was made an approver in the case, and is currently serving a 35-year prison term in the US for his role in the attack.

The motion in opposition of Rana's extradition was filed by his attorneys early this week before the US District Court Judge in Los Angeles Jacqueline Chelonian.

Rana's extradition is barred under Article 6 of the United States-India extradition treaty with India because he has previously been acquitted of the offences for which extradition is sought, and under Article 9 of the Treaty because the government has not established a probable cause to believe that Rana committed the alleged offences, his attorneys argued.

The US government, which is supporting his extradition, expected to file its

motion soon.

"This is the rarest of cases: the government seeks to extradite Tahawwur Rana to India to face the death penalty based on alleged criminal conduct for which an American jury acquitted him," Rana's attorneys said.

"The US Government seeks to accomplish this inequitable result by reading... double jeopardy, provision of the extradition treaty contrary to its text, to international and Indian law, to the interpretation the government gave that provision in its plea agreement with Rana's alleged co-conspirator, David Headley, and even to United States double jeopardy principles," they said.

The Government relies for its required showing of probable cause on the very witness — Headley — whose testimony the American jury rejected. The court should dismiss the extradition complaint and deny the request for extradition, they argued.

# India engaged constructively to ensure UNSC's statement on Myanmar was not 'condemnatory'

PTI ■ UNITED NATIONS

India engaged constructively and acted as an "important bridge" during deliberations over the UN Security Council's statement on the situation in Myanmar, ensuring it strongly underlined the importance of the democratic process and transition while not being "condemnatory" in nature, sources said.

In a press statement, agreed by consensus, the 15-nation Council expressed "deep concern" at the declaration of the state of emergency imposed in Myanmar by the military on February 1 and the "arbitrary detention" of members of the Government, including State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and President Win Myint.

The Council, the most powerful organ of the world organisation, issued the press statement on the situation in Myanmar on Thursday, three days after the military seized power in the Southeast Asian

nation in a bloodless coup and detained top political leaders.

The Council members called for the immediate release of all those detained. India, into the second month of its tenure as non-permanent Council member, engaged "very constructively" during deliberations over the press statement. Sources told PTI that India played the role of an "important bridge", bringing together various views and wanted to ensure an outcome which was balanced. It also wanted a statement which was not "condemnatory" in nature, but one which helped the process and not become counter-productive.

Sources pointed out that India engaged actively with all the parties, a role that has been appreciated by the UK and others.

India's articulated positions on the situation, stated publicly as well, have been taken on board in the press statement.

# Property rates in Delhi to go down as Govt reduces circle rate by 20%

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Friday announced to reduce the current circle rate on residential/commercial and industrial properties by a flat of 20 per cent across all categories of colonies in the national Capital till September 30, 2021.

These will bring a major financial relief to the buyers residing in and around Delhi. The decision was taken in the council of ministers chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. "In the interest of the people, the Delhi government has decided to reduce the circle rates by 20%. While we are slowly recovering from the economic contraction in the post-Covid era, it is the duty of our government to take all steps to further reduce the financial burden on the common man," Kejriwal said.

Deputy Chief Minister and Finance minister in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) cabinet, Manish Sisodia took to tweet to share the decision taken

**The economy by and large at the national level, in general, and the real estate sector, in particular, have witnessed huge slump due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic**

in Cabinet and tweeted: "A big decision by Hon CM @ArvindKejriwal. Circle Rates of Residential/Commercial/Industrial Properties in Delhi reduced by 20% across all categories for next 6 months. This would be a big relief for people willing to buy property and a big boost up for Real estate sector."

Revenue Minister Kailash Gahlot, who was present in the meeting said "We are facing tough times, and as an accountable Government, we understand it is our duty to give maximum impetus to ensure the economy bounces back. This would require infrastructure, which is our biggest immovable asset, to pick pace. This reduc-

tion in Circle rates is a welcome step by our CM, and I hope this encourages more people to transact in real estate and avoid the stagnancy that would otherwise have occurred."

According to revenue department, a reduction of 20% in the circle rate would have an impact close to reduction by one percent in the stamp duty or registration charges.

The economy by and large at the national level, in general, and the real estate sector, in particular, have witnessed huge slump due to the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic.

"Lakhs of construction workers have lost their jobs. While Kejriwal government has already provided direct monetary relief of Rs 10,000 for construction workers of Delhi, there was a need to revive the real estate sector and get the lost jobs back. Today's decision of Delhi Cabinet will help begin the long term recovery in the real estate sector," Delhi government said.

# Odisha's Balasore to get country's first thunderstorm research testbed

Bhubaneswar: Odisha's Balasore will get the country's first thunderstorm research testbed, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said. The objective of setting up the thunderstorm testbed is to minimise human fatalities and loss of property due to lightning strikes.

IMD Director-General Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, while speaking with a private television channel, also revealed that a first-of-its-kind monsoon testbed is also being planned near Bhopal. Both the projects are in the planning stage and detailed project reports are being made, he said.

He said the thunderstorm testbed will be established in a collaboration between the Ministry of Earth Sciences, IMD, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). "The IMD, ISRO and DRDO already have their units in Balasore. Observatories will be set up to cater to nearby areas and studies on thunderstorms will be conducted on the testbed," he said.

# 5 bridges on Indo-Nepal border reopen

Pithoragarh: Five bridges on the Indo-Nepal border in Pithoragarh district reopened on Friday after remaining closed for over 10 months due to the coronavirus lockdown. District Magistrate VK Jigdande issued an order to this effect on Friday.

The subdivisional magistrates of Dharchula,

Pithoragarh and Didihat, and the SSB battalions guarding the Indo-Nepal border have been instructed to open all five border bridges in view of the latest guidelines by the Centre, Jigdande said.

The Nepal government had issued orders to open these bridges last week itself. PTI

# Farm panel...

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"All the stakeholders gave their valuable views and suggestions on the three farm laws," the committee said. In the previous meetings held on February 3 and 4, the committee members held discussions with 32 farmers' groups and small farmer producer organizations (FPOs) from nine States including West Bengal.

The other States were Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. The committee said, "Representatives of few farmers' unions participated in the meeting in person." The committee has also invited comments, views and suggestions from the public and all stakeholders engaged in the agriculture activities including dairying and fisheries on the three laws by February 20. The committee comprises agricultural economists Ashok Gulati and Dr Pramod Joshi, and Shethkari Sangathana President Anil Ghanwat. The SC had on January 12 set up the committee to give a report to the court on the farm laws following consultations with all stakeholders. The SC had also stayed the implementation of three farm laws.

# Day after resigning as Speaker, Nana Patole made Maha Cong prez

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Besides Pranati, the Congress leadership also appointed Shivaji Rao Moge, Basavaraj Patil, Mohamed Arif Naseem, Kunal Rohidas Patil and Chandrakhan Handore as the working president of the party's Maharashtra unit.

"The party appreciates the contributions of outgoing PCC president, Balasaheb Thorat and outgoing working presidents and vice presidents," party's general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal said in a statement.

The party also appointed 10 vice presidents. They are Shirish Madhukarrao Chaudhari, Ramesh Ananda Rao Bagwe, Husain Dalwai, Mohan Joshi, Ranjit Pratap Kamble, Kailash Krishnarao Gorantyal, BI Nagarale, Sharad Aher, MM Shaik and Manik Motiram Jagtap.

Having a chequered political career, Patole was a

Congress MLA for 3 consecutive terms - from 1999-2014 - before he left the party to join BJP. Contesting the 2014 Lok Sabha elections on a BJP ticket, he emerged as a giant killer by defeating NCP heavy weight Praful Patel, who is a close confidant of NCP President Sharad Pawar.

Popularly known as 'Nana Bhai', the aggressive Patole was the earliest and first to openly revolt against Prime Minister Narendra Modi after which he resigned as BJP MP from Bhandara-Gondiya in 2017. However, in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, he was trounced from the Nagpur seat by Vidarbha BJP stalwart and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari. The party also formed a Parliamentary Board in the State with 37 members, a Strategy, Screening and Coordination Committee for the upcoming local bodies elections.

# Delhi Police...

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"To prevent any kind of law and order situation and disruption of normal life during the 'chakka jam', adequate forces are being deployed across the outer-north district. Police have a very high security arrangement at Singhu at present but for Saturday, police is strengthening it at the border," said a senior police official.

"Forces are deployed at all important points in the entire outer-north district of the Delhi Police as a preventative measure to ensure that traffic and normal life is not affected, and also to ensure that there is no law and order situation or unauthorised chakka jam being done by violating norms," he said. Talking about the security arrangement in East district, Deepak Yadav, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), East district said the protesting farmers have said they will not enter the national Capital, but still as a precautionary measure, police have made adequate

security arrangements to maintain law and order.

"Adequate police presence will be in place at all important points and junctions across the district. There will be additional deployment of pickets at all the border points. All vehicles will be checked thoroughly at the entry and exit points of pickets and borders. Additional buses have already been taken and extra barricades are being put up at the picket points across the city," said the DCP. Another senior police official from east district of the Delhi Police said as a precautionary measure, iron nails studded on the roads have also been repositioned behind the barricades at the Ghazipur border, another protest site. Farmer unions on Monday had announced a countrywide chakka jam on February 6 when they would block national and State highways for three hours in protest against the internet ban in areas near their agitation sites, harassment allegedly meted out to them by authorities, and other issues.

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

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02	68/28.1.21	PHED 126172	Appointment of Third Party Inspection Agencies (TIAs) for inspection of works to be implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Districts Sagar, Khurda & Damoh under Sagar Circle. (Group D)	506.00	5,06,000/-	20,000/-	Second	36 Months
03	69/28.1.21	PHED 126173	Appointment of Third Party Inspection Agencies (TIAs) for inspection of works to be implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Districts Shivpur, Guna & Ashok Nagar under Gwalior Circle. (Group B)	296.00	2,96,000/-	15,000/-	Second	36 Months
04	70/28.1.21	PHED 126174	Appointment of Third Party Inspection Agencies (TIAs) for inspection of works to be implemented under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Districts Tikamgarh & Niwari under Panna Circle. (Group E)	255.00	2,55,000/-	15,000/-	Second	36 Months

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# Farmers unable...

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Earlier, several Opposition members urged the Prime Minister to take the initiative to break the logjam and reach out to the farmers. Congress leaders Partap Singh Bajwa and Anand Sharma said it the right time for Modi to show statesmanship and large heartedness by withdrawing the laws. Bajwa said it was inhuman to cut off electricity and water supply to the sites where the farmers were agitating at the borders. Referring to the 1971 war with Pakistan, he said more than 93,000 Pakistani prisoners of war (POW) were given food and living facilities by India. However, in the present instance, putting up barricades resembled

concentration camps, the Congress leader said. His party colleague Mallikarjun Kharge said the UPA regime paid more MSP to the farmers as compared to the NDA rule. Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa (kali Dal) urged the Prime Minister to opt for a "respectful way" to approach the agitating farmers and end the impasse. Incidentally, the marathon 15-hour discussion in the Upper house on Motion of Thanks to Presidents Address that lasted over three days concluded as scheduled on Friday. This is one of the longest such debates with high participation of members. It included 18 members from BJP, five of Congress and 27 from other parties participated in the marathon debate. The Prime Minister is likely to reply on Monday after Question Hour.

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# RBI keeps interest rates...

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The outlook on growth, Das said, has improved significantly with positive growth impulses becoming more broad-based and the rollout of the vaccination programme in the country auguring well for the end of the pandemic. The economy had contracted by 23.9 per cent in the April-June period of last year and by 7.5 per cent in the following three months. "... going forward, the Indian economy is poised to move in only one direction and that is upwards," Das said while unveiling the bi-monthly monetary policy. "Although the RBI did not tinker with the policy rate in its meeting held on February 5, 2021, there was expectation that the RBI may unwind some of the regulatory relaxation given to the banks earlier to overcome the COVID-19 impact." India Ratings said in its comments on the monetary policy decisions. The developmental measures announced by the RBI included the inclusion of NBFCs in the on tap TLTRO (Targeted Long Term Repo Operations) scheme, the incentive to banks to lend to new MSME borrowers through a lower CRR requirement and further deferment of capital conservation buffer. The RBI Governor said the economy's growth outlook had improved and that inflation was expected to remain less than the central banks upper target of 6 per cent over the next few quarters. "Given that inflation has returned within the tolerance band, the MPC judged that the need of the hour is to continue to support growth, assuage the impact of COVID-19 and return the economy to a higher growth trajectory," he said. "The RBI stands committed to ensure the availability of ample liquidity in the system and thereby foster congenial

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"As per the suggestion of this court, the Union of India is agreeable for the following ex-gratia, one-time, restricted relaxation to be granted to the prospective candidates, subject to the same being part of a consent order, disposing off the petition," the note, filed by Additional Solicitor General S V Raju, said.

The bench told Raju to circulate the note and asked the petitioners to file their responses to it. The top court said it would hear the matter on February 8. The bench is hearing a plea seeking grant of one more chance in the UPSC's civil services exam to those aspirants who could not appear in their last attempt in 2020 due to the pandemic.

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Versus  
Mr. Ashwani Sharma & Ors. .... Defendants

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For Registrar

# No chakka jam in UP, U'khand: Tikait

STAFF REPORTER ■ GHAZIABAD

There will be no chakka jam in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand on February 6 said Rakesh Tikait, the spokesperson of Bharatiya Kisan Union on Friday. He said that the farmers will give a memorandum at the district headquarters in Uttarakhand.

On Friday, a meeting was held between the farmers

union leader Rakesh Tikait and the Kisan Andolan Sangharsh Morcha leader Balbir Singh Rajewal at the Ghazipur border in which detailed discussions and action plans were discussed on the nationwide 'chakka jam' called by Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM).

Tikait informed that the harvesting of wheat in Haryana and Punjab is almost in the final stage, where the bandh

call will continue as before. "It has been decided not to invoke the bandh in Uttar Pradesh," he said.

Farmer unions on Monday had announced a countrywide 'chakka jam' on February 6 when they would block national and state highways for three hours in protest against the internet ban in areas near their agitation sites, harassment allegedly meted out to them by authorities, and other issues.

Earlier, while issuing the guidelines regarding the chakka jam, the SKM issued a statement in which they stated that will block only the national and state highways across the country from 12 noon to 3 PM.

"The protesters will make way for emergency and essential services like ambulance, school bus, etc. Farmers and other protesters will ensure that the chakka jam remains completely peaceful and non-

violent. Farmers have been asked not to indulge in any conflict with the government official or ordinary citizens," SKM stated.

"The chakka jam will conclude at 3 PM by indicating the unity of farmers, by blowing the vehicle horn continuously for 1 minute. We also appeal to the public to join in at 3 pm to express their support and solidarity with our annadatas," the SKM further stated.



BKU leader Rakesh Tikait raises slogan Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan during the ongoing protest against new farm laws, at Ghazipur border of New Delhi on Friday

## Two held for stabbing man to death

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested a man while a juvenile has been apprehended for allegedly stabbing a 45-year-old person to death following a quarrel between them over a petty issue.

Police said that the victim identified as Manoj Kumar Jha who was in the transportation business, was stabbed to death by Abhishek Sharma (18) and the juvenile on January 31, a day after they had a quarrel with the deceased.

"A case was registered and using technical surveillance and information, the accused along with the juvenile were nabbed on Wednesday. During interrogation, both the accused confessed that they had a quarrel with the deceased over a petty issue on January 30 following which they planned to kill him. When they saw Jha alone at a vacant plot on January 31, they stabbed him multiple times," said Santosh Kumar Meena, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Dwarka.

"Jha was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead. Police have recovered the knife and the clothes worn by the accused during the crime," he added.

## G'gram cops on alert in view of farmers' road blockade

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

The Gurugram Police has been put on high alert in view of the farmer's threat of blocking toll plazas, state and national highways in protest against the three agricultural laws on February 6.

The blockade is scheduled to take place for three hours - 12 am to 3 pm.

The Gurugram police has intensified security and has deployed huge police force on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway (NH-48), Kundli-Manesar-Palwal (KMP) Expressway, Kheri Daula toll plaza on the NH-48 and state highways.

All the Assistant Commissioner of police

(ACPs) and Deputy Commissioner of police (DCPs) have been asked to ensure patrolling in their respective areas. Police presence has been increased along the border areas and near the Kheri Daula toll plaza.

"The protesters have announced to block the highways for three hours on Saturday. The Gurugram district is peaceful since the beginning of the farmer's agitation and till now no untoward incident was occurred across the city but we beefed up security arrangements to maintain peace in Gurugram," said K K Rao, police commissioner Gurugram.

The police officers said Delhi-Jaipur Highway and

KMP Expressway are the lifeline. If these two stretches disturb for a few minutes, then it affects every area. In view of this, the Gurugram police have deployed force along with the stretch, the police said.

Meanwhile, Rao directed the entire police force including senior police officials to ensure that law and order in the district is maintained.

In his directions, Rao said that law and order should not be disrupted at any cost.

According to official strict instructions have been issued in the Gurugram district adjoining the national capital as a precautionary measure.

Apart from this, Gurugram Police said they have intensified their security arrangements and special instructions have been given to the police force to keep a vigil on suspicious elements.

"Policemen have also been deployed in uniform and plain-clothes in all the crowded areas including Sadar Bazar. The police strength has been increased around metro stations, railway stations, bus stands, crowded places and also on the Delhi-Jaipur expressway, state highways and border area connection the national capital to ensure law and order," said Rao.



## Chadha reviews Summer Action Plan

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to provide uninterrupted water supply in the national Capital, Delhi Jal Board (DJB) Vice Chairman Raghav Chadha reviewed the preparation of the 2021 Summer Action Plan.

"The DJB is working on a comprehensive plan to ensure uninterrupted water. A meticulous plan is underway to address vulnerable areas in Delhi, reduce unaccounted water consumption, come up with a solid strategy for water augmentation, cater to dry areas, augment the existing piped water network and a lot more to ensure nobody faces any water shortages in the upcoming summer," he said.

The Vice Chairman further said, "We have to prepare for every possible contingency with respect to water. Every summer, demand for water naturally increases and DJB is on its way to meeting such demand. The DJB will be optimising all available resources in order to augment water supply and production and to ensure Delhi residents don't face any sort of water crisis this year."

## Kingpin of Ponzy scheme arrested for duping people

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Delhi Police has arrested a kingpin of a ponzy scheme who had duped over 100 people.

The accused has been identified as Sanjeev Upadhyay, a resident of Adarsh Nagar area in Delhi. Police said that they had last year arrested his partner, Arun Agnihotri while Sanjeev was on run.

According to Dr O P Mishra, the Joint Commissioner of Police, EOW, more than 130 complainants alleged that Sanjeev and Arun Agnihotri who have been running a partnership firm in the name and style of Great India

Expo, induced them to invest in the said alleged firm with 200 per cent assured return on monthly basis.

"On the basis of their false and lucrative representation, a large number of public fell in the trap of accused persons and invested their hard earned money in the above said alleged firm. When the alleged collected a huge amount from the victims/public, they deliberately stopped the payment of monthly returns, shut down their office premises, switched off their phones and ran away," said the Joint CP.

"A case was registered and during investigation, the RBI confirmed that the alleged firm Great India Expo has not been

authorized for functioning as NBFC or for collecting money from the public at large or to float any such scheme," said the Joint CP.

"The accused, Arun was arrested on August 5, 2020 while despite numerous notices, Sanjeev deliberately did not join the investigation. Raids were conducted at his available address in Delhi and outside. He could not be located. He deliberately avoided himself from the investigation. Along with search of the accused Sanjeev, all possible legal recourse were also initiated against the accused. After exhausting his legal remedies, the accused Sanjeev surrendered," said the Joint CP.

## Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha OK'd

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Cabinet has approved Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha under which it will provide Rs 5,000 as science scholarship to one thousand meritorious students of Class 9th in schools of Delhi.

The scholarship will provide a boost to science education in secondary classes at school level. Kejriwal said, "It is a crucial step for our government to promote excellent and talented students. These students are the future of our country, they will become future scientists, engineers, doctors and architects and will make our nation proud," he said.

Deputy chief minister said that the Delhi government seeks to promote pursuit of excellence and scientific temper among the children.

Under the scheme, the students studying in Delhi schools who have secured more than 60 per cent in class 8th are eligible for

the examination. Students belonging to SC, ST, PH or OBC category will be given a relaxation of upto five per cent of marks.

In another decision, the Delhi Cabinet has decided to completely digitize the education department. The cabinet on Friday approved procurement of close to 1200 computers, multi-functional printers and UPSs for all the schools, branch offices and district offices under the education department.

Sisodia said that the Delhi government is committed to improve the working environment in all its offices.

"Digitization plays a crucial role in easing the workload at office. Through digitization, lot of reporting work gets streamlined, and teachers, principals and the officers can focus their energy on quality education. Providing a good digital infrastructure in the schools and offices has been our priority and this is a huge step in that direction," he said.

## Cong 'Poll Khol' padayatra held

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress president Anil Kumar on Friday accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of diverting people's attention from immediate problems like the strike of the sanitation workers, and non-payment of salaries to the employees of the municipal Corporations including Corona warriors and the farmers' protest on Delhi borders, demanding the repeal of the three anti-farmer agricultural laws.

Addressing party workers and residents during the "Poll Khol" padayatra at Kalyanpuri and Shiv Vihar, Kumar said that due to the sanitation workers' strike, Delhi has become a huge garbage dump, to make the lives of the people miserable and life threatening.

Other prominent leaders such as Delhi Congress vice-president Jai Kishan, Delhi Pradesh Mahila Congress president Amrita Dhawan, former MLA Rajesh Lillothia were present on the occasion. Kumar said that both the BJP and AAP Governments had wasted their time in pointless accusations and allegations to score political points. He said that it was shocking that around 11 lakh families (nearly 54 lakh people) have been living without ration cards. "The Arvind Government betrayed the people by not enforcing the Food Security Act, enacted by the UPA Government, headed by Dr Manmohan Singh, at the behest of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi," he said.

## Take anti-Covid steps, Sisodia tells teachers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday instructed the school authorities to take all necessary precautions including maintaining social distancing norms at the school premises to contain Covid-19 infection.

The Minister visited Government Girls Senior

Secondary School, Gandhi Nagar to review the ongoing preparations of the students for their examinations. He said that gradual opening of schools is a sign of return to normalcy today to

"We cannot wait for 'Zero COVID Case Day' as it is necessary for us to adapt to our new lives in this pandemic. Students of classes 10th and

12th were able to strictly follow COVID-19 instructions given to them due to which we are confident to re-open classes 9th and 11th as well. We are starting on a positive note that all our students will follow COVID-19 precautions and start to get back to their normal life," he said.

"Parents had an optimistic reaction to the re-opening of

classes 10th and 12th. We listened to their request and decided to re-open classes 9th and 11th as well. Our lives have slowly begun to get back on track. With re-opening of the schools, we are hopeful that we will be able to face all the uncertain challenges ahead of us," he added.

Sisodia further said that the aim of Delhi Government is to prepare our students to face adversities in life. "We want them to be ready to overcome all obstacles in their lives. Today, the lost glory of our schools has returned. I am so happy and excited to see our students perform their lab practical and meet their friends and teachers maintaining all COVID-19 protocols," he said.

"The Kejriwal Government has broken the old traditions and established world class schools in Delhi. But the Central Government stealthily approved a bill which aims to give more power to the LG which will directly hamper working of the elected government in Delhi and curtail the ongoing development of Delhi," he said.



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2	Net profit before tax (before exceptional items)	3561.59	3422.04	11489.31	10082.15	14465.92	4298.99	3886.47	12978.06	11684.98	16377.51
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4	Profit after tax	3315.34	2995.14	9290.30	8860.37	10112.81	3876.36	3351.28	10319.91	10272.12	11901.98
5	Profit after tax attributable to owners of the parent Company						3766.46	3264.07	10092.84	10065.53	11600.23
6	Total comprehensive income after tax	3279.89	2942.19	9167.73	8680.62	9785.59	3833.91	3298.60	10167.05	10092.66	11594.26
7	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of share ₹ 10/- each)	9696.67	9894.56	9696.67	9894.56	9894.56	9696.67	9894.56	9696.67	9894.56	9894.56
8	Other equity excluding revaluation reserve as per balance sheet					103674.88					108944.60
9	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) - (not annualised) (including net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	3.35	3.03	9.39	8.95	10.22	3.81	3.30	10.20	10.17	11.72
10	Earnings per share (of ₹ 10/- each) - (not annualised) (excluding net movement in regulatory deferral account balances): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	2.42	1.41	7.30	5.95	5.34	2.86	1.79	7.95	7.16	6.80

**Notes:**  
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# Opp stir against agri laws paralyses LS proceedings

Modi holds meet with Shah, Javadekar

Amid Opposition's unrelenting attacks on the Government in both Houses over the farmers' protest against the three agriculture laws and ahead of the nationwide chakka jam called by the farmers' unions, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held a meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi at the parliament complex.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Loud and persistent Opposition protests against new farm laws continued to paralyse proceedings in the Lok Sabha, even as Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan on Friday informed the House in the din that work on seven indigenous anti-Coronavirus vaccines is in progress and that the third phase of vaccination would commence from next month.

As the House proceeded for its business, Opposition members were up on their feet demanding that the three new farm laws be rolled-back.

Responding to queries on the vaccination process, Dr Harsh Vardhan said the Union Budget presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has allocated ₹35,000 crore for the purposes of vaccination this year and this allocation could be increased.

He said the National Expert Group appointed by the Prime Minister is guiding the vaccination programme.

The health minister said

besides two vaccines already available, work is in progress on seven vaccines with one in "an advanced stage of trial."

Dr Harsh Vardhan said 22 countries, including Afghanistan, Egypt, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka and UAE, have sought vaccine drops from India. He said 15 countries have been given vaccine grants or doses.

The health minister said India made "records" against its fight against Coronavirus. He said the first and second-phase of vaccination started on January 16 and February two and third one where those above 50 years of age to be vaccinated, will start next month. The minister said he will intimate the date when it is fixed.

The health minister made his responses amidst slogan-shouting and even as the Speaker Om Birla asked members to cooperate.

Carrying placards, opposition members sought the withdrawal of three "black laws" and shouted slogans "shame-shame" and "we want justice".

The house ran for 18 minutes before the Speaker adjourned it till 6 pm.

After house proceedings resumed, Opposition MPs shouted, "Pradhan Mantri Jawab do", "take back black laws" and "kisan ko nyay do" turned louder.

As soon as Parliamentary Affairs Minister Arjun Meghwal finished detailing next week's business that included discussion on the President's address and the Union budget, the Speaker adjourned the house till Monday. The proceedings lasted barely six minutes.

# Plans afoot to vaccinate 27 cr people in third phase, Vardhan tells LS

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On a day India crossed the 50-lakh Covid-19 vaccination milestone, the Government on Friday said that there are plans to commence the third phase of inoculation in March covering 27 crore people aged 50 years and above and those with co-morbidities.

This was stated by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan in Lok Sabha. "It is not possible to give an exact date, but we estimate that this process can start in the second, third or the fourth week of March," he said adding that the vaccination drive for frontline workers has begun this week.

The second phase started in different parts of the country from February 2 in which vaccine is being administered to frontline workers whose numbers are estimated to be around two crores. After the completion of phase 1 and phase 2, it is possible that in the next month, the third phase will start in which citizens over 50 (years) will be vaccinated across the country," he said.

In the last 20 days since the mega nationwide inoculation drive was launched in January 16, nearly 50 lakh beneficiaries have been inoculated

under the countrywide COVID-19 vaccination exercise, while India's total active cases have dropped to 1.51 lakh, the Union Health Ministry said in a statement.

Till February 5, 49,59,445 beneficiaries have received the vaccination with 5,09,893 people receiving the shots in a span of 24 hours across 11,184 sessions, the Ministry said.

A total of 95,801 sessions have been conducted so far. The ministry said that 61 per cent of beneficiaries vaccinated are from 8 states and UTs. Uttar Pradesh accounts for 11.9 per cent (5,89,101) of the total beneficiaries vaccinated in India.

Meanwhile, India's total active cases continues to follow a consistent downward slide consisting of just 1.40 per cent of total infections.

"The higher number of recoveries via a-vis new cases has widened the gap between recovered and active cases to 1,03,44,848," the ministry underlined.

It said 85.06 per cent of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in 6 states and UTs. India's 112 deaths per million population are also amongst the lowest in the world, the ministry underscored.

# China funding airbase near Gwadar to block oil supply from W Asia to India



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

China is funding development of an airbase near Gwadar port in Balochistan styled as Gwadar International airport for containing Indian Ocean Region (IOR) strategy of India and disrupting the oil supply lines from the Middle East to Indian shores.

The airbase will also help China in keeping an eye on Chabahar port of Iran where India has sanctioned USD 14 million for development of the port, sources tracking the development said.

The construction of the airbase began in January this year and the project is scheduled to be completed by the year end in December, they said.

The move, the sources further said, is also aimed at counterbalancing operationalisation of the Sukhoi base in Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu by

India. The Thanjavur air base is used for patrolling the Indian Ocean and also conduct joint exercises with the Australian and Japanese air forces. The base also gives leverage to India in patrolling the sea lanes through fighter jets on the oil and goods business supply routes between the Gulf nations and China.

The under-construction Gwadar airbase is designed to land heavy military transport aircraft.

As of now, Gwadar airport is dubbed as a transport base for heavy lift aircraft and military landings have not been specifically outlined but such runways are also capable of facilitating fighter jets landings.

The heavy military transport aircraft can also help Beijing in shipping men and military machines at short notice to check any major disruption in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)

that faces constant threat from the Baloch nationalists.

In the backdrop of the US administration under Joe Biden granting relaxations to sanctions clamped by his predecessor Donald Trump against Teheran, the Gwadar airbase can also be potentially exploited by the Iranians to smuggle in uranium and enrichment technology from China as there is no visa regime between Pakistan and Iran.

Amid India developing the Chabahar port in Iran which is close to the Gwadar port under Pakistani control, Beijing aims to counter Indian dominance in the IOR by keeping tabs on movements in the sea up to Mumbai where the ports receive hydrocarbon supplies from the Gulf countries.

To camouflage the Chinese game plan, the Gwadar airport is dubbed as a civilian facility while its construction is currently in full swing.

# Seaweed can help combat Covid-19

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

Known for its myriad properties from being anti-oxidants, dietary fiber, essential amino acids, food to bio-stimulants and carbon sequestration, seaweed is now being seen as an effective immune-therapy to fight Covid-19.

The observation by the Indian marine scientists from the ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) that the seaweed contains medicinal components that can be effective to combat the pathogen has drawn the attention of the World Health Organisation (WHO) too.

It has now posted their article published in the Current science on its website to help the pandemic hit countries to take a cue about the potential of marine plant found on the coastal zones.

In fact, the WHO recognition has come just at a time when India has outlined an ambitious blueprint for seaweed industry in the coastal States to ensure sustainable livelihood to the local inhabitants as well as tackle climate change threats.

One of the easily accessible and most abundant live species present in the marine ecosystem, derivatives of seaweed is already known to have many medicinal-nutraceutical properties. "Several polysaccharides isolated from red and green seaweeds have been evaluated for its antiviral characteristics and found to have ability to inhibit the initial attachment of virus to the host cells which in turn effectively block the viral entry to human body," said Ashish Jha, Suseela Mathew and CN Ravishanker from the CIFT in the study.

Carrageenan, a sulphated polysaccharide from red seaweed has already been tried as a therapeutic agent for respiratory illness like common cold, influenza virus H1N1. In vitro study shows that iota-carrageenan is active against novel pandemic H1N1/2009 influenza. The study also shows that use of sulphated polysaccharide increase the secretions of interferon and interleukins suggesting that it is a strong immune-

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stimulator, said the scientists. In view of its immense potential, they proposed that sulphated polysaccharide can be a potent molecule to fight against Covid pandemic, hence a candidate molecule to be studied against SARS-CoV-2.

In fact, the study holds importance in the context of India which has recently outlined an ambitious blueprint for seaweed industry even as the Government in the Budget 2021-22 approved setting up of a multi-purpose seaweed park in Tamil Nadu.

While the seaweed can be potential candidate for an effective immune-therapy to fight Covid-19, these 'wonder plants of the sea' are being used from being a good source of colloidal materials used as gelling agents, emulsifiers, stabilisers, in pharmaceutical, cosmetic and food products. Hence, a good source of livelihood for the coastal communities hit by climate change threats.

To cash in its potential of being labour intensive vocation, efforts are on to set up cooperatives particularly women/fishermen to enhance their livelihood, said Sundeep Kumar Nayak, MD of the National Cooperative Development Cooperation (NCDC). He informed that steps are afoot to tie-up with the Asian pacific countries for technological and marketing intervention to ensure value addition and quality to make the country's presence felt in the global market which is estimated to shot up to USD 26 billion by 2026.

Presently, 96.3 percent of seaweed aquaculture is concentrated in six Asian countries China (with over 54.0 percent of production), Indonesia, the



Philippines, Korea, Japan and Malaysia while India stands nowhere despite being bestowed with 7,500 km coastline.

India's seaweed cultivation production is just about 20,000 tonnes, valued around USD 500 million. "This is one area which should take on the high priority level. The aim is to achieve seaweed production at 11.2 lakh tones by 2025," added Dr Rajeev Ranjan, the then Union Fisheries Department Secretary while speaking at an international webinar on entrepreneurship development on 'Seaweed Business by Cooperatives' held on January 28.

It was jointly organized by Department of Fisheries, LINAC-NCDC, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, and Bangalore-based NEDAC. National and global experts from India and countries like Canada, Philippines and Vietnam among a few others participated at the international webinar.

Dr Ranjan, who is now Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu said that among some 844 species of seaweeds reported from Indian seas (standing stock estimated to be about 58,715 tonnes (wet weight)),

221 species are commercially important and abundant along the Tamil Nadu and Gujarat coasts and around Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The Government has already allocated ₹ 637 crore for the cultivation of these nutrition-rich marine plants, as part of the ₹20,050-crore central scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).

Identification of four entrepreneurs from each coastal State/UT to be supported with technical and financial sources, setting seaweed banks for key species, seaweeds are among the part of the blueprint proposed to be taken up in the coming years.

Apart from Tamil Nadu, seaweed parks are proposed to be established in Gujarat while Lakshadweep will be developed as a centre for development of seaweed. NIOT and ICAR-CMFRRI will undertake efforts for development of seaweed culture in Lakshadweep, as per the blueprint.

Also, mapping of potential sites and cultivation will be promoted for native seaweed species like Gracilaria dura, G.edulis, Gelidium acerosa, Sargassum wightii etc, said the Secretary.

# No nod for bird-flu shot, says Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India has not given permission for use of any vaccine against bird flu nor have other countries like the US, UK and the European Union approved any such vaccine. The Government has maintained that bird flu has been confirmed in 14 States / UTs across the country.

"As per World Organization of Animal Health (OIE), vaccination is not considered the solution for the control of Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) if eradication is the desired result," Union Minister Sanjeev Kumar Balyan said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

Without the application of monitoring systems, strict biosecurity and depopulation in the face of infection, there is a possibility that these viruses could become endemic in vaccinated poultry populations, he said.

Long-term circulation of the virus in a vaccinated population may result in both antigenic and genetic changes in the virus and this has been reported to have occurred in several countries, the Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying said.

The minister added that with the long-term use of vaccination either the disease becomes endemic and therefore widespread, or the infection in affected animals gets too difficult to detect. "The Government has not permitted use of any vaccine against bird flu in the country. Further, it is gathered from the Central Drugs Standards Control Organization (CDSCO) that no such vaccine is approved in countries like the USA, UK, EU etc. to prevent/cure bird flu in birds," he noted. In a separate reply, the minister said bird flu among commercially reared and wild birds have been confirmed from 14 states and union territories namely Kerala, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, and Jammu and Kashmir.

# Number of registered unrecognised political parties doubles in 9 years

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The number of registered unrecognised political parties has increased twofold from 2010 to 2019. From 1,112 such parties in 2010, the number of unrecognised registered parties has increased to 2,301 in 2019. Of the total 2,301, only 78 registered unrecognised political parties or 3.39 percent parties in 2018-19 and 82 or 3.56 percent in 2017-18 submitted their contribution details so far to the Election Commission.

These registered unrecognised parties received ₹90.05 crore in 2017-18 and 2018-19 from 12,998 donors.

According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) analysis, Apna Desh Party of Uttar Pradesh declared the highest donations for both financial years combined of ₹65.63 crore (4300 donations) or 72.88% of the total declared donations by unrecognised parties in their contribution reports of 2017-18 and 2018-19.

As per the notification issued by the Election Commission dated 15th March, 2019, there are a total of 2,360 political parties registered with the Commission. 2,301 or 97.50% of registered political parties are unrecognised parties. The number of

registered unrecognised political parties has increased twofold in the last 10 years. From 1112 parties in 2010, the number has spiked to 2,301 in 2019. It is important to note that the number of such parties increases disproportionately during the year of Parliamentary elections especially. Between 2018 and 2019, it increased by over 9.8% while between 2013 and 2014, it increased by 18 percent.

Of the total of 2,301 registered unrecognised parties, 653 parties or 28.38% belong to Uttar Pradesh, followed by 291 parties or 12.65% from Delhi and 184 or 8% from Tamil Nadu.

57 parties of the 138 political parties analysed declared NIL donations or their donations statements were unavailable for either of the two financial years.

The ADR report said that the contribution reports of a total of only 78 or 3.39% of the total 2,301 registered unrecognised parties is available in the public domain for 2018-19, and for 2017-18, the reports are available for only 82 parties or 3.56% of the total registered unrecognised parties.

"The registered unrecognised parties analysed in this report declared a total of 6860 donations worth ₹65.45 crore during FY 2018-19 and 6138 donations of ₹4.6 crore for FY 2017-18, amounting to 12,998

total declared donations of ₹90.05 crore in two years. Apna Desh Party of Uttar Pradesh declared the highest donations for both financial years combined of ₹65.63 crore (4300 donations) or 72.88% of the total declared donations by unrecognised parties in their contribution reports of FY 2017-18 & 2018-19. Of the 138 parties analysed in this report, more than 50 parties' contribution reports are unavailable in the public domain for either of the two financial years," the report said.

The report said a total of Rs 54,206 crore (3511 donations) was donated to the unrecognised parties from Gujarat, followed by Rs 12,239 crore (6526 donations) from Maharashtra and ₹3,294 crore (179 donations) from Uttar Pradesh. The contribution reports of only 3.06% or 20 of the 653 total registered unrecognised parties of Uttar Pradesh are available in the public domain for the year 2018-19. For the year 2017-18, 1.68% or 11 parties' contribution reports are available on the CEO website of Uttar Pradesh.

In case of Delhi, 6.19% or 18 registered unrecognised parties' contribution reports are available in the public domain for the year 2017-18. However, none of the parties' donation statements are available for the 2018-19.

# Conduct of functions must not disturb citizens right to clean environment: NGT

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Conduct of functions must not disturb other citizens right to a peaceful and clean environment, the National Green Tribunal has said while directing all the states and union territories to implement guidelines for control of pollution in marriage and banquet halls.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said apart from the licensing provisions for fire safety, building safety, etc, the regulatory bodies must enforce the environmental norms to ensure that water and air pollution is prevented and the environment is not degraded.

"Effluent Treatment Plants needs to be installed by all the big units, not connected to the sewer lines, apart from ensuring compliance of rainwater harvesting systems, adequate safeguards in operating the kitchen need to be adopted, composting facilities, control of noise levels and providing parking space," the bench said.

Without such safeguards, no consent should be given or renewed even in respect of the establishments already set up, the green panel clarified.

The tribunal said that this may be strictly ensured by the state pollution control boards and further overseen by the Central Pollution Control Board by laying down a compensation regime against the violating establishments.

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Notice is hereby given, on behalf of our client, Mr. Sunil Kumar S/o Mr. Banshi Dhar, Mrs. Sunita W/o Mr. Sunil Kumar and Mr. Anil Kumar S/o Mr. Banshi Dhar, Mrs. Priyanka Kumari W/o Mr. Anil Kumar R/o- H. No. B-136, Third Floor, Indira Park, Najafgarh, New Delhi, who is purchaser of the Scheduled Property from Mrs. Dharamwati.

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Mr. Sunil Kumar S/o Mr. Banshi Dhar, Mrs. Sunita W/o Mr. Sunil Kumar and Mr. Anil Kumar S/o Mr. Banshi Dhar, Mrs. Priyanka Kumari W/o Mr. Anil Kumar R/o- H. No. B-136, Third Floor, Indira Park, Najafgarh, New Delhi, mortgage the Scheduled Property with Edelweiss Housing Finance Ltd (EHFL)/ECL Finance Ltd (ECL Ltd)/Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd (ERFL) Finance Ltd (ERFL) New Delhi.

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# Farmers in Bihar refuse to join stir despite Opp push

**Patna:** Opposition parties' leaders in Bihar have organised human chains, tractor rallies, Raj Bhavan march, dharnas and protests in support of the farmers' agitation at the Delhi borders, but have failed to entice the farmers here to join the stir. They are still maintaining a distance from the protests.

Tejashwi Yadav, the Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, has appealed to the state's farmers to join the farmers' agitation. Apart from Tejashwi, Gurnam Singh Chaduni, a senior leader of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), who is involved in the farmers' agitation at Delhi's borders, came to Bihar and urged the farmers here to join the movement, but they are not enthusiastic about it. Many farmers in the region are not even aware of this movement.

Ramadhar Singh, All India

Kisan Sabha Secretary, says that there is a lack of consciousness among the farmers in Bihar. He said even today the farmers here are selling their produce at throw-away prices, but due to lack of awareness, they are not joining the farmers' movement. He said the people of his farmers organisation will visit every village from February 10 to March 10 to set up panchayats and create awareness among the farmers.

On January 30 this year, all the opposition parties united and organised a human chain in the state to demand the repeal of the three new farm laws on the call of the opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD). Even in this human chain, farmers were nowhere to be seen. Anand Murari, a farmer from Tal region and Coordinator of the Tal Development Committee, which is known for pulses production in Bihar says

that the farmers here mainly do traditional farming and are not concerned with Union farm laws.

Ram Pravech Rai, a farmer from Bihata near Patna, asks who will be the farmer marching on the streets for the movement. He said if the farmers here do not work in the fields, what will they eat throughout the year? Expressing anger, he said everyone wants to indulge in politics.

The APMC Act in Bihar was abolished in 2006.

In Bihar, the leaders of the ruling party have been saying that the farmers of Bihar are with the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). They know what used to happen to farmers earlier.

BJP Spokesperson Nikhil Anand says that the Central government is committed to doubling the income of farmers and efforts are being made continuously to achieve this. IANS

# UP Budget to go digital even as MLAs fumble

**Lucknow:** The Budget presentation in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly on February 19 will be read out by the State's Finance Minister Suresh Khanna from his tablet and not paper.

This will be the first time that the state Budget will go digital, like the Union Budget. The legislators will not get printed booklets of the Budget but can view it on their tablets and phones on the given link.

A training session for legislators in the use of devices will be held from February 11 to 13 by officials of the National Informatics Centre.

The state government is also conducting a training workshop for Ministers and senior officials for seamless transition to the e-cabinet system with an emphasis on security protocols.

Ministers were advised to undertake training at home to achieve hands-on comfort with the new system.

The first e-cabinet meeting was held on Tuesday through several minister struggled with the new technology.

"Following the mantra of 'Minimum Government and Maximum Governance', the Chief Minister decided to implement

paperless cabinet meetings, paperless Budget presentation and paperless proceedings of the legislature. He has already set rolling a digital policy to push governance in the country's most populous state from direct beneficiary transfer to accounts and use of e-POS machines," a state government spokesperson said.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that MLAs and MLCs would be provided with the tablets before the Assembly session to enable members to work online and curb use of paper.

However, most of the legislators are not yet comfortable with the digitalisation of the assembly proceedings.

"I am not a very tech-savvy person and the government should give us at least six months to fully adopt e-governance. Elections are just a year away and a breakdown of communication at this stage with the bureaucracy could prove detrimental," said a senior MLA of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

A number of legislators said that they were not conversant with Hindi/English typing and will have to first learn this before learning how to operate the devices. IANS

# UP becomes 1st State to vaccinate 5.5L people

**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh has become the first State in the country to have vaccinated over 5.5 lakh people against Covid-19.

According to information from the state health department, as many as 5.89 lakh health workers have received the vaccine against coronavirus so far against a cumulative target of 8.44 lakh till Thursday.

Additional Chief Secretary, health and family welfare, Amit Mohan Prasad said that this is the largest in the country.

"UP is the first state to have vaccinated over five lakh persons against the pandemic infection," he stated adding that the activity will continue on Friday too.

The official spokesperson said, "Of the total 5.89 lakh persons vaccinated so far, 1,25,308 health workers were immunised on Thursday. Keeping the day's target of 1,72,396 in mind, the turnout was 72.69 per cent which is exemplary for a state

like UP." The spokesperson stated that all the 1,607 planned sessions were held and both, Covishield and Covaxin, were administered to health workers. Those vaccinated on Thursday, will get the second dose on March 4.

Among districts, Gonda ranked number one with 115 per cent turnout, while Sambhal (101 per cent), Unnao (99.4 per cent), Sant Kabir Nagar (99 per cent) and Firozabad (96.27 per cent) made it to the top five.

Gautam Buddha Nagar, Aligarh, Kasganj, Bulandshahr and Agra were placed in the bottom five. The state capital, Lucknow, recorded a turnout of 63.14 per cent.

General manager, immunisation, National Health Mission, UP, Manoj Shukla said that the remaining health workers would be covered in the sessions on Friday when the vaccination of frontline workers will also start. IANS

# SEHAT: 10L golden cards, 10K treatments in first 40 days

**Jammu:** The J&K Government on Friday said that at least 10.77 lakh golden cards and 10,000 treatments have been done in the region in the first 40 days after the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) SEHAT scheme.

The scheme was e-launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 26, 2020.

Since the roll out of the scheme, 10,000 free and cashless treatments worth Rs 7.21 crore have been provided to the

eligible beneficiaries under the scheme, in the first 40 days.

Besides, 10.77 lakh golden cards have been issued in addition to 12.90 lakh golden cards issued under the AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme.

Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education, Atal Dulloo said: "AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme is a historical step in the direction towards Universal Health Insurance. We have made a humble beginning but there is a long way to go. It is heartening to see residents availing the free and

cashless benefits from reputed empanelled hospitals of Jammu and Kashmir." He further said, "Residents of J&K have already started availing benefits under the scheme from the reputed hospitals outside the UT."

He added that since the launch of scheme, 155 patients have already availed benefits in empanelled hospitals from outside J&K using the portability feature of the AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme.

AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme launched by the government covers all the residents

of Jammu and Kashmir including the employees and the pensioners as well as their families.

AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme in convergence with PMJAY aims to provide Universal Health Insurance Coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family on a floater basis. AB-PMJAY SEHAT has the same benefits as available under AB-PMJAY. AB-PMJAY SEHAT scheme provides cashless access to empanelled health care services for the beneficiaries. IANS

# Jammu girl donates her prize money towards fighting Covid

**Jammu:** A 12-year-old Jammu girl, Guhika Sachdev, has set an example for others to follow by donating Rs 1.11 lakh, which she earned by sharing her singing video on Youtube.

Guhika donated the amount to Dr. Shashi Sudhan Sharma, Principal Government Medical College Jammu, for fighting corona virus and to help the needy patients.

As per Guhika, she posted her video on Youtube in November which went viral by receiving a huge response from the netizens. "During lock-

down I saw migrant labourers walking thousands of kilometers and my heart really sank on seeing them travelling without food and water" Guhika said and hoped that her donation will help the needy in a little way.

"If God has given us everything then we should also help others" Guhika added and said that she got this inspiration from her grandfather and father. The Principal GMC & AH appreciated her humanitarian gesture and asked her to continue to help the needy in a similar way.

Hailing Guhika, Dr Sudhan said that she is a role model for youth and society to follow. She urged the people to join hands and help each other in the times of distress. "Our Committee members will also contribute for this novel cause" the Principal said. PNS

# Andhra SEC annuls TDP manifesto for panchayat polls

**Amaravati:** Andhra Pradesh State Election Commissioner (SEC) Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar has annulled the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) Panchayat elections manifesto, and ordered it to withdraw its copies as it defeats the very purpose of and object of apolitical nature of gram panchayat elections.

"TDP Panchayati Ennikala Manifesto - 2021 is a suggestive affiliation of political party in the context of gram panchayat elections held on non-party basis, which is a clear violation of the commission's order dated October 25, 2018 and it defeats the very purpose and object of apolitical nature of gram panchayat elections," said Kumar.

Lella Appi Reddy, a leader of the ruling Yuvajana Samika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP), complained to Kumar on January 29 about the party-affiliated manifesto announced by TDP national president Nara Chandrababu Naidu. Incidentally, Kumar was not satisfied with the explanation given by the TDP leaders as to why it released a party manifesto banned in rural local bodies elections. IANS

# CPM-BJP alliance to defeat Cong-led UDF: Congress

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI**

Two days after J P Nadda, the BJP national president lambasted the CPI(M) and the Congress for entering into alliance in rest of India while posing as enemies in Kerala, the Congress has charged that the Hindutwa party for establishing a secret deal with the CPI(M) to defeat the Congress-led UDF in the State.

Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, former Minister and seven time member of the Legislative Assembly told The Pioneer that there were enough proofs to doubt the secret CPI(M)-BJP tie up for defeating the Congress in the upcoming election.

"It is nothing new for both the parties. They have the track record of doing such things in past election," said Radhakrishnan. He alleged that the CPI(M) and the BJP were responsible for the Sabarimala shrine controversy and the Congress-led UDF would expose the parties in days to come.

K C Joseph, deputy leader of the Congress Legislature Party and former minister said the BJP's reaction to K Sudhakaran's outburst against Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan

was dubious. Sudhakaran, the Congress MP from Vadakara in Kerala had lambasted Vijayan for his wanton profligacy in mis-using of government funds. "Why Vijayan, son of a toddy tapper, requires helicopter to go around such a small State like Kerala?" Sudhakaran, known for his blunt talk, had asked while addressing a meeting in Kannur.

The BJP has been in the forefront attacking Sudhakaran and blamed the latter for "caste based" remarks. A pro-BJP news channel held debates over the comments of Sudhakaran, which were ignored by even the Marxist dominated Kerala media. But Joseph has more to say about the evolving CPI(M)-BJP ties to weaken the Congress. "The by-election held in the Tillankeri division of Kannur district panchayat in mid-January speaks a lot about the BJP-Marxist understanding to defeat the Congress," Joseph told The Pioneer.

The by-poll in Tillankeri necessitated by the death of the UDF candidate was won by three CPI(M) candidate. "This was a traditional stronghold of the Congress. What stands out in the results of the by-poll is the votes polled by the BJP candidate.

**Goa Medical College**  
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**TENDER NOTICE (E-TENDERING MODE ONLY)**

Tenders are invited by the Dean, Goa Medical College, on behalf of the Governor of Goa. The details are available on Website: <https://goaenivda.gov.in>

S. N.	Tender notice No & date	Name of work and Department
1	GMC/PS/E-TAGGING/2020-21/7914 DATED: 02/02/2021	Supply, Installation And Testing and Commissioning of Electronic Tagging System of Dead Bodies in the Morgue On Turnkey Basis at GMC
2	GMC/PS/Plan/ Equipment/eye bank /7767 2020-21 Date: 29/01/2021	Tender for supply, installation and commissioning of Equipment for eye bank, Department of Ophthalmology at GMC
3	GMC/PS/Plan/ Equipment-8 /7915 2020-21 Date: 02/02/2021	Tender for supply, installation and commissioning of Equipment for Department of Paediatrics at GMC
4	GMC/PS/facility- Management/superspeciality /2020-21/7928 dated: 02/02/2021	Facility Management Services At "Super Speciality Block" - Goa Medical College And Hospital-Bambolim Goa

For any further clarifications, the Purchase Section, GMC, Bambolim-Goa may be contacted.  
DI/ADVT/1594/2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Residential Apartment No. TNC-191, located in Trinity Tower 'C' on 19th floor, DLF Trinity Towers, DLF City Phase-V, Gurgaon, Haryana, together with covered Car Parking space No.PCC105, was registered in the name of Mrs. Kamla Mehra W/o Late Shri Ved Prakash Mehra R/7, Raouquet Court Road, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, who has expired on 14th Jan 2021, leaving behind a registered Will in favour of her son Mr. Akhil Mehra and accordingly, the name of Mr. Akhil Mehra is being noted in DLF's record in respect of the captioned Apartment. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach M/s. DLF Ltd., within 21 days of publication of this notice.

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**सार्वजनिक सूचना**

समी सदस्यों को सूचित किया जाता है की 21 मार्च 2021 (रविवार) को उपरोक्त एसोसिएशन के चुनाव होने निश्चित हूँ है। अन्य किसी भी तरह की जानकारी एवं अपनी सदस्यता शुल्क हेतु रजिस्टर्ड ऑफिस से संपर्क कर दिनांक 5 मार्च 2021 (शुक्रवार) तक सदस्यता प्राप्त कर सकते है। जनेश भड्डाना (प्रधान)

**Chola**  
Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai - 600 001. Branch Office: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005. Contact No: Sudhir - 9818460101, Gaurav - 9811747507.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE**

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of M/s Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the Symbolic possession, on 'AS IS WHERE IS BASIS', 'AS IS WHAT IS BASIS' and 'WHATSOEVER IS THERE IS BASIS', Particulars of which are given below:-

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Total Loan Outstanding as on 04.02.2021	Date & Place of Auction
(Loan No. X0HEEDL00001653770) Mr./Mrs. Sudha Chhoker, (Borrower) Mr./Mrs. Yash Chhoker, Yatin Kumar Chhoker, (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at: H.No.823, Sector 14, Gurgaon - 122001.	27.02.2020 Rs. 2,14,65,536.84/- (Rupees Two Crores Fourteen Laks Sixty Five Thousand Six & Paise Eighty Four Only)	Property Bearing H.No. 823, Area Measuring 292.81 Sq. Mts., i.e. 350 Sq.Yds., Situated In The Residential In Colony Known As Sector-14, Urban Estate Gurgaon Haryana.	Rs.24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Only)	Rs.24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs only)	Rs.24,237,645.50/- (Rupees Two Crores Forty Two Lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five & Paise Fifty Only) Further interest will be charged as applicable, on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.	Date : 11.03.2021 Branch Office at: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.
(Loan No. X0HEEDH00001178652) Mr./Mrs. Samil Guliani, (Borrower) Mr./Mrs. Samriti Guliani, Jyoti Mehta, Sunjiv Mehta, Jagmohan Lal Bajaj, Ses Light Private Limited, Sanyogita Bajaj, Jagmohan Lal Bajaj (Co-Borrower) All are having address for communication at: A-3/120 Sector-3, Rohini Sector-7, New Delhi - 110085. 4A/3, Najaf Garh Road, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi - 110018. Shop/Unit No.1, Block C-4/E, DDA Market, Janakpuri, New Delhi - 110058. H.No.504, MIG, Urban Area, Nit Sector 22, Faridabad - 121001. Flat No.B-42/2, 1st Floor, DDA Flats, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi - 110028. Property No.WZ-34, Basement Floor, Mukharjee Park Extn., New Delhi - 110009.	30/09/2016 Rs. 2,45,15,207.13/- (Rupees Two Crores Forty Five Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Seven & Paise Thirteen Only)	Property No. WZ-34, out of Kharsa No. 12/5 (Old Kharsa No. 85), Situated in Colony Shyama Prasad, Mukherjee Park, New Delhi-110018.	Rs.53,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Only)	Rs.5,30,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thousand only)	Rs.1,88,39,153/- (Rupees One Core Eighty Eight Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three Only) Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the Loan Agreement on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc., is due and payable till its realization.	Date : 24.02.2021 Branch Office at: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUCTION PROCESS**

- Date of Auction for Loan No. X0HEEDL00001653770: 11-03-2021 • Place of Submission of Bids and Place of Auction: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005 • Date of Inspection of Property: 08-03-2021 to 15-03-2021 (In business hours) • Last date for Submission of Bids: 10-03-2021 before 5.00 pm
- A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the given office address mentioned hereunder. Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid / Tender Document. This notice is also to be treated as a 30 days' notice under Rule 8 Sub Clause (b) and Rule 8(5)(c) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.
- Date of Auction for Loan No. X0HEEDH00001178652: 24-02-2021 • Place of Submission of Bids and Place of Auction: 1st & 2nd Floor, Plot No.6, Main Pusa Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110 005 • Date of Inspection of Property: 18-02-2021 to 15-02-2021 (In business hours) • Last date for Submission of Bids: 23-02-2021 before 5.00 pm
- A bidder may, on his own choice, avail the facility in the auction by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/tender document on the given office address mentioned hereunder. Sale is strictly subject to terms and conditions incorporated in this advertisement and the prescribed Bid / Tender Document. This notice is also to be treated as a 15 days' notice under Rule 8(5)(c) and 9(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AUCTION**

- The property is sold on 'As is where is basis' 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.
- The Bidder is obliged to exercise full due diligence in all respects, including to inspect each of the details of the property mentioned above on the scheduled date & time.
- Submission of bids to M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited would be construed a deemed acceptance by the bidder that (i) he/she/it has exercised due diligence in all respects; (ii) Is satisfied with all details/measurements of property; (iii) Acknowledges full knowledge of terms and conditions that govern the auction and (iv) Waives all his/her/its rights to make any contrary claims against company at any future date.
- The sale is subject to confirmation by the Authorized officer if the borrower/guarantor pays the entire outstanding amount in full before sale, no sale will be conducted.
- The Bidder shall remit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c, along with the bid form in a Sealed Cover addressed to the Authorized Officer, M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. Please note that, in reference to successful bidder(s), EMD is adjustable against the sale consideration receivable by M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited. Also, EMD is refundable to the unsuccessful bidder(s).
- The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and the balance within 15 days by Banker's Cheque / DD drawn in favour of M/s Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for the respective Loan A/c Number.
- In case the successful bidder fails to deposit 25% of the bid amount immediately on sale being knocked down in his/her/its favour and/or the balance amount, within 15 days the deposit made by the bidder shall be forfeited without any prior intimation.
- The charges / fees payable for conveyance such as stamp duty, registration fee, maintenance charges electricity charges etc., shall be borne by the successful bidder. The Authorized Officer will not be held responsible for any charge, lien, property tax or any other dues to the Government or local body or any other authority in respect of the property under sale.
- The Authorized Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject the bid or adjourn / postpone/cancel the sale/modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice or assigning any reason therefor.
- The Sale will only be in favour of successful bidder and not his/her nominee.
- This Notice is also to the Borrower(s) Guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general. The borrower has absolute right for the redemption of property till the confirmation of the sale Process.

**M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited are not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.**

For further details, contact the Authorized Officer, at the above mentioned Office address.

Date: 06.02.2021  
Place: Delhi

Authorised Officer  
M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

# Mumbai: BJP's Krishna Hegde quits, joins Sena

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

Little over a fortnight after he fell out with his party's leadership over allegations the rape charge made against a NCP minister, BJP's Mumbai unit president and former MLA from Vile Parle Krishna Hegde resigned from his party and joined the ruling Shiv Sena here on Friday evening.

Fifty-four-year-old Hegde was welcomed by Shiv Sena president and Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray into the Shiv Sena by tying the traditional "Shiv bandhan" on his hand.

Hegde, who has a sizeable following in Vile Parle Assembly constituency that he had represented in the State Assembly, is being seen as a boost to Shiv Sena in the run-up to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to be held in 2022. Hegde is expected to be given an important party post ahead of the BMC polls.



Former legislator Krishna Hegde and his supporters being welcomed by Shiv Sena president and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray into his party after he resigned as the BJP's Mumbai unit vice president and joined the Sena in Mumbai on Friday

Hegde, it may be recalled, had hit headlines on January 14 when he went to indirect defence of Maharashtra's NCP Minister Dhananjay Munde, by claiming that the woman who had made allegations of rape against the NCP minister had tried to "honey-trap" them. Hegde lodged a complaint with the Amboli police against Renu Verma for allegedly "coaxing" him since 2010 into having a relationship with him.

Renu Sharma has been coaxing me, messaging me and calling me since 2010 to have a relationship with her. This harassment went on to the point of stalking. Through my sources I found out that she is a dubious person who is setting up a

honey trap. I totally avoided meeting her," Hegde had said in his complaint had

Hegde was elected to the Maharashtra Assembly on a Congress ticket from the Vile Parle constituency in 2009, but in 2014 elections he was defeated by BJP's Parag Alvani.

Hegde was instrumental in securing the release of Bhavesh Parmar, a jobless IT engineer from Mumbai, who had gone to Amrtaur where he boarded the Samjhauta Express in 2005 and reached Pakistan.

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1 AMBIKAPUR, DISTT. - SURGUJA (C.G.)**

**e-Procurement Tender Notice**  
eProcurement Portal:- <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(FIRST-CALL)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 08 /SAC/ 2020-21 DATED: 13.01.2021  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 11.02.2021 (17.30 hours IST).

Group No.	System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable amount of contract
1.	70664	CONSTRUCTION OF DIVERSION WEIR & EARTH WORK OF L.B.C. CANAL FROM R.D. 0 TO 2100M I/C 09 NOS. STRUCTURES, R.B.C. MAIN CANAL FROM RD 0 TO 2070M INCLUDING 12 NOS. STRUCTURES & R.B.C. MINOR CANAL FROM RD 0 TO 300M INCLUDING 03 NOS. STRUCTURES OF KARMAHA MACHALI NADI DIVERSION SCHEME, INCLUDING 10 YEARS MAINTENANCE	Rs. 527.63 Lakhs
2.	70665	CONSTRUCTION OF DIVERSION WEIR & EARTH WORK OF R.B.C. CANAL FROM R.D. 0 TO 3300M I/C 15 NOS. STRUCTURES OF JHINJHARI DIVERSION SCHEME, INCLUDING 10 YEARS MAINTENANCE	Rs. 227.18 Lakhs
3.	70666	CONSTRUCTION OF PAKKI CHANNEL BETWEEN RD 0 M TO 2160M, 2 NO. STRUCTURE, 2 NO STRUCTURE REPAIR, EARTH WORK, RESECTION OF MAIN CANAL BETWEEN 0M TO 2600M. MINOR 1-630M, MINOR 2- 390M, MINOR 3- 670M OF BELJORA TANK SCHEME, INCLUDING 10 YEARS MAINTENANCE.	Rs. 139.17 Lakhs

The details can be viewed & downloaded online directly from the Govt of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from dated 20-01-2021 at 17.31 hours (IST) onwards.

**Note:-** All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the integrated e-Procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approved on specific vendor class from PWD under centralized contractor/supplier registration in order to download the Tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Sd/-  
**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION No. 1, AMBIKAPUR (C.G.)  
For, Chief Engineer  
Hasdeo Gange Basin, W.R. Deptt.  
Ambikapur, Surguja (C.G.)

R.O. No.: 86853/13  
R.O. Date:- 03/02/2021

## Electrifying Delhi

Will the plan to build charging stations every three km really boost electric vehicle usage in the Capital?

There is no doubt that electric vehicles are the future of mobility; if not the immediate future, then definitely within the next 10-15 years. However, electric vehicles as we know them today have one critical problem that prevents their widespread use. That is the issue of charging infrastructure and time. The fact is that with an internal combustion engine that runs on diesel, petrol or even natural gas, it is fairly easy to pull over at a petrol pump, tank up and be on your way within five minutes. Finding a petrol pump is not a challenge even if one is critically low on fuel. That is clearly not the case with electric vehicles where finding a charging station remains a challenge and 'range anxiety', that is the fear that one will run out of charge, is a real thing. As more electric vehicles such as Hyundai's Kona SUV come onto Indian roads, more charging infrastructure will be built but of course this is a chicken-or-egg situation. Will one buy an electric vehicle without an adequate number of charging stations in the vicinity? Or should the Government build charging stations when there are few electric vehicles around? The Delhi Government believes that the latter route is the one it must take. The Government had announced the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy on August 7, 2020, with the target of making the city-State the EV capital of India. The policy — widely considered among the best in the

world — aims to achieve the overarching objective of improving the Capital's air quality and creating an entire supply-chain ecosystem for this new segment of vehicles. State Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot has said that the Government will build and work with private partners to install electric vehicle charging stations every three kilometres, which is a definite positive although, given Delhi's huge vehicular population, it isn't even a drop in the ocean.

There is another problem with electric vehicles. Unlike with a petrol or diesel vehicle where you can be on your way in minutes, even "fast charging" outlets take a minimum of 15-20 minutes to deliver a reasonable amount of power; electric vehicles are not for those with an impatient bent of mind. While technological innovations will probably speed up fast charging and more charging outlets will make a difference, for real private electric vehicular usage will grow only with more charging stations at home and also by allowing private individuals to establish their own outlets where anybody can charge their vehicles (and presumably pay). This, coupled with renewable sources of power such as solar and wind, can make a major difference to electric vehicle usage in India. But, as of now, even with rapidly increasing petrol and diesel prices, the massive capital costs of buying a decent electric vehicle are far too high to make these automobiles viable, no matter how many charging stations are built.

### PICTALK



Windsurfers sail at Sagami Bay in Kamakura, west of Tokyo

# The coup in the neighbourhood

Myanmar's tyrannical generals have done it again and halted the country's transition to democracy which had started in 2008



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

According to a report in *Al Jazeera*, an emergency session of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) failed on February 3, 2021, to adopt a statement on the military coup in Myanmar on February 1. The statement had condemned the coup, called upon the military to respect the rule of law and human rights, and demanded the immediate release of those unlawfully detained. The report further said that the statement had demanded repealing the state of emergency, which the Myanmar military (official name Tatmadaw) had imposed, besides appealing to "all sides to adhere to democratic norms". The statement, says the report, was grounded by China and Russia which had "asked for more time". The chances of it, or another one adequately condemnatory of the coup, being adopted are slim. Russia and China are no champions of democracy.

This is a shame. The coup has halted the transition to democracy which had started in 2008 with the adoption of Myanmar's current Constitution prepared by the Tatmadaw. The latter has justified its action by alleging that Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy's (NLD) sweeping victory — 396 seats out of 476 in the Lower House of Parliament — in the November 2020 elections was fraudulently obtained. It claimed to have detected 8.6 million cases of irregularities. The Union Election Commission, which conducts elections in Myanmar, has, however, emphatically said that it had found no evidence of any voting malpractice or fraud.

Widespread electoral fraud, had it occurred, would have been widely reported in international media given that Suu Kyi has lost its favour because of her stand on the Rohingya issue. Besides, the Tatmadaw's record is significant. Suu Kyi's NLD won a massive victory in the 1990 elections. It rejected the results, put her under house arrest which lasted 15 years, and imposed a horribly repressive regime on the country. There are other reasons. Last year, Suu Kyi sought to reduce the



Tatmadaw's share of reserved seats in both Houses of Parliament from 25 per cent to five per cent. The move failed but the intention to clip the military's wings it conveyed rattled the generals who, like their Pakistani counterparts, reportedly have links with many lucrative economic ventures, which they may lose under a strong civilian Government.

What now? The Myanmar police charged Suu Kyi in a court on February 3 claiming that walkie-talkie radios, found during a search of her home in the capital, Naypyidaw, were imported illegally and used without permission. They sought her custody till February 15 "in order to question witnesses, request evidence and seek legal counsel after questioning the defendant".

The charge has been widely condemned as spurious. Suu Kyi had every opportunity to legitimately import the walkie-talkie sets when she was heading the Government as State Counsellor. Besides, the charging of Myanmar's overthrown President Win Myint with offences under the Disaster Management Law indicates the targeting of the NLD's top leadership. In a report, *Al Jazeera* has quoted Ali Fowle, reporting from Myanmar, as

LAST YEAR, SUU KYI SOUGHT TO REDUCE THE TATMADAW'S SHARE OF RESERVED SEATS IN BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT FROM 25 PER CENT TO FIVE PER CENT. THE MOVE FAILED BUT THE INTENTION TO CLIP THE MILITARY'S WINGS IT CONVEYED RATTLED THE GENERALS

saying that the country's import-export Act was "notoriously vague". She added: "It could be anything from a fax machine to a walkie-talkie. It's a notorious law because it was used under the former military regime all the time to frame political prisoners."

Not surprisingly, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters that the charges against Suu Kyi "just compound the undermining of the rule of law in Myanmar and the democratic process". He added: "We continue to call for her immediate release and the President's immediate release and all others who have been detained by the military in the last few days." The chances of the military obliging are negligible. Nor can one foresee the protests, which have broken out in the form of doctors and other staff staying away from Government hospitals and people banging their pots, snowballing to oust the regime, which will stop at nothing. It has already banned Facebook, used by the protesters, at least until the end of February. China and Russia will back the generals. Much will, therefore, depend on the pressure that the US and European countries,

which have strongly condemned the coup, bring to bear on the generals.

India's External Affairs Ministry had issued a statement on February 1: "We have noted the developments in Myanmar with deep concern. India has always been steadfast in its support to the process of democratic transition in Myanmar. We believe that the rule of law and the democratic process must be upheld. We are monitoring the situation closely."

India has to tread with caution. The Tatmadaw has been cooperating closely with it in dealing with the ethnic insurgents of its North-East. It has developed deep economic ties with Myanmar and, in 2019, emerged as the latter's largest supplier of military hardware, selling arms worth \$100 million. It cannot, however, watch the rape of democracy in Myanmar silently, and must continue expressing disapproval of the Tatmadaw's action and pressuring it firmly to release Suu Kyi and the others, and allow her party to form the Government on the basis of the November election's results.

(The author is Consulting Editor, *The Pioneer*. The views expressed are personal.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BEING RIGID IS NOT AN OPTION

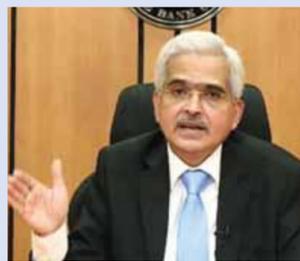
Sir— In the Union Budget 2021, the Modi Government has left no stone unturned for developing agriculture and the allied sectors. The annual financial statement of the Centre can be termed as a farmer-friendly spreadsheet. However, as the farmers' protest intensifies, the Government must take extraordinary measures to reach a settlement with the cultivators. In the discussion that took place in the Rajya Sabha on the President's address, the Opposition parties tried their best to counter the Government by protesting against the new agricultural laws that have emerged as the bone of contention between farmers and the Centre. The Prime Minister has made it clear that no one can take away the land of farmers. But a section of the growers and some organisations with vested interests have announced a 'chakka jam' (road blockade) in the country on January 6, which is neither practical nor logical. This will cause widespread chaos and anarchy. It will also inflict losses to the already ailing economy and will be against the interests of farmers and common man. The common man is disillusioned and obfuscated by what the farmers are doing. The Government has taken many steps to benefit small and marginal farmers. It is in the best interest of all if the farmers invest their time and energy in the development of agriculture.

Yugal Kishore Sharma | Faridabad

### FIGHT AGAINST COVID MUST BE WON

Sir — Considering the huge population that we have, most of the countries predicted a large number of fatalities in India due to COVID-19. However, these assumptions have fallen flat and we have not only developed the vaccines in good time but are also supplying it to other countries. It is heartening to see a downward trend in the Corona curve as the cases of infection decline dramatically. This may be due to herd immunity, high immunity levels of Indians against the deadly virus and other factors. In Manaus, Brazil, a second wave was reported after a dip in COVID cases.

### RBI's prudent step



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken the right step by keeping the repo rate unchanged at four per cent for the fourth time in a row. Keeping the key lending rates unchanged will definitely help increase liquidity in the market. Pumping more funds into the system should be the utmost priority as the economic impact of COVID-19 is severe. For banks, the

repo rate has a direct impact on the cost of borrowing. The higher the repo rate, the higher will be the cost of borrowing and vice-versa. If it is less, that makes it favourable for commercial banks to loan out funds with ease. Consequently, the reverse repo rate will also continue to earn 3.35 per cent for banks.

Repo rate is the rate at which the RBI lends to banks, while reverse repo rate is the rate at which it borrows from banks. The RBI has projected Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth for the year 2021-22 at 10.5 per cent. Even the International Monetary Fund (IMF) had predicted a growth rate of 11.5 per cent earlier, which implies that in comparison to major foreign economies, India is expected to have a better financial year ahead. Fiscal interventions like these will help the country out of the current economic crisis due to the pandemic. The Finance Ministry, RBI, banks and private entities should work together for the economy to prosper.

Ravi Teja Kathuripalli | Hyderabad

By taking a leaf out of it, we should be extra vigilant in our crusade against the deadly virus. Meanwhile, people should shed misconceptions and apprehensions regarding the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive and wait for their turn to get inoculated.

The need of the hour is to follow the most popular mantra of wearing a mask, maintaining hand hygiene and social distancing. In our fight against eradication of Coronavirus, we cannot be lackadaisical in our approach. It cannot be denied that there are fair chances that the virus can mutate and metamorphose into a form against which our vaccines will be ineffective. Remember, prevention is always better than cure.

V Nagendra Kumar | Hyderabad

### RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN MYANMAR

Sir — The current political turmoil in the form of a military coup in Myanmar is a matter of grave concern and calls for the attention of the international com-

munity. The country has been facing many challenges, both political and economic, for quite a long time. The military was really running the country all along and Aung San Suu Kyi, who was the Prime Minister, was only for name sake.

The real power lay not in the hands of those elected by the people but in the military. The latest military coup and the annulment of the election results marked the second instance where Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy (NLD) suffered the consequences of military intervention and scrapping of the election results. India and other countries should exert pressure on Myanmar's military regime to relinquish power and smoothly transfer it to Suu Kyi. Restoration of democracy is in the best interests of India and other countries.

P Senthil | Mumbai

## Tough talk

US President Joe Biden has hinted that he would turn the heat on China and Russia

In his first diplomatic address, US President Joe Biden has shown aggressive posturing towards China and Russia. His speech clearly reflects the Biden Administration's foreign policy priorities and the kind of equations that the superpower is likely to work upon in the coming days while dealing with "friends" and "foes". Biden's approach towards Beijing holds a subtle message for the Indian foreign policymakers that America will keep its interests first and foremost while dealing with affairs related to Southeast Asia, South Asia and China. On the one hand, Biden pledges to counter China's economic abuses and human rights violations and, on the other, asserts that he is ready to work with it when it is in America's interest. India should not decipher the implicit message as being in its favour. New Delhi shares tense relations with Beijing due to China's expansionist policy and its military adventurism, breaching India's territorial sovereignty at several points. The violation of privacy by Chinese apps and India's subsequent ban on these have only worsened bilateral relations. India must keep in mind that, be it Donald Trump or Biden, capitalism drives the US democracy and economic interests often subsume all other forms of commitment. There are no permanent friends or adversaries and economic interests,

coupled with other factors, play a key role in formulating America's foreign policy. "America is back. Diplomacy is back," is how Biden started the address. He has attempted to repair what he terms "damage to America's global standing" by reversing the policies of his predecessor. This might not portend well for India as Trump, who shared friendly relations with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had taken several decisions keeping Indian interests in mind. If Biden quashes these, it will only be counterproductive to India's interests. In a direct message to Russia, Biden said that the days of the US "rolling over" to President Vladimir Putin are over as he called for the immediate release of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny. "We will not hesitate to raise the cost on Russia and defend our vital interests and our people," Biden said. The message is loud and clear. America is going to intervene in every possible manner in the affairs of other sovereign powers to satiate its diplomatic and economic interests. However, only time will tell what Biden's diplomacy holds for India and the rest of the world. Till then, we need to watch carefully and tread cautiously.

## SOUND BITE

My party is ready to forge an alliance with the SP for the upcoming Assembly elections to defeat the BJP. We are also in touch with other small parties in the State to forge an alliance.



PSPL chief — Shivalp Yadav

The European Union's (EU) recovery plan to help repair economic damage caused by the Coronavirus pandemic could be a game changer in the continent's efforts to take the lead in the digital sphere.

EU Commission chief — Ursula von der Leyen

I led Abhishek once, holding his hand. He leads me now holding my hand. He has been wished and decorated with the memories of his birth on his birthday.

Actor — Amitabh Bachchan

During the lockdown, we couldn't practice. In September when the MHA guidelines allowed us to resume activities, I could train at the Ekalabya Sports Hostel in Ranchi.

Hockey player — Beauty Dungdung

When Rihanna and Greta Thunberg sought to express solidarity with the farmers of our country, why are we getting so rattled?

Congress leader — Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury



## FIRST COLUMN

### SEEK COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Indian policymakers must not allow their reasoning to be clouded by netizen-driven campaigns



MANISHA MEHROTRA

India has shown consistency and maturity in conducting its foreign policy through diplomacy, in the interest of attracting investment and furthering cooperative economic growth. The current geopolitical milieu is interesting in that it offers India a chance to mobilise investments to ensure that we grow fast. Yes, India is in the throes of an economic slowdown due to the pandemic but it can ride this phase out by attracting investments and by boosting the confidence of business owners who have invested in the India story. In the last few years, India has attracted global attention by improving its Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Index ratings. In the process, it has become the world's fifth-largest economy, beating France and the UK. This momentum must continue and India needs to keep reforming and maintain consistency in its business environment for all investors. Of late, there has been talk of retaliating against companies from countries like China, Turkey and Malaysia. What we need to realise is that these firms are apolitical and letting them operate in an unbiased manner projects a great image of India to the world. The country has much to gain from treading a path of economic cooperation, which has always defined its policymaking.



India needs investments to prosper and, according to the UN Conference on Trade and Development, it was the ninth-largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) to the tune of \$49.97 billion in 2020. This was a 13 per cent increase from \$44.36 billion in 2019 when it was ranked 12th in FDI receipts. The changing world order and geopolitical events will further contribute to investments, especially in the backdrop of a growing anti-China sentiment globally. India's commitment to EoDB and providing a stable business environment should not change. Foreign firms that operate here consistently are ambassadors of the EoDB. They invest with the intent of a lasting interest, creating employment opportunities for both skilled and unskilled labour, which translates into increased income and overall prosperity. Skills gained through training and experience boost India's education and human capital quotient and have a ripple effect. The long-term benefits of such investments are there for all to see.

India is a democracy with a market-driven economy that has earned a reputation for being a country that provides stability of regulation with predictable policymaking. We must not let this hard-earned reputation change and squander our economic achievements. Policymakers should remain on the path of making India an increasingly welcoming place to do business. We live in a global village and targeting foreign firms could prove counterproductive, as there are several Indian companies operating in other countries and any unilateral action could be reciprocated. What's worse, other nations can easily jump in to fill India's shoes, costing our country in the form of lower trade volume. The world is economically integrated and India needs to safeguard its economic interests by collaborating with countries. Nations have understood the need for collective resilience to recover from the economic repercussions of COVID-19. India has and should continue to choose diplomatic channels to respond to other nations. Economic sanctions and exclusionary/protectionist tactics are detrimental to all. India experienced this first hand when it lost a source of cheap crude oil in Iran, as the West Asian country remains sanctioned by the US. In today's world, as economies grow increasingly intertwined, commerce dictates that countries collaborate and find a way to resolve differences and move ahead in mutual interest. Policymakers should not allow their reasoning to get clouded by netizen-driven campaigns and should continue to prioritise the economic interest of the nation.

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# Keepers of indigenous knowledge and insight

Women are at the forefront of struggles to protect the environment. Can their role in the 'Chipko movement' to save the forests ever be forgotten?



SWAPNA MAJUMDAR

As the darkness of the night begins to set in, there is only one house in Pune's bustling Budhwar Peth area which is lit by oil lamps. In this small house lives Hema Sane, a retired professor of botany. The 80-year-old Sane has authored over 25 books, many of which are course books for graduate students of botany studying at the city's famed Savitribai Phule University. But this is not why she is pleased with her efforts. What makes her happy is that she was able to continue her habit of writing even at night despite not having electricity. Writing by candlelight was not new or strange to her. With no electricity in the house since birth, Sane became an expert in managing without it. Her doctorate (Ph.D) in botany was also completed with the help of oil lamps and candles. "I don't have a refrigerator, television or oven because I don't have electricity. My parents also didn't have power. I have lived all my life without electricity and don't see the need for it. I am happy living in harmony with nature," she says.

Many are of the opinion that she is insane to live the way she does, surrounded by trees, plants, birds, cats, dogs and piles of books. "If you type my surname (Sane), the internet will tell you it means sensible. The opposite of sane is insane or mad. This is what some people say about me (that I am mad) when they hear I have chosen to live without electricity," says Sane with a chuckle. Living without power amid the hustle and bustle of a cosmopolitan city is not the only factor that makes Sane's life so fascinating. She is an institution in herself (her impressive academic record includes degrees in Indology as well) and inspired one of her botany students to name a new plant variety after her name.

It also motivated film-maker Ramana Dumpala to make her the subject of his award-winning documentary film. Aply named 'Glow Worm in a Jungle', the film explores her life and work, and her steadfast refusal to give up her rundown house to a builder because it would mean leaving her best friends — the trees, plants, birds and animals — behind. Interestingly, the film-maker shot the entire film in the light that filtered in during the day and from the oil lamps and newly-acquired solar lamps in the night to honour her philosophy of using natural resources.

Sane's abiding bond with nature, the courage to challenge existing values and practices and offer new perspectives about ways of living is also why this film was chosen as a part of the ongoing 'Rising Gardens Film Festival'. A part of the One Billion Rising (OBR) campaign in India, the online Festival showcases acclaimed documentary and animation films on women and their cosmic connection with nature, agriculture and the environment. Held annually, the OBR focuses attention on the strength of women through various forms of creative expression. This 2021 campaign explores the influences that have shaped the world, its revival, restoration and transformation. Since OBR was launched in 2012 as a call for the world to rise against the widespread violence against women and girls, this year's theme of 'Rising Gardens' has been so named to underline that communities must rise to respect and protect both women and mother Earth if life is to exist.

The exploitation of nature and the oppression of women are deeply linked, contends Kamla Bhasin, coordinator, OBR South Asia. "It is the larger, unjust



WHENEVER THEY HAVE RISEN, WOMEN HAVE BECOME AGENTS OF CHANGE, USING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE TO MITIGATE ADVERSITY AND OFFER ADAPTATION STRATEGIES

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systems that make this violence against nature and women acceptable and even necessary for its perpetuation. In response to this, the OBR campaign is pushing us to work towards healing the environment and our communities by growing gardens, directly challenging capitalist patriarchy which has increasingly pushed us away from mother nature. We call to build gardens and communities where everyone can flourish," says Bhasin. Curated by Reena Mohan, an award winning independent documentary film-maker, the festival has been organised by Sangat, a feminist network. The aim of presenting 48 films of hope and resilience from 11 countries over the next four months is to show that communities can imagine a better way to live without destroying nature.

"These are stories of courage, compassion and hope, with women at the fore, engaged in either environmental or agricultural work or presenting a significant connection to nature. These are works that challenge, inspire and expand our vision," states Mohan.

One such film is about the Bhils, a large tribal community, primarily residing in Madhya Pradesh. While paintings made by the Bhil community are famous for the stories they narrate about their land, animals and deities, what is less known is the fact that painting for them is akin to offering a prayer. 'Hum Chitra Banate Hain (We Make Images)' is an animated interpretation of how Bhil art originated and why it is so closely connected to nature and the lives of the community. The film centres

around an elderly woman from the community whose traditional wisdom about nature leads the community out of its long-standing problem of water scarcity. This turnaround in fortunes and the subsequent prosperity arising from good crops and good health is recorded by drawing pictures first on clay pots and then on walls of their huts. Since then, every painting is a story of the land told through the depictions of people, animals, deities and their festivals.

What makes this collaboration between the indigenous Bhil artist Sher Singh and film-maker Nina Sabnani so engrossing is the beautiful way Bhil paintings have been animated to tell the little-known story and the engaging way a rooster has been used as the storyteller in the narrative. One of the reasons why Sabnani wanted to make this film was to tap the rich resource of oral histories of the Bhils which has remained unappreciated and unknown outside the community. "These narratives, which store the knowledge and wisdom of the Bhils, represent their unique ways of seeing and experiencing the world and are a part of their cultural identity. These stories and their indigenous knowledge may be lost with communities migrating for economic reasons. To create a film that drew upon their knowledge and their art so that we could learn from them became a reason for us to come together," explains Sabnani.

Many times indigenous knowledge of the land is dismissed as unscientific. But when women in science use their knowledge to explain why

conservation and protection is imperative, their work is not taken seriously enough. Sri Lankan ocean educator, Asha de Vos, faced this form of discrimination. "I was told that I was too young or that I was too female", says de Vos, a pioneer of blue whale research. Her journey to become a marine biologist, considered by many as a male domain and the challenges of being a South Asian woman in science presented in the form of an interesting animated interview by Sri Lankan director Irushi Tennekoon, strikes a familiar chord. Even in India, women scientists become targets of prejudice and gender bias. This is probably why only 15 per cent of the Indian research and development workforce in the country are women. Fortunately for de Vos, she was able to cross all such hurdles and now heads Sri Lanka's first marine conservation, research and education organisation.

Women have traditionally been storehouses of indigenous knowledge and wisdom. They are at the forefront of struggles to protect the environment. Can the role of women in the Chipko movement to save the forests or their immense contribution during the Narmada Bachao Andolan ever be forgotten? Whenever they have risen, they have become agents of change, using their knowledge and expertise to mitigate adversity and offer adaptation strategies. Just as these films underscore, respecting women's skills, resourcefulness and leadership can boost gender equality, address climate change and protect the planet.

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

LET'S SUPPORT AN AMICABLE RESOLUTION (TO FARMERS' ISSUES) RATHER THAN PAYING ATTENTION TO ANYONE CREATING DIFFERENCES.

—ACTOR

AKSHAY KUMAR



IF ONE TWEET RATTLES YOUR UNITY, THEN YOU HAVE TO WORK ON STRENGTHENING YOUR VALUE SYSTEM, NOT BECOME PROPAGANDA TEACHERS FOR OTHERS.

—ACTOR

TAAPSEE PANNU



# Budgeting for growth with focus on the right issues

The Budget sets the tone for recovery and creation of jobs in various sectors owing to the Govt compensating for falling consumption through a hike in expenditure

One of the thoughts that must have certainly crossed everyone's minds while hearing Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget speech was how nothing went as planned, last year. Given the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and its socio-economic impact, the future is uncertain and the best of planning can go haywire if circumstances are unfavourable.

However, despite all the constraints of the contagion, this Union Budget has paved the way for reviving the Indian economy. Pointing out an important fact that this was only the third time in Indian history that the Budget was announced against the backdrop of a shrinking economic growth, the FM ensured that fiscal deficit figures did not keep her from announcing spending in areas where it was needed.

Focus on the informal sec-



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**tor:** The early signs of recovery in the Indian corporate sector do not necessarily point towards increasing investments, demand or productivity, all of which could have led to sustainable growth and increasing incomes. The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy reported that the corporate sector made bumper profits in the quarter ended 2020 due to significantly lower spending on inputs compared to sales. However, wages grew by 3.2 per cent only in the September 2020 quarter, which is very low historically and in stark contrast to growth in profits.

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have also been adversely affected by the pandemic, with many being forced to shut down operations, resulting in massive job losses.

The Union Budget has raised the allocation for the

MSME sector to ₹15,700 crore from ₹7,572 crore last year. The Government has also announced the ₹3-lakh crore Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme under the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan'. Besides, as was expected, the Centre has committed to creating a portal to collect information on gig economy workers in order to enable them to avail the benefits of Government schemes as well as help in designing specific policies for them.

**One Nation One Ration Card:** The 'One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)' is one such scheme that will help migrant workers avail of subsidised food grain at the place of work, rather than their home States. Under the ONORC plan, beneficiaries can lift their entitled food grain from any electronic Point of Sale device (ePoS) enabled Fair Price Shop



(FPS) of their choice by using their existing ration cards with biometric authentication on the ePoS device. The scheme that is being implemented by 32 States and Union Territories covering 69 crore beneficiaries right now will be slowly implemented by the remaining States as well.

**Labour codes:** The FM also pointed out that the implementation of labour codes will be a step towards the formalisation of gig economy workers as they will now be covered under social security schemes. The FM spoke about labour

welfare bringing a larger pool of workers, including gig workers, under the Employees' State Insurance Corporation to expand the social security net. However, the overall Budget allocation of the Labour Ministry was reduced to ₹13,306 crore for 2021-22 from ₹13,720 crore in the revised Budget of 2020-21.

The four Labour Codes would be implemented, signalling the Centre's resolve to go ahead with labour law reforms. "We will conclude a process that began 20 years ago," Sitharaman said, adding that minimum wages would apply to all categories of workers and women would be allowed to work in all categories and also in night shifts with adequate protection.

**Production Linked Incentive scheme:** The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for 13 sectors,

with a spending of ₹1.97-lakh crore for five years, is a much-needed initiative for helping scale-up firms, boosting employment and helping businesses revive. The MSMEs will also be provided with a lot of digital support to reduce the cumbersome regulatory and other procedures.

The FM has laid down the road map for expenditures by the Government. However, it remains to be seen whether it would be able to append and collect revenues as planned from the disinvestment of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and strategic sales of Life Insurance Corporation, Air India, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, Industrial Development Bank of India and so on.

For the time being, the FM has remained undeterred by the ballooning fiscal deficit which she pegged at 9.5 per cent of the

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 and 6.8 per cent of the GDP for FY 2022. The deficit is to be partly funded by market borrowings and the Centre plans to raise ₹80,000 crore from the market. The extraordinary circumstances of the pandemic have called for extraordinary measures by the Government, leading to the high fiscal deficit. However, the legislative constraints of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act have to be honoured and, therefore, the FM indicated the will to bring the fiscal deficit below 4.5 per cent of the GDP by 2025-26.

Overall, the Budget sets the tone for economic recovery and creation of jobs in various sectors owing to the Centre compensating declining consumption and private investment through increased State expenditure.

# Biden lays out foreign policy plan

## US will repair its alliances and engage with world once again: Biden

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**

Declaring that "America is back," President Joe Biden has said that his administration will "repair" the country's strained relations with its allies during the previous Trump administration and engage with the world once again.

In his first major foreign policy address as President, Biden said America cannot afford to be absent any longer on the world stage.

"We will compete from a position of strength by building back better at home, working with our allies and partners,



President Joe Biden, speaks with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the Oval Office of the White House on Friday

renewing our international institutions and reclaiming our credibility and moral authority, much of which has been lost," Biden said on Thursday as he visited the State Department for the first time after being sworn in as the 46th US President on January 20.

"We cannot do it alone," Biden said, putting particular emphasis on the need to rebuild the country's moral standing after four years under his predecessor Donald Trump, who often rebuffed America's traditional alliances.

"I want the world to hear today: America is back. Diplomacy is back at the centre of our foreign policy," Biden, who was accompanied by Vice-President Kamala Harris, said.

"We will repair our alliances and engage with the world once again, not to meet yesterday's challenges, but today's and tomorrow's. American leadership must meet this new moment of advancing authoritarianism, including the growing ambitions of China to

cherished democratic values: defending freedom, championing opportunity, upholding universal rights, respecting the rule of law and treating every person with dignity. That is the grounding wire of our global power. That is our inexhaustible source of strength. That is America's abiding advantage," he said.

Though many of these values have come under intense pressure in recent years, even pushed to the brink in the last few weeks, the American people are going to emerge from this moment stronger, more determined and better equipped to unite the world in fighting to defend democracy, because they have fought for it themselves, Biden said.

In his address to the employees of the State Department, the president said he has come to the building to reassure them that his administration is going to empower them to do their jobs, not target or politicise them.

"We are going to rebuild our alliances. We are going to re-engage with the world and take on the enormous challenge we face dealing with a pandemic, dealing with global warming and again, standing up for democracy and human rights," he said.

Biden said his administration will work with partners to support restoration of democracy and the rule of law, and impose consequences on those responsible.

"Over the past two weeks, I have spoken with the leaders of many of our closest friends — Canada, Mexico, the UK, Germany, France, NATO, Japan, South Korea, Australia — to begin reforming the habits of cooperation and rebuilding the muscle of democratic alliances that have atrophied over the past few years of neglect and, I would argue, abuse," he said.

America's alliances, he asserted are its greatest asset and leading with diplomacy means standing shoulder-to-shoulder with US allies and key partners once again.

# US will not hesitate to raise cost on Russia: Joe

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**

US President Joe Biden on Thursday said the days of his country rolling over in the face of Russia's aggressive actions are over and warned Moscow that his administration will not hesitate to raise the cost on it.

"I made it clear to President Putin, in a manner very different from my predecessor, that the days of the United States rolling over in the face of Russia's aggressive actions — interfering with our elections, cyberattacks, poisoning its citizens — are over," Biden told State Department employees.

Russian President Vladimir Putin is one of the world leaders with whom Biden has spoken over the phone. "We will not hesitate to raise the cost on Russia and defend our vital interests and our people. We will be more effective in dealing with Russia

# Turkey Uighurs fear sellout to China in exchange for vaccine

**Beijing:** Abdullah Metseydi, a Uighur in Turkey, was readying for bed last month when he heard commotion, then pounding on the door. "Police! Open the door!"

A dozen or more officers poured in, many bearing guns and wearing the camouflage of Turkey's anti-terror force. They asked if Metseydi had participated in any movements against China and threatened to deport him and his wife. They took him to a deportation facility, where he now sits at the

# China downplays Biden's vow to confront it, says both countries can do 'big things' together

**Beijing:** China gave a muted response to US President Joe Biden's twin policy approach of confrontation with Beijing on the challenges it posed and cooperation to further American interests, saying both countries can achieve "big things" together and their common interests far outweigh their differences.

In his first foreign policy address, US President Biden on Thursday described China as the "most serious competitor" to the US and vowed to confront Beijing on various fronts, including human rights, intellectual

# Myanmar junta arrests senior member of ousted ruling party

**AP ■ YANGON**

A senior member of Myanmar's deposed ruling party has become the latest prominent politician arrested as the country's new military government confronts continuing resistance to its seizure of power.

Win Htein, 79, is a long-time confidante of the ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and had publicly called for civil disobedience in opposition to Monday's coup.

He was arrested at his home in Yangon and taken to the capital Naypyitaw, Kyi Toe, a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, said Friday on his Facebook page.

According to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, at least 133

# Burmese military should relinquish power: Joe Biden

**PTI ■ WASHINGTON**

US President Joe Biden demanded on Thursday that the Myanmar military relinquish the power it has seized in a coup. In a military coup, the Myanmar armed forces have seized power and arrested its elected civilian leaders, including Aung San Suu Kyi. The whereabouts of her are still not clear.

"The Burmese military should relinquish power they have seized, release the advocates and activists and officials they have detained, lift the restrictions on telecommunications and refrain from violence," Biden said in his remarks at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State Department.

"As I said earlier this week, we will work with our partners to support restoration of democracy and the rule of law and impose consequences on those responsible," he added.

Biden said in the last few days, his administration has been in close cooperation with allies and partners to bring together the international community to address the military coup in Myanmar.

# Palestinian killed in confrontation in West Bank settlement

**AP ■ JERUSALEM**

The Israeli military said Friday that an unarmed Palestinian man was shot and killed in a West Bank settlement after he tried to break into a home and fought with a guard.

The military referred to the incident as a "terror attack," but a spokesman was unable to explain how it came to that conclusion, given that no weapons were found on the suspect or in his car.

# EU diplomat: Navalny case a 'low point' in ties with Russia

**Moscow:** The European Union's top diplomat told Russia's foreign minister Friday that the treatment of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny represents "a low point" in the relations between Brussels and Moscow.

EU foreign affairs chief Josep Borrell met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov several days after Navalny was ordered to serve nearly three years in prison, a ruling that elicited international outrage.

# House impeachment managers ask Trump to testify, his lawyers call it 'public relations stunt'

**Washington:** House impeachment managers asked former US President Donald Trump on Thursday to testify during the Senate impeachment trial about his conduct on January 6.

The move was immediately described as a "public relations stunt" by his lawyers.

In a letter, lead impeachment manager Jamie Raskin requested Trump to provide testimony under oath, either before or during the Senate impeachment trial, about his conduct on January 6.

The letter comes after Trump's legal team filed an answer to the Article of

# Myanmar teachers join protest as anger gathers pace against coup

**AP ■ YANGON**

Hundreds of students and teachers took to Myanmar's streets on Friday to demand the military hand power back to elected politicians, as resistance to a coup swelled with demonstrations in several parts of the country, even in the tightly controlled Capital.

In the largest rallies since the takeover, protesters at two universities in Yangon flashed a three-fingered salute, a sign of resistance borrowed from "The Hunger Games" movies, that they adopted from anti-government protesters in neighbouring Thailand.

They chanted "Long live Mother Suu" — a reference to ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been detained — and "We don't want military dictatorship."

"We will never be together with them," lecturer Dr Nwe Thazin said of the military at a protest at the Yangon University of Education. "We want that kind of Government to collapse as soon as possible."

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**ERDOGAN VOWS 'NO MERCY' TO PROTESTERS**  
Ankara: Turkey's President on Friday rebuffed US and European criticism of his Government's handling of weeks-long demonstrations at a top Istanbul university, saying they should focus on violent protests in their own countries instead. Recep Tayyip Erdogan also vowed to show "no mercy" to protesters who use violence, and reiterated his determination not to allow the demonstrations spiral into mass anti-Govt protests like those that rocked the country in 2013.

**16 HURT IN BLAST IN PAK'S BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE**  
Quetta: At least 16 people, including two children, were injured when unknown miscreants lobbed a hand grenade at a busy market area in Pakistan's restive Balochistan province on Friday, according to media reports.

**COVID VARIANT REPORT 6% OF CASES IN GERMANY**  
Berlin: A more contagious variant of the coronavirus first detected in Britain now accounts for almost 6 per cent of all cases in Germany, officials said Friday.

**BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI**  
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001  
OA NO 100/19 DATE: 27.01.2021

**CANARA BANK** Applicant  
**GANTELA RAVI KIRAN & ORS.** Respondent

To, DEFENDANT  
1. MR. GANTELA RAVI KIRAN S/O GANTELA JOSEPH R/O HOUSE NO. 545, 1st FLOOR MAMURA VILLAGE SECT-66, NOIDA UP-201301 ALSO AT: MALLAVOKI MACHAVARAM PIDUGURALLA GUNTUR A.P. - 522413 ALSO AT: DESIGNATED AS SALES MANAGER WIDE EMP CODE A-4465, IDC TECHNOLOGIES SOLUTIONS INDIA PVT. LTD. ALSO AT: 3322-A, 2nd FLOOR BANK STREET KAROL BAGH NEW DELHI-05  
2. GAYATRI HOSPITALITY & REALCON LTD. THROUGH AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY SH. V.K. AGARWAL S/O SH. A.K. AGARWAL ALSO AT: H-133, SECT-63 NOIDA

Whereas the above named applicant(s) has/ have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 23,41,316/- (RUPEE TWENTY THREE LAKH FORTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN ONLY) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 15.04.2021 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

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**Li addresses huge rally, defends dissolution of Parl**

**Kathmandu:** Supporters of Nepal's embattled Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli on Friday held a massive rally here in a show of strength, a day after his rival Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' organised an anti-government general strike, escalating the rivalry between the top leaders of the ruling communist party.

Thousands of his supporters, waving red Communist flags and chanting slogans like "We love KP Oli", "Oli is our hero", "Oli for the prime minister" marched from different parts of Nepal and gathered at the heart of Kathmandu. **PTI**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby informed that my client M/s Kamakhya Roadlines Pvt. Ltd. is intending to purchase Plot No. 9/18, measuring 457.5 sq. mtr., Sector-3, Rajender Nagar, Ghaziabad from its owner Mr. Naresh Kumar Bhardwaj who has acquired the title by virtue of registered Gift Deed dated 29.01.2015. In prior chain a GPA dated 22.10.1996 was executed and the same was not revoked till date.

Any person having any claim in respect of the above mentioned property thereof by way of inheritance, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise, whatsoever, are requested to inform the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned on below mentioned address within 15 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all documents on the basis of which claims are made, failing which any such right, title, interest, or claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and not binding on our Clients.

**C.K. JHA**  
Advocate  
E-524, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-110032 (M) - 9811295674

**TECHNOFAB ENGINEERING**

Regd. Office: 913, Hemkunt Chambers, 89 Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110 019, CIN: L74210DL1971PLC005712  
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Email: cs@technofabengineering.com  
Website: www.technofabengineering.com

**NOTICE**

This is to inform that a Board meeting is scheduled to be held on 11 February 2021 at the corporate office of the Company to consider and approve the audited financial results for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2020. Please take note that the trading window will remain closed for the concerned persons upto 48 hours of the announcement of all financial results upto 31 December 2020.

This information is also available on the portal of Company/Stock Exchanges.

For Technofab Engineering Limited  
Date: 05/02/2021 Suman Kumar Verma  
Place: New Delhi Company Secretary

**सैन्य नर्सिंग सेवा में शामिल हों**  
**बीएससी (नर्सिंग) कोर्स - 2021**  
**JOIN MILITARY NURSING SERVICE**  
**B.Sc (NURSING) COURSE-2021**

आवेदन केवल महिला उम्मीदवारों से 4 साल बीएससी (नर्सिंग) कोर्स - 2021 के लिए आमंत्रित है। पात्रता नियम और शर्तों के लिए 13 फरवरी 2021 का रोजगार समाचार देखें।

यह वेबसाइट [www.indianarmy.nic.in](http://www.indianarmy.nic.in) और [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) पर उपलब्ध होगा।

ऑनलाइन आवेदनों के लिए [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in) वेबसाइट पर पंजीकरण 17 फरवरी 2021 से 10 मार्च 2021 तक खुलेगा। पूछताछ केवल 011-23092294 पर होगी।

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For the Eligibility, Terms and Conditions see Employment News/Rozgar Samachar of 13 Feb 2021. The same will be available on website [www.indianarmy.nic.in](http://www.indianarmy.nic.in) & [www.joinindianarmy.nic.in](http://www.joinindianarmy.nic.in).

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Any queries to be addressed only at 011-23092294

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General public is hereby informed that a girl (depicted in the photo), **Shanti D/o Rakesh R/o Jhuggi No. 723, Near Baba Ram Dev Mandir, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since 19.12.2020 from the area of P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. In this regard a case vide FIR No. 725/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 24.12.2020 has been registered at Police Station Paschim Vihar East, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**SHANTI**

Age : 14 Years, Height: 47", Complexion : Shallow, Face: Oval, Wearing : Yellow colour suit, palajao & dupata and cream colour sandal in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Paschim Vihar East, Delhi at E-mail [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi  
Fax No. 011-24368639 Outer Distt., Delhi  
DP/594/OD/2021 Ph. No. 011-25263471, 25267286

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL**

General Public is hereby informed that one girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Rinki Kumari D/o Munulal R/o H. No. A-23, Near Shiv Shakti Mandir, Shiv Vihar, Delhi Aged- 15 Years** has been reported missing/kidnapped since 27.12.2020 from the area of P.S. Ranholha, Delhi vide FIR No. 1023/20 u/s 363 IPC dated 27.12.2020 registered at Police Station Ranholha, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

**Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'0", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Black coloured jacket, blue coloured jeans and black coloured juty in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped girl, may inform SHO, Ranholha, Delhi at E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) or website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Sd/-  
Tel: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Ranholha, Delhi  
FAX No. : 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-28363001, 23363002  
DP/628/OD/2021 23363003

**MEYER APPAREL LIMITED**  
CIN: L1810HR1993PLC032010  
Regd. Office: #412, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Orient Beshch Business Tower, Khandas, Sector-34, Gurugram -122004, Haryana, India

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that meeting of the Board of Directors of Meyer Apparel Limited is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 12:15 PM at the registered office of the Company i.e. #412, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Orient Beshch Business Tower, Khandas, Sector-34, Gurugram -122004 to consider and approve, amongst other items, the unaudited financial results of the Company for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ended December 31, 2020.

This notice is also available on the website of the company at [www.meyerapparel.com](http://www.meyerapparel.com) and on the website of BSE Ltd. at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), where the company's shares are listed.

For Meyer Apparel Limited  
Place : Gurugram Sd/-  
Date : 05-02-2021 Nishita Bakshi  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

**MIDAS INFRA TRADE LIMITED**  
CIN: L65910DL1994PLC062379  
Regd. Office: 301, 2833-2834, Bank Street Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005  
Email: [midasinftrade@gmail.com](mailto:midasinftrade@gmail.com)  
Tel: 011-42633934, Website: [www.mitt.org.in](http://www.mitt.org.in)

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that, a meeting of Board of Director of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 05:00 PM at its Registered Office 301, 2833-34, Bank Street Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005, to inter-alia consider as follows:-

i. To consider and approve Standalone Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter & half year ended on 31st December, 2020; and

ii. Any other item, if any, with the permission of the Chair

Further, Pursuant to this, the Company has decided that the close period (i.e. closure of trading window) for insiders covered under "Code of Conduct for Prohibition of Insider Trading" would commence from 6:00 PM on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 and will end 48 hours after the results are made public on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021). The notice is also available on the website of the Stock Exchanges & company [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) & [www.mitt.org.in](http://www.mitt.org.in).

For Midas Infra Trade Limited  
Sd/-  
Rajnish Chopra  
Managing Director  
Date : 05.02.2021  
Place : New Delhi DIN: 07676383

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# RBI sets tone right to boost eco

## Liquidity support, widening of G-sec mkt welcome steps: Bankers

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Following the Budget earlier this week, the RBI has set the tone right to boost the economy post-Covid-19 pandemic, and has been thoughtful enough to boost liquidity as well as channel domestic savings into financial markets, banking experts said on Friday.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its final monetary review of this fiscal decided to keep the key repo rate - at which it lends short term capital to banks - unchanged at 4 per cent with an accommodative stance to support growth and ensure there are no adverse price pressures.

The central bank has the mandate to keep retail or the consumer price index (CPI) based inflation at 4 per cent, with a bias of plus/minus 2 per cent on either side.

The RBI announced a host of measures such as direct entry of retail investors into the government securities market,

ensuring liquidity to targeted sectors, credit to new MSME borrowers, review of the regulatory framework for micro-finance institutions, among others. "The RBI policy announcement today is an acknowledgement and continuation of doing whatever it takes to maintain an orderly, seamless and non-disruptive liquidity management policy to support debt management... An extension of enhanced HTM limit, relaxation of funds availability under MSF, an extension of on tap TLTRO to NBFC, deduction of credit disbursed to new MSME borrowers from their NDTL for calculation of the CRR will calibrate credit flow and liquidity management," SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said.

Overall, a thoughtful policy and a thoughtful budget could just be the ideal mix for rejuvenating growth in the current pandemic, Khara added.

"This is a major structural reform placing India among select few countries which have similar facilities," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said about the direct entry of retail investors to G-sec market while announcing the outcome of its six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

Allowing retail participation in the G-Sec market is a bold step towards the financialisation of a vast pool of domestic savings and could be a game-changer, said the SBI chief.

Punjab National Bank MD and CEO S S Mallikarjuna Rao said the policy has perfectly complemented the Union Budget in supporting the growth impulses.

"Extending the On Tap TLTRO to NBFCs and incentivising lending to new MSME borrowers will support lending to these sectors. The unveiling of structural reform of retail participation in the G-sec market along with the extension of HTM limit relaxation will aid

# Realty industry hails RBI move to keep policy rate unchanged

**Expects low home loan rate regime to continue**

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Real estate developers and consultants on Friday said the RBI's decision to keep key policy rates unchanged means low interest rate on home loans will continue but felt that further reduction could have boosted housing demand that has shown signs of recovery in the last few months.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the MPC (Monetary Policy Committee) voted unanimously to leave the policy repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent. In his statement, Das also mentioned that data for sales and new launches of residential units in major metropolitan centres reflect a renewed confidence in the real estate sector.

Housing sales were badly impacted during the April-June quarter of this fiscal year

because of the lockdown to control the COVID-19 pandemic. However, sales recovered on pent-up and festive demand along with a low home loan interest rate of around 7 per cent during October-December 2020.

"Under the given market scenario and circumstance, the RBI's direction on unchanged repo rate is very much on the anticipated lines though a rate cut would have been better to combat the negativity of pandemic-led economic crisis across the industry," Naredco President Niranjan Hirandani said. Sanjay Dutt, MD & CEO, Tata Realty and Infrastructure, welcomed the apex bank's decision to keep policy rates unchanged for the fourth time in a row.

"Maintaining this accommodative outlook is extremely crucial, especially with the green shoots of recovery being visible now."

The RBI maintaining status quo for the fourth time in a row is a positive step towards spurring consumption, Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO, India, South East Asia, Middle East & Africa of CBRE said.

Anarock Chairman Anuj Puri said the real estate industry always aspires for reduced interest rates.

"Housing demand is reviving, and this demand needs to be fostered. However, the RBI's current stance is absolutely justified given the unique circumstances.

We are certain that rates will be adjusted favourably once the pandemic exigencies ease," he said.

Dhruv Agarwal, Group CEO, Housing.Com and Proptiger, said the decision of RBI to keep the repo rate unchanged along with accommodative stance is understandable at this juncture. "Although a further cut in the key rates would have given a boost to current demand uptick that we have seen recently," he added.

# Zomato inks pact with MoHUA to onboard 300 street vendors

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Zomato on Friday said it has signed an agreement with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to onboard 300 food street vendors on its platform.

The online restaurant guide and food ordering platform said it will onboard 300 street vendors across six cities - Bhopal, Raipur, Patna, Vadodara, Nagpur, and Ludhiana - in the first phase.

Considering the popularity of street food in these cities, there is an immense growth potential for these vendors in the online food delivery sphere, it added. "With this, these street vendors will not just be able to serve their loyal customers within the safety of their own homes but will also reach a much larger customer base using Zomato's technology and last-mile delivery services," the statement said.

# Taxpayers to be informed upfront reasons for reopening of tax assessment: CBDT

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Taxpayers will be informed upfront about the reasons for which their I-T returns are getting reopened for scrutiny and only in case of non-satisfactory reply would the case get opened up again, CBDT chief P.C. Mody said on Friday.

The 2021-22 Budget has lowered the time limit for reopening of tax cases to 3 years from 6 years earlier. While for serious tax fraud cases involving income concealment of Rs 50 lakh and above 10 years old cases can be reopened.

"The issue about reopening... The assessee would not know why his tax return has been opened up again for scrutiny. We have made a provision for that the reasons would be disclosed to him upfront and only on receipt of non-satisfactory reply or non-reconciliation of issues that the case gets reopened," Mody said at a CII event.

The Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the apex decision making body for income tax, said the rationalisation of reopening of cases announced in Budget would bring in more certainty to taxpayers.

"What was a heavily litigated area, we have tried to rationalise it to the extent that it is no longer left to the discretion of assessing officer. It would be more of information-based attempt to reopen the cases. It would be primarily based on data analytics and risk assessment which the system throws up which would lead to reopening of assessment," Mody said.

With regard to the Dispute Resolution Committee announced in the Union Budget, Mody said since majority of the tax disputes are at the lower end, hence accordingly the threshold for approaching the panel has been decided.

# Sensex, Nifty end at fresh peaks post RBI policy

**LOG STELLAR WEEKLY GAINS**

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

Extending its winning run for the fifth session, equity benchmark Sensex finished at a fresh lifetime peak on Friday after the Reserve Bank kept interest rates unchanged but continued its accommodative stance and announced fresh liquidity measures to revive growth.

The 30-share BSE benchmark briefly crossed the 51,000-level, before ending 117.34 points or 0.23 per cent higher at its fresh closing record of 50,731.63.

Similarly, the 50-share NSE Nifty scaled the 15,000 mark during the day but shed some ground to close at its all-time high of 14,924.25, up 28.60 points or 0.19 per cent.

SBI was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rallying 10.69 per cent, followed by Kotak Bank, Dr Reddy's, UltraTech Cement,

ITC and HDFC Bank.

On the other hand, Axis Bank, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, Maruti and HCL Tech were among the laggards, tumbling up to 3.30 per cent.

Earlier in the day, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) kept interest rates on hold while assuring to maintain support for refloating the economy by ensuring ample liquidity to manage the government's near-record borrowing.

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted to continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive growth and mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on the economy while ensuring that inflation remains within the target, Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

absorb higher government borrowings, the central bank provided retail investors a direct option to invest in government securities.

It also sapped some fund from banks by raising the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and use the money for more targeted market operations.

# RBI projects retail inflation in 5-5.2% range for H1 FY22

**Mumbai:** The Reserve Bank on Friday projected retail inflation to be in 5-5.2% range during the first half of the next fiscal year, expecting further softening of vegetables prices in near term. Also, it has lowered the retail inflation forecast for the current January-March quarter of 2020-21 fiscal at 5.2%.

The Reserve Bank (RBI) has kept the key policy rate unchanged at 4 per cent, with an accommodative stance, so as to ensure that inflation remains well within the target, Governor Shaktikanta Das said while announcing the last monetary policy of 2020-21.

"The MPC (monetary policy committee) voted unanimously to leave the policy repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent. It also unanimously decided to continue with the accommodative stance of monetary policy as long as necessary... While ensuring that inflation remains within the target going forward," Das said.

The governor said the outlook on growth has improved significantly and inflation has returned within the tolerance band (of +/- 4 per cent).

Having breached the upper tolerance threshold (over 6 per cent) continuously since June last year, CPI inflation has come below 6 per cent in December for the first time in the post-lockdown period supported by favourable base effects and sharp fall in key vegetable prices, Das said in his statement.

# INBRIEF

**PFC BAGS SKOCH GOLD AWARD IN 'BEST PERFORMING PSU FOR COVID ACTIVITIES' CATEGORY**

New Delhi: RS Dhillon, CMD, PFC receiving the prestigious SKOCH Gold Award for 'Best Performing PSU for Covid Activities' from Shri Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, SKOCH Group. Shri P.K. Singh, Director (Commercial) & Smt. Parminder Chopra, Director (Finance), PFC were present on this occasion.

**MANGU SINGH GETS 'DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS' AWARD**

The Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), Dr. Mangu Singh, was conferred with the prestigious 'Distinguished Alumnus' Award by the National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR) on the occasion of their 70th Foundation Day on 31st January, 2021. Prior to joining (DMRC), Dr. Singh had a long stint with the Indian Railways, where he served in various capacities across the country, including in the Kolkata Metro project. The National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR) is the premier training institute for Indian Railways' officers.

**CAMPAIGN TO POPULARISE E-BIKES**

To popularise the use of e-bikes, electric vehicle subscription platform EVeze has joined hands with ESL Steel Limited, a Vedanta Group Company, and launched 40 E-cycles and 10 E-scooters, as a part of #ESLRidesGreen campaign. "Apart from lower costs, these electronic vehicles are directly helping the environment to stay healthy and clean," said Gaurav Rathore, CEO of EVeze.

**State Bank shares continue to gain; jump over 11 pc**

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

Shares of State Bank of India continued to rally on Friday, jumping over 11 per cent after the company's asset quality improved substantially in December quarter.

The stock zoomed 10.69 per cent to close at ₹393.05 on BSE. During the day, it jumped 14.99 per cent to ₹408.35 - its 52-week high.

On NSE, it gained 11.23 per cent to settle at ₹395. Shares of State Bank of India (SBI) had gained over 6 per cent on Thursday.

In the last two trading sessions, the company's market valuation has soared ₹51,048.86 crore to ₹3,50,781.86 crore on BSE. SBI on Thursday had posted a nearly 7 per cent fall in its standalone net profit at Rs 5,196.22 crore for the third quarter ended December. The bank had posted a net profit of ₹5,583.36 crore in the October-December period of the previous fiscal. Total income (stand-alone) also fell marginally to ₹75,980.65 crore during Q3FY21, as against ₹76,797.91 crore in the same period of 2019-20, SBI said in a regulatory filing.

**Rupee rises 3 paise to 72.93 post RBI rate decision**

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The rupee gained 3 paise to settle at 72.93 against the US dollar on Friday after the Reserve Bank kept the policy rate unchanged but maintained its accommodative stance to spur growth.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 72.98 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 72.80 and a low of 72.99.

It finally ended at 72.93 against the American currency, registering a rise of 3 paise from its previous close. On Thursday.

The rupee had settled at 72.96 against the American currency.

**Municipal Corporation Aurangabad (Maharashtra) Tender Notice**

**Name of Work:** Tender for "DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, ERECTION, COMMISSIONING AND OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TREATMENT EQUIPMENTS AND MACHINERIES" FOR 150 TPD CAPACITY AT AURANGABAD AT HARSOOL (WITH OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR FIVE YEARS).

Aurangabad Municipal Corporation Invites Open online Tender for the above said work. The details of tender are available on [www.mahatenders.gov.in](http://www.mahatenders.gov.in). The Tender document can be downloaded from given website. The last date for online submission of the tender is 16/03/2021 upto 5.00 p.m.

# Pharma exports up 12.43% during Apr-Dec 2021

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

India's exports of pharmaceutical products during April-December 2020-21 grew by 12.43 per cent to USD 17.57 billion, Parliament was informed on Friday.

India's exports of pharmaceutical products have not declined and they are growing consistently, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Hardeep Singh Puri said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha.

"During 2019-20, India's exports of pharmaceuticals were USD 20.58 billion with a growth rate of 7.57 per cent over the previous year. Total pharma exports during April-December 2020-21 were at USD 17.57 billion, registering a growth rate of 12.43 per cent over the same period of the previous year," he said.

Replying to a question on FD, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Parkash said that during the last three years, the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflow increased from USD 44.85 billion in 2017-18 to USD 49.97 billion in 2019-20. According to the data, FDI in defence industries stood at USD 0.63 billion.

**Ministry of Food Processing Industries Government of India**

**Financial Assistance to set up Mega Food Park under PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA**

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For detailed operational guidelines of the scheme, Expression of Interest (EOI), requirement of EMD etc., Ministry's website: [www.mofpi.nic.in](http://www.mofpi.nic.in) may be visited.

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**Bollywood**  
 I have always been a supporter of independent music.  
 —Neha Bhasin

**SHORTCIRCUITS**

**AYUSHMANN KHURRANA**

I have been fortunate to collaborate with filmmakers who encourage me to add my creative inputs to their vision of storytelling. The eyebrow slit in *Anek* was an idea I discussed with Anubhav (Sinha) sir. It was about creating a distinct look that the audience has never seen me in, and I am glad that people have noticed.



**SALMAN KHAN**

There are three films of mine that are ready for release. But nowadays, there is a *kabristan* (graveyard) kind of feel to theatres as no one goes there to watch films. I feel it is not a good sign. It's a catch-22 situation as we are incomplete without them (theatre owners) and they are incomplete without us.



**RITUPARNA SENGUPTA**

I was intrigued by *Antardrisht*'s storyline. My character is visually challenged. So I felt that it would give me a chance to play a challenging role. I am always looking for a challenge that gives me the kick to go out of my comfort zone and discover something.



**VARUN SHARMA**

This was one of the bestest birthdays ever, on sets with *Cirkus* madcaps. It's a moment that can't be expressed. Thank you (*Cirkus* director) Rohit (Shetty) sir and the entire team for making this day even more special. Moreover, Varun (Dhawan) thank you so much for surprising me.

**MICHAEL PENA**

Chloe (Grace Moretz) is fantastic. She's been acting for a long time. She comes super prepared and she's always down to play, and she's got crazy-good range. She knows how to go big and stay very grounded, and it was awesome to work with her.



**SPOTLIGHT**

**MADE IN HEAVEN**

Director PURVA NARESH's play *Ladies Sangeet* questions patriarchal and societal norms that have become a part of our psyche. By AYUSHI SHARMA

**How did you conceptualise the play *Ladies Sangeet*?**

What prompted me to conceptualise this play was a conversation with Divya Bhatia at several festivals. She wanted me to write an entertainer for the stage which would have some kind of artistic value, social comment and would draw an audience that was going to watch films and other live events but not theatre. The story had to be from a mainstream milieu, connect with people, have a sense of fun, but also have an artistic quotient and a social context. And what's better than a wedding? Because weddings and funerals are two things that really connect with everyone.

When you think of a wedding, you think of men and women and the heterosexual world because there is no space for any other gender here. So this is how a conflict about gender came in and then the question of the male gaze arose because the wedding on the surface seems to be all about a *lehenga* and the optics of the celebration. We superimpose a very patriarchal thought process upon the bride and the groom to look a certain way. The bride must, of course, make a beauty statement that is decided by magazines, films or advertising. Even the parents are pressured to behave and look a certain way. How have weddings become such a big market that people are willing to splurge unheard amounts on them... How the joy is being appropriated by the market, patriarchal systems and more is what bothered and engaged me as a writer.

I went about seeding these questions into people's minds for them to, perhaps, reconsider why they are willing to spend so much on weddings. Especially when younger couples are opting for live-in or long-distance relationships or open relationships nowadays. I happened to meet a wedding contractor once and he inspired one important thread in the play about a wedding planner. I also drew from the

memories of the weddings I have attended. I also looked at the way songs and dance are used to subliminally coax women to be a certain way. I tried to do a light-hearted spin as I skimmed through these questions and infused some fun too as I went along.

**What exactly is the play trying to explore?**

The play tries to explore the male gaze and patriarchy through the established pillars of wedding rituals and how the classical ethos, the folk ethos, and the popular film culture pre-decide how a wedding is supposed to be, what are the dancers going to look like, what costumes everyone will wear and what rituals, they will follow. Everything is about celebrating the male and the female and there is no space for another look or thought outside the box. It is like a ready-made package. Our films too have really influenced mass culture. Take for example *Karva Chauth*, a ritual that was only celebrated in Punjab in the beginning but, because of films it is now celebrated throughout India. So the underlying theme is about patriarchy steeped into our rituals.

**An insight into the storyline?**

*Ladies Sangeet* tells the story of young Radha who is to wed her beau Siddharth at her ancestral home in the hinter-



lands while her enthusiastic family members and their wedding planner are trying to make the wedding resemble the ones in Bollywood! The play uses wit, humour, music and drama to bring out extremely relevant challenges faced by families and individuals, especially against the backdrop of a big fat wedding.

The play is about questioning the male gaze which even the women willingly accept without any objection and try to celebrate it. And then we find lots of characters on the cusp of rebelling from those norms but not being able to. Then there are some women who are defiant like the bride Radha, who is very comfortable in her own skin, as she draws from many more liberal contexts than her mother could. Similarly, the wife is also trying to cross the threshold to transcend to a different space but finding it difficult because she is being weighed down by an emotional, cultural and social context, and she is also in love with her husband. So this is about how your politics and your emotions trigger wars within you. Then, there is the mother who won't deflect from the rigid societal path. The youngest kid is yet to be conditioned completely and is willing to explore the world around her with an open mind. She is more accepting and asks more questions. The young couple is

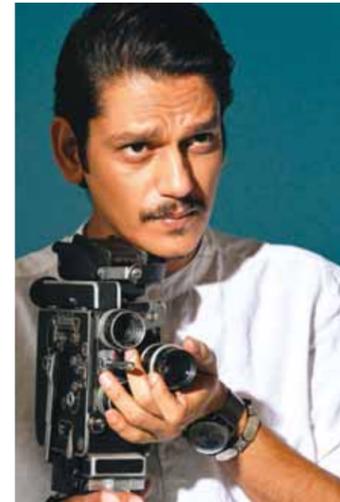
more enterprising and willing to take more risks. Basically, the storyline is about a household that is preparing for a *sangeet* and a wedding and then how things begin to go wrong, forcing us all to examine what we have been taught to believe in.

**Does it outline a debate around big fat Indian weddings?**

Yes, it does outline a debate around big fat weddings because everything comes from a desire to show off and to perpetuate rituals and age-old traditions. But it is more of a dialogue with the male gaze and it is the idea of the ideal woman, an ideal bride and an ideal mother. We see the same ideas celebrated in classical and folk music and in our cultural rituals. So what about those individuals who are not thinking in terms of the gender binary of a male or a female, who are exploring their sexuality or are not confirming their sexual preferences, or don't want to get married but still want to live together and have babies, or don't want to have a baby but to adopt a child? Also many may opt for a simple court wedding but still, there is no joy or celebratory air around an out-of-the-box idea. Parents will still have the hope that their child will agree to a big wedding. Why not just enjoy that particular moment and let people celebrate without pressuring them to conform. Everything is about celebrating the way our films are doing it. So anyone who challenges this kind of stereotype finds it hard to get acceptance even over a choice of the bridal dress or the choice of not wanting children. Labels like career women and homemakers compress women into little boxes. A man, too, has to look a certain way, earn a certain amount, be tall, handsome, and strong. Anything which does not fit in the patriarchal mold is a big 'no' and that is why the struggle of each individual to fight economic pressure, the social gaze and the oppressive idea of a wedding becomes so crucial. When will we start thinking about what a couple wants instead and stop adhering to painful and torturous rituals like *kanyadan*? Individuals who try to break the stereotype often find themselves up against the wall.

(Zee Theatre's play — *Ladies Sangeet* — is available on Airtel Spotlight.)

**CELEB TALK**



**Vijay Varma shoots *Fallen***

Actor Vijay Varma has been sharing some pictures from the northern state of Rajasthan, where he has headed for one of his multiple forthcoming films' shoot.

The actor who was seen in multiple successful roles last year is now busy shooting for his next, as a source close to the production revealed, "Vijay is in Rajasthan currently and he will be shooting there for a long schedule for his next show, *Fallen* by Reema Kagti."

The source further added, "The show also stars Sonakshi Sinha in the lead along with him. He will definitely surprise the audience with his role in this one."

After being applauded for performances like *She*, *Mirzapur 2*, *A Suitable Boy* to count a few of his pandemic hits alone, Vijay is clearly all set to treat his fans with more films that he will own.

Reportedly, the actor is currently working on four projects — *Darlings* opposite Alia Bhatt, Anand Gandhi's *OkComputer*, *Hurdang* with Nushratt Bharuccha and Sunny Kaushal, and *Fallen* which also stars Sonakshi Sinha, Gulshan Devaiah and Sohum Shah this year.

The fans have a lot to look forward to from the *Gully Boy*-fame star.

**STUDIO CHAT**



**The White Tiger in 7 categories on BAFTA longlist**

*The White Tiger* has found mentions across top categories in the longlist of the BAFTAs this year. For the first time in its history, the British Academy has released longlists across all categories for its film awards, and Iranian-American filmmaker Ramin Bahrani's India-centric story, starring Adarsh Gourav, Priyanka Chopra and Rajkummar Rao, has made quite a mark.

*The White Tiger* has found mention in seven categories — Best Film, Best Director, Adapted Screenplay, Leading Actor, Supporting Actress, Cinematography and Editing.

Adarsh Gourav has made it to the longlist for the Best Actor category. His rivals in the category are Riz Ahmed (*Sound Of Metal*), late Chadwick Boseman (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*), Tom Hanks (*News Of The World*), Anthony Hopkins (*The Father*), Mads Mikkelsen (*Another Round*), Gary Oldman (*Mank*) and John David Washington (*Malcolm & Marie*).

Priyanka is in contention to get nominated in the Supporting Actress cat-

egory, and has stars like Niamh Algar, Maria Bakalova, Ellen Burstyn, Olivia Colman, Jodie Foster, Amanda Seyfried and Saoirse Ronan as competition.

Priyanka's cousin, actor Parineeti Chopra, tweeted: "Ladies and gentlemen, meet my BAFTA Longlist sister. I mean, can't wait for this to happen." To which, Priyanka responded: "You're a cutie tishu! (fingers crossed emoji) Love you @ParineetiChopra."

In the Best Film category this year, as many as 15 films have gone through to the Round Two of voting, and five will be nominated. Along with *The White Tiger*, other titles include *Another Round*, *Da 5 Bloods*, *The Father*, *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, *Mank*, *Soul*, *Sound Of Metal* and *The Trial Of The Chicago 7*.

Bahrani is in the race to get nominated in the Best Director category. For the second round of voting, 20 films have progressed, out of which six will be nominated. The final nominations lists will be out on March 9, with the ceremony scheduled to be held on April 11.

**Hidden in the hills — Satdhara**

The Buddhist stupas at Satdhara are tucked away on the edge of a forest and only a few know that they exist. By KUSHAN MITRA



Satdhara is quite literally off the beaten path. Trying to find our way to these Stupas on the hills that are a part of the Betwa river valley before entry to the site closed at sunset was quite an adventure. We had finished visiting Heliodorus' pillar at the town of Vidisha and the road to Satdhara was marked on Google Maps on the Hyundai i20's large 10.26-inch infotainment system screen. There were multiple small village roads and the shortest route said it would bring us to the site in around 25 minutes giving us about half an hour to spend at the place. Little did I know that I would be taking the hatchback through roads that could double up as a World Rally Championship (WRC) course where, incidentally, Hyundai are currently manufacturing champions.

The roads were brilliant, initially, with wide sweeping turns but quickly gave way to loose gravel with the occasional concrete slab. The varying surfaces gave the traction control system on the car a proper workout as I tried to rush through to the site. But then, I was surprised, the road quite literally ended and I found myself driving down a rutted tract through the middle of wheat fields. Treading carefully, I was worried about whether the i20 could make it as this was a normal hatchback without any pretensions of being a SUV. And

genuinely, I kid you not, these were some rough, rough roads. But this little baby made it through without any problems whatsoever and we found ourselves back on the normal road to Satdhara, which was still a small, narrow track, but at least it was paved.

We reached a small barrier where a signboard that read 'Boudh Stupa' in Hindi and we had no idea about what we were going to see. As the sun was gently setting over the hills, we saw the brilliant site with a stunning view of the valley below. It is not surprising that monks want to meditate in such a beautiful place among the hills, far from civilisation even today. While the main Stupa 1 dates back to the reign of Ashoka, the way we see it today is more from the Shunga period. The other Stupas at the site, which are far better preserved than the Stupas at Sanchi, are believed to contain the relics, according to inscriptions found here during a recent Archeological Survey of India (ASI) excavation, of some of the Buddha's biggest disciples such as Sariputra.

The site was locally known as 'Siddh Ka Makaan' that is the houses of monks and must have been a place where most of the scholars lived. There are the clear remains of a monastery, a school at the site and evidence of kitchens and living quarters.



Some of the other small Stupas are believed to contain the remains of famous monks years after Mauryan times. That said, while the ASI has done a great job preserving the site, information is not easy to come by as there are only a few guides and no text or audio information. While very few people visit the site, it could be made much more popular with easier access to information. In this regard, Goodearth Publications' book *Buddhist Circuit in Central India* was a great help and provides a lot of useful information.



CONVERSATION 30 MINUTES

# 'Had to make it work'

Actor KINGSLEY BEN-ADIR talks about the pressure and stakes of playing Malcolm X in *One Night in Miami*

British actor Kingsley Ben-Adir may not be a household name yet, but that's poised to change with his scene-stealing performance as Malcolm X in Regina King's *One Night in Miami*.... The film, which imagines an electric meeting between the civil rights icon, Sam Cooke, Cassius Clay and Jim Brown in February 1964, is currently available on Prime Video.

The 35-year-old has been a working actor for over a decade and has had more than a few heartbreaks and near-breaks along the way. In his first film, *World War Z*, his speaking line with Brad Pitt was unceremoniously cut. Then there was the Ang Lee Muhammad Ali film that he spent years testing and months in active training for (he was to play Ali) that ended up losing its financing.

*One Night in Miami*... was almost a missed opportunity too. His agents first suggested him for Clay. He declined ("I felt too old") but said to call him if anything happened to the actor playing Malcolm. Ben-Adir said he was partially joking, but that call did come. He officially got the part just 12 days before he was due on set.

"I thought, I don't know if I can prepare Malcolm X in 12 days. Then I was like, 'I have to do it,'" said he.

The actor shares about finding humanity in the icon and the tricky logistics of playing both Malcolm X and Barack Obama at the same time.



**Was Malcolm X a figure in your life growing up in the U.K.?**

I grew up knowing exactly who he was. I'd read the autobiography at an earlier stage and he was someone who I was definitely aware of. I can't say the same for the education syllabus here. We weren't taught much about African American history at all and Black British history was almost non-existent in my school.

**Who is Malcolm X at this moment in 1964?**

Regina and I were trying to figure out how far we could push the exploration of showing Malcolm as a father, hus-

band and a man who at this moment in time was in a very, very vulnerable situation. He was on a ban from the Nation of Islam and his relationship with Elijah Muhammad, who essentially was his father figure for 12 years, was really crumbling. There was a sense that his life was in danger and there's a feeling that Malcolm knew that his time was maybe coming to an end. There's this wonderful opportunity with this film to explore the humanity of this "fearless demagogue."

Malcolm described to his friend Dick Gregory that he felt weak and hollow and that nobody knew the torments

that he was going through at this time. Dick talks about Malcolm as a sweet and bashful man, a kind man and a good-humoured man and someone who would be embarrassed if he could hear us talking about him in this way now. And I just thought that was just gorgeous.

**That seems to belie the imagery that we always see of him.**

I feel like all of the imagery that we're used to, the stuff on YouTube and the soundbites... it's always Malcolm responding to usually the next day — or on the same day — as the most hideous instances of racism or police brutality or

political injustice. It's no wonder he's riled up and impassioned and angry in so much of that archive footage. Watching him when he wasn't speaking, when he was listening and watching him in the moment in the transition between listening and when he was just about to respond, this humanity opened-up. I don't know how to describe it. Also, I think I was a little bit in la la land by the end of it. I wasn't eating. I was kind of wired. My blood was full of nicotine and caffeine and my mind was just filled with these ideas. The whole process was just a little bit surreal and a little bit of a whirlwind.

**Are Denzel Washington in Spike Lee's 1992 film on your mind during this?**

I made a decision to just leave that. I knew that this Malcolm needed to be different.

**Is it true that you were doing this while you were also playing Barack Obama in *The Comey Rule*? How does that work?**

I shot Malcolm for three and a half weeks and then on a Friday I jumped on a plane to Toronto and shot Barack for four or five days and then jumped on a plane and went straight back to Malcolm. As a working actor, the schedules are set and you have to work around it. I was like, listen, 'You've been asking for this kind of opportunity for the last 10 years. Now you've got two at the same time. You've just got to make it work.' —AP



CAUSE 15 MINUTES

## Environment warrior

During the pandemic, actor Anushka Sharma activated the practice of waste segregation on the sets of the projects undertaken by her production house Clean Slate Filmz.

She says, "Waste segregation at film shoots can make a world of difference and I'm glad that we could implement this on the sets of our production ventures. Protecting the environment is the need of the hour and the industry can contribute towards the cause and also raise enough awareness on the same. We had realised the need to segregate waste to be of utmost importance a while back and I'm happy that we could do this even while we are in the middle of the pandemic."

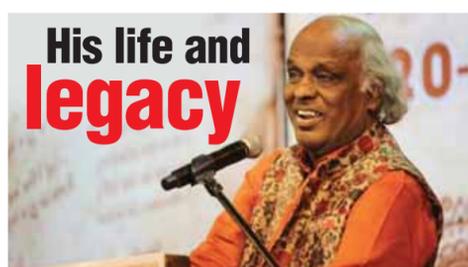
Divya Ravichandran, Founder of Skrap Waste Management Solutions, says, "Waste management on a film shoot is the need of the hour. It is important and necessary to manage waste properly to curb pollution caused during shoots. After this production house stepped forward, we sensed the wheels are turning because people are getting more conscious about protecting the environment and it's a really welcome change."

Anushka's brother Karnesh says, "The industry, as a whole, is always open to incorporating all the best practices from global filmmaking industries, as well as create new norms that are unique to filmmaking in India. We can set an example for our community by doing such small things that can lead to big, impactful, positive changes. We wanted to usher in the culture of waste segregation on sets so that we can do our bit for the environment. As an industry, we are constantly trying to do better and we are certain that this will become a norm at shoots going forward."



*Ek Alag Pehchaan* is a tribute to poet RAHAT INDORI through music, poetry and art which were integral to his journey. By TEAM VIVA

An initiative, *Ek Alag Pehchaan*, is a tribute to poet and lyricist Dr Rahat Indori, where nine indie musicians have composed nine celebrated ghazals/poems written by Dr Indori. Nine artists of India have also created paintings inspired by the ghazals written by Rahat Sahab and compositions created by the musicians. Big FM, Dish TV



and d2h joined hands with Songdev to take this initiative and tribute forward. The artists who have created paintings include Gogi Saroj Pal, Sanjay Bhattacharya, Asit Patnaik, Jagannath Paul,

Basanti, Mansimran-Harshit, The Tapi Project, Harpreet Singh, Rupam Bhuyan, Prateek Gandhi & Aashran Mahajan.

"Dr Indori was famous for his fearlessness with words and his way of expression. There are so many treasures that he has left behind for us. We felt it was important to celebrate his life and do something along with the music industry. It is amazing to see these musicians and artists coming together and creating compositions and paintings. The initiative would make millions of fans of Rahat Sahab, once again relish his timeless writing in a completely new way and will keep inspiring the

generations ahead with his writing," said Sunil Khanna, founder of songdev.com and songdev TV.

The network has also published the first of its kind music book — *Dr Rahat Indori, Ek Alag Pehchaan*. It contains all the writings of Dr Indori composed by musicians, the paintings created by the artists and the QR code of all the compositions. The book is going to be available on all the leading book stores and online stores. Faisal Rahat commented, "The concept explores three art forms — poetry, music and art which have been an integral part of Rahat Sahab's life and legacy."

TRIBUTE

## His life and legacy



Partha Bhattacharjee, Soni Khanna, Sidharth & Mukesh Sah. The musicians who have composed Dr. Indori's ghazal giving it their unique flavour are Osho Jain, Fiddlecraft, Bawari

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 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13th February, 2021, at 04.00 P.M., inter-alia, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020. This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathibars.com and also on the website of the stock exchange at www.bseindia.com.

For RATHI BARS LIMITED  
 Sd/-  
 Anurag Rathi  
 (Managing Director)  
 DIN NO:-00063345

Place : New Delhi  
 Date : 06.02.2021

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For Jindal Leasefin Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Surender Kumar Jindal  
 Managing Director  
 DIN:00130589

Date : 05.02.2021  
 Place : New Delhi

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By order of the Board of Directors  
**MONIND LIMITED**  
 (Formerly Known as Monnet Industries Limited)  
 Sd/-  
 Priya  
 Company Secretary

Dated : 05.02.2021  
 Place : New Delhi

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By order of the Board of Directors  
**MPDL LIMITED**  
 (Formerly, Monnet Project Developers Limited)  
 Sd/-  
 Anurag Singh Rathore  
 Company Secretary

Dated : 05.02.2021  
 Place : New Delhi

**BEFORE DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.**  
 OA NO.: 86/2019  
 ICI BANK LTD.....Applicant  
 Versus RACHNA MALIK & ANR.....Respondents To, Defendant  
 1. Rachna Malik W/o. Sh. Rambir Malik (Borrower)  
 2. Rambir Singh S/o. Sh. Man Singh both at: R/o. House No. B-16/1, Kh.No. 70, Behind Gopal Nursing Home Jyoti Nagar, Delhi-110094

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 14,37,049/- (Rupee Fourteen Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Four Nine Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 15.02.2021 at 10.30A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal For Registrar DRT-II, Delhi

**BEFORE DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.**  
 OA NO.: 86/2019  
 ICI BANK LTD.....Applicant  
 Versus KAPIL BHAYANA & ANR.....Respondents To, Defendant  
 1. Kapil Bhayana S/o. Sh. Salish Bhiyana (Borrower) R/o. House No. 1806, Sect-6, Bahadurgarh Teshsil & Distt. Jhajjar, Haryana - 124507

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 15,66,541/- (Rupee Fifteen Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Five Hundred Forty One Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 15.02.2021 at 10.30A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

By Order of the Tribunal For Registrar DRT-II, Delhi

**BEFORE DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.**  
 OA NO.: 87/2019  
 ICI BANK LTD.....Applicant  
 Versus TARUN CHAUHAN.....Respondents To, Defendant  
 1. Tarun Chauhan S/o. Sh. Radha Raman Chauhan (Borrower) R/o. House No. DN-404/1 Geeta Colony, Palwal, Hry-121102

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By Order of the Tribunal For Registrar DRT-II, Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 My client Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma and Mr. Unmukt Sharma had entered into an Agreement to sell for the purchase of House No. D-77, Second Floor, with roof rights, Sector-12, T.H.A Residential Colony, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad, U.P. from ShriJugal Kishore Sharma who had acquired the same after demise of his mother Smt. Kelawati by virtue of Will executed by Smt. Kelawati and except ShriJugal Kishore Sharma there are no other claimant in the said property and our client is mortgaging the above property to HDFC Ltd. If anybody including Bank, Financial Institute, persons, relative has any claim, right, interest whatsoever in the said property shall also inform within 7 days to the undersigned with documentary evidence. In the event of no response to this notice, the purpose of this notice shall be completed.  
 Karnal Singh, Advocate  
 Ch. No.153, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110014.

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**  
 General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Gudiya**, D/o Shanti Swaroop R/o B-755/03, Chander Vihar, Delhi, Age: 13 years (As on 22.05.2014), Height: 4', Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Identification Mark: A tattoo mark "Gudiya" on left hand, Wearing: Pink Suit-Salwar and black plastics chappie in her feet has been missing/kidnapped from area of P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi since 22.05.2014. In this regard a vide FIR No. 383/14, u/s 363 IPC dated 27.05.2014 has been registered at (Mianwali Nagar) P.S. Paschim Vihar West, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

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**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 & Regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Superior Finlease Limited (the "Company") will be held on Friday, February 12, 2021 at the Registered Office of the Company at 01:00 P.M., inter-alia, to consider and approve Un-audited Standalone Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2020. Further details are also available on the website of the Company i.e. at www.superiorfinlease.com and also on the website of BSE Limited at http://www.bseindia.com and Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.mseai.in/ where the shares of the Company are listed.

For Superior Finlease Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Disha Ranil  
 (Company Secretary)

Date : February 05, 2021  
 Place: New Delhi

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**EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER & NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020** (In Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020 Un-audited	Nine Month Ended 31.12.2020 Un-audited	Quarter Ended 31.12.2019 Un-audited
Total Income from Operations(Net)	0.63	0.63	0.03
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(1.81)	(5.41)	(2.06)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)*	(1.81)	(5.41)	(2.06)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and /or Extraordinary items)	(1.81)	(5.41)	(2.06)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(1.81)	(5.41)	(2.06)
Equity Share Capital	360.13	360.13	360.13
Earning Per Share(of Rs. 10/- each) Basic and diluted (not annualised)**	(0.05)	(0.15)	(0.06)

**Notes:-**  
 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly financial Results filed with Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015. The full format of Quarterly financial Results are available on the stock exchange website www.bseindia.com and Company's Website at www.rotoindia.co.in.  
 2. The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standard (IND AS) notified under the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendment) Rules, 2016.  
 3. The above unaudited Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the board of Directors at their meeting held on 05.02.2021.

Place: New Delhi  
 Date: 05.02.2021

For Rotographics (India) Limited  
 Naresh Kumar Bansal  
 Director

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Original Sale Deed dated 04th July, 1957, executed between Urban Housing Improvement & Construction Company Pvt. Ltd. (THE OWNER) and Sh. Nirmal Singh Nijawan S/o Matwal Chand Nijawan (THE PURCHASER) for the Property bearing address at Plot No. 37, Block X, Green Park, New Delhi-110016, measuring 200 sq. yds. having registration No. 2397 Addn. Book No. 1 Volume No. 346 on Pages 84 to 86 dated 31.07.1957, has been lost/misplaced. And FIR to this effect has already been lodged in the Police Station Crime Branch, New Delhi vide LR No. 97787/2021 dated 03.02.2021. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said lost documents and anyone dealing based on the said original Sale Deed will be doing so at their own risk and consequence. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of the Original Documents may kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Sd/-  
 Arun Varma S/o Sh. M.L. Varma  
 X-37, Green Park Main  
 Place: Delhi  
 Date: 03.02.2021

# ROOT MAKES IT POMS DAY

English skipper hits brilliant unbeaten ton on his 100th Test to put India at bay

## CENTURY IN 100TH TEST

Scores	Batsman	Opponent	Venue	Season
104	Colin Cowdrey (ENG)	Australia	Birmingham	1968
145	Javed Miandad (PAK)	India	Lahore	1989-90
149	Gordon Greenidge (WI)	England	St John's	1989-90
105	Alec Stewart (ENG)	Windies	Manchester	2000
184	Inzamam-ul-Haq (PAK)	India	Bangalore	2004-05
120, 143*	Ricky Ponting (AUS)	South Africa	Sydney	2005-06
131	Graeme Smith (SA)	England	The Oval	2012
134	Hashim Amla (SA)	Sri Lanka	Johannesburg	2016-17
128*	Joe Root (ENG)	India	Chennai	2020-21

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PTI ■ CHENNAI

1st Test, Day 2  
Live from 9:30am IST  
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kipper Joe Root won the battle of attrition against Indian spinners with a classy century in his 100th Test as England reached a comfortable 263 for three at stumps on the opening day of the first match here on Friday.

A modern-day great, Root (128 batting, 197 balls) showed his mastery over slow bowlers during his 20th hundred and third in as many Tests, becoming the ninth player in the history of the game to score a ton on his 100th appearance.

He also admirably guided young opener Dom Sibley (87 off 286 balls), who showed commendable game awareness and enormous doggedness during their 200-run partnership for the third wicket before Jasprit Bumrah (2/40) got him in the final over of the day.

Root's innings was an exhibition of how to construct an innings on a low, slow track while countering a hostile post-lunch spell from Ishant Sharma (15-3-27-0) when he got the ball to reverse swing.

Root's speciality, the sweep

shot, was also brought out of the closet once Indian spinners started altering the length.

There were full-blooded slog sweep in front of the square, conventional sweep towards square, the paddle sweep behind the square and also switch-hit sweep where he changed the grip against Shahbaz Nadeem.

And towards the end, first six of the match, was also a slog sweep off Ashwin. This was after he had almost lost five litres of fluid in sapping Chennai heat. Root and Sibley knew that they had to tire Ishant, Ravichandran Ashwin (1/56) and Bumrah out as Virat Kohli at some point would have to pay the price for Washington Sundar and Nadeem's relative inexperience.

With no purchase from the track, it became easier for Root and Sibley to use their feet and big stride to dominate the two spinners, who looked clueless. Unlike a lot of batsmen, who

in a premeditated fashion, come down the track, Root and Sibley waited for the Indian spinners to toss up the ball before they took the plunge.



# Eng target '600, 700' after great opening day

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Virat Kohli helping his opposite number Joe Root deal with cramps became one of the moments of the opening day but that act of "good sportsmanship" will not stop the England skipper from cashing on his memorable hundred and chasing a first innings total in the range of 600-700 on day two here.

Speaking to media in a virtual interaction after first day's play, Root, who scored his 20th Test hundred on Friday said he would be ready for more on Saturday.

"Yeah, I am ready for more tomorrow... Hopefully get back, a bit frustrating, very kind of Virat (Kohli) to help me out (with cramps), good sportsmanship from him... It's just like a long day and then after a few overs I get some fluids and cooled down."

About the surface and felt how many runs could be scored, Root said: "We have got to look and try and get as many as we can 600-700 if we can, really trying to make most of the first innings make it good and those four overs trying to work quickly."

"So if we can bat into whole of tomorrow or maybe day three then things could



speed up quite quickly for us and you never know what can happen for that point onwards..."

Root was in red hot form in the preceding series against Sri Lanka but said the conditions can't be compared to India.

"..It has been a really impressive start

for us and we got to make it count and that is going to be the challenge for this tour, we need to bat long periods of time in these conditions.

"Different challenges, I think in Sri Lanka, there was obviously a little bit more lateral movement, more spin, while here it was more trying to counter the bounce initially against the spinners and obviously challenging reverse swing from the seamers.

"So it was very different and it's always difficult to try put two against each other," he added.

Batting on 128, Root stressed on the importance of carrying on.

"Playing the 100th Test was special and I mean coming in with some good form and I need to make sure I cash in on... Over the course of my career I've not always gone to make really big scores, so for me to be going and doing that currently is really pleasing..."

"And I keep getting myself in positions to make big hundreds and I have got to keep taking them and we're going to win more games if I'm doing that and so hopefully I can kick on tomorrow personally but most importantly we can have a bat tomorrow and we can be in a strong position in this game."

## MADHYA PRADESH HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

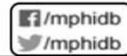
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Online percentage rate bids are invited for the following work from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling criteria :

S. No.	Systems Tender No.	Name of work	PAC & EMD & Tender Form Cost	Completion Period (In Months)	Category of Contractor	Date of Purchase & Submission of Bids	Date of Opening of Tenders Envelop A, B & Envelop C
1.	2021_MPHID_127029	Construction of Pollution Control Board Office Building & Lab at Katni, District- Katni.	PAC - Rs. 296.83 Lacs, EMD - Rs. 296900.00 Tender Form Cost - Rs. 17700.00 (i/c GST 18%)	15 Months (i/c Rainy Season)	The Agency Should be Registered in PWD Centralization System	17.02.2021 10.30 Hrs. to 05.03.2021 17.30 Hrs.	Envelop A 08.03.2021 12.30 Hrs. Envelop B (Technical bid) 10.03.2021 12.30 Hrs. Envelop C (Financial bid) 22.03.2021 at 17.30 Hrs.

- Interested bidders can view the NIT on website <http://www.mptenders.gov.in>.
- The bidders shall have to submit their bids only online & upload the relevant documents from as per time schedule (key dates). Original Earnest Money & Cost of Tender form Deposit instrument (Online net banking or NEFT/RTGS). The tender envelop-C will be opened **22.03.2021**.
- Amendments to NIT, if any would be published on website only, and not in newspapers.
- (i) Only online mode for any payment is accepted. (ii) No Physical document are being sought.

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## SINGLES

### ONANA BANNED FOR 1 YR IN DOPING CASE

AMSTERDAM: Ajax goalkeeper André Onana was banned for one year by UEFA in a doping case on Friday and is set to miss next year's African Cup of Nations in Cameroon. Onana tested positive for furosemide, a banned diuretic, in a urine sample given last October, the Dutch club said in a statement.

### GERMANY END SERBIA'S TITLE DEFENCE

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic fought past Alexander Zverev but it wasn't enough to stave off defeat for defending champions Serbia in the ATP Cup on Friday, with Germany making the semi-finals alongside a Spanish team missing injured Rafael Nadal. The world No 1, Djoker was tested in his singles rubber before outlasting Zverev 6-7 (3/7), 6-2, 7-5. But the German got revenge in the deciding doubles, teaming with Jan-Lennard Struff to edge Djokovic and Nikola Cacic 7-6 (7/4), 5-7, 10-7 and ensure they made a last four clash against Daniil Medvedev's Russia.

### SERENA PULLS OUT OF BARTY CLASH

MELBOURNE: Serena Williams pulled out of a semi-final clash against world number one Ashleigh Barty with a shoulder injury on Friday, while Simona Halep and Sofia Kenin both crashed to defeat. Williams, 39, had ousted fellow American Danielle Collins 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 in the Yarra Valley Classic but withdrew from the tournament hours later despite showing no ill effects during the match. Barty now has a bye into the final where she will meet either two-time Grand Slam winner Garbine Muguruza or Marketa Vondrousova.

### KYRGIOS SUFFERS INJURY-HIT DEFEAT

MELBOURNE: Nick Kyrgios smashed a racquet and tossed it in the stands on his way to defeat in the Murray River Open on Friday as he struggles with injury ahead of the Australian Open. The Australian showman was hampered by left knee pain during his 6-3, 6-4 loss to Croatia's Borna Coric and appeared on the verge of pulling out after the first set.

### SANGA, MURALI IN 4-MEMBER COMMITTEE

COLOMBO: Former skipper Kumar Sangakkara and legendary spinner Muttiah Muralitharan have been named in the four-member technical advisory committee announced by SLC on Friday. Former batsman Aravinda de Silva has been appointed as the chairman of the committee on the recommendations by Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa. Former batsman and ICC match referee Roshan Mahanama is the other member of committee.

### NAGAL DRAWS BERANKIS IN AUS OPEN

MELBOURNE: India tennis player Sumit Nagal on Friday drew Lithuania's Ricardas Berankis as his first round opponent at the Australian Open here. It will be Nagal's second clash against the world number 72 in as many weeks after losing to the Lithuanian early this week in the build up event. If Nagal, a wild card entrant and world number 139, can cross the first hurdle, he will run into either 19th seed Russian Karen Khachanov or local wild card Aleksandar Vukic.

### SERENA, OSAKA DRAWN IN SAME HALF

MELBOURNE: Serena Williams has been drawn into the same quarter at the Australian Open as No 2-ranked Simona Halep and the same half as Naomi Osaka in her latest bid for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam singles title. First up for the seven-time Australian Open champion will be Laura Siegemund. Osaka will face Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the first round and has major winners Angelique Kerber, Garbine Muguruza, Venus Williams and Bianca Andreescu in her quarter. Agencies

## Shakib, Sreesanth among 1097 players registered for IPL auction

PTI ■ CHENNAI

England Test skipper Joe Root and Australian speedster Mitchell Starc opted out while tainted Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan and India's S Sreesanth were among the 1097 players who registered for the much-awaited IPL auction to be held here on February 18.

Left-arm pacer Arjun Tendulkar, son of the legendary Sachin Tendulkar, also enrolled in the auction with a base price of ₹20 lakh.

A total of 814 players from India and 283 from overseas — registered for the auction with most entries coming from the West Indies (56) followed by Australia (42) and South Africa (38).

While Starc, who last played in the T20 league in 2015, misses out once more, Root — centurion on the first day of the ongoing opening Test against India, too didn't enroll for the second successive time, joining fellow England players Harry Gurney and Tom Banton, who also did not register.

Shakib, who served a suspension by ICC for not reporting corrupt approach, listed at the highest base price of ₹2 crore, while Sreesanth, who

returned to cricket after seven years by featuring in Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 for Kerala, set his base price at ₹75 lakh.

Harbhajan Singh, Kedar Jadhav, Steven Smith, Glenn Maxwell, Moeen Ali, Sam Billings, Jason Roy, Mark Wood, Liam Plunkett and Colin Ingram — all set their base price at ₹2 crore.

Hanuma Vihari (₹1 crore) and Cheteshwar Pujara (₹50 lakh), who played pivotal roles in India's incredible 2-1 Test win over Australia, also registered for the auction.

The current number one T20 batsman in the world, England's Dawid Malan might make his debut in IPL as he also registered for the auction at a base price of ₹1.5 crore.

Australian pacer James Pattinson, who played a crucial role in Mumbai Indians' title-run last year, is a prominent absentee.

The player registration deadline closed on Thursday and the list comprises 207 international players including 21 capped Indians.

Twenty seven players will represent the associate nations and 863 uncapped cricketers, including 743 Indians and 68 overseas.

## Pak gain upper hand vs SA



AFP ■ RAWALPINDI

Pakistan took four early South African wickets to dominate the second Test in Rawalpindi on Friday, despite a five-wicket haul by touring fast bowler Anrich Nortje.

South Africa were in trouble at 106-4 after the second day's play on a tricky Rawalpindi stadium pitch, trailing Pakistan's first innings total of 272 by 166 runs.

At close, South African skipper Quinton

de Kock was on a breezy 24 with five boundaries and Temba Bavuma — surviving two close appeals — was unbeaten on 15 after Pakistan's medium pacer Hasan Ali took two wickets off two balls.

Hasan had opener Dean Elgar caught behind for 15 with the fifth delivery of his third over, and at the next ball bowled Rassie van der Dussen for a duck in the last over before tea.

Senior batsman and

2nd Test, Day 3  
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former skipper Faf du Plessis, who failed in the first Test in Karachi with scores of 23 and ten, managed 17 before he was caught behind off pacer Faheem Ashraf, playing a loose shot.

Four over before close opener Aiden Markram's fighting 60-ball 32 ended when he top edged spinner Nauman Ali to Shaheen Shah Afridi at mid-wicket, leaving South Africa tottering at 81-4.

Earlier, Nortje grabbed his third five wicket haul with 5-56 to restrict Pakistan's total. While Keshav Maharaj finished with 3-90.

Despite South Africa's controlled bowling, allrounder Ashraf played a knock of 78 not out studded with 12 hits to the boundary — his fourth Test half century.



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