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## Covaxin efficacy 81%: Biotech

Ph 3 study involved 25,800; it can neutralise UK variant strains

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech on Wednesday said its Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin has demonstrated an interim vaccine efficacy of 81 per cent in phase 3 clinical trials. "Analysis from the National Institute of Virology also indicates that vaccine-induced antibodies can neutralise the UK variant strains and other heterologous strains," Bharat Biotech said in a statement.

The trial process involved 25,800 subjects, the largest ever conducted in India, in partnership with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the pharma firm said adding that the phase 3 study enrolled participants between 18-98 years of age, including 2,433 over the age of 60 and 4,500 with comorbidities.

The first interim analysis is based on 43 cases, of which 36 cases of Covid-19 were observed in the placebo group versus 7 cases observed in the Covaxin group, resulting in a point estimate of vaccine efficacy of 80.6 per cent, Bharat Biotech explained.

"Today is an important milestone in vaccine discovery, for science and our fight against coronavirus. With today's results from our Phase 3 clinical trials, we have now reported data on our Covid-19 vaccine from Phase 1, 2, and 3 trials involving around 27,000 participants," Bharat Biotech



People register their names to receive the Covid-19 vaccine at Sola Civil hospital in Ahmedabad on Wednesday

Chairman and Managing Director Krishna Ella said.

Covaxin demonstrates a high clinical efficacy trend against Covid-19 but also significant immunogenicity against the rapidly emerging variants, he added.

In January, drug regulator DCGI had approved Oxford Covid-19 vaccine Covishield, manufactured by the Serum Institute, and indigenously developed Covaxin of Bharat Biotech for restricted emergency use in the country,

paving the way for a massive inoculation drive.

Covishield had shown an efficacy rate of 70 per cent after two full doses. However, one of the regimen with a half dose and a full dose showed 90 per cent efficacy against the virus.

Bharat Biotech said the interim analysis of its vaccine included a preliminary review of the safety database, which showed that severe, serious, and medically attended adverse events occurred at low levels

and were balanced between vaccine and placebo groups, the company said.

The trial's conduct and monitoring are as per good clinical practice guidelines and have been outsourced to IQVIA, it added.

The company expects to share further details of the trial results as additional data becomes available, it noted.

Additional interim analysis is planned for 87 cases, and the final analysis is planned for 130 cases, the company said.

## Eligible citizens can take Covid jabs 24x7, says Health Ministry

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Eligible citizens can take Covid-19 vaccine round the clock as per their convenience, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday. The Ministry also permitted all private hospitals to give Covid vaccine if they adhere to the laid down norms.

"The Government has ended the time constraint to increase the speed of vaccination. Citizens of the country can now get vaccinated 24x7 at their convenience," Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan said on twitter.

A senior official from the Union Health Ministry in a meeting chaired by Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and other officials said it was decided that "all Government health facilities, including all private hospitals empanelled under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) and similar State Health Insurance Schemes can function as Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs), subject to them mandatorily adhering to some specific norms."

## AAP wins 4 of 5 wards in Capital, Congress 1

### BJP fails to retain seat

CHANDAN PRAKASH ■ NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Wednesday won four of the five municipal wards in Delhi in the bypolls. The Congress managed to win one seat by defeating the AAP candidate from the minority-dominated Chauhan Bangar ward.

The AAP retained three wards — Rohini-C, Trilokpuri and Kalyanpuri — and also snatched the Shalimar Bagh ward from the BJP which failed to open its account.

AAP's Dhirender Kumar won the Kalyanpuri ward by 7,043 votes, Vijay Kumar from Trilokpuri by defeating the BJP's Om Prakash by a margin of 4,986 votes, Sunita Mishra defeated Surbhi Jaju of the BJP in Shalimar Bagh ward by 2,705 votes, Ram Chander defeated BJP candidate Rakesh Goyal by 2,985 votes in Rohini C ward.

However, the AAP suffered a defeat in Chauhan Bangar ward, where Chaudhary Zubair Ahmad of the Congress defeated the party's candidate Mohammad Ishraq Khan by a whopping margin of 10,642 votes.

"The people of Delhi have once again voted in the name of work. Congratulations to all.



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia with AAP candidates after results of bypolls to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in New Delhi on Wednesday

The people are fed up with misrule of the BJP at MCD for 15 years. People are desperate to bring the AAP to rule the MCD," Kejriwal tweeted after the party's victory.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said, "Today's result shows that the people of Delhi have immense faith in party and the Government led by Arvind Kejriwal. The BJP had termed these by-elections as 'semi-finals' to the 2022 MCD elections, the people have shown that the result of the 2022 elections will be a unanimous verdict in favour of the AAP"

However, Delhi BJP general secretary Harsh Malhotra said, "No doubt that the results of municipal by-elections are

not up to our expectations but we respect the verdict of the people. We will deeply study the election results, identify the reasons for defeat and will surely win the 2022 municipal elections of Delhi."

"We honour the mandate given by people. Losing Shalimar Bagh North is a matter of introspection. The shortcomings will be removed and I am sure the BJP will win the 2022 elections for three municipal corporations," said Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta.

AAP national spokesperson and MLA Raghav Chadha said, "The AAP wins semi-final decisively with roughly one year to go for MCD finals in 2022."

## SSB to raise 12 more battalions

New formations to fortify Sikkim tri-junction bordering Bhutan, Tibet

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre has sanctioned raising of a dozen new battalions (about 13,000 personnel) for the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) over the next four years. The SSB guards the frontiers along Nepal and Bhutan.

The new battalions will mostly be deployed to fortify the defences at the tri-junction area in Sikkim that adjoins Bhutan and Tibet and other such vulnerable posts along the two open borders.

The SSB with a present strength of about 90,000 personnel is the lead intelligence agency along 1,751 km open border with Nepal and 699 km boundary with Bhutan.

The 12 new battalions will be raised in phases. Three battalions each will be raised over the next four years.

"The Government has sanctioned to raise new battalions and related establishments for the SSB. The additional manpower will boost border security," a senior Union Home Ministry official said.

The Centre has also sanctioned 548 posts to the force for deployment at four ICPs (inter-



grated check posts) along the Nepal frontier out of which two are already operational at Jobbani and Raxaul (in Bihar).

The new battalions will be used to reduce inter-border outpost distance, strengthen trade and transit routes along Nepal and Bhutan and fortify the paramilitary's deployments at the tri-junction area in Sikkim.

The tri-junction area is

the plateau between India, Bhutan and Tibet and the SSB is deployed just below it on the southern side, being the designated border force for Bhutan frontier.

In 2017, the Armies of India and China had engaged in an over 70-day standoff in Doklam at this tri-junction.

The additional manpower will also be deployed for upgrading the existing border posts at strategically important

locations along the two frontiers besides 'bolstering the security at the eight ICPs.

The sanction of new battalions and establishments was granted as a follow up to Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewing the operations of the SSB in October, 2019 and subsequent directions to the paramilitary to conduct a "vulnerability assessment and gap analysis" of the two borders, officials said.

## IT raids Kashyap, Taapsee's assets, questions 2 later

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI/NEW DELHI

The Income Tax (IT) department officials on Wednesday carried out searches at 30-odd properties and locations linked to Anurag Kashyap and Taapsee Pannu in Mumbai and Pune for alleged tax evasion, while the filmmaker and actress were questioned by the IT officials in Pune.

In a development that is being seen as an act of vendetta against Kashyap and Taapsee who have been vociferous critics of the Narendra Modi Government, the IT officials simultaneously zeroed in on several premises in Mumbai and Pune which are linked to erstwhile Phantom Films that was co-promoted by Anurag Kashyap, producers Vikas Bahl and Madhu Mantena, an event management company and a talent management company.

Kashyap and Taapsee were questioned by the IT department officials in Pune in connection with the searches conducted at various places.

Official sources attributed searches to the available information that the IT depart-



ment had received that the movies made by the productions were showing disproportionately low income, in spite of the fact that their films were hits at the box-office.

The premises of Exceed Entertainment, which is being managed by actor Saif Ali Khan, were searched, while some executives of Kwan Talent Management that manages actor Deepika Padukone and other actors were questioned.

When asked about the IT raids conducted on premises linked to Kashyap and Taapsee, Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said at a news briefing in New Delhi: "The Income Tax



department probes someone based on whatever information they get. The issue goes to court later."

On allegations that the searches on premises belonging to Kashyap and Taapsee were an off-shoot of criticism of the Government, Javadekar said: "This is too much."

Known for his anti-establishment views, Kashyap has long been a critic of the Narendra Modi Government, while Taapsee has minced no words when it came to the criticism of the Centre on social media platforms. Both of them have supported the farmers' agitation which has been going on the outskirts of the national Capital since November 26.

## CAPSULE

### RSS IS BIGGEST SCHOOL OF PATRIOTISM: BJP

New Delhi: The BJP on Wednesday lauded the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) as the "world's biggest school of patriotism" as it slammed Rahul Gandhi for likening the Hindutva organisation to radical Islamist outfits in Pakistan.

### MAHA REPORTS MORE THAN 9K COVID CASES

Mumbai: Maharashtra reported 9,855 new Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, taking the tally of infections in the State to 21,79,185, a health department official said. While the State recorded more than 9,000 cases after a long time, the death toll rose to 52,280 with 42 fresh fatalities, he said.

### MIN: 38,115 MONKEYS STERILISED IN U'KHAND

Gairains: Over 38,000 monkeys have been sterilised in Uttarakhand and released into the wild, the State Assembly was informed on Wednesday. Giving the information in reply to a question by BJP MLA Chandan Ramdas, Forest and Wildlife Minister Harak Singh Rawat said there is an estimated population of 1.5 lakh monkeys in the State out of which 38,115 have been sterilised and released back into the forests.

## Karnataka Min quits Cabinet on charge of sexual harassment

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Karnataka Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi on Wednesday resigned from the State Cabinet, following allegations of sexual harassment against him.

His resignation came after protests and criticism by Opposition parties and several sections of society, causing a huge embarrassment to the Government and the ruling BJP.

In his resignation letter to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa just ahead of the cabinet meeting this afternoon, Jarkiholi claimed he was innocent.

"The allegations against me are far from the truth. It has to be investigated at the earliest.

## Dissent from Govt decision can't be termed seditious, rules SC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Observing that expression of a view which is dissent from a decision taken by the Central Government itself cannot be said to be seditious, the Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a PIL seeking action against National Conference president Farooq Abdullah over his comments on abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution.

A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Hemant Gupta rejected the plea and also imposed a fine of ₹50,000 on the petitioners for making such claims and directed them to deposit the amount with the Supreme Court Advocates Welfare Fund within four weeks.

"The expression of a view which is dissent from a decision taken by the Central



Government itself cannot be said to be seditious. There is nothing in the statement which we find so offensive as to give a cause of action for a court to initiate proceedings.

"Not only that, the petitioners have nothing to do with the subject matter and this is clearly a case of publicity interest litigation for the petitioners only to get their names in press. We must discourage



such endeavours," the bench said.

The top court was hearing a plea which referred to his statement on restoring Article 370, which gave special status to Jammu & Kashmir, and contended it clearly amounts to a seditious act and therefore he is liable to be punished under section 124-A of the IPC.

The petition filed by Rajat Sharma and Dr Neh Srivastava,

## PIL seeking action against Farooq for criticism of Art 370 abrogation rejected

both belonging to an organisation Vishwa Guru India Vision of Sardar Patel, alleged that the former Chief Minister is trying to "hand over" Kashmir to China and thus, he should be prosecuted for sedition.

"Mr Farooq Abdullah has committed an offence punishable under section 124-A of Indian Penal Code. As he has made the live statement that for restoring Article 370 he would take help of China which clearly amount to seditious act and therefore he is liable to be punished under section 124-A of the IPC," the plea said.

The petitioners also referred to a statement made by BJP spokesperson

Sambit Patra to claim that Abdullah is misleading the people of Jammu & Kashmir to join China for the restoration of Article 370.

## Will stay away from politics: Sasikala's dramatic pledge

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Weeks ahead of Tamil Nadu Assembly Elections, VK Sasikala, expelled AIADMK leader and close aide of late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa, on Wednesday announced "she will stay away from politics," but would pray for the "golden rule" of the late party supremo.

In an announcement that came as a bolt out of the blue, she urged "true supporters of Amma" to work like siblings and ensure Jayalalithaa's "golden rule continues."

"I will stay away from politics and keep praying my sister Puratchi Thalaivi (Jayalalithaa), whom I consider as God, and the Lord Almighty for the establishment of the golden rule of Amma," she said in a statement.



She appealed to Jayalalithaa's "true supporters" to work unitedly in the April 6 elections and prevent "common enemy", DMK, identified as "evil force" by the late CM, from coming to power.

After being released from a Bengaluru prison following completion of a four-year term in an assets case, Sasikala had

last month announced her intention to engage in active politics.

Her subsequent political moves, including the stand of the AMMK floated by her nephew TTV Dinakaran, in the polls was keenly awaited by observers and political parties alike in the State in the context of the crucial elections.



# Classifieds

## LOST AND FOUND

It is notified for the information that my original Qualifying/ Passing Certificate of Main, Secondary, Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2010 , 2012 and Roll No. 2126942 , 2626854 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Ankur Malik, HAU, Hisar Mob. 9896488472.

It is notified for the information that my original qualifying Examination Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of Year 2010 and Roll No. 5330548 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the Candidate : Rajat Bansal, Full Address H.No. 1464, Sector-14, Hisar (125001) M. 9665168252.

It is Notified For The Information That My Original Qualifying Examination Certificate Of Main Secondary Examination Of Year 2015 And Roll No. 2252390 Issued By CBSE Has Been Actually Lost. Akash Goyal, Address/Tel. Vpo Nattu, Rajpura, Distt Patiala, Punjab-140701

**I, Amar Dev Verma S/o Hari Ram R/o village Bhatnana Post Office Jabri Tehsil & District Shimla Himachal Pradesh** I bought land from Hetram S/o Late Hari Nand Village Bhatnana Pargana Comrade Tehsil & District Shimla Himachal Pradesh whose Sale Deed No. 398 date 2-9-1987 has been missing whose missing. The report has been lodged in Police Station Dhani.

**I, Insaar Ali S/o Minna R/o 291, Ashok Bihar Colony, Kutani Road, Panipat** declare that my Original Registry no. 4063 dated 28.02.2002, has lost Chhotu Ram Chowk Panipat dated 05.01.2021. If anybody find it please return.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**We Jai Chand S/o sh Atam ram & mrs. Anguri Devi W/o Sh. Jai Chand R/O # 425 village Abhaypur Ind Area Phase 1 Panchkula** declare that My Gurmest And His wife Neeru are out of my Control. We disown him and her from our moveable, immovable Property. Anybody dealing Any activities with him and her at his /her own Risk And responsibility. If they cause any loss and damage, then we are not responsible.

**I, Ex DFR Vazir Chand No.1062084X S/o Bhim Singh resident of H.No. 2723, Sector-23, Rohtak (Haryana)** have changed my daughter name in my Army Records Manoj Kumar to Manju. Correct date of birth is 04.07.1990 for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 02.03.2021 before Notary Public Rohtak. concerned note and Please correct it.

**I, Surinder Wati Sharma** spouse of Ex Warrant Officer Jagan Nath Sharma No. 228636 resident of VPO Kheri Samaria, Ward 4, Mandi Road, Shamji ji Nursing Home, Distt. Rohtak have changed my name in my husband defence Records Surinder Wati Sharma to Sundervati for all future purposes vide Affidavit dated 03 March 2021 before Notary Public Rohtak. concerned note and Please correct it.

**I, Nathi S/o Surjit holding Indian Passport No. P6910100 Dated 6.3.2017 issued at Jalandhar** having Permanent residence at VPO Khat Muglani, Teh. Nakodar District Jalandhar Presently residing at Building No. 487 Road 3417 Block 634 Maamer willencefoth be known as Nathi Randhawa. Objection(s) if any may be forwarded to embassy of Indian, P.O. Box 26106 Adliya, Kingdom of Bahrain.

**I, No.15767366H. Hav Dayaram Yadav R/o Siyakh PO>Mainpur Bass Tehsil Mundwar District Alwar (Rajasthan)** Declare that in my Service Records my Son's Name Wrongly written as Deepak Yadav,Kindly Correct it as Deepak Kumar Yadav.all Concerned noted.

**I, Randhir Singh S/o Surajmal R/o Village Bhoapur, Tehsil & Distt. Sonapat** have disowns my son Pramod & his wife Jyoti from my all movable-immovable property as they are out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with them, he/she will do at their own risk.

**We Jagmohan Sharma S/o Ramesh Chand Sharma & Sarika Sharma W/o Jagmohan Sharma R/o Vihar No. 44-B Gali No. 4, Basant Vihar** Karnal declare that our son Yatin Sharma is Out Of Our Control. We disown him from our Moveable/ Immoveable Properties. We & Our Relatives are Not Responsible for his any Omission & Commission. Concerned Note.

**We Pawan Kumar S/O Kishor Chand R/o Shimla Rani W/O Pawan Kumar R/O #B-42/104, Gali No. 1, Near Bus Stand, S.B.S Colony, Presently R/O #243, Balaji Enclave, Bamala Road Rampura Phool, Tehsil Phool, Distt. Bathinda** Declared Our Son Eshan Garg And His Wife Ritika Are Out Of Our Control. So We Disown Both From Our Moveable Or Immoveable Properties. Anybody Dealing With Them On Their On Risk.

**I, Saleem Basha S/o Basha R/o H. No. 205, MIG, Thamarai Nagar, 16 Street, Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, have changed my religion from Muslim to Hindu.**

**I, Service No. JC-223525A Ex-Sub Nachhattar Singh R/o Village Rajoana Khurd Distt. Ludhiana** declare that in my army records my wife DOB wrongly entered, correct DOB of my wife Paramjit Kaur is 01-06-1963.

**I, Anu Rani** daughter of Ex JC-55817 NB Sub Madan Lal & Smt. Sudesh Rani resident of H.No. 6159 Gali No. 1 New Shilapuri Daba Road Ludhiana declare as that I was born to wedlock of my Late: parents on 29-09-1972 at Ludhiana my Aadhaar No. is 5602-0496-3249

**I, Smt. Geeta** legally wedded spouse of No. 7109478 Hony Nb Sub Raj Kamal resident H.No. 410 Mohalla Brahmapuri Lalheri Road Near Railway Crossing Khanna Distt. Ludhiana (Punjab) have changed my name from Geeta to Geeta Rani vide affidavit sworn before Executive Magistrate Khanna Distt. Ludhiana.

**I, Smt. Simarjeet Kaur** spouse of No. 15569144H Ex SPR Gurjant Singh resident of Vill: Thathi Khara Tehsil & Distt. Tarn Taran (Pb) declare that as per my husband PPO my name wrongly recorded as Simranjeet Kaur, but my correct name is Simarjeet Kaur and my correct DOB is 10-05-1985.

**I, Ved Prakash (Retired) Army No. 14372463 A/S/O Santu Ram R/O Village Sandeol Tehsil Aleva District Jind Declare** In My Service Record My Son Name Wrongly Entered As Manoj Kumar But His Actual Name Is Manoj Malik.

**मैं रविन्द सिंह पुत्र लाल सिंह निवासी मकान नं 5/201637 राधा कृष्ण मंदिर खानपुर लहसील व जिला पठानकोट। मेरे पुत्र लक्ष्मण पठानिया, तनिक पठानिया मेरे करने में नहीं है। इसलिए मैं इनकी अपनी चल-अचल जायदाद से बेवकाल करता हूँ। इनसे लेन-देन करने वाला खुद जिम्मेदार होगा।**

## CHANGE OF NAME

**I, Kartari Devi** widow of No. 6817700W Late Scp Sawaran Dass Village Toe Makhowal PO Ghogra Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Pb), declare that I have changed my name Kartar Devi to Kartari Devi according my aadhar card and other civil documents concerned be noted.

**I, Sukhjinder Kaur W/o Late Sh. Irinder Singh Bhore, r/o 5823/B, Sector 38 (West), Chandigarh** have changed my name from Sukhjinder Kaur to Cina Bhore.

**I, Renu W/o Surinder Kumar R/o H.No. 416 Abheypur Panchkula** my name Reena and my husband name Surender Kumar wrongly mentioned in my Voter card. My correct name is Renu and my husband correct name is Surinder Kumar.

**I, Jai Pal S/o Sukh Ram R/o #635/8, Near Durga Mandir, Shahabad Markanda (Kurukshetra)** have changed my name Jai Pal to Jagpal.

**I, Kajal Sharma D/o Surender Kumar R/o Village Bansa, Distt. Karnal** have changed my name from Kajal Sharma to Sharma Kajal.

**I, Ujjagar Singh S/O Jeet Singh R/O Village Khara Jattan Teh. & Distt. Patiala** declare that Ujjagar Singh & Ujjagar Singh both the names are of one person.

**I, Vamsi D/O Robin Vig And Poonam Vig, R/O 315, Varindavan Garden, Fatehgarh Churian Road Amritsar** Have Changed My Name To Vamsi Vig D/O Robin Vig And Poonam Vig.

**I, Roadransh S/O Robin Vig And Poonam Vig, R/O 315, Varindavan Garden, Fatehgarh Churian Road Amritsar** Have Changed My Name To Roadransh Vig S/O Robin Vig And Poonam Vig.

**JC NO. 281881L Rank Nb Sub Name Hari Shanker R/O UNIT 1382/138 MED REGT C/O 56 APO, declare that my Daughter's name is wrongly written as Manoesha in my Army service record. Her correct name is Manisha. Please make it correct.**

**I, Nirmala Devi @ Sunita Devi W/O Narinder Kumar R/O 335, St. No. 9, Old Bishan Nagar, Patiala** Declare That Nirmala Devi & Sunita Devi Both Are Two Names Of One Person.

**I, Amandeep Kaur** Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 2500749-Y Rank Lnk Gurminder Singh Presently R/O Vill Badha , Punjab Local Address. Vpo Badha Tehsil & Distt. Fazilka Have Changed My Name From Amandeep Kaur To Amanjit Kaur Due To Wrongly Recorded In My Husband Army Record.

**I, Dharm Singh S/o Sh. Ram Kishan R/o H.No. 131/A, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh** have change my name from Dharm Singh to Vijay Sharma.

**I, Rakesh Kumar R/o 115, Bank Colony, Rajiv Garden, Yamunanagar** have changed my name to Rakesh Sharma

**I, Umita Rani W/o Rakesh Sharma R/o 115, Bank Colony, Rajiv Garden, Yamunanagar** have changed my name to Amita Sharma.

**I, Kanishka Sharma D/O Rajesh Sharma R/O # 3364, Sector 19D, Chandigarh** Have Changed My Name From Kanishka To Kanishka Sharma All My Documents Will Now Be Named As Kanishka Sharma.

**I, Anju Rani W/o Rajwinder Singh R/o # 741, Mataur, SAS Nagar (Mohali).** Have changed my To Paramjit Kaur.

**I, Prem Lal Singh S/o Maha Dev Singh, House 624-C, Small Flats, Dhanas, Chandigarh** Inform that in my voter card my name wrongly recorded prem Lal Ray and my father name recorded Maha Dev Ray. My correct name Prem Lal Singh and father name Maha Dev Singh.

**I, Sahil S/o Shamsheer Singh R/o R/ 142/2 Model town Rohtak Haryana 124001** have changed my name from Sahil to Sahil Benwal for all purposes.

**I, Shital Devi W/o Narender Singh R/o # 1349, Khuda Alisher Chandigarh** have changed my daughter name from Palavi Singh to Payal.

**I, Sudesh Rani W/o Sh. Satish Kumar R/o Village Gudhi, Tehsil Ladwa, District Kurukshetra** have changed my name from Sudesh to Sudesh Rani. Note all concerns.

**I, MES No 270061 Rank CMDGO Virender Kumar S/O Kamdar Singh Of (Unit 1) HQ CWF Mamoon Teh/Dist Pathankot** Declare That My Son Palkesh Yadav School Record His Name is Wrongly Written Palkesh Please Correct it Palkesh Yadav

**I, No 15471278L Rank DFR Name Sunder Singh** posted at 15 ARMD REGT C/O 56 APO hereby declare that I have changed the name of my daughter from Khushi to Kumari Khushi vide affidavit dated 03/03/2021 before Session Court, Hisar.

**I, Anil Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Gagan Ram Sharma R/O House No. 441 Jeevan Adhaar Co-Operative House Building Society, Sector 48A Chandigarh,** do hereby declare that Anil Kumar Sharma and Anil Kumar are my name.

**I, Kishan S/O Bhairu R/O # 371, Shastri Nagar Manimajra Chandigarh** Have changed my name to Ram Kishan.

**I, Lachmi W/O Rakam Singh R/O # 2398, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh** Have changed my name to Laxmi.

**I, Rakm Singh S/o Chuhal R/o # 2398, Sector 27-C, Chandigarh** have changed my name to Rakam Singh.

**I, Harjot Singh Dhindsa S/o Nirmal Singh, VPO Bhumsi Teh Malerkotla Distt Sangrur,** changed my name to Harjot Singh.

**I, Nitu Bala W/o Baldev Parkash Bansal, Mohalla Krishna Colony Malerkotla, Distt Sangrur,** have changed my name to Nectu Bansal.

**I, Baldev Parkash S/O Raj Kumar, Mohalla Krishna Colony Malerkotla Distt Sangrur,** changed my name to Baldev Parkash Bansal.

**I, Raghuvir Singh, Vill Kelon Teh Malerkotla Distt Sangrur,** changed my minor son name Harmandeep Singh Rai to Harmandeep Singh.

**I, Sawarn Kaur W/o Nishan Singh R/O VPO Zariabaad 42, Manjura, Karnal** Declare that Sawarn Kaur & Swarn Kaur Both Are One & Same Person.

**I, Arvinder Kaur Pellya, D/O Jaswant Singh Resident of Naraingarh, Tehsil- Ismailabad, District- Kurukshetra,** do hereby changed my name from Arvinder Kaur Pellya to Maiden name Arvinder Kaur for all Future Purposes.

**I, Ms. Kalwant Kaur D/o No. 205039 Late/Sgt Manmohan Singh R/o House No. 549, Phase-3A, SAS Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab** have changed my name from Kalwant Kaur to Kulwant Kaur.

**I, Shila W/o of No. 15494738N Rank Ld Name Suresh Kumar R/o VPO:- Gaura District Bhojpur State: Bihar Pin Code: 802166** have changed my name Shila to Shila Devi.

**I, Army Number 14841396F Unit HQ 10 Corps Mt My Wife Anjali Vishwakarma** Date of Birth wrongly mentioned as 15-07-1986 but her correct Date of birth is 10-09-1989.

**I, Laxmi Devi D/o Sant Bahadur R/o House No. 89, Sector 10-A, Chandigarh** have changed my name from Laxmi Devi to Elena.

**I, Mandeep Singh S/O Army No. 3390226L Rank Ex. Hav. Baljinder Singh R/O VPO Harikre Kalan Tehsil & District Sri Muktsar Sahib** Date of Birth 22/09/1998 have changed my name from Mandip Singh to Mandeep Singh due to document requirement vide affidavit date 01/03/2021.

**I, Himanshi D/o Sh. Rajesh Dhiman R/o # 502-B, Ward no. 4 Anushka Beauty Parlor Abdulapur Colony Pinjore, Tehsil Kalka** have changed my name to Himanshi Dhiman.

**I, Sushama Khatua** spouse of no 15617094H Hav Abhijit Khatua Resident of VPO Ramchandrapur Tehsil Tanluk District East Madinipur State West Bengal have changed my name from Sushama Khatua to Susama Khatua Vide affidavit no AK951303 dated 26 February 2021 before notary public Pathankot.

I hitherto known as Rajinder Kaur W/O Tasbir Singh R/O PO Dehriwal Daroga, Kohar Gurdaspur, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Rajwinder Kaur.

**I Sunjosh Ahlawat S/o No. 624230 Ex. SGT, Name Jagvir Singh Ahlawat R/O H.No.557/12 Dev Colony Rohatk (Hr)** declare that my name Sunjosh and my DOB is 18/11/2000 wrongly mentioned in my father service record. But correct & actual my name is Sunjosh Ahlawat and my date of birth is 18/11/1999.

**I, No. JC 303370K Rank Sub Solanki Ransang Dhursang S/O Dhursang Solanki Unit 502 AD GP (SP) C/o 56 APO.** Have Changed my Son Name from Ashwin Singh To Ashwin Kumar

**I Service No. JC 771508A Rank Nb (Sub) Sukhdeo Trimbak Dahiphale S/O Trimbak Dahiphale Unit HQ 40 ARTY DIV C/o 56 APO, Ambala. Cantt.** Have Changed my Wife Name from Sangeeta To Sangeeta Sukhdeo Dahiphale & Changed My Son Name from Nitin To Nitin Sukhdeo Dahiphale in my Service Record

**I Naresh Kumar S/o Moti Ram R/o 196, Near Tangri Vishkarma Nagar, Ambala Cantt** declare that Naresh Kumar & Suresh is one and the same person

**I Amanpreet Singh Sekhon S/o Harjit Singh Sekhon R/o House No. 31-D Rajguru Nagar Ludhiana** Have Chabge My Son Name From Anhad Sekhon To Anhad Singh Sekhon

**I Ekavya S/o Late Sh. Ved Raj R/o # 3076 St. No.6 New House Nagar Habowal Kala Ludhiana** My Father Is: Died Declare That Ved Raj and VedRaj Sabota one and the same person

**I Neelam W/o Surinder Kumar Sharma R/o H. No. 61 st. No. 1 Amrit Vihar Colony Kailash Nagar Road Basti Jodhewal Ludhiana** I Have Change My Name Neelam To Neeru Sharma

**I Puneet S/o Balbir Kumar R/o H. No. 2124 St. No.4 Grewal Colony Tibba Road Ludhiana** I have Change My Name Puneet To Puneet Kumar

**I, Bhupinder Singh S / o Late Amar Singh Village Ajlood, Distt. Ludhiana** declare that my correct name is Bhupinder Singh but in some khatas in revenue record my name mentioned as Bhinder Singh . Bhupinder Singh and Bhinder Singh one and the same person.

**I, Vinod Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/o H.No.04, Hansi Road, New Shivaji Colony, Behind SPS Convent School Karnal** declare that Vinod Kumar Rana and Vinod Kumar both names are mine, one and same person.

**I, Vinod Kumar S/o Shyam Lal R/o H.No.04, Hansi Road, New Shivaji Colony, Behind SPS Convent School Karnal** declare that Rana Abhimanyu and Abhimanyu Rana both names are my minor son's, one and same person.

**I, Service No.4548854y Ex Hav Ramesh Singh S/O Janak Singh R/O Vill- Jandi Po- Chaunta/Distt-Gurdaspur Punjab, Tat I Declare** Changed My Daughter Name From Niroo Salaria To Neeru Devi In Dsc Record.

**I, Rinku Kumari** Spouse Of Dinesh Kumar Roy Resident Of Village- Tarwan Post Office Ishmela Tehsil Sonpur District Saran (Bihar), Have Changed My Name From Rinku Kumari To Rinku Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 15.02.2021 Before Notary Public, Sonpur, Saran (Bihar).

**I, No.2486235N Rank Ex Nk Name Narinder Singh S/O Sh Milkhi Ram R/O Village- Ban Nagrota Post Office Karoli Tehsil/Dist- Pathankot (Punjab),** Have Changed The Name Of My Son From Naman Singh Pathania To Naman Singh Vide Affidavit Dated 03/03/2021 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.

**I, Gurpreet Singh S/o Lachman Singh R/O VPO. Uppal Jagir, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar-144039,** Punjab have changed the name of my minor son Karanveer Uppal To Karanveer Singh Uppal.

**I, Neelam Rani W/o Kashmir Singh R/O Vill. Khojowala, PO. Khaira Majia, Distt. Kapurthala-144601,** Punjab have changed my name as Neelam

**I, Sahil S/o Manjit Kumar R/o H.No.2204, Moh Mallina, Kartarpur, Distt.Jalandhar** Have Changed My Name From Sahil To Sahil Kumar.

**I, Baljeet Kaur W/o Manjinder Singh Rana R/o VPO.Sarchala Ranaun, Tehsil Banga, Distt. SBS Nagar** Have Changed My Name Baljeet Kaur To Baljeet Kaur Rana After Marriage.

**I, Reshmo W/o Hem Raj R/o H.No. 211, Old Phagwara Road, Paragpur, Jalandhar, Punjab** have changed my name as Resham Kaur.

**I, Sarbjeeet W/o Raj Mal R/o Vill: Arthawal P.O. Bariawal Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) Pb,** changed my name to Sarvjit.

**I, Jaspal Kaur W/o Amarjeet Singh Sidhu R/o Rajgarh Kubbe Teh-Maur Mandi (Bathinda)** changed my name to Jaspal Kaur Sidhu.

**I, Parmjeet Kaur W/o Charanjit Singh R/o Vpo. Nandpur (Ludhiana)** changed my name to Paramjit Kaur Hara.

**I, Charnjit Singh S/o Santokh Singh R/o Vpo. Nandpur (Ludhiana)** changed my name to Charanjit Singh Hara.

**I, Kashmir Lal S/o Surinder Pal R/o Vpo. Tehang Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar)** changed the name of my minor daughter Dishani Kumari to Kumari Dishani.

**I, Surjit S/o Gian Chand R/o Vpo. Sang Dhesian Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar)** changed my name to Surjit Suyan.

**I Manjinder Kaur W/O Gurjit Singh # R/O H No 33 Near Bus Stand Azad Nagar (Ferozepur)** Have Changed My Name Manjinder Kaur Dhillon.

**I Parvinder Singh Sodhi S/O Harpal Singh R/O House No. 158 Sant Lal Road Ferozepur Cantt** Have Changed My Name To Parvinder Singh.

**I Paramjit Kaur Deol W/O Gulzar Singh Dhalival R/O Jagat Singh Wala Distt. Sri Muktsar Sahib** Have Changed My Name To Paramjit Kaur Dhalival.

**I Jagdeep Kaur W/O Shahbaj Singh Maan R/O Vpo Bam Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib** Have Changed My Name To Jadcpe Kaur Maan.

**I Shabbaj Singh S/O Gurjant Singh R/O Vpo Bam Distt Sri Muktsar Sahib** Have Changed My Name To Shabbaj Singh Maan.

**I Sandeep Gupta S/O Ved Parkash Gupta R/O Street No. 2 Rikhi Colony Ferozepur City** Have Changed My Name To Sandeep Kumar Gupta.

**I Indu Bala W/O Sandeep Kumar Gupta R/O Street No. 2 Rikhi Colony Ferozepur City** Have Changed My Name To Indu Gupta After Marriage.

**I Shehnaj W/O Sukhjinder Singh R/O Guru Ram Dass Nagar Near Sethi Cold Store Ferozepur City** Have Changed My Name To Shehnaj Shehn.

**I Neeraj Kumar Gera S/O Shambhu Lal Gera R/O # 439, St. No. 4, Tripuri Town Patiala** Have Changed My Name From Neeraj Kumar To Neeraj Kumar Gera.

**I Rabia Kaur D/O Gurmukh Singh R/O H.No. 34, Phase 1, Kohinoor Velly, Near Baran, Patiala** Have Changed My Name From Rabia To Rabia Kaur.

**I, Prem Raj S/O Joginder Ram R/O Village Punnu Mazara Tehsil Nawanshahr District S.B.S. Nagar** Have Changed My Minor Son's Name From Amarpreet To Amarpreet Singh.

**I Shanti S/O Tarsem Singh R/O Vpo, Khichian District Hoshiarpur Punjab** Have Changed My Name To Ram Kumari.

**I Manjit Kaur Mann W/O Satwant Singh Mann R/O Vpo. Dhada Kalan Tehsil Garhsarkhan District Hoshiarpur Punjab India** Have Changed My Name To Manjeet Kaur Mann.

**I Paramjot Kaur W/O Sukhinder Singh Rehla R/O Narinder Marg Gulabi Bagh Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana** Have Changed My Name To Paramjot Kaur Rehla.

**I Amandeep Kaur W/O Harminder Singh Jawanda R/O Vill. Sayan Khurd Distt. Ludhiana** Have Changed My Name To Amandeep Kaur Jawanda.

**I Deepak S/O Brij Lal R/O Patti Dhillon Buttar Distt. Moga** Have Changed My Name To Deepak Chararya.

**I Sanjiv Kumar S/O Subash Chander R/O Patti Bhullar, Buttar Distt. Moga** Have Changed My Name To Sanjeev Kumar.

**I Manjit Singh Alias Malkit Singh S/O Sardara Singh S/O Taba Singh R/O Vill. Kahan Singh Wala Distt. Moga** Am Known By Above Both Names.

**I Mangeet Singh S/O Shamsheer Singh Purba R/O H.No.-697 Ward No.-12 St.No.06 Krishna Nagar Akalsar Road Moga** Have Changed My Name To Mangeet Singh Purba.

**I Gurdip Singh S/O Sukhdev Singh R/O Patti Ganda Chaina Vpo. Manuake Distt. Ludhiana** Have Changed My Name To Gurdip Singh Sandhu.

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# Cong should publicly apologise to Guv for their behaviour: Himachal CM

**Shimla:** Lashing out at the Congress, Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Wednesday said that it would be better that the State Congress publicly apologise to the Governor for their indecent behaviour during the ongoing State Assembly session.

"The indecent behaviour of Congress MLAs with the Governor shows the frustration of the party. It is clear that the

Congress' leadership is becoming hollow day by day," the Chief Minister said while speaking during the concluding session of the meeting of the working committee of the state Bharatiya Mahila Morcha held in Bharwain in Una district.

He said that people did not expect such indecent and irresponsible behavior from the opposition. **PNS**

## HP.P.W.D. TENDER

### Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed item rate tender on PWD form Number 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Jawali Division H.P.P.W.D. Jawali on behalf of the Governor of H.P. for the following work from the approved and eligible contractors C& D enlisted in H.P.P.W.D. so as to reach in this office in the waxed sealed cover on or before 27.03.2021up to 11:00 (AM) and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 (A.M.) in the presence of the intending contractors or their authorized representative who may like to be present. The application for purchase of tender will be received up to 4.00 P.M. on dated 25.03.2021. The tender form can be obtained from this office 11.00 A.M. to 4.30 P.M. on dated 26.03.2021.

The amount of earnest money in the shape of NSCs / FDR/ Time Deposit accounts /Deposit at call of any of post Office/Bank in HP duly pledged in the name of the Executive Engineer, Jawali Division H.P.P.W.D. Jawali should be deposited first with the application then the tender documents will be issued. Conditional tender and tender application without earnest money will be rejected. The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time Limit	Cost of from (Rs.)
1	Restoration of Rain damages on various roads under Nagrota Surian Sub Division Section I&II (SH- Removal of landslides, grubbing of shrubs, construction of unlined drains and dressing of berms).	3,69,406/-	7400/-	One month	350/-

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- The contractor should be registered as a dealer under HPST Act 1968 (GST number) from the Excise and Taxation Department.
- The Cess charges @ 1%(One percent) will be deducted from gross amount of work done by the contractor.
- The contractors are required to be produce copy of their PAN No. at time of application.
- The contractor should produce a copy of enlistment/ renewal letter at time of application.
- The Executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/cancel any tender without assigning any reason at any stage.
- Telegraphically/ Fax tenders are not acceptable.
- Special care should be taken to write the rates both in figures and in words, failing which tender likely to be rejected to be circumstances.
- If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

**Sd/-**  
Executive Engineer  
Jawali Divn. HP PWD, Jaw



# SAD raises Ansari issue, Majithia seeks CBI probe

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Wednesday targeted the Congress-led Punjab Government for harbouring Uttar Pradesh's controversial politician Mukhtar Ansari in the State's jail and spending crores of rupees to defend him in the courts, while depriving the common man of his due.

Raising the issue of UP legislator Mukhtar Ansari, presently lodged in Punjab's Ropar jail in connection with an extortion case, during the Zero Hour on the third day of the ongoing budget session, Akali MLA Bikram Singh Majithia went on to demand a probe by the central probing agency — Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) — in the extortion case registered against Ansari on the complaint of a real estate businessman.

Ansari is a history-sheeter in Mohamadabad police station of UP's Ghazipur district with 38 cases of heinous crime lodged against him. Besides, several cases have also been lodged against Ansari at various police stations in UP's different districts, including Lucknow, Ghazipur and Mau.

In Punjab, Ansari was booked for extortion under Section 386 of the Indian Penal Code, and criminal intimidation under Section 506 of the IPC on the complaint of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Homeland Group, engaged in real estate business in Punjab and Delhi, who alleged that he had received a call from a person who introduced himself as "some Ansari from UP" and asked him to pay up Rs 10 crore if he wanted to ensure the safety of his family.

Acting swiftly, the police lodged an FIR in which Ansari was named as the accused with

his address as Banda, Uttar Pradesh. Punjab Police brought Ansari on a production warrant from a UP jail about a fortnight after the registration of this case, and since then he has been lodged in the Ropar jail.

Slamming the Congress Government of "deliberately protecting" the "underworld Don Mukhtar Ansari" in state jail and treating him as "state guest", Majithia asked the ruling party to explain why it was spending crores to prevent his transfer to Uttar Pradesh, but when it comes to give funds for SC scholarship scheme, social welfare benefits, and government employees, the government made an excuse for poor finances.

Seeking a CBI inquiry into the case registered in Punjab against Ansari, Majithia said that the owner of the Homeland Group had only said in his complaint that he was threatened by one Ansari over the phone for ransom "and the Punjab police is so capable that out of crores of Ansaris from all over UP, they found Mukhtar Ansari".

Majithia also alleged that the said complaint was obtained by a Punjab police officer under pressure so that Ansari could be brought to the Punjab jail. "It is also surprising that in this case, neither Ansari has ever applied for bail nor the Punjab Police has filed a charge sheet against him," he added.

**GILL SEEKS APOLOGY FROM MAJITHIA ON 'TOUT' REMARKS**

SAD MLA Bikram Singh Majithia and Congress MLA from Patti Harinder Singh Gill once again engaged in verbal duel on Wednesday with the latter warning of filing a defamation case against the former of the Akali leader did not apologize. Gill, during the Zero Hour, raised

the issue of a personal comment made by Majithia a day before while making it clear that either the SAD MLA apologize or be prepared for the defamation case.

"I only mentioned the things related to history, which are present in writing. I did not make any personal remarks against anyone, but Majithia said objectionable personal comments against me," said Gill. On this, Majithia replied that he can prove the comments made by him a day before. "Hariminder Gill should tell whether he was involved in the murder of Prof VN Tiwari (Congress MP Manish Tewari's father) at the time of Dashmesh Regiment. Gill should clarify whether or not he considers Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale a martyr," he said.

Majithia, later talking with the media, said that Gill had claimed responsibility "in writing" for the assassination of former Panjab University Professor and MP Prof VN Tewari and that this fact was part of the CBI record in the case on behalf of the Deshmeh Regiment. "Congress MP Manish Tewari must be privy to these facts and could be asked to verify the same," he said.

**SPEAKER DARES LOP TO BRING BIDDERS WITH MORE THAN RS 60L**

Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Rana KP Singh dared the AAP MLA and the Leader of Opposition Harpal Singh Cheema to come out with participants who would bid more than Rs 60 lakhs for the auction of 931 khair trees. The speaker's assertion came after Cheema highlighted "a big scam" in Manakpur village, which falls under Anandpur Sahib constituency represented by the Speaker, in which 931 khair trees were auctioned at a low price under the pressure of police and

administrative officials.

Cheema alleged that the administration pressurized the bidders who wanted to buy the said wood at a higher price. "The price of the sid wood is Rs two crores in the market, which is sold for only Rs 40 lakhs," said Cheema. Reacting, the Speaker challenged Cheema to bring a bidder "who would quote not Rs two crores, or one crore, or even Rs 80 or 70 lakhs, but Rs 60 lakhs, I would ask the Government to

hold the bidding again.

**SIMPLIFY GUIDELINES TO MAKE SMART RATION CARDS: SAD**

Alleging discrimination and bias in preparing smart cards for ration distribution in Punjab, SAD MLA Gurpratap Singh Wadala said that the Congress Government is favouring its supporters instead of forming proper guidelines for making cards. Wadala, speaking during the

zero hour, alleged that while canceling the blue cards, prepared by the previous SAD-BJP government for the poor, the guidelines of the Food Security Act of the Central Government have not been taken into consideration due to which the names of many eligible beneficiaries have been removed from the list.

## PUNJAB ASSEMBLY

## BJP MLA NOT ALLOWED TO SPEAK BY FELLOW LEGISLATORS

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Amidst growing resentment against the Centre's farm laws, the sole BJP MLA on Wednesday found himself on a slippery field during the ongoing budget session of Punjab Vidhan Sabha. Abohar MLA Arun Narang was hooted down by the fellow legislators, including an MLA from BJP's former alliance partner SAD, asking him to "first clear his stand on the Centre's farm laws".

Participating in the discussion on the Governor's Address to the assembly on the third day of the budget session, Narang was not allowed to even start his speech, and was forced to take a seat without even saying a word.

Just as the chairperson Harpartap Singh Ajnala, who was at the Speaker's chair at the time, announced Narang's name, Congress MLA Dalvir Singh 'Goldy' Khangura interrupted him saying that we would not allow a BJP leader to speak in the House when they were not listening to the farmers.

Soon, Goldy was joined by

other Congress legislators — Navtej Singh Cheema, Parminder Singh Pinki, and Parkirat Singh Kotli, while Akali Dal MLAs, including Pawan Kumar Tinu, also protested against Narang.

The legislators stressed said BJP leaders had no right to speak in the House as they had stayed away when the amendment bills to "counter" the central farm legislations were passed in the Punjab Assembly last year.

Even as Ajnala tried to calm the situation, requesting the 'protesting' MLAs to take their seat and maintain calm, the legislators continued their protest — forcing the lone BJP MLA to sit down.

Notably, Narang was gheraoed by the protesting farmers in Lambi assembly segment in Muktsar district in November and was even forced to sit on the road by the protesting farmers while allowing him to move ahead after almost half an hour. The farmers had asked the BJP MLA as to why he did not raise his voice in their favour in the Vidhan Sabha, on which he had

assured them to appeal to the Central Government to resolve their issue at the earliest.

A video of the incident had gone viral where Narang was seen admitting that the Centre's three farm laws are "anti-farmer" and "anti-Punjab". He was also seen making an appeal to the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Tomar to hold immediate talks with the farmers on the issue.

Notably, farmers, mostly from Punjab, Haryana, and western Uttar Pradesh, have been camping at Delhi's borders since November 26 last, demanding a repeal of the Centre's farm laws and a legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP) for crops. As many as 11 rounds of talks were held between the farmers and the Union Minister, but to no avail.

While the farmers are firm on their stand demanding repeal of the controversial acts, the Centre has proposed amendments while making it clear that laws would not be repealed. After the unfortunate turn of events on January 26, the talks between the two are stalled.

## Haryana Budget Session from Fri likely to be stormy

MANOJ KUMAR ■ CHANDIGARH

The Budget Session of Haryana Assembly commencing from Friday is expected to be stormy with the opposition gearing up to corner the ruling coalition government of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) on the issues related to farmers' agitation against centre's farm laws, MSP on crops, petrol price hike, liquor scam, unemployment and law and order and other issues.

The proceedings of the House will begin with Haryana Governor SN Arya's address on Friday. As Finance Minister, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is expected to present his

second budget on March 12. The Khattar-led coalition government of BJP-JJP has been busy preparing the budget. To include the public representatives including MPs, MLAs' suggestions in the budget, the chief minister had organised a pre-budget consultation meeting around a week ago. During the budget session, the Khattar-led State Government would try to highlight its achievements in the last one and half years.

Talking to reporters, the leader of opposition in Haryana Assembly and former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda recently said the State government has failed on all fronts and there are so many issues which the Congress will

raise in the assembly.

Amid the ongoing farmers' protest against the Central agri laws, Hooda had said that the party has decided to bring a no-confidence motion against the BJP-JJP government in the State. The opposition will turn up the heat on the government over hooch deaths, liquor scam, unemployment, law and order, rising prices of essential commodities and cooking gas among others.

Playing down the Congress' claim of bringing a no-confidence motion against his government in the state Assembly during the upcoming budget session, the Chief Minister told reporters that the BJP-JJP combine enjoys a majority in the

House. "It is their right to bring a no-confidence motion against the government. We are in the majority. The opposition is doing such an exercise as they are afraid of their sustainability," the CM told reporters here.

The government will also introduce several bills during the session, including a bill on 'love jihad' during the budget session. It will form a part of the Bill on religious conversions. It has been sent to the Chief Minister by the Home Department.

Khattar said that a Bill against religious conversion by force, inducement or through marriages solemnised for the sole purpose of adopting a new religion will also be introduced in the budget session.

### Hry Deputy CM says Govt to run massive employment drive from next month

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Wednesday said the state government would begin a massive employment campaign from next month following the bill ensuring 75-percent jobs to the Haryana Youths in the private sector, was given assent by the state governor on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference at JJP's state office in Chandigarh, Dushyant said that the government has fulfilled its promise made to the youths of the state and rules and regulations for this new law would be issued in the coming days. He said the government would commence the employment drive in 22 districts, 143 blocks of the state, adding that the drive aims to ensure large scale employment to the local youths in the private sector when the new fiscal year

would begin in April.

He said that the state government would also ensure jobs for the youths according to their qualification and skills they have. Answering a query, he said that before Haryana, Maharashtra had also implemented the same law 37 years ago for the people speaking the Marathi language and states like Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana had also brought this law.

The Deputy Chief Minister said that the government has given exemption in the reservation if the company fails to find a skilled employee. Giving example, he said that as the construction work is done mostly by people of West Bengal and mason belong to Rajasthan-Madhya Pradesh, then relaxation can be given as such workforce is not found in Haryana.

Dushyant said that the jobs of chowkidar, security guard, clerk, steno clerk, and others which offer a monthly salary of Rs 50000, will be entitled to 75 percent of the youth of the state. He said there is also a provision of penalty on the firms for violating the rules/regulations of the law, adding that firms have to mandatorily give complete details of their registration and employees on the portal.

Advising the opposition leaders who are creating confusion about the law, the Deputy Chief Minister said that instead of spreading misinformation, they should support the government in the interest of employment of the youth of the state. He also made it clear that this law will not have any impact on the old employees working already in the firms and the law would apply to future recruitments.

## ‘Centre OK’s setting up Common Facility Centre for Ayurveda products production in Karnal’

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Stating that the Central Government has accorded approval to a project to set up a 'Common Facility Centre' in Karnal, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday said that the State will contribute significantly in promoting Ayurveda in the country.

He said that the establishment of this 'Common Facility Centre' will help in the production of quality Ayurveda products like immunity booster tablets, syrups, ointments, creams, oils, personal hygiene products, adding that the State Government is actively working towards promoting the growth of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) through the cluster approach of the MSME



Department. The State Government is also implementing a visionary Mini Cluster Scheme for enhancing the competitiveness of its micro-units.

Under this scheme, over 50 MSME clusters have been identified and are being developed across Haryana, he added.

Khattar said that the CFC project will be constructed at a cost of Rs. 15 crore. The project which will have a state of the art herbal extraction plant, an R and D facility, a qual-

ity control lab among other components will benefit over 200 micro and small Ayurveda products manufacturing units in and around Karnal, he said, adding that this will be the first cluster project of its kind approved by the Central Government under the MSME flagship scheme.

He said that this project of 'Common Facility Centre' is also expected to generate employment for more than 500 persons. Secretary,

Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises BB Swain also appreciated the efforts of the State in the field of MSME and hoped that the establishment of 'Common Facility Centre' in Haryana is an important step towards promoting Ayurveda across the country.

## CM: Prepare digital record of land across Haryana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Wednesday directed to prepare a digital record of 42212 square kilometers of land across the state.

Chairing a meeting of the officers of the Revenue Department in which Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala was also present, Khattar directed the officers to prepare a record of the land in such a way that along with the information about the ownership of the land, it should also be clear about who is in possession of the said land.

If the owner is not in possession of the land, then legal methods should be adopted for the release of the said possession, he added. He said that even an inch of land in the state should not be left out from

being digitized.

The chief minister said that Haryana Government is working on a scheme, on implementation of which the registry can be made in any tehsil of the state while sitting in any corner of the country. He directed to implement this process of registration of land in the state at the earliest.

Discussing this issue with the officers of the Revenue Department, the Chief Minister said that the objective is to curb corruption in the registration of land. During the meeting, it was decided that a portal should be developed, on which those who wish to sell or buy land can select the tehsil of their choice for registry which will make the process easier.

The Chief Minister also directed to work on a plan to start an Option Portal to create a land

exchange, just like the stock exchange in the future. He said that many times some needy person wants to sell their land but is unable to find a buyer on time. In such a situation, such a portal should be created where the seller and buyer of the land can upload their information, he added. He said that this will benefit both the buyer and the seller. If the seller uploads their land-related information on this portal, then they will easily find a buyer, he added.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed to make the mutation process easier and bring it online. He said that the mutation of the land for which the registry is already online should be done by the automatic process in due time. Any objection to such registration should also be sought online and the process of mutation should be

completed in the stipulated time, he added.

Khattar said that our aim is to provide a corruption-free system. The online registration process will prove effective in curbing corruption in the system, he added.

He also directed to ensure adequate basic facilities in the tehsils. Specifically, all IT-related facilities should be made available in the registration offices according to the digital age and there will be no shortage of funds for this.

Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister DS Dhesi, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management and Consolidation Department Sanjeev Kaushal and Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, V Umashankar among other senior officers of the department were present.

## LIQUOR TO BECOME COSTLIER IN CHANDIGARH

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The tipplers would have to shell out more money for liquor from April onwards in the union territory of Chandigarh.

Announcing the excise policy for next fiscal year 2021-22, the Chandigarh Administration on Wednesday announced to increase excise duty on Indian Made Foreign Liquor by six percent. However, the excise duty on country liquor has not been increased.

Aiming to give a boost to the hospitality and tourism sector in the city, the Administration has allowed the facility of mini bars in three-star and four-star hotels in addition to five-star or above category of hotels in Chandigarh.

Last year, the five-star hotels in Chandigarh were allowed to serve liquor round the clock and a facility of mini-bar was also allowed for the occupants of the rooms. The Administration has also

decided to not increase the licence fee of the hotels, bars or restaurants during next fiscal year. No new bottling plant license will be granted by the Administration in 2020-21.

In order to promote the low alcoholic contents, the Administration has this year decided to introduce a new category of Beer i.e. Super Mild Beer containing alcoholic content upto 3.5 percent v/v.

The facility of kegging of Beer in Kegs of 50 Litre capacity (manufactured in Microbreweries of Chandigarh) is also allowed to Microbrewery Licensee and licensee can sell Draught Beer against excise permits to bars, restaurants and clubs licensees by following proper standard safety measures.

The licensee however will not be allowed to pack beer in bottles, CANS or Pouches for sale. With the introduction of excise policy for the year 2021-22, the Administration is expecting to earn revenue of around

Rs 700 crore, said a senior officer of UT Administration.

He said that the allotment of licensing units will continue through a complete e-tendering system for more transparency and a complete online system for issuance of permits or passes to facilitate trade and industry.

In the next fiscal year, the number of liquor vends have been increased from 94 to 96. To curb the menace of cartelization and monopolistic practices, a single entity of firms, companies or individuals will be entitled to allotment upto a maximum of 10 vends only, he added.

The officer said that to promote low alcoholic contents beverages i.e. beer, wine and particularly to boost Indian wine industry, the license fee and excise duty has not been increased. Excise duty on IMFL has been increased by around six percent this time.

This year, the Alcometer facili-

ty was made mandatory for Taverns (Ahatas) while last year, it was made mandatory for all hotels and restaurants serving liquor.

In the new excise policy, the basic quota of IMFL has been increased from 100 lakh proof litre to 110 lakh proof litre, basic quota of country liquor is increased from 8 lakh proof litre to 12 lakh proof litre and the quota of foreign liquor (Bio Brand Whisky) has been increased from 3.30 lakh proof litre to 3.50 lakh proof litre.

To promote Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the retail licensees will have to maintain cleanliness and hygiene in and around the shop, failing which a penalty will be imposed under the excise policy.

Apart from this, the cow cess imposed on liquor last year will continue in the city. The cow cess is levied at Rs 5 per bottle of 750 ml of country liquor, Rs 5 per bottle of 650ml of Beer and Rs 10 per bottle of 750 ml of whisky.

## Punjab Coop Banks to compete at par with private ones

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To encourage the State's Cooperative Banks to compete with private banks, the Punjab Government is going to revamp the cooperative banks by introducing gold loan and insurance schemes.

Sharing this, the state Cooperation Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa on Wednesday said that new recruitment will also be done to deal with the staff shortage, and for starting the net banking and other online banking services to include the Cooperative Banks in top banks of the state.

Randhawa, after inaugurating the workshop on 'Micro Finance, New Business Opportunities for Cooperative Banks' organized by Punjab State Cooperative Bank in association with NABARD, said that there are as many as 802 branches of cooperative banks in

the State and due to the lack of professional approach of cooperative banking sector, these banks are lagging behind their private counterparts besides having reach in the remote areas.

"To compete with private banks, the cooperative banks will have to change its working for the welfare of the rural people by introducing marketing strategies," he said. Declaring that strict action will be taken against the culprits of corruption and indiscipline, the Minister also directed the bank officials to act tough against the major defaulters.

The Minister also thanked NABARD for providing financial assistance of Rs 750 crore to Punjab State Agriculture Development Bank and also appealed to the NABARD to bind the State Government to utilize these funds through cooperative banks which

would strengthen them.

"After getting approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) will be merged soon in Punjab State Cooperative Banks (PSCBs) which would add strength to these banks and new challenges as well," he said.

Registrar Cooperative Societies Vikas Garg said that the bank has diversified its loans portfolio with micro finance thus enabling the bank to develop a new customer base and earn good profit margins. "The bank has also started earning more fee based income due to tie ups with insurance and stock holding corporations," he said while pointing out a tie-up with Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited for issuance of e-stamp papers through the bank branches throughout Chandigarh and Punjab.



**MILITARY COMMANDERS' MEET**

# In a first, jawans to share views with PM

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

In a major step to involve jawans in military matters including operational doctrine, some of them, for the first time ever, will share their views with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the forthcoming Combined Commanders' conference.

The top level meeting held annually will take place in Kevadia in Gujarat later this week where Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and three Services chiefs besides other senior officers will discuss the entire gamut of issues pertaining to defence forces. They will stay in tents for the two-day meet to be held near Sardar Vallabhai Patel's statue.

Incidentally, this move to involve jawans in the conclave comes in the backdrop of Modi holding such high-profile meets outside the national capital since he assumed charge in 2014. One such conference was held some years back in the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Another combined commanders' conference was held at the Indian Military



Academy (IMA), Dehradun.

As regards the first ever participation of the common soldiers, sources said here on Wednesday the idea came from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

They said a group of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCO) and non-commissioned officers (NCO) from the IAF, Army and Navy will give their suggestions on topics including operations and functioning of the forces.

This is the first time personnel below officer rank (PBOR) will take part in such a top level brainstorming session, they said. Moreover, bureaucrats heading several departments in the sensitive defence ministry are also likely to update the Prime Minister about issues relating to their wings, sources said.

The conference will see briefings by top officials on the ongoing projects of their respective departments along with future projects they would be undertaking.

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, who also holds the post of Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, will give a presentation about status of various reforms initiated to achieve synergy amongst the three Services. He will also update the top-echelon regarding formation of new tri-services commands and the progress made in the existing structures.

Focusing on creation of theatre commands to fight modern day warfare, senior officers are likely to brief the commanders and the Prime Minister about the ongoing process, sources said.

The Combined Commanders' Conference will be attended by the commander-in-chief rank officers of the three services. This includes 20 officers from different commands and formations from across the country.

## Modi: Need to overcome language barriers for allowing talent to flourish

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Asserting that the new National Education Policy (NEP) encourages the use of local languages, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday stressed the need for working in this regard on a mission mode to overcome linguistic barriers in the education system so that the talent of those from rural areas and the poor is allowed to flourish.

Addressing a webinar on the effective implementation of the provisions in the Union Budget for the education sector, Modi said it is the responsibility of the academics and experts of every language to make available the best content in the country and the world in Indian languages.

"Limiting knowledge and research is a big injustice to the country's potential. With this thinking, the doors of several sectors such as space, atomic energy, DRDO, agriculture, are being opened for our talented youngsters," the prime minister said.

Modi said education, skill, research and innovation were the second biggest focus of the budget after health. "The Union

Budget has broadened our efforts to link education with employability and entrepreneurial capability," he said. As a result of these efforts, he said, India is now among the top three countries in the world in terms of scientific publications, the number of PhD scholars and the start-up ecosystem.

Modi said India has joined the top 50 countries in the Global Innovation Index and is continuously improving. To build a self-reliant India, it is important that youngsters have confidence in themselves, he said, asserting that it comes only when they have complete faith in their education and knowledge.

Stressing the importance of local languages in the education system, Modi said experts know that language plays an important role in understanding a subject.

"From primary to higher education, we have to ensure that the best content is available to the youngsters of the country in Indian languages," Modi said. It is necessary to produce content in Indian languages? for every area of expertise, be it medical, engineering, technology or management, he added.

## All private hospitals can give Covid shots with riders: Min

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

In a bid to speed up the pace of the coronavirus vaccination drive as well as ensure that vaccines are not left unutilized, the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday permitted all private hospitals to give Covid vaccine if they adhere to the laid down norms while allowing citizens to take vaccine round the clock as per their convenience.

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan shared this information on twitter, stating that : "The government has ended the time constraint to increase the speed of vaccination. Citizens of the country can now get vaccinated 24x7 at their convenience."

The move aims to ensure the maximum number of people who are eligible under the second phase of the vaccina-

tion drive are vaccinated. Those above 60 years and above 45 years having comorbidities are being inoculated under the second phase of the vaccination which was kicked off from March 1.

The Ministry has also given permission to private hospitals to administer the Covid-19 vaccine to those who are eligible.

A senior official from the Union Health Ministry that in a meeting chaired by Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan and other officials, it was decided that "all government health facilities, including all private hospitals empanelled under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PM JAY) and similar State Health Insurance Schemes can function as Covid

Vaccination Centers (CVCs), subject to them mandatorily adhering to some specific norms."

The Ministry urged the states and Union territories (UTs) to utilise 100 per cent capacities of all private hospitals under the said category to enable them to effectively function as vaccination centres. They were also asked the states to regularly collaborate with the private hospitals to ensure that their optimum capacities for vaccination are fully utilised.

The Ministry also allowed private hospitals not empanelled with the Government to operate as CVCs "if they have adequate number of vaccinators, adequate space for observation of the vaccinated, adequate cold chain arrangement and adequate arrangement for management of AEFI."

## Congress leaders target UP Govt over law and order

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra hit out at the Yogi Adityanath-led Uttar Pradesh Government on Wednesday over the law and order situation in the State. "Under the BJP rule, Uttar Pradesh is becoming worse day by day. Such disorder in law and order spares none — it is a curse for every community," Rahaal Gandhi said in a tweet in Hindi with the hashtags #Hathras #Bulandshahr.

He also tagged a photo of the funeral procession of a 50-year-old man who was allegedly shot dead in Hathras district by a person out on bail in a case of molesting the victim's daughter. Priyanka Gandhi alleged one family or the other can be heard "screaming for justice" every day in Uttar Pradesh, contrary to Yogi Adityanath government's "propaganda".

Their attacks on the BJP dispensation came in the backdrop of the Hathras shooting as well as an incident in Bulandshahr where the body of a 12-year-old girl was exhumed from a pit days after she went missing. "The father of a girl who did not take back a case

of molestation was murdered in Hathras. The body of a girl, who had been missing for several days in Bulandshahr, was found buried in a house," Priyanka said in a tweet in Hindi.

"Contrary to the UP government's false propaganda on crime, every day one family or the other is screaming for justice," she said. Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and other Congress leaders have been attacking the Adityanath government over law and order situation in the state, alleging that criminal activities were on the rise, a claim denied by the state government.

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**BJP VICTORY IN GUJ LOCAL POLLS**

## Voters' confidence rising each year: Javadekar

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Union Minister Prakash Javadekar on Wednesday described the sweeping BJP victory in Gujarat local polls as peoples' vote of confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development and reform policies including the new farm laws.

"If we convert massive victory into 182 Vidhan Sabha segments in Gujarat it comes to 155 assembly seats" said the senior BJP leader adding "confidence of voters" is rising each year even after BJP's "uninterrupted 38 years rule" in the State.

Addressing a press conference here after the win in local polls, Javadekar said rural farmers have voted for "Modi's Vikas mode, his leadership and reforms including in the farm sector...this is the message..." he said.

The Minister said Congress had made farmers and governance an issue as their main poll planks and "even spoke from LPG shaped platforms and stages".

The BJP won all 31 Zila Parishads and Congress drew a zero.

"Out of the 879 seats, the BJP which had last time won 368 has now won 800 seats," said Javadekar pointing to massive surge in numbers.

He said this Congress defeat is stark as even their MLAs and their sons and relatives standing for municipal elections bit dust and lost polls. He cited the example of MLA Niranjali Patel contesting from two seats and losing both of them.

Javadekar said at Taluka level, the BJP won 196 seats out of 231 seats while the Congress won only 18 seats.

In the municipalities, the BJP won



72 out of the 81 seats with Congress winning only one.

"Congress drew zero seats in 18 municipalities and even Congress MLA lost poll," said BJP leader

He said BJP's sweep in tribal areas was also quite marked. He pointed out that the son of Bhartiya Tribal Party also lost his seat.

Asked about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comment that the BJP was attacking institutions which Congress did not fill even in Emergency, BJP leader said it was laughable as the Congress had hit all institutions including the media.

On Rahul comparing RSS with madrasas, Javadekar said, "Rahul will take time to understand RSS. RSS is the biggest school of patriotism and inspiring nationalism is its task."

On the question of Income Tax department raiding film stars 'not cosying up' to the BJP, the Minister said "investigating agencies take up cases on merit and investigate".

## BJP to finalise first list of candidates for 5 Assembly polls today

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Central Election Committee (CEC) of the BJP will meet on Thursday to finalise its first list of candidates for the upcoming five assembly polls.

The party is likely to clear its candidates for the first phase of the polls, scheduled for March 27, in Assam and West Bengal.

The Party President headed meet is also expected to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is to begin his poll campaign, post the announcement of election dates, from Kolkata's Parade ground on March seven.

The BJP core groups of West Bengal and Assam will deliberate with the central leadership, including party president JP Nadda, to whet the list of probable candidates. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and state party chief Ranjeet Kumar Dass will be part of deliberations for their state, while key organisational leaders from West Bengal, including state party chief Dilip Ghosh, will attend the meeting to discuss the names of candidates for their state.

Elections in Assam will be conducted in three phases on March 27, April 1 and April 6, while polling in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry will take place in a single phase on April 6.

Elections for the West Bengal assembly will be held in eight phases, up from seven last time, beginning with polling for 30 seats on March 27.

## IAF chief visits Colombo to mark Sri Lankan Air Force's 70th anniv



**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

IAF chief RKS Bhaduria arrived in Colombo on Wednesday on an invitation from Sri Lanka Air Force chief Sudarshana Pathirana. The Lankan air force is celebrating its 70th anniversary on March 2 and presentation of the President's colours to two of its Units on March 5.

Giving details of Bhaduria's schedule, officials said here on Wednesday he attended the inaugural ceremony on Wednesday during which a Flypast and Aerobatic Display was scheduled.

The air show at Galle Face Colombo saw the participation of an IAF contingent comprising Suryakiran and Sarang Aerobatic Display Teams and Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). The IAF contingent arrived in Colombo on February 27. The flypast was significant and reminiscent of the IAF's Suryakiran Display Team performance at the Golden Jubilee celebrations of SLAF, two decades ago.



A Chin refugee from Myanmar tries to tear apart Chinese flag during a protest against military coup in Myanmar in New Delhi on Wednesday

## CBI arrests J&K Govt official in bribe case

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a Patwari, Bemina, Budgam (J&K), for accepting a bribe of ₹13,000 from the complainant.

A case was registered against the Patwari Mohammad Afzal on the allegations of demanding a bribe of ₹35,000 from the complainant for mutation of the land. It was further alleged that the bribe was negotiated to ₹23,000 out of

which an amount of ₹10,000 was already paid.

The CBI laid a trap and caught the Patwari red handed while demanding and accepting the remaining bribe amount of ₹13,000.

Searches were conducted at the residence of the accused which led to recovery of incriminating documents.

The arrested accused was produced before the Competent Court and remanded to three days police custody.

## SC to hear anticipatory bail plea of Amazon Prime Video's India head today

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court will hear on Thursday the plea of Amazon Prime Video's India head Aparna Purohit challenging the Allahabad High Court order rejecting her anticipatory bail in connection with the FIRs lodged against her over web series 'Tandav'.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan and R Subhash Reddy, which was to hear Purohit's plea on Wednesday, listed it for consideration on Thursday as the bench was sitting till 1

PM only.

She has been accused of inappropriate depiction of Uttar Pradesh police personnel, Hindu deities and an adverse portrayal of a character playing the prime minister in the web series.

Earlier, the apex court, on January 27, had declined to grant interim protection from any coercive action to Ali Abbas Zafar, Director of the web series, Purohit, producer Himanshu Mehra, the show's writer Gaurav Solanki and actor Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub.

## SC seeks response of NIA on Gautam Navlakha's bail plea in Bhima Koregaon case

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**

The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought a response from the National Investigation Agency on the bail plea of activist Gautam Navlakha in the alleged Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case.

A bench comprising Justices UU Lalit and KM Joseph issued notice to the probe agency on the plea of the activist against the Bombay High Court order of February 8 dismissing his bail plea.

Initially, the bench, which was hearing some other matter even after 4.30 pm, was of the view that the hearing on Navlakha's plea be fixed for consideration on Thursday.

However, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for the activist, said that he has been waiting for the case for few hours.

In the brief hearing conducted through video conferencing, the bench issued notice to NIA and sought its response by March 15.

## Is it fair to kick the ladder you climbed to reach in life: Khurshid asks G-23

**New Delhi:** The disquiet within in the Congress continues to grow with senior party leader Salman Khurshid asking 'Group of 23' leaders in an 'open letter' if they were changing their goal posts and whether it was fair on their part to kick the ladder that they climbed to reach the top storey of life.

Khurshid, a former Union minister, asked them to worry about how they would be judged in history than to seek a better place in the present.

He said they along with other Congress leaders must show the ordinary party workers across the country the path out of the present darkness towards sunshine instead of raising concerns about what they received, while noting that sacrifice cannot come with pre-conditions of success.

He also quoted former US President John Kennedy's words "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country (read party)", to say that the thousands of unnamed Congress cadres, who gave to the Congress, but unavoidably received little or nothing in return, too believe in democracy unlike the G-23 leaders who have an impressive history of achievements.

"We thought the G-23 made their point and were suitably informed that party elections will be held when appropriate (something they agreed to in their interaction with the Congress president and later at the CWC). But are they changing the goal posts once again with the public display of disquiet (or reservations) in Jammu and as we are being told, very soon in Haryana," he asked in the open letter.

"Gumnam of Congress too care about democracy", Khurshid said in the letter.

The senior Congress leader said the growing dark footprint of communal forces has pushed the party into "forced errors" of becoming self conscious.

"As a result we shy away from speaking about minorities and put on a public display of identifying with the cultural symbols of the majority that have largely been appropriated by the BJP. We have been forced to accept 'mistakes' made by our heroes because public mood appears to require it. Obviously this calls for careful balancing of reality and perception, strategy and ideology," he noted.

# DMK-Cong ties on verge of collapse

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

The time-tested ties between the DMK and the Congress is on the verge of collapse and there are strong indications from the Grand Old Party of dumping the Dravidian major and launching a Third Front. "The Congress High Command is thoroughly unhappy with the intransigent attitude of the DMK. It has so far offered as 20 seats while we have sought at least 25 seats," a senior Congress leader told *The Pioneer*.

The leader said on condition of anonymity that one cannot rule out the possibilities of the Congress parting ways with the DMK. "For us self-respect is important than a few seats. We know well that the DMK is out to throttle us," said the leader. He disclosed that Rahul Gandhi MP, who campaigned in southern Tamil Nadu for the last three-days returned to Delhi disappointed with the approach of the DMK.

Meanwhile sources close to chief minister Edappadi Palaniswamy told

The Pioneer that there was no chance of V K Sasikala, TTV Dhinakaran and the AMMK getting accommodated in the AIADMK front. "Our alliance partners are the BJP, the PMK, the Tamil Maanila Congress and Puthiya Tamilakam. We have kept the doors opened for Vijayakanth too," said the source.

Rahul Gandhi drew unprecedented crowd during his three-day visit to southern Tamil Nadu which concluded late Monday evening at Kanyakumari. Thousands participated in all the public meetings he addressed in these districts. "What stood out this time was his mingling with the common man and this prompted more and more people to gather in all the venues," said a security professional who had accompanied the leader in his campaign trip.

"We did not organise any crowd for Rahul Gandhi. The crowd turn out in all these places were spontaneous. It was a morale booster to the Congress cadre in the State. We ourselves were surprised with the ease

with which he communicated and exchanged ideas with grassroots level workers and cadre. If the party could sustain this tempo, I am sure we will register impressive wins," said C D Meyyapan, AICC secretary who accompanied Rahul Gandhi in his tour.

There is general agreement that the crowd turn-out for his meetings has surprised even the DMK leadership. But the DMK-Congress seat sharing talks remained inconclusive as the Dravidian major was not willing to make any compromise than what it had offered to the Grand Old Party, 21 seats. That all is not well within the two alliance partners was known for some time.

As the time for filing the nomination is drawing closer, there are talks of a Third Front featuring actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan, AISMK of another actor R Sarath Kumar and the Indian National Congress. Sarath Kumar and his wife Radhika called on Kamal Haasan and expressed their solidarity with

the latter who has declared himself as the future chief minister of the State.

Wednesday saw V Ponraj, former technical assistant to late President A P J Abdul Kalam joining Haasan's MNM. Ponraj, a former scientific officer at one of the DRDO laboratories was the technical assistant to the former president, he describes himself as scientific advisor to the President.

There were reports that another film actor-turned-politician Vijayakanth is likely to join either the DMK-led front or Haasan's MNM. "The AIADMK has not responded to Vijayakanth's demand for more seats. Chief Minister Palaniswamy and his deputy Panneerselvam were upset over the parallel discussions being held between Vijayakanth's DMDK and the DMK, Vijayakanth is known for his simultaneous secret parleys with political rivals even as he holds seat sharing discussions with others," said a senior AIADMK leader.

# Maha hostel girls forced to dance naked by cops, probe ordered

IAN S ■ MUMBAI

In a shocker, girls in a Jalgaon hostel were allegedly forced to strip naked and dance before some police personnel, the Maharashtra legislature was informed here on Wednesday.

Taking cognizance of the issue raised by the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the Maha Vikas Aghadi government announced a time-bound probe into the incident. BJP legislator from Chikhli Shweta Mahale who raised the matter, said the women inmates who did not cooperate with the police were told to remove their clothes and dance naked.

"The women in the hostel now live in sheer fear. They must be made to feel secure. The incident is a blot on the face of the state. The police who are supposed to protect have become aggressors," Mahale said.

"This is a shameful incident. A video clip shows police making the girls nude. This must be thoroughly investigated. We must deal with this matter sensitively," said Leader of Opposition Devendra Fadnis, as some members demanded sacking of the MVA government and others shouted 'shame, shame' in the House.

They urged Home Minister Anil Deshmukh to order an inquiry and immediately suspend the police officials involved in the incident.

"This is a very unfortunate incident. We have appointed a four-member committee to probe the incident and submit its report within 48 hours. Necessary action will be taken as per the rules after the probe report is received," Deshmukh informed the House.

Minister for Women & Child Development (Mrs) Yashomati Thakur said that all the evidence would be collected and probed and

those found guilty would not be spared.

The incident allegedly took place on March 1 at the government-run Ashadeep Women's Hostel in Ganeshnagar area of Jalgaon and a video of the dance party went viral.

A local NGO, Jananayak Foundation, complained to Collector Abhijit Raut and demanded a probe into the matter, as the hostel falls under the Women & Child Welfare Department.

According to the complaint, some local police personnel and others reportedly entered the hostel premises to investigate certain things and coerced the women inmates to undress and dance before them.

When the girls refused to do so, they were threatened with dire consequences like murder. The inmates later narrated their plight from the hostel windows.

# Didi may file nomination from Nandigram on Mar 11

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The once hotbed bed of Mamata Banerjee's land movement that helped her overthrow the world's longest surviving democratically elected Marxist Government in 2011 Nandigram is once again ready to hog the national limelight with two of State's tallest leaders preparing to face each other in the coming Assembly elections.

Come March 11, the Bengal Chief Minister is likely to return to file her nomination from the Nandigram Assembly seat. And according to inside reports she will face none other than her once blue-eyed boy and former Bengal Minister Suvendu Adhikari who left the TMC last November to join the BJP.

The TMC sources said the Chief Minister would file her

nomination for the Nandigram seat either at Haldia or Tamluk. Nandigram in East Midnapore will go to polls in the second phase.

Banerjee is currently an MLA from Bhawanipore Assembly seat in South Kolkata from where her party trailed by a few thousand votes in the 2019 parliamentary elections.

The Chief Minister had during a mass rally at Nandigram offered to contest from the seat saying "Nandigram has always been lucky for me ... it gave me overwhelming support in my land movement ... and so I will like to contest this time from this seat. For me Nandigram and Bhawanipore are like two sisters."

Apart from being a son of a former Union Minister and TMC MP Sisir Adhikari, Suvendu is the elder brother

Dibyendu Adhikari also an MP. Suvendu Adhikari had openly dared Banerjee to contest from the seat and face defeat. "I challenge Didi to fight from Nandigram ... Of my party gives me a ticket from this seat I will take her on ... even if someone else contests from here I vouch for that possible BJP candidate that if I cannot defeat the Chief Minister by at least half-a-lakh votes then I will leave politics," Adhikari said.

Nandigram has a healthy share of minority votes pegged at about 23.5 percent. Though the TMC is confident of polling the entire minority vote from this area, local sources say the Indian Secular Front --- founded by Muslim cleric Abbas Siddiqui --- which has tied up with the Left Front and the Congress may queer the pitch for her.

On the other hand the Adhikari whose family has a long political history from the area looks more comfortable in the current polarized atmosphere in Bengal politics.

Sources in the BJP said Adhikari's name had been finalized for Nandigram seat adding other TMC leaders who had quit that party join the saffron outfit would also be given tickets.

Accordingly former Minister Rajib Banerjee will be fielded from Domjuri in Howrah district whereas Chandramani Shukla the father of slain BJP leader Chandramani Shukla will be fielded from Bhatpara or Naihati, sources said.

Former TMC MLA, and Asansol Mayor Jitendra Tiwari who on Tuesday joined the BJP will also be fielded from his old constituency Pandaveswar,

sources said. The central election committee of BJP is likely to finalise its candidate list for the first phase on March 5,

sources said adding each district committee has been asked to send 4-5 probable names for the purpose.

## TMC wants PM posters removed

**Kolkata:** The ruling Trinamool Congress has raised objections to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pictures being used for advertisements of various Central schemes.

A delegation of TMC leaders on Wednesday met Election Commission officials and alleged that the use of the Prime Minister's pictures on advertisements of central schemes including the vaccination certificates --- distributed by the Union Health Ministry --- went against the model code of conduct.

Seeking the intervention of the ECI so that the posters and

hoardings carrying the Prime Minister's photograph could be removed Bengal minister Firhad Hakim on Wednesday said "Prime Minister Narendra Modi happens to be the main campaigner of the BJP in this Assembly elections. Apart from being the Prime Minister he is also a politician who is seeking support for his party during rallies. In this situation, using his photo in vaccination certificates is akin to influencing voters and violates the model code of conduct ... we have requested the EC to remove his photo in hoardings promoting central schemes at petrol pumps."

## IAS Officers' Association condoles demise of former Bihar Chief Secretary KAH Subramaniam

PNS ■ PATNA

The IAS Officers' Association, Bihar Branch on Wednesday condoled the demise of former Bihar Chief Secretary KAH Subramaniam. The 1968 batch IAS of Bihar cadre breathed his last at his home town Madurai following which the Bihar IAS association placed on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Subramaniam.

Among numerous important assignments, which Subramaniam held during his long career, were serving as District Magistrate of Patna and Gaya; Commissioner and Secretary, Urban development; Commissioner and secretary, Rural Development; Agriculture Production

Commissioner; Chairman, Bihar State Electricity Board.

"His colleagues shall always remember him not only for his administrative acumen, clear thinking and quick decision making ability but also for his humane side. Colleagues remember how he used to share humorous anecdotes and used to keep the atmosphere cordial even during tense situations. A stadium in Gaya is named after him. One of his unique habits, always remembered by his colleagues, was use of purple ink," said the condolence message released on behalf of the association by Dipak Kumar Singh, Secretary, IAS Officers' Association, Bihar Branch. A copy of the condolence message has been sent to the family of Subramaniam.



Naga sadhus participate in a procession ahead of Kumbh Mela 2021, amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, in Haridwar on Wednesday

## Akrabad case: Important clues found in teenager murder case, police very close to crack it

**Aligarh:** The police have almost come close to the revelation in the murder case of a 14-year-old Scheduled Caste girl from Akrabad area during the attempted rape. By the third day, till Tuesday late night, everything was clear to the police.

Earlier, the SSP reached the village and worked for hours to find clues with the entire team at the scene and the surrounding fields. As per the information received till late night, the police has given confession in the statements and some evidence has also been recovered. The police is working on linking these evidence. At the same time, evidence from the accused has also been sent for forensic matching.

SSP Muniraj Ji reached the spot and all the five teams

involved in the investigation were also present there. During this time, the police, considering the site as the center, searched every single piece of the field in its 500 meter radius and worked on the evidence there. During this time, what the police got and what they did not get, the police will tell at the time of the revelation. But it is so sure that the police team kept searching till late night under the leadership of SSP.

SSP Muniraj Ji said, "It is true we have been under suspicion in probe that has been going on for three consecutive days, due to which the interrogation was going on till late in the night. The work of matching some facts remains. As soon as something is clear, only then something can be told. PNS

## Police announce ₹1L reward on prime accused in Hathras farmer murder case

PRADEEP SAXENA ■ HATHRAS

Police has announced a reward of Rs 1 lakh on accused Gaurav Songra, who shot and killed a farmer in broad daylight in village Naujalpur of Sasni area of Hathras district. The police has also announced a reward of Rs 25 thousand each on the other two accused. One accused has been arrested in the case so far.

It may be recalled that on Monday, a farmer who was digging potatoes in the field was shot dead in broad daylight. About two and a half years ago, the farmer filed a lawsuit that Gaurav entered his house and molested his daughter. Now Gaurav was pressing to withdraw the suit and marry his younger daughter. The

deceased's daughter lodged a police complaint against six people, including four nominees, on the basis of which a case was registered and the police arrested one of the accused. The remaining accused are being searched.

The dead body was handed over to the family members after immediate postmortem by the police administration. On Tuesday, the nephew offered fire to the body. The atmosphere of the village and family is insoluble. On the other hand, the police has arrested one of the accused.

On receiving information, the elder brother of the deceased also came to the village. He lives in Mumbai. He and other relatives got angry after seeing the dead body. He refused to cre-

mate the body until the arrest of the accused. After much persuasion, he prepared for the last rites. The younger daughter was crying bitterly, demanding an encounter of the accused.

Gaurav wanted to marry younger daughter forcibly.

The wife of the deceased wept, saying that Gaurav, along with his companions, killed her husband. Gaurav was adamant about forcibly marrying her younger daughter. Though Gaurav is already married. He had threatened her husband that if he did not marry the daughter, he would kill him.

The molestation case was refused to be withdrawn. The farmer had filed a report against accused Gaurav on 16 July 2018, accusing him of sneaking into the house.

## On Women's Day, CM Yogi to focus on women farmers

**Lucknow:** The Yogi Adityanath Government will celebrate International Women's Day with a special focus on women farmers.

The department of agriculture will be organising about 250 seminars with a special focus on women farmers and groups and more than 30,000 women farmers and entrepreneurs will be imparted training.

For promoting women farmers, the department of agriculture will also be holding interactive sessions with scientists and officers who will be sharing new techniques of progressive farming.

To be conducted virtually, the programme will be held on March 8 for three.

For imparting technical knowledge and solution to the agricultural problems, special interactive programmes will be held with women scientists and experts of universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lucknow. Under the first module of Rabi Session 2020-21, a three-day Kisan Pathshala with a total of 5 lakh participants will be organised in 8000 gram panchayats.

In addition, five tehsildars will be awarded by the revenue department on March 8 for the

disposal of grievances of women.

Along with this, tehsildars and revenue inspectors who have made maximum registries of women account holders under the Varasat campaign will also be awarded.

The chief minister, meanwhile, has directed all government departments to organize programmes related to women empowerment on the occasion of international women's day on March 8.

These programmes will be held under the ongoing Mission Shakti and will continue till April. IANS

## Final year MBBS student dies of Covid in Bihar, many docs infected

**Patna:** A final year student of Nalanda Medical College and Hospital (NMCH) in Patna died due to Covid 19, an official said. Subhendu Shekher, 23, as a native of Dahia village in Begusarai district and was pursuing MBBS course from NMCH.

He had complained of cough and cold on February 24 and underwent a RTPCR test on the same day and was found Corona positive. The next day, he went to his native village in Begusarai and underwent home isolation before dying on March 1.

Shockingly, the deceased had taken the first jab of vaccination in the first week of February.

Dr Heera Lal Mahto, the principal of NMCH confirmed the incident. "We have directed other doctors to undergo home isolation. All doctors who are in contact with Subhendu, underwent Covid 19 test and 9 of them are tested Corona positive."

"We have initiated sanitisation in old and new hospitals in NMCH. At present, examination is underway in the college. We have allowed doctors if they want to leave the examination," Mahto said.

"The death of a doctor is saddening. Some more doctors have tested positive after his death but the government is making all efforts to ensure their safety," said Mangal Pandey, health minister of Bihar. IANS

## J&K clocks 104 fresh Covid cases; no death

**Jammu:** J&K on Wednesday reported 104 new Covid-19 cases, even as 49 were discharged after recovery, health officials said.

The Union Territory has recorded zero death in the last 24 hours.

An official bulletin said 104 tested positive on Wednesday, 17 from Jammu division and 87 from Kashmir division while 49 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery.

So far, 126,693 people have been infected with coronavirus in J&K out of which 123,860 have recovered and 1,958 patients have succumbed to the dreaded virus. IANS

## Owner throws lavish party on horse's birthday, cuts 50-pound cake

IAN S ■ ARRAYSAHERSA (BIHAR)

Usually one is invited for the birthday party of a child or an adult, but in a unique case a man from Bihar's Saharsa district celebrated his horse's birthday by throwing a lavish party. He also cut a 50-pound cake and invited a large number of people for a delicious meal.

Rajneesh Kumar alias Golu Yadav, a resident of Panchwati Chowk in Saharsa district, celebrated his horse Chetak's second birthday on Monday evening.

Golu loves Chetak like his own child. On Monday morning, Chetak was given a bath and was decked up for his birthday celebration in the evening.

Golu Yadav said Chetak is like a member of his family and refused to call him an animal. He said that Chetak's first birthday was also celebrated in a similar fashion.

The cake was placed in front of Chetak. There was also a picture of him on the cake as well as his name. Afterwards, the cake was cut by Golu and firecrackers were burst. A large number of people living near Golu's house attended the celebration. IANS



Anganwadi workers participate in a protest rally demanding equal pay as Government employees, in Bengaluru on Wednesday

## Goa Port to set up special ferry service for inbound cruise tourists

**Panaji :** Goa's only major port, the Mormugao Port Trust, operated by the Centre is planning to develop a ferry circuit to cater to the international cruise ship tourists visiting the State.

Speaking virtually at the Maritime India Summit 2021, Chairman of the Trust E. Ramesh Kumar said that the ferry service would connect several beach destinations in the coastal states, both in North Goa and South Goa districts.

"The ferry service that we are planning is designated to be on three or four identified routes whether from South of

Goa to Dona Paula and onwards, South of Goa to Captain of Ports jetty at Panaji and onwards to Old Goa or from South of Goa to any of the beach destinations like Candolim, Calangute, Baga and so on," Kumar said.

"With a dedicated colour-coded ferry service, we are also contemplating to receive passengers on the other side with hop-on-hop-off buses, with the same colour codes with refreshments served en route, multilingual audio commentary," he also said.

The top official also said that the Port Trust was also in

the process of setting a commercial hub spread over 4,000 sq mt area near the port terminal itself for visiting cruise-ship holidayers.

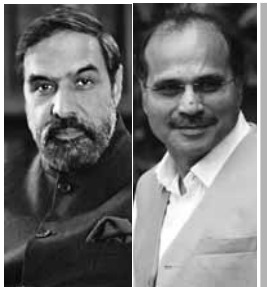
"There is a unique feature of this commercial hub which is going to be primarily designed to depict the old Goan culture imbued with modern facilities. It also embodies in it the rich culture of various states and exhibiting three essential ingredients whether it is handicraft, handloom or the cuisine of various states or the cultural forms including music and dance," Kumar said. IANS



## Split house

The Congress rift, already out in the open, is only widening ahead of the crucial Assembly polls

At a time when leaders belonging to other political parties are upping the ante against their opponents in a bid to be successful at the hustings and form the Government in the five States/Union Territory going to polls soon, the Congress biggies are busy sparring among themselves. The fault lines run deep and, in all likelihood if one goes by its current state of inertia, the 'Grand Old Party' is heading towards yet another poll drubbing. The G23 (Group of dissenters) is clearly pitted against the "loyalists" on the issue of the Congress tying up with the Indian Secular Front (ISF) of Pirzada Abbas Siddiqui for the battle royal in politically-sensitive West Bengal. Deputy leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Anand Sharma, who is part of the G23, objected to the party aligning with



the Islamic outfit and asserted that the tie-up "militates against the core ideology" of the Congress and that the alliance needed to be endorsed by the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest decision-making body. Recently, Ghulam Nabi Azad — who is a prominent leader of the dissenting group — heaped praises on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. These senior leaders are making all-out efforts to stay relevant and they don't want to lose their hold on the party. On the other hand, the Congress joining hands with a fundamentalist group in West Bengal ought to raise the question whether the party has compromised on its secular credentials?

The "soft Hindutva" card played by Congress leaders, including the Gandhi scion, has failed to elicit the desired outcome in a series of elections. Further, the Congress has been selectively applying the policy of minority appeasement but, apart from a few stray successes, it has failed to make any major breakthrough. The BJP has proved to be too formidable for the Congress and the regional parties have expanded their base at the cost of the 'Grand Old Party'. This time, too, the Congress seems to have selectively played the appeasement card by aligning with Pirzada, who wields considerable influence among Muslims in South Bengal. Despite the fact that Pirzada has a dubious record of making controversial remarks, the Congress leaders shared the stage with him at a joint rally on Sunday. The Congress aligning with a fundamental party will either increase its vote percentage or it will prove counterproductive to its image in the long run; we'll know in due course. Moreover, Rahul Gandhi's foot-in-mouth disease has only added to the party's miseries. The differences within the party point to the fact that Rahul's leadership is not strong enough to bind the members together and settle their disputes. West Bengal Congress chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has accused Sharma and Azad of playing to the BJP's gallery, saying that they are serving the polarising agenda of the saffron party. Well, whether these "dissenters" are pushing for reforms or only serving the BJP's agenda, the Congress' internal fight only weakens it and further damages its prospects in the forthcoming Assembly elections. It is time for the Congress leaders to resolve the internal feud and steer the party out of the ongoing crisis.

### PICTALK



Workers at the Bhagatnala dumpsite in Amritsar clear out waste on Wednesday

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## Mea culpa

Rahul is not responsible for the actions of his forebears, but he cannot escape his legacy for better or for worse

Political legacies and succession are not a uniquely Indian thing. The success of leaders like Justin Trudeau, Shinzo Abe and even Xi Jinping for that matter are demonstrable proof that even today, family political legacies are a giant step up the political ladder. A name, a family name in politics and the subsequent recognition is a powerful tool. But it can also be a huge burden, a cross to carry. And the prime example of someone who carries both the blessing and the curse of political recognition is Rahul Gandhi. The past and, in all likelihood, future president of the Indian National Congress, India's only national Opposition party of relevance, is led by this scion of the Nehru-Gandhi family whose history every Indian knows. No matter where he goes, Rahul's rallies and road shows are well-attended. But it is the curse, that means that many of the millions who might attend his rallies in a year, will not vote for the Congress in elections; such is the legacy of that party and its dominant family.



There is no insinuation here that Rahul is responsible for the actions of his great-grandfather, grandmother or father. Jawaharlal Nehru, a convenient whipping boy for some these days, died even before Rahul was born. He was five years old when his grandmother, Indira Gandhi, declared the Emergency and a teenager when his father, Rajiv Gandhi, was caught up in the Bofors scandal. He has also suffered more than most, to suffer two violent deaths in the family in full public gaze is not something any of us will endure. The scale of that suffering is something we will never comprehend and, thus, never truly empathise with. Yet, because he, and even his sister Priyanka, ask for votes in the name of the positive aspects of that legacy, they cannot escape the ills and mistakes. Yes, Rahul should attack the Narendra Modi Government on the engagements with China in Ladakh, but he must acknowledge the mistakes of 1962 as well. He cannot proclaim that democracy is under threat without admitting that he senses this because of the Emergency his grandmother declared. Acknowledging this fact now is a huge step by the Congress leader. He was not responsible for the mistakes of the past and admitting that fact is something that should mark an improvement in the way he is perceived among the electoral public.

# The missing culture of strategic thinking

India's restive relationships in the neighbourhood and its own internal governance parameters remain worryingly underleveraged and skittish



BHOPINDER SINGH

In the early 1990s, American thinker George Tanham had set the cat among the pigeons by mentioning "India's relative lack of strategic thinking". His observations suggested minimal preparedness in terms of an "active" vision or pre-emptive doctrines, as opposed to an inherently "reactive" instinct, that rattled Indian apologists who pointed to the civilisational literature on statecraft, strategy and philosophy of governance.

However, "nonalignment" (not "neutrality", as commonly misinterpreted) was a definitive and unique aspect of Independent India's foreign, commercial and military thinking. The admixture of "morality" into its strategic decision-making process differentiated India from the co-timed trajectory and outcomes of China, which also played a similar game of balance of power, albeit with hard-nosed realpolitik. The metamorphoses of a bipolar world to a polycentric order further blurred India's strategic choices, as it continued sounding preachy, platitudinous and verbose. On the other hand, the conjoined nature of the "military-industrial" establishment under a single-party rule in China afforded it to chisel a seamless national vision and an uninterrupted strategic process to fructify the same.

Further, India's obsessive passion for electoral politics, combined with structural silos of bureaucracy, diplomacy and the military ensured a sub-optimal and fractured approach towards possible self-realisation. Ironically, India's restless democracy, regional parties with narrow agendas and increasingly disinterested politicians who mistook "India's arrival on the world stage" to equal strategic thinking, continued to let it down. Even now, political brouhaha and grandstanding aside, India's restive relationships in the neighbourhood and its own internal governance parameters remain worryingly underleveraged, incoherent and skittish.

The Indian system has failed to allow nonpartisan and "heeded-to" platforms of specialists who could formulate and advo-



cate strategic outcomes beyond petty partisan come-uppance. The recent Indo-Sino dissonances on the Line of Actual Control have yet again exposed the "reactive" nature of Indian governance and politics, irrespective of the dispensation in power. Rote insistence of Chinese "deceit", while true, should not have been unexpected. Getting tripped by the Chinese is an inadvertent admission of the absence of strategic foresight that cannot be contextualised to the past only. An unbudgeted ₹20,775 crore was spent to buy emergency hardware in the recent standoff!

Strategic thinking necessitates lateral thinking and specialist angularities but the recent events suggest the clear under-appreciation of the security sensitivities. Unlike other participative democracies like the US, the UK and so on, the direct "voice" of Indian security must navigate through the labyrinth of filters, priorities and disinterested politico-bureaucrats. Though countries like Pakistan, where the military is considered a "State within a State", are reflective of the other side of extremity, which has even more debilitating consequences. Simplistic arguments of the "guns over

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butter" nature have led to the misplaced notion that socio-economic progress, national development and stability can be managed only at the cost of optimum investments in security. Not so, because all national considerations should go together in an "and" approach, and not as a facile "either-or" choice. With China breathing down its neck and Pakistan persisting with the "bleed by a thousand cuts" thinking — protecting territorial integrity with a budget allocation of 1.63 per cent of the GDP is reflective of the failures to put the dangers to security in overarching context.

Recent pooch-pooching of independent opinions that call the bluff of the powers-that-be does not help build a culture of intellectual deliberations. This tendency is particularly severe on divergent opinions on the matters of security. However, the media circus following the recent induction of five Rafale fighters typifies the poor alternative to the more serious task of strategic discussions. India has an executive agency in the National Security Council (NSC) to oversee the political, economic, energy and security issues but its contribution towards the sensitive decision-making

process remains unknown. There is no direct participation of the Armed Forces in its decision-making process. Routine media reporting of the "hand" of the National Security Advisor in resolving security situations notwithstanding, it belies the moot question as to why such a situation evolved in the first place?

The national "shaper" of strategic thinking is usually the political leadership of the day — today, the assertive and challenging voices within the ruling party, like a Jaswant, Shourie or Yashwant (who were given a free rein in the earlier NDA Governments), are clearly missing. The impact of domestic politics is supreme even in our international relations: Trump-backing, for example, exposed the predominance of partisanship. Institutions need to be strengthened, not diluted; specialists need to be empowered and not controlled, and only then will the latent potential of India truly fructify. The know-all attitude does incalculable harm to the culture of strategic thinking.

(The writer, a military veteran, is a former Lt Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry. The views expressed are personal.)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BRACE FOR A GRUELLING SUMMER

Sir — This refers to the editorial 'Scorcher ahead!' (March 3). Going by the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) forecast, we have to brace for temperatures several notches higher than usual this summer. It is really disheartening as many people, including the homeless, don't have the resources to beat the heat. Gadgets like electric fans, coolers, fridges, air-conditioners (ACs) and water coolers, besides power generators or inverters are not available to the poor.

Further, power cuts will add to the woes of the common man. We have not been able to generate electricity from solar and wind power for large-scale public distribution. Ironically, climate change and atmospheric imbalance have caused natural calamities like drought, floods, storms and inclement weather causing huge loss to flora, fauna and human lives. It is incumbent upon us to fight climate change so that we may have a greener and cleaner planet for future generations.

However, the Government must take adequate measures to provide relief to the homeless in the summer. Shelter homes should be provided with water coolers, if not ACs, and fridge for cold drinking water. It is also the responsibility of all of us to make arrangements for drinking water for birds and stray animals. An earthen pot or utensil full of water outside the door or window will help the avian and animal species in quenching their thirst. We must also not forget to water the plants regularly.

Azhaz A Khan | Rampur

### WE CANNOT LOSE BATTLE AGAINST COVID

Sir — We should be really thankful to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for taking the job as it will inspire millions of others to get themselves inoculated. It is important that more private hospitals and even small private dispensaries be allowed to vaccinate, as these will be closer to homes and allow the elders to get vaccinated without the trouble of covering long distances.

In the next phase, vaccination should be carried out in remote villages and tribal areas inside forests. Further, it has come to light that the provisional certificates

## Plight of mohajirs in Pakistan

STOP  
VICTIMIZATION OF  
MOHAJIRS  
MQM (PAKISTAN)

The plight of mohajirs in Pakistan is hard to explain in words. The mohajirs are Muslim immigrants of multi-ethnic origin and their descendants, who migrated from various regions of India to settle in Pakistan following the Partition. However, Prafull Goradia's lucid article 'Beware of Pak's softening stand' (March 2) mentions their plight and states that they "find themselves not only unwelcome but also targets of eth-

nic hostility in the newly-created country". Successive Pakistani Governments have remained indifferent to the woes of the mohajirs and even the courts in Pakistan are of no help. The author has lamented that he was personally witness to this discrimination when he visited Pakistan to conduct a two-week international course on short-wave radio broadcasting for countries of the sub-Asian region, extending from China to Iran. The enthusiasm for the creation of Pakistan in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar was noted by the then Viceroy Lord Wavell in 1945 and communicated to the Secretary of State for India in England, saying: "The idea of Pakistan was stronger in the Muslim minority provinces than in Pakistan's provinces". The fate of the mohajirs is, therefore, a lesson for all those who wish to divide any country on religious or any other basis. Further, the Governments of both the countries and the United Nations must take steps to change the situation on the ground and help those who are discriminated.

BP Srivastava | Noida

issued to the people who got vaccinated carry the PM's image and that, too, without a mask, which is unethical. If at all any image is necessary, it should be that of Corona warriors or of the scientific community who the PM has been appreciating. India's vaccination programme has brought laurels to itself. We have supplied indigenously-developed vaccines to the world when other countries needed it the most. India's reputation has increased manifold. We cannot afford to lose this battle at this juncture and we all must wear masks and sanitise our hands regularly.

N Nagarajan | Secunderabad

### PRONOUNCE THE NAME CORRECTLY

Sir — A parent has complained that her child's teacher does not pronounce the child's name correctly. The teacher shortened the name as the full name was apparently difficult to say. I have myself faced this problem a number of times over my 35 years of teaching. Some names, when pronounced

correctly, sounded the same as English swear words, so roll call could be challenging. Some were just too long or contained too many consonants for me to pronounce easily and I always prefaced any roll call with the statement that I would do my best.

I know that a mispronounced name can be annoying although not offensive if they try to do their best, but many students found 'Fitzgerald' difficult to pronounce. Apparently the "tz" sound is difficult in many languages. Some of the mispronunciations were actually funny but I tried not to laugh at my own name. The main consideration is that people should do their best and that we should be willing to accept these efforts. Teachers already find the job challenging and most find that the parent feedback/complaints only add to the stress. The world as a whole needs to relax in these times of difficulty.

Dennis Fitzgerald | Melbourne

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## SOUND BITE

Nirmala Sitharaman is leading from the front and using her officials for political needs. What's happening is a clear violation of the election norms.

Kerala Finance Minister  
— Thomas Issac

Active vigilance is pivotal to thwart any attempt to disrupt the efforts by the armed forces in rooting out terrorism from the troubled tribal regions of North and South Waziristan.

Pakistan Army chief  
— Qamar Javed Bajwa

Sholay is a cult movie but I must add that it was one of the toughest roles I have done because of various conditions. I was shooting barefoot, and that too in Bangalore, in the month of May.

Actor  
— Hema Malini

I don't understand why a cricket ball or cricket pitch is brought into focus. Why don't we just focus on the fact that the batsmen were just not skilled enough to play on the pitch.

India cricket captain  
— Virat Kohli

A new tradition of 'Hackathons' for start-ups has been created in the country, which is becoming a huge force for both the youth and industry of the country.

Prime Minister  
— Narendra Modi



FIRST COLUMN

THE CROWN PRINCE OF AMATEURS



GWYNNE DYER

If Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the *de facto* ruler of Saudi Arabia, were a burglar, he wouldn't be George Clooney in 'Ocean's Eleven'. He'd be a cartoon burglar in a carnival mask and a top with black-and-white horizontal stripes, carrying a sack labelled 'SWAG.' He's not a burglar, of course. And 'MBS', as he is universally known, was back in the news when the US Government released a declassified assessment by US Intelligence agencies confirming his responsibility for the murder of dissident Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi in 2018. Donald Trump sat on the report, defended MBS, and said his own experts were wrong. "I saved his ass!" Trump boasted to *Fox News*. But Khashoggi was working for the *Washington Post* when he was killed and Joe Biden takes a dim view of foreign leaders murdering American journalists even if they aren't citizens. It must be bewildering for MBS as two months ago the US President was his best buddy, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was his second-best buddy and Russia's President Vladimir Putin had honorary buddy status too. Now Biden has replaced Trump, Netanyahu may also be out after this month's elections and Putin isn't answering his texts.



Biden didn't just publish the report on Khashoggi's murder. He ended US support for MBS' foolish, futile war in Yemen, put US arms sales on hold and refused to speak to MBS. Biden finally called Saudi Arabia, but would only talk to MBS' 85-year-old father, King Salman. So there's been much speculation about what Biden can or should do next about the Mad Killer of Riyadh, and the answer is — nothing at all. Just give him enough rope and he'll hang himself. He's ruthless but he is also ignorant about how the rest of the world works and certainly not smart.

If my pipes burst, I call the plumber. If my car breaks down, I take it to the garage. If I'm very rich and I want somebody killed, I find a hit-man and have the job done professionally. I don't get a few of my mates to do it; I hire an expert. MBS sent a team of 15 men — 15 — to Turkey on a private plane, bringing the tools to kill and dismember Khashoggi with them. It was one of Istanbul's smaller airports, but the Turks were certainly going to record when they landed and when they left. Then they lured Khashoggi to the Saudi consulate to pick up some papers so he could marry his Turkish fiancée. Wait a minute. MBS thought it would be a cool idea to kill Khashoggi inside the Saudi consulate in a country that is hostile to the Saudi regime? He sent seven members of his own personal security force as part of the team. And they didn't even sweep the consulate for Turkish bugs in the room where they killed and dismembered Khashoggi? It was an amateur night for slow learners. The hit team even sent a Khashoggi body double dressed in his clothes out the back door to be seen leaving the consulate by the security cameras. The Turks had the whole story in 24 hours, with the Saudi regime retreating from one lie to another before blaming it on "rogue operators" three weeks later. By then you'd think MBS would have seen the error of his ways. But not our boy. Two weeks later, MBS sends another Saudi hit team to Canada to kill another self-exiled critic of the regime, Saad al-Jabri. Amateur night again. The novice assassins deny knowing one another and are refused entry to Canada by immigration officials. This attempted hit has never been officially confirmed but a document published by *Public Safety Canada* in August 2020 comes very close indeed. The fact that Prime Minister Trudeau was the first leader who received the Turkish recordings of the Khashoggi murder to go public with them just around that time adds weight to the allegation. MBS is frightening but he's really not very bright. And a Saudi leader that the US President won't even talk to does not have a brilliant future.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'Growing Pains: The Future of Democracy and Work.' The views expressed are personal.)

# India badly needs a uniform law on bail

The country cannot continue to rely on the conscience of its judges without going into the root of the problem

Disha Ravi, an Indian youth climate change activist, was granted bail recently by a Delhi court in connection with a case where it was alleged that she was involved in the making of an online toolkit related to the ongoing farmers' protest last month. Additional Sessions Judge Dharmendra Rana granted her bail, holding that "citizens are conscience keepers of a Government in any democratic nation and they cannot be put behind bars simply because they chose to disagree with the State's policies." In a landmark order on bail, Judge Rana went on to state that "the offence of sedition cannot be invoked to minister to the wounded vanity of the Government" and that "difference of opinion, disagreement, divergence and dissent are signs of a healthy democracy." He added, "An aware and assertive citizenry, in contradistinction to an indifferent or docile citizenry, is indisputably a sign of a healthy and vibrant democracy."

This is, without doubt, a brave verdict. Little did anyone expect that a judge from the lower judiciary in Delhi would red flag the police and stand up to the State, thereby upholding basic constitutional values of liberty and freedom.

But, here's the catch! Not everyone in the judiciary is Judge Rana and neither is everyone as lucky as Disha. Munawar Faruqui, a stand-up comedian, was arrested on January 1 this year in a case where he was alleged to have insulted and outraged the religious feelings of a particular community. The Supreme Court granted him bail after more than five weeks of imprisonment noting that the evidence against him was "vague." The court also said that none of the procedural requirements of arrest, as laid down by the Supreme Court in the 2014 landmark judgment of *Aradesh Kumar vs the State of Bihar* case, was followed by the police.

These are, however, only a few examples. The likes of Safoora Zargar, Siddique Kappan, Meeran Haider, Shifa Ur Rehman, Gautam Navlakha, Stan Swamy, Akhil Gogoi and many other common citizens have suffered the uncertainties that involve bail petitions. They were either denied bail for months (in some cases years) or were not granted one at all. This is a big problem! If citizens in this country can be easily put behind bars without a trial, only to be released months later with the help of a delayed intervention by the courts, then constitutional principles will easily turn to dust. Such a situation is even more dangerous when the courts have, in a majority of these cases, eventually ruled that the arrests were either illegal, unwarranted or not necessary. It is, therefore, significant for us to understand that the law on bail in India is highly oppressive. In fact, so much so that it manifests itself in the form of three-tier layered oppression.

Advocate Abhinav Sekhri who happened to argue Disha's bail plea states that the age-old saying "Bail, not Jail" is in fact a myth. Let us see how. At the bottom of this layer is the State or the executive that has the power to categorise and classify crimes as bailable and non-bailable. So, if tomorrow the State decides that begging is a non-bailable offence — resultantly, all beggars on the streets will be immediately arrested with-



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out a warrant and put behind bars. The trial will go on at its own pace and the accused will spend years in prison without being proven guilty. It isn't shocking, therefore, that India is the only country where 70 per cent of prisoners are undertrials, most of whom are poor and are languishing in jails for years.

In the middle of this layer is the police that has the power to invoke a non-bailable offence against an accused. Even though the law grants certain procedural safeguards, the police has to work at the whims and fancies of its political masters.

Lastly, at the top of the layer is the judiciary, which, in bail petitions, is completely guided by the conscience of the respective judges. There are no statutory objective criteria and individual judges are required to judge each case on its own merits. Such a situation poses itself as an irony as well as a set of contradictions. On the one hand where the Constitution grants essential rights such as "equality before the law" and "equal protection of the law", procedural due process and substantive due process, liberty and right to life to every citizen of this country, bail petitions, on the other hand, are heard with no objectivity or set criteria. Cases of identical nature are dealt with differently by different courts and different judges.

Therefore, a solution lies in

getting to the root of the problem. If we have to reduce the arbitrary power of the State, we need to review our antiquated laws on arrest and custody that were enacted by an oppressive British regime to control Indians and curb dissent during the freedom movement. An 1861 Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) cannot continue to decide the fate of millions of Indians in Independent India. Laws of sedition that give unbridled rights to the executive to act arbitrarily need to be done away with. At his sedition trial, even Mahatma Gandhi had unequivocally pointed out that Section 124-A was a "prince among the political sections of the Indian Penal Code designed to suppress the liberty of the citizen." Countries like New Zealand, the UK and Australia have already gotten rid of their sedition laws and it is time India follows suit.

At the second level, we need to fix individual responsibility of police officers who, under the CrPC have been given the powers of arrest and detention. An analogy can be drawn with International Humanitarian Law. During the war crimes trials that took place after World War-II, many defendants invoked superior orders as a defence, claiming that they could not be held accountable for the crimes committed because they were only following the orders of their superi-

ors. The case law of these trials eventually resulted in the development of a customary rule applicable in all armed conflicts, whereby obeying a superior order does not relieve a subordinate of criminal responsibility, if the subordinate knew that the act ordered was unlawful, or if he should have known so because of its manifestly unlawful nature. Where an order is manifestly unlawful, all combatants have a customary duty to disobey. Similarly, in domestic laws, the police officer carrying out an illegal arrest without following due process of law needs to be held accountable even if he was following the orders.

Once we have reviewed and reclassified our laws into bailable and non-bailable offences, fixed the accountability of individual police officers, let the courts be guided by objective statutory criteria and not by their subjective conscience. The reason why we have to thank the conscience of judges like Rana is because of the subjectivity that pervades our bail laws.

The optimism that our judiciary has and will continue to have the likes of Judge Rana is a hope and hope alone cannot be our saviour in times of extreme distress. We have to act. As Benjamin Franklin rightly said, "Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are."

## POINTCOUNTERPOINT

DEMOCRACIES FUNCTION BECAUSE INSTITUTIONS OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY. THAT IS BEING ATTACKED IN INDIA (BY) ONE BIG INSTITUTION CALLED THE RSS. —CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



IT WILL TAKE RAHUL GANDHI A LOT OF TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE RSS. THE RSS IS THE BIGGEST SCHOOL OF PATRIOTISM IN THE WORLD. —UNION MINISTER PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

# A move towards self-reliance in the education system

Integrated academic programmes are needed to provide supplemental support to teaching and learning in various disciplines, making it relevant in current circumstances

Globally, the post-modernisation phase has been marked by a period of substantial change in the contents and nature of education and examination processes. Therefore, it is required that the focus should be on demonstrating how new models of reform and education can be used in real life experiments with democracy, the environment, globalisation and governance. There's a need to show how new ways of higher education will drive change and instill confidence among the masses and explain how latest research and happenings in the field of education across the globe can be disseminated so as to upgrade research and teaching accordingly.

Plus, we have to find ways to do away with manipulation and nepotism; ensure policy brings good change and frame ways to reform the examination



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system to ensure that only talent gets selected.

The higher education system's recent attempt to ensure a high level of partnership among institutions through equity and access to all, shows the level of insight in empowering and motivating students and faculty members across the board. Besides, the pursuit of the National Education Policy (NEP) to cover school, adult, higher education and efforts towards promotion of Indian languages and online education exhibit tremendous effort towards enhancement of the overall educational scenario. The sum and substance of the argument is to ensure that the new educational changes have brought in clean governance and accountability in education through a fresh perspective and a framework for key demands of higher education, while maintaining a synergy

among various stakeholders, particularly the youth. The provision to lay norms for designing new required structures is to ensure affordability to social justice. It goes without saying that many positive changes have been ensured through positive perspectives.

Another welcome regulation is to monitor institutes mainly on the basis of research, academic excellence, its linkages and employability. There appears to be a clear framework of defining how the process of segregation of monitoring and financial powers in opening and shutting down of an institute would ensure transparency in the decision-making process. There have been lots of arguments among academicians about selection in higher education; and in this regard perhaps the main challenge is the pattern of selection in the contemporary context of increasing



international, inter-dependence and global change.

Recent developments have established a new basis for understanding the changing nature of polity and community. Perhaps there may be some modification in the examination system without which the process of reform may only remain a chimera. We ought to bring in changes to test the potential of students by testing the ability not only on academic excellence but also by judging their ability and knowledge about new information and

comprehending their level of social responsibility. The strength of the higher education system lies in creating its internal dynamism by ensuring inclusive growth. Even an excellent system is influenced by the people who make a difference. Human and financial relations and dealings are not as simple as they appear to be and require constant monitoring by competent authorities.

The provisions of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) on par with the IITs, IIMs, the National Research Foundation, the National Educational Technology Forum and Indian Institutes of Translation and Interpretation would create an environment for students to reach their potential by encouraging academic excellence of a global level, embracing new information on the one hand and

opening new areas of job-oriented courses on the other.

Besides, it would help in understanding social responsibility. In addition to this, a new approach can also provide a clear way forward for students in multidisciplinary studies. Tremendous efforts have been made for making the entire apparatus of higher education foolproof, yet there are always a few takeaways to new vistas of aggrandisement and making the entire process low cost and more people-intensive.

There is always scope to improve course contents through academic discourse by bringing about changes through cognitive discourse, plus seeking multiple options and viewpoints in order to help in forming an integrated team consisting of only meritorious members for holistic development of social sciences. Plus, there is a need for

introducing new innovative mechanisms in social sciences designed to help students identify career goals available in the field of social sciences.

More integrated academic programmes and services are needed that provide supplemental support to both teaching and learning in numerous and diverse disciplines making it more relevant in the current circumstances.

Growth and enrichment of students and the community, both inside and outside of the classroom through community development exercise; more research centres to ensure academic excellence in many disciplines; exclusive intellectual skills designed to prepare students to engage in nuances of socio-economic and political issues related to the global order are the way forward to help our students carve out a niche for themselves.

# Trump's cash plea could complicate GOP fundraising

AP ■ ORLANDO

Trump needs you," one fundraising email implored.

"President Trump's Legacy is in your hands," another pleaded.

Others advertised "Miss Me Yet?" T-shirts featuring Donald Trump's smiling face.

While some Republicans grapple with how fiercely to embrace the former President, the organisations charged with raising money for the party are going all in.

The Republican National Committee and the party's congressional campaign arms are eager to cash in on Trump's lure with small donors ahead of next year's midterm elections, when the GOP hopes to regain control of at least one chamber of Congress.

But there's a problem: Trump himself. In his first speech since leaving office, the former president encouraged

loyalists to give directly to him, essentially bypassing the traditional groups that raise money for GOP candidates.

"There's only one way to contribute to our efforts to elect America First Republican conservatives and, in turn, to make America great again," Trump said Sunday at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference in Orlando, Florida. "And that's through Save America PAC and donaldtrump.com." The comment was particularly notable because Trump is generally loath to ask for money in person.

It amounts to the latest salvo in the battle to shape the future of the GOP, with Trump making clear that he holds no allegiance to the party's traditional fundraising operation as he tries to consolidate power.

That could help him add to an already commanding war chest, aiding his effort to influence the party. Save America

has more than USD 80 million cash on hand, including USD 3 million raised after the CPAC speech, according to a person familiar with the total.

Some of that money could help Trump settle scores with incumbent members of Congress who have crossed him.

In his Sunday speech, Trump read aloud the names of every Republican who voted against him and called for them to be defeated. He's already endorsed a Republican challenger to GOP Rep. Anthony Gonzalez of Ohio, who voted to impeach him over the U.S. Capitol riot.

"Trump's call to give directly to him shows that the normal organs of the party ... Are going to have to fight for relevance in the 2022 cycle," said Dan Eberhart, a longtime Republican donor who has given large sums to all three as well as to Trump's campaign.

# US will engage China from position of strength: Blinken will say in foreign policy speech

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Secretary of State Antony Blinken in his first major foreign policy speech on Wednesday would describe the US' relationship with China as the "biggest geopolitical test" of the 21st century and say that Washington will engage Beijing from a position of strength.

In his speech, Blinken would spell out eight aspects of how American diplomacy will carry out the strategy of President Joe Biden, including plans to restore America's global leadership.

"We will manage the biggest geopolitical test of the 21st century: our relationship with China," Blinken will say, according to the excerpts of his speech released by the State Department. "China is the only country

with the economic, diplomatic, military, and technological power to seriously challenge the stable and open international system — all the rules, values, and relationships that make the world work the way we want it to," Blinken will say.

Asserting that the US relationship with China will be competitive when it should be, collaborative when it can be, and adversarial when it must be, the top diplomat will say that the US will engage China from a position of strength.

"That requires working with allies and partners, not denigrating them. It requires engaging in diplomacy and in international organizations, because where we have pulled back, China has filled in," he will say.

# Biden health pick taking heat for support of abortion rights

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden's pick for Health Secretary is taking heat from Republicans for his actions in support of abortion rights. They want to define him — and the new administration — as out of the mainstream.

The nomination of Xavier Becerra faces a key vote Wednesday in the Senate Finance committee. It's a test, too, for national groups opposed to abortion, trying to deny a president who favors abortion rights his choice to run the Department of Health and Human Services.

Becerra is paying a price for defending, as California attorney general, some of the nation's most liberal laws and policies on abortion rights.

"It goes to show that California abortion policies are progressive enough that

being associated with them is something that anti-abortion lawmakers want to make disqualifying for a Cabinet position," said Mary Ziegler, a law professor at Florida State University, who specializes in the legal history of reproduction.

Nationally, the abortion issue appears in flux. Lawmakers in 19 state legislatures have introduced almost 50 bills this year to ban most or all abortions, according to the nonpartisan Guttmacher Institute. In South Carolina, Republican Gov. Henry McMaster signed a measure banning most abortions, though it was almost immediately suspended by a federal judge.

Abortion opponents are hoping that litigation over a state law will reach the Supreme Court, now clearly leaning to the right.

# US forces: Rockets hit airbase in Iraq hosting US troops

AP ■ BAGHDAD

At least 10 rockets targeted a military base in western Iraq that hosts US-led coalition troops on Wednesday, the coalition and the Iraqi military said. It was not immediately known if there were any casualties.

The rockets struck Ain al-Asad airbase in Anbar province at 7:20 am, spokesman Col. Wayne Marotto said.

Later, the Iraqi military released a statement saying the attack did not cause significant losses and that security forces had found the launch pad used for the missiles. An Iraqi military official said they had been found in the al-Baghdadi area of Anbar, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to brief media.

It was the first attack since the U.S. Struck Iran-aligned militia targets along the Iraq-Syria border last week that killed one militiaman.

# Myanmar security forces kill at least 6 protesters



Anti-coup protesters run as one of them discharges a fire extinguisher to counter the impact of tear gas fired by riot policemen in Yangon, Myanmar, Wednesday

AP ■ YANGON

Myanmar security forces shot and killed at least six people on Wednesday, according to accounts on social media and local news reports, as authorities extend their lethal crackdown on protests against last month's coup.

Multiple reports from several cities and towns, difficult to independently confirm, said police used live ammunition as well as tear gas and rubber bullets to violently disperse protesters.

In Myingyan in central Myanmar, multiple social media posts reported the shooting death of a 14-year-old boy. A second death was reported later.

At least four other deaths were reported elsewhere. Demonstrators have regu-

larly flooded the streets of cities across the country since the military seized power on Feb. 1 and ousted the elected government of leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Their numbers have remained high even as security forces have repeatedly fired tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to disperse the crowds, and arrested protesters en masse.

On Sunday, the U.N. Human Rights Office said it believed at least 18 people were killed that day.

The escalation of violence has led to increased diplomatic efforts to resolve Myanmar's political crisis.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to hold a closed meeting on the situation on Friday, council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of an official announcement.

# Myanmar authorities charge Associated Press journalist

AP ■ YANGON

Authorities in Myanmar have charged Associated Press journalist Thein Zaw and five other members of the media with violating a public order law that could see them imprisoned for up to three years, a lawyer said Tuesday.

The six were arrested while covering protests against the February 1 military coup in Myanmar that ousted the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi. The group includes journalists for Myanmar Now, Myanmar Photo Agency, 7Day News, Zee Kwet online news and a freelancer.

Lawyer Tin Zar Oo, who represents Thein Zaw, said the six have been charged under a law that punishes anyone who causes fear among the public, knowingly spreads false news, or agitates directly or indirectly for a criminal offense against a government employee.

The law was amended by the junta last month to broaden its scope and increase the maximum prison term from two years. AP's Thein Zaw, 32, was taken into custody on Saturday morning in Yangon, the country's largest city. He is reported to be held in Insein Prison in northern Yangon, notorious for housing political prisoners under previous military regimes.

According to the lawyer, Thein Zaw was remanded into custody by a court and can be held until March 12 without another hearing or further action. The AP has called for his immediate release.

"Independent journalists must be allowed to freely and safely report the news without fear of retribution," Ian Phillips, AP vice president for international news, said after the arrest. "AP decries in the strongest terms the arbitrary detention of Thein Zaw."

The Committee to Protect Journalists joined that call. "Myanmar authorities must release all journalists being held behind bars and stop threatening and harassing reporters for merely doing their jobs of covering anti-coup street protests," said Shawn Crispin, CPJ's senior Southeast Asia representative. "Myanmar must not return to the past dark ages where military rulers jailed journalists to stifle and censor news reporting."

Thein Zaw was arrested as police charged toward protesters gathered at an intersection in Yangon that has become a meeting point for demonstrators. Authorities escalated their crackdown on the protesters this past weekend, carrying out mass arrests and using lethal force. The UN Human Rights office said it believes at least 18 people were shot dead Sunday in several cities when security forces opened fire on demonstrating crowds.

# Kuwait swears in new Govt amid mounting crises

AP ■ DUBAI

Kuwait's new Cabinet was sworn in Wednesday, state-run media reported, weeks after the government quit amid a deepening deadlock with parliament that has blocked badly needed reforms in the tiny oil-rich Gulf Arab state.

Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah swapped out four ministers whose selections had angered various lawmakers for less contentious, veteran politicians, an apparent gesture to appease parliament.

The worsening rift between Kuwait's emir-appointed government and elected parliament presents the first significant challenge to Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, who ascended the throne last fall. The infighting has diminished public confidence, caused instability and hastened the country's worst debt crisis since the 1990 Iraqi invasion. As Kuwait's general reserve fund runs out of cash, lawmakers skeptical of deep-rooted corruption have prevented the government from borrowing as other Gulf states have done in response to the coronavirus pandemic and low crude prices.

Kuwait stands out among the hereditary sheikhdoms of the Persian Gulf for its ram-bunctious parliament and robust political debate.

# Yemen's rebels say latest US sanctions will prolong war

AP ■ CAIRO

Yemen's Iran-backed rebels on Wednesday warned that the U.S. Sanctions imposed the previous day on two of their military leaders would only prolong the conflict in the impoverished Arab country.

President Joe Biden's administration slapped sanctions on Tuesday on two Houthi leaders, citing their alleged roles in cross-border attacks on Saudi Arabia and shipping vessels in the Red Sea.

Rebel leaders Monsour al-Saadi and Ahmed al-Hamzi were responsible for attacks "impacting Yemeni civilians, bordering nations, and commercial vessels in international waters," the departments of State and Treasury said.

They said the Houthis play "a significant role in the conflict in Yemen and exacerbate the dire humanitarian plight of the Yemeni people."

Mohammed Abdul-Salam, a spokesman for the Houthis, said the sanctions have shown the U.S. "does not attempt to stop the aggression and lift the siege on Yemen."

The sanctions have also shown that the U.S. "is responsible for prolonging the war and worsening the humanitarian crisis," according to al-Saadi.

Al-Saadi heads the Houthis' naval forces and masterminded attacks on ships in the Red Sea, while al-Hamzi supervised missile and explosive-laden drone attacks in Yemen and on Saudi Arabia, the Treasury Department alleged.

The sanctions came a week after the Biden administration removed the Houthis from a broader terrorism blacklist in a bid to ease civilian suffering in the country.

However, since the reversal of that designation, which was made in the waning days of former President Donald Trump's administration, the Houthis have stepped up attacks in Yemen and on Saudi Arabia, mainly with ballistic missiles and explosive-laden drones. Yemen's war started in 2014 when the Houthis seized the capital, Sanaa, and much of the country's north.

# Ambedkar International Centre moves California court to join caste discrimination case

WASHINGTON: The Ambedkar International Centre (AIC), a US-based organization fighting against caste discrimination on Tuesday approached the California Supreme Court to be admitted as an amicus curiae in a case that involves caste discrimination in the workplace.

Amicus curiae, literally meaning "friend of the court", is a person or organization who is not party to the litigation at hand, but is allowed to advise the court on a point of law or fact directly concerning the lawsuit.

The California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) vs Cisco Systems Inc, Sundar Iyer and Ramana Kompella case of caste discrimination in the workplace is scheduled for hearing on March 9.

California regulators last year sued Cisco Systems, saying an engineer faced discrimination at the company's Silicon Valley headquarters because he is a Dalit Indian.

The State of California alleges that a major tech-industry employer violated civil rights laws by discriminating against a worker of Indian-origin because he was born into a lower caste.

PTI

# Japan weighing extension of coronavirus emergency in Tokyo

AP ■ TOKYO

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said

Wednesday he is considering extending a coronavirus state of emergency in the Tokyo region for about two weeks because of

concerns that infections have not slowed enough and are continuing to strain medical systems in the region.

Suga declared a month-long state of emergency on January 7 for Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama and Chiba, and then extended it through March 7.

An emergency issued for up to 10 other urban prefectures later in January was lifted last week, underscoring the government's eagerness to allow businesses to return to normal as soon as possible.

"Our anti-infection measures are in a very important phase," Suga told reporters Wednesday.

# ISIS claims killing of 3 female media workers in Afghanistan

AP ■ KABUL

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for the killing of three women working for a local radio and TV station in eastern Afghanistan, the latest in a spike in targeted killings across the war-torn country.

Dozens of people gathered Wednesday for the funerals of the three media workers.

The women were gunned down on Tuesday in separate attacks, according to the news editor of the privately owned station and officials in Nangarhar province.

Afghan officials said police arrested the alleged killer of the

three, identifying him as Qari Baser and insisting he was a Taliban — a claim promptly denied by Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid. Nangarhar police chief, Gen. Juma Gul Hemat, said Baser had used a pistol with a silencer in the attacks.

He was arrested shortly after the attacks by police in Jalalabad, the provincial capital. The IS claim, posted late Tuesday, contradicted the Afghan government's accusations against the Taliban.

The militants said the three female journalists were targeted because they worked for one of the "media stations loyal to the apostate Afghan government" in Jalalabad.

# Kenya receives 1 million vaccines from COVAX

AP ■ NAIROBI

Kenya has received just over 1 million doses of a Covid-19 vaccine in the first batch from the global COVAX initiative that was created to ensure that low- and middle-income countries have fair access to vaccines.

Some 1.02 million doses of the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India, arrived in Nairobi early Wednesday, according to a joint statement from UNICEF, the World Health Organization, international vaccine alliance GAVI and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations.

Kenyan Health Minister Mutahi Kagwe expressed excitement and optimism that the vaccines would help stop the spread of the coronavirus that has forced the East African country to partially lock down its economy with devastating consequences for many citizens.

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**Corrigendum**

With reference to the notice no. SCE/E-TEN/01/2020-21 and PR. No. 013216 (SCI.&TECH) 2020-21 inviting e-tender, published in the different newspapers on 23.02.2021, the following amendments are being hereby notified therein:

1. The date and time of Opening of Technical Bids should be read as 12.03.2021 at 10.30 AM.
2. The e-procurement website address should be read as <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and the concerned eProc 2.0 Help Desk address/contact details can be accessed from the "Contact Us" section of the eproc2 website.

All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), **Namely: Nitin Rana @ Sanju S/o Sanjeev Kumar R/o H No. 1028, Near Ram Lila Ground, Village Siraspur, Delhi** has been missing since 06.02.2021 from his house. In this regard a case vide DD No. 15A dated 07.02.2021 has been lodged at Police Station Samaipur Badli, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

**Age: 24 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Identification: Four fingers of the left leg are amputated. Wearing: Red & white colour jersey & blue colour payjama and shoes in feet.**

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

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**(NOTICE INVITING TENDER)**

**e-NIT No: TLMD-VIII/J/31 of 2020-21 DATED: 25/02/2021**  
Executive Engineer TLMD-VIII, JKPTCL, Jammu, for and on behalf of Managing Director of JKPTCL, Jammu, wishes to receive online fresh e-bids for "Stringing of second circuit of 132KV barn-jourian transmission line on already existing double circuit towers of 132 KV S/C Barn-Jourian transmission line along with construction of 132 KV Line bay at 132/33 KV Grid Station Jourian" in all respects as specified in technical specification. Submission of e-bid against this standard Bidding Document (SBD) shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of the procedure, terms and conditions of the standard bidding document with full understanding of its implications. The tender document is available at website <http://jtenders.gov.in> interested bidders may view/download the e-bid document, submit their e-bid online upto date and time mentioned in the table below:

**Scope Of The Work :-** Stringing of second circuit of 132KV barn-jourian transmission line on already existing double circuit towers of 132 KV S/C Barn-Jourian transmission line along with construction of 132 KV Line bay at 132/33 KV Grid Station Jourian

**Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 560.00 Lacs (Rupees Five hundred Sixty lacs only), **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 11.20 Lacs (Rupees Eleven lacs Twenty thousand only) Pledged to Executive Engineer TLMD-VIII, JKPTCL, Jammu. **Cost Of Tender Documents :-** Rs. 10000 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer TLMD-VIII, JKPTCL, Jammu. **Last Date of e-bids submission online :-** Upto 18/03/2020 4:00 PM, **Class of Contractor :-** "A" Class

**Other Details:**

1. **Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document :-** The Standard Bidding Document can be downloaded over <http://jtenders.gov.in> from date 26-02-2021 (1600 Hrs onwards)
2. **Pre-bid meeting :-** Shall be conducted on 05-03-2021 at 1200Hrs in the Office of the Executive Engineer TLMD-VIII, Jammu J&K
3. **e-Bid submission (starts) date & time (submission of e-tender fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format and hard copy) :-** 26-02-2021 from 1600Hrs
4. **e-Bid and hard copy submission (end) date & time :-** 19-03-2021 up to 1600Hrs

**No.: DIP/J-4578-P/20 Sd/- Executive Engineer**  
**Dated :- 02.03.2021 Trans. Line Maintenance Division-VIII, JKPTCL, Jammu**

**Public Notice: Loss of ID card:**

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that one ID Card of Mr. RAJIV PANWAR issued by ICICI Bank Ltd., having ID card no. 06090 has been found lost on 25/02/2021. Anyone, who finds the said ID card, is requested to return the said ID card to The Manager, Debt Services & Management Group, ICICI Bank Ltd., S.D. Tower, Rohini, Delhi-110085.

Therefore, all the customers of ICICI Bank Ltd., are hereby notified not to make any payment to any unauthorised person holding the said ID card no.-06090.

Please take further notice that anybody making payment to any person holding the said ID card shall do so at his/her own costs, risk and peril and ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any payment.

Date: 04.03.2021 Sd/-  
Place: Delhi For ICICI Bank Limited

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I on behalf of my client Mr. Poonam Bali W/o Late Naveen Bali R/o B-18, 3rd floor Moti Nagar, New Delhi do hereby serve notice to the public at large that my client above said is the sole and exclusive owner of properties i.e. 1) LG FLAT NO.576, FIRST FLOOR, POCKET 13, DWARKA, NEW DELHI 2) PLOT NO.136, K1, VILLAGE HASTAL 80 SOYDS MOHAN GARDEN, NEW DELHI 3) LOCKER NO.321, STATE BANK OF INDIA, RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI. And have lost/misplaced the original Letter of Administration P.C. No.21/11 dated 05-02-2013 issued by the court of Sh. Alok Agarwal, ADJ., Dwarka, New Delhi. Anybody dealing with the property(ies) or the said document without my client shall do so at his/her risk and responsibility and shall also be liable for civil and criminal action.

**Anjum Kumar (Advocate)**  
Ct.No.X-9, Civil Wing,  
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054



# India's services sector expands at fastest rate

## Employment falls further, says survey

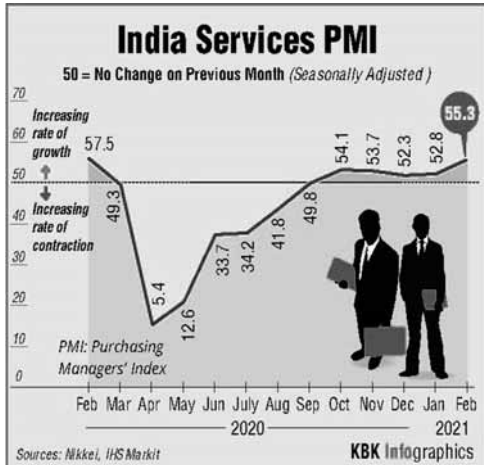
PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's services activity expanded at the fastest rate in a year during February, while employment fell further and companies noted the sharpest rise in overall expenses, a monthly survey said on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted India Services Business Activity Index rose from 52.8 in January to 55.3 in February, pointing to the sharpest rate of expansion in output in a year amid improved demand and more favourable market conditions.

The index was above the critical 50 mark that separates growth from contraction for the fifth month in a row during February as the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines led to an improvement in business confidence towards growth prospects.

While, new work intakes expanded for the fifth straight month, panellists continued to indicate that the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restric-



tions curbed international demand for their services.

"New export orders declined for the twelfth month running, albeit at the weakest rate since last March," the survey noted.

Meanwhile, Indian private

sector output rose at the quickest pace in four months during February. The Composite PMI Output Index, which measures combined services and manufacturing output, increased from 55.8 in January to 57.3 in February.

# Need to ensure India is recognised as a quality conscious nation at global level, says Goyal

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Union Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday stressed on improving Indian quality standards to ensure that India is recognised as a quality-conscious country with which people can do business

## Need of the hour is to reduce logistics cost: Piyush Goyal

New Delhi: Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said the need of the hour is to reduce logistics cost in the country as India cannot be competitive if this cost remains high.

He also said the investments in the Sagarmala project will boost the country's maritime infrastructure, expand freight corridors, make freight more cost-effective and bring down the current logistics cost, which is estimated to be about 13-14 per cent. The investments would help in reducing this cost to a more acceptable benchmark of 8 per cent, and that is "the need of the hour today and India cannot be competitive as long as our logistics cost remain so high," he said at the Maritime India Summit.

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with confidence.

"We must work towards ensuring India's recognition at the global stage as a quality conscious country, as a country with which people can do business with the confidence that they will get what we say, they will receive what they require. And they can be assured that an Indian product is a high quality product," the Food and Consumer Affairs Minister said.

Speaking at a virtual Workshop on Easing Compliance of BIS Certifications, Goyal said that quality is profit, and it prepares businesses for greater profits and quality speaks for itself, and is not expensive.

"It adds to the productivity, helps businesses to get bigger markets so that they can get economies of scale and helps to eliminate waste," he pointed out. "I think now with the onset of an Indian standard one national standard representing quality, productivity, affordability, accessibility, which should truly make the Indian standard a world-wide accepted standard. And when we go anywhere in the world, a standard that we make in India should be respected, recognised, appreciated and be the gold standard of quality," he said.

Goyal called for more and more use of artificial intelligence, big data and other technology-related solutions to help resolve standardisation issues facing industry and other entrepreneurs.

"I do believe that this is a dawn of a new era of an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', where digitalisation and efficiency are going to determine India's success in the future... More and more use of artificial intelligence, big data. All of these technology driven solutions will help our industry in a big way," he added.

The certification process will be simplified, stating that BIS should ensure the cost of testing never becomes a detriment to conforming to quality and getting certification, the minister said, adding that there will be reduction of fee for the certification for MSMEs.

Goyal also suggested that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) should operate on the 'QUICK' Model - Quality, Uniformity through One Nation One Standard, International Mindset, Conformity Assessment and Knowledge Sharing.

"Our mantra for the day should be Quick Action, Quick Response, Quick Absorption of best practices and Quicker Ways of Working," he added.

## INBRIEF

### GHAZIABAD TO FLOAT BONDS WORTH ₹150 CRORE

Ghaziabad: The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation will issue Public Municipal Bonds worth ₹150 crore in the first week of April. For this, the Mumbai Stock Exchange has completed all preparations for listing the municipal public issue on BSE. This information was given by Municipal Commissioner Mahendra Singh Tanwar during the executive meeting to the Municipal Corporation House.



### GOYAL FLAGS OFF SIDDHABALI JAN SHATABDI TRAIN

New Delhi: The Union Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal flagged off Kottwar-Delhi Junction-Kottwar Siddhabali Jan Shatabdi Special train through video conferencing on Wednesday along with Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' and other dignitaries present at the event site.

### CLW PRODUCES 40 PLUS LOCOMOTIVES PER MONTH

Chittaranjan: CLW once again proved its capacity and commitment towards production of locomotives for Indian Railway. From March onwards new challenge in form of Covid-19 has engulfed the entire world and CLW was not untouched with. Due to nationwide lockdown the material supply of different components used in production of locomotive became irregular. The working hours has also been restricted. This has impacted the production of locomotives at CLW. Initially production was slow in first quarter of Financial Year 2020-21, yet CLW managed to gain the production figure of 40+ locomotives per month since September 2020.

### AYURVEDA BEAUTY PRODUCTS LAUNCHED

New Delhi: After intensive research to meet the increasing demand for the chemical free beauty products based on time-tested ayurvedic system, Kannauj-based Fragrance and Flavour Development Centre (FFTC) in Uttar Pradesh under the Union Ministry of Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSME) has recently prepared a natural face Serum and fragrance, a technology which has been transferred to Delhi-based firm AMLI Pharma. Using this technology, the herbal pharma manufacturer has now launched a range of quality beauty products under the brand 'AyouthVeda' for the health conscious beauty market.

### JIO, FIREWORK TEAM UP TO OFFER VIDEO STORIES

Mumbai: Reliance Jio has roped in Firework Short Video Platform to offer vertical video "stories" to its 100 million plus KaiOS users in India. "Jio has created a new category of connected users by bringing the KaiOS ecosystem to India and then pioneering app development on these phones, meant for an untapped audience. To have them join the portfolio of Firework publishers is a significant reassurance towards Firework's business leadership as a short video network platform, globally," said CEO of Firework India Sunil Nair.

### ZIPAWORLD FORAYS INTO OCEAN FREIGHT

New Delhi: Logistics startup Zipaworld announced its foray in the ocean freight booking segment and expects at least three-fold growth in its turnover in the next financial year on the back of the expansion in its business. Ambrish Kumar, founder of Zipaworld and Group CEO of AAA 2 Innovate Private Ltd, said that the company also plans to come up with an intercity courier service in 2021, which would give further boost to its revenues.

# Govt can cut excise duty on petrol, diesel by ₹8.5 a litre without hurting revenues

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Government has room to cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by up to ₹8.5 per litre without impacting its target for revenue from the tax on the two fuels, analysts said.

Petrol and diesel prices hover at a historic high following a relentless increase in rates over the past nine months. There have been calls by opposition parties as well as sections of society to the government to reduce excise duty to ease consumer pain.

"We estimate excise duty on auto fuels in FY22 (April 2021 to March 2022), if it is not cut, at ₹4.35 lakh crore versus budget estimate of ₹3.2 lakh crore.

"Thus, even if excise duty is cut by ₹8.5 per litre on or before April 1, 2021, FY22E

budget estimate can be met,"

ICICI Securities said in a note.

It expressed optimism for an excise duty cut given demand recovery, impending privatisation and inflation concerns but expected it to be more modest than ₹8.5 a litre.

## Crude oil futures decline on low demand

New Delhi: Crude oil futures on Wednesday fell 1.81 per cent to ₹4,387 per barrel as participants reduced their positions on low demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange, crude oil for March delivery eased by ₹81, or 1.81 per cent, to ₹4,387 per barrel with a business volume of 5,366 lots.

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# Sensex, Nifty spurt over 2% on global rally

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Continuing their winning run for the third session in a row, the BSE Sensex surged nearly 1,148 points to breach the 51,000-level and the NSE

## Rupee logs best single-day gain in 6 months on forex inflows, stocks rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Wednesday surged by 65 paise — its biggest single day spike since September 2020 — to end at 72.72 against the US dollar on the back of weakness in the American dollar and rise in risk appetite in the global markets.

A rally in domestic equities, foreign fund inflows and positive macro data also boosted the rupee sentiment.

Nifty recaptured the 15,200-mark on Wednesday, propped up by intense buying in financial and energy stocks.

At the closing bell, the 30-share Sensex was up 1,147.76 points or 2.28 per cent at 51,444.65 — the biggest single-day rise since February 2. Intraday, the index swung 1,243 points. Likewise, the NSE Nifty climbed 326.50 points or 2.19 per cent to end at 15,245.60 with 43 of its constituents closing in the green. Over the last

three sessions, the Sensex has risen by 2,344.66 points or 4.77 per cent while the Nifty has added 716.45 points or 4.93 per cent.

The Sensex rally was driven by Bajaj FinServ, Reliance Industries, Bajaj Finance, ICICI Bank, HDFC and Axis Bank. Of the 30 Sensex constituents, 27 closed in the green.

Bajaj Finserv rose the most by 5.15 per cent. Reliance Industries rose by 4.52 per cent a day after its telecom arm

emerged as lead buyer in spectrum auctions. Reliance Jio picked up 488.35 MHz of spectrum in bands such as 800 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2300 MHz for ₹57,122.65 crore.

Analysts said strengthening of spectrum footprints by Bharti Airtel and Reliance Jio in the auctions is expected to yield market share gains for the two telcos. Bharti Airtel, which bid about ₹18,699 crore to pick up 355.45 Megahertz, rose by 0.92 per cent.

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**e-Tender Notice**

Office of the Executive Engineer (Gen) Chibro Power House (Dehradun). Invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No.26-e/EE(G)/CPH/2020-21 "Supply of mechanical Tool & Plant items at Chibro Power House".

Tender No.27-e/EE(G)/CPH/2020-21 "Supply of Slip Ring complete with all accessories of 63 MVA, generator at Chibro Power House".

Estimated cost: ₹ 19,00,000/- GST Extra. & ₹ 9,00,000/- GST Extra

Date of availability of bid document on website: 04.03.21 11:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website: 24.03.21 up to 17Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

AMM/ETD/GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender against tender no. 44215042. The details are under:-

1	Description of Item	Supply, commissioning and testing of wheel set trolley towing equipment to RDSO TC No. ELSR/TC/0090 Rev 0 or latest along with accessories.
2	Quantity	07 Nos.
3	Tender due on	24.03.2021, 11:00 Hrs.
4	Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.irps.gov.in

**Note:** 1) The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement System (IREPS) site i.e. [www.irps.gov.in](http://www.irps.gov.in) for participating in E-tender system.  
2) For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.  
3) No manual offers are acceptable.

No.: 16/44215042/ETD/GZB Dated: 02.03.2021 477/2021

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
(Construction Organization)  
**TENDER NOTICE**

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Const./Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under One-Packet system for the following work:

1.	Name of work and location	"Design and drawing of test piles, foundation (open/piles), substructure & super structure (PSC/Steel) in connection with construction of 07 nos. Road over Bridges on Jind-Panipat, Jind-Sonepat, Rohtak-Panipat and Delhi-Ambala section of Northern Railway".
2.	Completion period of the work	12 (Twelve) Months
3.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 33.21 Lakhs
4.	Earnest Money to be deposited	NIL (However Bid Security Declaration is Mandatory as per Annexure-I)
5.	Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on 26.03.2021 on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> . The bidders can participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs on 26.03.2021
6.	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	Tender document is available on <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> from 04.03.2021 to 26.03.2021. Above tenders document will be available for submission of offer on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.irps.gov.in">www.irps.gov.in</a> from 12.03.2021 to 26.03.2021. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office

No 484-Acs-Design& Drawing-ROBs/RUBs-CSB Dated: 03.03.2021. 476/21

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**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General public is hereby informed that one male namely **Unknown S/o Unknown R/o Unknown**. Age about 30-35 years, Height about 5'6", Complexion shallow wearing Grey colour checkard shirt and Blue colour jeans pant was found dead due to train accident at Railway Track, ITO Bridge, Near Tilak Bridge Railway Station, Delhi on 27.02.2021.

In this regard a D.D. No. 39-A U/s 174 Cr.P.C. dated 27.02.2021 has been registered at PS New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this deceased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos. given below.

**SHO**  
**PS New Delhi Rly. Station, Delhi**  
Ph. 011-23744073, 23363622

DP/72/RJL/2021

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Mohan Parmar S/o Sultan Singh Parmar R/o C-79, Bhagat Singh Colony, Balabgarh, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 84/15 U/S 408 IPC, P.S. Naraina, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Mohan Parmar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mohan Parmar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Mohan Parmar** accused of **FIR No. 84/15 U/S 408 IPC, P.S. Naraina, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **28.04.2021**.

**By Order**  
**Mr. Himanshu Raman Singh,**  
**Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 20, Main Building,**  
**Patiala House Court, New Delhi**  
DP/351/WD/2021

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that one boy namely **Jaikaran, S/o Rama Shankar Parsad, R/o Samalka Farm House Ramchandra Hajari, Near Narayan Ashram, NH-8, New Delhi, Age: 15 years, Height: 5', Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Medium, wearing School Uniform, Sky Blue colour Dharidar Shirt, Blue Pant and Black Shoes in feet, has been missing from his house since 05.08.2019 at 11:00 AM. In this regard a **FIR No. 345/19, dated 06.08.2019** has been registered at **P.S. Kapashera, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.**

Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail : [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Fax: 011-24368639  
Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641

**SHO**  
**P.S. Kapashera,**  
**New Delhi**  
DP/316/SW/2020 Ph. No.: 011-25066105, 25063758





# TREAT FOR THE EYES

Catering to the changing consumer psyche of spending over experiences, hotels now focus on enhancing their aesthetics and opt for theme-based decor. SONIA SOOD shares a few looks

The hospitality business is one of the thriving businesses in India. Despite experiencing a sluggish period with the occurrence of the pandemic, the industry is focusing on revival now. They are coming with state-of-the-art solutions to boost their business and increase the footfall.

In an attempt to adopt innovative way outs, they increasingly focus on hotel art and decor. The industry and decor have an inseparable connection. Hotels across categories are recognised for their ambience and decor. They are preferred for their visually appealing interiors. Catering to the changing consumer psyche who now prefer spending their finances over experiences, hotels now focus on enhancing the aesthetics of their property and opt for theme-based decor.

They not only enhance the beauty of the rooms but also adorn the walls, the public spaces, in-house eateries, and other guest visiting zones with traditional interiors, modern decor and artsy masterpieces.

Here are 10 hotel decor themes to look forward to this year.

## VOCAL FOR LOCAL

The vocal for local strategy has been adopted in the hotel business as well. There has been a shift from modern art decoration to local artistic designs. The properties will now stress on highlighting the local art and architecture and will exhibit the same in their interiors.

This will not only enhance the brand image but hotels will also be able to adorn their interiors with the expertise of the local artisans. From the customer's perspective, they will be in for a treat as for them stay in such hotels will be value for money. Additionally, the local flavor in the hotel's interiors will also boost the industries of the region.

## GLAMPING

It is a refined term for glamorous camping. This refers to the plush tent or yurt stays that offer high-end furnishing,



superior restroom facilities and plush interiors. The hotels will be focusing to offer glamping experiences to their guests as these will offer stylish decor at its prime.

## SIMPLICITY IS THE KEY

Gone are the days when hotels used to stress on eye-popping and attention-seeking interiors. The hoteliers now focus on adorning their property with simplistic designs. Minimalism is the new fad. Hence, they prefer less patterned designs and vibrant colours and opt for soft hues and pastel shades along with textures.

They have realised that creating a cosy environment with minimal designs radiate elegance and hence the customers are able to gather a memorable experience.

## THE HOMEY TOUCH

With the work from home and workation trends picking up pace, the hotels are focussing on creating a homey environment, especially in their rooms. Guests prefer staying for long and have to work during their stay. Having a homey environment is their criteria while they book any property.

Hence, the hotels are extending a plush yet home away from experience. Wood furnishing, carpets, curtains, fireplace, TV unit set up, music playing technology are imbued to ensure that the customers get

a homely environment.

## GO GREEN AND NATURAL

In order to support the go green initiatives, hotels are now giving a natural look and feel to their interiors with nature-themed decor. Opting for green walls and roofs along with the planting of green grass, stone-based decorations, indoor waterfalls, and wood-themed decor is something that they are inclined towards now.

## SUSTAINABLE ART AND INTERIORS

Sustainability is a prime area for hotels and they wish to minimise their short-term expenditure. There is indeed a cut throat competition and hence they aim to have unique interiors that will demarcate them from the other competitive properties.

Over-sized windows to allow natural light and sun rays to enter, construction with natural building materials, setting up recycling processes of the natural resources for guests, coming with smart and tech-savvy electronic faucets, providing organic locally grown food are a few of the tactics that they are adopting.

## PERSONALISED SPACES

Customers have been long awaiting their stay in the hotels. Now with unlock-



ing and working with the new normal, they are opting to stay for a long stretch at the hotel properties. Hence, hoteliers are now leaning towards personalising the spaces as per the guests' requirements.

They are coming up with strategies like theme-based guestrooms, customisation and personalisation features with the help of the relevant decor.

## TECHNOLOGY-DRIVEN DECOR

Being technologically advanced is the need of the hour in the present modern times. There are certain categories of guests that desire to be connected with technology despite being on a vacation. They desire to have tech-savvy rooms and hence the hotels also design and decorate certain rooms the tech way.

Adjustable lighting, air conditioning, window blinds, electronic door lock and key system, smartphone or tablet-driven features in the rooms along with tablet check-in and check-out processes extend the requisite tech experience.

## RECYCLING ART

Keeping into consideration to minimise the wastage of natural resources, the hotels are now focusing on inculcation of recyclable art in their decor. This trend has recently picked up and will continue to grow in the coming months.

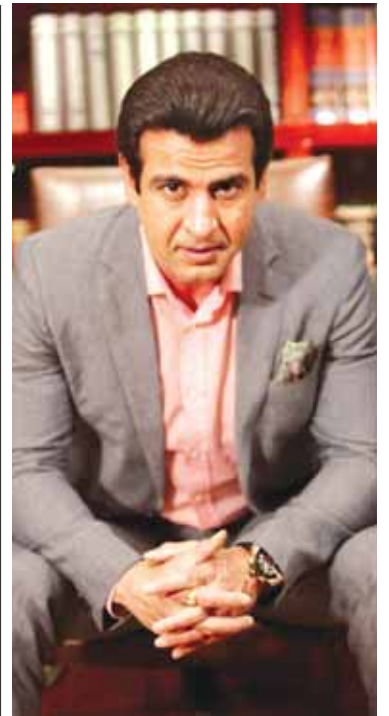
Reusing and recycling the materials and transforming them into decor is indeed unique. Glass bottles used for lighting, vintage windows, and doors used as decor, transforming paper tubes into tables, chairs, wall decorations, mosaic marble art, are some of the ways how hotels are reusing and recycling materials.

## STORY-BASED THEMES

Hoteliers have incorporated the storytelling format in the art and decor of their properties as well. Understanding that stories attract customers and also touch their emotional and sensitive side, they lean towards incorporating story theme-based decor. Not only does it exhibit their creativity and innovation but also provides the guests a vibrant and intriguing environment.

Realising the value of hospitality art, the hoteliers are collaborating with museums, boutique art firms, designers, and painters, and are also roping in art and decor experts to extend a luxurious stay with grand interiors and aesthetic decor. While there are various themes in 2021, it is anticipated that local art, tech-based decor and minimalism will rule. This makes the future of hospitality art and decor promising.

(The writer is founder and director, Karabi Art Community.)



## Owe my career to TV: Ronit

Ronit shot to fame with his portrayal as the suave Rishabh Bajaj in the show *Kasauti Zindagi Kay*. He was later seen in shows such as *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi*, *Bandini* and *Adaalat* among many others. Over the years, he has also made his space in Bollywood with roles in films such as *Udaan*, *Boss*, *Sarkaar 3*, *Kaabil*, *2 States*, *Student Of The Year*, and *Shootout At Wadala*, among others.

Ronit, however, says he never left television. "I never left television and this is not a full length role, I am a host. I always love to work on television and the way people react to it. I owe my career to television," he said.

The actor is currently busy with his forthcoming crime show *Jurm Aur Jazbaat* for Shemaroo TV. "I am shooting for *Jurm Aur Jazbaat* and a project called *Candy*, and there are quite a few projects in the pipeline," he said.

—IANS

## TREND TOOL



## VINTAGE VIBE

Make your contemporary spaces chic and warm with these end tables

A mix of styles and textures, here are a few end tables launched by Ashley Furniture Home Store that might create a visual interest in any interior set-up. Brought to India by Dash Square, these vintage-inspired pieces never go out of trend. With their weathered, rustic look, the new accent tables, made of wood, allow you to add that much-needed extra chicness and warmth to

your contemporary space.

## LUVONI TABLE

The Luvoni round coffee table set ups your style game. Faux Carrara marble tabletops bring an upscale look to the scene. Finished in a sleek matte black, the sculptural bases with canted legs are cool from every angle. This set includes one coffee table and two

accent tables. The tables' base is made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and the tabletops are made of faux Carrara marble.

## BOLANBROOK TABLE

Round up country chic style for your living room repertoire with the Bolanbrook occasional table set. Its round coffee table and two round end tables are in a popular two-tone finish that works great with the set's casual farmhouse design. Antique white bathes the lower shelves and turned legs, while a weathered oak colour covers the top with planked look. The lower shelves can be used for displaying accents or open storage. The tables are made of white oak veneers, wood and

engineered wood.

## FERLIN TABLE

With a two-toned approach to style that's both earthy and elegant, the Ferlin coffee table set rounds out your living space. Rich and rustic wood-colour tops with grooved accents are a lovely complement to the metal framing with crossbar design. The Ferlin Table set instantly enhances the interior decor of any space. The set includes one coffee table and two end tables. These accent tables are made of veneers, engineered wood and metal.

## ROYBECK TABLE

Similar to mixed media art, the Roybeck accent table set combines the modern appeal of metal with the rustic qualities of wood for a striking meld of earthy elements. Beautiful butterfly-patterned veneer transforms the everyday in an extraordinary way. The Roybeck Table set includes one coffee table and two end tables. The tables are made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and have a dark bronze-tone metal frame and a natural acacia finish.

## BELLENTEN TABLE

Tin is in. Bring it home in a farmhouse fresh way with the Bellenten coffee table set. This trio pairs a classic trestle design with a mottled faux tin top for a striking contrast. The Bellenten Table set includes one coffee table and two end tables. These exquisite tables are made of veneers, wood and engineered wood and feature a faux metal top. Each table in this set includes an undermount shelf with plank styling.

## AIRDON TABLE

The Airdon coffee table set goes off centre in a beautiful way with an eye-catching cantilevered design. A sleek metal base in an aged bronze tone seamlessly merges with the wire-brushed veneer tabletop. This hand-finished table set includes one coffee table and two end tables. These minimal tables are made of veneers, wood, engineered wood and metal.

## Tribute to the legends

Actors AJAY KESWANI and URVASHI RAUTELA feel blessed for remaking the song *Ek Ladki Bheegi Bhaagi Si*



Well-timed in the middle of the spring season, Cool Lip Music in association with White Billionaire X Beyond Music brings the remake of *Ek Ladki Bheegi Bhaagi Si*. The original song that was helmed by legends Kishore Kumar and Madhubala has a special place in our hearts. Celebrating both the evergreen artists, producers Viral Motani, Pakkhi Hegde and Manoj Lakhiani present a reimaged version of the song. Written and directed by Varun Prabhudayal Gupta and with music by Vicky-Hardik, the newly released song has been sung by renowned singer, Ajay Keswani and it features him along with actress, Urvashi Rautela. The remake has been

shot in the scenic Al Qudra Desert. The music video captures sunlit sand dunes, a vibrant festival party, a bathtub in the desert, and an underwater sequence.

Singer, actor and multi-instrumentalist, Ajay Keswani says, "This song is iconic and has withstood the test of time. It feels fresh every time I hear it. I'm paying my respect to my most favourite Kishore Da through this recreation. I think the efforts that the entire team has pooled to give a memorable tribute is evident in its music and video."

Urvashi says, "The chance to be Madhubala ji for a song is a dream come true. I'm excited that the song is out now and I

can't wait to know the response to it. I thank producers Viral Motani, Pakkhi Hegde and Manoj Lakhiani for having me on board this extremely special song."

Viral Motani, Producer, Beyond Music says, "We offer the remake of the song to viewers and listeners and now it belongs to them. It has been an absolute pleasure recreating the song with Ajay, Vicky-Hardik and Urvashi. As a trio, Pakkhi Hegde, Manoj Lakhiani and I have been fortunate to witness the love of the music buffs with our earlier remakes. We hope the streak continues with the release of our new song." The song is available on the YouTube channel of Saregama.

## TREND BLAZER



## KARTIK'S DHAMAKA SET FOR AN OTT RELEASE

Actor **KARTIK AARYAN's** forthcoming thriller *Dhamaka* will drop directly on OTT platform, bypassing theatrical release. Kartik confirmed the news to fans with an Instagram post, although the date of release is yet to be officially declared.

"Jo bhi Kahunga Sach Kahunga. *Dhamaka* coming soon, only on Netflix," wrote Kartik, with a clip of the film.

## fairtalk

GAUHAAR KHAN



"I pat my back for making it in the industry with absolutely non-filmy background and no godfathers and people to guide me. The only person who gave me advice right at the beginning of my career was (*Rocket Singh* writer) Jaideep Sahani, who is one of the finest writers we have. He told me that 'you need to know that your potential is vast.'"

## dailytalk

BADSHAH



"Everyone has their own thoughts and views. For instance, I am happy being in Chandigarh, Punjab and would never want to leave. That is my choice. Eventually, it is an individual's perspective. If anyone wants to go abroad, it's their choice and I respect that. I do have an option to settle in Canada, but I don't want to."

## HARD YEAR FOR MOMS: JENNIFER

Last year's lockdown stretch wasn't easy, especially for mothers, asserts Oscar-winning actress **JENNIFER GARNER**, who is a mother to three kids.

"This has been such a hard year for moms. We had to watch our kids be home, miss out on things," said she.





# CELEBRATE LADAKH

The arts and crafts fair at Dilli Haat give a glimpse into the rich culture of the UT

At the second edition of *Enchanting Ladakh*, the annual art and craft fair organised by the Union territory's Department of Industries and Commerce, saw several people from the Dard Aryan tribe of Ladakh. There were stalls displaying Rajasthani *churan*, Madhubani paintings and Lucknowi *chikan* kurtas.

The event was inaugurated by Ladakh L-G Radha Krishna Mathur in the presence of MP Jamiyang Tsering Namgyal, Feroz Ahmed Khan of Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, Tashi Gyalson of LAHDC, Leh, and senior officials from the Union Ministry of Textiles.

Visitors were offered a chance to dress up in the colourful costumes of the Dard Aryans for ₹50 or get pictured with them. Around 76 artisans with their *karigars* from the UT will stay put in Delhi over the next two weeks selling their uniquely crafted handloom and handicraft products such as *pashmi-*



na shawls (called *Lena*), clay models, dry fruits, hand-knitted items and seabuckthorn products.

The deputy secretary of Ladakh's Department of Culture,

Tsewang Paljor, who is a part of the organising committee, said, "We have got artisans from all corners of Leh and Kargil, making sure no unique product or art form is left behind."

He shared that the preference was given to rural artisans and craftsmen. All the proceeds will go directly to the artisans. At the inaugural event, Gyalson said that this is the sec-

ond edition. "We didn't record good sales in the first edition of the festival. We wanted to make sure that the artisans from Ladakh gets sufficient exposure on a national level," said he.

# Maharashtra Governor felicitates LIC

The Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, felicitated LIC of India at Raj Bhavan for the commendable work done during the pandemic. Vipin Anand, Managing Director, LIC, received the honour.

During the pandemic, LIC rendered exceptional services to its policyholders and the society as a whole. Death claims arising due to COVID-19 were treated at par with other causes of death and settled on priority. The insurance company has also ensured that other policy payments like Survival Benefit, Policy Maturity, Annuities and Loans were made to policyholders promptly by crediting the amount into the bank



account registered with LIC. For collection of premium, all digital channels were available 24x7 during the lockdown period to ensure that the policies do not lapse.

For combating the pandemic, the insurance company contributed to the PM Cares Fund and CM Relief Fund in different states. The organisation also contributed to the Tata Memorial Hospital and funded the purchase of ambulance with life saving equipment like ventilator, multi channel patient moni-

toring system and more.

The employees and agents of LIC also rose to the occasion and stepped in to combat the challenges posed by the pandemic. To encourage continuation of Risk Cover in the current circumstances of high risk, the company has provided another opportunity to policy holders to revive their lapsed policies by launching Special Revival Campaign. Till date more than 20 lakhs policies have been revived under this campaign.

# Empowering tribals



Under the village connect initiative of TRIFED, the officials have been visiting villages with a significant tribal population across the country. Being present on ground level has made TRIFED's officials aware of some remarkable success stories.

The programmes and initiatives have been implemented by TRIFED for making India self-reliant under the *Atmanirbhar Abhiyan*, with the motto *Go Vocal for Local Go Tribal — Mera Van Mera Dhan Mera Udyam*.

One such success story that has come to the fore is in Jawadhu Hills, Tiruvannamalai district, Tamil Nadu. The *Van Dhan* tribal start-ups programme, a component of the 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) & Development of Value Chain for MFP' Scheme, has emerged as a major source of employment for the local tribals.

The Malayali tribal people constitute 92.60 per cent of the total population in this block and their mainstay is through the non-timber forest produce and a variety of trees grown on this patta land such as tamarind, jackfruit, coconut, lemon and plantain and gooseberry.

To help these tribals empower themselves and gain better opportunities, the Jawadhu Hills Tribal Farmer Producer Company was formed in 2020. It falls under the State Balanced Growth Fund for value



addition of non-timber forest product and agricultural products. The Company has been formed under the Companies Act 2013 (18 of 2013) and is limited by shares. It consists of members of farmers interest groups, producer groups and self-help groups that have been formed at community level.

In less than an year, four manufacturing units have already been set up for the processing and packaging of tamarind, minor millet, and honey and pepper. The units, which are being run by the tribals, have started the production in November 2020. The daily production capacity is one tonne. Up until now, in less than four months, the producer company has sold processed products up to ₹12 lakh. The FPO has already been registered as a seller in the Tribes India marketplace and has been selling nine of its processed produce through the platform, thus, gaining a wider market for its goods.

The Jawadhu Hills producer company has been formed with an aim improve the quality of life of tribals. This is an example of how the *Van Dhan* tribal start-up has been successful in improving the livelihoods of the tribals.

## IN BRIEF

Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) has been at the forefront of leading conversation around health, safety and growth of tourism sector amid the on-going pandemic. ITDC has been instrumental in charting precautionary directives, revival for hospitality sector and generating revenues during these unforeseen circumstances of lockdown and social distancing. Post the ease in travel guidelines and resumption of domestic tourism, ITDC along with other industry leaders participated in a webinar organised by Indo Sri Lanka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ISCCI) to discuss the overview of tourism industry in Sri Lanka. G Kamala Vardhana Rao, Chairman and Managing Director, ITDC, joined the discussion along with other eminent dignitaries including Dr Krishna Kumar, Former Union Minister, Government of India, Lt Gen Rakesh Kumar Loomba, PVSM, AVSM, Engineer Naser Ahmed, Member, Parliament in Sri Lankan Parliament, Dushan Wickramasuriya, Director Marketing of the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau and Aamir Ali, ED, Sri Lanka Airlines.



Delhi recently witnessed an evening of mystical Sufi music — *Shaam-e-Suliyana* — hosted by Vandana and Praveen Gupta. The event was graced by the Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Science and Technology Dr Harsh Vardhan; S N Srivastava, Commissioner Police Delhi; Rajesh Aggarwal, Add. Secretary to GOI; Rajesh Aggarwal; DCP Sanjay Bhatia among many others. Soulful performances by Padma Shri Kailash Kher along with Tanura and Sufi dancers kept the audience glued throughout.



If everything goes well, the colour of Hindon river will be changed soon. Regarding this, the DM of Ghaziabad, Dr Ajay Shankar Pandey, held a review meeting with officials of the Municipal Corporation and other related departments regarding cleanliness and other arrangements of the Hindon River. In this meeting, the District Magistrate gave tips from rejuvenation of Hindon River to permanent beautification. He said that now a long-term action plan is being made for permanent beautification of the Hindon River so that the river can remain clean. —Ashok Nirwan

# Tata Power-DDL organises power theft awareness session

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL) in collaboration with Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DLSA) organised an interactive awareness session on the consequences of electricity theft and its Penal impact for the consumers.

More than 100 Tata Power-DDL consumers participated in the awareness programme. A



number of topics such as power theft scenarios like tapping the electricity network, cable, service wires; tampering with the meter to abstract energy; damaging or destroying electricity meter; using tampered meter, and using electricity for unsanctioned purpose were discussed at length.

The consumers who attended the session were also

informed that electricity theft is a cognizable and non-bailable offense with serious consequences (under the Section 135 of the Electricity Act, 2003). The convict shall be liable to pay theft/penalty bill twice the applicable tariff for a period of 12 months preceding the date of detection of offense and could also face imprisonment for up to three years.

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Ahuja Sales, SCF 132/15 Kesho Ram Colony Village Burali, Chandigarh-160047. Harish Ahuja, Surinder Ahuja, Surinder Ahuja, Krishna Kumar And Ahuja Sales, H.No.2458 Sector 23 C, Chandigarh-160023. Ahuja Sales, Site No. 405 Sector 32, Chandigarh-160030. Loan Account No. 1051052, Rs.31613519/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixteen Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Only) As Of 22nd October, 2018 And Future Contractual Interest Till Actual Realization Together With Incidental Expenses, Cost And Charges Etc. After the sale of property No 1 Amount Of Rs. 2,11,08,955/- (Rupees Two Crore Eleven Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Five Only) After the adjustment of sale Total Due Amount Rs. 2,51,87,475/- (Rupees Two crore Fifty One Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Five Only) As Of 01.03.2021 And Future Contractual Interest Till Actual Realization Together With Incidental Expenses, Cost And Charges Etc.	Property Site No.405 Sector 32 Chandigarh Chandigarh-160030 Measuring 554 Sq. Ft. And Recorded in the Name Of Surinder Ahuja And Harish Ahuja Registration Document: Book No. 1, Volume No. 129, At Serial No. 1862, On Dated 04.09.2002. With The Office Of Sub Registrar - Chandigarh Property Area: 66 Sq. Yards. Property bounded as: East: Parking, West: V-Road North: Bay Shop No. 406 Built Up, South: Bay Shop No. 408 Built Up	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 23.03.2021 10.30AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 18.03.2021 TILL 5PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 15.03.2021 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN R ) : Rs. 2,03,55,977/- (Rupees Two Crore Three Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Seven Only) EMD Amount (IN R ) : Rs. 2,03,55,977/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Only)
Lucky Wednesday Consultants Pvt Ltd Mc No B-XIX-88/8, First Floor, Commercial Complex, Kunal Tower Mall Road Ludhiana-141001 Head Office: K 37-A, Green Park, New Delhi Mailing Address: Bajaj Singh S/o Shri Kulan Singh H-171, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana. Singh B-35/171-H, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana. Punjab - 141001. Also At Mc No B-XIX-88/8, First Floor, Commercial Complex, Kunal Tower Mall Road Ludhiana-141001. Harpreet Kaur B-35/171-H, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana, Punjab - 141001. Also At Mc No B-XIX-88/8, First Floor, Commercial Complex, Kunal Tower Mall Road Ludhiana-141001. Loan Account No. 1110974. TOTAL OUTSTANDING : Rs. 42,76,318 (Rupees Four Crores Twenty Seven Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Only) as of 08th March, 2019 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc	MC NO B-XIX-88/8 COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, SITUATED AT THE MALL KUNAL TOWER, MALL ROAD LUDHIANA-141001 addressing 9746 Sq. ft Covered area (10464 Sq. ft built up area) and related in the name of Lucky Wednesday Consultant Pvt. Ltd. Registration document: at serial no 14237, on dated 12.10.2011 with the office of Sub Registrar - Ludhiana PROPERTY BOUNDED AS: North: Property of Rajinder Gupta 24 The Mall-110522, South: Property of Vinash Chander Nayyar & Vishwanath Nayyar, 28 The Mall-170/-10', East: Property of Others - 110'-0", West: The Mall Road-108'-2"	1) E-AUCTION DATE: 23.03.2021 10.30AM TO 11.30AM WITH FURTHER EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES 2) LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 18.03.2021 TILL 5PM 3) DATE OF INSPECTION: 15.03.2021 BETWEEN 11:00 AM TO 01:00 PM IST	Reserve Price (IN INR): Rs. 6,11,36,658/- (Rupees Six Crore Eleven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight Only) EMD Amount (IN INR): Rs. 61,13,666/- (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Six Only)
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- On compliance of terms of Sale, Authorised officer shall issue "Sale Certificate" in favour of highest bidder. All the expenses related to stamp duty, registration charges, conveyance, TDS etc. to be borne by the purchaser.
- Company does not take any responsibility to procure permission / NOC from any authority or under any other law in force in respect of property offered or any other dues: i.e. outstanding water/electricity dues, property tax or other charges, if any.
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- The Authorised Officer reserves the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids or adjourn/cancel the sale without assigning any reason or modify any terms of sale without any prior notice. The immovable property shall be sold to the highest bidder. However, the Authorised Officer reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter-se bidding, if deemed necessary.
- To the best of its knowledge and information, the Company is not aware of any encumbrances on the property to be sold except of the Company. However, interested bidders should make their own assessment of the property for their satisfaction. The Company does not in any way guarantee or makes any representation with regard to the fitness of the offered property. For any other information, the Authorised Officer shall not be held responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, property tax or any other dues to the Government or anybody in respect of the aforesaid property.
- Further interest will be charged as applicable, as per the loan documents on the amount outstanding in the notice and incidental expenses, costs, etc. due and payable till its actual realization.
- The notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) / Mortgagee(s) to remain present personally at the time of sale and they can bring the intending buyer/purchaser for purchasing the immovable property as described hereinabove, as per the particulars of the Terms and conditions of sale.
- Online E-auction participation is mandatory in the auction process by making application in prescribed format which is available along with the offer/ender document on the website. Bidders are advised to go through the website <https://www.banksauctions.com> for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction sale proceedings. Online bidding will take place at web-site of organization as mentioned hereinabove, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the tender document. The Tender Document and detailed Terms and Conditions for the Auction may be downloaded from the website <https://www.banksauctions.com> or the same may also be collected from the concerned Branch office of HDB Financial Services Limited. A copy of the Bid form along with the enclosure submitted online (also mentioning UTR Number) shall be handed over to Concerned Manager Mr. Naval Kishore : Mobile No: 7694442530, at HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, ADDRESS - 188-A, LANDMARK BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR MAIN MARKET, MODEL TOWN, ABOVE KAYA SKIN CARE CENTRE, OPPOSITE NIKKU PARK, JALANDHAR-144001 on or before date and time mentioned above. (Please refer to the details mentioned in table above).
- The property shall be sold on "As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" condition and the intending bidder should make discreet enquiries as regards encumbrance, charge and statutory outstanding on the property of any authority besides the Company's charges and should satisfy themselves about the title, extent, quality and quantity of the property before submitting their bid. No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put for sale, charges and encumbrances over the property or any other matter etc. will be entertained after submission of the online bid and at any stage thereafter. The Company shall not be responsible for anything whatsoever including damages or eviction proceeding etc. The intending bidder shall indemnify the tenants as well as the Company in this regard. The purchaser shall take necessary action for eviction of tenant / settlement of tenant only in accordance with the Law. The Company presses into service the principle of caveat emptor.
- This publication is also a "15 (Fifteen) days" notice to the Borrower / Mortgagee / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 6(2), 8(6) and Rule 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, to discharge the liability in full and pay the dues as mentioned above alongwith up date interest and expenses within "15 (Fifteen) days" notice from the date of this notice failing which the secured asset will be sold as per the terms and conditions mentioned above between the publications of Sale notice in English and Vernacular newspaper, then in such case the English newspaper will supersede the vernacular newspaper and it shall be considered as the final copy, thus removing the ambiguity. If the borrower/mortgagee pays the amount due to the Company, in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

For further details and queries, contact Authorized Officer, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED MR. NAVAL KISHORE Mobile No. 7694442530.

Place: JALANDHAR, Date: 01.03.2021

AUTHORISED OFFICER, HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED



# Match of high-stakes

With WTC final place yet to be confirmed, India ready to cook England's goose

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

A ruthless India will not take their foot off the pedal while taking England for another "spin ride" in the high-stakes Test series finale starting Thursday, aiming to not just complete another dominant home performance but also realise their World Test Championship dreams.

Virat Kohli's men need at least a draw to maintain the current 2-1 scoreline to qualify for the Lord's final against New Zealand while England at best can heal Tim Paine's January scars by letting Australia a lucky passage to the summit clash with a win.

While a draw always seems a safe option in a game like this but Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri, with their attacking instincts, wouldn't like to play a defensive game which at times can be counter-productive.

India laid a venomous trap on the refurbished Motera and with the pink ball, demolished England inside two days, messing more with their minds than getting any tangible help from the track.

Axar Patel bowled ramrod straight and England had their heads 'spinning' from the start. The play has worked well for the hosts since the second Test in Chennai.

Both Ajinkya Rahane and Zak Crawley felt that the track for the fourth Test looks "similar" to what they got in the previous two matches but the red ball which skids less off the surface compared to the pink



one promises to make it a better contest between the two teams.

This is a Test match where England have little to gain save salvaging a bit of pride in a drawn series while India have everything to lose.

Despite being India's most prolific Test captain in terms of numbers, Kohli would be the first one to admit that he hasn't had the kind of success his illustrious predecessor Mahendra Singh Dhoni had with regards the ICC events.

While this is an ICC event of a different kind, no one more than Kohli would be itching for a course correction and build his own last-

ing legacy as a captain.

For that, he wouldn't pull back punches. And on another track that helps his 'snipers' Axar Patel and Ravichandran Ashwin, Kohli would love to see an 'inflation' in their current cumulative tally of 42 wickets for the series.

With Indian spinners accounting for 49 of the 60 English wickets in the first three Tests, it was anybody's guess as how things will pan out in the final Test at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

Kohli wouldn't have any complaints with his spinners, who have delivered what was expected of them, but the batting has left a

lot to be desired in the entire series. It's just that England have been worse in their last four innings.

But that is no sound explanation for Indian batsmen's failure to dominate the proceedings in their own backyard.

Rohit Sharma's 296 runs in three games is 120 runs more than second best Ashwin (176 runs), who got a hundred on a difficult Chepauk track.

Save Rohit, none of the Indian batsmen have felt too comfortable till now on the turners on offer.

Kohli, despite two fifties, hasn't had the best of times while Ajinkya Rahane, Cheteshwar Pujara

and Shubman Gill have all had only one innings of note over three Test matches.

All Kohli would want is a steady, if not exceptional performance, in games such as these where a failure can leave 'many a slip between the cup and lip'.

While there won't be any Jasprit Bumrah for the final Test, one of the finest exponents of bowling on sub-continental tracks, Umesh Yadav, is expected to be back in action.

It remains to be seen whether Ishant Sharma or Mohammed Siraj partner him.

For England, poor team selection has also contributed to their shoddy batting where Joe Root (333 runs), with his first Test double hundred, managed to maintain a fair gap (187 runs) between him and the second highest scorer Ben Stokes (146).

Not having a second specialist spinner in Motera, didn't exactly make the team management look too smart, especially after Joe Root scalped a career-best 5 for 8.

Jack Leach (16 wickets) has done his bit but he does have his own set of limitations and with his pace, which is on an average 10km less than Patel, he is unlikely to always trouble the batsman.

But he would again play a significant role on a similar sort of track and may expect Dom Bess for company. Bess was impressive in the opening Test in Chennai but since then, has cooled his heels.

# Pitch looks very similar to last Test: Root

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

England skipper Joe Root on Wednesday said the pitch for the fourth Test looks very similar to the one on which his team was decimated in the third game but the visitors have learnt their lessons to be ready for the challenge starting Thursday.

"It's (the pitch) looking very similar...I think the most important thing is that we learn all the lessons from the last two Test matches and make sure we're back for it," Root said when asked about the raging debate over the pitch in the last Test and how this one was looking.

"It's important that if we get ourselves in a similar position in the first innings, we really make that count. And try and



get some scoreboard pressure in the game, you know, early on," he said on the eve of the game.

Root said the English batsmen will look to build partnerships.

"I think that as batters if you don't score runs, you will always look at yourselves, you'll always try and find ways to improve and we've certainly done that. "We've looked at a couple of dismissals and how we're going to find ways of building big partnerships and getting some significant scores on it if it is a similar surface this time around," he added.

England skipper Root also revealed that an illness hit the touring party earlier this week but all members of the squad trained ahead of the fourth Test and are available for selection.

The English captain did not specify the nature of the illness but said he has a full squad to choose from.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Before Sh. Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chd. Sub:- Transfer of ownership rights in respect of Converted Industrial Plot No.4, Phase-I, Industrial Area, Chandigarh (IND-5), to the extent of 50% share from the name of Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma, S/o. Lt. Girdhari Lal Verma to the extent of 50% share in the names of, (i) Sh. Aman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma (ii) Sh. Raman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma and (iii) Smt. Saahiba Khanna, D/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma on the basis of Regd. Will, dated 18.05.2016. It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office property known as of Converted Industrial Plot No. 4, Phase-I, Industrial Area, Chandigarh (IND-5), to the extent of 50% share stands in the name of Sh. Prem Kumar Verma, S/o. Lt. Girdhari Lal Verma. It has been reported by (i) Sh. Aman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma (ii) Sh. Raman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma and (iii) Smt. Saahiba Khanna, D/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma that Sh. Prem Kumar Verma, S/o. Lt. Girdhari Lal Verma was the owner of the said property to the extent of 50% share and expired on 20.04.2020. They have intimated the following legal heirs of the deceased owner:- (i) Smt. Santosh Verma : Wife (ii) Aman Verma : Son (iii) Raman Verma : Son (iv) Saahiba Verma : Daughter. Now, (i) Sh. Aman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma (ii) Sh. Raman Verma, S/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma and (iii) Smt. Saahiba Khanna, D/o. Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma has applied for the transfer of property to the extent 50% share in their favour on the basis of Registered Will of Late Sh. Prem Kumar Verma, S/o. Lt. Girdhari Lal Verma dated 18.05.2016. If any body has information about any other legal heir(s) of the deceased other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated to the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh immediately. If anybody has any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of above named applicants, they may furnish in writing in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the said share in the said property will be mutated accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained at any later stage.  
Munish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh



AFP ■ WELLINGTON

Spinner Ashton Agar produced the best bowling performance in Australia's T20I history in a 64-run win over New Zealand in Wellington on Wednesday.

Agar's match-turning six for 30, including three in one over, derailed a New Zealand fightback as Australia avoided a series loss in the third match. Under-fire skipper Aaron Finch hit 69, his best T20I score for more than two years, and Glenn Maxwell smashed 70 from 31 balls.

The result leaves the five-match series at 2-1 in New Zealand's favour with two games to go. Australia finished their 20

overs at 208/4 after losing the toss and being asked to bat. In reply, New Zealand were bundled out for 144 in 17.1 overs thanks to Agar's heroics.

"Once I started to have the courage to toss the ball up a little bit I got something out of it," he said. "That was a good lesson I can take out of today moving forward."

Only four players have taken six wickets in a men's T20I before, none of them from Australia.

"It was an all-round performance from them that was outstanding and it's important for us that we move on quickly," New Zealand captain Kane Williamson said.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN  
It is Certified That M/S Sunland Education & Immigration Consultants Is Having Office In Sco 260 , Sector 32d Level 1, Chandigarh Only. Proprietor Of The Firm Is Mr. Gulshan Kumar S/O Om Prakash. Sunland Education & Immigration Consultants Do Not Have Any Branches/ Offices Except Chandigarh At Above Address Only.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Before Sh. Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer, U.T., Chandigarh. Subject:- Transfer of ownership to the extent of 100% share in respect of House No. 104, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh (LRP 2745) on the basis of Intestate Death. It is notified for the information of the general public and all concerned with the property known as House No. 104, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh, which as per record of this office stands in the name of Sh. Jasmal Singh S/o Late Sh. Joginder Singh (100% share). Now, (i) Mrs. Sharanjit Kaur W/o Late Sh. Jasmal Singh (ii) Sukhinder Singh S/o Late Sh. Jasmal Singh (iii) Sh. Dalbir Singh S/o Late Sh. Jasmal Singh, have applied for the transfer of Lease Rights in respect of House No. 104, Sector 46-A, Chandigarh to the extent of 100% (1/3rd share each) on the basis of Intestate death of Sh. Jasmal Singh, Who expired on 08.05.2020. If anybody have any objection upon the mutation of the said property to the extent of 100% share in favour of the above applicants, then he/she/they may furnish the same within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in shape of affidavit duly attested by the Executive Magistrate, Mohali Public Undertaking the genuineness of their objection being so raised, to the Estate Officer, Sector 17, Chandigarh failing which the 100% share said property shall be mutated accordingly, no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on. Manish Kumar Lohan, HCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the powers of the Estate Officer

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
To Whom so ever it may concern  
This is to bring to kind notice to all that the following persons who have been partner in M/s Saraswati Plywood Industries, Amadapur Road, Vill. Sugh have ceased to be partner in the above mentioned firm from the date mentioned against their names:-

Sr. No.	Name	Date of ceasing
1.	Sansari Lal Bansal S/o Sh. Kaur Chand Bansal	31.03.2020

**ELECTION PROGRAMME OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE**  
Of the Sambhalakha Primary Agriculture Cooperative Society Ltd., Sambhalakha to be held on dated 20.04.2021

S.No.	PROGRAMME	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1.	Exhibition of the list of voters as required under sub-par (2) of rule 35.	23.02.2021 to 09.03.2021	09:00 AM to 05:00 PM	(1) Office of ARCS Ambala (2) Coop. Bank Br. Saha (3) Regd. Office of PACS & Its Sale Point (4) Office of Inspector, Coop. Societies, Barara
2.	Hearing of the objection to the list of voters, as required under sub-par (4) of rule 35	10.03.2021	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Office of Assistant Registrar, Coop. Societies, Ambala
3.	Filling of Nomination Papers	01.04.2021	10:00 AM to 02:00 PM	do
4.	Scrutiny of Nomination papers	02.04.2021	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	do
5.	Display of list validity nominated Candidates	02.04.2021	02:00 PM	do
6.	Withdrawal of Nomination Papers	05.04.2021	10:00 AM to 02:00 PM	do
7.	Allocation of Symbols	05.04.2021	After 02:00 PM	do
8.	Display of the list of contesting Candidates	05.04.2021	After 02:00 PM	do
9.	Taking of poll if necessary	20.04.2021	08:00 AM to 04:00 pm	In the premises of the Sambhalakha PACS.
10.	Counting of votes & declaration of result.	20.04.2021	After 04:00 PM	do

Notes: 1. It is compulsory for all Voters to bring their society Pass Book/ Other Photo I.D. 2. Out of total Ten Elected Committee Members at least Two Women, One Scheduled Caste & If Backward Castes Voters area more than 10% at least one B.C. Member will be elected.  
ANU KOSHISH (Returning Officer-cum-Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Ambala)

**Office of EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAISINGHPUR**  
DIVISION H.P. Public Works Department,  
JAISINGHPUR-176095  
Fax: 01894-228031, e.mail: ee-jaipwd-hp@gov.in

The Executive Engineer, Division, HP.PWD, Jaisinghpur 176095 on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate, electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved Contractors/ Firms registered with HPPWD, Department.

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Time Limit	Form No.	Cost of Bidding Documents
1	C/o 50 bedded Grls Hostel at Govt Polytechnic College at Talwar (SH - Providing and laying 60mm thick interlocking paver block)	7,88,712.00	15800.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-
2	Improvement of black spot on Bhuna Ashapuri road Km. 0/00 to 12/135 (SH- formation cutting for improvement / narrow reaches Km. 5/090 to 5/210)SCSP	6,00,938.00	12000.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-
3	Restoration of rain Damages Alampur Harsipattan road Km. 0/0 to 28/0 (SH- C/o Crate work (R/Wall) at RD 12/180 to 12/197)	7,17,074.00	14400.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-
4	Missing CD on link road to Village Ranaganar Km. 0/0 to 5/0 (SH- C/o 6.00 mtr span slab culvert RD 4/960)	8,25,941.00	16600.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-
5	Improvement of black spot on Bhuna Ashapuri road Km. 0/00 to 12/135 (SH- formation cutting for improvement / narrow reaches by cutting Km. 4/870 to 5/075)SCSP	5,87,991.00	11800.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-
6	C/o 50 bedded Grls Hostel at Govt Polytechnic College at Talwar (SH- C/o Boundary wall and Gate.	6,96,952.00	14000.00	Two Month	6&8	350/-

2. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission:-** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website <https://hptenders.gov.in> Bidder would be required to register in website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD. May obtain the same from the website- <https://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized Case can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Dates.	
1. Date of Online Publication.	24.03.2021 10.00AM
2. Document Download Start and End Date.	24.03.2021 10.30AM upto 31.03.2021. 05.00PM
3. Bid submission start and end date	25.03.2021 10.30AM upto 31.03.2021. 05.00PM
4. Physical Submission of EMD And Cost of Tender document	01.04.2021 upto 10.30 HRS
5. Date of Technical Bid opening /Evaluation of technical Bid	01.04.2021 11.00 HRS
6. Date of Financial Bid Opening	05.04.2021 11.30 HRS

4. **TENDER DETAILS.**  
The Tender documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover.  
i) Cover 1: Shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/Eligibility information".  
ii) Cover 2: Shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid" where contractor will quote his offer for each item.  
5. **Submission of Original Documents:-** The Bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other technical documents in the o/o Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Jaisinghpur as specified in Key Dates Sr.No.4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.  
6. **BID OPENING DETAILS:** The bid shall be opened on 01.04.2021 at 11.00 HRS in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division HP PWD Jaisinghpur HP. By the authorized officer. In their interest the tenders are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.  
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the deadline date for bid submission.  
8. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK.

Executive Engineer  
Jaisinghpur Division,  
HPPWD, Jaisinghpur

RO NO. 6260/20-21 Dt. 03-03-2021

**\*HIMACHAL PRADESH\***  
**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**"SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER"**  
Sealed item rate tenders on PWD form- 6 & 8 are hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, Dalhousie Division, HP- PWD, Dalhousie for the following work from valid registered contractors of appropriate class enlisted with HP- PWD, so as to reach in his office on or before 24.03.2021 up to 03.00 PM and will be opened at 3.30 PM on the same day in the presence of intending contractors or their representatives who may like to present. The application for issue of tender form will be received on 23.03.2021 up to 12:00 Noon in his office against cash payment. (Non-refundable).

Sr. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of from	Class	Time
1	A/R & M/O a Sub - Judge Residence at Dalhousie (SH - Providing and Fixing P.V.C flooring, Woven Polypropylene Carpet, 15 mm Ply board, Summac)	1,08,372/-	2170.00	350/-	Class 'D' & 'C' only	Six Months
2	Improvement of black spot on Benikhet Bagdhar road Km. 0/0 to 7/300 (SH - Providing and Fixing Cat Eyes from Km. 0/0 to 5/0)	4,43,300/-	9000.00	350/-	Class 'D' & 'C' only	Six Months

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-**  
1. The earnest money should be deposited first for individual work and then tender documents will be issued.  
2. The undersigned reserve the right to reject/cancel any tender without assigning any reason at any stage.  
3. Telegraphically / Fax tender are not acceptable.  
4. The tender form will be issued to those Contractors who have not more than two works at the time of issue of tender forms. In this regard, contractor has to submit an affidavit that he is not having more than two works.  
5. The tender form will be issued to those Contractors who have GST No.

Executive Engineer,  
Dalhousie Division  
HP: PWD Dalhousie

RO NO. 6248/20-21 Dt. 03-03-2021

**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust Building, Feroze Gandhi Market Ludhiana- 141001

**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**  
(See proviso to rule 8(6))  
**Notice for sale of immovable assets**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Shingari Rice & General Mills Rakesh Kumar, Kanchan (Loan No. 129805000612)	Commercial Property (Rice Mill) Situated At Khatib, Hadbast No.243 Tehsil Batala, Dist Gurdaspur Bearing Kharsa No.19/16, Khatol/ Khatoni No. 4/9 Hadbast No.243, Mutation No.924 Measuring 7 Kanal & 12 Marla, (41382 Sq.ft	Rs. 3,44,81,337.2/- (as on 23 Feb 2021)	Rs. 1,38,69,000/- Rs. 13,86,900/-	March 19, 2021 From 11 AM To 1 PM	March 26, 2021 From 11:00 AM To 1:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till March 25, 2021 before 5 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust Building, Feroze Gandhi Market Ludhiana 141001, and there after they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before March 25, 2021 before 5 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank Ltd First Floor, Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust Building, Feroze Gandhi Market Ludhiana- 141001 on or before March 25, 2021 before 5 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Ludhiana.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 9780139915/ 734020115 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/ 9810029926/ 01244233933. Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augoe Assets Management Private Limited.3.Props AMC have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit [www.icicibank.com/n4p4s](http://www.icicibank.com/n4p4s)

Date: March 04, 2021  
Place: Punjab

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited