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Modi attacks dynastic politics

PM calls it threat to
democracy, slams
Opp for boycotting
Constitution Day
event at Parliament

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday once again unleashed a scathing attack on dynastic politics and said the “biggest threat” to the functioning of a healthy democracy is when a party is run by the same family generation after generation and the entire system of the party is controlled by it.

Without naming anyone, Modi at a Constitution Day event in the Central Hall of Parliament hit out at family-based parties, describing them as “party for the family, party by the family” and added, “I don’t think I need to say anything more”.

The event was skipped by 15 Opposition parties, on the call by the Congress, which have been alleging that the Government is “undermining Parliamentary democracy”.

Besides the constituents of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), parties such as the Biju Janata Dal, the YSR Congress, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, the Bahujan Samaj Party and the Telugu



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses a function to commemorate the 'Samvidhan Divas' at Parliament in New Delhi on Friday

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Desam Party attended the event. Addressing the gathering, Modi said, “This event was not that of any Government, or of any political party, or of any Prime Minister. The Speaker is the pride of the House. It is a dignified post. It is a matter of Babasaheb Ambedkar’s dignity, the dignity of the Constitution.”

In an apparent reference to the Congress and some other Opposition parties, Modi said that in the form of family-based parties from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, India is heading towards a kind of a crisis, which is a matter of concern for the people devoted to the Constitution and those who believe in democracy. He said that more than one person from a family joining a party on the basis of merit and people’s blessings does not make a party dynastic, “but a party run

by one family generation after generation and the family controlling the entire system of the party is the biggest threat to a healthy democracy”.

Opp: Constitution being undermined by BJP Govt

Boycott against
Govt’s ‘authoritarian’
functioning: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress and several Opposition parties on Friday boycotted the Constitution Day event in the Central Hall of Parliament to convey that the Constitution is being undermined during the current BJP regime.

Besides the Congress, several other parties, including the Left, TMC, NCP, DMK, Shiv Sena, IUML, RSP, and the RJD, skipped the event.

On the issue of not participating in the event of Constitution Day, Congress Rajya Sabha member Anand Sharma said the protest was against the “authoritarian” functioning of the BJP Government as laws are enacted bypassing Parliamentary scrutiny and Parliamentary

democracy is insulted.

“Our protest today is based on fundamental principles. We have protested to remind the country that the Constitution is not being respected, the Constitution is being undermined, Parliamentary democracy is being undermined and insulted with the enactment of laws bypassing scrutiny which is creating enormous problems because each law enacted by Parliament impacts the masses,” Sharma said at AICC Press conference.

Nations in jitters
as S Africa Covid
variant rears head

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After scientists in South Africa detected a new Covid-19 variant B.1.1.529 with as many as 50 mutations overall, Covid-19-battered countries were left in jitter with many of them announcing fresh travel curbs, quarantine and vaccination rules for passengers travelling from and via these South African countries. India has called for rigorous screening of passengers from South Africa, Botswana, and Hong Kong.

According to scientists, the new Covid-19 variant is mainly affecting people in the under 25 age group, among whom the vaccination rate against the virus is only 26 per cent. Current vaccines are not an ideal match so might not work quite as well, experts said but added that “that doesn’t mean they’ll offer zero protection”.

Over 100 cases have been detected in South Africa, where the new strain is slowly becoming the dominant one. Israel has identified a case of a Covid-19 variant with a large number of mutations “in a person who returned from Malawi”. A case has surfaced in Belgium too.

Two cases have been detected in Hong Kong. In a sign of the growing alarm, the

European Union separately proposed prohibiting travel from Southern Africa.

The United Kingdom was the first country to declare travel curbs from several southern African countries and stated that passengers will have to undergo a mandatory quarantine. UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid said six countries would be added to the red list, with flights being temporarily banned.

Sensex crashes
as new variant
triggers rout

Mumbai: The Sensex nose-dived 1,688 points while the Nifty slumped below the 17,100-level on Friday as a new and potentially vaccine-resistant coronavirus variant sent shockwaves through global markets. The variant, detected in South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong so far, has an unusual combination of mutations, as per initial reports. Countries like Britain and Japan have already imposed travel restrictions, raising the spectre of a fresh wave of lockdowns.

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Farmers assemble
at Delhi borders to
mark 1 yr of protest

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On the completion of one year on November 26 of the farmers’ agitation against the three farm laws, the farmer groups on Friday assembled in a large number at Delhi borders — Singhu, Tikri, Ghazipur and Shahjahanpur — to show support for the protesters on the first anniversary of the beginning of the farm agitation.

Farmers flaunting colourful turbans, sunshades, long beards and twirling moustaches danced on tractors, distributed sweets and hugged each other to mark the occasion that seemed like a festival and vowed to continue their agitation to fulfil other six demands, including legal guarantee of minimum support price, compensation to those who died during protests, memorial for them and the sacking and arrest of Union Minister Ajay Mishra.

On the day of completion



BKU spokesperson Rakesh Tikait and others raise slogans to mark the one year anniversary of farmers agitation, at Ghazipur border in New Delhi on Friday

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of one year of farm agitation, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Friday tweeted farmers have always been victorious in India and will always continue to win in the future as well. Priyanka lauded the movement and said that it would be known for the “unshakable ‘satyagraha’ of the farmers, the martyrdom of 700 farmers and the arrogance of the ruthless BJP Government and its atrocities towards the farmers,” in a tweet in Hindi.

Rebel voice against Sidhu within Congress
Jakhar blames Sidhu’s intentions for crisis within Congress

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Whispers in the corridors of the Congress against the public outburst by Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu are gradually turning boisterous with some of his own party colleagues now objecting to his media campaign against his party-led Government and its leaders.

The voices of Opposition against Sidhu were raised by those leaders who vociferously demanded his elevation to the party’s top post. And the opposition came after Sidhu did not take a softer line in attacking his own party’s Government notwithstanding repeated attempts of peace-making. However, the flashing point came when Sidhu did not spare his predecessor and senior Congress leader Sunil Jakhar while addressing the media at Amritsar on Friday.

In what is being seen as a possibility of rebellion brewing against Sidhu, Congress legislators - Kulbir Singh Zira and

Barindermeet Singh Pahara - have raised their voices against Sidhu’s attitude, while asking their state party chief to raise issues only at the party platform.

Both Zira and Pahara were among a section of party legislators who led the campaign to appoint Sidhu as Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) president, and eventually ousting the then Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh.

They were of the opinion that in case Sidhu has any issues or have something to say, “He should speak on the party forum”.

“Navjot Sidhu is right that people ask questions. But if you want to talk, then he should sit and talk with the Chief Minister or Deputy Chief Minister. The solution to such issues can be found only by sitting together,” said Zira, Congress MLA from Zira. Pahara, Gurdaspur MLA, though supported Sidhu’s demand to make the STF report on drugs public, and we all wanted that too and are



working for it. “Sidhu is the president of the party and is putting pressure on the Government in his own way. But I think, he should talk about this on the party platform,” he added.

SIDHU-JAKHAR
FACE-OFF

Sidhu on Friday attacked Jakhar for never raising the issues of sacrilege and drugs like him when he was the PPCC president, but now posting tweets after tweets. “saade pehlan de pardhan...jo tweeto tweet hoyi jaande hain...kade chhukki uhna ne ehho ji gal...” said Sidhu while interacting

with the media.

Jakhar responded Sidhu with a couplet by Akbar Allahabadi. “But hum ko kahe kaafir, allah ki marzi hai; suraj mein lage dhabba, fitrat ke karishmein hain...Barkat jo nahi hoti, niyat ki kharabi hai.” Jakhar has apparently addressed Sidhu as a kafir, for switching from BJP to the Congress, reminding him that he was not a traditional Congressman.

Jakhar, it seems, has lashed out at Sidhu for engaging in such rhetoric, while describing it as the will of the party high command. He also raised questions on Sidhu’s intentions by

for the prevailing crisis within the Congress party in Punjab.

SIDHU LOSING
SUPPORT BASE?

It is believed that the voices of discontentment against Sidhu is gaining ground amidst the growing support of the Taksali (traditional) Congressmen, especially the veteran leaders of the state’s Majha region. Notably, Majha’s three senior leaders and the Ministers — Sukhinder Singh Randhawa, Tript Rajinder Singh Bajwa, and Sukhbinder Singh Sarkaria — led the oust Capt Amarinder campaign, and vociferously supported Sidhu. However, their relationship has witnessed a downfall.

SIDHU INTENSIFIES
ATTACK AGAINST
CONG GOVT

Notably, Sidhu has all along been taking on his own party’s government over the issues of sacrilege and drugs, besides many others. A day after threatening to go on a hunger strike

against his own government over pending issues, Sidhu on Friday addressed the media highlighting how the Congress Government is allegedly failing, especially on the issues of sacrilege of the Guru Granth Sahib and smuggling of drugs.

“Sacrilege and drug issues were the foundation of our party’s government in Punjab in 2017. It was also the foundation to become the CM. So, it is my duty to raise these issues,” he said.

He asked despite the Court’s directions to take action on STF report, “who is stopping us (Congress Government)? Whose fear is stopping us from doing anything?”

Asking where is the chargesheet in sacrilege cases, Sidhu said: “How can there be a chargesheet when you yourself arrange a blanket bail for former DGP Sumedh Saini. What is the intent of the government? I am often asked if Saini got blanket bail, then have you filed any SLP to challenge it on September 10?”

250 each of Punjab and Delhi schools to compete for comparison of standards

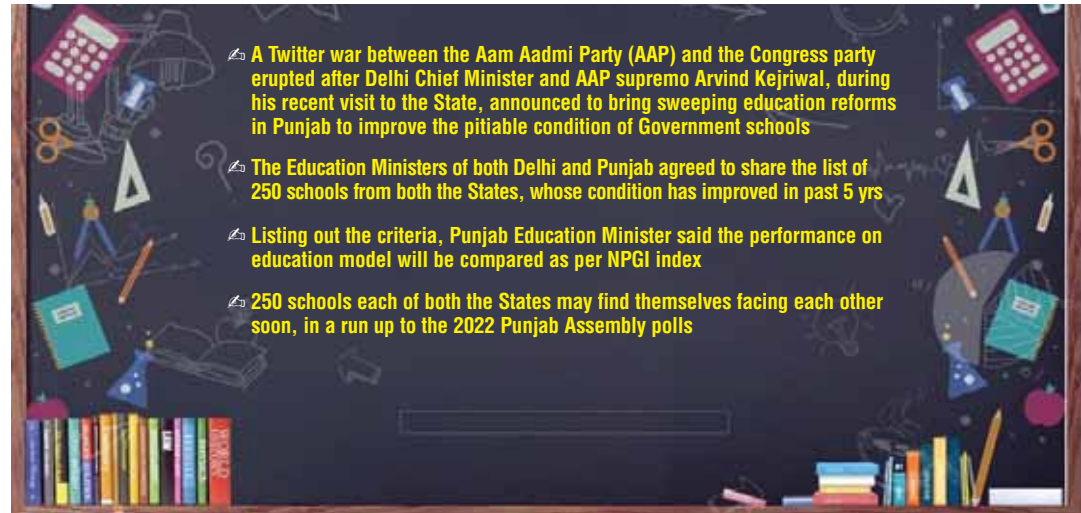
PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

The Government schools of Punjab and Delhi will compete against each other to see which state comes out with flying colours. The challenge, thrown by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister-cum-Education Minister Manish Sisodia through a series of tweets over the past three days, to compare the Government schools of both the States culminated into an agreement after his Punjab counterpart Pargat Singh accepted it.

As a result, 250 schools each of both the States may find themselves facing each other soon, in a run up to the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls.

A Twitter war between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress party erupted after Delhi Chief Minister and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal, during his recent visit to the State, announced to bring sweeping education reforms in Punjab to improve the pitiable condition of Government schools.

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Notably, Sisodia, a day before, challenged Pargat Singh for a debate on education models of the two States.

“Punjab Education Minister Pargat Singh accepted my challenge,

has given approval for debate on education reforms done in 250 schools of Delhi and Punjab. I am waiting for the list of best 250 schools out of the schools in Punjab whose condition has improved in the last 5 years,” Sisodia said.

Sisodia said he will also hand

over the list of 250 best schools in Delhi. “Both of us will go to these schools together, on the appointed time and date. Will also call the media together. So that everyone can form their own opinion by looking at the education model of both Punjab and Delhi schools,” said

Sisodia in a tweet written in Hindi.

In a related tweet, Sisodia said the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet the agitating teachers in Mohali on Saturday (November 27) to know about their demands. “Who can tell better about the reforms in the school than the teachers teaching there?”

Earlier, accepting Sisodia’s challenge, Punjab Minister Pargat Singh tweeted, “I welcome the Honourable Education Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia’s suggestion to compare Punjab govt schools with Delhi Schools. However, we will take 250 schools each of Punjab and Delhi instead of 10 schools.”

Listing out the criteria, Punjab Education Minister said the performance on education model will be compared as per NPGE index. “We will have a debate on school infrastructure and number of smart classrooms. We will debate about development of schools in rural and border areas of the state,” tweeted the Minister, in response to Sisodia’s challenge, on Thursday, for a public debate on the education models of

the two Governments. He also proposed a joint visit to 10 Government schools each in Punjab and Delhi.

Reacting on the twitter war between the two leaders, AAP’s senior leader and the Leader of Opposition in Punjab Vidhan Sabha Harpal Singh Cheema termed the debate as “important and positive”.

Cheema said, “Education, especially the Government school education sector, had been marginalised for the last several decades. With the formation of Arvind Kejriwal’s Government in Delhi, Government schools and health services have emerged as the focal point for power and the people...The Kejriwal Government in Delhi has shown revolutionary work on the education and health model which is also having a tremendous impact on the people of Punjab,” he said.

Cheema said no matter what, the comparison and debate between two different models (Punjab and Delhi) on the subject of education, especially Government school education, would yield positive results.

India to resume
int’l flights to
not ‘at-risk’
Covid nations

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Good news for travellers, students, corporate and tourism sectors as the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Friday announced to resume scheduled international flights to and from India from December 15 with 99 countries. The resumption will not cover countries such as China, South Africa, Singapore, Israel, Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, countries in Europe, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, Mauritius, New Zealand and Zimbabwe, where Covid-19 is still not under control. The decision was taken after consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of External Affairs, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Scheduled international flights have been on hold in India since March 23 last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Tarsem Chand S/o Om Parkash R/o H No. 202, Vill. Palsora Chandigarh declare that I, had Disowned my son Lokesh Kumar by Newspaper Aaj Samaj and The Pioneer dated 31.10.2019. Now my son Lokesh Kumar is under my control. I, now cancel my earlier notice. he has now full rights in my movable immovable properties.

मैं रतन सिंह पुंजर सीटल सिंह दासी पिंड चकवाल, उमिनील कडारपुर, सिद्धा लड़पन ने अपनै लड़के सुखदेव सिंह के बचल बंटा रोहिया मी। उर अउर सुखदेव सिंह में भे करिदेकर विं वै अउर मेरी चंल अउ अरुंल नाएचर दा दास रोहिया।मैं उं मैं बेचलसी दास रोहिया।

I, Vinod S/o Sh. Ramphal R/o Vill. Jainpur, Tehsil & Distt. Sonapat has disowned my son Anshul alias Leelu from my all movable-immovable property as he is out of my control. In future, if anybody deals with him, he/she will do at their own risk.

I, Meena Kumari D/o Harbans Lal R/o Village Mangani PO Khana Gho, Tehsil Pathankot Distt Gurdaspur (Pb.) Present address R/o H.No- 32 Palika Vihar Behind Woman ITI Ambala City inform that my Brother Manoj Kumar, his wife Jannat & his son Kashish are out of my control. So I have no relationship with them in the future. if anybody deals with them will do so his / her at their own risk.

We Atma Ram and Kaushaliya Devi W/o Atma Ram R/o House No 767/A, Small Flats Dhanas Chandigarh declare that our sons Megh Raj and Naginder out of our control. We disown them from our moveable / immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

We, Narsingh Dass S/o Sh. Kapoor Chand & Sona Devi W/o Narsingh Dass R/o H.No. 103/6 Sadhu Mandi, Kurukshetra declares that our son Rajat Jindal & his wife Priyanka Garg are out of our control. So, we disown them from all our moveable & immovable properties. Note all concerns.

I, Ashok Kumar S/o Megh Nath R/o #124, Gobind Vihar, Baltana SAS Nagar Mohali disown my daughter Garima from my moveable / immovable properties. She is out of my control. If anybody deals with her will do their own risk.

I, Narender Singh S/o Sh. Sher Singh R/o H.No. 791/21, Kailash Colony, Near Marsal Showroom Wali Gali Rohtak Haryana declares that my daughter Muskan is out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable / immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at own risk. I or my family members are not responsible for any type of their acts and conduct in future.

I, Chandi Ram S/o Dass Ram R/o # 676 , D.M.C. Chandigarh. My son Pawan Kumar is out of my control. I disown him from my moveable/ immovable properties. If anybody deals with him, shall be self responsible.

I, Baby alias Harshita D/o Ashok Kumar and Surekha R/o House No. 19, Sector- 70, SAS Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab declare that both are one and the same person. In future I will be known by the name of Harshita. All concerned please note.

I, Rajesh Kumar Shukla S/o Gian Inder Shukla, R/o H No 1683A, Ward No 8, Gobind Colony, Kharar, declare that Rajesh Kumar Shukla & Rajesh Shukla is one & same person.

I, Parmod Bala alias Parmod Kapoor W/o Vijay Kapoor R/o H.No. 488, Street No.10, Near Sirhind Road, Guman Nagar-A, Patiala inform that both above names are mine and of one and same person.

I, Baljit Kaur Khangura D/o Lakhvinder Singh R/o Pump No. 3 Mohalla Khela Khangura Raikot (Ludhiana) have my name Baljit Kaur Khangura & Baljit Kaur is one and same person.

I, Gurmit Singh S/o Sadhu Ram R/o VPO. Kalra Via Padiana, Jalandhar-144003, Punjab certified that Gurmit Singh & Gurmeet Singh are one and the same person.

I, Balwinder Singh S/o Jeet Singh (Aadhar Card No. 252219458885), Village Ojhan Wali, Tehsil and Distt. Fazilka , declare that my actual date of birth is 20.04.2004.

I Jasreen Kathuria (Adhaar Number- 547444981953) got married to Lt Col Harpreet Manchanda on 17 January 2009 and accordingly added Surname of my husband and now I'm known as Jasreen Manchanda.

I, Suman Ramesh Sadamate, Mother of No. JC-571431Y, Sub, Sadamate Sudhakar Ramesh, Unit 7 Mahar Regiment C/o 56 APO Permanent Address Village & Post Deshing Tehsil Kavathe Mahankal District Sangli, Maharashtra 416410 Declare that in my Son Army Service Record my date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 06 June 1960 But my actual and Correct date of birth is 01 January 1963 Concern be Note.

I, Rajeshwari spouse of No 13698932X Hav Narayan Somapur Resident of VPO.Kalawad Navalgun, District Dharwad (Karnataka) in my husband service record my name wrongly recorded as Rajeshwari instead of Rajeshwari Narayan Somapur vide affidavit No AK 950391 Dated 25 Nov 2021 before notary public pathankot.

I, Narendra Singh Father of No 15623894X NK Ravendra Singh Resident of Village Dattapur, Po Rehi, Tehsil Teonthar, District Rewa (MP) in my son service record my name wrongly recorded as Narendra Singh instead of Narendra Bahadur Singh vide affidavit No AK 950392 dated 27 Nov 2021 before notary public pathankot.

I, Sarita Devi Mother of No 15614535H Hav Vishal Verma resident of VPO Ree, Tehsil Sujampur, District Hamirpur (HP) in my son service record my name wrongly recorded as Sarita Devi instead of Sarita Verma vide affidavit No AK 950386 dated 25 Nov 2021 before notary public pathankot.

I, Yaswant Lal resident of Village Hinauta, Po Majhgan, Tehsil Panna, District Panna (MP) in my service record my Mother name wrongly recorded as Bhagwati instead of Bhagvati Yadav vide affidavit No AK 950388 dated 25 Nov 2021 before notary public pathankot.

I, Ramesh Sadamate, Father of No. JC-571431Y, Sub, Sadamate Sudhakar Ramesh, Unit 7 Mahar Regiment C/o 56 APO Permanent Address Village & Post Deshing Tehsil Kavathe Mahankal District Sangli, Maharashtra 416410 Declare that in my Son Army Service Record my date of birth is wrongly mentioned as 03 May 1949 But my actual and Correct date of birth is 17 June 1949 Concern be Note.

I, Vijay Singh Sep/06492224W S/o Pura Singh R/o Village Dasanda Singh Wala, Tehsil Ahmedgarh, Distt. Sangrur (Punjab) declare that in my Army service record my son Ranvir Singh DOB entered wrongly 23/04/2002. But my son correct DOB is 28/05/2002 as per his Birth certificate, school record, Aadhar card. So amended my son DOB in my Army service record.

मैं परनलीप सिंह पुंजर उरसेम सिंह दासी पिंड कडालपुर, उमिनील सडारनपुर लेपी, सिद्धा कडुकरला विमान करवा दा वि मेरे चरनडी (रैल नं. 1717212785) से सरनडीकरे अउरे 12वीं (रैल नं. 2019172479) से सरनडीकरे विं मेरा नाम परनलीप दास वै सरनडीकरे अउरे उर दासडरन अडुसग सडी नाम परनलीप सिंह वै। म्हाउर सडरन नैर करनी।

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rajee Singh S/o Sh Narayan Singh Rawat R/o 2092, Sector 41-C, Chandigarh have changed my name from Rajee Singh to Rajee Singh Rawat.

I, Madhav S/o Raj Kumar R/o H.No. 2194, Sector 14, Hisar hereby declare that I have changed my name from Madhav to Madhav Kukreja for all future purposes.

I, Krishan Kumar Narula S/o Sh. Ram Nath Narula R/o H.No. 1383, Sector 13-P, Hisar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Krishan Kumar to Krishan Kumar Narula for all future purposes.

I, Maninder Kumar Sharma S/o Jai Pal Sharma, V.P.O Bahtwal, Tehsil Dasuya, Distt Hoshiarpur (Punjab) declare that I have changed my name from Maninder Kumar Sharma to Maninder Sharma be amended in all documents. Concerned Note.

I, Annu Panwar (New Name) W/o Sh. Azad Singh Panwar R/o E-3, DCRUST, Murthal, Sonapat have changed my name from Sanyogita, Sanyogita Verma to Annu Panwar for social & official purposes.

I, Rajat Dhiman S/o Lalit Mohan Dhiman R/o H.No. 148, St. No. 3, Dhoobi Ghat, Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed the name of my Minor son from Divyansh to Divyansh Bansal. Concerned Note.

I, Babli Rani W/o Jagdish Chander R/o 144, Nanda Colony, Farakhpur, Distt. Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Babli Bhatt.

I, Rashpal Kaur, holder of Indian Passport No.M6583830 issued at Dubai on 15/03/2015, permanent resident of village Dhugga Khurd, P.O Khanpur Sahota, Distt. Hoshiarpur, Punjab India and presently residing at 14349, 66 A Avenue, Surrey BC, V3W7K3-Canada do hereby change my name from Rashpal Kaur to Rashpal Kaur Sohi with immediate effect.

I, Ranjeet Singh S/O Devidayal R/O H.No. 300/1, Sheetal Colony, Ward No. 10, Cheeka Distt. Kathlhal I have changed my name Ranjeet.

I, Barita Saini W/o Yogesh Kumar Saini R/o 2407, Plot No. 114, Near I.T.I. Shiv Dayalpur, Yamuna Nagar have changed my name to Babita Saini.

I, Mohit S/o Jasbir Lal R/o H.No-101 Shivaji Park Jandli, Ambala City have changed my name from Mohit to Mohit Chadha.

I, Gagandeep Singh S/O S. Darshan Singh, R/O Village Mukhmaipur, P.O. Massingang, Tehsil Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala have changed my name from Gagandeep Singh H. to Gagandeep Singh.

I, Karamjeet Kaur aged W/O S.Darshan Singh, R/O Village Mukhmaipur, P.O. Massingang, Tehsil Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala have changed my name from Karamjeet Kaur H. to Karamjeet Kaur.

I, Darshan Singh S/O S.Bachan Singh, R/O Village Mukhmaipur, P.O. Massingang, Tehsil Dudhan Sadhan, District Patiala have changed my name from Darshan Singh H. to Darshan Singh.

I, Bhanvati Devi Spouse of Suraj Bhan R/o VPO Palri Tehsil Israna, Distt. Panipat, State Haryana, Pin 132145. Have Changed my Name from Bhanvati Devi To Bhan Vati as per affidavit dated 24.11.2021.

I, Gursharan Kaur W/O. Sh. Ram Das (D/O. Gian Chand) R/O Hiranagar, Bhuneheri, Distt. Patiala, Punjab. After marriage I have changed my name from Gursharan Kaur to Shashi Bala.

I, Beant Virk, spouse of IC 28014W, Major Hardy Singh Virk, Retd, residence of H. No. 789 Sector 43A, Chandigarh, have changed my name from Beant Virk to Beant Kaur Virk vide Affidavit dated 26/11/2021 before Magistrate First Class, District Court Karnal, Haryana.

I, Amanpreet @ Amanpreet Sharma W/O Pawan Punj R/O 472-A, Kiran Colony, Bypass Gumtala, Amritsar, Have Changed My Name To: Amanpreet Punj.

I, Gurmeet Kour Wife Of Darwesh Singh Resident Of L-12/1634, Gali No. 7, Kitley Gurm Nanak Pura, Sultanwind Road, Amritsar, Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Gurmeet Kour To Gurmeet Kaur.

I, Manjeet Kaur W/O Sukhdarshan Singh R/O H.No.983, Phase 2, Residential Complex, Gindwal Sahib Tehsil Khadur Sahib Distt. Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name From Manjeet Kaur To Manjit Kaur.

I, Parminder Kaur Sraw W/O Sarbjit Singh R/O Vill-Danianwal, Po.Naushera, Majja Singh, Gurdaspur Have Changed My Name After Marriage Parminder Kaur.

I, Fathe Singh S/O Ranjit Singh R/O Vill - Piddi, Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name To Fateh Singh.

I, Santosh Kumari spouse of No 15474482P Rank DFR Name Hava Singh Choudhary R/o 4 Shekhawati Nagar, Road No. 14, Sikar Road, Harmada, Distt Jaipur, State Rajasthan 320213 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Santosh Kumari to Santosh Devi vide affidavit dated 26/11/2021 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Nati Bai Yadav mother of No 15490827P Rank LD Name Brijopal Yadav R/o Jai Hind Nagar, 1st Baran Road, Kota Barkhandi, State Rajasthan 324001 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Nati Bai Yadav to Nati Bai vide affidavit dated 26/11/2021 before Session Court, Hisar.

I, Mrs. Rekha W/o Sh. Lalit Kumar R/o H.No. 14-P, Sector 16-17, Hisar (Haryana) hereby declare that I have changed my name from Rekha Juneja to Rekha for all future purposes.

I, Suresh Mehta S/o Tarsem Lal R/o # 447, Sector 22-A, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Suresh Kumar.

I, Sameer S/o Shakir Khan R/o # 1642/1 Main Bazar, Manimajra Chandigarh, have changed my name to Sameer Khan.

I, Nargis W/o Shakir Khan R/o/O #334/6 Gali No. 9 Daria, Chandigarh have changed my name to Nargis Khan.

I, Shakir S/o Shafiq Ahmed Khan R/o # 334/6 Gali No. 9 Daria, Chandigarh have changed my name to Shakir Khan.

I, Mohan Kaur Saini W/o Gurnam Singh R/o # 142, Sector-41-B, Buterla, Chandigarh have changed my name from Mohan Kaur Saini to Mohan Kaur.

I, Shakhshi W/o Raman Kumar R/o H.No 63, New Pal Avenue Ram Tirath Road Amritsar old address 13/30 Gali No. 05, Shakti Nagar Khandwala Chheharla Amritsar have changed my name Shakhshi to Sakshi Sharma. Please Concerned Note

I, Daljit Singh S/o Nirmal Singh Village Mianpur Tehsil and Distt Rupnagar. Have changed my name to Daljeet Singh.

I, No. 4573151H, Hav, Gore Baliram Rajaram Unit 7 mahar Regiment Permanent Address Village Warpgaan Post lokhandi sawargaon Tehsil Ambajogai District Beed State Maharashtra Pin 431517 have changed my minor son name from Sanghnyak to Sanghnyak Baliram Gore Vide Affidavit Dated 26 November 2021 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Poonam Baliram Gore, Spouse of No.4573151H, Hav, Gore Baliram Rajaram Unit 7 mahar Regiment, Permanent Address Village warpgaan Post lokhandi sawargaon Tehsil ambajogai district Beed Maharashtra Pin 431517 have changed my name from Poonam to Poonam Baliram Gore Vide Affidavit Dated 26 November 2021 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Gadhave Ratnamala Nitin, Spouse of No.15501199N, LD, Gadhave Nitin Vasant Unit 69 Armd Regt C/o 56 APO Permanent address Arvi, Junnar, Pune State Maharashtra, PIN 412401 have Changed my name From Ratnamala to Gadhave Ratnamala Nitin Vide Affidavit Dated 26 November 2021 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, No. 14935383H, HAV, Mohammad Johnny SK of 25 Mech Inf Regt presently Residing at Village Telaprolu. Tehsil Tenali District Guntur, State Andhra Pradesh Pin 522202 have changed my son name SK Sohail Ahmad to Shaikh Sohail Ahmad Vide Affidavit Dated 26 November 2021 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I, Lali Mother of No.15473081N, DFR, Ramesh Chand Presently Residing at Village Dangauli, District Mau State Uttar Pradesh 275306 have changed my name from Lali to Laliya Devi Vide Affidavit Dated 26 November 2021 before at Notray Ferozepur.

I Hardeep Kaur Roop S/O Amrik Singh Roop Village Bilaspur Post Office Nangal Shahidan Tehsil And District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name To Hardeep Kaur.

I Sabrinder Kaur Alias Tripat Mahotra W/O Manmohan Singh Mediratta R/O 179-D Bhai Randhir Singh Nagar Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sabrinder Kaur.

I Gurmukh Singh Sandhey S/O Ujagar Singh R/O Preet Colony Kaccha Paha Sunam Distt. Sangrur Have Changed My Name To Gurmukh Singh.

I Paramjit Singh S/O Bakhtor Singh R/O Vill. Swaddi Khurd (Ludhiana) Have Changed My Name To Parmjit Singh.

I Sonia Singh W/O Vikas Garg R/O H.No -503/27A Shastri Nagar Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sonia Garg.

I Rajni Ranouta (Before Marriage) W/O Ravinder Singh Ghatora R/O Vpo. Daroli Bhai Distt. Moga Changed My Name To Rajni Ghatora After My Marriage.

I, Dalbir Singh S/o Darshan Singh R/o VPO. Kohala, Distt. Jalandhar have changed my spelling name from Dalbir Singh to Dalvir Singh.

I, Benjamin S/o Vijay Kumar R/o H.No. 1288/11, Boota Pind, P.O. Model Town, Jalandhar have added my surname as Benjamin Vishal (Surname as Vishal)

I, Bhavuk Gupta S/o Ashwani Kumar R/o H.No.75, New Jawahar Nagar, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed the name of my minor son Bhagya Gupta to Jashank Gupta.

I, Savita Saini D/o Malkiat Singh R/o H.No. B 24, MCH-97-B, Fatehgarh, Hoshiarpur-146001, Punjab have changed my name from Savita Saini to Savreen Saini.

I, hitherto Known as Rimpal Bedi D/o Gurvinder Singh W/o Manninder Singh R/o H.No.184, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Jalandhar-144008, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Varinder Kaur.

I, hitherto Known as Ramesh Pal Bains S/o Bhajan Singh R/o Fouji Wali Gail, H.No.1058, Ward No. 10, Rama Mandi, Jalandhar Cantt., Jalandhar-144023, Punjab have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ramesh Pal.

I, Yakshit S/o Angrej Singh R/o Village Budhanpur Khalsa, PO Pathera, Tehsil Indri, District Karnal, have changed my name to Yakshit Singh Basatia.

I, Jaswinderjit Kaur W/o Karnail Singh R/o Vill: Kainaur Teh-Morinda (Ropar) Punjab, India, declare that I have changed my name from Jaswinder Kaur to Jaswinderjit Kaur and changed my date of birth from 01-02-1965 to 01-01-1963.

I, Onkar Singh S/o Gurmeet Singh Brar R/o Village Kotsukhia (Faridkot) have changed my name to Onkar Singh Brar.

I Jagvinder Pal Singh S/o Kartar Singh R/o B-VI/193/1, Street No.2, Mohalla Talab Faridkot have changed my name to Jagvinderpal Singh.

I, Poonam Katoch W/o Sandeep Pathania #344, Sector 25-A, Mandi Gobindgarh, Fatehgarh Sahib have changed my name from Poonam Katoch to Poonam Pathania.

I, Parmajeet Kaur W/o Upkarjit Singh R/o Nathowal (Ludhiana) changed my name to Parmjeet Kaur.

I Satnam Singh Sandha Son Of Jarnail Singh R/O Village Basti Nathu Wali Dakhi Hasti Wala Po Dastul Sahib Wala (Loombi Wala) Tehsil & District Ferozepur, Punjab, India, 152002 Changed My Name From Satnam Singh Sandha To Satnam Singh.

I Amarjit Kaur W/O Sarban Singh R/O Basti Kartar Pur Village Lohgarh Po Sodhi Nagar District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Amarjeet Kaur.

I, Pooja Kapoor Wife Deepak Rai R/O Village Mansoor Deva Tehsil Zira District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Tamana After Marriage.

I, Sukhjeet Singh S/o Jagroop Singh Bassi R/o Saner (Ferozepur) changed my name to Sukhjeet Singh Bassi.

I Harinder Singh Sandhu S/O Balwinder Singh Vpo Rukne Wala Tehsil And District F7 I Have Changed My Name Harinder Singh Sandhu To Harinder Singh.

I, Anita W/O Rajan Doomra R/O Doomra Street Jalalabad (W) Distt Fazilka Have Changed My Name Anita To Anita Doomra.

I, No. 1042995M Ex swr Swinder Singh S/o Sh. Labh Singh Resident of H.No. 181, Gali Tutian wali, nudi chonk Tarn Taran, Tehsil & Distt Tarn Taran i have change my wife name Kuldp kaur to Kuldeep kaur.

I, No. 15342244A Ex Spr Daljit Singh S/o Sh. Jagir Singh Resident of Vill- Bainka, Po- Bhikhiwind, Tehsil Pattii, Distt. Tarn Taran changed my son name Jeshanpreet Singh to Jashanpreet Singh.

I, No. 15346532K Ex Spr Gurjinder Singh S/o Sh. Burh Singh Resident of Vill- Narla, Po- Khaira, Tehsil Pattii, Distt. Tarn Taran changed my mother name Surjit Singh to Surjit Kaur.

I Baljinder Kaur Pannu W/O Baldev Singh R/O Near Elementary School Norangabad Tehsil & District Tarn Taran Changed My Name To Baljinder Kaur.

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मैं, दीपक पुत्र रामचन्द्र निवासी सुखर नगर फतेहाबाद, तहसील व जिला फतेहाबाद ब्यन करता हूँ बसोका नंबर 2163 दिनांक 10.01.1997 बाबत मौजा लाईट बसो मौजा तहसील फतेहाबाद की असल प्रति मेरे से दिनांक 15.11.2021 को नया बस अड्डा फतेहाबाद के पास कहीं मुम हो रहा है। इस बाबत मैं रिपेट दर्ज कलना चाहता हूँ।

सूचना

नगर निगम हिसार में नाम दर्ज करने के लिए प्रार्थना पत्र अनुरोध किया है कि प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नंबर 47C134U954P1 वसोयत नंबर 494 दिनांक 03.1.2018 अनुसार मदनलाल कथुरिया पुत्र सावनराम कथुरिया के नाम तबदील किया जाए क्योंकि वह ही उक्त सम्पत्ति के वारिस हैं, अन्य कोई भी इसमें वारिस ना है। अतः इस बारे किसी को कोई ऐतराज है तो 30 दिन के अंदर-अंदर नगर निगम कार्यालय में प्रस्तुत करें। अन्यथा नगर निगम की कोई जिम्मेवारी नहीं होगी। कृते : सचिव, नगर निगम, हिसार

FOUND & LOST

I, Dupinder Kumar S/o Jagat Nath resident house no 37-A, phambta Bahadur Ke Road Ludhiana had submitted Title deed registered vide wasika No. 2124 dated 06.05.2004 in Bank of Baroda Clock Tower Ludhiana Branch which is lost of which DDR vide LR No. 186339/2021 dated 26.11.2021 has been registered. If anyone found, kindly submit to Bank of Baroda Clock Tower Ludhiana Branch

नगर निगम रोहतक

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सर्व सामान्य को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम, रोहतक की कर शाखा के सम्पत्तिकर के रिकार्ड में प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नं. 142C465U144 बर्द नं. 10 श्रीमती सुखदेवी देवी कल्लि बिन्दर सिंह के नम से दर्ज है, अब नगर निगम के रिकार्ड में बदलना तबदील के आधार पर इस आई.डी. नं. में प्रार्थी जिसका नाम श्री गौरव ललित, अरविन्द ललित पुत्र किन्दर सिंह कल्लि पत्नी एनी आरका कुमार अर्पनी नामा दर्ज करवाना चाहते है, यदि किसी भी जनसाधारण को इसके नाम तबदील करने में कोई भी आपत्ति है तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम कार्यालय में अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये, अन्यथा वह तबदील उक्त नाम तबदील कर दी जावेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम, रोहतक कोई उत्तरवाही नहीं होगा। कौमल कलान अधिकारी, नगर निगम, रोहतक

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned with the Property No. 843 LUG Sec-13, Housing Board Colony at Kurukshetra, which stand in the name of Smt. Satish Rani w/o Sh. Joginder Singh R/o H.No.843.LUG Sec-13 Housing Board Colony, Kurukshetra as per conveyance deed Jild No. 388 dated 27.10.1988. It has been reported by applicant that Smt. Satish Rani w/o Sh. Joginder Singh, who was the owner of this property, has been expired on dated. 22.01.2000 and Sh. Joginder Singh s/o Sh. Banwari Lal, has applied for the transfer of said property in his name on the basis of Intestate death of Smt. Satish Rani w/o Sh. Joginder Singh H.No.843.LUG Sec-13 Housing Board Colony, Kurukshetra. If anybody, has any objection for the transfer of the said Property in favour of the applicants, they may furnish their objection in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this Property, shall be transferred accordingly and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained lateron.

Estate Manager, Housing Board Haryana, Kurukshetra

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of Ownership in respect of Industrial Shed No. 311, Phase-2, Urban Estate, Panchkula consequent upon the death of Co-owner Smt. Anita Midha. Smt. Anita Midha W/o Late Sh. Ram Kishan Midha who was the co-owner of the subject cited properties as per record has died on 21.08.2018 at Tarnet, Melbourne, Australia and has un-registered WILL. Sh. Naresh Kumar Nagpal S/o Sh. Jagdish Chander Nagpal R/o 1306 CP, Sector-21, Panchkula intends to apply for the transfer of share of Smt. Anita Midha in the said property in his favour on the basis of unregistered will and requested for re-allotment letter in the name of Sh. Naresh Kumar Nagpal. If any person is having any objection against the transfer of said property, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, HSIDC, Sector 6 Panchkula along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice otherwise The Estate Officer may accord permission to transfer / re-allotment of the said property as per HSIDC, Sector 6 Panchkula policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.

Sh. Naresh Kumar Nagpal WILL holder on behalf of Estate Officer.

Reg: Plot No. 301, Phase-1, HSIDC, Industrial Estate Barhi, Distt. Sonapat Plot No. 301, Phase-1, HSIDC, Industrial Estate Barhi measuring 45 sq. meters was allotted by the Corporation in favour of M/s Sugandh Exports Proprietor Sh. Sanjeev Gupta vide Regular Letter of Allotment No.HSIDC: 19960-61 dated 08.03.2001. The Corporation has been informed that the original allottee Sh. Sanjeev Gupta had deceased on 02.03.2021. The legal heir of the deceased allottee namely Smt. Saloni Gupta (wife), Sh. Rohit Gupta (son), Ms. Kanika Goyal (daughter) and Ms. Sugandh Bansal (daughter) have approached the Corporation for transfer of plot of Sh. Sanjeev Gupta, in question, in favour of Smt. Saloni Gupta W/o Late Sh. Sanjeev Gupta (original allottee) in this regard. The Corporation is in process of considering their request for transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of deceased in favour of Smt. Saloni Gupta W/o Late Sh. Sanjeev Gupta. Through this public notice it is hereby informed that any person having reservation/ objection to said transfer may file his/her objection in writing before the undersigned alongwith an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is received within the aforesaid period, it will be presumed that nobody has any objection to transfer of the said plot /shed and the Corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot as a right of succession by transferring the plot of Late Sh. Sanjeev Gupta in favour of Smt. Saloni Gupta (within family).

The Estate Manager, For & behalf Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Deve. Corpn Ltd. Branch Office Industrial Estate Barhi, Distt. Sonapat

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HARYANA CM MEETS PM

Discusses farmers' agitation; invites PM for Gita Jayanti Mahotsav

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Days after the Union Cabinet approved a Bill to repeal the three controversial farm laws, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi to welcome the decision and discuss the current situation regarding farmers' agitation.

The meeting was held in New Delhi on the day when the farmers marked one year of the protest against the three farm laws at Delhi-Haryana borders. This was the first meeting of Khattar with the Prime Minister after the announcement was made by the latter regarding repealing farm laws.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister inquired about the current situation related to farmers' agitation at the border and expressed hope that the farmers would return to their homes after the Bill is passed to repeal the farm laws in the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament.

The Prime Minister also expressed concerns about the rising pollution levels in Delhi-NCR and inquired about the status of stubble burning in Haryana.

After the meeting which lasted for more than half an



hour, the Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar told the mediapersons, "The matter of farmers' agitation was discussed with the Prime Minister. I have welcomed the decision of repealing the agriculture laws. The announcement of withdrawing the Agriculture related Acts have sent a good message and we are hopeful that farmers will definitely return to their homes after the laws are repealed in the Winter Session of Parliament."

He said the Haryana Government is continuously working in the interest of farmers. Haryana is the only State which is procuring 11 crops at MSP. Not only this, the State Government has also compensated damaged bajra at the

rate of Rs 600 per quintal, which has benefited the millet growers, Khattar said.

After PM's announcement to repeal the laws, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) has decided to continue the agitation and also demanded a discussion over Minimum Support Price (MSP), withdrawal of cases registered against farmers and compensation for deceased farmers' kin.

With farmers camping at border points of Delhi - Singhu, Tikri (along Haryana) since a year, Haryana has been badly hit due to the protest. Apart from the daily commutes, the local traders have faced consequences of the road blockades due to the agitation since last year.

The Chief Minister also said the Prime Minister inquired about the issue of pollution and stubble burning and has asked to prepare new schemes with the Departments concerned to deal with the issue.

He said Haryana has achieved a good ranking in Swachh Survekshan-2021. The PM has asked to focus on cleanliness in rural areas as well, Khattar said. Responding to a question on investigation into the HPSC job scam, the Chief Minister said a fair investigation is going on and the culprits will not be spared.

PM invited for Gita Jayanto, inauguration of orbit corridor

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited for the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav to be held in Kurukshetra from December 9-14. The CM said that the Prime Minister may connect on the occasion of Gita Jayanti through virtual medium. He said the subject of Orbital Rail Corridor was also placed before the Prime Minister again.

During his previous meeting with the PM in September also, the Chief Minister had invited PM Modi to lay the foundation stone of the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor

to be constructed at a cost of Rs 5,600 crore.

PM apprised about welfare schemes

The Chief Minister said he apprised the Prime Minister about the welfare schemes being run by the Haryana Government.

He informed that the Prime Minister was apprised about the ambitious Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana launched by the State Government. Antyodaya Gram Uday Melas will be organised in Haryana from November 29 to December 16, in which very poor families verified under the Parivar Pehchan Patra will be called and will be given detailed information about the scheme so a frame work for upliftment of 1 lakh families whose family income is less than Rs. 1.8 lakh can be made.

He also apprised the PM about the AAS-Auto Appeal software. This software has been launched with the objective of providing benefits of government services and schemes to the last person standing in line at their doorstep by ensuring transparency and accountability.

Khattar said Haryana has

also formed Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA) to do drone mapping. With this, mapping can be done twice a year through drones. Survey for Meri Fasal Mera Byora and surveys related to mining can be done with drones. Apart from this, Svamitva Yojana, a large-scale mapping project is also being implemented. Under this, the entire land of Haryana will be mapped. The entire revenue estate is being mapped as well, he added.

He added there was also a discussion with the Prime Minister about the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao campaign. This is the first time that the number of girls is more than the boys in the gender ratio which is a matter of happiness and pride.

The sex ratio has also improved in Haryana, he added. Notably, a 57-point rise in the sex-ratio at birth in last five years (females per 1,000 males) has been recorded in Haryana, as per the National Family Health Survey-5 (2020-2021). The sex ratio has witnessed an increase from 876 (NFHS-4 2015-16) to 926 in NFHS-5 while the sex ratio at birth recorded an increase from 836 to 893 (2020-21).

3-day Int'l Gita Mahotsav 2021 to be celebrated in 22 districts of Haryana: Amit Agrawal

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Director General, Haryana Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr Amit Agrawal on Friday said programmes would be organised in 22 districts of the State on a grand scale as part of the International Gita Mahotsav 2021.

"Through these programmes, efforts will be made to connect the common citizens with the holy message of Gita. District level programmes will be organised from December 12 to 14 in all the districts of the state to celebrate this festival," said Agrawal after holding a detailed discussion with the officers about the programmes to be held at the district level through video conferencing.

Agrawal, who is also Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister said that on behalf of the Information Public Relations and Languages Department, all the Deputy Commissioners of the state have been informed in writing that programmes will be organised in all the districts regarding International Gita Mahotsav 2021. This year, 75 years of independence of the country has been completed, so the theme of this festival will be Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Various programmes will be organised over three days at district level from December 12 to 14, he informed.

He added a committee has been constituted at the district level in all the districts to celebrate this festival in a successful and grand manner. Except Kurukshetra, DC or ADC will be the chairman of the committee in all the districts while the city magistrate, account officer and district information and public relations officer will be member secretary.

The district level programme of Gita Mahotsav will be celebrated in Kurukshetra district like it is celebrated in Pehowa every year. In the district of Kurukshetra, DC or ADC will be the chairman of the committee, the city magistrate, accounts officer, DIPRO, and Chief Executive Officer, Kurukshetra Development Board will also be the members of the committee, he added.

Director General also said that during the three-day programme to be held at the district level, Gita seminar, Gita Havan Yagya and recitation would be organised and painting and other competitions will be organised for school students.

'Farmers' non-violent struggle a unique saga of valour'

Chandigarh: As the farmers' movement completed a year, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday said their non-violent struggle is a unique saga of valour, patience and determination not only for repealing the farm laws but also to uphold the ethos of democracy and human rights.

Channi said he salutes the indomitable spirit of farmers who have been sitting at Delhi's borders for a year.

The farmers have been camping at three border points of Delhi — Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur — for the last one year. The movement against three new farm laws of the Centre began with a "Dilli Chalo" programme on November 26-27 last year. The Centre has recently announced its decision to repeal the three farm laws.

In a tweet, Channi hailed the farmers, saying, "Their non-violent struggle is a unique saga of valour, patience and determination not only for repealing the draconian laws but also to uphold the ethos of democracy and human rights".

I salute the indomitable spirit of our food growers who have been sitting in Delhi from this day last year protesting against the black farm laws enacted by the Modi Government, he said.

Terming the Union Cabinet's approval of a bill repealing the farm laws on Wednesday as a mere formality, farmer leaders had earlier said now they want the Government to resolve their other pending demands, most importantly the legal guarantee for the minimum support price (MSP).

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'Foundation stone of AIIMS to be laid soon in Rewari'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Friday said the foundation stone of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) would be laid in Rewari district and all the formalities related to its construction have been completed.

The Chief Minister announced this while addressing the Haryana Pragati Rally organised at Bawal in the Rewari district.

He said keeping in view the industrial development of Rewari, Haryana Government has deposited the necessary amount to the concerned authority for the establishment of Labour Court and to find a permanent solution for the problem of dirty water coming in Dharuhara.

Earlier, the Chief Minister inaugurated four development projects worth about Rs. 40 crore and laid the foundation stone for 14 projects to be completed at a cost of Rs. 112 crore.

Rao Inderjit Singh, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister JP Dalal, state BJP chief OP Dhankar and other senior BJP leaders were present at the rally.

While congratulating the people of the state on Constitution Day, the Chief Minister said that our democracy, governance and federal structure works only because of the Constitution. On this day, in the year 1949, India adopted its Constitution, he said. He expressed his gratitude towards the architect of the Constitution, Dr. Bhimrao



Ambedkar and all the members of the Constituent Assembly. He also paid homage to all the martyrs on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, while paying homage to Shaheed Rao Tularam.

Addressing the Pragati rally, the Chief Minister said that during the last 7 years, development works worth about Rs 2250 crore have been done in Bawal assembly constituency. At the same time, about Rs 7,000 crore has been spent on development projects in Rewari district during this period. To bring in developmental reforms in southern Haryana, including Rewari, the present Government has worked on the mantra of 'Haryana Ek-Haryanvi Ek', he said.

Regarding demands placed in the rally, Khattar assured reviewing these demands at the administrative level.

Khattar added transparency in Government jobs and recruitment on merit is our motto. During the tenure of the previous Governments, the interests of the youth were being neglected. The court had to intervene with regard to recruitments of the previous Governments and many recruitments were also cancelled. Not a single recruitment was cancelled during our Government, he added.

Whenever there was a complaint of a paper leak, the State Government had cancelled examinations. During the tenure of our Government, 48 people were arrested for violating the sanctity of recruitment, he said.

Following the path of Antyodaya, the Chief Minister said that a blueprint is being prepared in the State for education, health and infrastruc-

tural development. Wherever there is a need for schools, colleges, hospitals, it will be met simultaneously without any discrimination. Now schools, up to XII will be upgraded.

Under the Mukhyamantri Parivar Utthan Yojana, Antyodaya Melas will be organised from November 29 to December 15 to increase the income of BPL families of the State, he added.

Apart from inaugurating four major development schemes, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of 14 development projects at Rewari. Khattar also flagged off 5 CSR-provided ambulances from the rally site to Civil Hospital Rewari for the facilities of the patients.

Dedicating the projects, the Chief Minister said no development work would suffer due to shortage of funds.

SAD core committee announces to court arrest in front of CM residence

TO PROTEST AGAINST CONSPIRACY TO IMPLICATE MAJITHIA IN FALSE DRUGS CASE

Chandigarh: To protest against the Congress party's conspiracy to implicate former Minister Bikram Singh Majithia in an allegedly false drugs case, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) on Friday announced to court arrest in front of Punjab Chief Minister's residence on Saturday.

SAD president Sukhbir

Singh Badal, addressing the media after presiding over the party's core committee meeting, said that senior leaders of the party would court arrest in front of the Chief Minister's residence on Saturday noon. "This will be followed by a 'jail bharo' andolan at the district level," he said.

Sukhbir said, "We have definite information that the Chief Minister has ordered the State DGP to register a false case against Majithia. This has been done against the Chief Minister held a meeting with Punjab Congress chief and Home Minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa."

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STATE BANK OF INDIA
POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

BRANCH : SUBHRA, DISTT. TARN TARAN

Whereas the Authorised Officer under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of the Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice to borrower / guarantor on date mentioned herein under calling upon the borrower / guarantor to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice within 60 days of the date of the notice.

The borrower / guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to respective borrower / guarantor and the public in general that the Authorised Officer of Bank has taken possession of the property described herein below in the exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of said Act read with Rules 8 and 9 of the said rules, on the date mentioned against the account.

The borrower / guarantor in particular & the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India**, for the amount mentioned herein below besides interest and other charges thereon. **The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets**

Name of the NPA Account	Date of the Demand Notice	Date of the Possession	Amount Outstanding
Sh. Raj Kumar S/o Sh. Om Parkash, VPO Harike, Near Macchi Mandi, Tehsil and Distt. Tarn Taran	15-09-2021	25-11-2021	Rs. 9,57,948/- as on 15-09-2021 + Interest, charges & less recovery if any, till date affected

Description of the Immovable Property : Equitable Mortgage of Property measuring 10 Marla 136 ft. i.e. 1/2 share of property measuring 1 Kanal 1 Marla bearing Khata Khatoni no. 310/521 Rect. and Killa no. 406(1-1), situated at Village Harike, Tehsil Patti and Distt. Tarn Taran as per Jamabandi for the year 2009-10 and bounded as East : Gali, West : House of Kulwant Singh, North : Gali, South : House of Sadhu Singh [Date : 27-11-2021 Place : Tarn Taran Sd/- Authorised Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA
MALLANWALA KHAS, FEROEZPUR QAD, MALLANWALA

[RULE-8(1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

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The borrower (s) and guarantor (s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned against below account.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount and further interest /other charges accrued thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrowers/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding the Date of notice + (Intt. & Other Chgs. Extra)
1. Smt Manjit Kaur W/o Sh. Charandeep Singh R/o VPO Baggewala Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur (2). Sh. Charandeep Singh S/o Sh. Gulzar Singh R/o VPO Baggewal	All the Part and parcel Property measuring 4 Kanal 13 Marlas Comprising in Khewat No. 107 Khatoni No. 156, Khasra No. 48M/5/1/2(3-2)49M/1/1/2(1-11) as per jamabandi for the year 2015-16, Situated at village Baggewal Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur in the name of Smt Manjit Kaur S/o Charandeep Singh Vide Wasika No. 5840 Dated 26.12.2012. Bounded as under:- East: Passage, West: Simarjit Kaur, North: Tehal Singh, South : Road, Tehsil & Distt. Ferozepur (Borrower) Sh. Sarwan Singh S/o Gurnam Singh R/o Village Ilmewala P.O Sudh Singh Wala, Tehsil and Distt Ferozepur (Guarantor)	19.11.2020	25.11.2021	Rs. 13,50,780/- as on 18.11.2020

DATE : 24.11.2021 **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

STATE BANK OF INDIA
NEAR BUS STAND, BALACHAUR, DISTT. SBS NAGAR

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

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The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India** for an amount and further interest /other charges accrued thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrowers/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Property/ies	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding the Date of notice + (Intt. & Other Chgs. Extra)
G. Sh. Ram Lal S/o Sh. Gurmail Chanda (Borrower), Add:- Ward No. 2, Teachers Colony, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Smt. Kamlesh Rani W/o Sh. Sham Lal (Borrower) Add:- Ward No. 2, Teachers Colony, Balachaur, Distt. SBS Nagar, Sh. Chaman Lal S/o Sh. Hazara Ram (Guarantor) Add :- Village Mutton, Tehsil Balachaur Distt. SBS Nagar	All the part and parcel of Residence House measuring 7 Marla 5.5 Srasahi as 19/50 Share land of 1 Kanal 0 Marla Comprised in Khata No. 406/526 khasra No. 54/121/12/1/1/1 (1-0) as per Jamabandi for the year 2005-06 Situated at Ward No. 2, Teachers Colony, Balachaur District SBS Nagar in the name of Sh. Sham Lal S/o Sh. Gurmail Chand Vide Mortgaged deed No. 1695 dated 15.07.2011 and the property bounded as under:- North: Property of Sh. Jal Dev, South: Street, East: Property Of Sh. Amar Nath, West: Property of Sh. Subhash Chander.	08.07.2021	24.11.2021	Rs. 6.17.497/- as on 08.07.2021. you are also liable to pay future interest w.e.f. 09.07.2021

DATE : 27.11.2021 **PLACE: BALACHAUR** **AUTHORISED OFFICER**

Punjab CM lays foundation stones of ₹127 cr development projects at Kharar



PNS ■ KHARAR

To ensure overall development of the Kharar area, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday laid the foundation stones of a slew of projects at a cost of Rs 127.54 crore. In a landmark initiative, he announced upgradation of status of Gharuan village from Panchayat to Nagar Panchayat and revealed that a Sub-Tehsil would also come up here.

The projects, whose foundation stones were laid by the Chief Minister comprised sewerage treatment plant (Rs 59.06 crore), water treatment plant at Kajauli (Rs 47.06 crore), Beautification of Aji sarovar (Rs 4.83 crore), Government Model Senior Secondary School at Badali village (Rs 13.47 crore), and Pandusar Sarovar (Rs 3.14 crore).

In his address at Kharar Municipal Council office, the

Chief Minister described his visit as "a homecoming" saying that Kharar has given him everything and made him what he is today.

"I started my political journey from here itself. I know every nook and corner of the city. The people of Kharar have showered immense love upon me as my voting percentage increased every time during the three times when I was elected from here as Municipal Councillor and also served as its president," Channi said, adding he would forever remain indebted to the people here.

He also exhorted the councillors to work diligently and go strict, especially on the illegal encroachments.

The Chief Minister further pointed out that the development oriented projects would transform the face of the region and put it into a higher growth trajectory.

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1.	Deployment of unskilled labour for operation and maintenance of treatment section for different installation of plant under CWA (W&S)-II HP	Item Rate	60,800/-	500/-	15.11.2021 2021_DJB_211577_1	08-12-2021 11:00 P.M.

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL)] under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)", to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
(LC No. 00003084 of Agra Branch) (Narendra Pal Singh (Borrower) Madhu (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs. 21,83,554/- (Twenty One lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Four) NPA (09-09-2021)	House On Part of Khet No. 397 Situated At- Rajeev Nagar, Asadpur Qyam, Koli Aligarh Aligarh Uttar Pradesh:- 202001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

Date : November 26, 2021
Place: Himachal Pradesh

Wounds of 26/11 attacks cannot be forgotten: PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in paying homage to the victims of the Mumbai terror attacks 13 years ago and said the wounds cannot be forgotten. The Pakistani envoy to New Delhi too was summoned here to those responsible for the dastardly incident in which 166 people including 26 foreign nationals were killed.

The attacks by a 10-member squad of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists began on November 26, 2008. Pakistan arrested seven LeT operatives, including operations commander Zakiur Rahman Lakhvi, but there has been little headway in their trial.

Remembering the victims, the Prime Minister said in a video, "India can't forget the wounds of the Mumbai attacks. Now, today's India is combating terrorism with a new policy and new ways."

"I pay my homage to all those who died in the Mumbai attacks. Many brave police personnel were martyred in this attack. I also pay homage to them," Modi said.

The video said victims of the terror attacks "from India and across the world await justice". It included images of the assault on Mumbai's iconic Taj Mahal Palace Hotel and tributes to security personnel killed in the attacks.

Footage of world leaders such as former UN secretary-general Ban Ki-moon condemning the attacks and paying tribute to victims during visits to Mumbai were included.



Among the leaders featured in the video were former US president Barack Obama, the duke and duchess of Cambridge, Belgium's King Philippe, and UK foreign secretary Liz Truss.

Meanwhile, India summoned a senior diplomat of the Pakistan High Commission here and issued a note verbale "reiterating India's call for an expeditious trial in the Mumbai terror attacks case".

The note also called on the Pakistan government "to abide by its commitment to not allow territories under its control for terrorism against India", according to a statement from the external affairs ministry said.

"It is a matter of deep anguish that even after 13 years of this heinous terror attack, the families of 166 victims from 15 countries across the globe still await closure, with Pakistan showing little sincerity in bringing the perpetrators to justice," the statement said.

"The 26/11 terrorist attack was planned, executed and launched from Pakistani territory. The former Prime

Minister of Pakistan had gone on record and admitted that the terrorists were sent from Pakistan's soil," the statement said, in a reference to former premier Nawaz Sharif.

"We once again call on the government of Pakistan to give up double standards and to expeditiously bring the perpetrators of the horrific attack to justice. This is not just a matter of Pakistan's accountability to the families of the innocent victims who fell to terrorists, but also an international obligation," it said.

"The Government of India will continue to make every effort to seek justice for the families of the victims and the martyrs," it said adding the government and people of India remembered victims of the "dastardly attack" on the 13th anniversary of the event.

A memorial event was organised by the Maharashtra government at the Police Memorial in Mumbai. Indian missions in the 14 countries whose nationals were killed in the Mumbai attacks also organised memorial events for the victims and reminded the world of the continuing global threat of terrorism.

CBI gets nod to prosecute retd Allahabad HC judge in corruption case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The CBI has received sanction to prosecute retired Allahabad High Court Judge Justice S N Shukla in a corruption case linked to alleged favour granted to a private medical college through his judicial pronouncement.

The CBI had sought permission from the High Court to prosecute the retired judge, on April 16 this year, in line with compliance of Prevention of Corruption Act for prosecuting him, official sources said.

Having secured a sanction from the High Court, the CBI can now proceed with a chargesheet in the case against the retired judge as the probe in the matter has already been wrapped up, officials said.

The sanction to prosecute the retired judge, a prime accused in the case, was sought by the agency after the probe in the case suggested prima facie culpability of the named accused in the case, the sources said.

Besides Justice Shukla of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court, the agency had also named retired Chhattisgarh High Court judge I M Qudusi (was earlier arrested in this case), Bhagwan Prasad Yadav and Palash Yadav of the Prasad Education Trust, the Trust itself and private persons Bhavna Pandey and Sudhir Giri as accused in the FIR, they said.

The accused persons and the Trust were booked under Indian Penal Code Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and provisions of the Prevention of

Corruption Act.

Illegal gratification was allegedly paid to one of the accused named in the FIR by the Trust in order to get a favourable court order, officials said referring to the FIR.

After registering the FIR, the CBI had conducted searches at multiple locations in Lucknow, Meerut and the national capital in December 2019, including at the then serving judge Justice Shukla's premises in Lucknow, they said.

It is alleged that the Prasad Institute of Medical Sciences was debarred by the Centre from admitting students due to sub-standard facilities and non-fulfilment of the required criteria in May 2017, along with 46 other medical colleges that were also barred on similar grounds for students' intake, they further said.

The decision to debar the Institute from admitting students was challenged by the Trust before the Supreme Court through a writ petition, they added.

Subsequently, a conspiracy was hatched by the accused persons and the Trust and the petition was withdrawn with the apex court's permission.

Another writ petition was filed before the Lucknow bench of the High Court on August 24, 2017.

It was further alleged in the FIR that the petition was heard on August 25, 2017 by a division bench of the court comprising Justice Shukla and an order favourable to the Trust was passed the same day, they added.

SC to hear plea against Asthana's appointment as Delhi Police chief

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear the plea of Prashant Bhusan-led



NGO challenging the Delhi High Court order which upheld the Centre's decision to appoint senior IPS officer Rakesh Asthana as Delhi Police Commissioner. A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna issued notice to the Centre and Asthana and sought their response on the plea of the NGO, the Centre for Public Interest Litigation. The NGO has filed a writ petition and an appeal against the appointment of Asthana as Delhi Police Commissioner four days before his superannuation on July 31.

Advocate Prashant Bhusan, appearing for the NGO, said that they have filed the appeal as directed by the top court on November 18. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Centre and Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, representing Asthana said that they would file their replies in two weeks.

On October 12, the Delhi High Court upheld the Centre's decision to appoint Asthana as Delhi Police Commissioner, saying there was "no irregularity, illegality or infirmity" in his selection. Dismissing a PIL challenging his selection, it had said the justification and reasons given by the Centre for appointing Asthana are plausible, calling for no interference in judicial review.

Now, women outperform men as voters: CEC



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Taking note of the historical perspective of barriers and challenges faced by women in participation in elections in India, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra said on Friday after seven decades and 17 General Elections since Independence, women's participation in India has exceeded that of men and stood at more than 67 percent in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Addressing an international webinar on 'Enhancing Electoral Participation of Women, Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens', Chandra narrated how the Election Commission made special efforts to enhance the participation on women, people with disabilities, senior citizens and transgenders.

"Gender gap, a crucial parameter, which was -16.71% in 1962, has not only closed but reversed to +0.17% in 2019. In fact India has witnessed a 235.72% increase in female electors since the 1971 elections," he said. The poll panel,

Chandra said, has made consistent efforts and has gone that extra mile to empower and facilitate the participation of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

In most countries and territories, voting rights were granted to women in a piecemeal manner, he observed. The United States took 144 years to give equal voting rights to women, he pointed out.

In India, women got the right to vote the year the country was born. This does not obviate the fact that many Indian women campaigned for equal right to vote. The Indian suffragette movement gathered momentum with the participation of more and more women in the freedom struggle, he said.

The real logistics issue came up in the preparation of electoral rolls when a large number of women, owing to customary practice, refused to disclose their own names and wanted to be registered as A's wife or B's mother, he recalled.

Naravane reviews op preparedness of armed forces in Jaisalmer

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Army chief General M M Naravane on Friday reviewed the operational preparedness of the armed forces in Jaisalmer to fight modern-day war in a synergised manner.



He undertook the two-day visit ending Friday to Rajasthan to an exercise location in Jaisalmer to review exercise 'Dakshin Shakti' conducted by the Southern Command of Indian Army with an aim to ensure integrated application of forces in Multi-Domain Operations and upholding the nation's military aims over the entire spectrum of conflict.

During the past one week, units and formations of the Indian Army practiced tactical and operational manoeuvres by its Infantry, Mechanised Formations and Airborne troops in a fluid battlefield environment, operationalising future technologies.

This was effected by exploiting versatile and indigenous airborne platforms such as Advanced Light Helicopter (Weapon System Integrated), Swarm Drones

and enmeshing Artificial Intelligence to provide a cohesive operational and intelligence picture amalgamated within the Intelligence, Surveillance and Recce (ISR) Architecture.

A formidable display of the same including Special Heliborne Operations, Swarm Drone and ALH Manoeuvres and coordinated action by ground troops were also practiced.

The Army Chief commended the Southern Command for fielding and exploiting the capabilities of indigenous equipment inducted as part of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' initiative. He also emphasised the need to constantly evolve tactics, techniques and procedure to fight "Future Wars" as well as capability enhancement in Manned and Unmanned systems.

Sonia to hold rally on Dec 12 against price rise, inflation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress president Sonia Gandhi will address a public rally on December 12 as part of her party's drive against price rise and inflation. The Congress president and the party have decided to draw the country's attention to price rise and inflation by holding a massive "Mehngai Hatao rally" in Delhi on December 12, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal said.

The rally will be addressed by Congress president Sonia Gandhi and former party chief Rahul Gandhi and other Congress leaders from across the country. "It will give a decisive warning to the present Modi Government to stop its loot and reduce the backbreaking prices. We shall continue our struggle until the Modi Government backs down," he said in a statement.

Venugopal said "Modi and 'Mehngai' have become the bane of people's lives" and the unprecedented price rise and inflation have demolished the earnings, the household income and budget of every family in the country.

He said the people of India are suffering unbearable cruel-

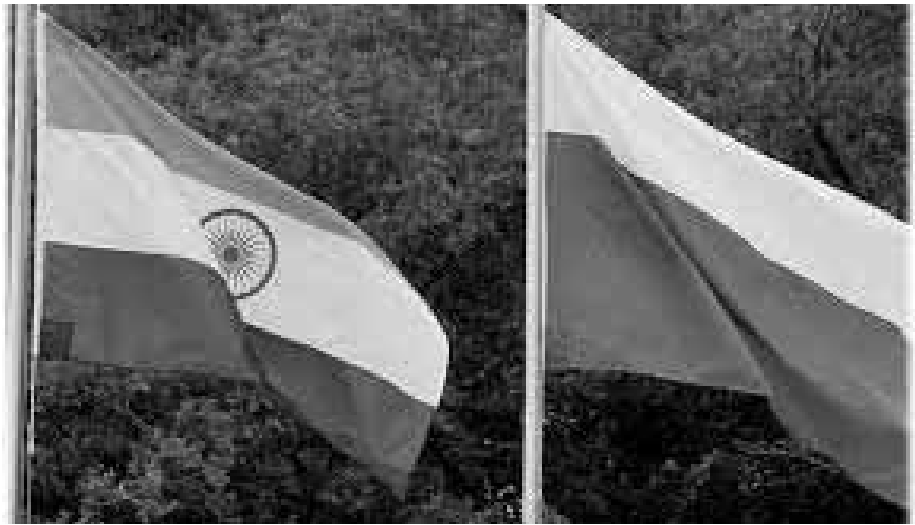


ty and untold misery on account of the BJP government-driven price rise and inflation.

The budget of every household bleeds, even minimum nutrition suffers and people are finding it difficult to buy and consume day-to-day food articles as also other consumables, he alleged. "The Modi government remains oblivious to this insurmountable pain and suffering of people. Backed by a section of the electronic media, the only solution offered by Modi government is a divisive religious discourse or sporadic diversionary statements to reset the agenda from fundamental issues affecting the lives of the people," he said in the statement.

The Congress has been protesting on the issue of price rise and inflation and have called for a check on them. The Congress leader said the real

Putin, Modi to hold talks on December 6



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold summit level talks here on December 6. The two countries will also have the first two plus two dialogue on the same day between the defence and foreign ministers of their countries.

Making an official

announcement about Putin's visit, the ministry of external affairs (MEA) said here on Friday the Russian president will pay an official visit to New Delhi for the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit with the Prime Minister.

The Pioneer had reported about these two high profile events a few days back.

In an official statement, MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi further

confirmed that the first meeting of 2+2 dialogue between Foreign and Defence Ministers of India and Russia will be held in Delhi on December 6.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will represent the Indian side. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu will represent their country.

Centre kicking off a three-day Int'l Tourism Mart in Kohima

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In keeping with its focus on promotion of the North-East, identifying new destinations and developing itineraries around them, the Centre is kicking off a three-day International Tourism Mart on Saturday in picturesque Kohima in Nagaland, which is blessed with breathtaking unexplored destinations.

Nagaland is holding the mart for the first time. It was earlier held in Guwahati (Assam), Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh), Shillong (Meghalaya), Gangtok (Sikkim), Agartala (Tripura), and Imphal (Manipur).

And the day after the Mart wraps up, the State Government will inaugurate the much-awaited Hornbill Festival, an annual tourism promotional event showcasing the rich Naga tradition and culture at the Naga Heritage Village, Kisama,

about 12 km from the state capital.

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Minister of State for Tourism & Defence from the Centre, Ajay Bhatt and MLA and Advisor Tourism, Nagaland H Khehovi Yeputhomi will jointly inaugurate the International Tourism Mart.

"This edition of the Mart will put the spotlight on "Domestic Tourism". Besides deliberations on the promotion of tourism in the North East Region in general, the Mart will also give a platform for promoting cultural ties, providing enhanced connectivity to the States of North Eastern Region with other parts of the country," said an official from the Union Tourism Ministry which has organized the mega event.

The three-day Mart to be attended by a battery of stakeholders will see a string of cultural programmes, deliberations on the promotion of

tourism in the North East Region in general, promoting cultural ties, providing enhanced connectivity to the States of North Eastern Region with other parts of the country.

Among over 300 delegates including government officials, industry stakeholders and local participants, the event is also going to be graced by the High Commissioner, Brunei Darussalam, High Commissioner, Malaysia, Ambassador Extra Ordinary, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Ambassador, The Socialist Republic of Vietnam, amongst others attending dignitaries and diplomats.

The city is a tourist's delight, having been blessed with rich cultural heritage showcased in hotspots like Kisama Heritage Village, Kisama War Museum and Morungs, Khonoma Village and Kohima World War II War Cemetery.

L-G Sinha's attention drawn towards recent incidents in Kashmir

PNS ■ SRINAGAR

Chairman of the Planning and Finance Committee at Union Minority Affairs Ministry and a member of the Central Waqf Council, Rais Khan Pathan, has written to Jammu & Kashmir L-G Manoj Sinha drawing his immediate attention to the recent incidents in Kashmir where senior journalist Sajid Yousuf Shah, who is also president of All JK Youth Society, received threats after he informed the authorities about nefarious plans of terrorists.

"The terrorists are plotting to contaminate the food given to the security forces by injecting poison in it. I state with deep anguish that the recent occurrence has become a crucial concern as informed to me by the journalist by tagging our official handle on Twitter

last week," Pathan mentioned in his letter and shared news clippings and news channel clips broadcast in the local media.

"Also, it has been informed that Shah has been attacked several times in the past and is on the top hit list of many terror attacks. The situation is grim and completely dreadful. The viral audios on Twitter with different names, IDs are disturbing and are jeopardizing the public safety. Looking at the situation, it stands as a major threat not only to the journalist but also to millions of security officers, which can risk the security and stability of our nation. In this regard, I request you to personally intervene in the matter and order an immediate high-level investigation to review the situation minutely," Pathan stated in his letter dated November 23.

Staying away from Constitution day not good, says Speaker

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Expressing "pain" over Opposition parties boycotting the Constitution Day event organised by the Lok Sabha Secretariat on Friday, Speaker Om Birla said staying away from such non-partisan events held by Parliament is not good for the health of democracy.

Speaking to reporters after the programme, Birla said, "This culture of boycotting non-partisan events, which are of national interest, is not good for the health of democracy." He said he will sit with the representatives from the opposition parties and discuss how it can be ensured that all political parties attend such events.

"I am deeply hurt as the presiding officer of the Lok Sabha that several political parties boycotted the event organised by Parliament to

commemorate the Constitution Day," Birla said.

He found it strange that the parties boycotting the event did not even inform him about their decision. "If they had some issues, they should have discussed it with me. I would have tried to resolve their issues so that they could attend the event," the Lok Sabha speaker said.

The people of the country expect Parliament to function in an orderly manner and all political parties should try to ensure that the House runs smoothly, he added.

Arrangements were made for Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and his counterpart in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge -- both from the Congress -- to sit on the dais. It was also intimated to both leaders.

Speaking at the event, Birla

The people of the country expect Parliament to function in an orderly manner and all political parties should try to ensure that the House runs smoothly, Birla added

said the Constitution is like a modern version of the Bhagavad Gita that motivates every Indian to work for the nation. "The Constitution of India is like a modern version of the Gita for us that motivates us to work for the nation. If each one of us commits to working for the country, we can build 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'," he said.

RAMBAGH ENCOUNTER

Shops, offices still shut in downtown Srinagar on day 2

Mobile internet too remains suspended

Srinagar: Majority of the shops and business establishments in downtown Srinagar were shut on the second consecutive day on Friday while mobile internet remained suspended in many parts of the city following the killing of three militants, officials said.

The shutdown was observed mainly in interior areas such as Nowhatta, Gojwara, Khanyar, S a f a k a d a l, Nawakadal, Rajouri Kadal and MR Gunj, they said.

Traffic, however, was plying as usual, the officials said.

Police on Wednesday gunned down Mehran Shalla, a self-styled commander of The Resistance Front (TRF) and a resident of Jamalata area in Nawakadal, and Manzoor Ahmad Mir and Arafat Sheikh, both from Pulwama, in a brief encounter in Rambagh area of the city.

Police said Mir and Sheikh, too, were affiliated with TRF, an offshoot of Lashkar-e-Taiba.

Shalla was wanted by security forces in connection with several civilian killings, including those of two teachers belonging to minority communities inside a school in Eidgah area of the city last month, they said.

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Army foils infiltration bid along LoC in Poonch; Pak ex-Army man killed

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

An ex-serviceman of the Pakistan Army and well known terrorist guide, working in close coordination with Pakistan based terrorist outfits Lashkar-e-Tayyeba and Jaish-e-Mohammad since early 1990's, was gunned down by the alert Indian Army troops while foiling an infiltration bid along the line of control in Bhimbergali area of Poonch late Thursday night.

The terrorist guide has been identified as Mohd Arif alias Haji Arif, resident of village Matrian, Khuriratta, PoJK.

According to reports, Haji Arif's house was located close to the line of control and was used by the terrorist outfits as launching pads to push terrorists inside the Indian territory.

He was on the radar of the Indian army for a long time. Late Thursday night he ran out of his luck while leading a group of infiltrators inside the Indian territory.

According to the dossier pre-



pared by the security agencies, Haji Arif was well versed with the

topography of the region and was regularly ferrying small groups of terrorists inside the Indian territory.

According to the dossier, his name also surfaced during investigations after several operations, IED blasts and even BAT attacks by the Pakistan army regulars targeting Indian soldiers. He mostly operated in Tarkundi bowl along the line of control. In February 2018 when different agencies were investigating the role of different players behind the BAT attack his name too had surfaced and substantiated by multiple agencies.

His two sons, identified as Naseer Khan and Bilal Khan, are both working as labourers in Saudi Arabia and UAE respectively while one of his younger brothers is also working as a guide of LeT.

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION ELECTIONS

TMC, LF announce list of candidates ahead of BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Youth, women and minorities constitute a sizeable part of the ruling Trinamool Congress and Left Front's candidates' list for the upcoming Kolkata Municipal Corporation elections which would take place on December 19 about two years behind schedule.

Incidentally both the TMC and the Left, left principal opposition BJP behind in announcing their respective lists with a moribund Left on Friday coming out quite surprisingly with its own list beating the ruling outfit by several hours.

In an apparent bid to recognize the rise of women electorate that played a decisive role in this year's Assembly elections both the TMC and the Left Front have fielded a sizeable number of women candidates.

While senior TMC leader Partho Chatterjee emerging from a core committee meeting presided by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that "we are fielding 80 male and 64 female candidates --- making it a 55%-45% percent affair --- the Marxists have nominated 56 female and 58 male candidates out of the 127 seats they are contesting.

TMC will contest from all the 144 seats the Left Front have left 17 seats for the

"Congress, ISF or any other party that can defeat the Trinamool and the BJP". The Left which announced the names of 114 candidates will publish the names of 13 nominees in a day or two, its leader Kallol Majumdar said.

While both the TMC and the LF have preferred the youth in deciding their candidates the average age of the Front candidates is about 48 years. For the Trinamool Congress it is a tad lower.

Out of the 144 nominations the ruling outfit has retained 87 councilors and dropped 39. "Those who have not been given tickets would be used in the organizational work," said Chatterjee. Six MLAs --- all sitting councilors --- figure in the TMC list. Among them are outgoing Mayor Firhad Hakim who is also a State minister, Deputy Mayor Atin Ghosh, Mayors-in-council Debashis Kumar and Debabrata Biswas.

Out of the total candidates the TMC has fielded 19 SCs and 23 minorities, Chatterjee said adding out of the minority candidates two are from the Christian community.

The West Bengal State Election Commission had on Thursday announced the date of elections amid rising demand from the Opposition parties to hold simultaneous elections to all the 118 municipal boards and corporations in the State.

Param Bir to appear before commission looking into charges against Deshmukh on Monday

Mumbai: IPS officer Param Bir Singh will appear before the one-member commission probing corruption allegations against former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh on Monday, his lawyer said. The Justice K U Chandiwal commission was formed in March this year to probe the allegations levelled by Singh, a former Mumbai police chief, against Deshmukh, an NCP leader. On Thursday, the commission had warned that if Singh did not remain present, he would face the execution of the bailable warrant issued against him.

On Friday, Singh's lawyer told the commission that the senior IPS officer won't be able to appear during the day as he was visiting Thane in connection with a case against him. Singh was ready to appear on Saturday or any other day, he said. The commission said it doesn't sit on Saturday and asked Singh to appear on Monday (November 29).

The commission had fined Singh on many occasions earlier for failing to appear. A bailable warrant had also been issued against him. Singh, transferred from the post of Mumbai police commissioner in

March in the aftermath of the Antilia bomb scare episode, alleged that Deshmukh, then home minister, had asked police officers to collect Rs 100 crore a month from bars and restaurants in Mumbai. Declared absconding by a Mumbai court in an extortion case, Singh surfaced in public on Thursday after six months, and appeared before the Mumbai crime branch to record his statement. Meanwhile, a man, claiming to be a social worker, on Friday approached the Justice Chandiwal commission with an intervention application, seeking inquiry against Singh for his 'misdeeds' during his tenure as Thane police commissioner. Singh implicated many builders, businessmen and common citizens in false cases, the plea alleged.

The commission took the application on record.

Incidentally, Singh appeared before Thane police on Friday in connection with an extortion case filed against him and some other police officials on the complaint of a local builder. The IPS officer is facing at least five extortion cases in Maharashtra.

Drones to deliver vaccines, medicines in Jammu

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Indigenously manufactured drones by Indian scientists will be launched from Saturday for delivering medicines in the inaccessible and tough terrain of Jammu and surrounding areas with a focus on vaccine delivery initially.

"This is going to be a pilot project for the area. The drone is developed and manufactured entirely by our scientists," Union Minister for Science & Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh told reporters here. The use of drones has gained popularity in the last two years, beginning with the World Economic Forum's "Medicine from the Sky" project in India. Several States are piloting similar solutions for better access to medical care among rural communities.

Singh said he himself will be launching the project at Jammu.

The drone is developed by the scientists at Bengaluru's National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), a constituent of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), an autonomous Society that is headed by the Prime Minister.

For now, the delivery would be limited to Covid vaccines and once successful, it would be expanded to be used for regular delivery of medicines in the remote, hilly areas. Used for surveillance

and in humanitarian aid delivery, drones are being increasingly developed to transport medical samples and supplies.

Jammu and surrounding areas are sensitive in terms of their strategic importance. Some months ago, there was an attack on an Army installation using drones.

An official from the Science and Technology Ministry said, "The drones would be deployed by authorised agencies such as hospitals, not anybody can use it, nor would any random person be permitted to use it."

NAL has called the drone an 'Octacopter'. It can fly at an operational altitude of 500 m AGL and at maximum flying speed of 36 kmph. It can be used for a variety of BVLOS applications for last mile delivery like medicines, vaccines, food, postal packets, Human organs (such as heart for heart transplantation) etc.

In an article published in Elsevier Connect in 2016, researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center had noted that the cost savings would come from drones being able to deliver vaccines more quickly and cheaply than land-based methods, which are limited by road conditions and the need for costly fuel and maintenance.

Parl IT panel summons Facebook India officials

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has asked Facebook India officials to appear on November 29 to hear on the safeguarding citizens' rights and prevention of misuse of social/online news media platforms including special emphasis on women security in the digital space.

The committee is also expected to take view point of Facebook India on a report shared by whistle blower Sophie Zhang, a former employee of the company. The committee has earlier called Facebook India in June this year to take view

According to the agenda of the meeting, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT will "hear the views of the representatives of Facebook India on

the subject 'Safeguarding citizens' rights and prevention of misuse of social/online news media platforms including special emphasis on women security in the digital space'. The committee will also hear representatives of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on the same.

The Congress leader has earlier stated that the committee would look into reports that Facebook did nothing to censor hate posts by some Bharatiya Janata Party leaders in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections and ask the social media giant to respond to the accusations.

The committee has earlier called Facebook India in June this year to take view on new the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 on February 25, 2021. The Rules have come into effect from May 26, 2021.

MGL hikes CNG, PNG prices for 3rd time in 6 weeks

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a development that would affect 24 lakh consumers in the metropolis, the Mahanagar Gas Ltd (MGL) increased the prices of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Piped Natural Gas (PNG) with effect from midnight of Friday.

This is the third hike in CNG and PNG prices carried out by the MGL since October 14. The hike will hit the domestic budgets of 16 lakh people living in the metropolis and neighbouring areas, eight lakh consumers using gas-powered vehicles will have to spend more because of the hike.

The MGL has increased the basic prices of CNG by

₹3.06/kg and domestic PNG by ₹2.26 per Standard Cubic Meter (SCM) for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR).

As a consequence, the revised all-inclusive prices of CNG used by vehicles will go up from ₹57.54 per kg to ₹61.50 per kg, while the domestic PNG will be ₹36.50 per SCM, in a single slab henceforth.

Earlier, the MGL had hiked rates twice in the first week of October ahead of the festive season. It went in for one more hike on October 14.

On its part, the MGL has attributed the price increase to the shortfall in domestic gas allocation for which it is buying higher priced PNG

(imported RLNG) to cater to the growing numbers of CNG and domestic customers.

"In addition, owing to the substantial increase in natural gas prices in the international market, the MGL's input gas cost has also gone up. To partially offset the increase in the input costs of gas, we have gone in for the latest price hikes," an MGL spokesperson said.

However, the MGL said that despite the revised rates, its CNG would help the consumers save around 62 percent and 35 per cent respectively in comparison with petrol and diesel, while the PNG users were able to save 27 percent compared with the prices of domestic LPG.

Raj: 6 detained for pelting stones at Dalit man's wedding procession

Jaipur: Six people were detained after they pelted stones at a Dalit man's marriage procession after he rode a mare against their wish, police said on Friday.

Nearly a dozen people were injured in the incident that took place in Jaipur's Kotputli town late on Thursday, police said.

"Some people from a certain community had objected to Dalits riding a mare during marriage ceremonies," Prapura Station House Officer Shiv Shankar said. "Anticipating trouble, the Dalit groom's family members had given a police complaint prior to the marriage. Accordingly, a police team was deployed to ensure smooth conduct of the ceremony. However, some people managed to pelt stones at the procession," the offices said.

The accused have been booked under Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, and the Indian Penal Code, Shankar said.

He said another person from the victim's family is slated to get married a few days later, and adequate protection will be provided to them.

Three infant deaths in four days at Attappady; Kerala Govt orders enquiry

Palakkad: The death of a three-day old infant at a tribal hamlet at nearby Attappady on Friday, the third such in the last four days, prompted the Kerala government to order a multi-departmental enquiry into the incident.

The deaths occurred at Agali and Puthur regions in the area.

Health Minister Veena George directed the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) to investigate the incident.

Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, K Radhakrishnan, will visit the backward hamlet in the district on Saturday to take stock of the situation.

T V Anupama, the Director of the Scheduled Tribes Development Department, has been entrusted to enquire into the matter and submit a report soon.

The Minister will also take part in a meeting in the morning at Agali in the district.

The infant died at Mannarcaud hospital in the district on Friday, Palakkad DMO Ramadevi told PTI, adding that this was the third such incident in the last four days.

"The post-mortem will be conducted at the District Hospital in Palakkad," the DMO said, adding that this was the seventh infant death in the tribal hamlet this year. Medical officers said some were Intrauterine Deaths (IUD) and other children died due to sickle cell anemia.

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Man held for raping 'minor' in UP town

Ballia (UP): A 27-year-old man has been arrested here for allegedly raping a minor on pretext of marriage, police said on Friday.

The arrest came on Thursday on complaint of a 22-year-old woman, who alleged that the accused raped her for two years beginning in 2014 promising her that he will marry her, they said.

She alleged she was 15 when the accused first raped her and he continued to do so for the next two years.

She approached the police after he allegedly broke his promise and



married another woman, Gadwar police station in-charge Durgeshwar Mishra said.

The woman also alleged that the accused not only abused and assaulted her but also threatened to kill her.

A case has been registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, and the woman has been sent to the district hospital for medical examination, Mishra said.

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Members of Police Charitable Trust hold placards at the Gateway of India to mark the 13th anniversary of the 26/11 terror attacks, in Mumbai on Friday

PTI

who were killed while fighting the terrorists at key locations in south Mumbai.

The 26/11 attack had claimed 166 lives and left more than 300 others injured. The sites targeted during the mayhem were the world heritage building Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), Hotel Taj Mahal Palace & Tower, Hotel Trident, Nariman House, Leopold Café and Cama Hospital, Wadi Bunder.

While Abdul Rehman, Abu Ali and Abu Soheb marched to the Leopold Café in Colaba and then laid siege at Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Abdul Rehman Chota and Fahad Ullah headed to the Trident-Oberoi Hotel.

Nasir Abu Umar and Babar Imran alias Abu Aakash targeted Nariman House housing the Jewish Chabad House, and trio - Isamal Khan, Abu Ismail and Ajmal Amir



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Cash cow

India is far from joining the top milk-exporting nations because of its large domestic demand

This Friday was the birth centenary of India's Milk Man, Verghese Kurien. He was the brain behind 'Operation Flood' and made dairy farming India's biggest self-sustaining industry and the largest employer in the rural sector. With an annual production touching 200 million tonnes, India accounts for over a fifth of the world's milk production. The per capita availability of milk is around 400 grams a day against the world's average of 300 grams. The sector's respected brand is Amul, which stands for Anand Milk Union Limited, managed by the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation that played a pivotal role in the 'White Revolution'. The Milk Man left behind him a proud legacy, but he would, as a man used to look far and ahead, notice several uncanny challenges and controversies facing the dairy sector. India is still far away from joining the ranks of milk exporting nations because much of the production caters to its large domestic demand. India may be self-sufficient in milk production, but only 10 States produce over three-fourths of the total milk. Only nine States compete with the national average when it comes to the per capita availability of milk. Most States still lack a healthy dairy cooperative network. Most farmers in these States do not get remunerative prices. Steps are needed to enhance their return on investment. Take the quality of cows, for example. The yield from indigenous cows is much lower than that of exotic crossbred cows. Crossbreeding is the answer and the country took baby steps only



in 2019 through the Nationwide Artificial Insemination Programme. However, crossbreeding has to first tackle the sensitive issue of India's renewed interest in the socio-cultural and nationalist affinity towards cows and dairy products which has created a political movement for promoting indigenous breeds.

In India, like in the United States, farm animals like cows have a central place in the Indian way of life, politics and culture. The United States has a vast legal framework concerning milk whereas the Indian constitution has a clear provision on cattle welfare. For separate reasons, cows are enmeshed in both countries in exclusionary politics, reflecting existing differences between religious communities and ideologies. The right of farmers to sell ageing cows for slaughter is caught in a Hindu versus Muslim debate, ignoring the role slaughter plays in preserving the species by replacements with younger stock and protecting farmers' livelihoods. A Government move to introduce milk instead of eggs in the mid-day meal scheme in schools has generated debates over milk versus egg and vegetarianism. Currently, milk and dairy products are stuck in a double controversy, with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) asking Amul not only to switch to vegan milk but also stop cruelty to animals in the dairy industry. And around the corner is another issue with the potential to raise a 'white' storm: including milk in the public distribution system because the poor also have a right to drink milk.

PICTALK



Women make bamboo baskets to sell on the eve of Hosto Silpo Mela, in Kolkata

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Intolerance

More than 70 years since Independence, we as a nation haven't grown up enough to grow together

Where are we going? What have we become? Is this what we've learnt from Hinduism; a religion that teaches tolerance and harmony towards all? What has happened in Gurugram recently yet again proves that we, as a nation, have missed the whole humane point. Certain right-wing Hindu groups on Friday interrupted Muslims while the latter were offering *namaz* (prayers) at a designated open site in Gurugram's Sector 37, leading to tensions yet again. This is not the first time that communal hatred has erupted in Gurugram; several sectors of the region have been witnessing disruptions for the last few months and barely any measures were taken. The Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha in Gurugram, however, had opened its doors for the Muslims to offer their Friday prayers but *namaz* could not be offered in any of the gurdwaras. The right-wing groups creating a hostile environment for the people of a particular community or religion will only drag the country back to square one, from where it all began. Chanting 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Bharat Mata ki Jai' at those offering *namaz* only shows vulnerability, and continuing the *namaz* despite the chants shows sanctity.



Just a couple of days back, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath — while making a veiled attack on the Samajwadi Party — had said that the nation

has to decide "if the sweetness of sugarcane will grow or the followers of Pakistan's founder MA Jinnah will cause mischief" in the State. Training his guns at the Opposition, he made a passionate case to prove that UP was moving ahead on the path of development. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav had earlier in the month equated Jinnah with Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru, saying that all of them had helped India achieve Independence. The incumbent Chief Minister was apparently peeved over the recent developments involving Akhilesh that involved his meetings with Aam Aadmi Party leader Sanjay Singh and Apna Dal's Krishna Patel as part of his apparent attempts to cobble up alliances with relatively smaller parties to challenge the BJP in the upcoming Assembly elections which are due in the first quarter of 2022. Besides, there are indications that the Samajwadi Party would like to reach out for further alliances. That's all fair game in electoral politics but the moot point here is that votes or the voters should not be mobilised by stirring the communal pot.

Can't expect the Taliban to change

The restrictions are vague and vulnerable to varying interpretations, which would give the Taliban ample opportunity to crack down on anyone



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

It increasingly seems that the Taliban's second innings in power is headed to being a clone of its first (1996-2001). Women had been shorn of all basic human rights — to work, education and even healthcare, during the Taliban's previous tenure. They could also not appear in public unescorted by a "close" male relative — husband, father, son or brother — and wrapped from head to foot in a burqa. Men were deprived of all sources of entertainment and amusement and imprisoned in a life full of taboos. A savage criminal justice system was in place with public executions and punishments like amputation for theft.

Indications that it will be the same this time as well are emerging gradually as restrictions are imposed. The latest, according to the AFP and BBC, are the new "religious guidelines" issued by the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice. These direct Afghanistan's television channels to, among other things, stop showing plays and soap operas featuring women actors. Women journalists and presenters have been ordered to wear Islamic *hijab* on the screen. Films showing Prophet Mohammad or other revered figures are not to be shown, nor should films considered against the principles of Sharia — or Islamic law — and Afghan values. Comedy and entertainment shows that insult religion or may be considered offensive to Afghans are also forbidden from being shown.

The restrictions are vaguely worded and vulnerable to varying interpretations, which would give the Taliban enforcers ample opportunity to crack down on anyone they consider to be an offender. This has already been happening with musicians. While, unlike during Taliban's first innings, music has not been banned, musicians are being harassed. Their establishments are being raided and instruments broken. They live in fear. Many of them are trying to leave the country. There is a growing feeling that music is set to disappear from the lives of Afghans. It would be a tragedy if this hap-



pens. Afghanistan has a vibrant tradition in music, influenced by Indian and Iranian classical music. Besides, it has had a thriving pop music scenario marked by the syncing of electronic instrumental and dance beats with more traditional rhythms.

The justice system also appears to be set to return to what it was under the Taliban's first innings. On September 25, 2021, corpses of four men, alleged kidnappers killed in a shootout with policemen, were hung in public areas at several places in the city of Herat to convey, in the words of the province's deputy governor, Mawlawi Shir Ahmad Mujahir, the "message" that kidnappers would not be tolerated. That this was not an aberration is clear from the fact that it happened just after Mullah Noroddin Turabi, one of the founders of the Taliban and the head of the dreaded Department for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice, which had savagely enforced the draconian rules and laws prevailing during the Taliban's earlier rule, had told the AP's Kathy Gannon during an interview that the punishments administered then will return, though these may not be carried out in pub-

NOTHING MAKES THE TALIBAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN MORE OMINOUSLY CLEAR THAN THE SHUTTING DOWN OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND THE REINCARNATION OF THE MINISTRY FOR PROMOTION OF VIRTUE AND PREVENTION OF VICE

lic. "Cutting off hands is very necessary for security", he had said, adding that it had a deterrent effect.

The media is under severe pressure. The 11-point guidelines announced by Qari Muhammad Yusuf Ahmed, the interim director of the Government Media and Information Centre, on September 19, 2021, include directives against publishing matters in conflict with Islam or insulting to national personalities and instruct journalists to produce news reports in coordination with the Government media office. The announcement, a requiem for media freedom, comes in the wake of sustained attacks on journalists and other forms of pressures on them, which have sent many into hiding and effectively closed down 153 media outlets since the Taliban came to power.

The plight of women, it increasingly seems, may be the same as during the first Taliban regime. Not one of them was included either in the first set of 33 ministers in the caretaker Government announced on September 7, 2021; nor in the second one of 44, announced on September 21, 2021. The Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid

held out the possibility of women being included later but suggested no time frame. The Taliban's record during its present incarnation in power does not hold out much hope. The order not to telecast IPL matches because of the presence of women in the audience, the Kabul Mayor's ordering of women — with the exception of those whose jobs could not be done by men — to stay at home, the reopening of secondary schools with boys and not girls, the order by the Taliban-appointed vice-chancellor of the Kabul University barring women from the campus as long as "a real Islamic environment is not provided for", are instances which reflect an attitude towards women which does not augur well for the future of their rights under the present dispensation.

Nothing, however, makes the Taliban Government's attitude towards women more ominously clear than the shutting down of the Ministry of Women's Affairs and the reincarnation of the Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice, in the building it had occupied.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FARMERS ARE TAKING IT TOO FAR

Sir — Last week, the Prime Minister in his address to the nation had politely and apologetically said that the Government could not make the farmers understand the benefits of the contentious three farm laws which were passed last year and as a result, these laws were being repealed. In over seventy years of Parliamentary history, no Prime Minister has ever apologised in such a humble way as PM Modi did. Many Opposition leaders have been claiming it as their victory as their concerted and persistent efforts have borne fruits.

My personal opinion is that the Government should not have withdrawn these laws as the farmers would further up the ante with their neo demands, and it has come true. The farmers, without applauding PM Modi for his bold and magnanimous stand, have added five more demands to their lone remaining demand of MSP guarantee. Almost all the Opposition parties are backtracking from their main demand of rescinding the three farm laws, to which they had said, "if these bills are not withdrawn, no going back to home." Not only this, the recalling of these bills has opened a Pandora's box for the withdrawal of other bills such as the Article 370 and the CAA. The Government should deal with troublemakers by not accepting any more demands.

Sagar Singh | Muzaffarnagar

INDIA'S FIRST VIRTUAL SCIENCE LAB

Sir — Recently, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched India's first virtual science lab for children under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) Jigyasa program. The target audience of the lab will be students from class 6-12. The primary vision of the lab is to provide quality research exposure to school students to drive their scientific curiosity. It will enable curiosity-driven research-based concepts, encourage higher-order thinking skills and promote entrepreneurship.

In this inspirational science lab, students will have fun and carry out exper-

Indian Navy gets a new beast



After the valuable commissioning of INS Visakhapatnam earlier on Sunday, here, on Thursday, adding the teeth to India's naval prowess, INS Vela, the country's fourth Scorpene-class submarine, was delivered to the Indian Navy after more than two years of sea trials. The delivery of the attack submarine, which was launched in May 2019, is seen as a major shot in the arm for the Indian Navy in terms of strength and capability. The INS Vela will be seen as another 'Atmanirbhar' success story in the field of submarine manufacturing. The INS Vela, built

in India by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai in collaboration with the Naval group, France, is equipped with cataclysmic weapons and advanced technologies which are capable enough to monitor and counter enemy movement in the waters.

This is the second major induction in the Indian Navy within a week. The delivery of four submarines — Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj and now, Vela, will reaffirm India's presence amongst an elite group of countries with the capability to design and build submarines with advanced stealth and combat capabilities. It is a proud moment for the country which proved that India is no longer dependent on other countries when it comes to protecting its waters. However, at the same time, we must remember that while the Pakistani Navy is far behind ours, the Chinese Navy is much more sophisticated and has more than 60 submarines while India doesn't even have half of it. It's time to equip the Indian Navy with more such beasts.

Shivesh Patidar | Ujjain

iments. It will help connect students with scientists across the country. It is also in tune with the National Education Policy (NEP), where students are allowed to choose any subject of their choice. It is an open source platform and students will be able to access content in regional languages. Science and research webinars will be performed to connect with more students across the country. This will enable students to learn theoretical concepts with practical experiments and presentations.

Vishal Patidar | Ujjain

CHILDREN ARE NOT PARENTS' 'ASSETS'

Sir — The Coronavirus pandemic has given rise to a vicious cycle of loss of jobs and decreased income. Professionally independent men and women were on the backfoot when the pandemic was at its zenith. Their woes have spilled over. Reduction in income and increased expenses pushed families to a corner. An exponential increase in child labour hap-

pened during the pandemic. Even as schools are opening doors, children are being "protected" by their parents in a different way — through disguised child labour.

The youngsters "employed" in their own family enterprises are being pressured to stay put by their parents. Forced labour is being disguised as "training and assisting" by parents. Almost two years and counting, following the pandemic, "well trained" children are being seen as assets by parents for their occupation. This is not to say that it was the pandemic that solely bred pressure labour. COVID-19 may have augmented parents' proclivity for forcing their children into family businesses. It may not appear as exploitation in the literal sense but the damage it does to the overall personality of the child is indescribable.

Ganapathi Bhat | Akola

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SOUNDBITE

Mamata Banerjee means what she says and says what she means. In Indian politics, that is a rare quality.



BJP leader — Subramanian Swamy



As we give thanks for what we have, we also keep in our hearts those who have been lost and those who have lost so much.

US President — Joe Biden

I have learnt to be clear about what I am comfortable with, what works for me and what doesn't.



Actor — Lara Dutta



I am honoured to accept this role (Test captain) ahead of what will be a massive Ashes summer.

Australian fast bowler — Pat Cummins


The way Kangana Ranaut is abusing everybody... she is hurting the sentiment of various communities.



NCP leader — Nawab Malik


FIRST COLUMN

KILLER DRONES:
DEATH FROM ABOVE



GWYNNE DYER

Commercially available quadcopter drones carrying small amounts of explosives are “the most concerning tactical development since the rise of the improvised explosive device in Iraq,” US Marine Gen. Kenneth McKenzie Jr., senior US commander for the Middle East, said last February. But now drones are political weapons as well, and it will get worse. Two weeks ago, three quadcopters flew into the heavily fortified ‘Green Zone’ in Baghdad to attack the home of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi. Two of the drones were shot down, but the third dropped explosives that blew in Kadhimi’s front door, injured at least five guards, and wounded the prime minister’s wrist. If he had died, he would have been the first senior politician killed by a drone, but that honour will have to go to someone else. Long-range, million-dollar drones have been killing people remotely for a more than a decade, but those are big aircraft making big explosions and they usually avoid densely populated urban areas. They won the war for Azerbaijan against Armenia last year, which was their first decisive use in a ‘conventional’ war. But now we are seeing something quite different. General Mackenzie explained: “I’m talking about



ones you can go out and buy at Costco right now for \$1,000.” If you have some people who are good at making improvised explosive devices, then buy yourself a clutch of drones big enough to carry two or three kilos each and you can go into business right away.

The golden age of political assassinations, dormant for a century, is probably on its way back in. You can shoot down quadcopters, of course, but they are small, fast-moving targets. They can be launched in large numbers, and they can avoid detection until the last moment by staying low amid the urban clutter. If they are actively guided you can jam the signal, but if they are following a pre-programmed flight path using GPS there’s no signal to jam. They’re also untraceable. Even if you find the bits after the thing exploded, there will be no markings on the pieces that let you trace it back to the person who bought it. What caused the recent unpleasantness in Iraq was that Khadhimi’s party won the right to form the new Government in the October election, while the pro-Iranian militias lost two-thirds of their seats in parliament. It was a surprisingly fair election, but the militias automatically claimed foul. (They even borrowed Trump’s slogan: “Stop the Steal”.) On 5 November stone-throwing militia supporters marched on the Green Zone to protest. The police opened fire, dozens of people were injured, and at least one demonstrator, maybe two, died. The drone attack on Kadhimi’s house, ‘safe’ inside the Green Zone, came just two days later. It’s inevitable that this technique will spread rapidly far beyond Iraq, and that politicians and other prominent public figures will be vulnerable to it in every country, even the well-run ones. They will need more security than before, perhaps much more, and even that will not guarantee their safety. And there may be one more step in this dance. It’s not normally a good idea for a killer drone to be in direct radio contact with the person who launches it, but if that person has access to face-recognition software it might be possible to make remote attacks outdoors on individual people with relatively little ‘collateral damage’. Is nothing safe? Of course not. It never was, really. Kings needed food-tasters to avoid being poisoned; presidents and prime ministers just need different kinds of protection.

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

Development of Metro:

An eastern perspective



PRADYOT KUMAR CHATTERJEE

There has been no proper techno-economic and socio-economic study for planned expansion of Metro rail in the twin cities of Kolkata and Howrah

India conceived a plan to provide about 97 km of mass rapid transit network (metro rail) on two north-south and one east-west routes in Kolkata sometime in the late sixties. This was the first major planned urban mass rapid transit system under Ministry of Railways.

In the next decade, a bold step to start construction work on the predominantly underground North-South (N-S) line began with Cut and Cover technology at considerable inconvenience to surface traffic in a city. The era of metro rail began in India in 1984 with the commissioning of a three-kilometre stretch.

The next planned MRT system came almost 25 years later in New Delhi. The first line went into operation in 2002. With this the era of participation of central and state governments in setting up of the Metro rail system began and subsequently MRT services were planned for Bengaluru and Chennai. Since then, the Metro has expanded to several cities.

Today in India, around 760 km. of Metro Rail system is in operation and nearly 580km. is under construction. Of the five most populous states, UP, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have a much larger share of Metro system in multiple cities. Only Kolkata features in the Metro map West Bengal. Populous states like Bihar lag behind with the Metro project only recently taking off in Patna. States like Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat having lesser populations have larger route kms. per capita. The development of Metro rail system has been mostly concentrated in Western and Southern states besides Delhi-NCR. Eastern states like Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Odisha have lagged behind.

Transportation has long been viewed as a means of energizing and sustaining economic growth, generating employment, and fostering holistic development. Unlike other sectors, the demand-supply gap cannot be bridged by increasing imports, but only through capacity-building. It is this unique feature which makes transportation the backbone of a nation's development and improved quality of life. However, with the ever-increasing population and growing urbanization, the stress on transportation is increasing, which is adversely affecting the environment, seamless travel of people, and asset life deterioration. A balance needs to be maintained for inclusive and environmentally sustainable growth to ensure a better livelihood and right to life, a constitutional right.

Rail-based mass transit system is by far more efficient and climate friendly. It reduces transport congestion on road and associated pollution. Any congested city with large transport volume is ideal for the provision of Metro.

Though Kolkata was the first city to have metro rail, no further metro project was sanctioned for any eastern states till recently when metro rail was sanctioned for Patna and Guwahati.

Kolkata with high population density



TRANSPORTATION HAS LONG BEEN VIEWED AS A MEANS OF ENERGISING AND SUSTAINING ECONOMIC GROWTH, GENERATING EMPLOYMENT AND FOSTERING HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT. UNLIKE OTHER SECTORS, THE DEMAND-SUPPLY GAP CANNOT BE BRIDGED BY INCREASING IMPORTS, BUT ONLY THROUGH CAPACITY BUILDING

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and only six-eight per cent of road space deserves Metro rail as a means of Mass Rapid transit. Congested roads not conducive to building the Metro along roads poses a great challenge to planners.

Kolkata Metro was set up before any guidelines or policy on MRTS was issued by the Ministry of Urban Development and is the only system that is under direct control of the Ministry of Railways.

There has been no proper techno-economic and socio-economic study for planned expansion of Metro rail in Kolkata to overcome travel issues of citizens in the twin cities of Kolkata and Howrah. In 75 years since independence only two road bridges have been added across the river Ganges which are miles apart unlike cities like London, Paris, Moscow, et cetera, that have extensive underground rail and road networks criss-crossing the rivers that pass through the cities.

It is unfortunate that no planning of rail-based transport system for urban conglomerates like Asansol — Durgapur, Siliguri-Jalpaiguri, which have proximity to fairly busy airports like Bagdogra and Andal has been conceived.

Metro rail projects in Kolkata have always suffered for one reason or the other and 36 years after the first Metro started in Kolkata, only 32.25 km of one N-S line and seven km of East-West line is commissioned. Around 28 km of routes can be added in next two-three years with the likely commissioning of Phoolbagan-Howrah Maidan (9.34 km), Noapara-NSCBI airport (6.87 km), Joka-Majerhat (7 km) and New Garia-Ruby (5 km) sections.

This will leave around 36 km more to be completed on the Joka-Esplanade and New Garia-NSCBI airport lines which may take four or five years. Another about 25 km. route where the Metro was sanctioned a decade ago for expansion on the northern fringes of the city is yet to take off with no funds sanctioned.

Kolkata and Howrah need metro systems with increased frequency and faster travel to reduce dependency on road transport to provide seamless travel to citizens. The suburbs of Kolkata need to be brought into the Metro map to reduce dependence on suburban rail and road.

Apart from routes under construction or planned, Kolkata needs more east-west and north-south routes with interchange facility and a ring route on its outer periphery. Some of the routes that could benefit a large population with metro connectivity can be: Extension of E-W metro to Uluberia; New East-West route from Shalimar to Jadavpur covering west and south Kolkata

Extension of N-S route to sonarpur; New North south route from Bally to Garia-IIM/Joka in south; Extension of Joka-Esplanade route to Diamond harbour.

The feasibility of the various options needs to be explored critically.

Two important projects sanctioned a decade back, Baranagar-Barrackpur and NSCBI Airport-Barasat, which can serve a large population, are presently on hold due to civic issues. These need to be revived using modern technology.

We need to rope in top-class technical expertise wherever available to find ways and means to overcome the constraints.

Project delays lead to cost and time overrun and citizens are denied the benefits. These projects will considerably ease pressure on land routes and as such, a final decision by stakeholders cannot be delayed.

Besides, the Metro rail system in places like Siliguri-Jalpaiguri area including Bagdogra Airport, Durgapur-Asansol area including Andal Airport, Kalyani-Krishnanagar-Shantipur-awadip area need to be planned now to address the congestion due to sectoral urbanization and developing industrial conglomerates.

It takes at least 8-10 years for a project from planning stage till it sees the light of the day if all goes well at every stage. The state must identify routes and areas to be served and quality DPRs need to be prepared identifying possible routes through established agencies like RITES, DMRC with clear Right Of Way. Duly approved DPRs can be basis for generating demand at the centre with prioritizing projects.

The stake holders need to remove bottlenecks for expeditious completion of sanctioned works. It is the common man who will reap the benefits of such state of art infrastructure.

Metro rail contributes tremendously on environment front, generates carbon credits, reduces greenhouse gas emissions. It has huge potential to generate solar power and contribute towards India's dream of fulfilling its target for alternate energy.

POINT COUNTERPOINT



PUNJAB TOPPED THE COUNTRY IN SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE NPGI SURVEY. PUNJAB WAS ABOVE DELHI ON ALL FIVE PARAMETERS. —PUNJAB EDUCATION MINISTER PARGAT SINGH



I'M READY FOR AN OPEN DEBATE. PARGAT SINGH SHOULD COMPARE THE 10 BEST GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS OF PUNJAB WITH DELHI'S. —DELHI EDUCATION MINISTER MANISH SISODIA

It's time to think seriously about defecation

We have to make efforts to ensure environmental cleanliness so that when we look around, we see and feel cleanliness in both visible and invisible things



SHISHIR CHANDRA

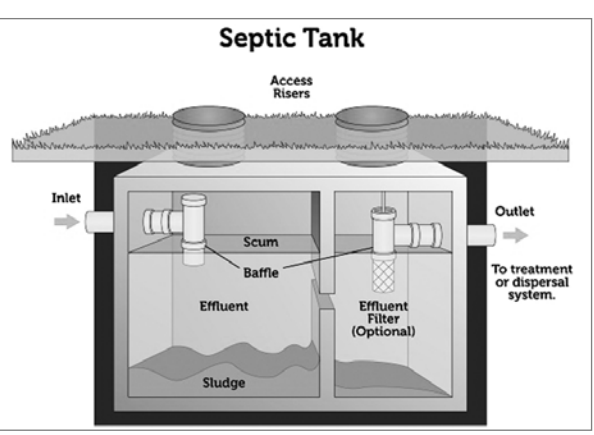
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There is a saying, “out of sight out of mind”, that means we forget about things we don't see. It's the same thing with sanitation and hygiene. As long as the filth or faeces is visible to our eyes, we are concerned about it, but as soon as it's flushed, we stop thinking about what happened to it faeces, whether it was properly disposed of or covered up ostentatiously. It happens because either we are careless or we lack correct information.

Now take the example of septic tanks built in cities, how many of us know about the ‘sanitation value chain’? How many of us know how to make the correct septic tank, what is the right design and measurement? How many of us are aware that to keep the

septic tank working smoothly and effectively, the septic tank should be cleaned every 3 to 5 years? How many of us know that due to the lack of regular cleaning of the septic tank, the sewage treatment process in the septic tank stops and untreated septage causes health problems? How many of us know that untreated septage from the septic tank goes into small and big rivers through drains and contaminates rivers?

All we know is that we flushed the toilets and the excreta was out of sight, now whether it has gone to the septic tank, went to the drain or river, what difference does it make to us? In many cities sewer treatment plants or faecal sludge treatment plants are in the process of being



built, and in cities where they exist, they are insufficient. So, the question arises whether we are even aware of this issue, the environmental problems it causes, and if we want to understand and play a part in this.

Generally, in urban areas or even in villages nowadays, the septic tank is nothing but a container without any proper process or method for sewage treatment and it is safe in the long run. Local builders and contractors are also not

concerned with how the structure should be. The owners understand it as a big-room like structure under the ground built as a septic tank for which they do not have to worry for 30-50 years.

Cleanliness cannot be achieved by making rules and regulations. We can definitely control it temporarily but ‘behaviour change’ is the solution. It should become a mass movement.

When talking about sanitation, there is a need to go beyond just the construction of toilets. Faecal Sludge Management has been called the missing and ignored component of the sanitation as safe management of faecal sludge requires more than just access to a toilet and use of a mere septic tank. Improving city-

wide urban sanitation is complex as it must consider both on- and off-site systems, encompass the entire service chain, serve different customers and be acceptable to a broad range of stakeholders.

As much as it is the responsibility of the government and the government machinery, it is our responsibility also to understand the problem. The population is yet to be fully persuaded to change the age-old practice of defecating in the open, construct proper septic tanks, get into the habit of scheduled desludging and not neglect basic sanitation practices. We also have to be aware of the correct structure and design of the septic tank, in how many days it is necessary to empty the septic tank, who is the con-

cerned authority to contact to get the septic tank emptied. We also have to monitor that solid waste from the septic tank is disposed of properly and not put in the drain or open ground. Single houses which do not have any drainage channels should have a soak-pit system unless the local panchayat or municipality makes some other concrete arrangement. Every effort has to be made to avoid waterlogging, whether through pit or by planting trees that absorb water or by applying other environmentally friendly methods.

We have to make efforts to ensure environmental cleanliness so that when we look around we see and feel cleanliness in both visible and invisible things.

World takes action as new variant emerges in southern Africa

Brussels: A slew of nations moved to stop air travel from southern Africa on Friday, and stocks plunged in Asia and Europe in reaction to news of a new, potentially more transmissible Covid-19 variant.

"The last thing we need is to bring in a new variant that will cause even more problems," said German Health Minister Jens Spahn, amid a massive spike in cases in the 27-nation European Union, which is recommending a ban on flights from southern African nations.

Within a few days of the discovery of the new variant, it has already impacted on a jittery world that is sensitive to bad COVID-19 news, with deaths around the globe standing at well over 5 million.

Medical experts, including the World Health Organization, warned against any overreaction before all elements were clear but nations who acted said their concerns were justified.

"Early indications show this variant may be more transmissible than the delta variant and current vaccines may be less effective against it," British Health Secretary Sajid Javid told lawmakers. "We must

move quickly and at the earliest possible moment," he said.

Belgium became the first European Union country to announce a case of the variant.

"We have one case of this variant that is confirmed. It's someone who came from abroad," said Health Minister Frank Vandenbroucke. "It's a suspicious variant. We don't know if it's a very dangerous variant."

Israel, one of the world's most vaccinated countries, announced Friday that it has also detected the country's first case of the new variant, in a traveler who returned from Malawi. The traveler and two other suspected cases have been placed in isolation. It said all three are vaccinated but that it is currently looking into their exact vaccination status.

The new variant immediately infected stock markets around the world. Major indexes fell in Europe and Asia and Dow Jones futures dipped 800 points ahead of the market opening in the U.S.

Investors are likely to shoot first and ask questions later until more is known," said Jeffrey Halley of foreign exchange broker Oanda.

WHO hosts special meeting on worrying new Covid variant

Geneva: Advisers to the World Health Organisation are holding a special session in Geneva to flesh out information about a worrying new variant of the coronavirus that has emerged in South Africa, though a top expert says its impact on Covid-19 vaccines may not be known for weeks.

The technical advisory group on the evolution of COVID-19 was meeting virtually to discuss the so-called B.1.1.529 variant that has caused stock markets to swoon and led the European Union to recommend a pause in flights to southern Africa.

The group could decide if it's a "variant of concern" — the most worrying type, like the well-known delta variant — or

a "variant of interest", and whether to use a Greek letter to classify it.

"We don't know very much about this, yet. What we do know is that this variant has a large number of mutations, and the concern is that when you have so many mutations it can have an impact on how the virus behaves," Maria Van Kerkhove, WHO's technical lead on COVID-19 Maria Van Kerkhove said in a social-media chat on Thursday (local time). Fewer than 100 full genome sequences of the variant are so far available, she said.

"It will take a few weeks for us to understand what impact this variant has on any potential vaccines, for example," Ms Van Kerkhove said. **AP**

EU wants to stop flights from southern Africa over variant

Brussels— The European Union said Friday it is planning to stop air travel from southern Africa to counter the spread of a new COVID-19 variant as the 27-nation bloc is battling a massive spike in cases.

"The last thing we need is to bring in a new variant that will cause even more problems," said German Health Minister Jens Spahn.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said in a statement that she "proposes, in close coordination with the member states, to activate the emergency brake to stop air travel from the southern African region."

A new coronavirus variant has been detected in South Africa that scientists say is a concern because of its high

Israel warns of 'emergency' after detecting new strain

Jerusalem: Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said on Friday that Israel is "on the threshold of an emergency situation" after authorities detected the country's first case of a new coronavirus variant and barred travel to and from most African countries.

The Health Ministry said it detected the new strain in a traveler who had returned from Malawi and was investigating two other suspected cases. The three individuals, who had all been vaccinated, were placed in isolation.

A new coronavirus variant has been detected in South Africa that scientists say is a concern because of its high number of mutations and rapid spread among young people in Gauteng, the country's most populous province.

At a Cabinet meeting convened Friday to discuss the new variant, Bennett said it is more contagious and spreads more rapidly than the delta variant. He said authorities were still gathering information on

whether it evades vaccines or is deadlier.

"We are currently at the threshold of an emergency situation," he said. "I ask everyone to be prepared and to fully join in the work around the clock."

government later said that all countries in sub-Saharan Africa would be considered "red countries" from which foreign nationals are barred from traveling to Israel. Israelis are prohibited from visiting those countries and those returning from them must undergo a period of isolation.

The Israeli military will work to locate all individuals who have been to red countries within the past week and instruct them to go into isolation while testing is carried out, it said. Israel launched one of the world's first and most successful vaccination campaigns late last year, and nearly half the population has received a booster shot. Israel recently expanded the campaign to include children as young as 5. **AP**

French fishermen block ports in spat with UK

Calais (France): French fishing crews are threatening to block French ports and traffic under the English Channel on Friday to disrupt the flow of goods to the U.K., in a dispute over post-Brexit fishing licenses.

It's the latest tension point between the neighboring countries, who are also trading blame for not doing enough to prevent the deaths of at least 27 migrants whose boat sank Wednesday off Calais, in the choppy waters of the world's busiest shipping route.

French fishermen are angry at the British government for not granting more licenses to fish in U.K. waters — and angry at their own government for not doing more to defend them.

The fishing industry is economically tiny but symbolically important for both

Britain and France.

Friday's threatened blockades are "a warning shot," Olivier Lepretre, president of the regional fishing committee, told reporters.

Fishing crews are expected to use their boats to block ports in Calais, Saint-Malo and Ouistreham, and to use cars to block the highway leading to the tunnel beneath the Channel.

The fishers are protesting to "respond to the derisive and humiliating attitude of the English," Gerard Romiti, president of the national fishing committee, told reporters.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Boris Johnson said the U.K. was "disappointed by threats of protest activity."

Before Brexit, French fishermen could fish deep inside British waters. **AP**

US lawmakers meet with Taiwan Prez in surprise visit

TAIPEI, Taiwan: Five U.S. lawmakers met with Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen Friday morning in a surprise one-day visit intended to reaffirm the United States' "rock solid" support for the self-governing island.

The bi-partisan group of lawmakers from the U.S. House of Representatives arrived in Taiwan on Thursday night and were planning to meet with senior leaders including Tsai, said the American Institute in Taiwan, the de facto embassy. No further details were provided about their itinerary.

The visit comes as tensions between Taiwan and China have risen to their highest level in decades. Taiwan has been self-ruled since the two sides split during a civil war in 1949, but China considers the island part of its own territory.

"When news of our trip broke yesterday, my office received a blunt message from the Chinese Embassy, telling me to call off the trip," Representative Elissa Slotkin, D-Mich., who is part of the delegation, wrote on Twitter.

Representatives Mark Takano, D-Calif., Colin Allred, D-Texas., Sara Jacobs, D-Calif., and Nancy Mace, R-S.C., are also part of the visiting delegation. **AP**

UN envoy: Sudan's new deal saved country from civil war

CAIRO: The deal struck in Sudan to reinstate the prime minister following a military coup is imperfect but has saved the country from sliding into civil strife, the U.N. envoy to Sudan said on Friday.

Special Envoy Volker Perthes was speaking of the agreement between Sudan's military leaders and Prime Minister Abdallah Hamdok, who was deposed and put under house arrest following the coup last month that stirred an international outcry.

The military takeover threatened to thwart the process of democratic transition that the country had embarked on since the ouster of longtime autocrat Omar al-Bashir.

The deal, signed on Sunday, was seen as the biggest concession made by the country's top military leader, Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, since the

coup. However, the country's pro-democracy groups have dismissed it as illegitimate and accused Hamdok of allowing himself to serve as a fig leaf for continued military rule. "The agreement of course is not perfect," Perthes told The Associated Press.

"But it is better than not having an agreement and continuing on a path where the military in the end will be the sole ruler." Both signatories felt compelled to make "bitter concessions" in order to spare the country the risk of more violence, chaos and international isolation, he added.

"It would not have been possible to exclude a scenario which would have brought Sudan to something close to what we have seen in Yemen, Libya or Syria," Perthes said.

He spoke to the AP via videoconference from Khartoum. **AP**

Putin to host leaders of Armenia, Azerbaijan for talks

MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin is hosting the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan for talks on Friday, during which the three are expected to discuss ways to resolve the tensions over the separatist region of Nagorno-Karabakh.

In the southern city of Sochi, Putin held a bilateral meeting with Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on Friday. After that, the Russian president is to sit down with Aliyev and Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan together, and then have a separate bilateral meeting with Pashinyan.

Armenia and Azerbaijan have been locked in a decades-old dispute over Nagorno-Karabakh, a region that lies within Azerbaijan but was under the control of ethnic Armenian forces backed by Armenia since a separatist war there ended in 1994.

The Azerbaijani military routed the Armenian forces in 44 days of fierce fighting in the fall of 2020, which ended with a Russia-brokered peace deal that saw Azerbaijan gain control of a significant part of Nagorno-Karabakh and reclaim all the regions controlled by Armenian forces outside the separatist region. **AP**

Japan seeks extra defense budget amid China, N Korea concern

TOKYO: Japan's Cabinet on Friday approved a 770 billion yen (\$6.8 billion) request for an extra defense budget through March to expedite the purchase of missiles, anti-submarine rockets and other weapons amid rising concern over the escalation of military activities by China, Russia and North Korea.

The request, still pending parliamentary approval, brings Japan's military spending for the current year to a new high of more than 6.1 trillion yen (\$53.2 billion), up 15% from 5.31 trillion yen in 2020.

The Defense Ministry says its "defense power reinforcement and acceleration package" is designed to speed up deployment of some of the key equipment from the 2022 budget request. **AP**

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** 25-30 Yrs., **Height:** 173 CM, **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Hair:** Long Black, **Wearing:** Brown Colour Sweater and Orange Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Found dead on dated 14.11.2021 near DDU Hospital, on footpath in front of C-38/A, Hari Nagar, New Delhi.

In this regard **DD No. 31A, Dated 14.11.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station, Hari Nagar, New Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S. Hari Nagar, New Delhi
DP/643/WD/2021

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ahmad Sher S/o Late Sh. Kallu, Mrs. Noor Bano W/o Sh. Ahmad Sher, Ms. Nargis D/o Sh. Ahmad Sher & Ms. Sama D/o Sh. Ahmad Sher** all are R/o N-96, Vishnu Garden, New Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 593/2021 Dated: 09.07.2021 U/s 498-A/304-B/34 IPC P.S. Khayla, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Ahmad Sher, Mrs. Noor Bano, Ms. Nargis & Ms. Sama** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Ahmad Sher, Mrs. Noor Bano, Ms. Nargis & Ms. Sama** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Ahmad Sher, Mrs. Noor Bano, Ms. Nargis & Ms. Sama** of **FIR No. 593/2021 Dated: 09.07.2021 U/s 498-A/304-B/34 IPC P.S. Khayla, New Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 15.01.2022

By Order
Abhinav Pandey,
Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (West)
Room No. 268, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
DP/639/WD/2021

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Age:** About 30-35 years, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 5'7", **Built:** Medium, was wearing Blue Jeans and Bare feet, was found dead at Divider on SPM Marg, in front of Metro Gate No. 2, near **Kodiya Pul, Chandni Chowk, Delhi**. In this regard a **DD No. 89A dated 22.11.2021, has been lodged at P.S. Kotwali, Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Kotwali, Delhi
DP/1738/N/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a lady namely **Shivani, W/o: Amardeep, R/o: 195, Vasant Village, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi** has been missing on **14.11.2021** from his residence. In this regard **DD No. 40A dated 15.11.2021** has been lodged at **Police Station Vasant Vihar, New Delhi**. The description of found lady is as under:

Name: Shivani, **Age:** 32 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Weatish, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Black Suit and salwar and juti in feet.

If anyone has any information about this found old lady please inform **P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi**.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, **Email:** cic@cbi.gov.in
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SHO
Police Station, Vasant Vihar, Delhi
DP/929/SW/2021

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2. M/S IDEABUILDER PVT. LTD.
C-294, 1st FLOOR NEAR PARK VIVEK VIHAR DELHI-110095

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/have instituted a case for recovery of **Rs 21,62,639/- (RUPEE TWENTY ONE LAKH SIXTY TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY NINE ONLY)** against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on **08.12.2021 At 10.30 A.M.**

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

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software:-
(ii) "Meeting ID" and Password for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be displayed in the daily cause list itself at DRT Officer portal i.e. drt.gov.in
(iii) In any exigency qua that the Advocate/Litigant can contact the concerned official at **Ph. No. 23744878.**

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the **10th day of Sept., 2021.**

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR DRT-II, DELHI

उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम
कार्यालय: अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, देहरादून नगर, रोड नं. 11, राजेन्द्र नगर, देहरादून - 248001 फोन नं. : 0135-2751879 ईमेल: es@rcirc10@yahoo.com

पत्रांक-6089 /रोड नं. 150
ई-निविदा सूचना

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल निगम, देहरादून के कार्यालय पत्रांक 6066 /निविदा / 742, दिनांक 26.11.2021 द्वारा जल जीवन मिशन कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत जनपद देहरादून के विकासखण्ड सहसपुर की नौगाँव माण्डुवाला एवं कण्डोली पेयजल योजनाओं के निर्माण एवं तत्सम्बन्धी कार्यों हेतु राज्य सरकार की वेबसाईट www.uktender.gov.in के माध्यम से दिनांक 27.11.2021 को 5.00 बजे से दिनांक 16.12.2021 को 5.00 बजे तक ई-निविदा (e-tender) (Two Bid System) आमंत्रित की जा रही है। निविदा की नियम व शर्तें उपरोक्त वेबसाइट से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

Name of work with its location

1. Multi-utility vehicle and Truck for misc. work of Track maintenance/ renewal for a period of 02 years in the section of ADEN/JHI. (NIT 23-W-IV-21-22)
2. Balance work for construction of approaches at level crossing no 117, 118, 122 & 123 on DLI BTI section in the s/o SSE/W-1 (Main Line)/JHI Under ADEN/JHI (NIT 25-W-IV-21-22)
3. Repair of cess and yard drain at Nangli on DLI-BTI section in the section of ADEN/ROK. (NIT 26-W-IV-21-22)

Approx Cost of work

(1) Rs.99,91,061.05 (2) Rs.1,51,00,511.29 (3) Rs.1,87,70,280.96

Earnest Money

Nil

Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender

Bidding Start date for work 15:00 hrs. on 07.12.2021 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 21.12.2021

Website particulars, published e-tender notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded

Above tender available on IREPS site. www.ireps.gov.in

No. 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT 23,25&26-W-IV/21-22/W-IV
Date : 25.11.2021

Serving Customers With A Smile

PUBLIC NOTICE
That I am a citizen of India and have obtained the age of majority. That I declare to know to all that I, **UMAIR ALAM S/O MOHD SHAFIQUE ALAM R/o 32/493, Block No-32, Trikolpur, Delhi 110091** was adopted by a Hindu namely **Rakesh Kumar/Gopal Singh S/o Sh. Babu Singh Chouban vide Adoption as well dated 14.06.2004** and accordingly name changed as **Umesh Kumar S/o Rakesh Kumar**. Later, said adoption deed was declared null in accordance with law and void ab-initio vide judgment/Decree dated 22.03.2019 in Suit No.9153/16 and further declared by Civil Court, (East Delhi) that I be known by my previous name **'Umair Alam'** instead of **'Umesh Kumar'** by using of my natural and biological father's name **'Mohd Shafique Alam'** and mother's name **Ansari R/o Village-Kadwa, P.O. Haldiya Vihar, Distt. Araria (BIHAR)** on record.

Metro Railway, Kolkata
Tender notice for e-tendering is invited by **Principal Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Metro Railway, Kolkata** for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work due to open on 22.12.2021 at 15:00 hrs. : Replacement of Relay Interlocking with Electronic Interlocking System at Dum Dum and Kavi Subhash stations of Metro Railway, Kolkata. **Tender Value: Rs. 4,01,14,420/-**. **Completion Period : 12 months.** For full details visit www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer/bidders must have **Class-III Digital Signature Certificate** and must be registered on IREPS Portal. **Open Tender Notice No. : S&T/Works/31-2021, dt. 25.11.2021**

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to the general public that the original document i.e. allotment letter, possession certificate and letter of clearance & possession in respect to flat number L-243 Jalayu Vihar Sector 25 Noida has been lost somewhere, whose complaint has been filed on 24/11/2021 in the P.S. Crime Branch Delhi. Therefore, if the above documents are found by any person or if have any right or claim in this regard, then he/she should be lodged its claim within 10 days from the date of publication, either to group housing department of Noida Authority or **AFNH& New Delhi**. Failing which the claim, right on the said documents will be considered completely free and abandoned.

GP capt. Yogesh sharma
L-243, Jalayu Vihar Sector 25 Noida

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
Office of the Executive Engineer P.H.E Division
Budgam, H.Q: Budgam.

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS:
Short Terme-NIT No: 76/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2021-22.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir U.T., **e-tenders** are invited (in Single Cover System) on "**Item rate basis**", from Registered/Approved and valid Civil class of contractors/agencies registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments and whose registrations are renewed for current financial year for the following works:
S. No. . 1 Name of work :- Laying of water pipe line from sump to Bashir Medicate at Kawoosa Jagir, (DDC Grants)
Estt Cost (Rs in Lacs) :- 2.00, Cost of tender doc. (In Rs) :- 200/- , Amount of earnest money (in Rs) :- 4,000/- , Time for completion (in Days) :- 10 Days, Class of contractor :- D, Major head of account :- DDC Grants, Tender Call :- 1"
S. No. . 2 Name of work :- Laying of water pipe line from sump to Buchipora Kawoosa Khalisa-B. (DDC Grants)
Estt Cost (Rs in Lacs) :- 2.00, Cost of tender doc. (In Rs) :- 200/- , Amount of earnest money (in Rs) :- 4,000/- , Time for completion (in Days) :- 10 Days, Class of contractor :- D, Major head of account :- DDC Grants, Tender Call :- 1"
S. No. . 3 Name of work :- Realignment of pipe network 150 mm dia D.I coming under the house of Mohammad Maqbool Dar at Chutbugh water supply wadwan wahabpora. (M&R)
Estt Cost (Rs in Lacs) :- 0.46, Cost of tender doc. (In Rs) :- 100/- , Amount of earnest money (in Rs) :- 920/- , Time for completion (in Days) :- 8 Days, Class of contractor :- D, Major head of account :- M&R, Tender Call :- 1"
Position of AAA:- Available; Position of funds:- Available; Position of TS:- Under Process; The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktendersgov.in>
From (10:00 AM) (upto 4:00 PM)

The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms, conditions of contract and other details can be seen / downloaded from the website: www.jktendersgov.in
As per schedule of dates given below
01. Date of publishing of Tender Notice :- 25-11-2021
02. Period of downloading of bidding documents :- From 25.11.2021 10:00 a.m To 26.11.2021 upto 04:00 p.m
03. Bid Submission Start Date :- 02.12.2021 from 10:00 a.m
04. Bid submission End Date :- 02.12.2021 upto 04:00 p.m
05. Date and time of opening of Bids (Online) :- 03.12.2021 from 11:00 a.m
1. Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, COR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the **Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam** (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the **Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)** on **03.12.2021 at 11:00 a.m.** 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.
All other terms and conditions shall be the same as are laid down in P.W.D Form No: 25 / 33 - Double with due modifications (if any) made by the U.T Government from time to time.
Sd/- (Er. Najeeb A Tramboo)
No. DIPK-13637/21 Dated: 26-11-2021
Executive Engineer, PHE Division Budgam.

UN decries attack on court in Libya ahead of national vote

CAIRO: The U.N. mission in Libya condemned on Friday an attack by armed men on an appeals court as it was set to re-examine an earlier decision that disqualified the son of longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi from running for president.

On Thursday, armed men surrounded the court in the southern town of Sabha and prevented judges from convening to look into Seif al-Islam Gadhafi's appeal.

Earlier, the country's electoral body had deemed Seif al-Islam ineligible to take part in the presidential race set for next month, citing his previous convictions.

"Attacks against judicial or election facilities or judicial or elections personnel are not only criminal acts, punishable under Libyan law, but also undermine Libyans' right to participate in the political process," tweeted the U.N. mission, known as UNSMIL.

Libya is to hold the first round of presidential elections on Dec. 24, after years of U.N.-led attempts to usher in a more democratic future and end the country's civil war. However, the upcoming vote faces many challenges, including unresolved issues over laws governing the elections and occasional infighting among armed groups. Other obstacles include the deep rift that remains between the country's east and west and the presence of thousands of foreign fighters and troops.

The oil-rich North African country is currently governed by an interim government that was elected by Libyan delegates after U.N.-led talks in Geneva in February.

Interim Interior Minister Khaled Mazen vowed to hunt down and prosecute the assailants in Thursday's attack. **AP**

Sensex crashes 1,688 pts as new variant triggers global rout

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PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex nosedived 1,688 points while the Nifty slumped below the 17,100-level on Friday as a new and potentially vaccine-resistant coronavirus variant sent shockwaves through global markets.

The variant, detected in South Africa, Botswana and Hong Kong so far, has an unusual combination of mutations, as per initial reports.

Countries like Britain and Japan have already imposed travel restrictions, raising the spectre of a fresh wave of lockdowns.

The 30-share BSE Sensex plummeted 1,687.94 points or 2.87 per cent to close at 57,107.15 following an across-the-board selloff. Similarly, the NSE Nifty plunged 509.80 points or 2.91 per cent to 17,026.45. Currency markets too were not spared, with the rupee sinking 37 paise versus the US dollar, in tandem with

Rupee plunges 37 paise to end at month's low on Covid worries

Mumbai: The rupee on Friday plunged by 37 paise or 0.50 per cent against the US dollar to close at a nearly month's low as investors turned cautious in view of massive sell-offs in domestic equities and worries over a new variant of Covid-19. The rupee erased all of its gains in the month while suffering its worst weekly loss of 59 paise since October 8 due to month-end dollar demand and on anticipation that the US Fed will accelerate asset tapering and hike interest rates around mid-2022, analysts said.

other emerging market currencies.

World takes action as new variant emerges in southern Africa

AP ■ BRUSSELS

A slew of nations moved to stop air travel from southern Africa on Friday, and stocks plunged in Asia and Europe in reaction to news of a new, potentially more transmissible Covid-19 variant. "The last thing we need is to bring in a new variant that will cause even more problems," said German Health Minister Jens Spahn, amid a massive spike in cases in the 27-nation European Union, which is recommending a ban on flights from southern African nations. Within a few days of the discovery of the new vari-

ant, it has already impacted on a jittery world that is sensitive to bad Covid-19 news, with deaths around the globe standing at well over 5 million. Medical experts, including the World Health Organization, warned against any overreaction before all elements were clear but nations who acted said their concerns were justified. "Early indications show this variant may be more transmissible than the delta variant and current vaccines may be less effective against it," British Health Secretary Sajid Javid told lawmakers. "We must move quickly and at the earliest possible moment," he said.

Nation marks birth anniversary of 'Milk Man' Verghese Kurien

PNS ■ AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying; National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and other institutions - GCMMF Ltd, Kaira Milk Union (Amul Dairy), NCDFI Ltd, IRMA, Mother Dairy Fruit & Vegetable Pvt Ltd.

IDMC Ltd, Indian Immunologicals Ltd, NDDB Dairy Services and Anandalya jointly celebrated (NDDB) "National Milk Day" to com-

memorate the birth centenary of Dr Verghese Kurien on November 26, 2021 at NDDB's TK Patel Auditorium.

During the ceremony, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Animal Husbandry & Dairying conferred the Gopal Ratna Award to the winners of the Best Dairy Farmer rearing indigenous cattle/buffalo breeds, Best Artificial Insemination Technician and Best Dairy Cooperative Society (DCS)/Milk Producer Company/ Dairy Farmer Producer Organisation in the country.

BRIEFS

ASSAM RIFLES MEMORIAL LECTURE 2021

The second edition of Assam Rifles Memorial Lecture was conducted by Assam Rifles in collaboration with United Services Institute of India (USI) at New Delhi on 26 Nov 2021. Assam Rifles and USI had signed an MoU in Feb 2020 to establish a Chair of Excellence for studies primarily to encompass issues of North East and the regions importance from Geo-Strategic point of view. The inaugural edition was conducted through a Webinar in 2020 and the first physical form is being conducted this year.



Arun Joshi, General Secretary & Mr. Pradeep Kulshrestha, Convener of States only registered apex body of PR & Media Marketing professionals Public Relations Society greeted Dr. Mahesh Joshi taking charge of Cabinet Minister for Department of Public Health Engineering & Ground Water at his office

EDTECH GIANT'S NEW LOGO

NEW DELHI: Extramarks, an EdTech giant, announced the launch of its new logo, visual identity, and category positioning on Friday. The new avatar of the logo in form of an airplane symbolizes the renewed brand ambition of helping students' dreams take flight through a more personalised, creative, and holistic learning experience. Ritvik Kulshrestha, CEO, Extramarks stated, "The reboot of our logo and the learning ap is a clear reflection of the value we deliver to learners of all age groups—creative, multi-faceted, future-facing, and modern."

Pvt bank promoters can hold up to 26% after 15 yrs, will have to bring in more money

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank on Friday accepted most of the recommendations of its working group on corporate ownership of private sector banks, by allowing unrestrained promoter shareholding in the first five years of operations and hiking the same to 26 per cent after 15 years from the extant 15 per cent and also the new capital requirements.

The move will benefit leading banks like Kotak Mahindra

Bank and IndusInd Bank, among others, which have been seeking more time from the regulator to divest their stakes for many years now.

Accepting 21 of the 33 recommendations of the internal working group, the central bank said the remaining suggestions are under its consideration. The RBI constituted the working group on June 12, 2020, and the panel submitted the report on November 20,

2020, inviting comments of stakeholders and members of the public by January 15, 2021.

The RBI accepted the recommendation that no changes be made to the extant instructions related to the initial lock-in requirements of holding a minimum 40 per cent of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank for the first five years but said no cap on the promoters holding during the same period.

BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, New Delhi TENDER NOTICE Date: 27.11.2021 Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following job from all bidders. Table with 6 columns: NIT No., Brief Item Description, Estimated Cost, Cost of EMD, Due Date & Time of Submission, Date & Time of Opening. Items include laying of 66KV 4 NOS. 3CX300SQ.MM. XLPE cable, renovation of existing control & relay panels, and construction of boundary wall.

KAVYAM - AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT Advertisement is invited to inform general public at large regarding cancellation of units of already allotted customers through the 1st draw of lots dated 24.06.2019, 2nd draw of lots dated 01.08.2020 and 3rd draw of lots dated 22.01.2021 due to non-payment despite several reminders, in the Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project Kavyam is being developed by Agrante Realty Ltd Sector-108, Gurgaon, Haryana, as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendments thereof (details available at the Department website, i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in).

Gujarat Stair Road Development Corporation Ltd Tender Notice N. 15 of 2021 (Through E-Tendering Only) General Manager (Projects), Gujarat State Road Development Corporation Ltd (GSRDC), Ground Floor, Nirman Bhavan, Sector 10/A, invites online Tender. The work's Details is as under. Table with 5 columns: Name of Work, Estimated Cost (in Rs. Crores), Bid Security (In Rs. Lacs), Tender Fee (Non-refundable Rs.), Tenure (Months).

Particulars Date Bid Document downloading start Date/Time 29/11/2021 from 12:00 Hrs. Pre-Bid Meeting 07/12/2021 at 12:00 Hrs. Online Submission Last Date/ Time 29/12/2021 up to 17:00 Hrs. Opening of Prequalification bid (online) 29/12/2021 at 17:30 Hrs. Tender Fee & EMD Shall be submitted in physical form by RPAD to this office Date/Time Demand Draft for Bid Security, solvency Certificate and Tender Fee shall be submitted in electronic format only, through online (by scanning) while uploading the bid.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING Sri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016 E-Tender Notice Online bids (Technical & Financial) are invited from reputed eligible .transporters for Outstations transportation (Interstate) of consignment of books and printing paper. The online bids complete in all respect should be uploaded on or before 21.12.2021 by 05.00 pm on CPP Portal. The tender document along with other details may be downloaded from the Central Public Procurement Portal (CPPP): http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app & NCERT website: www.ncert.nic.in

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Registered Office Address: Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kuria (West), Mumbai- 400 070. CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639, Website: www.piramalfinance.com Branch Address : Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Niwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West) – 400 602. DEMAND NOTICE Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL)] under Securitisation Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively. Table with 3 columns: Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date, Description of secured asset (immovable property).

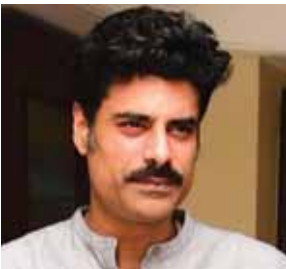


ABHISHEK BACHCHAN

'If someone says, 'I don't believe in awards', it is because they didn't get one. We are artists, that is greater than any award. We work for appreciation. This is our business, we have to run our houses, there is a financial side to it, absolutely. But if you praise an actor, he will be happy. We work for praise.'

ANDREW GARFIELD

'I definitely think Andrew Garfield's Spider-Man would be pretty suspect of the MCU Iron Man. I think he would be turned off by the excess, the billionaire trillionaire status of Iron Man. Maybe, my Peter Parker could wake Tony Stark from his own egoic drives a little bit. We'll never know.'



SIKANDAR KHER

'Donning the director's hat while also starring in the film is no easy feat but you have to see the ease and calm with which Dev Patel handles it. He is focused and knows what he wants. We have spent a lot of time together which only helps create a good understanding between a director and his actor.'



AAYUSH SHARMA

'I read comments like 'Salman Khan should have launched a dog instead of Aayush Sharma' and I look like a girl and should not act. After that, I stayed away from social media. I have a public account on Instagram that I don't handle, I'm not on Twitter. I hardly read comments on social media now.'

CANARA BANK



Branch : Baroat Railway Road, Near Gyandeep School, Ganaur, Sonepat-131101
Phone No. 1030-2460032, Email.: cb18279@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE {SECTION 13(4)} (for immovable property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notices dated 16.05.2021 called upon the borrower. Sh. Sonu verma (Proprietor) M/S Verma Communication to repay the amount mentioned to the notice bearing Rs. 6,76,170.19/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Six Thousands One Hundred Seventy & Nineteen Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notices. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule this 23rd Day of November on the Year 2021. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealing with the properties will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the amount of Rs.6,53,500/- and interest thereon. The borrower's attention to the provisions of the provisions on Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Movable and Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No./Plot No./Killa No. 35/3/2,21/3 in sy No./City or Town Survey No. /Khasra No. with in the registration sub-district Ganaur and District Sonapat. Bounded as North-Shop of Ashwani Kumar., South-Shop of Balwan., East-G.T.Road., West-Remaining land of vendor Smt. Vinita Ran.

DATE : 23.11.2021

PLACE : BAROAT, SONEPAT

AUTHORISED OFFICER, CANARA BANK



Registered Office Address: Unit No. 601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbai- 400 070. CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639, Web Side:- www.piramalfinance.com
Branch Address: Dhiraj Baug, Building "A" Ground & 1st Floor, Beside Axis Bank, Opp. Monalisa Building, Agra Road, Hari Nilwas Circle, Naupada, Thane (West)- 400602.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (PCHFL) [formerly known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.(DHFL)] under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (Immovable property)
(LC No. 00002246 of Gurgaon Branch) Advancetech Engineering Private Limited (Borrower) Niranjan Kumar Yadav (Co Borrower 1) Shakhunda Yadav (Co Borrower 2) Sachdev Yadav (Guarantor 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.2,48,21,616/- (Two Crore Forty Eight lakh Twenty One Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen) NPA (09-09-2021)	Plot No- 715, Sec- 15- II Gurgaon Gurgaon, Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001
(LC No. 00001213 of Gurgaon Branch) Anil Kumar Wadhwa (Borrower) Ashu Wadhwa (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.1,66,82,786/- (One Crore Sixty Six lakh Eighty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Six) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No L- 17A/5 L Block Building No.5 Street No.17 A Dif Phase II Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00044073 of Gurgaon- Sohna Road Branch) Saurabh Chaudhary (Borrower) Smita Chaudhari (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.1,38,16,020/- (One Crore Thirty Eight lakh Sixteen Thousand Twenty) NPA (09-09-2021)	Flat No. 301 3rd Floor Block 19 The Close South Nienana Country South City 2 Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00041243 of Delhi- Pitampura Branch) Krishan Singh Mittal (Borrower) Satya Devi Mittal (Co Borrower 1) Vikramjeet Singh Mittal (Co Borrower 2)	21-10-2021/ Rs.57,54,711/- (Fifty Seven lakh Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven) NPA (09-09-2021)	Plot No F 3/3 1st Floor Qutub Enclave Complex D L F Phase I Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00002031 of Noida Branch) Satyawati (Borrower) Desraj (Co Borrower 1)	08-10-2021/ Rs.45,66,967/- (Forty Five lakh Sixty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Seven) NPA (10-07-2021)	Plot No.717, First Floor Sector B, Greenfield Colony Market Faridabad haryana Faridabad Faridabad Haryana:- 121001
(LC No. 00044442 of Delhi- Safdurjung Branch) Vimal Sahewal (Borrower) Pooja Agarwal (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.42,14,688/- (Forty Two lakh Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eight) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No.1044 Gali No.3 A Ward No.21 Shivi Park Khandas Road, Oppo. Anaj Mandi Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00001189 of Gurgaon Branch) Anil Kumar Wadhwa (Borrower) Ashu Wadhwa (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs. 33,31,376/- (Thirty Three lakh Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No L-17A/5 L Block Building No.5 Street No.17 A Dif Phase II Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00044072 of Gurgaon- Sohna Road Branch) Saurabh Chaudhary (Borrower) Smita Chaudhari (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.33,09,196/- (Thirty Three lakh Nine Thousand One Hundred Ninety Six) NPA (09-09-2021)	Flat No.301 3rd Floor Block 19 The Close South Nivana Country South City 2 Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00044582 of Delhi- Safdurjung Branch) Vimal Sahewal (Borrower) Pooja Agarwal (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.31,74,331/- (Thirty One lakh Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No.1044 Gali No.3 A Ward No.21 Shivi Park Khandas Oppo. Anaj Mandi Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001
(LC No. 00000901 of Bhiwadi Branch) Vikram Singh (Borrower) Sunita Yadav (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.29,05,837/- (Twenty Nine lakh Five Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven) NPA (09-09-2021)	KH No.871 Ward No.03, Krishna Colony, Tijara Alwar, Alwar Alwar Rajasthan:- 301411
(LC No. 00004265 of New Delhi Branch) Sanjiv Kumar Bhati (Borrower) Indra Devi (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.28,47,524/- (Twenty Eight lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Four) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No.2495 A, Block- B Sgm Nagar, Nit Faridabad Sector Three and Five Faridabad Faridabad Haryana:- 121001
(LC No. 00042024 of Delhi- Pitampura Branch) Ramesh Chand (Borrower) Rachna (Co Borrower 1)	08-10-2021/ Rs.25,85,088/- (Twenty Five lakh Eighty Five Thousand Eighty Eight) NPA (10-07-2021)	Mt Old No-397, New No-183 House No-878/1, Old Gali No-4, New Gali New Gali No-17, Jivan Nagar Faridabad Faridabad Haryana:- 121004
(LC No. 00003930 of New Delhi Branch) Vikas Arora (Borrower) Durga Rani Arora (Co Borrower 1) Ved Kumar Arora (Co Borrower 2)	08-10-2021/ Rs.22,44,416/- (Twenty Two lakh Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen) NPA (10-07-2021)	Scf No.3 Spring Field City Extension 1 Sec 31 32 Faridabad Faridabad Haryana:- 121004
(LC No. 00000977 of Rewari Branch) Sumant Kumar (Borrower) Rakhi (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.21,58,530/- (Twenty One lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirty) NPA (10-07-2021)	Khwat No.150 Khatoni 158 Mustil No.35 Killa No.16(8-1), 1 (8-1) Mustil No.35 Gali No.04 Chitergupt Mandir Mohalla Qutabpur Rewari Mahendragarh Haryana:- 123401
(LC No. 00000750 of Rohtak Branch) Tarun Parkash (Borrower) Sunita Vats (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.20,60,789/- (Twenty lakh Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Nine) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No.812/21, New No.515/5 Prop Id 44C655U4 Prem Nagar, Azadgarh, Rohtak Rohtak Haryana:- 124001
(LC No. 00001812 of Noida Branch) Vikas Arora (Borrower) Ved Kumar Arora (Co Borrower 1) Durga Rani Arora (Co Borrower 2)	08-10-2021/ Rs.17,85,744/- (Seventeen lakh Eighty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four) NPA (10-07-2021)	Scf No.3 Spring Field City Extension 1 Sector 31-32 Faridabad Faridabad Haryana:- 121004
(LC No. 00005762 of Karnal Branch) Deepak Kumar Bhardwaj (Borrower) Pushpa Sharma (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.17,69,658/- (Seventeen lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Eight) NPA (09-09-2021)	Residential House Property Main Bazar, Ward No.6, Matta Medical St Near Hazi Wala Kuwa & Matta Me Safidon Jind Haryana:- 126112
(LC No. 00001682 of Gurgaon Branch) Dacc International Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Anuj Bansal (Co Borrower 1) Shalu Bansal (Co Borrower 2) Briji Lal Bansal (Guarantor 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.17,49,150/- (Seventeen lakh Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty) NPA (09-09-2021)	M_Machine_Name:- 1) Die Casting Machine 2) Hydraulic Hot Chamber Ap_Model_No:- 160 Kva B Series Ap_Invoice_No:- 41701496
(LC No. 00004086 of Karnal Branch) Rishi Pal (Borrower) Joginder Kour (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.17,47,504/- (Seventeen lakh Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Four) NPA (09-09-2021)	Plot No.34 And 35, Khasra No.1531 Shamsan Ghat Road, (Sai Vihar Colony), Radaur Yamuna Nagar Yamunanagar Haryana:- 135133
(LC No. 00002612 of Gurgaon Branch) Dacc International Pvt Ltd (Borrower) Anuj Bansal (Co Borrower 1) Briji Lal Bansal (Co Borrower 2) Shalu Bansal (Guarantor 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.16,32,158/- (Sixteen lakh Thirty Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Eight) NPA (09-09-2021)	M_Machine_Name:- 1) Hot Chamber Die Casting Machine 2) Hot Chamber Die Casting Machine Dc 160 Ap_Model_No:- Dc 160 Classic III Ap_Invoice_No:- Sg/Mh/0043/18-19
(LC No. 00005669 of Karnal Branch) Ranjeeto R (Borrower) Sanjay S (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.15,76,210/- (Fifteen lakh Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Ten) NPA (09-09-2021)	Shiv Puri Colony, Plot At Tehsil & Distt., Dada Khara Kaithal Kaithal Haryana:- 136027
(LC No. 00005712 of Patiala Branch) Ramdhani Ramdhani (Borrower) Chandni Ram (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.15,47,045/- (Fifteen lakh Forty Seven Thousand Forty Five) NPA (09-09-2021)	Vpo Batheri The. Pehowa, Kurukshetra Kurukshetra, Kurukshetre Kurukshetra Haryana:- 136132
(LC No. 00000773 of Rohtak Branch) Tarun Parkash (Borrower) Sunita Vats (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.14,57,067/- (Fourteen lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Sixty Seven) NPA (09-09-2021)	House No.812/21, New No.515/5 Prop Id 44C655U4 Prem Nagar, Azadgarh, Rohtak Rohtak Haryana:- 124001
(LC No. 00006542 of Patiala Branch) Satish Kumar (Borrower) Kavita Devi (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.13,83,049/- (Thirteen lakh Eighty Three Thousand Forty Nine) NPA (09-09-2021)	Village Sisisasimro, Khewat No.72, Near B.S.N.L Tower, Kaithal Kaithal Haryana:- 136043
(LC No. 00000335 of Hisar Branch) Sita Ram (Borrower) Koshalya K (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.13,46,381/- (Thirteen lakh Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred Eighty One) NPA (09-09-2021)	Khwat No.01, Min Murasa No.35, Gali No.3/5, Near Sarkari Tubel, Bharat Kanganpur Road, Vill Kanganpur Teh & Distt Sira Sira Haryana:- 125055
(LC No. 00000783 of Karnal Branch) Nanha Ram (Borrower) Kaushlya K (Co Borrower 1) Jagdeep Kumar (Co Borrower 2)	21-10-2021/ Rs.13,31,818/- (Thirteen lakh Thirty One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighteen) NPA (09-09-2021)	Plot No.169, Darakala, Khewat No. 418 Ashok Nagar, Near Sainik School Kurukshetra Kurukshetra Haryana:- 136118
(LC No. 00044256 of Gurgaon- Sohna Road Branch) Chaital Sahu (Borrower) Sanichari Devi (Co Borrower 1)	21-10-2021/ Rs.12,95,945/- (Twelve lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five) NPA (09-09-2021)	Flat No- 506, Tower D. Kshitij, Sec- 95, Gurgaon, Gurgaon Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana:- 122001

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to PCHFL as aforesaid, PCHFL shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of PCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : November 27, 2021
Place: Haryana

Sd/-

(Authorised Officer)

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

LOST & FOUND

I, Mona Jain W/o Parveen Jain R/o H.No. 185/22, Kath Mandi, Gandhi Nagar, Sonapat, Haryana have lost my Original Sale Deed No. 269 Dt. 06.04.2011 namely Deepika Girdhar somewhere. If anybody found, please contact on above address.

LOST & FOUND

I, Deepinder Singh Kahlon S/o Santokh Singh R/o Flat No. G-14, Tiwer E World One Apartment, Sante Majra, Khara, Distt. Mohali, have lost OCR certificate of Flat D-601, TDI City, Mohali in the name of Santokh Singh. If anybody found intimate . Mobile 94178-39587

LOST & FOUND

I, Ashok Kumar Verma S/o Amar Nath Verma R/o Ram Nagar Bhadroya Pathankot hereby declare that original Title Deed Khewat Khatouni 10/54 Number Kila 9R/28 69-16 Vakia Bhadroya HB 33 of my house property has been lost at Gandhi Chowk, Pathankot on 18 Nov 2021. Please Note.

I, Hargopal Sharma s/o Chandgl Ram r/o H.No. 400, Sector 7, U.E. Kurukshetra, declare that we have lost our Form -C, Memo No. 4255 dtd. 16.09.1985 & Change of Ownership Letter No. 1695 dtd 16.02.1993 of our above mentioned plot, is lost at Sector 7, Kurukshetra on dated 08.10.2021. If someone found, please report it at our above mentioned address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is to put the General Public on notice that Mr. INTZAAR AHMAD S/O ISTIYAD AHMAD Resident of H. No. Old 1166/12, 2025, Katra Khanyaiyan, Gali Arorian Wali, Amritsar Punjab 143001 Amritsar. owner of residential property bearing Old 1166/12, New 1953/12-13 & 2025/12-13 Khana Shumari Vakeya Rakha Amritsar Urban Circle No. 107 Abadi Katra Khanyayian Inside Tehsil & District Amritsar. Total area measuring 45 square yards, that is bounded as East: Gali 70" (Dim 22'-0") West: Other's Bds (Dim 22'-0"), North: T-9/669,2023 (Dim 17'-0"), South: T-9/667, Corner (Dim 17'-0") that is situated at H. No. Old 1166/12, 2025, Katra Khanyaiyan, Gali Arorian Wali, Amritsar Punjab 143001 Amritsar vide Sale Deed dated: 15/11/2021 as Document No. 2021-22/89/1/6492 has approached Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited, Branch office at shop no. 99 national shopping complex 2nd floor near hide market civil hospital, G.T. Road, Amritsar, 143001, with a request to extend Loan against the mortgage of the above property. Anybody having objection in respect of the said property or regarding creation of mortgage with my client, may raise their objections within 7 Days from the date of this publication, to the below mentioned address. Advocate Vikas Verma M: 98151-56302

Office of Executive Engineer B&R Division HP.PWD. Joginder Nagar Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department, Mandi-175015 Phone & Fax No. 01908-222033 E-Mail:- ee-jog-hp@nic.in

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE INVITATION FOR BIDS (ITB)

The Executive Engineer, B&R Division, HPPWD, Joginder Nagar on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invited the online bids on item rate, in 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	EMD	Coat of Tender	Eligible class of contractor	Time limit
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Construction of Dhraman Naroli Gangotri road Km. 0/0 to 6/375. (Sub Head:- Construction of 900 mm dia RCC hume pipe culvert at Km. 0/650 and providing and laying wearing grade-II and tarring in Km. 0/307 to 0/184 and Km. 0/285 to 0/645).	₹ 11,48,921/-	₹ 23,000/-	₹ 500/-	"Class D"	Three months (90 days)

2. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission:- The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website <http://hptenders.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA) "Aspiring bid-ders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: <http://hptenders.gov.in>. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Key Details:-

1. Date of online Publication:- 01/12/2021 10:00 Hrs.
2. Document Download Start and end date:- 01/12/2021 10:00 Hrs upto 13/12/2021 17:00 Hrs
3. Bid Submission start and end date:- 01/12/2021 10:00 Hrs upto 13/12/2021 17:00 Hrs
4. Physical submission of EMD and cost of tender document on or before the time and date of submission of bids - 14/12/2021 upto 11:00 Hrs.
5. Date of Technical Bid opening will be 14/12/2021 11:30 Hrs. Evaluation of technical bid opening and financial bid opening will follow on accordingly.

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 Bids" 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 Deposited (EMD) and other technical Documents in O/O the Executive Engineer, B&R Division HP.PWD. Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) on or before the time and date of submission of bids failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive. No physical documents will be accepted after the closing date & time of submission of bids.

6. Bid Opening Detail:- The bids shall be opened on 14/12/2021 11:30 Hrs. in the office of Executive Engineer B&R Division HP.PWD. Joginder Nagar District Mandi (H.P) by the authorized officer in their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents as the specified in Key dates at Sr. No. 4. 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 120 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 delay 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 bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

9. In addition to instructions for use of standard form in bidding documents the bidder should upload the following information also.

(i) Total annual volume of Civil Engineering construction work executed and payment received in the last five year proceeding this year duly verified by the Chartered Accountant

Executive Engineer, B&R Division HP PWD, Joginder Nagar District Mandi (HP) on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh Ph. 01908-222033

RO 5176 DATED 26.11.2021

TRAVEL BUG



IMPOSSIBLE... IS NOTHING

If Dubai believes in making everything magnificent, Atlantis, The Palm, epitomises the phenomenon, says Saimi Sattar as she experiences life queen size

The expanse of sand spread endlessly, interspersed with scrub, a few high rises, and cars that were moving at a speed that is possible only when viewed from the air. But as the plane circled and swooped to land, like the desert falcon, the high-rises that Dubai is known for suddenly came into view. The spectacular buildings are just one of the many things that add up to create an unmatched aura of the foremost of the seven Emirates, which exercises an unimaginable pull over blue- and white-collar workers, holidaymakers and shoppers alike. Dubai is nothing short of a man-made miracle, where every flight of fancy, howsoever much bizarre, finds a ready-to-take-off runway.

But then, all of these thoughts crossed my mind much after I had been through a gruelling 10 hours before hitting the tarmac in the 'Promised Land' of shopaholics. I say, 'gruelling' as international travel post-pandemic is a beast that is unrecognisable from its predecessor. Despite that, having been hemmed in within the boundaries that answer to the political description of India — for almost two years now — the break was welcome. What wasn't met with equal enthusiasm was the mandatory arrival at the airport six hours before the flight for a RT-PCR test. For people like me, who even earlier found the long check-in hours burdensome, this was excruciating, to say the least. So for a seven o'clock flight, I had to reach no later than 1 in the morning! The sight that greeted me was unlike any that I had seen at any airport before. Queues of people — who were awaiting results — sleeping on parapets, rows of cubicles where their details were noted and bills generated as well as tests conducted while the luggage lay in a bit of disarray while the owners ran helter-skelter.

With the tests done, the reports finally filtered in two hours later. And another queue to pick it up followed by yet one more to confirm whether the two reports and visas were in order. And finally, check-in! However, one thing hadn't changed at the T3 airport in Delhi. If you wanted to catch a wink, all the sleeperettes were sure to be occupied.

It was only when the flight landed that we were ushered into more cubicles where yet another test was conducted. But post that, it was business as usual... Except for the heat. It seemed to have been channelled straight from a blast furnace... that is if you had the bravado to step outside the air conditioning. I quickly took shelter in the waiting car at the airport. Making my way to Atlantis, The Palm — which was to be my abode for three days — I sped past chrome and glass buildings, cars in every imaginable colour that could put a woman's wardrobe to shame, malls on roads that were so smooth that would have you stepping on the accelerator with glee.

We were headed towards Palm Island, the largest man-made island which is referred to as the 'eighth won-



der of the world'. The Palm's shape was selected to ensure all buildings on the island would have a sea view and beach access. The finished island covers an area equivalent to 600 football pitches and is four times as big as London's Hyde Park. Today, the 17 fronds are home to around 1,500 beachfront mansions, with a further 6,000 apartments on the trunk.

Soon enough, the car was running parallel with the beach and a turn led it to the hotel. And since Dubai does not do anything which is less than grand, Atlantis is spread over 46 hectares or — to make a layperson understand its scale — is the size of 64 Wembley football pitches. Atlantis was the first resort to open its doors on The Palm. With 1,548 rooms, seven signature suites and 22 storeys, it has played host to citizens of 227 different countries. Its signature Royal Bridge Suite, measuring 924 sq m costs US\$27,000 per night, is an attraction — especially for Indians — as actor Shah Rukh Khan has stayed here. Another, the Underwater Suite — at 165 sq m, has a master bedroom with direct views of The Ambassador Lagoon aquarium, creating an illusion of being beneath the sea — is another popular option. The hotel is a microcosm of the Emirate which does not believe in living life which is not king size.

Checking in, I couldn't help but admire the handblown glass installation in a myriad of colours and kept stealing looks as the Russian lady at the front desk completed the formalities. The priceless Dale Chihuly sculpture was created using 3,000 hand-blown pieces that were individually placed to build the 10-metre-high entry centerpiece. Even in Dubai where everything competes for attention — by being even more mammoth than larger than life and opulent — this is a showstopper.

Ushered in my room, I immediately raced to the balcony as views from a hotel room have often been behind



my impulsive decisions to stay or leave a place since childhood. The vista that greeted me, despite the heat, had me tongue-tied (a rare occurrence) for some time. From the 13th floor, the view that spread out till the horizon had the deep blue sea with several yachts skimming on the surface (remember habibi, money CAN buy you happiness in Dubai), the Burj Khalifa shimmering in the heat, a stretch of greenery before it was interrupted by the new Atlantis, The Royal slated to open sometime next year, a monorail speeding past and also a teeny weeny glimpse of the famous Palm with its fronds that houses the whos who (including our very Shah Rukh Khan who is also the brand ambassador of Dubai). Peeking down, I saw another water body just below. I wondered what it was but couldn't ponder over it for too long as I had to leave for lunch.

It was the descent from the lobby to the ground level which brought us face to face with a glass wall with a myriad of sea animals — stingrays, sharks, eels and 65,000 others — swimming (it seemed without care) in what could be closest to viewing them in their natural habitat without getting wet. I watched on mesmerised as realisation dawned that this was the water body I saw from above. This aquarium recreates Atlantis, the fictional island mentioned in an allegory on the hubris of nations in Plato's works Timaeus and Critias. Since the hotel is named after it, it is not surprising that floor-to-ceiling unbreakable glass practically brings in the water world at every turn. I would have stared on, lost in thought, had not my stomach let out a low growl complaining about the hours of neglect and in anticipation of the feast that I knew was in store.

We were headed towards Gordon



Ramsay's (yes, THE Multi-Michelin starred British chef and star of the small screen known equally well for his food and his temper) Bread Street Kitchen & Bar. This is just one of the 29 restaurants including three outlets

by celebrity chefs, Nobu Matsuhisa, Giorgio Locatelli and Gordon Ramsay.

Done up in wood, with a profusion of lights in different shapes and sizes, the restaurant had an eclectic appeal that was tough to miss despite me being consumed by a state of sleep deprivation. While one might assume that it would be meats that dominate the menu, since Ramsay has often expressed his dislike for veg-

etarianism, the vegan trend has made inroads into his restaurant — certainly as unlikely a place as can be. And surprisingly, it was the Rigatoni with handpicked mushrooms — without even so much as a hint of animal protein — that was the star of the table despite an array of treats that were cooked and plated to perfection. But the side-effects of stuffing oneself with a dish of creamy carbohydrates soon became apparent. The four people at the table began to nod off... especially since the night before had been less than restful. However, since no meal is complete without a dessert, an assorted platter followed. The Medjool date & banana sticky toffee pudding had us nodding in approval (and digging in several spoonfuls immediately after loud proclamations of being stuffed to the gills).

An afternoon siesta was called for after such an immensely satiating meal. Waking up refreshed, I was raring to head out for the Fish Tales Tour at The Lost Chambers Aquarium. For a hotel in the centre of a desert, the abundance of water, even if it is saline, is certain-



ly a feat. And if you add the upkeep of a whopping 65,000 marine animals of 250 species, it certainly becomes even more mind-boggling. The Ambassador Lagoon at Atlantis is an 11 million litre marine habitat and one of the top 10 largest aquariums in the world. Its viewing pane is 10 meters long and 70 cm thick and if all its water was drained it would fill 4.5 Olympic-sized swimming pools!

While I, along with three others, explored the site on my own, it was the behind-the-scenes during the guided tour that had us holding on to every word. A fish hospital (my, my, did you know that existed?), a kitchen to prepare their food

(400 kg of the same quality as is served to the hotel's guests), a water filtration plant, a testing centre, several fish tanks where the young are kept and more were oohed and aahed over. We wandered around before ending with a dinner at Hakkasan. While we were still quite full from the lunch, the hostess' recommendation of Stir-fry vegetable and pine nut lettuce wrap was certainly a revelation and was quickly wrapped up (pun intended). However, we could not do justice to the main course as our stomachs collectively groaned under the onslaught of a constant barrage of delicacies. Practically collapsing into bed, we were soon off to la-la land,

Post a delicious spread of South-East Asian, local and international offerings at the breakfast buffet at the Saffron, we were up for some activities that were a little more adventurous than eating and walking about to take in the sights. We headed towards the White Beach, the seafront of the eponymously-named restaurant, which is exclusively used by the hotel guests. The sun beating down in all its intensity did not flag our spirits as we bravely ventured where we had never gone before — a session of paddleboarding. Donning the life jackets ensured that our courage was boosted manifold and we weren't daunted by the open sea that stretched out till the horizon. If we were being marked, the first person to take off from the start point would have scored a perfect 10. Paddling gently on both sides, she stood up with perfect poise without losing balance and after a carefully executed pirouette, she headed back to safe shores exultant to have done it in one



perfect sweep. I was up next and I have always been pretty confident — that balance is something I always take time to achieve while perseverance is my strong point. And yet again, my hunch was not off the mark. Within minutes (or was it seconds?) of standing up, a loud splash followed and I was floating on my back. While the instructor was telling me not to panic, I promptly responded

by standing up in the neck-deep (okay, okay for a 5'1" me) water and wading back to the shore to attempt it yet again. And yes, this time I was successful.

But I was not yet done with the water (blame it on me being a water sign) and dragged out a kayak along with a companion. The 20 minutes we paddled around were frequently interrupted by peels of laughter as we tried to manoeuvre the kayak without bumping into obstacles. Deeply tanned but exuberant, we made our way back...

Lunch was at White, the beachfront restaurant which specialises in Mediterranean cuisine. An all-white decor, fresh ingredients and a meal that was light were just what we needed. But it was the dessert, with its seemingly incongruous nomenclature of 'bread' that had everyone floored. Called the Monkey bread, with a hint of cinnamon and coffee, we eyed its large size when it arrived at the table and thought we would never finish it. We could not have erred more. And that was just another incorrect assumption about the dish. We sliced off a small bite and then another, and one more... till the plate was almost empty. And yes, even now, I can almost taste its delicious gorgeousness. Sigh.

However, there was more to come. On the last day of our stay, we were lined up for a dolphin and sea lion tour where we learnt the intricacies. The Dolphin Bay, spread over 4.5 hectares, is home to Indo-Pacific Bottlenose dolphins that eat between five and seven kg of fish per day. The Sea Lion Point is the only one of its kind in the region. Its residents are South African Fur Seals and are cared for by experienced Marine Mammal Specialists.

The trainer explained that diet regulation, regular health check-ups, exercise and more were some of the things that ensured that both the physical and emotional well-being of these marine animals were well looked after. With the dolphin parks having come in for increased criticism from animal rights activists, we watched the marine animals from afar.

From there we headed straight to Aquaventure, the water playground of more than 18 million litres of water. With 79 rides spread across three towers 26 marine and water-sport experiences, anyone who loves water parks this is a dream destination. While I debated whether I should take the Leap of

Faith — a sheer drop of 98-feet mega plummets in a near-vertical fashion at frightening speed of 60 km/h in three seconds, shooting you through a clear acrylic tube surrounded by sharks and cownose rays —

I took some of the relatively tamer rides. So I went on a safari of a different kind in Shark Attack, where the fibreglass gives a 360° view of the shark-filled lagoon. Then, there were the Rapids, a 1.6-kilometre river and the Aquaconda, a 210 metres long and 25 metres high six-person waterslide tube.

Certainly, impossible is not a word that exists in Dubai's dictionary.

