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Trinamool tries to spread its wings

Political heavyweights ex-JD(U)
MP Verma, former MP Kirti Azad,
ex-Cong MP Tanwar join TMC

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The Trinamool Congress is slowly but steadily trying to increase its footprint beyond West Bengal and project itself as a force that alone can take on the BJP at national level. As part of this plan, the TMC on Tuesday enrolled Congress leader and former BJP MP Kirti Azad, former Congress MP Ashok Tanwar, and former Rajya Sabha member from the JD(U) Pawan Verma in its party fold.

Outside Bengal, the TMC is making waves in Tripura and also attempting to get a foothold in far-flung Goa. Several other political heavyweights are likely to join the TMC in the coming months, sources said.

The TMC strategy to get a pan-India presence comes after TMC chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee "chanakya" Prashant

Kishore repeatedly questioned the ability of the Congress and Rahul Gandhi to take on the BJP.

Incidentally, Mamata, who is in Delhi, always meets Congress president Sonia Gandhi during her visits, however, the TMC sources indicated that the West Bengal Chief Minister may give it a miss this time.

Azad joined the TMC in the national Capital in the presence of Mamata. Later Varma and Tanwar joined the party.

"I'll work under the leadership of Mamata Banerjee and I'll start working on the field. The BJP's politics is divisive and we will fight it. Today, a personality like her is needed in the country who can show it the right direction," Azad said after joining.

Former Congress MP Sushmita Dev too quit the



Former Congress leader Kirti Azad meets West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee as he joins the TMC in New Delhi on Tuesday. TMC national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee is also seen

grand old party just after the TMC came back to power in West Bengal and has now been elected as TMC member in the

Rajya Sabha. Several BJP leaders, including former Union Minister Babul Supriyo too joined the TMC in recent months and sources said many top political leaders from big parties are set to join the TMC during the next months.

A member of the 1983 cricket World Cup-winning squad, Azad was suspended from the BJP for openly targeting the then Union Finance

Minister Arun Jaitley over alleged irregularities and corruption in the Delhi and District Cricket Association in December 2015. He joined the Congress in 2018 ahead of the 2019 General Elections. Azad was elected to the Lok Sabha thrice from Darbhanga in Bihar. He had contested the 2014 general elections on a BJP ticket.

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SP, RLD to forge alliance for UP polls

Akhilesh, Jayant
Chaudhary meet
to secure tie-up

PRABHA SHANKAR ■ LUCKNOW

Samajwadi Party national Spresident Akhilesh Yadav and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) chief Jayant Chaudhary met on Tuesday to finalise the alliance between the two ahead of the crucial Uttar Pradesh election slated for early next year.

Both Akhilesh and Jayant tweeted photos of their meeting, with captions indicating that a deal may be close between the regional parties as they look to challenge the ruling BJP in UP.

"Sri Jayant Chaudhary ke saath badlav ki taraf (Heading towards change with Jayant Chaudhary)," Akhilesh tweeted in Hindi sharing a photo of both the leaders and shortly afterwards the RLD leader too tweeted a photo of their meeting which said, "Badhtey kadam (marching ahead)".

The alliance between the



RLD president Jayant Singh Chaudhary meets SP president Akhilesh Yadav

SP and the RLD is almost a foregone conclusion. It was clear from day one these two parties will forge an alliance. Chaudhary, while talking to

The Pioneer earlier had admitted that the RLD would go with the SP because it has a credible base.

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BJP to drop 30% inept MLAs in UP elections

BISWAJEET BANERJEE ■ LUCKNOW

The Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) is all set to go for a major overhaul by denying tickets to over 30 per cent of its sitting legislators for their non-performance and this list may include some Cabinet rank Ministers in the Yogi Government.

The blueprint of the election strategy was chalked out in the high-level meeting of party leaders held on Monday night in Lucknow which was presided over by that party's national president JP Nadda and was attended by the members of the core group, including Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

The meeting started at 9 pm and continued till midnight where leaders discussed the nitty-gritty of the election strategy. A highly placed source told The Pioneer that the core group has reached a consensus that the BJP should try new faces in the election.

What helped this group to reach this decision is two surveys carried out in the last



UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath speaks during his visit to inspect the under-construction Noida International Airport on Tuesday. UP BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh is also seen

three months.

One was the internal assessment of the party while the other was a survey carried out by a Delhi-based "socio-political evaluation agency". The conclusion of both the surveys was that Yogi is widely popular among the masses but his Government is plagued with very high anti-incumbency.

"This anger is more against the local legislators for their failure to redress the grievances of the people at the ground level rather than the party. In the majority of the cases, the legislators were found to be inaccessible to the people, and in some cases, they even misbehaved with the people," the source in the party said.

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India to release 5m barrels from emergency stock to cut oil prices

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India will release 5 million barrels of crude oil from its emergency stockpile in tandem with the US, China, Japan, and other major economies to cool international oil prices, the Government announced on Tuesday.

This is the first time ever that India, which stores 5.33 million tonnes or about 38 million barrels of crude oil in underground caverns at three locations on the east and west coast, is releasing stocks for such purposes. Of this, about 5 million barrels will be released.

The US will release 50 million barrels of oil from its strategic petroleum reserves. India's 5 million barrels almost equals to its daily oil con-



sumption of 4.8 million barrels.

"India strongly believes that the pricing of liquid hydrocarbons should be reasonable, responsible and be determined by market forces," a government statement said.

"India has repeatedly expressed concern at the supply of oil being arti-

ficially adjusted below demand levels by oil-producing countries, leading to rising prices and negative attendant consequences."

While the statement did not give the date for release, an official privy to the matter said the stock could be released

as early as 7-10 days.

The stocks will be sold to refineries of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL), which are connected by pipeline to the strategic reserves.

The US had last week made an unusual request to some of the world's largest oil-consuming nations, including China, India and Japan, to consider releasing crude stockpiles in a coordinated effort to lower global energy prices.

This after members of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies rebuffed repeated requests to speed up their production increases.

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DU cut-off list today under spl drive to fill up vacant UG seats

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi University will release a cut-off list under a special drive to fill vacant seats in different colleges on Wednesday, according to officials.

The university had sought data of vacant seats from the colleges on Saturday. Some colleges have not yet sent the data, said an official, adding that the institutions can send in the numbers by 1 pm on Wednesday.

Before this, Delhi University had announced a cut-off under a special drive on November 13. The university had not shared the admission data for the list.

Till the fifth cut-off, 74,667 students had secured admission. The colleges will release a merit list and approve candidates on the basis of vacant seats.

The candidates can apply under the second special drive



on November 25 and 26. The colleges will release the merit list on their website and candidates will have time from November 27 to 5 pm on November 30 to make payments.

Candidates who could not seek admission or had cancelled their admission in any of the college of the university during any of the preceding cut-offs and were, therefore, not admitted but meet any of the preceding cut-offs and special drive-I, may be considered for admission under the special drive-II, provided seats are available in the said category, according to the guidelines.

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India to ink pact with Russia to make AK-203 in country

₹6,000-cr deal with
Russia likely to be
finalised during
Putin's Delhi visit

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Signifying the time-tested defence ties between the two countries, India and Russia are likely to ink ₹6,000-crore deal during President Vladimir Putin's visit to New Delhi for manufacturing AK-203 rifles in India. More than seven lakh AK series rifles will be manufactured over a ten-year period. These rifles are an advanced version of the AK-47.

The Defence Ministry is working overtime to finalise the crucial points of the joint venture. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) gave its nod on Tuesday to the proposal, sources said here. The DAC, headed by the Defence Minister is the apex body for approving the acquisition proposals.



A factory in Amethi will manufacture the rifles for military in the first phase. This will be followed by another bulk order for the paramilitary forces and State police of the country. A Major General is overall in charge of the plant.

Putin is likely to hold a summit meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi here on December 5 or 6 and the rifle deal may be announced there, sources said.

The AK-203, designed by

Russia, will be produced in the Amethi factory. Both countries have agreed to the terms of the deal in terms of numbers, price, and manufacturing process. The deal entails the production of 6,014, 427 AK-203 for India's armed forces over a 10-year period.

The first 70,000 will include Russian-made components as technology transfers, and the Army will receive these in 32 months after the manufacturing process begins.

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SC rejects plea against change in land use of Central Vista's plot

Everything can be
criticised but it should
be 'constructive': Court

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday dismissed a plea challenging the change in land use of a plot where the new official residence of the Vice-President is proposed as part of the ambitious Central Vista project in Lutyens' Delhi.

Everything can be criticised but it should be "constructive criticism", the apex court observed and said it was a policy matter and the authority concerned has offered sufficient explanation to justify the change in land use of the plot.

"We find no reason to examine the matter further and therefore put a quietus to the entire controversy by dismissing this petition," a bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar said.



The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, was hearing a petition challenging the change in land use of plot number one from recreational area to residential.

As the petitioner's counsel argued that the change in land use of the plot is not in the public interest and they are seeking to only protect the green and open area, the bench orally asked, "Hereafter, the recommendation will be taken from common citizens as to where the Vice President's residence should be?"

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CAPSULE

GOVT LISTS BILL TO BAN PVT CRYPTOCURRENCIES

New Delhi: The Government on Tuesday listed a new Bill for the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament that seeks to ban all private cryptocurrencies in the country, while allowing an official digital currency to be issued by the Reserve Bank of India. This Bill on cryptocurrencies is among 26 bills listed for the session. These also include a bill to repeal the three farm laws, a proposal for which is to be discussed by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday.

PM TO LAY FOUNDATION STONE OF NOIDA AIRPORT

New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh will soon become the only State in India to have five international airports with Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to lay the foundation stone of the Noida International Airport in Jewar.

J&K ACTIVIST KHURRAM PARVEZ HELD UNDER UAPA

Srinagar: The NIA has arrested human rights activist Khurram Parvez under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with a terror funding case, officials said, adding he is likely to be taken to Delhi.

IGI TO ACHIEVE 'NET ZERO CARBON EMISSION' BY '30

New Delhi: Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, operated by Delhi International Airport Limited, is set to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030, much ahead of the IPCC's 2050 target adopted by all major industries all over the world.

DELHI'S BEST AIR QUALITY IN 22 DAYS

New Delhi: Delhi's air quality improved from "very poor" to "poor" and the 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) read 290 on Tuesday with favourable wind speed, up to 25 kmph, aiding dispersion of pollutants over the last two days.

'HALAL' MEAT FOR INDIAN CRICKETERS CREATES ROW

New Delhi: A row involving the BCCI erupted on Tuesday after it emerged that only 'halal' meat has been recommended for the Indian cricketers during their stay in Kanpur for the series-opening Test against New Zealand. The catering and menu document, in possession of PTI, also mentions categorically that no pork or beef should be part of any food in any form or variety.

TERROR FUNDING CASE NIA arrests J&K activist Parvez under UAPA

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested human rights activist Khurram Parvez under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with a terror funding case, officials said on Tuesday, adding that he is likely to be taken to Delhi.

The coordinator of the J&K Coalition of Civil Society was detained during a raid at his Sonawar residence on Monday and placed under arrest around 11.30 pm, they said. He is being questioned.

Besides Sonawar, raids were carried out at the Society's main office at Amirakadal Bund in the heart of the city. Officials said several incriminating documents and electronic devices were seized during the raids.

On October 28 last year, the NIA searched 10 locations, including that of Parvez, in Kashmir Valley and one in Bangalore in a case related to some "so-called NGOs and trusts" raising funds in India and abroad in the name of charitable activities and using them for carrying out secessionist and separatist activities in Jammu & Kashmir, the officials said.

A case was registered under sections of the IPC and the UAPA following "credible information that certain NGOs and trusts are collecting funds domestically and abroad through so-called donations and business contributions" and then using them to fund terror activities in the union territory, the agency had said.

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Kejriwal promises edu reforms in Punjab

Says will make all outsourcing teachers permanent, fill all vacancies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI / PUNJAB

The “big battle Punjab” has been started as Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday termed present Chief Minister of Punjab Charanjit Singh Channi as “Nakli Kejriwal”.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo, Kejriwal who concluded his pre-election Punjab State tours also announced reforms in the education sector there.

Striking hard at Channi, Kejriwal said as soon as AAP comes to power in Punjab, all outsourcing teachers will be made permanent. “If the Channi Government does not accept the demands of teachers striking to fill and confirm the vacant posts, then I will join them in their dharna. Like Delhi, will also implement a transparent transfer policy in Punjab and non-teaching work burden will be taken off teach-



ers' shoulders, will fill vacancies, send teachers abroad for training, bring promotion policy and provide cashless medical facilities to teachers and their families, he added that in the last 70 years, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Congress formed the government in many States however failed to bring any progress in education sector.

“We have raised the slogan of Punjab's reconstruction; I call upon all the teachers to join our movement in transforming the education sector,” the AAP

leader said.

Taking jibe on ruling Congress, comparing the education system with Delhi, he said, teachers told him that there is simply written in the walls ‘Smart Schools’ but there is no transformation. “In the past one-two months, many teachers hailing from the various corners of Punjab, have come and met with me - college teachers, permanent ones, non-permanent ones, teachers from public schools, private schools and more. They informed me that the condition

of government schools in Punjab is especially dismal. 24 lakh students study in these government schools, whose future is bleak given the current state of affairs in these schools. There is almost no trace of education taking place. They also told me that many of these schools, for upto grade 7, don't have a single teacher; while some others have just one teacher to manage all classes. Despite this, the teachers told me that the government simply got the walls of these schools painted and wrote ‘Smart School’ over it. This is how they make ‘smart schools;” he said. Kejriwal shared education reforms in Delhi government's schools sharing pass percentage of students.”I will not sing my own praises, that is pointless. I will let the results of these government schools speak for themselves. 99.7% students of Delhi passed their exams with flying colours, leaving even private schools behind. So just

as we have transformed the government schools in Delhi, we will change the schools here in Punjab. We are the only political party who knows how to do it, who can do it, and who will do it,” he added.

After announcing transfer of Rs 1000 in the account of Punjab women, he said, his government will give permanent jobs to all the outsourced and contractual teachers in government schools and assured teachers to join their protest if demands are not met.

Before the assembly polls there, Kejriwal assured teachers all non-teaching work will be withdrawn from teachers, adding, all vacant posts of teaching will be filled immediately and teachers will be sent abroad for training.

Besides these poll commitments to teachers, he also said his government will formulate policies related to promotions and medical facilities to their families.

Delhi's AQI improves to 'poor' from 'very poor'

NEW DELHI: According to SAFAR, a unit of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Winds at transport level are likely to slow down and also change direction from north-west to south/southeast tomorrow and north or northwest on 25th. Local surface winds are also relatively low for the next 3 days that reduces dispersion of pollutants leading to deterioration.

Net effect is that air quality is likely to be within ‘poor’ or ‘lower end of very poor’ category for the next three days. From 27th onwards local surface winds are likely to increase resulting in improvement of air quality but expected to be within the ‘poor’ or ‘lower end of very poor’ category range. The effective stubble fire count is 770 and its percentage share in Delhi's PM2.5 is three per cent.

‘IGI Airport to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission by 2030’

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA), operated by Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), is set to become Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030, much ahead of the IPCC's 2050 target adopted by all major industries all over the world.

Videh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO-DIAL announced this in a video message displayed by Airport Council International (ACI) in an event during COP26, titled, “Delivering the Net Zero Airport of the Future”.

Olivier Jankovec, Director General of ACI EUROPE, displayed the video in a session at the COP26 Action Hub in Glasgow on November 10, 2021. The session, organised jointly by ACI EUROPE and ACI World, showcases the vision and progress of IGIA

towards Net Zero carbon emissions (making changes to reduce carbon emissions to the lowest amount – and offsetting as a last resort).

Jaipuria, said, “Towards this direction, we have initiated various environmentally sustainable programmes, such as the introduction of TaxiBot, adoption of electric vehicles, etc. We will continue to develop best-in the class infrastructure and provide services using innovative and sustainable technologies.”

DIAL has taken several technologically advanced measures such as the adoption of electric vehicles and taxibots. TaxiBot (a semi-robotic vehicle, and is used as a means of taxiing the plane to the runway) at IGIA was introduced in 2019 for commercial operation. It is the first airport in the world to take up this initiative.

Driverless train on Metro Pink Line to be inaugurated on November 25

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Metro's driverless train operations' on the 57-km Pink Line of the Delhi Metro is all set to be inaugurated on November 25.

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri and Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot will inaugurate it via video-conferencing, slated to be held at 11:30 am, the DMRC said on Tuesday.

India's first-ever driverless train operations on the Delhi Metro's Magenta Line was inaugurated on December 28 last year by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had said that his government, unlike its predecessors, had taken growing urbanisation as an opportunity and had asserted that metro train services would be extended to 25 cities by 2025 from the current 18.

HC asks AAP to respond to residents plea against liquor shop in their residential areas

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Tuesday sought response of the Delhi Government on a plea by a group of residents challenging the proposed opening of a liquor shop outside their locality in Jangpura, on the ground that no wine shop is permitted to be opened within 100 metres of any educational or religious place and hospital.

Justice Yashwant Varma asked the counsel for the Delhi Government and the Commissioner (Excise, Entertainment, and Luxury Tax) to take instructions on the issue and listed the petition for further hearing on December 3. The court said it will consider issuing notice to the licence holder of the wine shop only after getting the response of the Delhi government and the commissioner.

The court was hearing a plea by the residents of



Jangpura-A here who were aggrieved by the proposed illegal opening of a wine/beer shop in their area.

The petition filed by Praveen Arora and others said the proposal of the opening of the wine or beer shop at that place is against the provisions of relevant laws, Rules including the Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.

The plea, filed through advocates Abhay Kumar, Kumar Milind, and Shagun Ruhil, said in terms of a clause of the Delhi Excise Policy and the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, no wine/beer shop is permitted to be opened within 100 metres of

any major educational institutions, religious places and hospitals with 50 beds and above. “The proposal of the opening of a wine/beer shop at the said place is taken without adhering to the aforesaid provisions of Rules as there are not only more than one religious places like temple, Gurudwara but also school and hospital. Arya Samaj Mandir with School is situated at 30 meters, Kanthi Mata Mandir is at the distance of 60 meters, Mai Ka Gurudwara is at the distance of 90 meters, MCD hospital is at the distance of 60 metres,” it said.

It said the residents of Jangpura-A and Bhogal have made a complaint to their councilor and the Member of Legislative Assembly of the area and a meeting was convened where concerns regarding law and order problem, danger to children, women, and elderly people were also addressed.

AAP collaborates with SaveLIFE Foundation to improve road safety

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot on Tuesday inaugurated the Tactical Urbanism trials at Rajghat to improve road safety in Delhi.

The Delhi Government has collaborated with SaveLIFE Foundation to work on road safety in order to save lives on Delhi's roads. These trials, which also involve Delhi Traffic Police, Public Works Department (PWD) and SWAYAM charitable trust as important stakeholders, will be conducted for a period of 2 months. Tactical Urbanism (TU) trials are temporary, quick and relatively low-cost interventions, which test out urban design, transportation planning and infrastructural changes for improving road safety for all road users, especially the most vulnerable, like pedestrians, cyclists and other

non-motorised transport users.

As part of the Zero Fatality Corridor (ZFC) Project with the Transport Department of Government of NCT of Delhi, SaveLIFE Foundation will be testing temporary urban design interventions to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users, starting this week.

The trials will see road space being redistributed to ensure modal equity, road geometries being modified, traffic being channelized, vehicular speeds being reduced, and pedestrian and cyclist safety infrastructure being added.

While inaugurating the trials, Minister of Transport, Kailash Gahlot said, “Delhi roads belong to all, as much to pedestrians and cyclists as to a motorist and Delhi Government is committed to making Delhi Roads safer for all road users. It was also keeping this in mind that we had

launched the Delhi Road Safety Policy in 2018. Through these Tactical Urbanism trials, earlier at Bhalswa Chowk and now at Rajghat, we aim to develop a comprehensive network of safe roads and junctions across the city. Small interventions like these, which you and I can take up can effectively drive the behaviour change needed from commuters, and the general public, to enable safe road practices in cities.”

Ashish Kundra, Commissioner of Transport, Delhi said, “The objective of these trials is to insert safety elements for all road users. Since 2016, Rajghat Intersection and Rajghat Bus Depot collectively witnessed 47 crashes, 13 fatalities and 51 injuries. These trials are aimed at making the intersection safe for all in an inclusive, cheap and quick manner.”

SDMC to open in each ward dispensaries to improve health services

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to improve health services in its jurisdiction, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) will open dispensaries in each ward, Commissioner Gyanesh Bharti said.

Presenting the budget estimate for 2021-22, he said that SDMC's Department of Environment, Management Services (DEMS) has been working on scientific disposal of garbage by improving means of garbage management.

“The SDMC has allotted land for construction of a new landfill site. Twenty trommel machines with a daily capacity of 2500 metric tons have been deployed for segregation of waste at the existing landfill site. Number of machines will be increased in a planned manner in future. Segregation of nearly 51 lakh metric ton waste will be done through traditional ways at the landfill site by end of December 2023,” he said.

Bharti further said that

land has been allotted at Tehkhand for construction of waste-to-energy plant. The proposed plant, spread over 15-acre land, will ensure disposal of 2000 ton of solid waste per day and is likely to be operational by September 2022. The move will help in disposing of solid waste generated from the SDMC area.

To address the parking problem, construction of multi-level parking having capacity to accommodate 399 vehicles in GK-1 market and another parking facility having capacity to accommodate 86 vehicles in Nizamuddin is in progress, he said.

Tendering process for construction of a parking facility with capacity to accommodate 238 cars in GK-2 and a similar facility with capacity to accommodate 81 vehicles in Amar Colony Lajpat Nagar and a parking facility with capacity to accommodate 225 cars near Punjabi Bagh Cremation Centre will be started.

3 held for duping a man of over ₹10 cr by selling already mortgaged property

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested three people for allegedly cheating a man of more than ₹10 crores by selling them property which were already mortgaged with a bank.

According to Rajeev Ranjan, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), EOW, based on investigation, accused Rishi Arora, Umesh Azad and Manoj Dwivedi were arrested on Monday by the Economic Offences Wing of the city police in connection with a case registered against them in 2018.

“The trio cheated the complainant companies by selling the properties already mortgaged with bank and duping them more than ₹10 crores,” police said, adding further investigation is underway.

GROWING CYBERCRIMES

Delhi Police to set up cyber police station in every district

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

With a rise in cybercrime in the national Capital, the Delhi Police will set up a dedicated cyber police station in every district to deal with such cases effectively.

The Delhi Government's Department of Home has issued a notification to this effect. Cyber police stations will be set up in all 15 police districts.

According to officials, the police stations are likely to start functioning from December 1.

The notification said it is considered necessary to set up cyber police stations in each notified police district to investigate cybercrime cases.

“The Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi, in order to facilitate extension of better police assistance to the public, hereby, is pleased to direct and declare that the cyber police stations in east, northeast, south, southeast, southwest, west, outer, central, north, northwest, Shahdara, Rohini, New Delhi, Dwarka and outer north shall be the cyber police stations in each notified 15 police districts in Delhi from the date of issue of this notification,” it stated.

The cyber police stations shall function from the location as described in Schedule-A or from any other place where the office is shifted in future from the date of issue of this notification, it added.

The cyber police stations shall have jurisdiction over the entire police district, it said.

According to Schedule-A, the cyber police station in east district will be located at Pandav Nagar police station and in northeast district, it will be located at Jyoti Nagar police station.

Delhi police starts initiative to make Connaught Place cleaner

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

From clearing sub-ways to moving beggars and vagabonds to shelter homes, the Delhi Police has started an initiative to make the Connaught Place area, a prime commercial hub in the national capital, cleaner and safer.

The steps were taken after complaints were received especially from women about the unsafe environs, officials said on Tuesday.

In the last two days alone, the subways and premises of Hanuman Mandir, which is among the most visited temples at Connaught Place, have been cleaned in collaboration with



other agencies including civic bodies and Delhi Fire Services, they said.

Since Monday, 15 people including beggars, drug addicts and vagabonds who were often seen in unhygienic surroundings near the Hanuman Temple premises have been relocated to shelter homes with the help of NGO Society for Promotion of Youth and Masses which works under the Ministry of Social

Justice and Empowerment, police said.

“The initiative was taken with the help of different agencies and the temple premises and sub-ways were cleaned,” said Sudhanshu Dhama, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi).

The aim was to tackle crime against women and make the environment safer and secure for them and also in view of the hygiene factor to contain the spread of any disease, he said.

During winters, the beggars and vagabonds also have to be relocated to nearby shelter homes for their hygiene and health, he said.

Indian Navy

Salutes awardees of Distinguished Service Awards

Defence Investiture Ceremony - 23 Nov 21

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AVSM VSM (Retd)

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Param Bir proclaimed offender, must appear in 30 days: Court

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI:

A day after the Supreme Court granted Mumbai's former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh protection from arrest and asked him to join the investigations in the enquiries initiated against him, a city court order declaring him as a "proclaimed offender" and ordering him to appear before the Court or Investigating Officer within 30 days, was pasted outside his Juhu residence here on Monday.

"Singh is required to appear before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Esplanade, Mumbai or investigating officer to answer the said complaint within 30 days," reads the order issued by the court," reads a court order pasted on the door of the former Police Commissioner's flat at Juhu in north-west Mumbai.

In the order signed by Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, 37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai, on November 18, a complaint has been made before the court that Singh has committed (or suspected to have committed) offences under sections 384, 386, 388, 389 (all sections relating to extortion), 120-b (criminal con-

spiracy), 201 (destruction of evidence) and 34 (common intent) of Indian Penal Code.

The order also states that an arrest warrant has been issued against the accused (Singh) and that he has absconded himself to avoid the service of arrest warrant to him.

At Monday's hearing at the Supreme Court, Senior Advocate Puneet Bali, appearing for Singh, informed the bench that "the petitioner is very much in India but apprehends actions being taken by the State of Maharashtra".

Singh had moved the Supreme Court seeking protection from arrest and for other reliefs, after the Bombay High Court had on September 16, 2021 dismissed his petition challenging two preliminary inquiries launched against him by the Maharashtra government for alleged violation of service rules and another for alleged corruption.

While dismissing Singh's petition on the ground that it was "not maintainable", a HC division bench comprising Justices S S Shinde and N J Jamdar said that "it is a service matter" and asked him to approach the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which is an appropriate

forum. "(When) the petitioner approaches the appropriate forum, then the same shall be heard and decided without any prejudice to the HC's order," the HC bench said.

Tuesday's development follows an order passed by Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) SB Bhajipale on November 17 declaring Singh and two other accused Vinay Singh and Riyaz Bhati as "proclaimed offenders" on the ground that they had been absconding and could not be traced.

After hearing an application filed by the Mumbai police on a complaint lodged by hotelier Bimal Agarwal against Singh and three other accused, the ACMM had passed the order.

The complaint Bimal Agarwal had alleged that Singh and dismissed police constable Sachin Waze -- who is currently behind the bars for alleged involvement in the cases involving the recovery of an explosive-laden SUV near industrialist Mukesh Ambani's south Mumbai residence and subsequent murder of businessman Mansukh Hiran-- had extorted cash and valuables worth Rs 11 lakh from him.

Hold simultaneous polls in all civic bodies: Bengal Govt to SEC

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Governor Jagdeep Bhandkar on Tuesday asked State Election Commissioner Sourav Das to hold simultaneous elections to all the civic bodies and not organize polls in Howrah and Kolkata corporations alone. The Governor who held a meeting with the SEC reminded him that like the Election Commission of India the State poll panel too enjoyed huge power and it should employ all its resources to ensure a free and fare elections in the State.

The Governor's advice to the SEC came a day after the State opposition parties told him in an all-party that they wanted simultaneous elections to all the civic boards. Elections to 115 municipal boards are pending for the past more than two years.

The Governor also asked the poll panel to hold elections impartially and not consider it as a part of the State Government, sources said.

A Raj Bhavan tweet subsequently said "During hour long meeting with WB State Election Commissioner Shri Sourav Das, Governor Shri Jagdeep Bhandkar emphasised that SEC in its authority

was at par with the ECI and it should be non partisan, independent and effective and not extension of govt."

Reminding that the State laws did not dilute the Commission's power hold supervise and control the conduct of the municipal polls the tweet said "SEC was categorically indicated that its authority of exercising 'superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Municipalities' is in no manner qualified or diluted by any state law." The opposition parties like the BJP, Left and the Congress had been repeatedly asking for simultaneous elections to all the municipal boards.

"We have repeatedly told it to the Government and the SEC that the polls should be conducted simultaneously ... there is no reason to organise elections in this peace meal manner to help one particular party ... the SEC is not a part of the State Government ... it can organise elections on its own ... if need be it can bring central forces and other logistical support for ensuring peaceful elections," BJP leader Sayantan Basu said.

SC refuses TMC's plea to postpone civic polls in Tripura

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused the Trinamool Congress' (TMC) plea for postponing of municipal elections in Tripura and said it is an "extreme recourse" and last resort to do in a democracy and passed a slew of directions to the state police to ensure free and fair elections. The apex court directed reassessment of deployment of Para-Military forces in critical areas and warned of coercive action if the directives are not followed scrupulously. It also sought details of the FIRs registered in view of violent incidents during campaigning and the arrests made in those cases.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Vikram Nath said, "Postponing election is a matter of last and extreme recourse. It is our considered view that short of postponing of elections, the apprehensions which have been expressed on behalf of the petitioners by the counsels can be suitably addressed by issuing peremptory directions to the State of Tripura, so as to ensure that the remaining phases of the Municipal elections take place in peaceful and orderly manner." The top court was hearing a plea of TMC seeking contempt action against the Tripura government and other officials for failing to curtail violent incidents against opposition parties in the run up to the upcoming Municipal polls. "The DGP and the IGP (law and order) shall hold a joint meeting with the State Election Commission by tomorrow morning for the purpose of assessing the availability of sufficient strength of paramilitary forces drawn from the CRPF for ensuring peaceful conduct of the remaining phases of the elections," the bench directed.



A group of children visits the Red Fort, in the backdrop of the Taj Mahal, during the World Heritage Week, organised by the Archaeological Survey of India, in Agra on Tuesday

13-year-old girl raped in UP village

Banda (UP): A 13-year-old girl was allegedly abducted and raped in a village here, police said on Tuesday.

The minor was working at a farm on Monday evening when a 21-year-old man from a nearby village allegedly dragged her to a forest area and raped her, local Pailani police station SHO Umesh Kumar Singh said.

The man also threatened to kill her, he added. A case of rape, attempt to murder and also under provisions of the POCSO Act was registered against the accused based on a statement by the girl, the SHO said. She underwent a medical examination on Tuesday, and efforts are on to nab the accused, the police said.

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BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

The recent decision of the Haryana Government to assume the control of appointments of all levels — top officials, teaching, non-teaching and supporting employees — of staff in the State Universities is a gross violation of the autonomy of the universities and against the orders passed by the Supreme court and specific guidelines issued by the University Grant Commission (UGC). Through a letter addressed to the Vice Chancellors of all the State Universities of Haryana, the Haryana Principal Secretary (Higher Education) has issued instructions to send requisitions for the appointment of Assistant Professors and group B officials to the Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) and of C and D posts have to be sent to the Haryana State Selection Commission (HSSC). As per the communication, for the selection of university Registrars, the Vice Chancellors have been told to amend the statutes of their respective universities to provide for the creation of a search-cum-selection committee which would have nominees of the state government, HPSC and the Haryana Higher Education Council. The same committees will carry out the selection process for the appointment of Finance Officers, Controller of Examinations and Librarians at the state



universities. The VCs have been told to take the necessary steps in this regard within 15 days. The Haryana Federation of University and College Teachers Organizations have opposed this arbitrary decision of the state government. It has given an ultimatum to the government to immediately withdraw the orders failing which the teachers would resort to "total closure" of the state universities. Although education comes under the concurrent list giving powers to both central and state governments, it gives freedom to state governments to take their own decisions in their respective states, but, the central government possesses overriding powers and most of the policy decisions are taken by the regulatory institutions at the central level to maintain uniformity and transparency in the educational system. The Haryana government should understand that the central government contribute a lot in terms of financial assistance to state universities and partial state funding does not mean taking control of academic institutions and imposing the party ideology.

The state is home to a total of 49 universities divided into various specializations like agriculture, technical, medical, liberal arts, creative arts, sports and law universities. The state boasts of one Central University, 16 State Universities, 22 State Private Universities, three Deemed Universities. Out of them, 33 are General Universities, two Agricultural, one University of Creative and Fine Arts, One Management, two medical, six technical and one Veterinary University. It took years of political will, planning, heavy investment in terms of capital and human resource and hard work to bring Haryana to this level and it takes a stroke of pen to undo it. The National Education Policy 2020 talks about establishing a single regulator for higher education in the form of National Research foundation which would ensure funding for outstanding peer-review research and to actively promote research in universities and colleges. The Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) should be governed by highly qualified independent boards having academic and administrative autonomy who would ensure the appointment of competent and experienced faculty and fill up institutional leadership positions on merit. The NEP vision envisages moving towards a higher educational system consisting of large, multi-disciplinary universities and colleges with at least one in every district and with more HEIs across India that offer a medium of instruction or programs in local/Indian languages. It will ensure revamping of curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and student support for enhanced student experiences.

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Repeal of farm laws and the politics of winning

The reaction from the Opposition is interesting. The Congress is beating its chest about Rahul Gandhi, who had predicted that Modi would repeal the laws

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not known for stooping. However, political compulsions have made him rollback the three contentious farm laws last week. He has realized that whenever political opposition and mass movements come together, it impacts politics. As a shrewd politician, he chose to retreat. In his national television address on Friday he apologized: "Today, I beg the forgiveness of my countrymen and say with a pure heart and honest mind that perhaps there was some shortcoming."

Modi sprang a surprise on the striking farmers, his devotees as well as his opponents. At one stroke, he had taken away the central issue of attack from the opposition



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in the upcoming Parliament session and the Assembly polls to seven states.

Modi's followers were more confused than his opponents. They had been defending the farm laws with such fervor that they felt a sense of betrayal by his climb down. But Modi knows what he is doing even if it appears that the repeal is at the cost of his image.

The rollback has won him laurels and brickbats. The pro-reform lobby in India and abroad is stunned by Modi's climb down as they apprehend that it will halt the reform process, which would have brought new technology and investment. They were banking on Modi that he would initiate reform, particularly in labour



and agriculture.

The pro-farmer lobby is delighted at the victory of the farmers who ran their protests for a year bearing cold and heat and also Covid-19. The opposition too thinks that their support to the farmers has won the day.

Incidentally, the rollback could result in a change of poll strategy-both for BJP and the opposition. The BJP

is ruling in Manipur, Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat, and the Congress is ruling only in Punjab. Winning Uttar Pradesh is crucial for the BJP. The party is happy that the opposition is not united and has started intensifying the campaign and activating the party machinery. The BJP has enough money and muscle power and also a well-oiled party machinery.

The reaction from the opposition is interesting. The Congress is beating its chest about the vision of Rahul Gandhi who had predicted that Modi would repeal the farm laws. But winning the poll-bound states is tough without a strong organization. For instance, Congress is

presently in the fourth position in UP. It can only improve its position and not win the state. The Samajwadi Party was hoping to use the farmer's agitation as a central poll plank. The party is also getting ready to align with the Rashtriya Lok Dal, backed by the Jats. Now it has to rework its poll strategy. The divided opposition might result in a hung Assembly.

The Congress could have won Punjab easily, but the Gandhi siblings have messed it up by getting rid of Captain Amarendra Singh last month. Captain has floated his party and getting ready for an alliance with the BJP. He might not win the polls, but he could damage Congress. The rise of the Aam Admi Party is also a worry.

The Uddham Singh Nagar district in Uttarakhand where a large number of Sikh farmers live was an essential hub of the agitation. The state also does not have a strong chief ministerial face. So far, the Congress and the BJP have been ruling alternately.

In Himachal Pradesh, the Congress is upbeat because of its victory in the recent bye-elections. The BJP faced a complete rout in the recent by-polls. It also lacks a strong chief minister.

Goa is attracting outside parties like the Trinamool Congress and Aam Admi Party. Though Congress emerged as the number one party in 2017, the BJP snatched away the state by forming a coalition. The same thing happened in Manipur,

and Congress lost the game.

Gujarat, the home state of both the Prime Minister and Home Minister Amit Shah, has already seen a change of chief minister. Still, it lacks a solid chief ministerial face. So is the case with Congress. The fight will be tight.

The farmer's issue is still not closed. The farm unions have decided to continue their stir and demand a constitutional guarantee on Minimum Support Prices, repeal of the electricity law, and action against those behind the Lakhimpur Kheri killings. They also demand compensation for the six hundred and odd farmers who died in this struggle. Will the government yield in all these issues? We have to wait and see.

Is repealing farm laws an exercise in futility?



AMITABH SHUKLA

No political party would actually be able to take any electoral benefit from the repeal of the farm laws, given that no one was in favour of it

The announcement of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw the three farm laws, termed "Black laws" by every political dispensation in Punjab except the BJP, is unlikely to have a major impact on the grassroots politics in the poll-bound state, except perhaps a sense of euphoria amongst the party cadres of Congress, Shiromani Akali Dal and Aam Aadmi Party—all of whom were opposing it for the last over a year.

The reason is simple. BJP, bereft of any alliance partners in the Sikh majority state, except perhaps the positive vibes being sent by sacked chief minister Amarinder Singh, has little or no presence in large parts of the state. Of course, the announcement will help BJP in a sense that the political boycott of its leaders will end as of now and they will be able to campaign in the elections.

In Punjab, the announcement is being seen more as a pre-poll sop for Western Uttar Pradesh where BJP is fighting a tough battle in the face of a resurgent farmers' movement against the three laws. A senior politician summed it up saying it is something like the inauguration of Poorvanchal express by Modi. That expressway was for getting votes for BJP in eastern UP and the repeal of the farm laws is for getting votes in western UP where the party was having a tough time.

BJP has been fighting polls in Punjab in alliance with the SAD for the last almost quarter of a century. Considered to be a Hindu-Sikh electoral alliance, the equation helped the saffron party to cement its place in the urban pockets where the Hindu population is in significant numbers. However, after SAD broke its alliance with BJP on the farm laws and its minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal walked out of the Modi Cabinet, the equation has been frosty. Even after the repeal SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal has not warmed upto BJP. In fact, SAD has already entered into an alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party to make inroads into the Dalit vote bank that has been shifting to Congress after Charanjit Singh Channi was made chief minister.

The repeal is unable to make a dent in Punjab politics which is busy with its own unpredictability and mood swings. For instance, despite the drama, it was always expected that Navjot Singh Sidhu would take back his resignation from the post of Punjab Congress President? Of course, it was. After he resigned, there was little attempt made to mollify him given his cantankerous political approach, one that is based on collision rather than assimilation and accommodating the viewpoint of the fellow political traveller of the same party.

Sidhu's arguments for resignation seemed like tokenism as it seems for sure now that his only political line in the poll-bound state is adoption of hardcore



THE BJP-SAD EQUATION HELPED THE SAFFRON PARTY CEMENT ITS PLACE IN URBAN POCKETS WHERE HINDU POPULATION IS IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS. HOWEVER, AFTER THE SAD BROKE ITS ALLIANCE WITH THE BJP AND ITS MINISTER HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL WALKED OUT OF THE MODI CABINET, THE EQUATION HAS BEEN FROSTY

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panthik (religious) politics, which the hardliner Akalis of yesteryears had adopted and mixing religion with politics which the Congress in the pre-1984 years had dangerously done when a section of the party flirted with extremist leaders to counter the Akalis.

Even the Akalis have melted down over the years and instead of talking about religion in danger and panth (community) facing crisis, they are talking about core issues like unemployment, agricultural crisis, farmers' protest, decreasing income in the rural areas, and so on and so forth. "And look at Sidhu, he has become a single-issue unguided missile, unmindful of the fact whether he is getting traction on the ground or not," a senior Congress leader pointed out on the state Congress president's obsession with religious issues and nothing else.

The biggest setback for Sidhu was not getting the chief ministerial chair, something which he was eyeing for a long time and for which he had succeeded in getting his arch rival Amarinder Singh removed.

Chief Minister Channi has played to the gallery and done it rather well ever since he took over and looks like a breath of fresh air as compared to the never smiling and stiff upper lip personality of Parkash Singh Badal and the royal and indifferent approach of Amarinder Singh—the two chief ministers whom the state has seen for the last over two decades.

Channi has a very limited time at disposal and he has at least brought the Congress back to reckoning in the race to the finish in which the SAD and AAP too are serious contenders. This is a "Government of common man, for the common man and by the common man," Channi says and it is likely to become one of the punch lines of the party in the election campaign.

Coming to the launch of the party of Amarinder Singh called Punjab Lok Congress, it seems, he is still to make a head start as no one of note has joined him, not even those who were considered his close associates over the years. Realising his limited appeal, Amarinder too has not moved anywhere from his farmhouse even though all political parties and leaders are busy touring the state, finalizing the list of candidates and devising strategy for the polls. The former maharaja of Patiala has been sending overtures to BJP and had perhaps hoped that he would be taken into confidence when the announcement to withdraw the farm laws was made by Modi. In fact, BJP has decided to contest all 117 seats in Punjab, leaving Amarinder only with the possibility of fielding rebel Congress candidates who are denied party nomination at the last moment.

The AAP too has suffered with its MLAs shifting loyalties to Congress and the party being decimated badly in the last five years with little left of the original party

now. It was the main opposition party in 2017 with 20 MLAs, now with half its MLAs practically gone, resigned, removed, becoming rebels or unattached, it has quietly slipped to the third position as far as strength in Assembly is concerned. Nevertheless, its street fighting spirit, hobnobbing with all elements marginalized by the main parties and the freshness it brings to the political platter, has endeared it to a section in Punjab. They have one shortcoming though—no name for the chief minister and no single face who could be projected as a leader.

The repeal of the three farm laws is set to dominate the political discourse in the state and all parties would now claim credit for it. However, it is likely to even out during the campaign and no party would actually be able to take any electoral benefit from it, given the fact that no one was in favour of it. The only party advocating it—BJP—is hardly a factor in the state.

Though the BJP led central government opened the Kartarpur corridor and made the right noises, another issue is now being raked up fiercely in Punjab —extending the jurisdiction of Border Security Force to upto 50 kms from the International Border which parties say undermines the federal character of the country. As all political parties are against this, like the farm laws, the opposition to BJP lead central government continues in another form.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IN MY OPINION, INDIA SHOULD HAVE ACTIONED A KINETIC RESPONSE IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING THE 26/11 ATTACKS.
—CONGRESS LEADER
MANISH TEWARI



MANISH TEWARI IN HIS NEW BOOK SLAMS THE UPA FOR WEAKNESS IN THE NAME OF RESTRAINT AFTER 26/11.
—BJP IT CELL CHIEF
AMIT MALVIYA

Pakistan rejects as ‘baseless’ Indian stand of downing F-16 in Feb 2019

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Tuesday rejected as “baseless” the Indian stand that a Pakistani F-16 aircraft was shot down by an Indian pilot during an aerial combat in February 2019.

Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman (now Group Captain) shot down the

Pakistani F-16 jet during an aerial combat before his MiG 21 Bison aircraft was hit on February 27, 2019. He was captured by the Pakistani Army and later released on the night of March 1.

He was conferred with the Vir Chakra award by President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday for displaying an “exceptional sense of duty” in the dogfight.

WHO Europe warns of surge in Covid deaths

AP ■ GENEVA

The World Health Organization’s Europe office says projections show its 53-country region could face another 7,00,000 deaths in the coronavirus pandemic by next spring, topping 2 million in total.

WHO Europe, which is based in Copenhagen, Denmark, also cited growing evidence of a decline in protection against infection and mild disease through vaccines, and said a “booster dose” should be given as a priority to the most vulnerable populations — including people with weakened immune systems — as well as people over age 60 and health care workers.

The UN health agency’s international headquarters in Geneva, however, has repeatedly called for a moratorium on the use of boosters through year-end so that doses can be made available for many developing countries that have faced a severe lack of the Covid-19 vaccines compared to the rich world.

WHO Europe called on

WHO Europe, which is based in Copenhagen, Denmark, also cited growing evidence of a decline in protection against infection

people to get vaccinated and respect proper hygiene and practice social distancing to help stop the spread of the virus.

“Today, the COVID-19 situation across Europe and Central Asia is very serious. We face a challenging winter ahead, but we should not be without hope, because all of us — governments, health authorities, individuals — can take decisive action to stabilize the pandemic,” said Dr. Kluge, the regional director for WHO Europe, in a statement.

The European region, which stretches deep into central Asia, reported that deaths due to Covid-19 rose to nearly 4,200 per day last week — a doubling of levels recorded at

the end of September. Cumulative deaths have now reached 1.5 million in the region.

The three factors driving the increase are the highly transmissible delta variant of the virus, an easing of restrictive measures like requirements for mask-wearing and physical distancing in places, and large swaths of the European population that remain unvaccinated, WHO Europe said.

“We can expect that there will be high or extreme stress on hospital beds in 25 countries, and high or extreme stress in intensive care units (ICUs) in 49 out of 53 countries between now and 1 March 2022,” a WHO Europe statement said. “Cumulative reported deaths are projected to reach over 2.2 million by spring next year, based on current trends.” It said the region could face a cumulative 2 million deaths due to the pandemic by March 1.

UN nuclear watchdog chief presses for more access in Iran

AP ■ TEHRAN

The head of the United Nations’ atomic watchdog met Tuesday with Iranian officials to press for greater access in the Islamic Republic ahead of diplomatic talks restarting over Tehran’s tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

Rafael Mariano Grossi of the International Atomic Energy Agency yet again faces tightrope-style talks with Iranian officials as his inspectors remain unable to access surveillance footage and face greater challenges in trying to monitor Tehran’s rapidly growing uranium stockpile. In the wake of then-President Donald Trump’s unilateral withdrawal from Iran’s deal, the Islamic Republic now enriches small amounts of uranium up to 60% purity — its highest ever and close to weapons-grade levels of 90%.

While Iran maintains its program is peaceful, regional rival Israel has repeatedly warned it won’t allow Tehran to

build a nuclear weapon and is suspected of launching attacks targeting its program as part of a wider regional shadow war playing across the Mideast in recent years. The U.S. under President Joe Biden, meanwhile, has said it’s willing to return to the deal, but has warned time is running out.

All this raises the risk of a wider confrontation with Iran, which has taken a harder tack ahead of the talks under new President Ebrahim Raisi, a protégé of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Writing on Twitter on Monday, Grossi said he hoped to “address outstanding questions” with Iranian officials.

“I hope to establish a fruitful and cooperative channel of direct dialogue so the (IAEA) can resume essential verification activities in the country,” Grossi wrote. On Tuesday, Grossi went to the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, the country’s civilian nuclear agency, for his third-such visit since February.

Philippine supply boats reach forces at China guarded shoal

AP ■ MANILA

The Philippine navy successfully transported food supplies to Filipino forces guarding a disputed shoal in the South China Sea on Tuesday, a week after China’s coast guard used water cannons to force the supply boats to turn back, sparking outrage and warnings from Manila, officials said.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said the two wooden boats carrying navy personnel reached government forces stationed on a military ship at Second Thomas Shoal without any major incident. President Rodrigo Duterte strongly condemned last week’s Chinese blockade of the supply boats, in a regional summit led by Chinese President Xi Jinping on Monday.

However, Lorenzana said that while the Philippine navy personnel were unloading supplies from the boats, a Chinese coast guard ship deployed a rubber boat with three personnel who took pictures and video of the delivery.

GLOBE TROTTER

BUS CATCHES FIRE IN BULGARIA, 45 DEAD

Sofia: — A bus carrying tourists back to North Macedonia crashed and caught fire in western Bulgaria early Tuesday, killing at least 45 people, including a dozen children, authorities said. The bus apparently ripped through a guardrail on a highway, though authorities have said the cause is still under investigation. Photos taken shortly after the crash showed the vehicle engulfed in flames as plumes of thick, black smoke rose. Daylight revealed a burned-out shell with all of its windows blown out, sitting in the median. A portion of the guardrail was peeled away and lying in the road. Seven survivors were taken to hospitals after the crash, which happened as a group of buses was returning from a trip to Turkey.

6 STUDENTS KILLED AFTER FERRY CAPSIZES IN LANKA

Colombo: A ferry with 20 people on board capsized in eastern Sri Lanka on Tuesday, killing at least six students, the Navy said. Six students drowned while 17 others survived by swimming at Kinnya’s Kurunnakkenni village as they were travelling to attend school, the Navy said. At least 3 more students were among the 17 who survived.

KENYA, S AFRICA URGE CEASEFIRE IN ETHIOPIA

Pretoria: Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa have called for increased cooperation to bring peace to conflict-ridden regions in Africa, at the start of the Kenyan leader’s two-day state visit to South Africa. Meeting in Pretoria Tuesday, the two leaders discussed the “grave situation in Ethiopia” and agreed that there is an urgent need for all parties to commit to an immediate, indefinite and negotiated ceasefire, Ramaphosa said. They also condemned recent bomb attacks in the Ugandan capital of Kampala. The two leaders discussed the problem of Islamic extremist violence in South Africa’s neighbour, Mozambique, and in other countries across Africa.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(To be known to all that: I, Mr. Ram Mehraj Singh S/D/W/ Shri Chand R/o DDA MIG Flat No 255,3rd Floor, SEC-19, PKT-3, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078. Email: mehrajshri1956@gmail.com, (Which has been allotted by DDA vide File No.10902392/M041(176)1996/DW/NP applied for conversion from lease hold flat in D.D.A. The Original Allotment-cum-Demand Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Letter, NOC and Water Connection, have been lost. An F.I.R. LR 96305/2021 to this effect has been lodged. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this flat can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (IAB) H or Director (H-N, D Block 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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Letter No 5355/41M 2/2020-21 Dated 23.11.2021

National Competitive Bidding(E-Tendering)
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle. Public Works Department Nainital on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites e-tender (two bid system). For further details please log on to <https://www.uktenders.gov.in> from 30.11.2021.

Sl. No	Name of work	Earnest money (in Lakh Rs)	Cost of Tender	Validity of tender	Time of completion	Contractor's category of Registration
1	Resurfacing and strengthening work (By Premix Carpeting) on Chorlekh - Malli Dinee - Talli Dinee Motor Road from Km 1 to 10 under state sector of constituency Bhimtal	Bid Securing Declaration	5000 + 18 % G.S.T	120	18	Registered in Class "B" and above in any State Govt. / Central Govt. or any Govt. under taking in Road work

BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi
... A joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Tender Notice Date: **24.11.2021**
BYPL invites Sealed Tenders from all CERC approved traders /Utilities for banking of power

NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Period	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Bid Submission	Date and Time of Bid Opening
BYPL/PMGIFY 21-22/Tender/ Banking-1 dt 23-Nov-2021	Banking of Power	6 th Dec-2021 to 30 th Sep-2022	₹2,00,000/-	3-Dec-21 at 15:15 hrs	3-Dec-21 at 15:30 hrs

For Further Details please log on to <https://www.bsesdelhi.com/> HEAD (Power-Management)
Regd.Off: BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 | CIN: U40109DL2001PLC111525
TEL: 011-41249224 | Fax:011-4124 7787 | Website: www.bsesdelhi.com

Office Of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan
Lane No-1, Tarun Vihar, Mothrowala Road, Dehradun-248001
Phone No/Fax. 0135 2671940, E-mail - eeждуs@rediffmail.com
Letter No. 3305 /E-Tender Notice/2021-22 Date : 23.11.2021
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING e - Tender Notice
On behalf of the Chief General Manager, Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Dehradun online tenders in **Two Bid System**, on item rate contract basis (inclusive of all materials & taxes) are invited for the following works in District Dehradun (Uttarakhand) under **Jal Jeevan Mission** from technically and financially capable bidders, registered with Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan/ Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam in appropriate class & category up to prescribed date & time on the portal as mentioned in terms and conditions.

Bid No.	Name of Work	Bid Security (Earnest Money)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs)	Period of completion of works
01	Construction of Bagi Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Gravity Main & Distribution System, Construction of Clear Water Reservoir etc complete.	As Per GoUK Order No-121(1)/XXVII(7)/ 21-32/2007 टीओसी निम्न 29-04-2021 Bidder have to submit Bid Security declaration	₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
02	Construction of Kaluwala Badowala Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Distribution System Repairing of OHT me. complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
03	Construction of Barkot Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Overhead Tank. Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
04	Construction of Bhagwanpur Julo Water Supply Scheme Including Laying, Jointing, testing & commissioning of Gravity main & Distribution System Repairing of CWR, construction of source work etc. complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	09 months
05	Construction of Abdullapur Water Supply Scheme Including Laying, Jointing testing & commissioning of Rising main & Distribution System, Repairing of OHT, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months
06	Construction of Kulhal Matak Majri Water Supply Scheme Including Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Rising Main & Distribution System, Construction of Pump House & Clear Water Reservoir, Development of Tube well & all appurtenance civil and E&M works etc complete		₹ 4000.00 + GST	12 months

The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows: -		
S. No.	Description	Time Schedule (Key Dates)
1	Date of Online Publication	27.11.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
2	Document download : Start Date	29.11.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid Meeting : Date	04.12.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
4	Bid Submission : Start date	09.12.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission : End date	14.12.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
6	Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting Document in support of qualification).	14.12.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of Bid Opening	15.12.2021 at 11:00 Hrs
8	Date of Financial Bid Opening	To be intimated later
“जल संचय-जीवन संचय”		Executive Engineer

UJVN LTD.
HO “UJJWAL”, Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com
Letter No. 884 Date Extension Dated : 23.11.2021
Due to unavoidable reason various dates for tender No. 12/EE (Maint.) /Khodri/2021-22 for Procurement of Various pumps for Water supply system of Tons Colonyare extended as below, all other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain unchanged:
Last date for submission of online bid : 30.11.2021(upto14:00 Hrs)
Last date for submission of Hard Copy : 30.11.2021 (upto16:00 Hrs)
Date of opening of bid :01.12.2021 (11:00 Hrs.)
For downloading tender documents and other details, Kindly visit portal “<https://www.uktenders.gov.in>”
Executive Engineer (Maintenance)
“Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity”

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of 'Punjab Lok Congress Party'. The office of the party is located at Mohinder Bagh, situated at Village Siswan, Near Gurdwara Sheesh Mahal Sahib, Post Office Mullanpur Garibdass, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali, Punjab, India – 140901. This Party has submitted an application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. Names/address of the office-bearers of the Party are as follows: (1. President :- Sukhinder Singh, House No. 3, Sector 5, Chandigarh. (2. General Secretary :- Gurmehar Singh Sekhon/Jainil Majri, Village Majrian, Tehsil Kharar, District SAS Nagar, Punjab. (3. Treasurer :- Sukhsimran Singh, H.No. 27, Phase 3B-1 SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab. If anyone has any objection to the registration of 'Punjab Lok Congress Party', they may send their objection, with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi – 110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvn.com
RO No. 881 e-Tender Notice Date: 22.11.2021
Office of the Executive Engineer (C&M), MB-II, Joshiyara, Uttarkashi invites sealed Tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :
Tender No: 14/EE(C&M)/MB-II/Joshiyara/2021-22
Name of work: Providing Chain link Fencing, Boundary wall and other associated work around various location of Nigam land at Maneri Bhali Stage-II project, Joshiyara, Uttarkashi.
Estimated cost : Rs. 1,26,99,958.00 (excluding GST)
Date of availability of bid document on website : 23-11-2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last Date for submission of bids on website : 15-12-2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit “e-procurement portal <http://uktenders.gov.in>”
Executive Engineer (C&M)
“Avoid wasteful use of Electricity”

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: About 65 Yrs., Height: 5'4", Sex: Male, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Wearing: Blue Colour T-Shirt, Yellow Colour Half Pant, Place of Recovery: Found in unconscious condition on 19.11.2021 in front of shop no. 3795/51, Bhagwati Market lohe wali gali, Chawari Bazar, Delhi. He was admitted in LNJP Hospital, where doctor declared brought him dead. In this regard FIR/DD No. 22-A, Dated 19.11.2021 has been lodged at Police Station, Hauz Qazi, Delhi. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign. SHO P.S. Hauz Qazi, Delhi Ph.: 011-23210414, 23212482

DP/1101/CD/2021

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a person namely **Rehan**, S/o Late Mohd Rafiq, R/o-1886, Gali Rajan Kucha Challan, Chandni Mahal, Delhi. Age : 31 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion-Fair, Face-Oval, Built-Thin, I/D Mark-Entally Disturb, Wearing-Blue pant and light brown kurta has been reported missing from the area of P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi, since 23.10.2021. In this regard DD No. 46-A dated 03.11.2021, has been registered at P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this person please inform undersigned.
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph : 011-24368638, 24368641 SHO
Fax : 011-23011334 P.S. Chandni Mahal, Delhi
DP/1095/CD/2021 Ph. : 011-23279338, 8750870423

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

1. Name of the corporate debtor	IIC Limited
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	March 11, 2010
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is Incorporated / registered	RoC-Delhi
4. Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U70200DL2010PLC199960
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of the Corporate Debtor	Registered Office: 854-A, Gali No 51 Block E, Moharani Extn Badapur, New Delhi-110044 Previous Addresses: 1. 432-E, F/F, Devil Village, New Delhi, North West Delhi-110052 2. 90A-207, Kharsa No. 412, Ground Floor, Mahipalpur Extension, New Delhi-110037
6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	September 20, 2021 (order received on September 24, 2021)
7. Date of invitation of expression of interest	November 24, 2021
8. Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(n) of the Code is available at:	Minimum conditions for Resolution Applicant(s) to approach the Resolution Professional of the Company is: 1. Minimum tangible net worth of INR 5 Cr. As on March 31, 2021 (For Public and Private Limited Co.) For complete details please mail at ii.cirp@gmail.com
9. Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at	https://ibbi.gov.in/webfront/legal_framework.php More details can be sought by emailing at ii.cirp@gmail.com
10. Last date for receipt of expression of interest	December 09, 2021
11. Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	December 16, 2021
12. Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	December 21, 2021
13. Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	December 28, 2021
14. Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	December 21, 2021
15. Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	Request may be sent to ii.cirp@gmail.com
16. Last date for submission of resolution plans	January 20, 2021
17. Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	A prospective resolution applicant in the final list may submit resolution plan or plans prepared in accordance with the Code and these regulations to the resolution professional electronically within the time given at the email address mentioned in SI. No. 21
18. Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	February 10, 2022
19. Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Pramod Kumar Gupta Reg. No.: IBB/IIPA-001/IP-P01329/2018-2019/12075
20. Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Pramod Kumar Gupta Address: B-1/10, Lower Ground Floor, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi, DL-110016 E-mail: variety.financial@gmail.com
21. Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	Address: B-1/10, Lower Ground Floor, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi, DL-110016 E-mail: ii.cirp@gmail.com
22. Further Details are available at or with	On request to Resolution Professional
23. Date of publication of Form G	November 24, 2021

Pramod Kumar Gupta For IIC Limited (Under CIRP)
IBBI/IIPA-001/IP-P01329/2018-2019/12075
B-1/10, Lower Ground Floor, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, Delhi, DL-110016

Date: November 24, 2021
Place: New Delhi

NORTHERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:-

Name of Work	Annual Zone work for repair to service building & station building in the section of JE/Yamuna Bridge & SSB in the section of SSE/W/DLI/Jine from ADEN/DLI
Approximate Cost of work	₹99,00,625.81 (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakh Six Hundred Twenty Five and Eighty One Paise Only)
Earnest Money to be deposited	₹0.00
Cost of Tender Document	₹0.00
Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of tender	17.12.2021 at 15:00 Hrs.
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in
• The tenderers/must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. • For all terms and conditions please refer tender document. • No manual offer are acceptable • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.	
T.Notic No. 128-W/280/e-Tender Notice/NIT/21/2021-22/W-3 Date : 22.11.2021	
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Sensex, Nifty log 1st gain in five sessions

Power, metal stocks save the day

Mumbai: Market benchmarks Sensex and Nifty rebounded from the day's lowest levels to register their first gain after four sessions on Tuesday, helped by hectic buying mainly in power, metal and telecom stocks.

After plunging over 700 points in early trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex pared all losses to settle 198.44 points or 0.34 per cent higher at 58,664.33.

Similarly, the NSE Nifty rose 86.80 points or 0.50 per cent to 17,503.35.

PowerGrid was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, rising around 4 per cent, followed by NTPC, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, Sun Pharma and Bajaj Finserv.

On the other hand, IndusInd Bank, Asian Paints,

Infosys, Bajaj Auto and Maruti fell up to 2.59 per cent.

Sectorally, BSE metal, power, utilities, realty, basic materials and telecom indices rose up to 3.48 per cent, while IT index ended in the red.

Broader midcap and small-cap indices rose 1.81 per cent. "Domestic equity market clawed its way out of the recent downside boosted by metal, PSU bank and pharma stocks with mid and small caps outperforming the benchmark indices," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

"US markets witnessed a late sell-off yesterday despite the re-nomination of Jerome Powell as the Fed chair. Oil and gas indices remained under pressure amid reports of the US releasing its emergency oil reserves to keep the rising crude oil prices under control," he added.

After Airtel, Vodafone Idea raises mobile call, data rates by 18-25%

New Delhi:Debt-ridden telecom operator Vodafone Idea on Tuesday announced an increase in mobile call and data tariffs across plans by 18-25 per cent for prepaid customers, with effect from November 25.

The development comes a day after Bharti Airtel announced a similar level of tariff hike in mobile prepaid users.

While analysts believe Jio will also increase the mobile rates, the Mukesh Ambani-led company has not opened its

card yet. Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has increased the minimum value of recharge by 25.31 per cent for 28 days to ₹ 99 from ₹ 79.

With this, VIL customers have to pay a minimum of Rs 99 for availing of mobile services for about a month.

In the popular unlimited category plans, Vodafone Idea has hiked the rates in the range of 20-23 per cent.

The lowest plan bundled with a per-day 1 GB data limit

will cost ₹269 from November 25 onwards. Currently, it costs ₹219.

Further, the price of the 84-day validity plan with 1.5 GB per day data limit will cost Rs 719 instead of ₹599.

The 365-day plan with 1.5 GB per day data limit will go up by 20.8 per cent to ₹2,899. Currently, it is priced at ₹2,399. The company has also increased the price of low-value data top-up by about 20 per cent.

Govt plans more tax concessions on vehicles purchased after scrapping old ones: Gadkari

New Delhi: The Government is considering a proposal to provide more tax-related concessions on vehicles that are purchased after scrapping old vehicles under the recently launched National Automobile Scrappage Policy, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

While inaugurating Maruti Suzuki Toyotsu India's first government-approved scrapping and recycling facility for end-of-life vehicles (ELVs), Gadkari

also said the scrappage policy is going to reduce pollution.

"The GST revenue of both the Centre and states will rise due to the scrappage policy... I will discuss with the finance ministry on how to provide more (tax-related) concessions under the new vehicle scrap-page policy," he said.

Under the new policy, the Centre had said the states and Union Territories (UTs) will provide up to 25 per cent tax rebate on road tax for vehicles

that are purchased after scrapping old vehicles.

The road transport and highways minister said he is also requesting the GST Council to explore what more incentives can be provided under the National Automobile Scrappage Policy.

"The final decision (on providing more incentives under the National Automobile Scrappage Policy) will be taken by the finance ministry and the GST Council," he said.

SpiceJet brings back Boeing 737 MAX aircraft into op

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SpiceJet has brought back Boeing 737 MAX aircraft into operation after a gap of around two-and-a-half years.

The airline celebrated the return to service of the 737 MAX with a special flight from New Delhi to Gwalior on Tuesday with the Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Chairman and Managing Director Ajay

Singh and Boeing India President Salil Gupte and senior aviation ministry officials and media persons on board.

The flight SG9945 took off at 2.50 pm from Delhi and landed at approximately 3.50 pm at the Gwalior airport.

"I am extremely excited to see the 737 MAX, the mainstay of our fleet, back into operations. The return of the MAX will be a game-changer for SpiceJet and

allow us to offer a vastly superior flying experience to our passengers," Singh said at a press conference before the special flight on Boeing 737 Max.

The airline has already started flying two Boeing 737 Max planes in India, and 11 more such aircraft will start flying in India in the next 15-20 days, he said.

All Max planes were grounded in India by the Directorate General of Civil

Aviation (DGCA) on March 13, 2019, three days after the crash of an Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max plane near Addis Ababa, which had left 157 people, including four Indians, dead.

After Boeing made necessary software rectifications in the last two and half years, the DGCA on August 26 this year lifted the ban on Max planes' commercial flight operations.

Fastag can now be used for fuel payments as well

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

IDFC FIRST Bank and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) has signed an agreement to facilitate fuel payments by motorists at HPCL's retail outlets using the Bank's FASTags.

Further, IDFC FIRST Bank's FASTags can now also be bought, recharged and replaced by passenger vehicle

users at select HPCL retail outlets.

This partnership makes the purchase and use of tags convenient for five million motorists using IDFC FIRST Bank FASTags at HPCL retail outlets.

The agreement was signed in Mumbai at an event attended by the senior management of HPCL and IDFC FIRST Bank.

PARADIP PORT TRUST e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Name of the work: "Construction of Retaining Wall cum Drain on left side of Road from old Gate No. 2 to Warehouse area at Paradip Port". EMD cost: NIL, Last Date & Time of submission of Bid: 06.12.2021 up to 17:15 Hrs. For details please refer our Website: eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app. Executive Engineer, HWD No.1, PPT PPT/PR/123/21-22 Dt.23/11/2021

INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE

E-Tender No.: C-LMG-306-2021. Open tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Name of work: Tender for installation of 49 Nos. Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at Amoni, Bebejia, Balikotia, Barahua, Batadrowa Road, Chaparmukh, Dhing Bazar, Digaru, Dagaon, Dhing, Dharamtul, Haibargaon, Jagirroad, Jakhlabandha, Juriagaon, Kamrup Khetri, Mairabari, Nagaon, Purnanigudam, Phulaguri, Raha, Rupahigaon, Senchoa, Silghat Town, Salona, Samaguri, Sonuabari, Thekeraguri, Tarabari, Tetelia of Digaru - Chaparmukh, Chaparmukh - Silghat Town and Haibargaon - Moirabari section over Lumding Division for a period of 5 (five) years. (Sketch at Annexure-). Cost of tender document: ₹1,000/- E-Tender will be closed at 12:00 hrs. on 06-12-2021 and Opened at 12:30 hrs. on 06-12-2021. The complete information of the tender documents of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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STORES E-PROCUREMENT

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. S/66/2021-22; Dated: 16-11-2021. Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: S/N-1: Tender No. 37/20/0563/D/O/T/20/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: Modified Elasticomeric Pad complete. Drg.No. RDSO's Drg. No - WD - 95005-S - 1, Alt. - 7. Specn. RDSO's specn No. WD-20-MISC-95 (Rev-3) with amendment slip No. 4 of May 2006 & BIS Spec. IS:2062/2011, Gr. E 250 Quality-A. (1) Qty.- 2860 Nos for NBQ/WORKSHOP/DEPOT. (2) Qty.- 3598 Nos for PNO/GSD; (3) Qty.- 3681 Nos for NBQ/WORKSHOP/DEPOT. (4) Qty.- 6671 Nos for NJP/GSD. (P.L. No. 38106322). Closing/Opening Date: 03-12-2021. S/N-2: Tender No. 30/21/0662/OT/208/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: Brake Cylinder with hand brake arrangement for LHB coaches. Part No. M/s Knorr Bremse Part No.11 825161/1204 LP or Brake Cylinder with hand brake attachment (PBACM M/s Faiveley) Part No. 4F-125187. (1) Qty.- 10 Nos for DBRT/WORKSHOP/DEPOT; (2) Qty.- 10 Nos for NBQ/WORKSHOP/DEPOT. (P.L. No. 33510192). Closing/Opening Date: 03-12-2021. S/N-3: Tender No. 50/21/5088/OT/209/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: Supply & installation of SMPS based IPS to suit RDSO specification no. RDSO/SPN/165/2004 or latest with 300AH low maintenance lead acid battery" (Specification: As per Annexure-IA; Drawing: As per Annexure-IIB). Qty.- 5 Set for SSE/SIG/TSK. Item code No. 56XKN001. Closing/Opening Date: 01-12-2021. S/N-4: Tender No. 50/21/5102A/OT/210/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: Supply of Polythene Insulated, Polythene sheathed Jilly Filled U.G. Telecom Cable 20 Pair, Dia 0.5mm as per RDSO Spec. No. IRS-TC-41/97 (Amdt.3). Qty.- 15 KM for Sr. Section Engineer/TELE/APDJ. Item code No. 561N006. Closing/Opening Date: 01-12-2021. S/N-5: Tender No. 10/21/4843/OT/211/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: BRAKE CONTROLLER KBI Pt No.774902. Qty.- 10 Nos for SGUJI DIESEL/DEPOT. (P.L. No. 17457660). Closing/Opening Date: 03-12-2021. S/N-6: Tender No. 80/21/4038/OT/212/21-22, Brief Description, PL No. & Quantity: General Purpose Machinery Oil to IS-493-81 (Part-1) Reaffirmed 2004 (with Rust Preventive characteristics test, as per IS-1448-P-96, Method A) Grade-VG-100 with RDSO additional requirement as Slip no. 1 issued by RDSO on August 2016. (1) Qty.- 30000 LTR for PNO/GSD. (2) Qty.- 20000 LTR for NBQ/WORKSHOP/DEPOT. (P.L. No. 80014513). Closing/Opening Date: 03-12-2021. NOTE:- For full details of Tender notice and tender documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

PCMM, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrowers / Mortgagees is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post/Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s & Co- Borrower/s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property / Secured Asset
Loan Account No. X0HESRH00002506277 1. Akash Singhal, 2. Kirti Singhal, 3. Gaurav Singhal, 4. M/s Ashu Da Dhaba All are residing at Behat Road, Near Kali Mandir, Geetanjali Vihar Saharanpur, U.P.-247001.	Rs. 20,84,799/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.21,68,100.12/- as on 30.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing property one residential house, constructed on eastern part of plot no. 25 measuring 100 sq yds i.e 83.61 sq mtrs measurement east & west 30' north and south 30' pertaining khasra no. 639 situated at dara miknana bairoon dar abadi geetanjali vihar pargana tehsil & distt saharanpur. North: way 20 wide, south: plot no. 26, east: way 20 wide, west: remaining part of plot no. 25 owner yogesh.
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00002690697 & X0HEELD00002753706 1. Akshaya Fashion House Private Limited 2. Anand Rao, S/O Veerabhadra Rao 3. Aruna Rao, W/O Anand Rao All are residing at S-7/7 DLF City Phase-3, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002.	Rs. 1,45,00,000/- & Rs. 2,00,000/- Totally Rs. 1,47,00,000/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.14502183.87/- & Rs.186088.30/- Totally Rs. 1,46,88,272.17/- as on 13.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing house no. 7 road no.s-7, measuring 136.48 sq. Mtrs (163.23 Sq.Yds) having covered area 2205 sq ft in the residential colony known as dfi enclave complex, phase-iii situated in and around village nathpur, tehsil and distt, gurgaon. North: road, south: other land, east: plot no. S-7/8, west: plot no. S-7/6.
Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001184227 1. Anil Sareen, S/O Raj Kumar Sareen, 2. Anju Sareen, Both are residing at H.No-718 Sec-15 Part-II Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	Rs. 2,53,01,631/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.1,53,53,780.57/- as on 13.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing property/ plot no. 718 area measuring 420 sq mtrs. Having covered area 920 sq.ft situated in the residential huda colony known as sector-15 part-II, Gurgaon (Haryana).
Loan Account No. X0HEDHE00001184227 1. Anil Sareen, S/O Anil Sareen House No-718 Sec-15 Part-2, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.	Rs. 2,53,01,631/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.1,53,53,780.57/- as on 13.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing property/ plot no. 718 area measuring 420 sq mtrs. Having covered area 920 sq.ft situated in the residential huda colony known as sector-15 part-II, Gurgaon (Haryana).
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00003090980 & X0HEELD00003139302 & X0HEELD00000007772 1. Atul Malhotra, S/O Ramji Dass Malhotra 2. Anjale Malhotra, W/O Atul Malhotra Both are residing at H-20/124 Silver Oaks DLF, Ph-II Sikander Pur Ghosi-68, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002.	Rs. 1,03,00,000/- & Rs. 2,00,000/- & Rs. 20,78,000/- Totally Rs. 1,25,78,000/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.10973405.28/- & Rs.206620.97/- & Rs.2084465/- Totally Rs. 1,32,64,491.25/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing no. 12/5 ground floor, area measuring 250 sq.meter (300 sq.yds) in the residential colony known as dfi qutab enclave situated in village shahpur tehsil and district gurgaon, dfi city phase-ii, gurgaon, haryana. North: road, south: plot no. N13/5, east: plot no. N12/6, west: plot no. N12/4.
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00001638333 1. Baburam, B-17, B-Block Kewal Park, Azadpur, Newdelhi-110033 2. Kamal Kishor, B-17 Kewal Park, Azadpur, Newdelhi-110033 3. Chanderkala, B-17, B-Block Kewal Park, Azadpur, Newdelhi-110033	Rs. 27,94,966/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.25,00,252.92/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing no. B-17/a, measuring 58 sq yds. out of khasra no.29, abadi known as kewal park, situated in the area of village azadpur, delhi and bounded as under; north: others property, south: others property, east: road, west: others property.
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00003010577 & X0HEELD00003116864 & X0HEELD000000001224 1. Deepak Keshwani, S/O Moti Ram Kehwani B 1/71 Phase 2, Ashok Vihar, Newdelhi-110052. 2. M/s VIP Footwears 2339/15 Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, Newdelhi-110005 3. Pradeep Keshwani, S/O Moti Ram Kehwani, B 1/71 Phase 2, Ashok Vihar, Newdelhi-110052 4. Sarika Keshwani, W/O Deepak Keshwani B 1/71 Phase 2, Ashok Vihar, Newdelhi-110052. 5. M/S Moti Sons, 442 C & 442 D Katra Nabi Bax, Sadar Bazar, Newdelhi-110006	Rs. 212000000/- & Rs.2000000/- & Rs.4205866/- Totally Rs. 2,56,05,866/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.22218873.75/- & Rs.197132.71/- & Rs.4298728/- Totally Rs. 2,67,14,734.46/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing shop no. 442-c & 442-d, both shop admeasuring45.77 sq mtrs. On ground floor and one shop bearing no. 441 ½ admeasuring 85.37 sq mtrs on first floor with roof/sky right (said portion) part of property no. 441, 442, 443, situated at katra nabi bax, sadar bazar, delhi-06
Loan Account No. X0HEEDT00002006803 & X0HEEDT00002471849 & X0HEEDT00003142787 & X0HEEDT000000005227 1. Harpreet Singh Batra, S/O Gulbir Singh Batra, F-119d, G T B Enclave, Pocket-F, Opp Gtb Hospital, Newdelhi-110095 2. M/S Harmon Fab, 7/10, Site- Iv, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh 3. Asha Batra, F-119d, G T B Enclave, Pocket-F, Opp Gtb Hospital, Newdelhi-110095 4. Monika Batra, W/O Harpreet Singh Batra, F-119d, G T B Enclave, Pocket-F, Opp Gtb Hospital, Newdelhi-110095.	Rs. 3261550/- & Rs.1565660/- & Rs.850000/- & Rs.1013700/- Totally Rs. 66,90,910/-	29.10.2021 & Rs. 2809389.73/- & Rs. 1524784.83/- & Rs. 881847.7/- & Rs. 10,31,866/- Totally Rs. 62,47,888.23/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing flat no. 119-d, 3rd floor, pocket-F, mig, situated in the layout plan of housing estate, nand nagri, delhi.
Loan Account No. X0HEEDT00002503800, X0HEELD00001443174 & X0HEEDHE00001211840 and X0HEEDL000000004495 1. Late Mahavir Prasad, Through Its Legal Heirs, First Floor 4726 Deputy Ganj North Delhi, New Delhi 110006 Also At: Property No. 17, Block 4, Ground Floor, Roop Nagar, New Delhi 110007 2. Kamlesh Gupta, 3. Jitesh Gupta 4. Suraj Bhan Mahavir Prasad, Through Its Proprietor, First Floor 4726 Deputy Ganj North Delhi, New Delhi 110006.	Rs. 22,00,000/- & Rs. 57,00,000/- & Rs. 1,50,00,000/- & Rs. 37,54,029/- Totally Rs. 2,66,54,029/-	22.11.2021 & Rs.23,02,351.39/- & Rs.50,52,505/- & Rs. 1,34,93,674.42/- & Rs.40,55,393/- Totally Rs. 2,49,03,923.80/- as on 11.11.2021 with further interest thereon.	Property 1 - All that piece and parcel of the Entire Ground Floor, (the said Floor) Built on Municipal No. 11184, Old No. Plot No. 17, in Block 4, Measuring 249 Sq. yds., Situated at Roop Nagar, Delhi and boundaries as under:- East - No.18, West - Property No. 16, North - Road No.40, South - Service Road.
Loan Account No. X0HEELD00002976332 & X0HEELD000030334612 & X0HEELD000000002133 1. Mahesh Chand, S/O Prem Chand 2. Babita Devi, W/O Mahesh Chand 3. S.S. Enterprises All are residing at J-45/1, Chotha Pusta Main Road, Kartar Nagar, Bhajan Pura, Newdelhi-	Rs. 5000000/- & Rs. 22000000/- & Rs. 5230000/- Totally Rs. 32,23,000/-	29.10.2021 & Rs. 452453.45/- & Rs. 21,49683.24/- & Rs. 547783/- Totally Rs. 31,49,919.69/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of possession of a built-up property area measuring 100 sq yds. i.e 83.61 sq mtrs bearing property no. j 45b, out of khasra no. 142,143, consisting of according to the with the right to use and construct upto the last storey, situated at village ghonda guran khadar, in the abadi of j block, main road 4th pusta, kartar nagar, illaqa shahdara, delhi-110053.
Loan Account No. X0HEEDT00002195144 & X0HEEDT00002195231 1. Hosiyar Prasad, 2. Chinta Mani Devi Both are residing at RZ-5/166 A Gali No-6a, Durga Park, Newdelhi-110046 3. M/S Jawahar Institute Kh No- 171 Durga Park, Nasirpur Road, Newdelhi-110046	Rs. 18000000/- & Rs. 2000000/- Totally Rs. 20,00,000	29.10.2021 & Rs. 1894012.99/- & Rs. 218486.93/- Totally Rs. 21,12,499.92/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing plot no. 5, land mg.200 sq.yds. Out of khasra no. 166, situated at village nasirpur delhi, abadi known as durga park, new delhi-110045, with all freehold right of the land underneath; and same is bounded as under:- north: plot no.4, south: plot no.6, east: gali 8th ft wide, west: road 20 ft wide.

Loan Account No.X0HEAHE00003297214 1. Prateek Parashar, 2. Renu Sharma, Both are residing at 31a/60, Shamsabad Road, Agra- Uttar Pradesh-282001 3. M/S Angel's Fashion World 432/1 Main Market, Rajpur Chungi, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001 4. Sanjeev Sharma 31a/60, Shamsabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282001.	Rs. 4240000/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.4419911.1/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing one residential house measuring 209.02 sq.mtrs. Part of survey no. 366 situated at mauza itaura tehsil and district agra. North: land munna pehvan, south: land deepak & sunil agarwal, east: khet shri vdal singh, west: agra gwalior road.
Loan Account No.X0HEDET00001926833 & X0HEDET00002471853 & HE02DET00000004722 1. Raj Wadhwa, S/o Kishan Lal Wadhwa Hno-334/4 Gali No-4, Govindpuri Kalkaji, Newdelhi-110019 2. Mahesh Kumar, S/o Kishan Lal Wadhwa 334 B/4, 2nd Floor, Govind Puri Kalkaji, Newdelhi-110019 3. Poonam Wadha, W/o Raj Wadhwa 26 Tilak Nagar, Giri Kalkaji South Delhi, Newdelhi-110019 4. Shanta Rani Wadhwa, W/o Kishan Lal Wadhwa, 334 B/4, Gali No.4, Govind Puri Kalkaji, Newdelhi-110019 5. Bike Factory, 26, Tilak Khand, Govind Puri, Newdelhi-110019	Rs. 5000000/- & Rs. 3600000/- & Rs. 1418900/- Totally Rs. 1,00,18,900/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.3965912.87/- & Rs. 2911140.34/- & Rs.14,28,438/- Totally Rs. 83,05,491.21/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing no. 334/4, old mod no. 257, measuring 100 sq yds. out of total land admeasuring 200 sq yds. out of khasra no. 600/92, situated at govindpuri, kalkaji, new delhi-110019. North: rasta 15 ft wide, south: utfada land of the executant, east: land of the executant, west: plot of dhoi.
Loan Account No.X0HEAHE00001429777 & X0HEAHE00002066745 & X0HEAHE00002738162 & HE02AHE000000004315 1. Ashu Agarwal, W/O Anu Agarwal 2. Yashoda Agarwal, W/O Anil Agarwal 3. Anu Agarwal, S/o Anil Agarwal 4. Anil Agarwal, S/O Avdesh Kumar Agarwal All are residing at 27/95/2, North Vijay Nagar Colony, Agra-up, Uttar Pradesh-282004	Rs. 10814769/- & Rs.4500000/- & Rs.3500000/- & Rs.3166000/- Totally Rs. 2,19,80,769/-	29.10.2021 & Rs.8512988.89/- & Rs.4208019.44/- & Rs.3314018/- Totally Rs. 1,96,41,670.40/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing property no. 2, nagar nigam no. 27/95/2, measuring area 166.00 sq yds, situated at nagla dhani, vijay nagar, (new) hari parwat ward, tehsil & distt. Agra, uttar pradesh.
Loan Account No.X0HEAHE00001817538 1. Shiva Kumar, 2. Vimlesh Devi 3. Rajkumar Lawania, 4. Shiva Fabricator All are residing at 31/35 G-104, Guru Govind Nagar, Ukkharra Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh-282002	Rs. 3083801/-	29.10.2021 & Rs. 2767774.58/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing plot no. 8, measuring area 83.6 sq yds mts situated at khasra no. 499, mauja-rajpur, tehsil & distt. Agra, uttarpradesh.
Loan Account No.X0HEELD00001796838 & X0HEELD00001796836 1. Sunil Agarwal, S/o Harish Chand Agarawal 2. Anita Agarwal, W/O Sunil Agarawal 3. M/s Sunil Store H.n.c-7/2 Street N-3, Sudama Puri, Gamri Ext., North East, Newdelhi-110053.	Rs.5000000/- & Rs.3700000/- & Rs.42,00,000	29.10.2021 & Rs.503714.23/- & Rs.3752000.32/- Totally Rs. 42,55,714.55/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing built property land area measuring 50 sq yds. Out of khasra no. 628 min.bearing property no. C-7/2, consisting whatsoever thereon according to the site with the right constructed upto the last storey situated at village ghonda guran khadar, in the abadi of gali no. 3 (block-c), gamri extn., sudamapuri, illaqa shahdha delhi-110053; and bounded as under; north: remaining portion, south: property of others, east: property of others, west: gali 16 ft wide.
Loan Account No.X0HEDHE00001330499 1. Sunil Dutt Sharma, 2. Sunita Devi Both are residing at 122 Sec-21 Dundahera Gurgaon, Haryana-122001 3. Kiran Devi, 4. Satish Kumar Vats, 5. Sanjay Kumar Vats Both are residing at H.no-1145 Sec-21 Vill Dundahera Gurgaon, Haryana-122001	Rs. 20273048/-	29.10.2021 & Rs. 12483112.70/- as on 14.10.2021 with further interest thereon.	All that piece and parcel of proerty bearing plot no. 122, measuring420 sq mtrs. Situated in the residential colony known as sector-21, urban estate,tehsil & district gurgaon haryana.

ROAD TO LOCALISATION

It has become important for businesses to be equipped with tools that help them traverse global landscapes. RADHAKRISHNAN MANI shares reasons why localisation will become important next year



It will soon be 2022! We are heavily into the era of globalisation and digitalisation, which is akin to living in a global village. The pandemic has already forced businesses to rely on remote working and the ripple effects can be felt on consumer markets as well. Buyers are no longer restricted by geography. People desire, expect, and need access to a variety of information and products, preferably in their native language. It has become increasingly important for businesses to be equipped with tools that help them traverse these global landscapes while providing tailored local experiences to their worldwide buyers.

Localisation is not translation
If you think localisation is just a fancy word for translation, you couldn't be more wrong! Localisation doesn't mean translating just your content into local languages. It means adapting to the local region in every aspect. Your content, services, products all should be adapted to the local markets. Translation changes text from one language to another while preserving the meaning. Localisation, on the other hand, adapts everything from content, images, and formatting to design and even payment methods. Localisation makes sure your business is accommodated to cultural, linguistic, political, and legal differences.

Importance
Communication is crucial if you

plan on staying connected to your audience. And effective communication is the key to building a strong rapport. If you plan on taking your business to a global level, localization becomes even more important from the context of effective communication. Here are a few reasons why localisation would become even more important in 2022:

Rapid Global Growth
Entering a new market is not a walk in the park. It is not as easy as launching a Facebook ad targeting a specific location. If you are entering a market culturally distant from your home country, you'll have to overcome several barriers. These include the socio-cultural environment, political barriers, and technological preferences. Localisation helps you overcome all of these barriers rather rapidly. In short, you'll experience rapid global growth by localising incrementally. It saves you from committing cultural faux passes that could be detrimental to your brand image. And also helps you avoid translation blunders. In fact, a good localisation strategy will help your company get traction faster and better.

Your Business Will Have a Competitive Edge
When you enter a new market, you are also signing up for competition with the businesses already present there. And it is never easy going up against brands that are native to



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Chief Operating Officer, Crystal Hues Limited Localization

LOCALISATION DOESN'T MEAN TRANSLATING JUST YOUR CONTENT INTO LOCAL LANGUAGES. IT MEANS ADAPTING TO THE LOCAL REGION IN EVERY ASPECT. IT MAKES SURE YOUR BUSINESS IS ACCOMMODATED TO CULTURAL, LINGUISTIC, POLITICAL AND LEGAL DIFFERENCES

the local market. People are much more likely to trust a local business than an outside player. Guess what would level the playing field for you? Localisation!

That was about competing with the local businesses. You'll also have a competitive edge over global businesses that aren't localising their products and services. You get to establish a firm hold in the market.

Better Sales
Suppose you are on a road trip in a foreign country. Your car has stopped suddenly, and you need to see a mechanic. Which professional would you rather see - a mechanic with lower prices but you cannot communicate properly with them? Or, a mechanic who charges a bit higher but you can communicate with them easily? You are most likely to go with the second option because easy communication irons out so many challenges. It is convenient!

In fact, research has found that 57 per cent of buyers find the ability to get information in a language they easily understand is more important than the price tag. Being able to communicate with your potential buyers promotes trust and loyalty. As a result, they will be more comfortable purchasing from you.

Increased Brand Relevance
It seems like a broken record to say that the pandemic has forced several businesses to go online. But that's

the truth. Even businesses that were earlier relying on a brick-and-mortar model have gone online. It is becoming increasingly difficult to stand your own ground in this sea of online businesses. Brand relevance is the one factor that would keep you afloat comfortably.

Brand relevance is even more important to stand steady amidst trends changing at an unimaginable speed. The process of localization makes your brand more relevant to the audience. You'll be able to better understand your local customer's needs and values, thereby creating products and services that meet those needs. As a result, you'll be able to develop the deepest levels of connection with your buyers and prospects.

Reduced Risk
Localisation is like a safety net that mitigates risks like cultural misunderstandings and mistaking consumer needs. By mitigating these risks, localisation helps ensure your business runs smoothly. For instance, localisation helps you understand sensitivities. Certain expressions and even colors can have negative connotations in a particular region. With the help of localisation, you can steer clear of them.

In short, localization is a powerful tool you should be leveraging in 2022 to drive sales for your business. This is the decade for localisation!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

PGDM AT IMS, GHAZIABAD

IMS Ghaziabad is one of the trusted Business Schools in India offering PGDM programme approved by AICTE and accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), NAAC accredited with 'A' Grade and equivalent to MBA by Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The institute is also accredited globally by AACSB (USA) and ASIC (UK).

Apply: Applicants seeking admission are required to fill an Online Application Form at <https://admission.ims-ghaziabad.ac.in/>



Duration – 1 year
Entry requirements - Holders of a three-year bachelor degree with a minimum of 60% or 'first class' in science, technology and engineering from a reputable university. Overall IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in each component, or equivalent.
Fee- Overseas (2022 annual fee) is £27,350

MSC PHARMACEUTICAL ENGINEERING

The University of Sheffield, UK is inviting applications for the MSc Pharmaceutical Engineering course starting in September 2022. The MSc gives you hands-on experience of an industrial-scale continuous powder processing plant, and develops the knowledge and skills you need to stand out in the global pharma market.

UG AND PG PROGRAMMES AT IIAD

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) in collaboration with Kingston School of Art, London offers undergraduate programmes in Fashion Design, Fashion Business Management, Communication Design and Interior Architecture & Design. It also offers postgraduate programmes. **Last date to apply:** December 17, 2021

VIT-AP signs two MoUs for Centre of Excellence



PNS ■ AMARAVATI

MOU between Intel and VIT-AP
VIT-AP University, Andhra Pradesh has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Intel on 18th November 2021 virtually. The MOU is signed by Dr S V Kota Reddy, Vice Chancellor VIT-AP, University and Jitendra Chaddah, Country Manager, Supply Chain, Intel, India. In his address Reddy said that the purpose of this MOU is to set up the Centre of Excellence in

Internet of Things (IOT) at VIT-AP University. The COE has been setup to enhance the student's technical skills in order to bridge the gap between industry and academic. **MOU between Boston IT Solutions and VIT-AP**
The MOU is signed by Dr S V Kota Reddy, Vice Chancellor VIT-AP, University and Laxmi Nageswari, Global Head of AI Education and Solutions. It aims to jointly build real time applications to carry out joint research and consultancy work.

Rebuilding workplace with future technology

With evolving employment dynamics and markets, technology will be key enabler for businesses to successfully scale their services for future, says VICKY JAIN

Even before the pandemic, technology and innovation were significantly reshaping organisations and transforming the nature of work. With businesses rebuilding in the post-COVID world, digital technology is all set to play a critical role in where, how work gets done and the number of people required to do a particular job. Accelerated by the changes brought about by the pandemic, there is no doubt that technology will underpin the drive to a distributed workforce and change the way organisations collaborate, engage and promote their work culture. With rapidly evolving employment dynamics and markets, technology will be the key enabler for businesses to successfully scale their services for the future of work.

How Technology will Impact the Future of Work

Emerging technologies and innovation will impact these categories in the future of work:

Nature of Work
One of the major areas where technology will play a major role is changing the way repetitive tasks are done manually. While work in the future will include fewer workers for manual tasks, more people will be employed in job functions that involve strategic and creative thinking. AI, smart robots and automation will enable employees to focus their attention on more critical tasks like designing products, interpreting data and solving problems. Employees will also need to adapt and continuously stay updated to become the future workforce of the world. According to research by PWC, 38 per cent of jobs in the U.S. could be per-



formed by automation in the next 15 years.

Who Carries Out the Work?
The emergence of new communication platforms will allow companies to leverage a mixed/hybrid working model involving full-time employees and remote employees in a cost-efficient manner. With new technologies and the tech market continuing to grow, corporations will utilise different employment formats to get hold of the passion, creativity, expertise, experience and skill-sets required for the successful completion of projects. Additionally, companies will also hire talent from different corners of the world to achieve their targets and goals in a cost-effective way.

Reduce Dependence on Physical Infrastructure

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ing models, companies will gradually lessen their reliance on physical infrastructure. While, until a few years ago, large spaces were required by offices to accommodate their database centre, the inception of cloud computing has removed the need for physical database infrastructure. Cloud computing services not only help in the efficient storage of data but also keeps it safe and secure.

Integrate Well-Being into Work

In the post-pandemic, employee wellness is one of the crucial areas of focus for organisations. With major disruptions and work from home becoming the new norm, several of employees are reporting stress, burnout, anxiety and depression. However, with the advent of the latest technological innovations like wearable devices, health apps, telemedicine services, etc., organisations can track, promote, manage, and measure the well-being of employees over time and take adequate steps to optimise and reinforce healthy behaviours among employees. With the passage of time, tech leaders are expected to increasingly collaborate with HRs and business leaders to come up with further efficient tools to help companies formulate their well-being strategies.

Resilience and agility will be the foundation of the future of the workplace. Technology, like automation, will help build a future where organisations can work seamlessly with distributed teams and preserve the creativity and culture that'll help them achieve the desired goals.

The writer is Founder, uKnowva, A 360-degree HR Automation Software

Importance of leadership programmes

The success story of an organization is often scripted by an efficient leader. Be it a multinational-alorganization or a start-up, an effective leader can add to an organization's competitive advantage with their strategy, expertise, and business outlook. However with the increasingly digital world and changing business dynamics, professionals who look to grow as managers should consider improving their skillsthrough leadership programs offered by leading edtech platforms and universities to emerge as successful leaders. This makes it imperative for professionals to equip themselves with relevant technical and managerial skills which they can obtain through various offline/online leadership programmes. These programmes are designed to train professionals to improve their productivity, make better decisions, nurture teams and build future leaders to strategically drive the organization's vision. Here are a few reasons why one must enroll in a leadership program.

Assessing and building leadership qualities

A leader is expected to drive projects to completion, influence external stakeholders, empower employees, handle stressful situations, and delegate tasks. Therefore, it is important to not

only develop soft skills like good communication, empathy, etc. but also managerial skills including critical and innovative thinking, defining and solving complex problems, and effective decision-making.

Practical skills
With the adoption of digital technology in most businesses, leaders have to develop both their managerial and technical skills to create solutions and strategies for their organisations.

Well-structured curriculum and hand-picked faculty

Leading institutions and successful edtech organizations offer proven pedagogy along with the right set of mentors to provide high quality education.

Flexibility to learn
A majority of working professionals and entrepreneurs who seek to learn about leadership and implement / test strategies within the safety of an academic setting, struggle to find time due to which they miss on pursuing important education.

Networking opportunities
It is crucial to establish and nurture long-term professional associations to stay abreast of new developments and industry changes. Leadership programmes help professionals in broadening their networks and learn from each other.

The writer is Arjun Nair, Co-founder, Great Learning

Masterclass organised by Vidyamandir Classes

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In effect to the alteration in the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Board Exam, India's leading coaching institute for JEE, NEET and other engineering and medical competitive exams, Vidyamandir Classes conducted a masterclass on MCQ based question paper.

While the decision was a landmark change in the

history of the CBSE board exam, VMC intends to train students in a way such that they can learn the quintessence of attempting the MCQ based exam with ease while maximising their marks, avoiding common mistakes and aching it like a champion.

In the absolutely new structure introduced by CBSE for the Academic session 2021-22, the boards

will be conducted in two terms, with each exam covering 50% of the syllabus. While term 1 will be conducted in November - December, term 2 is scheduled in March-April.

In light of the changing trend laid down by CBSE, masterclass organized by VMC witnessed a huge registration of over 8000 from 160 different schools across the nation.

Saurabh Kumar, Director- Academics, VMC, highlighted the importance saying, "In order to facilitate and promote the essentials of organising and attempting the new CBSE MCQ Based Term-1 Exam with Ease, VMC has been conducting an interactive and engaging workshops and masterclasses for both teachers and students respectively,"

Annual convocation ceremony of VIT Chennai

PNS ■ CHENNAI

The Annual Convocation Ceremony of VIT Chennai was conducted virtually on November 17, 2021, to confer degrees on 1849 graduands who have successfully completed their respective courses: Ph.D., MS (By Research), MBA, MCA, M.Tech. Software Engineering (Integrated), M.S Software Engineering (Integrated), M.Tech., B.Tech., LL.M., B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) and B.B.A., LL.B. (Hons.). 22 gold medals were awarded to top rank holders.

The Chief Guest, Shri La Ganesan, Governor of Manipur, in his convocation



address congratulated the graduands and quoted, "Change is only thing that is constant. So, adapt to changes by having a vision; a vision which is not perceived by others; and that wisdom will enable you to achieve success".

He also stated that the long term vision of Dr.G.Viswanathan has envisaged the changes in higher education and implemented it in VIT's academics and research activities. The vision has resulted in achieving high ranks in various ranking agencies. "Your Chancellor stands as a living example to motivate you all" he reiterated.

Dr G Viswanathan, Founder and Chancellor, Vellore Institute of Technology, in his presidential address stated that nearly four crore students out of 14 crore eligible students are enrolled in higher education.

He called upon the graduands to be job creators; to achieve the goal of Make in India.



The biotechnological industry in India was valued at \$63 billion in 2019. It is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16.4% opening doors for lucrative options for those looking for a future in this sector, says SACHIN GUPTA

Biotechnology is the technological application wherein the living systems and organisms are used to develop products. With the global biotechnological market expected to reach the value of over \$727 billion by 2025, the biotech employment rate is expected to grow by 5% by 2029. The biotechnological industry in India was valued at \$63 billion in 2019 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16.4% while it is estimated to value \$150 billion by 2025.

This industry is a major economic driver in the country and in the world. India is also the 3rd largest biotechnology destination in Asia-Pacific and is among the 12 top destinations in the world. When we think about biotechnology we more often think about scientists in labs, medicines and pharmaceuticals but biotechnology has many other career options and different segments to explore offering various job prospects.

Plant biotechnologist

This field falls under the domain of agricultural science and revolves around research. Students wanting to have a career in this field should have the basic understanding of the industry, along with the knowledge of the demands of the

companies that deal with food production. Apart from this, individuals interested in this career field should have a fundamental learning of biotechnological concepts. This field offers careers in fields like plant breeder, production manager, professor, sales manager and more.

A person pursuing plant biotechnology may work to create a sustainable and reliable food source for global use, apply genetic and biochemical technologies to improve condition of crops and quality of the seeds. Besides this, plant biotechnologists also play a role in medical research and also work to make crops that are resistant towards diseases, droughts and other disasters.

Industrial biotechnologist

This field plays an important role in the medical and healthcare sector. Students who wish to pursue a graduation degree should at least score 50% in their HSC exams while those who want to pursue a postgraduate should have 60% minimum as their score in industrial biotechnology, biotechnology or any other related field. The role of an industrial biotechnologist is to develop and monitor the manufacturing processes, set up and

Task of an environmental biotechnologist is to oversee data quality process improvements. This field offers opportunities for environmental scientist, lecturer, director of waste management, environmental specialist and environmental consultant

operate standard laboratory models, conduct data analysis on tests and evaluate the outcome.

The field offers job opportunities posts like bioproduction operators, technical solution manager, biomedical engineers, trainee research associate and many more. Students interested in this field should have a knack for various skills like problem solving, time management, analytical skills, technical skills, communication skills and more. The applicability of industrial biotechnology is expected to be accountable for the 39% to the economic value by 2030 produced by biotechnology. This field has a great future as different industries are enabling the use of biotechnology for sustainability. Since it is funded by private as well as government companies the future scope in this field is vast and emerging at a rapid pace.

Environmental biotechnologist

This field is in the stream of science that deals with microorganisms to improve the environment. It is a combination of both biology as well as engineering in which students learn to remediate microbes, bacteria and more into harmless organelles which will be beneficial for the environment. There is seen

to be a notable demand for environmental biologists where the industry would be seeking to appoint individuals in over 13,000 various job roles by 2022 and with a growth rate of more than 15% in the industry. Students wanting to pursue this field should have a degree in BSc or biotechnology with a science stream and must have learned topics such as natural science, research methods, agricultural science and more.

Environmental biotechnologists work on converting sustainable resources into biofuels, perform complex tests in the laboratory, maintain a document and analyse the results of the field and lab and more. Apart from this, another task of an environmental biotechnologist is to oversee the data quality and the process improvements as it helps in business and scientific workgroups. This field offers career opportunities for environmental scientist, lecturer, director of waste management, environmental specialist, environmental consultant and more. These jobs are offered by many industries, environmental monitoring organisations, NGOs, Public and Private Industries and many other sectors.

The writer is Chancellor, Sanskriti University

Must have skills of a data scientist

Want to work as a data scientist? SHIVAM DUTTA lists qualities that recruiters are looking for in a candidate while hiring

A data scientist's job is one of the most demanding as well as challenging jobs of the 21st century. The position requires a robust set of skills and a strong mentality. Most recruiters prioritise technical skills. However, skilled data scientists also possess qualities that a skill test cannot identify. Here are some of the qualities recruiters should look for while hiring a data scientist.

The must-have soft skills: Any job in the world requires a creative mind, and so does the position of a data scientist. A creative thinker is an asset for any organisation. Moreover, an ideal candidate is always curious, enthusiastic, and a continuous learner. The data science industry is constantly evolving, and they should be able to cope with the latest trends in the industry. Every job in the world comes with ups and downs, hence handling failures and staying motivated and calm is an essential skill. Apart from the skills mentioned above, a perfect candidate must have strong communication skills.

Technical expertise: The perfect data scientist understands programming, machine learning, statistical analysis and Big Data. Moreover, hardcore coding and debugging skills are essential. Hence the array of technical skills is inadequate without programming languages like Java and Python.

While technical skills are a must to become a data scientist. A data scientist must have a few specific skill sets that comprise of some factors like:

■ **Adaptability:** An ideal data scientist must adapt. Sticking to a single strategy may not work every time, so they should change as the world changes and the situation demands.

■ **Risk analysis:** As a data scientist, one would have to make multiple decisions on various levels and time frames. Any critical decision should be made after taking time to analyse its repercussions including the risk associated.

■ **Finding patterns in a mess:** The role of a data scientist is more creative than technical. A recruiter can test this quality very quickly. Accountability: Decision-making encompasses not only risk analysis but also accountability. An ideal candidate should be able to make



Shivam Dutta
Co-founder-CEO, AlmaBetter

a decision and stand by it with full faith.

■ **Statistical thinking:** Anybody new to data science might have an inclination or subconscious intuition towards a specific outcome, but they should develop statistical thinking.

Apart from the skills and qualities mentioned above, some additional aspects should be considered before hiring in the field.

Hacker's spirit: A data scientist should be seen as no less than a hacker. Their approach to any sort of problem should be like that of a hacker. The recruiters should look if the candidate has a crazy motivation to solve the problem or not.

Balance of business and technical understanding: A data scientist must possess both business and technical understanding of a project or problem. Both these qualities should not overlap and should be in equilibrium. This quality is worth looking for as a recruiter.

Ability to take ownership of projects: An experienced recruiter will always make sure that the person they hire is worthy and confident enough to take ownership of their assigned projects.

Ability to simplify concepts: An ideal candidate must be able to simplify complex structured problem statements into workable matter. This quality is essential to have in this domain.

The pandemic has upended the world as we know it. It's impact has been both deep-rooted and wide-ranging, encompassing the various facets of our everyday lives. It's effect on the realm of higher education has been no different.

One of the most significant consequences that it has engendered in the educational sector has been to thrust technology onto an industry that has traditionally been slow to adopt it leaving us all with the glaring question — will classrooms ever be the same again?

Out of this disruption that it has caused, there has been a vital

realisation of the potential of technology and the opportunities that it has provided the higher education landscape with. Our world is in a state of constant flux with floods, riots and high levels of pollution creating a fraught environment that hinders face to face learning. Education, however, must not come to a halt despite the turbulences that characterise our surroundings.

The changing face of education for the post pandemic world has shown us that hybrid learning is way forward. The 21st century has been characterised by a blended education structure which offers a combination of online and in class models

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that complement and supplement one another to provide a holistic learning experience for students.

These blended classes have encouraged students to be independent, self-disciplined and adapt themselves to a world that is constantly changing, evolving and growing in new and often unexpected ways. It offers the perfect balance of theoretical knowledge and the necessary practical exposure. Most importantly, it ensures a greater flexibility

where students and teachers can match their pace with the progressing curriculum. Institutes have incorporated unique and immersive teaching resources that can not only accommodate remote learning but can also give students and teachers a sense of control and agency when it comes to the place, pace and time of classes.

This often results in greater participation and thereby a more collaborative and interactive environment.

Online learning that was initially introduced as a way of survival, as a means to cope with uncertain times during the pandemic is today emerging as the future of the education system at a global level.

The pandemic has helped us understand that hybrid learning is perhaps the most sensible and safest way to continue education. With large brick and mortar educational institutions being slow to pivot to online learning and virtual classrooms, Edtech has reinvented education for the digital age. What this has helped us realise is that smaller organisations can be much more efficient in the times that we are

currently living in where change has become a constant.

The creativity that a blended learning structure paves the way for bodes well. It implies a space that nurtures explorers, experimenters, thinkers and innovators. An environment that encourages students to bring in their experiences, lived realities and perspectives to shape their understanding of world around them and arrive at solutions to the problems that plague modern times through collaboration, empathy, logical reasoning and practical skills.

The writer is Dr Jitin Chadha, Director, Indian Institute of Art and Design



Apply for your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID
Application deadline: It is January 15, 2022.

The Wheaton College is inviting students from around the world for its International Student Financial Aid to help them conduct their education in the US.

Eligibility: Students must have high school certificates with a good academic record. The applicants must be non-US citizens with financial needs.

Supporting documents: You must submit an official and complete copy of your secondary school transcript or mark sheets listing courses and grades that must be included with the School Report. An English translation of all transcripts that are not in English is also required. Official copies of test results of any Government or centrally administered national or international exams should be included.

Admission requirements: For taking admission, applicants must check all the entry requirements of Wheaton College.

Language requirement: Citizens for whose first language is other than English must provide evidence of their English proficiency.

How to apply: Applicants must take admission in an undergraduate degree at the College. After that, they can complete the following financial aid application form:
Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form

The Radboud University invites applications for its masters scholarships to students of high academic ability for 2022 entry.

Eligibility: Hold a non-EU/EEA passport; Have (will obtain) a Bachelor's degree achieved outside Netherlands; Have a high level of language proficiency; Have been fully admitted to the English-taught Master's degree programme; Comply with the conditions for obtaining a visa for the Netherlands; Enrolled at Radboud University as a full-time students.

Supporting documents: Applicants will be requested to upload copies of a valid passport or ID card, Motivation letter, Bachelor's degree or equivalent, Transcript of Bachelor's degree or equivalent, Translations of degree and transcript, English language certificate, Handling fee, CV.

Language requirements: Non-native speakers of English need one of the following: A TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) or 100 (internet-based), A IELTS score of 7.0 and a Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English or Certificate of Proficiency in English with a mark of C or higher.

How to apply: The application for admission and the application for the scholarship is fully integrated.
Application deadline: It is February 28, 2022.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT HIRECT

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/3b5268
Deadline: December 1, 2021

CLIENT SERVICING AT SPONSEE

Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000-₹12,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/a006b2
Deadline: December 1, 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING AT FORMBAZAAR

Location: Delhi, Gurgaon, Noida
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/5fdb3
Deadline: December 1, 2021

HR AT HCL TECHNOLOGIES

Location - Lucknow
Stipend: ₹3,500-₹6,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/42f8a2
Deadline: December 1, 2021

DIGITAL MARKETING AT COMPASS SCHOOL OF AVIATION

Location - Chandigarh, Delhi
Stipend: ₹4,000-₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/a9fa72
Deadline: December 1, 2021

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT DIGISTEPS

Location: Delhi
Stipend: ₹4,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/e93e1c
Deadline: December 1, 2021

CONTENT WRITING AT JODI STORY

Location: Ranchi
Stipend: ₹3,000-₹5,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/i/8491dc
Deadline: November 28, 2021



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TOPICS THAT CAN BE ASKED IN CAT 2021

With an aim to crack the exam, candidates must be aware of CAT 2021, important topics for preparation as this will help them to know how much time they need to prepare for each topic.

Quantitative Aptitude (QA) : Is considered to be one of the most important CAT 2021 topics for preparation, crucial and challenging sections in the CAT exam

Verbal and Reading Comprehension (VARC): Since, the difficulty is known for VARC Section, devote sufficient time to both RCs and VA while solving the paper.
Topics: Reading Comprehension Passages, Para-Jumbles, Para-Summary, Odd Sentences, Sentence Completion and Correction and Word Usage (Vocabulary).

CYBER SECURITY APP

A student of KL Deemed-to-be University has created Cyber Security app that offers features like e-complaint filing, cyber internships and cyber consultation. The app is also the very first cyber security app to be available in English, and Telugu. It is simple, convenient and absolutely easy to use. It is crucial to ensure one's digital security today. The app alerts the users before they fall victim to them.

PLACEMENT FOR SP JAIN'S UG CLASS 2021

The SP Jain School of Global Management announced the ongoing successful placements for its Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) students. With over 80% of the students who stayed back in Australia having secured jobs

upon completing their course, the school reported that the class of 2021 is off to a great start. Students have also received offers from the US, Dubai, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Colombia.

17 COMPANIES ENGAGE IN #LEARNFORACAUSE

Learn for a cause, a unique, first-of-its-kind, purpose driven learning initiative enabled 17 leading organisations in the country to give back to the community, while helping employees in their own company to upskill themselves. The initiative created by People Matters in partnership with Skillsoft, Akshay Patra and Concern India Foundation, saw a phenomenal response.

Community Impact: Each course completed through this initiative contributed directly to the community. A total of 16,128 meals for underprivileged children were donated and 100 young women were sponsored with education and employability. "At its heart, the Learn for cause initiative is a

unique attempt to bring about social impact while you learn. It's an opportunity for organisations to meaningfully contribute back to their community, while bringing about transformational business change as you volunteer and learn," Ester Martinez, CEO, People Matters Media said.

As learning moved to the top of organisational priorities over the last 18 months, companies have been looking for ways to boost experience and engagement.

The pandemic has pivoted business models and ways of working around the world, new innovative initiatives are now becoming a tool to boost impact at the workplace. Learners accessed the

award winning Skillsoft Percipio platform to complete their learning courses. The platform is known for its advanced AI driven recommendation engine that takes into account individual interests, and multiple formats that allow learners to choose their learning format, and the ability to practice skills.

As companies navigate a new emerging world of work, there are new opportunities that are opening up to reconstruct and reimagine work in a post COVID era.

By boosting employee engagement and experience, and creating an impact in the community. Learn for a cause heralds a new era of work that places purpose at the heart of the business.

WWI SIGNED MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

Whistling Woods International (WWI) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Greenwich, London. This agreement will promote collaborative activities in the field of academic and educational areas.

The institutes will work on reciprocity towards providing students and faculty various opportunities including:

■ Development of staff and student exchange opportunities.

■ Explore research collaborations and develop knowledge exchange.

■ Provision of cultural and intellectual enrichment opportunities for staff and students of both parties.

■ Development of progression routes to teach programmes.

■ Development of summer school or short

courses. Rahul Puri, head, Academics, WWI said: "We are excited to announce our association with the University of Greenwich, London. We believe such partnerships not only help the students and faculty to enhance their academic horizon, but also enables them to expand cross-cultural perspectives, leading to unique and new multifaceted thoughts."

SKY replaces injured KL for NZ Tests

PTI ■ KANPUR

Senior India opener KL Rahul was on Tuesday ruled out of the two-Test series against New Zealand due to a muscle strain in his left thigh, a development which is expected to open up debut opportunity for either Shreyas Iyer or Suryakumar Yadav.

The opening Test is scheduled to begin in Kanpur from Thursday and Suryakumar has been added to the Indian squad. "Team India batsman KL Rahul has sustained a knee strain on his left thigh and has been ruled out of the upcoming 2-match Paytm Test series against New Zealand," BCCI said in a release.

"He will now undergo rehabilitation at NCA in preparation for the series against South Africa scheduled next month," the release added.

Rahul was missing from the Indian team's customary practice session, attended by almost all the players at the Green Park stadium on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old Rahul has



featured in 40 Tests, scoring 2321 runs at an average of 35.16. His highest score was 199 that came against England in Chennai in 2016. Shubman

Gill was seen opening the batting along with Mayank Agarwal during the team's net session as Cheteshwar Pujara, the vice captain for the series-

opener, also batted. There is a strong possibility that either

Shreyas Iyer or Suryakumar will make his Test debut and bat in the middle order.

Young batter Shubman was expected to bat in the middle order but now in the absence of Rahul, he will be asked to play in his usual opening slot.

It is learnt that Rahul had complained about his niggle before the third ODI in Kolkata.

While the BCCI's media team issued the release after the practice session, Rahul had in fact gone back home to Bengaluru from Kolkata while Surya accompanied the team from Kolkata to Kanpur. "Rahul didn't even come to Kanpur. He had gone back straight

to Bengaluru. His case is two-fold," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "Yes, there is a niggle but you can't ignore the fact that he has been in bubble as long as a Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah and Rishabh Pant. Since NCA is in Bengaluru, it gives him a chance to be at home and at the same time carry out his rehabilitation programme."

During the net session at the Green Park, Suryakumar was seen batting for a considerable amount of time. There was also Shreyas Iyer, who was seen bowling his leg breaks to Suryakumar.

Ravichandran Ashwin will be playing his first Test since June. The senior off-spinner, who is on the cusp of becoming India's third highest wicket-taker in traditional format was seen bowling with a new ball. Ashwin has opened the bowling in Test matches for India earlier also and New Zealand team might not find it easy if Ajinkya Rahane decides to unleash him first up.

Excited Ajaz ready for India challenge

PTI ■ KANPUR

New Zealand's Ajaz Patel is excited to return to the country of his birth but as a cricketer he is well aware of the challenges that a spinner has to tackle against India in their own backyard.

Patel, a left-arm spinner, was born in Mumbai but migrated to New Zealand when he was eight years old.

The 33-year-old, who hasn't bowled in first-class cricket since June, is looking to play a crucial part in the two-Test series against India which begins in Kanpur on Thursday.

"I have been to parts of India now that I haven't really seen before.

India has been really cool but bit of a shame that we can't really get out and experience India but that's the nature of the world at the moment. "India is about hustle and bustle.

There is a bit of excitement about it as organised chaos to a certain degree, something that really makes it special," he said.

Talking about the challenges on bowling on Indian pitches, Patel said: "Obviously we know what India offers in terms of spin bowling but at the same time we know the challenges of facing India at home as well.

"It's a challenge as a spinner but it's something I'm really excited about and thriving on so I'm looking forward to it."

Patel, who has taken 26 wickets in nine Tests so far for New Zealand, feels the SG red cherry also offers different challenges for overseas bowlers.

"SG ball is definitely different, quite similar to the Duke. Quite a hard ball and actually I am finding it quite nice to grip. But it also offers different challenges, slightly different style of bowling," he said.



IPL teams allowed to play exhibition games in off season



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

It is time the BCCI allows IPL teams to play exhibition games overseas in off-season as it will only strengthen what is already a strong product, feels Punjab Kings co-owner Ness Wadia.

The IPL emerged as a global brand after the bidding for two teams last month fetched more than USD 1.5 billion and attracted bids even from the Manchester United owners who eventually lost out to RPSG Group and CVC capital partners, the owners of Lucknow and Ahmedabad franchise respectively.

Speaking to PTI, Wadia is not surprised by the massive amounts shelled out by investors to enter IPL. He also said constant innovation is the need of the hour in any business and he is confident that the BCCI will continue to break new barriers. "The BCCI must consider having off season matches to be held in places where there

is a big Indian diaspora. That will grow the IPL even more. A bunch of three or five games in the off season based on player availability.

"Hypothetically, allow the top four franchisees every year to play a few games in, for example, Miami or in Toronto or in Singapore.

It will only strengthen what already is a strong product," said Wadia.

After the windfall from the IPL team auction, the BCCI could pocket double of the USD 2.5 billion it earned from the broadcasting rights in the previous cycle. The 2023-2027 cycle could fetch as much USD 5 billion and Wadia too is confident of the IPL attracting that number.

About the two teams going for more than USD 1.5 billion, Wadia said the IPL finally got its due.

"I don't think the numbers are mindboggling. Sport is big business now. It is a good investment. The league truly deserves it. These are serious businessmen we are talking about. They invest in things with a purpose.

"It has taken us 14 years to reach where the league deserves to be. I am happy that it has finally happened."

Asked if the valuation of the existing franchise has also gone up to a billion USD in his view, Wadia said: "It could be even slightly more." However, Wadia is worried about the health of Indian players who have been playing constantly in both IPL and international cricket in bubbles.

Hameed hits 53* as Poms begin Ashes warm-ups



AP ■ BRISBANE

Haseeb Hameed hit an unbeaten 53 and Rory Burns 39 as England began their Ashes tour in a low-key and rain-hit intra-squad warm-up game on Tuesday, played against the backdrop of a racism scandal back home.

Test superstars Joe Root, Stuart Broad, Jimmy Anderson and Ben Stokes were among the first wave of players to land in Brisbane on November 6 with their

Twenty20 World Cup contingent jetting in later.

They have completed 14 days quarantine at a Gold Coast resort and experienced their first real taste of Australian conditions in the informal three-day game against England Lions at Peter Burge Oval.

But rain restricted the opening day to just 29 overs.

Hameed struck eight boundaries and Burns found the ropes four times as an England XI made 98 without loss after winning the toss and opting to bat.

Zak Crawley is scheduled to come in at three followed by skipper Root, Stokes then Ollie Pope.

While Broad was on the team sheet, his veteran fast-bowling partner Anderson was not.

Other absent Ashes squad members included Johnny Bairstow, Jos Buttler, Dawid Malan and Mark Wood, who all played at the T20 World Cup.

Windies trail SL by 162 runs

AP ■ COLOMBO

The West Indies was 224-9, trailing Sri Lanka by 162 runs, when the third day of the first test was cut short by persistent drizzle on Tuesday.

Only 38 overs were played, and the better part of two sessions lost.

The West Indies resumed on 113-6 in reply to Sri Lanka's 386 and rallied in the morning through overnight batsmen Kyle Mayers and Jason Holder, who added 50 to their partnership.

They combined for 63 before Mayers was caught on 45 by Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne off spinner Dhanajaya de Silva.

Holder was out for 36, caught by Dushmantha Chameera at point off left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama, leaving the tourists 175-8. Rakheem Cornwall and Joshua da Silva led West

Indies to lunch, but in the fifth over afterwards, Cornwall mistimed a pull at a short ball by Suranga Lakmal and top-edged it to square leg.

He made a valuable 39 from 58 balls with five boundaries and a six over midwicket to raise the team's 200.

Cornwall and da Silva combined for 49, their team's second best partnership.

The rain arrived at that moment and never really left, but the umpires waited for 3 1/2 hours.

More rain is forecast on days four and five. If and when play resumes, Sri Lanka can take the new ball.

Da Silva was 11 not out from 70 balls with Jeremy Solozano next man in to make his test debut.

Spinners Praveen Jayawickrama and Ramesh Mendis have taken three wickets apiece.



PTI ■ DUBAI

India captain Mithali Raj retained her number three spot among batters while her veteran compatriot Jhulan Goswami maintained her second position among bowlers in the ICC women's ODI rankings issued on Tuesday.

Raj, who has 738 rating points to her kitty, is behind Lizelle Lee (761) of South Africa and Alyssa Healy (750) of Australia as there was no change in the top-10 batters from the previous rankings.

Another India batter Smriti Mandhana also remained on sixth spot with 710 points.

Among the bowlers, Goswami (727) is behind leader Jess Jonassen (760) of Australia. Pakistan left-arm spinner Nashra Sandhu climbed four

Mithali retains 3rd spot



places to 17th spot after her impressive figures of 2/24 against Bangladesh in the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier in Zimbabwe on Sunday.

Bangladesh batters were also among the top gainers with Fargana Hoque and Rumana Ahmed making significant progress.

Hoque's 90-ball 45 that laid the foundation for Bangladesh's victory helped her gain one slot to reach the 25th position, whereas Rumana Ahmed, who remained unbeaten on 50 climbed five places to reach the 29th spot.

Sindhu to contest BWF Athletes' Commission election

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's two-time Olympic medallist P V Sindhu will be contesting the BWF Athletes' Commission election to be held during the World Championships in Spain on December 17.

Reigning world champion Sindhu, who is currently playing at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 event in Bali, is one of the nine candidates nominated for the available six positions.

"The elections for the Athletes' Commission (2021- 2025) will take place on Friday 17 December 2021 alongside the TotalEnergies BWF World Champion ships 2021, Huelva, Spain," the game's governing body said in a release.

"...Sindhu is the only current Athletes' Commission member standing for re-election. She was first elected in 2017 and is one of six women representatives running



this cycle."

Sindhu will be joined by Indonesia's women's doubles player Greysia Polii, who won the gold medal at Tokyo Olympics.

"I would like to assist my fellow players to achieve their dreams and help them out with their requests around competing on the international circuit," said Polii.

Other nominated players include Adam Hall of Scotland, Egypt's Hadia Hosny, Iris Wang of USA, Korea's Kim Soyeong, Netherlands's Robin Tabeling, Soraya Aghaeihajiaha of Iran and China's Zheng Si Wei.

The Chair of the Athletes' Commission is elected by the new Athletes' Commission and that person becomes a BWF Council Member after the vetting process required under the BWF constitution.

Sergio Ramos finally poised for PSG debut

AP ■ PARIS

Spanish great Sergio Ramos could make his long-awaited first appearance for Paris Saint Germain in Wednesday's Champions League group match with Manchester City.

The 35-year-old defender has not played for the French side since joining from his long-time club Real Madrid in July due to a recurring problem with a calf muscle.

Ramos is likely to be on the bench for the clash between the top two in the group with Marquinhos and Presnel Kimpembe starting in central defence.

Ramos arrived at PSG with a glittering CV, having won the 2010 World Cup, two European Championships and four Champions League trophies with Real.



India seek inspiration from Oly medallist seniors

PTI ■ BHUBANESWA

The Indian colts would draw inspiration from their Olympic bronze medal-winning seniors when they begin their title defence at the Junior Hockey World Cup with a clash against France, here on Wednesday.

Indian men's senior side created history at the Tokyo Olympics by claiming a bronze medal after 41 years.

The junior side would look to wrap up the successful 2021 season by retaining the World Cup title, which would be its third. The team first won the World Cup title in 2001 in Australia before reclaiming the crown in the last edition of the event in 2016 in Lucknow.

The junior hockey World Cup is considered a stepping stone for aspiring youngsters to play the game at the senior level as nine players from the 2016 squad represented India at the Tokyo Games. And many members of the Vivek Sagar Prasad-led Indian team would look to showcase their potential and impress upon the national selectors for a place in the senior side. Getting the opportunity to stay, train and play matches against senior side ahead of the event has been a blessing for the juniors.

Besides seniors like Manpreet Singh and PR Sreejesh, India chief coach Graham Reid has been working relentlessly with the Indian junior side, being coached by veteran BJ Kariappa.

In Arjuna awardee Prasad, the hosts will be led by someone who has already played the game at the highest level as he was part of the Olympic bronze-winning side.



Prasad will be assisted by star drag-flicker Sanjay as his deputy. "Our team became the champions in 2016 and now our aim is to continue to perform in a similar manner," Prasad said. Chief coach Reid said the opportunity to train along side senior side will certainly benefit the juniors.

"While we did not have overseas competition, the juniors played some practice games against the senior team in Bhubaneswar, which were quite valuable.

"Since arriving in Bhubaneswar, we have been getting used to the stadium. It's good that we are getting to train here before we start," Reid said. India are placed in Pool B in the 16-team competition along side France, Canada and Poland and are overwhelming favourites to top the pool. Pool A consists of European heavyweights Belgium, Malaysia, Chile and South Africa, while Netherlands, Spain, Korea and USA are in Pool C.

Pool D will see Germany, Pakistan, Egypt and Argentina face off against each other.

The top two teams from each pool will qualify for the quarterfinals.

BCCI's 'halal' meat recommendation for Indian cricketers raises eyebrows

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A row involving the BCCI erupted on Tuesday after it emerged that only 'halal' meat has been recommended for the Indian cricketers during their stay in Kanpur for the series-opening Test against New Zealand.

The catering and menu document, also mentions categorically that no pork or beef should be part of any food in any form or variety.

BJP spokesperson and advocate Gaurav Goel demanded immediate withdrawal of the recommendation.

"The players can eat whatever they want but who has given BCCI the right to introduce 'halal' meat. This is illegal and we will not allow it," Goel said in a video posted from his twitter handle.

"This decision is not right. It should be withdrawn immediately."

None of the BCCI officials, contacted was ready to speak about the document, which is believed to be prepared by the support staff and medical team keeping the dietary requirements in mind.

Usually Hindus and Sikhs prefer 'jhatka' meat while Muslims largely prefer 'halal'.

In the Halal form of slaughter, animals are killed with a cut to the jugular vein and are left till the blood drains out completely. In the jhatka method, the animal is killed instantaneously.

In the menu, there are two kinds of meat items listed -- chicken and lamb. The non-vegetarian items listed include roasted chicken, roasted lamb, lamb chops in black pepper sauce, murg yakhni, chicken that curry, marinated grilled chicken, Goan fish curry, tangri kebabs and stir fried vegetables with chicken in garlic sauce.

ISL: BFC look to continue win run

PTI ■ VASCO

Former champions Bengaluru FC would look to build a winning momentum after their opening match victory when they face Odisha FC in their second Indian Super League fixture here on Wednesday.

The Sunil Chhetri-led side have faced Odisha eight times in the ISL, winning five, losing two and drawing one, and they will once again start favourites at the Tilak Maidan.

Fresh from the 4-2 win over NorthEast United in their campaign opener, the Blues would look to build on the positives and noth up their second consecutive win.

"We need to focus on our game, take the good things from the previous game, and try to improve ourselves and do better. We have three points on the board and we need to try and build on that," Bengaluru head coach Marco Pezzaiuloi said at the pre-match conference.

He admitted his team did not do well in the midfield and

that's why Chhetri was relatively quiet in the previous match.

For Odisha FC head coach Kiko Ramirez said he knew Bengaluru's impressive track record in the ISL but his team has also prepared well.

"They have quality attackers, they play good football and have proven themselves in the ISL. We know it's going to be a difficult game against Bengaluru as they won their first game, but we are ready," he said.

Asked about specific way to counter the Bengaluru players, Ramirez said, "The team has to give 100% concentration in the game, not make any mistakes. We have to stay focused from the beginning and implement what we have practised in the week.

"I will put four of my most competitive foreign players on the pitch. They are important, but the seven Indian players are more important as they are going to play every match. So, our focus is also on the Indian players whom we aim to develop in this season."