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Big infra push to usher eco into 'Amrit Kaal'

Digital currency, 30% tax
on digital assets, 35% hike
in capex to ₹7.5 lakh crore

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A big infra push to revive the Covid-19 hit economy, few populist measures, no tinkering with personal income tax, and 30 per cent tax on digital assets were some of the key highlights of the Union Budget that Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharam said will usher the Indian economy into Amrit Kaal, the 25-yearlong lead up to India@100.

The ₹39.45 lakh crore Budget proposes massive spending on highways and affordable housing, among other sectors, with a view to firing up the key engines of the economy to sustain the economic recovery from the pandemic.

The Finance Minister ignored the economic wizards lay emphasis on fiscal consolidation and instead prioritised economic expansion.

The absence of populist measures will provide the Government much-needed leg room to increase spending on infrastructure to create jobs and boost economic activity. At the same time, the Sitharaman did not tinker with income tax slabs or tax rates.

"We are marking Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, and have entered into Amrit Kaal, the



25-year-long leadup to India@100," the Minister said, adding, "The fundamental tenets of the Budget include transparency of financial statement and fiscal position, and reflect the Government's intent, strengths, and challenges."

Her Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 2022 proposed a massive 35 per cent jump in capital expenditure to ₹7.5 lakh crore, coupled with the rationalisation of customs duty, an extension of time for setting up new manufacturing companies and plans for starting a digital currency and tax crypto assets.

Some of the key areas for boosting infrastructure spending are: 5G spectrum auction, expanding national highways by 25,000 km, interlinking of rivers, and manufacturing of 400 new generation Vande Bharat trains.

SALIENT POINTS

- Fiscal deficit pegged slightly higher at 6.9% in FY22
- Subsidies to fall 39% to ₹4.33 lakh crore
- Defence budget increased to ₹5.25 lakh crore from last year's ₹4.78 lakh crore, with a major push on procurement of military hardware from domestic industry
- Taxpayers can update their ITRs within 2 yrs with additional tax
- 5G spectrum by March, service roll out this year
- Scheduled banks to set up 75 digital banks in 75 districts
- Battery swapping policy to promote electric vehicles
- Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs till March 2023

Budget people friendly,
creates new opportunities
for jobs and growth
PM MODINothing for middle class,
poor in Union Budget
— RAHUL GANDHIBudget has 'zero'
for common people,
Government lost in 'big
words signifying nothing'
— MAMATA BANERJEEUnion Budget
disappointing, nothing
in it for common people
KEJRIWALRural job scheme
funds cut by 25%

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Even though the dependence of the country's poorest on MNREGA soared during the pandemic because of widespread unemployment due to job cuts and gloomy economy, the allocation in Budget 2022 for the Government's rural employment programme has been slashed by 25 per cent.

The MNREGA fund allocation is ₹73,000 crore for the financial year 2022-23, down from the revised estimate for the previous year (2021-22), which was ₹98,000 crore.

400 new Vande
Bharat trains in
three years: FM

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The Centre on Tuesday announced four hundred new Vande Bharat trains will be manufactured over the next three years. "Four hundred new-generation Vande Bharat trains with better energy efficiency and passenger riding experience will be developed and manufactured during the next three years," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her Budget speech.

These new train sets are going to be made of light-weight aluminum, as opposed to steel, making each around 50 tonnes lighter, consuming much less energy than their steel counterparts, she said.

Railways Ministry officials said they are already manufacturing 44 Vande Bharat trains in order to have these trains running on at least 75 routes by August 15, 2023, as announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his Independence Day speech. While the FM said the trains will be manufactured and developed over the next three years, it is not clear when they will be operational.

She also said 100 PM GatiShakti Cargo Terminals for multi-modal logistics facilities will be developed in next three years.

₹48,000 cr for 80L
PMAY houses for
middle class, poor

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In a bid to revive the housing sector and create jobs, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday announced the allocation of ₹48,000 crore for the completion of 80 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), both rural and urban, during the next fiscal year.

"In 2022-23, 80 lakh houses will be completed for the identified eligible beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana, both rural and urban. ₹48,000 crore is allocated for this purpose," the Minister said, tabling the Budget. The Centre would work with States for reduction of time required for all land and construction-related approvals, for promoting affordable housing for middle-class and Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in urban areas, she said.

"We shall also work with the financial sector regulators to expand access to capital along with the reduction in the cost of intermediation," the

Minister said.

For better land records management, Sitharaman said the States will be encouraged to adopt Unique Land Parcel Identification Number to facilitate IT-based management of records.

On Monday, the Economy Survey highlighted that 33.99 lakh houses were completed in 2020-21 and 26.20 lakh units as of November 25, 2021, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) programme. For the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U), the survey noted that 14.56 lakh houses were completed in FY21. In 2021-22, 4.49 lakh houses were completed till December 2021. The Union Budget 2022-23 has also allocated ₹2600 crore to the Housing and Urban Affairs for the construction of non-residential office buildings of the Central Vista project, including Parliament and the Supreme Court. This is ₹767.56 crore more than ₹1,833.43 crore given in the last fiscal.

Road to recovery! 25K km in '22-23

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National highways (NH) will be expanded by 25,000 kilometre (km) during 2022-23 and the national ropeway development programme will be taken up in the public-private partnership (PPP) mode, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said tabling the Union Budget.

"The national highways network will be expanded by 25,000 km in 2022-23 besides PM Gati Shakti Master Plan for

Expressways will be formulated in next fiscal to facilitate the faster movement of people and goods," the FM said.

Sitharaman also announced contracts for the implementation of multimodal logistics parks at four locations through the PPP mode will be awarded in 2022-23.

The Minister said that as a preferred ecologically sustainable alternative to conventional roads in difficult hilly areas, the national ropeways development programme will be

taken up on the PPP mode.

She added the aim is to improve connectivity and convenience for commuters, besides promoting tourism.

She informed Parliament that the contracts for eight ropeway projects for a length of 60 km will be awarded in 2022-23.

The Finance Minister said ₹20,000 crore will be mobilised through innovative ways of financing to complement the public resources.

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I, Sandeep S/o Sh. Kitab Singh R/o Ramayan, Teh. Hansi, Distt. Hisar declare that my M.A. Eng. First year Marksheets of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli Tamil Nadu, whose registration number is A12V21J022011, went missing on January 12, 2020 near Hansi bus stand.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Hari Ram S/o Pura Chand r/o 470/10, Bijli Colony, Kishangarh Marg, Shahabad Markanda (Kurukshetra) inform that my son Gaurav Kumar and his wife Shilpi are out of control. So I disown them from my movable and immovable properties. My family will not be responsible for their actions and transactions in future.

I, No. 8035510X Ex LNK Ramesh Kumar S/o Ranjeet R/o H.No.105/11-A, Nehru Colony Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name from Himanshu Kumar to Himanshu (As per my son official documents) In future my son shall may be known/written & called as Himanshu for all work purposes concerned note please make it correct in my Army Records. Vide Affidavit dated 31 Jan 2022 before Notary Rohtak.

I, Shakuntla Devi W/o Late Chiman Lal Gaba R/o H.No. 248/7, Moh. Satya Nagar, Shahabad (M), Kurukshetra, declare that my son Rajesh Gaba, his wife Indu Bala and my grand son Tannya Gaba are out of my control. So I disinherit them from my all moveable/ immovable Properties. If anybody deals with them in any manner, they will deal on his own responsibility.

I, Jagtar Singh S/o Prem Singh, House-248-C, Village Sarangpur Chandigarh. My son Balwinder Singh and his wife Asha out of my control. I Disown them from my moveable/ immovable properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk.

I, Ranjodh Singh S/o Gurbaksh Singh, Village Aluna (Patiala), declare that my son Mandeep Singh and his wife Raj Kaur beyond my control. I disown them from movable/ immovable property. Any body deals them at own risk / responsibility.

I, Bhatari Devi Wd/o No.13667900N Ex GDSM Dalip Singh R/o VPO Saman, Tehsil Mehram, Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) According Aadhar card/pan card my correct DOB is 01.07.1956 be amended in my husband Army record. In future I shall may be known/written and called as Bhatari Devi (DOB:01.07.1956) for all work purposes. concerned note please make it correct in my husband's Army Records. Vide Affidavit dated 01 Feb 2022 before Notary Public, Rohtak.

I, Ramesh Kumar S/o Banarashi Dass R/o Ward No.6, Khedi Sampla, Teh. Sampla Distt. Rohtak Haryana declare that my son Deepak is out of my control. So I disown him from my all moveable/immovable properties. Anybody dealing with him at own risk. I or my family members are not responsible for any type of their acts and conduct in future.

I, Prabhdeep Singh S/o Surinder Singh alias Surendra Singh, holder of Indian Passport No. K1178302, issued at Jalandhar, on 17-09-2012, permanent resident of H.No. 38, New Model Town Kapurthala (Punjab)-144601, India and presently residing at 4418 5A Street NW, Edmonton Alberta T6T028 Canada, do hereby change my name from Prabhdeep Singh to Prabhdeep Singh Ghotra, with immediate effect.

I, Sukhdeep Kaur W/o Kuldeep Singh Aulakh R/o 2 Clarke Haven Rd. Brampton Ontario L6P 2H5 have changed my name to Sukhdeep Kaur Aulakh.

I, Rampal S/o Karm Singh Vill Sarsa Tehsil Pehowa, Kurukshetra, my son Pardeep Kumar and his wife Kavita out of my control. I, disown them from all my moveable and immovable properties. Anybody deal with him at their own risk.That his No Right My Properties.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Monika Choudhary Spouse of Sandeep Kumar R/o #1350-B, Sector 47B, Chandigarh have changed My Name from Monika Choudhary to Monika vide Affidavit dated 27.01.2022 before Notary, Distt. Court, Chandigarh.

I, Parmod Kaushik S/o Jinender Kaushik R/o Dhakal Road, Narwana, Distt.Jind declared that my wife's name is Nirmal kaushik instead of Nirmal according to my daughter Tanu DOB certificate.

I, Tsewang Norbu Brother Of No. 9928234K L/NK Sonam Wangchuk Unit 3 Ladakh Scouts C/O 56 Apo, UT Leh Ladakh Declare That In My Brother Army Service Record My Name Erroneously Written As Tsewang Nurbuo Whereas My Correct Name Is Tsewang Norbu. Vide Affidavit No In-La02647761 Dated 31.01.2022.

I, Sandeep S/o Gurmukh Singh R/o 72/73, Luxmi Nagar, Near Sarojani Colony, Yamunanagar have changed my name from Sandeep to Sandeep Sansarwal.

I, Rur Chand S/o Mehanga Ram r/o 2369, Sector-3, Housing Board Colony, Tehsil Thanesar, Kurukshetra have changed my name R.C. Bhamotra to Rur Chand.

I, Neetu Mahajan Alias Nitin Mahajan W/o Manoj Mahajan R/O Street no.4. Cinema Road. Batala Distt.Gurdaspur have changed my name to Neetu Mahajan.

I, Vineet Taneja Spouse of No- 721304 B Ex Sgt Vinod Kumar Resident of VPO Saha Tehsil Ambala Cantt, Distt Ambala (Haryana) have changed my name from Vineet Taneja to Vanita Taneja vide affidavit dated 28-01-2022 Sub Tehsil Saha (Ambala).

I, Happy S/o Ram Kumar R/O Village Ismailpur Post Office Chaurmastpur Tehsil & Distt Ambala have changed my name from Happy to Happy Singh .

I, Karakjeet Kaur W/O Mandeep Singh R/O Village Bartoli, Po. Gajlana Distt. Kurukshetra I Have Changed My Name Karamjeet Kaur.

I, No. 13759847X Ex Hav Harbhajan Singh R/O Village Nangal Thathal, Post office Gardiwal, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur (Punjab) have Changed name of my daughter from Suneha Kaoushal to Suneha. Her correct date of birth is 01-09-2006.

I, Meena Rani D/o Shri Satnam Singh R/o VPO Jaura, PS Tandi, Tehsil Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur Punjab have changed my name from Meena Rani to Har Simran Kaur Sidhu. Concerned Note.

I, Raghubir Singh S/O Waryam Singh R/O # 263 Nagra Farm Rajukheri, Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana declare That Raghubir Singh & Raghubeer Both Name Pertain To One And Same Person.

I, Kanchan w/o Sandeep Kumar R/o H. No 2544, Block-F, Ansal Sushant City, Near Shiv Mandi, Panipat, have changed my name Kanchan to Kanchan Munjal for all future purposes.

I, Preeti Khanchi W/o Sh. Pradeep Singh R/O H.No 364, Sec-18, HUDA, Panipat. have changed my name from Preeti Khanchi to Preeti for all future Government or Non Government purposes.

I, Ex. NK. Army No. 2874926-F, Discharge Certificate Sr. No. 11532 Dated 29-02-1996/Pension Book, Shiv Karan S/o SH. Sewa Ram R/o H. No 364, Sec18, HUDA, Panipat, have changed my name in my army record Shiv Karan to Shiv Karan Singh for all future purposes.

I, Army No. 14824221H Ex Nk (TS) Rajesh Kumar S/o Sh. Umed Singh R/o VPO Satrod Kalan, Tehsil & Distt. Hisar (Haryana) have changed in army record the date of birth of my daughter named Jyoti from 05-08-2001 to 05-08-2002 for all future purposes.

I, Menka W/o Chander Shekhar R/o H.No. 07, Vishvas Complex, Kishangarh Road, Tehsil Shahabad (M.), Distt. Kurukshetra have changed my name Menka Poojara to Menka. All Concerned please note.

I, Suresh Kumari W/O Kapil Gupta R/O B-34-1224 Street No. 2 Chander Nagar Civil Lines Ludhiana I Have Change MY Nmae From Suresh Kumari To Ranjana Gupta.

I, Resham Singh S/o Narang Singh resident of Village Balion, Tehsil Samrala, District Ludhiana, have change name in to Resham Sandher please noted.

I, Charanjit Kaur W/O Late Surat Singh R/O Village Rajewal rajpoota P.O bebawal Tehsil Samrala District Ludhiana Declare That Charanjit Kaur and Paramjit Kaur One And The Same Person.

I, Pallavi Joshi W/O Shri Maykand R/o 173A L, Model Town, Jagadhri,Distt. Yamuna Nagar.Have Changed my Name from Pallavi To Pallavi Joshi.

I, Komal Manocha W/o Jitender Kumar R/o Village Urlana Kalan Distt. Panipat Declare that I have change my name Komal Girdhar to Komal Manocha and both are my names but in future I should be know as Komal Manocha.

I, Service No. 14653974N Rank Nk,Rathva Devsing Bhai of Unit 960 LT AD Regt WKSP C/o 56 APO. Have Changed my Daughter Name from Mitiksha To Mitiksha Rathva.

I, Nitu Sharma is legally wedded Spouse of No. 15762795A Rank Hav Gulshan Kumar Presently Residing 25AAD Regt C/o 56 APO.Have Changed my Name from Nitu Sharma To Neetu Sharma.

I, Sital Ram Son of Sh. Amar Chand Residence of 1357-C, MIG, Phase 10, Mohali, Punjab have changed my name from Sital Ram to Sital Sohail.

I, Briham Wati W/o Mohinder Pal #3772 Sector 25 D Chandigarh, have changed my name to Birham Vati.

I, Kalawanti W/o Sh. Dayanand R/o VPO Panghal, Distt. Hisar, Haryana hereby declare that my name is Kamla and in my other documents my name is written as Kalawanti both of the names are of the one and the same person I.e Kalawanti.

I, Priyanka Anil Torawane, w/o Torawane Anil Sambhaji Rank Hav., No. 14654238F R/o Vill., & Post Behed, Teh. Sakri, Distt. Dhule, State Maharashtra-424310 declare that in service book of my husband my name is recorded as Torawane Priyanka but my actual name is Priyanka Anil Torawane for all future purposes.

I, Kavita Behal W/o Sh. Sandeep Behal Resident of House Number 18, Kairon Market, Hall Bazaar, Amritsar. I have name change after marriage from Nidhi Malhotra to Kavita Behal.

I, Baljit Singh S/o Satnam Singh R/o H.No.L/10/376, Gali No.8, Tarn Taran Road, Jawala Ji Nagar, Amritsar have changed my name from Baljit Singh to Baljeet Singh.

I, Davinder Singh S/O Paramjit Singh R/O Vill Alkare Po, Waryam Nangal Distt Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Davinder Singh To Dawinder Singh.

I, Karamjeet Kaur W/O Veer Singh R/O Vpo Sarangra The Ajnala Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Karamjeet Kaur To Karamjit Kaur.

I, Charanjit Singh S/o Balwinder Singh R/O H.No.12, O/s Army Gate No.3, Guru Hargobind Avenue, Kala Ghanapur, Chheharta, Amritsar declare that my minor son's name virk is his Surname and Nimerdeep Singh is his given name.

I, Ram and Gopal Ss/o Anil Kumar r/o VPO Lukhi, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed our name From Ram to Ram Rana and from Gopal to Gopal Rana.

I, Jasbir Singh r/o Village Ajrani, PO Sudhpur, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have changed my name to Jasbir (Given name) & Singh (Surname).

I, Muskan Sharma W/O Mr Aman Kumar (D/O Sh. Prem Kumar) R/O # 4134, Gbp Camelia, Kharar Declare That Muskan Sharma And Neeraj Bala Is One And The Same Person.

I hitherto known as Kashmir Kaur Kahlon, W/O Raghbir Singh Kahlon, Residing at Village Pahre, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kashmir Kaur.

I hitherto known as Dhawanpreet Kaur Kahlon W/O Manjeet Singh, residing at Village-Khaira Kotli, P/O Bhikharival, Gurdaspur, Punjab, 143520, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Dhawanpreet Kaur.

I hitherto known as Raghbir Singh Kahlon, S/O Dalip Singh, Residing at Village Pahre, Distt Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Raghbir Singh.

I hitherto known as Ajit Singh Kahlon, S/O Raghbir Singh Kahlon, Residing at village Pahre, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab-143521, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ajit Singh.

I, Kavita Goyal D/O Sh. Ram Kumar Goyal W/O Sh. Basant Singla R/o H. N.-94, Gandhi Colony, Sirsa have changed my name to Kavita Singla after marriage.

I, Neelam Rani D/O Sh. Madan Goel W/O Sh. Pardeep Singla R/o H. N.-95, Gandhi Colony, Sirsa have changed my name to Neelam Singla after marriage.

I, Malkit Kaur W/o. Gurtej Sheikh R/o Village Chabba, Distt Amritsar have Changed my name to Malkit Sheikh.

I, Seema Rani W/O Vimal Kumar R/O H.No. 50 Guru Nanak Colony Daffarpur Near Ramgarh Mohali Have Changed My Name To Chheema Rani.

I, No. 3181125-M Ex Hav Ram Karan S/o Sh. Amrit Singh R/o VPO Lakhna Majra Teh. Mehram Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my son name Sourabh Kumar wrongly mentioned in my Army record. But my son correct & actual name is Sourabh. vide affidavit dated 01.02.2022 before Notary Public Rohtak.

I, Sonia Sethi Daughter of Subhash Chand, R/o Near Baalmiki Mohalla, Village Kawartan, District Kaithal have changed my name from Sonia to Sonia Sethi for all future purposes.

I, No.JC-423607M Rank NB/SUB Name Vijayarangan A Unit-6 Mech Inf c/o 56 APO, Patiala, declare that I have changed my son's name from V Lavan Kumar TO Lavan Kumar V.

I, Savita W/o Rajan Sharma R/o N.E. 168, Mohalla Puriar, Jalandhar have changed my name to Savita @ Shweta Sharma, after marriage.

I, Ravishu S/o Vijay Sahota R/o S9, City Enclave, Near Anoop Nagar, Basti Danishmandan, Jalandhar-144002 have changed my name to Ravishu Sahota (Surname Sahota)

I, Priya D/o Salinder Pal Sandhu R/o Vill. Puranpur, Po. Parasrampur, Jalandhar-144101 have changed my name to Priya Sandhu (Surname Sandhu)

I, Salinder Pal S/o Shankar Dass R/o Vill. Puranpur, Po. Parasarampur, Jalandhar-144101 have changed my name to Salinder Pal Sandhu (Surname Sandhu)

I, Kamaljit Kaur W/o Salinder Pal Sandhu R/o Vill. Puranpur, Po. Parasarampur, Jalandhar-144101 have changed my name to Kamaljit Kaur Sandhu (Surname Sandhu)

I, Naresh Kumar S/o Des Raj R/o Near Ravidas Gurdwara, Biring, Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name to Given Name as Naresh and Surname as Kumar.

I, Shahid Parvez S/o Mohammad Bilal R/o EN-178, Kade Shah Chowk, Rasta Mohalla, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab have changed my name to Mohammad Shahid.

I, Jagjit Singh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o H.No.1795, Katni Gade, Kartarpur, Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab, Have Changed My Name From Jagjit Singh To Jagjit Singh Chumber.

I, Kanwaljit Kaur W/o Mohan Singh R/o H.No.1757/ 46-B, 10-B, Hira Bagh, Jagraon, Ludhiana, Punjab, India that my brother was known as Sukhvir Singh and now he has changed his name to UBHI Sukhvir Singh.

I, Roja P Spouse Of JC-286022K Nb Sub Palavalasa Dandasi Resident Of Village Bantukotturu P.O. PN Purnam Tehsil Palasa District Srikalulam (AP) 532220 Have Changed My Name From Roja P To Palavalasa Roja Vide Affidavit No.AV 756927 Dated 01 Feb.2022.

I Smt. Asa Rani D/O No.1146967M Late Hav Lekh Raj R/O Mehatpur Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Jaswinder Kaur As Per Affidavit Dated 27 Jan 2022/Aadhaar Card.

I Roopneet Kaur D/O Rajinder Singh W/O Jaswinder Singh R/O Vpo. Beas, Gali No.1, Tehsil Baba Bakala Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Rupinder Kaur.

I Rupinder Kaur Narwal W/O Kulvir Singh R/O Village Gajian P.O. Chak Ladian Tehsil & District Hoshiarpur Punjab Have Changed My Name Rupinder Kaur Narwal To Rupinder Kaur.

I Hira Singh Sandhu S/O Sukhdev Singh Sandhu R/O H.No.301 Chhiddan Amritsar Punjab 143107 Have Changed My Name To Heera Singh Sandhu.

I Harkomal Singh S/O Jagsir Singh R/O Bhagta Distt. Bathinda Have Changed My Name To Sukhjiti Harkomal Singh Sidhu.

I Sukhjiti Kaur W/O Gagandeep Singh Bhupal R/O H.No.-181 Mohalla Hargobindpura Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Sukhjiti Kaur Bhupal.

I Gurpreet Singh S/O Subeg Singh R/O Baba Abdula Shah Road Dharanokot Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Gurpreet Singh Sidhu.

I Raj Kumar S/O Jawahar Lal R/O Naamdev Nagar H.No.-290/21 S/O No.-1 Moga Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Raj Kumar Arora.

I Harmanpreet Kaur Sidhu W/O Amritpal Singh Johal R/O Village Janet Pura Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Harmanpreet Kaur Johal.

I Suraj Nath S/O Raj Bali R/O Village Janetsura Tehsil Jagraon Distt. Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Suraj Nath @ Surajbhan Singh.

I, Jagmeet Singh S/O Nachhattar Singh R/O Patti Chela, Vpo. Dhalle Ke, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Jagmeet Singh Bumrah.

I, Nirbhai Singh S/O Narinder Singh R/o Vill: Gola Teh-Mukerian (Hoshiarpur) have changed my name from given name Nirbhai Singh to given name Nirbhai and surname Singh.

I, Dilawar Singh S/o Jaswant Singh R/o Vpo. Uppal Teh-Khadoor Sahib PS Verawal (Tarn Taran) changed my name to Dilawar Singh Uppal.

I, Army Service No. 4479826Y Hav-Partap Singh S/O Gian Singh R/o Vill: Khalthian Teh-Baba Bakala (Amritsar) Punjab, changed my daughter name from Mehakpreet to Mehakpreet Kaur.

I, Himmat Singh S/O Indeerjeet R/O H.No-1305/32, Near Baba Ram Saroop, Nai Abadi, Khanna (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Himmat Kaur.

I, Jaswinder Singh S/O Nagahia Singh R/O Vpo Jargari Tehsil Payal (Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Jaspinder Singh.

I, Manpreet Kaur D/o Kashmir Singh R/o Rorikapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Manpreet Kaur Brar.

I, Hersimran Kaur D/O Sukhwinder Singh R/O St. No. 22/6 Partap Nagar Labh Singh Chowk Bathinda Distt. Bathinda Punjab 151001 Have Changed My Name To Harsimran Kaur.

I, Gurtej Singh Sandhu S/o Balveer Singh R/o Vill: Thatha Daler Singh Po. Thatha Kishan Singh Teh-Zira (Ferozepur) changed my name to Gurtej Singh.

I, No. JC-299467P Ex Nb-Sub Manjit Singh S/o Mukhtar Singh resident of Vpo. Dhunda Tehsil Khadoor Sahib Distt. Tarn Taran Punjab, declare that I have changed the name of my real daughter from Baljit Kaur Baljeet Kaur.

I, Rohit S/o Harjit Lal R/o Vpo. Gurkha (Jalandhar) changed my name to Rohit Jakhu.

I, Sukhdeep Kaur Boora W/o Gurveer Singh R/o Vpo. Muthada Kalan Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Sukhdeep Kaur Samra after marriage.

I, Noora @ Neeru W/o Ravi Kumar R/o Vill: Sangatpur Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Amandeep.

I, Asha Rani W/o Bhajan Ram R/o Vpo. Apra Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) I known by two names Asha Rani alias Lachmi Devi both names are same and one person.

I, Harbhagwan Singh S/o Chanan Singh R/o Vill: Kabarwala 116 Tehsil Kalia Distt. Panchkula (hereinafter referred to the property in question) According to the said Mortgage, the below mentioned following documents are misplaced.

I, Rupinder Singh S/o Daya Singh R/o Vill: Fatehpur Mania Wala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) changed my name to Rupinder Singh Sandhu.

I, Navjit Kaur D/o Gurmeet Singh R/o Village Buttar Sharian District Sri Muktsar Sahib Have Changed My Name To Navjit Kaur.

I, Vishaljeet Singh S/o Baljit Singh R/o House No. 160, Street No. 2, Baba Ram Lal Nagar, Ferozepur City (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Vishaljeet Singh Sandhu.

I, Harjinder Kaur W/o Baljit Singh R/o House No. 160, Street No. 2, Baba Ram Lal Nagar, Ferozepur City (Punjab) Have Changed My Name To Harjinder Kaur Sandhu.

I, Sakinder Kaur D/o Sarup Singh (W/o Harwinder Singh) R/o Ward No. 6, Ghanaur, Teh. Rajpura, Distt. Patiala have changed my name from Sakinder Kaur to Ramandeep Kaur.

I, Parwinder Kaur legally wedded spouse of Army No. 483245Y Rank: Havildar Name: Sajjan Singh Unit: 18 Sikhlayee ichange my name from Parvinder Kaur to Parwinder Kaur in my husband's service records.

I, Army No. JC405926W Rank: Sub. Name: Anil Kumar Unit: 1st Guard (2 Punjab) C/o 56 APO have changed my Mother's name from Surjo Kumar to Saroj Kumar in my service records.

I, Ranjeev Kumar Alias Rajeev Kumar S/o Late Sh. Baldev Krishan Singh R/o H.No. 8, Ekta Vihar, Backside D.A.V. School, Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Ranjeev Kumar Singla.

I, Salim Moham D/o Ramjan Moham R/o H. No. B-24/83, Nabha Gate, Patiala (Punjab) inform that I have changed my name from Salim Mohamd to Saleem Mohammad and my Father's correct name is Ramjan Mohamad not Ramjan Mohamad.

I, Hardeep Singh S/O Harjinder Singh R/O Haraj (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Has Changed My Name To Hardeep Singh Brar.

I, Parmveer Kaur W/O Sukhwant Singh Sandhu R/O Bariwala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) Has Changed My Name Paramveer Kaur.

I, Sheet Roll Name Nikam Sarita Hamnamt W/O Wagh Vikrant Madhukar 6504937w Sep/Ash Of 603asc Bn (Am) C/O 56 Apo Have Changed My Name From Nikam Sarita Hamnamt To Sarita Vikrant Wagh Vide Of Affidavit 50aa525575 Date - 25/01/2022.

I, Sanjiv Kumar S/o Parshu Ram # H. No. 233/5 Nand Colony No 2, Pehowa, kurukshetra change name Sanjeev Kumar.

I, Pardeep Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh Vill Binjal Po Ahru Kalan, Dudan Sadhan, Patiala Changed Givin Name Pardeep Surname Singh.

I, Daljinder Singh S/O Gurmit Singh R/O Village Jansua, Po Jansui, Ambala Changed Given Name Daljinder Surname Singh.

I, Baldish Kaur W/o Makhan Singh Vpo Ishaq, Pehowa, Kurukshetra Changed Given Name Baldish Surname Kaur.

Public Notice
I, Smt. Sudesh Kumar W/o Sh. Subhash Chander in respect of property i.e., 1/40 share of 8K-OM measuring 0K-4M Part of bearing Khewat no.894, Khatoni no. 1165, Kharsa no. 191/13(8-0), situated at Village Agroha, Tehsil & District Hisar as per sale deed no. 3866 dated 10.07.2019 HAVE LOST MY Sale deed no. 3497 dated 18.06.2007 ANYWHERE IN Hisar, District Hisar. A DDR No. 132560072200205 ALSO REGISTERED AT P.S. Hisar. I ALSO DECLARE THAT I HAVE NOT TAKEN ANY TYPE OF LOAN, CC LIMIT OR DD LIMIT ON SAID PROPERTY. IF ANYBODY FOUND AND ANY CONCERN IN THIS PROPERTY PLEASE CONTACT ADVOCATE Bhupander Kumar, #1591, SECTOR 16-17, HISAR within 7 days from publication.

सर्वजनिक सूचना
I Mira H/o Dev Raj R/o 1083-84,Purana Ali Godown, Ambala Cantt declare that I have lost Sale Deed No. 1471,Dt. 3.11.95 and S Deed 8259,Dt. 22.12.89 are lost for Prop 7 Marlas in kharsa No. 9722/1/4 Vill Kardan in the name of Manjia and Meera has been lost dated 08/12/2021 at Mahesh Nagar Ambala Cantt और अगर किसी को इसमें लेन या किराया और कान पर कोई एवरज हो तो 15 दिन के अंदर अंदर एवकोर्ट अंजना गोसल को संपर्क करें 9315623624

PUBLIC NOTICE
I,usha rani w/o Harish Kumar r/o h.no 851/11 guru nanakpura model Town Ashand road panipat declared lost my original allotment letter of plot no. 5850 block-D1 Ansal sushant city panipat and missing date 30.12.21 and missing at sec-18 panipat if some one found plz contact my address

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, Ankit Singh Army No. 2714337M R/o Bobua P.O. Bobua Tehsil Barwala, Distt. Hisar, State Haryana Solemnly affirms that I am sole resident of above mentioned address. That is my Army record my brother name is written Aman Kumar, which is wrong my brother correct name is Aman. That is mentioned in my brother aadhar card and other documents. Which is to me inserted in my army record. That my brother date of birth 21-06-2002 which is written in my brother aadhar card and in my other documents. That the copy original documents I am producing today. That this affidavit I am giving with my photo consent and for which I will be responsible.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is informed to General Public that Sh. Kuldeep S/o Sh. Ram Karan R/o VPO Assan Tehsil Rohtak Distt Rohtak has lost her previous Allotment Letter No. 772 dated 06.09.2011 in favor of Sh. Mahesh Kumar S/o Sohan Lal & Re-Allotment Letter No. 1179 dated 07.03.2012 in favor of Sh. Kuldeep S/o Ram Karan for Property i.e. Plot no. 1052, measuring 90 sq. mtrs. Situated at Sector 5, Hansi, Tehsil Hansi & Distt. Hisar. If any person has objection then file replies along with proof of ownership within 15 days before the undersigned. After lapsation of stipulated period no claim will be accepted regarding the above said property.

Rajesh Jain
Advocate, Hisar.

बैदखसी सूचना
मैं, सुखवीर कौर विधवा जसवंत सिंह पुत्र पुनजी सिंह निवासी गांव मयदान, हवसील कलावाली, जिला हिसरा जन्म कती हुं कि मेरे पुत्र लखप्रीत सिंह, हरदल सिंह, पुत्रसुख अमोघवीर कौर पत्नी खरीत सिंह व पुत्री नीराला कौर मेरे कहने सुने से बाहर है। इसलिए मैं उन्हें अपनी जन्म-अवसल संपत्ति से बैदखल करती हुं। भविष्य में उससे लेने देन करने वाला कुछ निम्नोकार होगा। मेरी व मेरे परिवार की कोई निम्नोकारी नहीं होगी।

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Public Notice
It is for the information to the General Public as well as to the concerned that SCF No.4 in old Housing Board Colony, Panipat was Purchased in the name of Sh. Mandan Lal S/o Sh. Kherali Lal dated 31.

Adampur: High voltage drama over Cong nominee

Kaypee left red-faced as high command asks Kotli to file nominations at the last moment

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

A high voltage drama was witnessed all through the day during the filing of nomination papers by the Congress nominee for the Adampur assembly seat on Tuesday that culminated in a major embarrassment for senior party leader Mohinder Singh Kaypee.

Till the last moment, the Congress high command continued the guessing game, with both the claimants — Kaypee and Sukhwinder Singh Kotli — waiting at the office of returning officer, all prepared to file their papers. It was just 10 minutes before the finishing of nomination process that Kotli gets the high command's go-ahead as the Congress' official nominee, with dejected Kaypee leaving the venue red-faced.

Both key contenders, including former Minister Kaypee and on-hold candidate Kotli, were made to wait till 2.50 pm before the Congress co-in-charge Chetan Chauhan finally handed over the ticket to the latter.

In what is seen as interesting development, Kaypee entered the office of the Returning Officer at around 2:30 pm, and had even started the process of filing of papers. He had already presented his file, and even signed a few papers and got the signatures of the proposer done when Kotli too entered the RO's office in excitement.

He had, by then, got the authority letter which Kaypee kept on expecting till then. At this, Kaypee got a call and left announcing that he had withdrawn his papers. Today, February 1, is the last of filing nominations.

Kaypee, who has also been Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee president and Jalandhar MP, said that he never felt so insulted. "I really do not know why the party did this to me. I was in contact on phone since morning and was kept in complete confusion. This should not have been the way," said visibly upset Kaypee.

He added, "If they were to deny me ticket, they should have told me straightaway without complicating the matter. There was no need to do all this drama that the seat was being reviewed."

Notably, a day before, Kotli had gone to Chandigarh, lead-

ing to speculations that the high command is reviewing the seat, and his ticket had been kept on hold. Kotli returned to Jalandhar only on Tuesday morning.

Since morning, the news of party high command deciding to field Kaypee from Adampur while withdrawing Kotli's candidature has been doing rounds, with several television new channels and also web portals started airing the news. Hundreds of Kaypee's supporters have reached his residence to congratulate the leader.

However, the leader refused to accept the wishes, making it clear that he would wait for the official declaration and also the party ticket.

The Congress had already announced former BSP leader, Kotli, as party nominee from Adampur — the seat which Kaypee had reluctantly represented in 2017 polls. At that time, Kaypee lost to SAD's sitting MLA Pawan Kumar Tinu.

After being denied ticket, Kaypee had turned rebel and was considering to contest as independent.

However, with the Congress keeping a suspense over its decision on party nominee till the last moment, it managed to check a rebel fight-

ing polls against it, at least in Adampur.

There were reports that the high command is reviewing Adampur seat, along with Khadoor Sahib, from where two-time sitting MLA Ramanjit Sikki has already filed his nomination. In Khadoor Sahib, sitting MP Jabir Singh Dimpa Gill continues to exert pressure seeking party ticket, with the party divided on the issue.

ECI REFUSES TO RECOGNISE SSM AS A POLITICAL PARTY, CANDIDATES TO CONTEST AS INDEPENDENTS

In what is being seen as a major setback for the farmers' political outfit, Sanyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM), the Election Commission of India (ECI) has refused to recognise it as a political party, forcing its candidates to contest the February 20 Punjab elections as independents.

The poll panel has also turned down its request of allotting a common poll symbol — the tractor or a trolley — to all party candidates. Notably, the SSM, which has fielded candidates on 104 seats with Balbir Singh Rajewal its Chief Ministerial face, had demanded a common election symbol.

Rajewal has also filed his papers as independents on Tuesday.

The SSM is a political front of Punjab's 18 farmer unions who had taken part in a year-long protest at the Delhi borders against the Centre's contentious farm laws, which have been now withdrawn.

Questioning the EC's move, the SSM has blamed the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). It had accused the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of being in "hand in glove" against it.

Rajewal had alleged that the BJP and the Election Commission are "playing a game", claiming that his outfit had responded promptly to the poll panel's objections over the application for the allotment of party symbol.

The farmer leader alleged that the poll panel never responded in "yes or no" to their application due to which they can't "approach the court" for the redress of their grievance.

"I, as the SSM president, wrote a letter to the Election Commission of India through the state poll panel, which was forwarded but no reply was given," he said, alleging that the poll panel is "under pressure".

"Either they want to help the BJP or Kejriwal," he alleged.

Pak PM urged me to re-induct Sidhu in Cabinet: Amarinder

PNS ■ PATIALA

Lashing out at Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu for his "close ties" in Pakistan, former Chief Minister and Punjab Lok Congress (PLC) chief Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday said that the state's governance could not be handed over to people who were willing to compromise national security to further their personal and political ambitions.

Days after disclosing that he had received a "request" from Pakistan to re-induct Sidhu in the Cabinet, Capt Amarinder revealed that the request was made by Sidhu's "friend" Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Capt Amarinder expressed strong anger over the past incident when Sidhu hugged the Pakistan army chief, who was ordering his soldiers every day to kill Indians. "Who do you hate more? The soldiers who fire or the one who gives the order," the former Chief Minister asked the people of Patiala at a public meeting at Ramalila Maidan.

"Sidhu hugging General Bajwa and then his re-induction into the State Cabinet being recommended by the Prime Minister of Pakistan clearly showed that he could not be relied upon to keep Punjab and India safe from the enemy across the border...We want peace with Pakistan but will not bow to them. We are prepared to fight, our Army is ready to take them head on," Capt Amarinder asserted.

Citing the need for the highest levels of security in the border state of Punjab, the former Chief Minister said that the state's and country's safety was of paramount importance, which only the PLC alliance, with the support of the BJP-led Government at the Centre, could ensure.

While there was no conflict between the people of the two countries, the hostile regime in Pakistan posed a serious danger which could not be undermined, he said. He pointed out that since March 2017, as many as 83 Punjabi soldiers had been killed by Pakistan on border, and his government had given compensation of Rs

50 lakh and a job to the kin of the deceased soldiers.

MODI, SHAH TO CAMPAIGN FOR ALLIANCE CANDIDATES

Announcing that both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be coming to Punjab soon to campaign for the PLC-BJP-SAD Sanyukt coalition, Capt Amarinder said that the alliance had been crafted in the interest of Punjab and the country.

The state, with its economy in total shambles, was at a crossroads and needed the Centre's support to go ahead, he stressed, adding that Punjab was reeling under a debt of Rs 70,000 crores, with Charanjit Singh Channi adding Rs 33,000 crore in just 111 days.

For Punjab's survival, it is necessary that the state and the Centre work together, said Capt Amarinder, adding that he personally has had cordial relations with Modi since the latter was the Chief Minister of Gujarat and the RSS prabhari for Punjab.

Channi appeals to voters to make him win from Chamkaur Sahib by margin of 50,000 votes

PNS ■ ROPAR

Filing his nomination papers from his home turf — Chamkaur Sahib constituency, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Tuesday appealed to the people of the constituency to help him win by a margin of at least 50,000 votes in the February 20 polls.

Channi's vote appeal came amidst the claims by his rivals, including AAP supremo and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, SAD chief Sukhbir Badal, that Channi would lose his home turf of Chamkaur Sahib and also second seat he was contesting, Bhadaur.

Chief Minister Channi is the only leader fielded by the prominent political parties contesting the elections from two seats. Congress, it seems, is eyeing to consolidate the Dalit votes in the Malwa region, especially the Sangrur and Barnala districts. The move is considered to be a game-changer considering the push the Aam Aadmi Party's campaign received after the declaration of Sangrur MP Bhagwant Mann's name as its chief ministerial candidate.

Striking an emotional



cord, Channi asked the people to secure his success as he detailed many development initiatives carried out in his home area.

"You have to make (me) victorious by a margin of 50,000 votes," said Channi, who was accompanied by his family. In urging people to vote for him in the approaching elections, he said: "If we win (from Chamkaur Sahib) by fewer than 50,000 votes, it will not be a success."

He targeted his political opponents, accusing them of banding together to silence the voice of Chamkaur Sahib's people. "They may conduct as many raids as they want and file as many fake FIRs as they want, but the people of Chamkaur Sahib will always be with me," said the 58-year-

old leader.

"I am your son as well as your sibling. I've been with you for 15 years and have never left you for a single day," he said. In his emotional remarks, the three-term MLA stated, "I am nothing without you."

He advised the people to vote for him in this election from this seat since he will be campaigning in many districts of Punjab.

A day before, Channi had filed his nomination papers from Bhadaur (reserve) constituency in Barnala district. He had said that he was sent to Malwa by the Congress party on a mission, and he "has come like Sudama and I hope that the people would take care of me like Lord Krishna".

AAP accuses Congress of misusing Govt machinery; claims 24k fake votes in Ludhiana

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Accusing the ruling Congress party of "misusing the government machinery", the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday alleged that there are more than 24,000 fake votes in Ludhiana, and single voter has vote at multiple places.

AAP's Punjab unit in-charge Jarnail Singh, accusing the Congress of fraud in preparation of voters list in Ludhiana, alleged that Cabinet Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu added more than 24000 fake voters in Ludhiana West assembly constituency.

"The Congress party is unable to digest the change of mood of the people of Punjab. Due to the fear of defeat, Congress leaders are trying to win elections with the help of fake votes and now they are misusing the government machinery for the listing of bogus voters," said Singh, accompanied by party spokesperson Malvinder Singh Kang and Ludhiana West

nominee Gurpreet Singh Gogi.

He demanded from the Election Commission to take an action on the issue of irregularities and fake voters in Ludhiana West and other assembly constituencies at the earliest. He said that party candidate from Ludhiana West, Gurpreet Gogi, had filed a complaint to the Election Commission about the list of fake voters. Taking cognizance of the matter, the Election Commission had removed some of the fake names from its records, but still, there are more than 24,000 bogus voters in the Ludhiana West assembly alone.

Jarnail Singh blamed the Congress minister and MLA from Ludhiana West Bharat Bhushan Ashu for the irregularities in the voters' list. He said that Ashu has misused his position and put pressure on the government machinery to enlist these fake votes. The AAP leader said that Minister Ashu is aware of his defeat in upcoming elections, so he is pulling such tactics to win the elections.

Majithia to contest from Amritsar East only; wife to replace him in Majitha

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Amritsar East assembly segment set to witness a fiery electoral contest between friends-turned-foes. Days after Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu challenged his arch-rival Bikram Singh Majithia to contest from Amritsar East seat only, SAD's sitting Majitha MLA on Tuesday accepted the challenge while declaring his wife's candidature from his home turf — Majitha.

Majithia, the three-time MLA from his bastion Majitha, has also been fielded as SAD-BSP combine candidate from Amritsar East assembly segment to challenge the sitting MLA Navjot Sidhu in his citadel.

Sidhu, on Sunday, had dared Majithia to leave his home turf and contest only from Amritsar East, to which Majithia had given indications saying, "there are still two days left for nominations...will fulfil Sidhu's this wish also". And on Tuesday, Majithia addressed the media to announce that he would only be contesting from Amritsar East while his wife, Ganieve Kaur, will replace him in Majitha.

Majithia has represented Majitha since 2007 and until now he has served three terms as the Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from there.

Announcing his decision, Majithia made it clear that it was not because of Sidhu's challenge, but because he had to chose one among the two in case he had won from both. "They used to ask me that if we vote for you and make you win, which constituency you would chose to

retain...so i want to tell the voters of Amritsar East that they will be priority for me. I will work for Majitha, or Amritsar East, and or the entire Punjab, but yes, I will definitely become an MLA from Amritsar East," he said.

Majithia, showing his old pictures with Sidhu laughing together and feeding ladoos, said that he would teach him on love and laughing like this. "I want to end the politics of jealousy, hate here. There is too much of arrogance in Sidhu, I want to make him understand love. But I will fight for development only. Sidhu spent 18 years here, but did nothing to fulfil even a single promise he made to the people," said Majithia adding that he promises that development like Majitha will be done in Amritsar East also.

When Sidhu was in BJP, he used to share cordial relations with Majithia. However, they fall out when SAD was in power in Punjab, and Sidhu's wife Navjot Kaur Sidhu was MLA from Amritsar East. Since then, the two have not only hurled stinging statements at each other but often clashed in the Punjab Assembly too. Sidhu has been campaigning for action against Majithia for the drug trafficking case. Majithia, popularly known as 'Majhe Da Jarnail' (general of Majha region) by Akalis, has been facing possible arrest in a drug case. However, on Monday, the Supreme Court directed Punjab Police not to arrest him till February 23 in view of the elections.

Majithia's wife Ganieve Kaur had filed her papers on Monday from Majitha assembly constituency.

Haryana Govt to take ₹523 cr loan from SIDBI to promote cluster infrastructure

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday said that the State Government has decided to take a loan of Rs 523 crore from Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for cluster infrastructure development.

This loan will be taken for the financial year 2021-22, which will be available at a very low interest rate. This loan can be used for PADMA schemes and other cluster development schemes of the State Government.

Khattar, addressing the Standing Finance Committee meeting at his residence, said that new industries would be established with the development of cluster infrastructure in the state. "This will increase employment opportunities and youth will also get more and more jobs. Under this, the State Government has prepared the framework of the PADMA scheme to promote the MSME sector," said Khattar.

He said that soon this scheme will be launched; and under this, a new industrial

cluster will be set up in every block with the goal of One Block-One Product. This will directly benefit the respective industries of that area, added the Chief Minister.

MAPPING WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 2022

Khattar said that the campaign, being run on a large scale for agricultural land mapping work in the state, should be accelerated so that the agricultural land data of the state can be made available at the earliest.

The drone base mapping work of most of the villages of the state has been completed, he said. Like the Svamitva Yojana, the work of mapping the agricultural land of the state will be done and the revenue record will be linked with the Parivar Pehchan Patra.

"The large scale mapping work will be completed in three phases. In the first phase, the work of mapping the agricultural land of rural areas and mapping of the structures built on it will be done. In the second phase, mapping of industrial areas in the cities will be done. These will help in the measurement work. The Chief Minister said that Patwaris will be trained with rovers to do the work of mapping agricultural land. For this, two rovers (GPS) machines each will be purchased and provided at each tehsil level," he said.

Khattar said that three teams were deployed at

Panipat, Karnal, and Kurukshetra to carry out the land mapping work. Apart

KHATTAR HAILS UNION BUDGET, CALLS IT PRO-FARMERS

Chandigarh: The ruling BJP-JJP combine in Haryana on Tuesday hailed the Union Budget 2022-23. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar hailed the budget, terming it as "pro-farmers". "This is a budget which fulfils the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat," Khattar said.

Jannayak Janta Party leader and Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala hailed the Budget, saying that it is going to fulfil the aspirations and hopes of the people of the country. He said that it will strengthen agriculture and rural development, MSMEs, infrastructure and economy. "During COVID times, no tax increase was announced, which is satisfying," said Dushyant, whose party is a partner of the BJP in Haryana's coalition government.

from this, more teams will be set up by March 15. In this way, a total of 44 teams will undertake land drone mapping work across the state, which will be completed by August 2022.

He said that in the first 5 villages, large scale mapping work was done on a trial basis. Now it has been started in the entire state.

PUNJAB POLL BUZZ

BLO MEETS WITH ACCIDENT IN GURDASPUR; PUNJAB CEO, TWO DCS ENSURES PROMPT MEDICAL HELP
Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Dr S Karuna Raju has offered all kinds of possible help to the ETT teacher-cum-Booth Level Officer (BLO) Gurwinder Singh, who met with an accident in Gurdaspur on Monday. As per the information, BLO Gurwinder deputed at Booth number 222 in Bhikhowali village in Gurdaspur district was going home at around 4.15 pm on Monday, when he fell from his motorcycle and sustained head injuries and fracture in his arm. Presently, BLO Gurwinder is undergoing treatment at Amandeep Hospital Amritsar. "As soon as I got to know about the accident of our officer from DC Gurdaspur, I immediately directed Amritsar DC to ensure medical help to the injured BLO and asked him to update me regularly," said Dr Raju, who also personally talked with the father of the injured BLO to know about the Gurwinder's health condition.

ELECTION COMMISSION BANS EXIT POLL
Chandigarh: The Election Commission on Tuesday banned exit polls between February 10 and March 7 in regard with general elections. Punjab Chief Electoral Officer Dr S Karuna Raju said that under provisions of section 126 A of the Representations of the Peoples Act, 1951, exit polls cannot be conducted and publicized by means of print and electronic media or dissemination in any other manner starting from February 10 at 7 am to March 7, 2022, at 6.30 pm. "As per notification issued by Election Commission of India on January 28, 2022, display of any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey in any electronic media is prohibited during the period 48 hours, including the hour fixed for conclusion of poll in each of the phases in connection with the elections," he said.

NEXT SAD-BSP GOVT TO PROBE CHANNI'S ALL ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES: SUKHBIR
Bathinda: SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Tuesday said that the next SAD-BSP alliance government would probe all "illegal" activities of Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, "particularly his role as the kingpin of the sand mafia in the State". Sukhbir, attending a meeting organized by party candidate Sarup Chand Singla with industrialists and traders, said that the law would take its course against the Chief Minister who had not only admitted to promoting illegal mining but had also given instructions to officers to even allow his minions to level mountains to quarry sand. "We will order a probe into the entire issue and force those guilty, including the chief minister, to return the ill-gotten wealth collected by them".

UNHOLY NEXUS BETWEEN SAD, BJP, AAP TO STOP CONG FROM WINNING: JAKHAR

Abohar: Punjab Congress' former president and party Campaign Committee chief for forthcoming polls Sunil Jakhar on Tuesday said that in the face of imminent defeat, SAD, BJP and AAP have orchestrated an unholy alliance. Reacting to Punjab Governor issuing inquiry against the Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi, Jakhar termed it as a result of this unholy political fixing between these parties to tarnish Congress ahead of February 20 elections. Terming the development as unfortunate in a democracy, Jakhar, while interacting with party workers at Majuigarh village at a meeting, said that there can be no double standard against politicians fighting elections. "On one hand, the Apex Court in Majithia's case is saying that any action in the matter be fit only after elections, and on the other, the Governor, on the pretext of opposition leaders' request, is ordering inquiry against a Chief Minister," he said.

₹310.89 CR VALUABLES SEIZED IN PUNJAB
Chandigarh: After the Model Code of Conduct came into force in the state for Punjab Vidhan Sabha elections, various enforcement teams have seized valuables worth Rs 310.89 crores in violation of the code till January 31, 2022. Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Dr S Karuna Raju on Tuesday said that the surveillance teams have seized 27.86 lakh litres of liquor worth Rs 14.75 crore. Similarly, the enforcement wings have also recovered psychotropic substances amounting to Rs 275.59 crores besides confiscating unaccounted cash of Rs 19.19 crore, he added. He added that as many as 1203 vulnerable hamlets have been identified.

MANN CONDUCTS DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGN

Sangrur: AAP's Punjab Chief Minister candidate and state unit president Bhagwant Mann on Tuesday campaigned door-to-door in his assembly constituency Dhuri. Following the guidelines of the Election Commission, Mann went door-to-door to meet people, asked about their well being and listened to their problems. Great enthusiasm was observed among the people of Dhuri to meet Bhagwant Mann. People welcomed Mann and his supporters were raising slogans of Bhagwant Mann Zindabad and 'Sada CM Bhagwant Mann'. Visiting several villages of Dhuri constituency, Mann appealed to the people to support AAP. "AAP is a party of the common people. Our leaders have come from ordinary homes. That's why we understand the plight of the common people very well. We are working day and night and making plans to take Punjab forward and solve the problems of the people," he said.

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Defence Budget hiked by 5%

68 per cent of total capital outlay earmarked for procuring weapons made in India

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The defence budget on Tuesday for the next fiscal saw a modest hike of nearly five per cent with the Government giving a determined push for indigenization to ensure self-reliance. Nearly 68 per cent of the total capital outlay was earmarked for procuring weapons manufactured within the country in an effort to make India a manufacturing hub of the world.

While the total outlay for current financial year 2021-22 was pegged at Rs 3,68,418 crores, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allocated Rs 3,85,730 crores for the 2022-23. The current fiscal ends on March 31.

However, the government was committed to security of the nation and all the demands of the armed forces for modernization will be met without

any budgetary constraints, sources said later.

Nearly 2,01,000.00 crores for the next fiscal was allotted for defence(civil)catering to projects like infrastructure building. If this amount is added to the defence outlay comprising capital and revenue, the overall figure comes to 5.25 lakh crore for 2022-23. Last year's allocation was Rs 4.78 lakh crore.

With the objective of sustaining the momentum of modernization to maintain operational readiness, Rs 1,52,369 crore was set aside for purchasing new weapons, aircraft, warships and other military hardware. The revised capital expenditure for the ongoing was Rs 1,38, 850crores. It means the capital outlay for the coming fiscal saw a jump of Rs 14,000 crores.

As regards boosting the capabilities of the Indian defence industry, 68 percent of the capital outlay was set aside for locally made weapons.

"Sixty-eight per cent of the capital procurement budget will be earmarked for domestic industry in 2022-23, up from 58 per cent in 2021-22," Sitharaman said in her budget speech. The finance minister said defence

research and development will be opened up for industry, start-ups and academia with 25 per cent of defence research and development(R&D) budget earmarked for it.

"Private industry will be encouraged to take up design and development of military platforms and equipment in collaboration with the DRDO and other organisations through SPV (special purpose vehicle) model," she said.

The minister also said an independent nodal umbrella body will be set up for meeting wide-ranging testing and certification requirements.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh described as an "excellent move" the proposal in the Budget to set aside 25 per cent of the defence R&D budget for start-ups and private entities in the financial year 2022-23.

He also welcomed Sitharaman's announcement that 68 per cent of the defence capital procurement budget would be allocated towards procurement from domestic industry.

"The 68 percent of defence capital procurement budget has been allocated towards local procurement. It is in line with the 'Vocal for Local' push

and it will certainly boost the domestic defence industries," he tweeted.

He said substantial amounts have been allocated towards research and development in several sectors including defence. "The proposal to reserve 25 per cent of the R&D Budget for Startups and Private entities is an excellent move," the defence minister said.

However, the major bulk of the overall defence allocation like previous years saw revenue outlay far more than capital expenditure. The revenue budget for the next fiscal was Rs 2,33,000 crores. This allocation caters to expenses on payment of salaries and maintenance of establishments. Separately, an amount of Rs 1,19,696 crore was allocated for defence pensions.

Coming to allocations to the three Services, IAF got the highest capital allocation totaling Rs 55,586 crores. It will enable the IAF to procure aircraft to address the issue of dwindling fighter jet squadron strength.

The Navy was the second highest with a capital budget of Rs 47,590 crores followed by the Army with an outlay of Rs 32,015 crores.

Digital university, one class-one TV channel

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Among the major initiatives in the education sector proposed by the Centre in its annual budget on Tuesday, a digital university on the 'hub-and-spoke' model and expansion of 'one class-one TV channel' programme through 200 channels for providing supplementary education in regional languages in schools have been proposed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The finance minister said that due to the pandemic-induced closure of schools, children, particularly in the rural areas and those from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribe, and other weaker sections, have lost almost two years of formal education.

"Mostly, these are children in government schools. We recognise the need to impart supplementary teaching and to build a resilient mechanism for education delivery. For this purpose, 'one class-one TV channel' programme of PM eVIDYA will be expanded from 12 to 200 TV channels. This will enable all states to provide supplementary education in regional languages for classes 1-12," she said.

Towards Higher education, Rs 40,828 crore has been allo-

cated to the Education Ministry's Higher Education Department which is an increase of 6.6 percent over the current financial year. In 2021-22, the budget for the Higher education department was Rs 38,350.65 crore and it further dropped to Rs 36,031.57 in the revised estimates.

Besides school education outlay for 2022-23 is at Rs 63,449.37 crore, nearly Rs 9,000 crore more than 2021-22. The country's biggest school education scheme, the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, has been allocated Rs 37,383.36, an increase of more than Rs 6,000 crores from Budget 2021. Funds for the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have increased to Rs 7,650 crore and 4,115 crore respectively.

The digital university will be established to provide access to students across the country for world-class quality universal education with personalised learning experience at their doorsteps. This will be made available in different Indian languages and ICT formats, she said.

"The university will be built on a networked hub-spoke model, with the hub building cutting-edge ICT expertise. The best public uni-

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versities and institutions in the country will collaborate as a network of hub-spokes," added Sitharaman.

The finance minister proposed that in vocational courses, to promote crucial critical thinking skills and give space for creativity, 750 virtual labs in science and mathematics, and 75 skilling e-labs for a simulated learning environment, will be set up in 2022-23.

"High-quality e-content in all spoken languages will be developed for delivery via internet, mobile phones, TV and radio through Digital Teachers. A competitive mechanism for the development of quality e-content by the teachers will be set up to empower and equip them with digital tools of teaching and facilitate better learning outcomes," she said. Sitharaman announced that for developing India-spe-

cific knowledge in urban planning and design, and to deliver certified training in these areas, up to five existing academic institutions in different regions will be designated as centres of excellence. "These centres will be provided endowment funds of Rs 250 crore each. In addition, AICTE will take the lead to improve syllabi, quality and access of urban planning courses in other institutions.

The overall financial allocation for the education sector for 2022-23 has increased to Rs 1.04 lakh crore from Rs 93,224 crore (Budget estimate) in 2021-22 as the minister laid emphasis on digital modes of education to reverse learning losses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. The revised estimate for 2021-22 is Rs 88,001 crore.

"World-class foreign universities and institutions will be allowed in the Gujarat International Finance Tec (GIFT), City to offer courses in Financial Management, FinTech, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics free from domestic regulations, except those by IFSCA to facilitate the availability of high-end human resources for financial services and technology," she said.

Govt proposes high-level committee for urban planning

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To bring a paradigm change in urban planning and development in view of rapid urbanisation, the Modi Government on Tuesday proposed setting up a high-level committee of urban planners, economists and institutions to recommend policies for urban development, capacity building, planning, implementation, and governance.

Presenting the Budget, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government is planning a paradigm change in making policies for the urban sector as nearly half of the country's population is expected to live in those areas by the time India turns 100. She noted that by the year 2047, when India celebrates 100 years of independence, around half of its population is likely to reside in urban areas, which would require orderly development.

"By the time of India @ 100, nearly half our population is likely to be living in urban areas. To prepare for this,

orderly urban development is of critical importance. This will help realize the country's economic potential, including livelihood opportunities for the demographic dividend," she said. For this, the minister stressed that there is a need to nurture the mega cities and their hinterlands to become current centres of economic growth.

"On the other hand, we need to facilitate tier 2 and 3 cities to take on the mantle in the future. For this to happen urban planning cannot continue with a business-as-usual approach," she said adding for urban capacity building, the support will be provided to the states.

"Modernisation of building byelaws, Town Planning Schemes (TPS), and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) will be implemented," she said, adding this would facilitate reforms for people to live and work closer to mass transit systems.

"The Central Government's financial support for mass transit projects

and AMRUT scheme will be leveraged for formulation of action plans and their implementation for facilitating TOD and TPS by the states," the minister said.

Experts are of the view that the move is likely to bring about global best practices for urban development. "It is a significant step for defining cities considering the future of mobility, work, health, education and living," said Anish Kumar, Co-Lead, Transform Rural India Foundation.

Last year, government think tank NITI Aayog's report titled "Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India" stated that concerted actions were required to bring in more structure, professionalism, and identity to the urban planning profession. It added that 63% of the 7,933 towns and cities (urban settlements) in India do not have master plans, which are considered critical for managing urbanisation challenges. While large scale investment was being made in cities, most cities faced urban planning related issues.

₹1,32,513 cr for agriculture sector; Kisan Drone for crop assessment

Govt increased the agricultural credit target to ₹18 lakh crore for the 2022-23 fiscal from ₹16.50 lakh crore for the current fiscal

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Keeping in mind that agriculture is a fundamental part of India's recovery process and a crucial sector of the Indian economy, the Union Budget 2022-23 proposed Rs 132513.62 crore for the agriculture sector, a marginally hike by 4.5 per cent as compared to the last year and stressed to promote Kisan Drone for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides, delivery of digital and hi tech services to farmers.

The government has increased the agricultural credit target to Rs 18 lakh crore for the 2022-23 fiscal from Rs 16.50 lakh crore for the current fiscal.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that focused

on ensuring assured income to farmers with an announcement of Rs 2.37 lakh crore towards direct payments for minimum support price (MSP) to wheat and paddy farmers for the fiscal year 2022-23.

Farmer leaders claimed that the amount of Rs 2.37 lakh crore towards the MSP is less than the previous year when a total Rs 2.87 lakh crore was paid to them. They also claimed that the budget on agriculture is a revenge on farmers' protests.

To finance startups and rural enterprises working in agri-space, the minister said the government will facilitate a fund with blended capital raised under the co-investment model through NABARD.

She said the government will promote chemical-free natural farming throughout the country with a focus on farmers' lands in five-kilometre wide corridors along the river Ganga in the first stage.

For the delivery of digital and high-tech services to farmers, she said the government will launch a scheme of public-

private partnership (PPP) model with the involvement of public sector research and extension institutions along with private agri-tech players and stakeholders of agri value chains.

As per the Budget document, the fund allocations for the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship schemes-Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) is proposed to be Rs 15500 crore in the current fiscal year as compared to the Rs 15989 crore last year.

Reacting on the Budget, Dr KC Ravi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta India Pvt Limited said that the emphasis on use of Kisan Drones for crop assessments, land records, spraying of insecticides and micronutrients, which will be a game changer for the agriculture sector.

The Budget allocation for the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has been increased by 44 per cent to Rs 6,037.31 crore and for Food Processing Industries by 2.25 times to Rs 2,941.99 crore for the next fiscal.

₹2,600 cr allocated for Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry

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The Union Budget 2022-23 has allocated Rs 2600 crore to the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has been allocated Rs 2,600 crore for the construction of non-residential office buildings of the Central Vista project, including the Parliament and Supreme Court. This is Rs 767.56 crore more than Rs 1,833.43 crore given in the last fiscal.

The redevelopment project of the Central Vista -- the nation's power corridor -- envisages a new triangular Parliament building, a common central secretariat, revamping of the three-kilometre Rajpath boulevard that stretches from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, a new prime minister's residence and a new Prime Minister's Office as well as a new Vice President's Enclave.

A sum of Rs 2,600.99 has been allocated for the construction of non-residential office buildings, including the Parliament and Supreme Court of India. For residential purposes, the ministry has been given Rs 873.02 crore.

Six infrastructure firms, including Tata Projects

Limited, L&T Limited and Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Limited, are in the race to win the contract to construct the Executive Enclave, which will house the new PMO, Cabinet Secretariat, India House and National Security Council Secretariat.

According to the proposed plan, the Executive Enclave will come up on the south side of the South Block in plot number 36/38 in the high-security zone in Lutyens' Delhi. Last year, Larsen & Toubro Limited had been awarded the contract for the construction and maintenance of the first three buildings of the Common Central Secretariat.

Tata Projects Limited is constructing a new parliament building while Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Limited is executing the redevelopment work of the Central Vista Avenue stretching from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to the India Gate under the Central Vista redevelopment project.

In November last year, Jharkhand-based infrastructure firm Kamladityya Construction Pvt Ltd had been awarded the contract for constructing a Vice-President's Enclave.

Law Ministry allocated ₹1,525 crore

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The Law Ministry has been allocated Rs 1,525 crore in the Union Budget 2022-23 to provide funds to the Election Commission for purchase of new electronic voting machines and destruction of obsolete voting machines. The ministry has also been allocated funds for Lok Sabha polls and photo identity cards for voters.

The Legislative Department in the Union law ministry is the nodal agency to dal with issues related to Election Commission and electoral laws. A sum of Rs 1525 crore has been allocated for providing funds to Election Commission for procurement of ballot units, control units and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail Units (or paper trail machines) and ancillary expenditure on electronic voting machines and destruction of obsolete voting machines. One control unit and at least one ballot unit make for one EVM.

Following a stringent protocol, old EVMs are destroyed under the watch of an expert panel. An EVM has an average life of 15 years.Under the Organs of Election head, a total of Rs 292 crore has been allocated, including Rs 180 crore for Lok Sabha elections and Rs 18 crore for election photo identity cards.

The provision for Lok Sabha elections is for meeting "carry forward liability" in respect of charges for conduct of parliamentary polls. The last Lok Sabha elections were held in 2019. The provision for identity cards for voters is for reimbursement of central government's share to states and UTs on issuance of photo-identity cards to the voters.

Funds for MNREGA slashed by 25% for year 22-22

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Even though the dependence of the country's poorest on MNREGA soared during the pandemic because of widespread unemployment due to job cuts and gloomy economy, the allocation in Budget 2022 for the government's rural employment programme has been slashed by 25 per cent.

The MNREGA fund allocation is Rs 73,000 crore for the financial year 2022-23, down from the revised estimate for the previous year (2021-22), which was Rs 98,000 crore. This is 25.51 per cent less than the revised estimate for the current financial year.

MGNREGA is aimed at enhancing livelihood security of households in rural areas of the country by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

In the first phase, the scheme was implemented in 200 most backward districts with effect from February 2, 2006. This was subsequently extended to additional districts, 113 with effect from April 1, 2007 and 17 from May 15, 2007.

The remaining districts were included under the Act

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with effect from April 1, 2008. The Act now covers all rural

districts of the country. Data shows that the demand for rural jobs have increased during the lockdown period when many labourers return to their villages.

In December 2018, 1.9 crore households had demanded work under MNREGA. In December 2019, that dipped slightly to 1.7 crore households. But by December 2020 - the year of the prolonged lockdown — there was a big jump in the number of households demanding work, to 2.7 crore. Last December, the demand for work continued to remain higher than pre-pandemic levels, at 2.4 crore, as per the Government statistics.

SP has defined its agenda by fielding tainted individuals and rioters: Yogi

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In a scathing attack on the previous Samajwadi Party government, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that by fielding tainted individuals and rioters as their candidates in the election, the SP had defined its agenda well before the elections.

Addressing voters at Sivalkhas and Kithore assembly constituencies in Meerut as well as at Modinagar in Ghaziabad to seek votes for the respective Bharatiya Janata Party candidates, Yogi said: "During the tenure of the pre-

vious government, no daughter was safe, youths were unemployed and farmers were committing suicide. There was a riot every third day and when the youths revolted, the government got false cases registered against them."

"When we took over, we waived loans worth Rs 36,000 crore of 86 lakh farmers, including one lakh farmers of Meerut district alone. We made record payments to the sugar-cane farmers while 2.54 crore farmers benefited from the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. We provided government jobs to five lakh youth and we also

ensured the safety of daughters, which was perennially under threat during the SP government. And there was not a single riot in five years of our government," Yogi remarked.

He added: "We have taught a lesson to all the criminals, mafia and gangsters. We cannot allow our innocent youths like Sachin and Gaurav to be killed while trying to save their sisters."

According to Yogi, SP's red cap is a threat to society. "The cap means riots, road robberies as well as stealing of farmers' equipment such as pumping sets," he said.

Rajasthan Cong calls Budget 2022-23 'directionless'; BJP says 'growth-oriented'

PTI ■ JAIPUR

The Rajasthan Congress on Tuesday dubbed the Union Budget as "disappointing and directionless", while the state BJP welcomed the budget, calling it "growth-oriented".

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said the budget will further lead to rise in fiscal deficit and has no special provision for farmers, common man, poor and women.

"The fiscal deficit of the central government has doubled in the last seven years. After this budget, the deficit is going to rise further. There is no special provision for farmers, common man, poor, women and deprived sections in the budget," Gehlot said in a statement.

He said new employment figures have been presented in the budget but no concrete

action plan has been made for it. "Its fate will also be similar to the promise of two crore jobs per year," the chief minister said.

"The citizens of Rajasthan, who gave 25 MPs to the NDA from this budget, have been completely disappointed. No announcement has been made for National Project status to ERCP, 90:10 ratio of Centre-State expenditure in Jal Jeevan Mission, Jaisalmer-Kandla railway line and establishment of MEMU coach in Gulabpura," he said.

"This budget will prove to be a budget to increase inflation, to fill the pockets of industrialists and to empty the pockets of common man, farmer and labourer," the senior Congress leader said.

Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Govind Singh Dotasra said the Union

Budget has "disappointed" youths, farmers and the common man.

Terming the budget as directionless, he also said Rajasthan "got nothing in the budget".

He said the announcement to promote organic farming along the Ganga river was only because of the Uttar Pradesh elections. "The budget is disappointing which has no vision and direction. Be it farmers or youths or women, all are disappointed at the budget," he told reporters.

"Entire country is agitated over inflation but there was not a single announcement by the finance minister on controlling the inflation," he said.

"All the 25 MPs including three ministers from Rajasthan failed to get anything for the state in the Union budget," he added.

Govt allocates ₹900 cr for newly set up Union Ministry of Cooperation

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The Government on Tuesday announced a Rs 900-crore allocation in the Budget 2022-23 for the newly set up Union Ministry of Cooperation, besides cutting down the Alternate Minimum Tax (AMT) on cooperative societies to 15 per cent and surcharge to 7 per cent.

Out of Rs 900 crore, Rs 350 crore has been allocated for the Digitalisation of Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies and Rs 274 crore for Prosperity through Cooperatives-- two centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry.

"Currently, cooperative societies are required to pay alternate minimum tax at the rate of 18.5 per cent. However,

companies pay the same at the rate of 15 per cent. To provide a level playing field between cooperative societies and companies, I propose to reduce this rate for the cooperative societies also to fifteen per cent," Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her budget speech.

Those cooperatives having total income of more than Rs 1 crore and upto Rs 10 crores will have reduced surcharge on cooperative societies from 12 per cent to 7 per cent.

"This would help in enhancing the income of cooperative societies and its members who are mostly from rural and farming communities," the Minister said.

Since the formation of the Cooperation Ministry, the Government has been taking steps to boost the cooperatives

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in the country, banking on them to help achieve its 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' mission and target of doubling the income of farmers across the States.

There are about 30 lakh cooperatives in the country. Managing Director of National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) Sundeeep Nayak hailed the budget provisions. He said digitisation of

cooperatives will help bring transparency, ensure better access to market and finance, facilitate social benefits, and ensure the benefit of farm loans reaches the last mile because in a few states agri-credit is still disbursed through PACs.

Primary agriculture cooperative societies (PACs) — commonly known as agri-cooperative credit societies — are village-level lending institutions based on cooperative principles. They provide short and medium term loans to rural people to meet their financial requirements.

The Centre has decided to develop a national database of cooperatives that will help in better implementation of the proposed national policy on cooperatives to be announced soon.

UNION BUDGET-2022

Budget people-friendly, progressive, says PM Modi

Kept in view well-being of poor through ‘garib kalyan’ yojana, says PM

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Describing the Union Budget 2022-23 as "people-friendly and progressive", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said it would make more opportunities for the common man and is full of possibilities for more investments, infrastructure and jobs. The Prime Minister said the Budget has on the one hand kept in mind the well-being of poor by focusing on 'garib kalyan' schemes be it 'nal se jal' scheme or construction of 'sauchalay', on the other it has not lost its focus on building "internet connectivity".



Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers his remarks on Union Budget 2022-23, via video conferencing, in New Delhi

In a televised address Modi said the budget has brought new confidence to usher development in the midst of one the most terrible calamities in 100 years, a reference to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Saying the budget brings the "trust of 100 years of development", Modi said "it will create many new opportunities for the common people, besides strengthening the economy."

"This budget is full of new possibilities for more infrastructure, more investment, more growth, and more jobs," the prime minister said, adding that it will also open up the field of green jobs. "An important aspect of this budget is the welfare of the poor," Modi said.

The Prime Minister drew attention to new scheme of 'parvatmala' launched to increase connectivity in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and the North-East to increase connectivity and transport and stop migration from these regions.

He said be it roads, highways or railways - this budget has given a major boost to infrastructure, Modi said.

Disappointing, nothing for poor State like Bihar: JD(U)

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The ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) constituent Janata Dal (United) on Tuesday described the Union Budget as "disappointing" offering "nothing to a poor State like Bihar" while top BJP leaders termed it as "visionary" and "growth oriented" that outlined the Modi government's focus on a self-reliant India.

BJP president JP Nadra asserted that the budget is inspired by the principle of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' but the JD(U) bore a divergent view on it. JD (U) Parliamentary Board President Upendra Kushwaha called it a "disappointing Budget".

We have a long-standing

demand for a special status of Bihar and expecting that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman would say something on it but unfortunately, she completely ignored it," he said. "The Union Budget has been beneficial for developed states but it has nothing for poor states like Bihar. Our state needs financial support from the Centre for its development," said the JD (U) leader. In a series of tweets, Union Minister and senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh termed the budget "growth-oriented" saying "the budget outlines the government's focus on Atmanirbharta (self-reliant India) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for development and pro-people reforms."

Emphasising on the

increase in capital expenditure, Singh said this year's budget has increased the total outlay for effective capital expenditure by a massive 35.4 per cent to more than Rs 10.6 lakh crores with the "bulk of the money going into the development of social and physical infrastructure in the country". Reflecting similar views, Union Minister Amit Shah said this "visionary" budget will help in making India the world's leading economy under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. In a series of tweets, Shah said the budget will change the scale of India's economy. "This Budget, brought by the Modi government, is a visionary budget, which will prove to be a budget to change the scale of India's economy," he said, con-

gratulating Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari praised the budget for giving impetus to infrastructure development saying "It is a budget to promote modern infrastructure in the country, which will lay the foundation for a new India and improve the lives of 130 crore Indians." BJP President Jagat Prakash Nadda said the budget was inspired by the ruling party's "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" ideology. "This budget gives impetus to fulfilment of aspirations of the middle income groups," he tweeted. "Home for all, subsidy for first-time homebuyers, relaxations in income tax, funds allocation for development of SC/ST [Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe] community, schemes like Jal

Jeevan Mission have been announced," Nadda said.

Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Tuesday hailed the 2022-23 Budget and said it advances the opportunity for self-reliant India amid the COVID pandemic. Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said amidst the global economic crisis, the Budget binds together trust and development with the thread of "self-reliant India". This Budget assures and advances the opportunity for self-reliant India amid the pandemic period, he said.

Senior BJP leader and former Union minister Ravishankar Prasad said "it is historic budget and pointed to Rs 140,000 crore collection of the GST "showing resilience of the economy".

Nothing for salaried class, poor: Cong

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Opposition on Tuesday slammed the Union Budget, calling it a "Pegasus spin Budget" and a "zero-sum Budget" that has nothing for the salaried class and the poor.

Several Congress leaders, including former party president Rahul Gandhi, criticized the Modi government for presenting a "Lollypop budget" and alleged that it has exposed the government's "anti-farmer and anti-poor" face. TMC, SP, BSP, Left parties all termed the budget a big disappointment just like the Modi government has ever since in office.

Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram termed the budget speech by Nirmala Sitharaman as the "most capitalist budget to be ever read" by a finance minister. Taking a swipe at Sitharaman, the senior Congress leader thanked Sitharaman for "remembering

that there are poor people" in the country as the word 'poor' occurs only twice, in paragraph 6, of the budget speech. He asserted that the people of this country will reject the "capitalist budget".

"I was astonished, shocked that the finance minister was outlining a plan for the next 25 years. The government seems to believe that the present does not need any attention and the public can be asked to wait patiently until 'Amrit Kaal' dawns. This is mocking the people of India," Chidambaram said at the AICC Press conference to react on the budget.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge said, "This budget is only for the rich as it has nothing for the poor. It is aimed at benefiting their own people, who are rich and nothing for the poor. This attitude is not good for the people of the country." He alleged the gov-

ernment has repeated its earlier promises, which are porving false, like constructing houses for the poor.

While West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee termed it a "Pegasus spin budget" that provided nothing to the common people who have been "crushed" by unemployment and inflation and the Centre was lost in "big words" signifying nothing, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal dubbed the Union Budget as "disappointing" and said it has nothing for the common people. Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said the Union Budget is directionless and had no provision or relief for farmers.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said it will cut into the pockets of the general public while BSP chief Mayawati said the Budget has been brought to "woo the public with new promises" and



Former Union Finance Minister & Congress leader P Chidambaram and Randeep Singh Surjewala during a Press conference at Congress headquarters, in New Delhi on Tuesday

alleged that the Centre has forgotten to implement its old announcements.

Left parties hit out at the government, saying it was "anti people" and a "bag of disasters

and deceptions".

CPI(M) general secretary Sitaram Yechury questioned the government on the purpose of Union Budget and asked why the wealthy have not been

taxed further. CPI general secretary D Raja said that the overall allocation for agriculture and allied activities has gone down from ₹2,921.11 crore to ₹2,839.29 crore. There was

I&B Ministry receives reduced allocation of ₹3,980 cr this year

New Delhi: The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Tuesday received a slightly reduced allocation in the 2022-23 fiscal year. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a ₹3,980.77-crore outlay for the Ministry, which

is a decrease of ₹90 crore from last year. The allocation to the Government's autonomous body Prasar Bharati has been reduced to ₹2,555.29 crore from ₹2,640.11 crore allotted to it in the last fiscal.

Among other autonomous

bodies, the budget for only the Press Council of India was increased from ₹20 crore in the last fiscal to ₹27 crore this time.

The Films and Television Institute of India (FTII), Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC),

Children's Film Society of India and the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute saw reductions in their budget allocation.

For the IIMC, the government has earmarked ₹52 crore, down from ₹65 crore allocated for 2021-22. The FTII's

budget was reduced from ₹58.48 crore last year to ₹55.39 crore this year.

In the budget, the allocation for broadcasting under the social services head has gone down from ₹2,921.11 crore to ₹2,839.29 crore. There was

also a reduction in the budget for 'information and publicity' from ₹971.26 crore to ₹942.04 crore.

'Information and publicity' covers establishment expenditure of media units in the country like the Bureau of

Outreach and Communication, Press Information Bureau, Publications Division, New Media Wing, Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI), Films Division, National Film Archive of India, Electronic Media Monitoring Centre and

others. Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur hailed the budget as "beneficial", saying it was a blueprint to fulfil hopes and aspirations of a new India. PNS

Personnel Ministry allocated around ₹300 crore for training bureaucrats

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The Government will spend close to ₹300 crore for training bureaucrats in India as well as abroad besides augmenting necessary infrastructure. The Union Budget 2022-23 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday allocated ₹288 crore to the Personnel Ministry for the next fiscal for the purpose.

Besides this, an outlay of ₹44.25 crore has been made under "administrative reforms and pensioners' scheme" for 2022-23, which includes provision for Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances scheme for modernisation of government

offices, and pilot projects on administrative reforms which consists of promotion of e-governance, fostering of good governance, learning from success, sevottam etc.

Of the total allocation of ₹288.14 crore for the next financial year, ₹210.75 crore has been earmarked for upgradation of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in Mussoorie to a centre of excellence, augmentation of training facilities at the Delhi-based Institute of Secretariat Training and Management (ISTM) and the National Programme for Civil Services & Capacity Building -- Mission Karmayogi. The LBSNAA and the

ISTM conduct several training programmes for Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers and all other levels of secretarial functionaries with exposure to latest rules, regulations and aptitude.

The Union Cabinet had in September 2020 given nod to Mission Karmayogi, billed the biggest bureaucratic reform initiative, aimed at capacity building to make government employees more "creative, proactive, professional and technology-enabled".

A total of Rs 77.39 crore has been provided to the ministry for 2022-23 to meet establishment-related expenditure of the ISTM, the LBSNAA and training division of DoPT.

₹1.85 L cr allocation to MHA in Budget

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Budget on Tuesday allocated ₹1,85,776.55 crore to the Union Home Ministry, an 11.5 per cent jump over previous allocation of ₹1,66,546.94 crore. Nearly ₹20,000 crore additional funds have been allocated in the Budget for shoring up internal security apparatus.

The bulk of the allocation will go to central paramilitary forces like the CRPF, BSF and for improving the infrastructure along the international borders.

The Budget has also prioritised modernisation of police forces, intelligence gathering apparatus, women safety, cyber security and the decennial census among other such issues.

Major portion of the budgetary fund has gone to the Police - ₹1,17,687.99 crore in comparison to ₹1,09,266.30 crore given in the last fiscal.

Among the paramilitary forces, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the lead Force for internal security duties including counter-terror operations in Jammu and Kashmir, has been allocated ₹29,324.92 in comparison to ₹27,307.42 crore given in 2021-22.

The Border Security Force (BSF), which secures India's border with Pakistan and Bangladesh, besides internal security assignments, has been given ₹22,718.45 crore in comparison to ₹21,491.14 crore given in the ongoing fiscal.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), which protects vital installations like

nuclear projects, airports and metro networks, has been given ₹12,201.90 crore in comparison to ₹11,372.54 crore allocated in 2021-22.

The Shashastra Seema Bal (SSB), which secures India's frontiers with Nepal and Bhutan, has been allocated Rs 7,653.73 crore in comparison to ₹6,940.42 crore given in the current fiscal.

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which guards the Indo-China border, got ₹7,461.28 crore in comparison to ₹6,965.02 crore given in the current fiscal.

The Assam Rifles, mandated to secure the frontiers with Myanmar and for anti-insurgency duties in the Northeast, has been allocated ₹6,658.41 crore in comparison to previous allocation of ₹6,046.25 crore.

Likewise, the National Security Guard (NSG) has been allocated ₹1,293.37 crore in comparison to ₹1,151.16 crore given in 2021-22.

The Intelligence Bureau has been allocated ₹3,168.36 crore in contrast to this fiscal's ₹2,793.02 crore.

The Special Protection Group (SPG), which protects the Prime Minister, has been allocated ₹385.95 crore in comparison to ₹386.50 crore given in 2021-22.

TN, Kerala farmers unhappy with Budget, say promises not fulfilled

There is nothing in Budget to boost sector: MSME

KOCHI ■ CHENNAI

A cross section of the agriculture and industries sectors in Tamil Nadu and Kerala are unhappy with the Union Budget 2022-2023 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday.

Farmers are unhappy over the Union Government's failure to implement the promise the BJP leadership had made to them before the 2014 Lok Sabha election though the party has been ruling the country uninterrupted for the last seven years, said R V Giri, national president, Consortium of Indian Farmers' Association (CIFA).

Speaking to *The Pioneer* from Virudhachalam in Tamil Nadu, the seasoned farmer said the recommendations made by M S Swaminathan led Farmers Commission remain in paper even after 15 years. "The Swaminathan Commission had recommended that farmers should get the cost of production and its 50 per cent as the procurement price or selling price from the buyers for their products. We will be able to survive only if the Government accepts that suggestion," said Giri. He said farmers across the country are disappointed with the response of the Union Government to their minimum demands.

The move to introduce organic farming in a big way has not enthused the farming community, said Giri. "Is there any assurance that we would get the returns for the money

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we spend on organic farming? Moreover the farmland in Tamil Nadu is not conducive for organic farming and this would lead to a fall in the productivity," said Giri.

Tamil Nadu Small and Tiny Industries Association (TANSTIA), an umbrella organization of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), expressed disappointment over the real deal they got in the budget proposals. "We contribute 35 per cent of the GDP and 48 per cent of the Indian exports. There was an expectation that the GST on products manufactured in MSME would be brought down and there would be some incentives on export. There are no special grants, schemes, and subsidies for MSMEs to boost the sector. There are lakhs of units which were shut down and became Non Performing Assets. There is nothing in the budget proposals to revive these units," said S Vasudevan, vice president, TANSTIA.

Raja M Shanmugham, president, Tirupur Exporters

Association (TEA) said the review of Customs exemption and Tariff simplification would go a long way in protecting the domestic garment business. He also welcomed the exemption provided on items such as embellishment, trimming, fasteners, buttons, zipper, lining materials and packaging boxes, which will be beneficial to knitwear exporters.

The Finance Minister has given maximum thrust to infrastructure development and this is a major boost to employment generation, according to Hari S Kartha, economist-turned-columnist. He said he has not seen this kind of allocation and innovation like PM Ghati Sakthi in any previous budgets during the last four decades. "But the proof of the pudding is in the eating," said Kartha.

Kartha and Giri welcomed the move to interlink Godavari-Pennar-Kaveri rivers and termed that the scheme has the potential to make the South Indian States an ever green garden.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Work ahead

Budgets in an election year are populist but there's no tax relief for the middle class

In her fourth Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that Indian growth has been remarkable and comparable to the world's best economies. Indeed, it has been a difficult time for the country. The disparities grew, with the rich growing richer and the poor becoming poorer. The worst ever economic situation pushed millions into abject poverty. The Minister said this Budget seeks to lay the foundation of the economy for the next 25 years — 'Amrit Kaal' — India at 100. She claimed that her Budget will benefit youth, women, farmers, SCs, STs, the sections badly hit in recent years. Moreover, the Government's announcements like doubling the farmers' income and generating jobs must be fulfilled by the Budget. It also must ensure that we move towards the Prime Minister's cherished goal of making the Indian economy a \$5 trillion economy. She had the daunting task of balancing the country's growth with the prospects of her party in the five State elections that commence in less than 10 days. Generally, Budgets in an election year are populist by political compulsions and this Budget was no different. It was high on rhetoric and addressed people's concerns in a rather kneejerk fashion than with a comprehensive plan to tackle the rising mass poverty, galloping inflation and unemployment. For instance, the Finance Minister talked about seven engines of growth clubbed under PM Gati Shakti — Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass transport, Waterways and Logistics infra. To appease farmers, she announced ₹2.37 lakh crore worth of MSP direct payments to wheat and paddy farmers but no concrete steps towards doubling their income.

She talked about Inclusive development, productivity enhancement, energy transition and climate action as four pillars of development but failed to suggest the action she would take to achieve these goals. The

Budget has the noble aim of achieving Inclusive Development, Productivity Enhancement, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, Climate Action and Financing of investments. But the framework to achieve it is conspicuous by its absence. The country is in dire need of private investments and to boost that, big private investment in infra would be guided by Gati Shakti. The National Highway network will be expanded by 25,000 km in 2022-23. To boost small businesses, ECLGS cover has been expanded by ₹50,000 crore to ₹ 5 lakh crore and the ECLGS extended till March 2023 to create 60 lakh jobs in the next five years. However, there is no tax relief for the middle class. ₹48,000 crore have been allotted for PM Awas Yojana, ₹60,000 crore for providing access to tap water to 3.8 crore households. To support small businesses, a Rs6,000-crore programme to rate MSMEs would be rolled out over the next five years. The Government is also planning to roll out Digital Rupee by the RBI using the blockchain technology. Whether all these measures successfully take place and help boost the economy, we need to wait for yet another financial year to find out.

PICTALK



A demo at Marina beach as part of the Indian Coast Guard Raising Day celebrations, in Chennai

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Deliver equality

A public sector bank recently floated a rule that's discriminatory to pregnant employees

The State Bank of India introduced a provocative and discriminatory rule a few days ago that a woman candidate over three months pregnant is "temporarily unfit" for employment. The rule came with a relief that such candidates could join the bank within four months after delivery. The bank perhaps did not want to employ women who were sure to go on maternity leave a short while after joining. The bank did not say if the attempt was to save on maternity benefits costs. Political parties and women's organisations flayed the rule. It was discriminatory, prejudicial and treated pregnancy as a kind of disability. It forced a woman to choose between having a child or working in the bank and interfered with the women candidates' reproductive rights and the right to employment. The SBI backtracked on its order. However, it did not revoke the circular but kept it "in abeyance". The SBI was trying to push an amendment it had originally introduced in 2009 but had to withdraw it following public outcry. The Union Government must use this opportunity to see that the human resources policies of the public sector institutions, including banks, are not discriminatory. The recent fiasco cannot be repeated.

The Indian Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, and the Code on Social Security, 2020, protect a woman's rights related to pregnancy and privacy. The SBI incident must encourage all employers to strike all discriminatory employment rules concerning women. In fact, in this time and age, no law can mandate a woman candidate to disclose her pregnancy status. Jobs that demand intense physical or stressful work can have exceptions that cannot kick in so long as the pregnant employee can successfully discharge her duties. The exceptions prove that the candidate's pregnancy status is of no consideration when deciding to give her the job. The employer cannot also revoke her appointment if the candidate's pregnancy is discovered after she gets the job. Unfortunately, some employers overtly or covertly refuse to employ pregnant women to save on maternity benefit costs. Some have prejudices against pregnant workers and refuse to hire them. Yet others cleverly tell pregnant candidates to try their luck after having the baby. The laws must have severe punitive clauses to stop illegal rejection of jobs of women candidates on account of their pregnancy.

What's civic versus cultural nationalism?

A former Vice-President told an international forum that cultural nationalism was taking over civic nationalism. Now, how true is that?

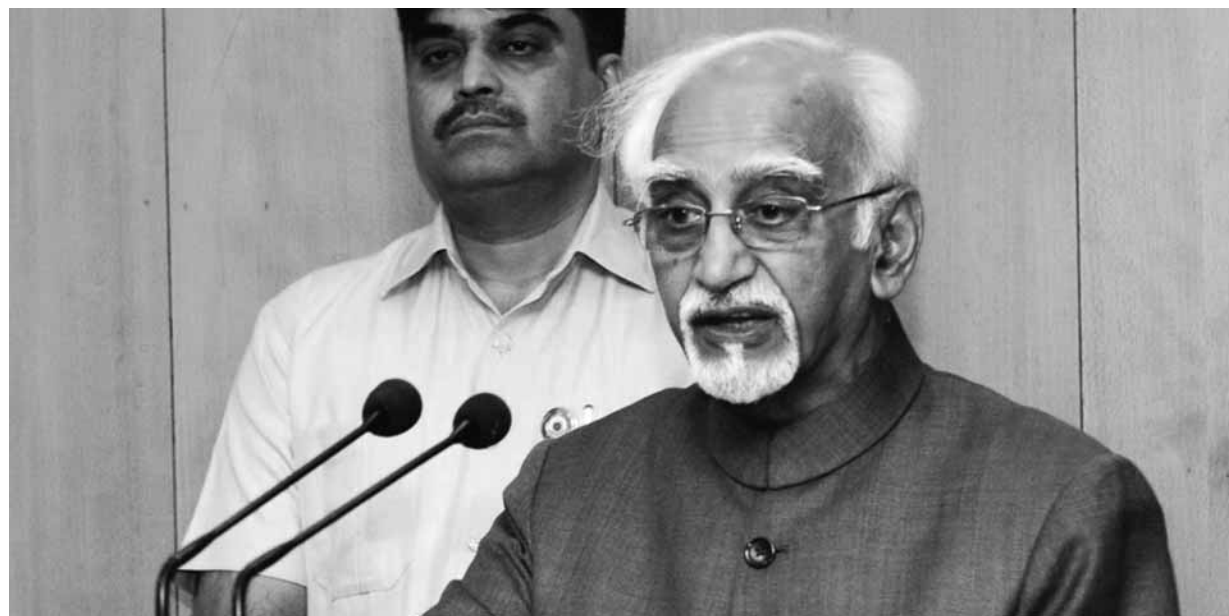


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India is being taken over by a "new and imaginary practice of cultural nationalism" as against the "well-established principle of civic nationalism, which seeks to present electoral majority in the guise of a religious majority, and monopolise political power". Thus spoke former Vice-President Hamid Ansari while addressing a conference on protecting the Constitution. The fact that the former Vice-President chose to make these comments while speaking at an international forum, the Indian American Muslim Council, sharing space with foreign elements, some of whom are known to be hostile to our country and its interests, is also not lost on many Indians.

However, the thrust of Ansari's speech must now bear closer scrutiny. His allegation is that a civic life laid down by the Constitution is sufficient in a pluralistic country. This is far from a welcome assertion. The culture and the history of one community might be distasteful to another. Those not proud of the post-Independence history of theirs because they have stayed back in a Dar-ul-Harb (place of conflict) instead of migrating to their new homeland now prefer their origin to be the Constitution of 1950. This is a conflict between culture and civic existence. In the views of a significant segment, the culture of the rest of the country is something that harks back to jahalia or darkness.

The former Vice-President's outburst must also, therefore, provoke another very serious question, one which the country has so far chosen to put off, but with rather unhealthy outcomes for its body politic. What is so permanent about a country's civic life? The Constitution can be amended; it can be replaced by another document. Our own Constitution has been amended more than 100 times already since 1950, whereas the history of Indian culture would go back to at least the Vedic Age. What probably the former Vice-President referred to was this conflict when he talked of the phenomenon of cultural nationalism seizing power from those who established the principle of civic



nationalism, possibly operative since 1006 AD and Qutubuddin Aibak, or perhaps 1526 AD when Babur won the first Battle of Panipat, or any other date.

Those citizens who are desirous of civic nationalism would have to abandon their imaginary preferences and identify with the pristine culture of the country. This, ie, the Partition of the nation, was effected in 1947 as Messrs Jinnah, Mohd Iqbal and Sir Sayyid Ahmad Khan believed in and wanted it at any cost. It was a settlement made for all time to come, as it appears now. An undoing of that Partition means a 60/40 population ratio between the 'cultural nationalists' and the potential 'civic nation' advocates.

Three prominent personalities had envisioned this clash of nationalism; namely MA Jinnah, BR Ambedkar and Dr Rajendra Prasad, our first President. All of them proposed what the League of Nations, the predecessor of the United Nations, had done with respect to Greece and Turkey in 1923. Going back into history, the Turks had conquered Anatolia and its neighbourhood in the decades preceding 1453. This was the Islamic takeover of legendary Greece.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LET'S GROOM OUR KIDS FOR FUTURE

Sir — This refers to 'Postcards from our future to India's future' (January 31). This competition involving more than 10 million schoolchildren under CBSE, State Boards, Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas was largely ignored by the mainstream media. The initiative conceived by our PM and organised by the Departments of Posts and School Education is first-of-its-kind in the history of independent India. Thanks for giving coverage to this event where the schoolchildren wrote their postcards directly to the PM. The evolving leaders of tomorrow's India not only clamoured for recognition of India's unsung heroes but also brought out their vision of India in 2047.

India's aspirational youth need to be groomed for tomorrow's India. Though our NEP 2021 makes all the right noises, it needs effective dovetailing with our education system which is woefully inadequate to prepare tomorrow's leaders in nation building. India's large pool of talent can bring about school-centric, cost-effective innovations to transform education. We have the wherewithal. Now we appear to have a political will, too. Given these two, a prosperous, equitable and India of our dreams in 2047 is not a far cry.

SK Prabhakar | Gurugram

A CONTROVERSIAL PRECEDENCE

Sir — One is really shocked to go through the comments and observations made by Justice GR Swaminathan while ordering a CBI probe into the death by apparent suicide of a girl in Thanjavur district. He has based his order on his observation that the police, Government and even the Education Department have already formed an opinion that the death is not due to any coercion by the school warden for the girl to convert to Christianity and this thinking would set the course of inquiry and the final decision if the case was handled by the CB-CID. He also refused to accept that the girl, afflicted with leukoderma, was tortured by her stepmother which would

All fizz, no substance



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman spoke for an hour and 30 minutes delivering Budget 2022-23, making it one of the shortest Budget speeches. As usual, Prime Minister Narendra Modi went gaga over the Budget while Congress MP Manish Tewari termed it "unrealistic and unimplementable". CPM's Sitaram Yechury asked why the super rich weren't being taxed more? As usual, the salaried class expected the Finance Minister to provide some income tax relief to boost consumption amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but sadly

there was no change. Similarly, nearly 65 lakh pensioners, under the EPS-95 scheme of the EPFO who have worked their entire life, got only a paltry minimum pension of ₹1000.

Whatsoever, a few important inclusions/exclusions in the Budget are: Taxpayers can file updated returns within two years; 'Make in India' can create 6 million jobs (though more than 6 crore lost their jobs during COVID); ; Saksham Anganwadis, or two lakh next-generation anganwadis to be powered by clean energy; 80 lakh homes to be completed under the PM Awas Yojana; digital university in different Indian languages to be established; one channel PM e-Vidya to be expanded to include 200 channels (scope for more Modi publicity) and, in a country where even after 'development' it still remains on top in the world's hunger list, in Sitharaman's Budget custom duty on cut, polished gemstones reduced to five per cent to help the rich.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

have led the girl to such a drastic step.

The judge could have simply ordered the case transferred to the CBI. But his comments appear to be a direction to the CBI as to how their course of inquiry should be. Or, he could have simply convicted those accused of the conversion attempt. Just as he quoted a Bible verse, there is at least one quote in the *Bhagavad Gita* that can be misconstrued if quoted out of context. With due respect to Justice Swaminathan, one sincerely feels that he could have avoided setting up such a controversial precedent which has hurt the sentiments of the entire Christian community.

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

A HOCKEY LEGEND PASSES AWAY

Sir — It is saddening to hear about the demise of hockey legend Padma Shri Charanjit Singh on Thursday in Himachal Pradesh, a glittering star of yesteryears who belonged to an era when

hockey was associated with national pride. It also reminds us of the golden era of nearly two decades of supremacy when Indian hockey ruled the roost in the international arena. The skillful midfielder played a seminal role in the 1960 Rome Olympics as well as in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, and led the Indian team to a historic gold in the latter by beating Pakistan.

He will always be remembered for his skills, humility and grace on and off the field. To preserve the legacy of that golden period of Indian hockey, which recently found echo in India winning the bronze medal at the recent Tokyo Olympics, a lot needs to be done to continue this trend until India reaches the summit of its revival, as the stars of yesteryear did effortlessly.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

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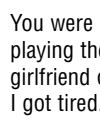


Prime Minister — Narendra Modi



There won't be a war as far as it depends on the Russian Federation.

Russian Foreign Minister — Sergey Lavrov



You were invariably playing the hero's girlfriend or wife. I got tired.

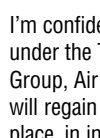


Actor — Lara Dutta Bhupathi



The BCCI has decided to conduct the Ranji Trophy this season in two phases.

BCCI secretary — Jay Shah



I'm confident that under the Tata Group, Air India will regain its lost place...in international skies as well.



Union Minister — Jyotiraditya Scindia

FIRST COLUMN

GANDHI IS REMEMBERED, BUT GANDHI-ISM?

The recent farmers' protest was based on his principles



Mahatma Gandhi is certainly revered even today, in India and abroad. Described as “half-naked fakir” by former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the frail-looking, bespectacled, dhoti-clad Gandhi succeeded in uniting Indians against the colonial powers to achieve India’s freedom. His strategy rested on people joining him in a non-violent struggle for independence from colonialism. The crux of his movement drew strength from people and subsequently forced the British government to acknowledge its power marked by India gaining freedom. With a law degree from London (1891) and roughly two decades’ experience in South Africa (1893-1914) as a lawyer and civil rights’ activist when he donned western attire, he returned to India in 1915. As he joined politics and familiarized himself with Indian issues back home, he opted for the Indian dress, the then popular dhoti. He began using the loin cloth from 1921 to identify himself with poor Indians. Of course, apart from



being a key part of his communication strategy, this was opted for probably to bridge any communication gap between him and poor Indians. Undeniably, Gandhi did not only identify himself with the majority but also reached out to them -as one of them- and won their support. The seeds of people’s power he sowed then find resonance even today. For instance, the recent farmers’ protest is a classic example of people’s participation in a non-violent agitation compelled the authorities to take note of their grievances. The three anti-farm laws, against which farmers protested, may be viewed as representing the obvious apathy, lack of concern and perhaps ignorance of the powers that be about issues concerning farmers. If state elections in Punjab were not around the corner, the Indian government may not have withdrawn anti-farm bills. Farmers from Punjab were most strongly represented in their protest. There is an apprehension that after elections the central government may impose similar bills again. Not surprisingly, farmers have asserted that their fight is not over yet. The chain binding people to protest together and/or support a leader may be viewed as symbolic of genuine democracy. Gandhi moved with his walking stick with the masses walking with him. The farmers’ protest would not have probably gained attention and hit national as well as international headlines if it had not lasted for a long period with thousands participating in it. Gandhi is still remembered but hardly any importance seems to be given to Gandhism. Exercise of power appears more strongly guided by what the “moneyed” minority desires, even at the cost of economic crisis for the majority. Besides, leaders appear more concerned about their “success” being marked by their own images spread around extensively on boards, posters, photographs, even their masks donned by others and so forth. For how long will the masses allow themselves to be guided by their leaders who continue to nurture their egos, serve personal interest, and their quest for their own prosperity outweighs their concern for the people? Yes, money can be and is used to purchase necessary political support. But when money strikes through inflation, etc., the aggrieved may be expected to give greater importance primarily to those united with them in their grievances. Here is where masked leadership bears little relevance against people’s voice. And when democracy echoes through people’s protests and movements, chances of it leading to an impactful conclusion exist. Sadly, even elected leaders tend to notice these grievances only when they sense the need of electoral support of the aggrieved. It is time democratically elected leaders threw away their masks, stepped out of their ivory towers, moved beyond their own shadows and gave a little more importance to Gandhism. *(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed are personal.)*

Roadblocks to ‘Ram Rajya’ in Uttar Pradesh

The lower castes want security, dignity and upward mobility and are not going to give up these concerns for the sake of Hindu unity

Of all the states going to polls next month Uttar Pradesh is where the BJP’s stakes are highest. The party has been using the state as a laboratory for testing a ‘Hindu model’ of Government-a model that, in the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, combines virasat (heritage) with vikas (development). Yogi Adityanath was seen by the party as the best person to execute the model, so he was made the Chief Minister. And, in the party’s estimation, he has done exceptionally well. In all his speeches he proudly points to the Ram temple (virasat) with one hand and to the expressways and international airports (vikas) with another.

The stakes of the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh) are even greater in UP. The RSS is the driver of the Hindutva ideology. The BJP is only its vehicle. The ‘Hindu model’ of Government combining virasat with vikas is the RSS idea. Those who follow the speeches of RSS leaders know that the Sangh, after winning the battle for the Ram temple, has now set itself a target for establishing a ‘Ram Rajya’ in the next twenty-five years. ‘Ram Rajya’ is but another name for ‘Hindu Rashtra’. In recent years the RSS seems to have discovered that the concept of ‘Ram Rajya’ is more saleable to the masses than ‘Hindu Rashtra’ and also safer from criticism by pluralists.

When Prime Minister Modi talks of virasat and vikas they might seem like two ideas to ordinary people. But to the RSS they are not separate. They flow from the single idea of Rambhakti or complete devotion to Ram. The ruler has to be a devotee of Ram (virasat) and bring prosperity (vikas) to all his people as Ram did to his subjects as the king of Ayodhya. Thus can the ruler establish a ‘Ram Rajya’. That is the ‘Hindu model’ of government the BJP has been trying to construct in UP.

Modi and Yogi have been at pains to prove that the ‘Hindu model’ of development is far better at social inclusion than the ‘social justice’ model of government of the Samajwadi Party. The ‘Hindu model’, they say, has brought benefits to all castes and communities, unlike the Samajwadi Party Government that provided benefits only to a few castes. Social equality and social harmony have been truly established under their rule, they claim. To support their claim, they pointed to the massive support of the non-Yadav backward classes and dalits their party had amassed in the recent years. If you were to believe Modi and Yogi, UP was well on its way to becoming a ‘Ram Rajya’, with a Rambhakt ruler ruling as honestly, justly and non-discriminatingly as Ram and the people of all classes having absolute trust in his justice and fairness as the subjects of Ram had in Ram’s.



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That it was not exactly so became clear soon after the elections were announced, when a number of MLAs of the BJP whose political careers depended on the support of non-Yadav backward classes resigned from the party. The indication from their resignations was that their constituencies were dissatisfied with the BJP’s performance. And reports from grassroots corroborated that perception. There was a large gap between the government’s propaganda of what it had given to the lower classes and the realities of the life they were living. Ground reports spoke of the lower classes in several villages being denied financial assistance under the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana to build pucca houses because they could not afford to pay the bribe the local officials demanded. Such villages included Jayapur, one of the four villages in Varanasi district adopted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the MP of the constituency. In villages declared ODF (open defecation free) several poorer people still had no toilets. In other villages the toilets constructed had turned dysfunctional. Yogi claimed he had made women’s life secure, but in the villages girls from poorer classes going out to work in the fields or tend the cattle still faced serious risks of being molested, raped

and killed. In 2020, there were 9,864 cases of assaults on women with intent to outrage their modesty in the state, according to the National Crime Records Bureau. The total number of crimes against women in the State were 59,445 in 2018, 59853 in 2019 and 49,385 in 2020, the highest among all states. In every case of injustice against the lower classes the perpetrators of the injustice happened to be from the better-off classes. The pradhans (panchayat heads) who demanded 20 per cent cut from the financial assistance under the PM Awaas Yojana, the men who molested and raped girls in villages and the policemen who acted on the side of the perpetrators were all from the better-off classes. The poorer classes of UP had always seen themselves as ‘chhote log’ (small people) oppressed and exploited by ‘bade log’ (big people). That did not change under the Yogi rule. That is why there is disappointment among the lower classes with the BJP. What has added to their disappointment is the opposition of the BJP to a socio-economic caste census. The poorer communities among the backward classes have come to the conclusion that unless a caste census is done the benefits of public sector jobs and college admissions would never be distrib-

uted equitably. The Yogi Government has even refused to implement the recommendation of its own Social Justice Committee for the division of 27 per cent reservations for OBCs into three categories of backward class (7 per cent), more backward class (11 per cent) and most backward class (9 per cent). The discontent among the lower castes has busted the self-illusion of the BJP that it can bind all castes securely with the Hindutva glue. The lower castes want security, dignity and upward mobility and are not going to give up those concerns for the sake of Hindu unity. Hindu unity to them has proven to be a chimera which only perpetuates deep social and economic divisions. Today Hindutva lies buried in the ruins of the social coalition the BJP built. The big lesson for the party is: It has to address the fundamental issues of social inequality, social injustice, economic oppression and administrative discrimination and corruption the ‘chhote log’ face in their life before it can hope to bind all castes with the Hindu glue. But as the ‘bade log’ make the core constituency of the BJP it could be the last thing the party might ever be tempted to do. And that is sure to leave the party in a state of perpetual dilemma. We will see how it resolves the dilemma in the coming years.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

WHY WAS BHATTACHARJEE SUDDENLY CHOSEN BY THE BJP? THE MOVE WAS AIMED AT SECURING LEFT VOTES IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. — TMC SPOKESPERSON KUNAL GHOSH



BHATTACHARJEE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO SOCIETY AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS. THE DECISION WAS OBVIOUSLY TAKEN WITHOUT ANY POLITICAL MOTIVE. —BENGAL BJP PRESIDENT SUKANTA MAJUMDAR

Testing time for Priyanka’s political future

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Every leader takes advantage of a crucial moment to settle down. The current UP Assembly elections will be a decisive moment for the political future of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. Once considered a trump card, she now faces a massive challenge in the present elections. The party has not been in power in UP since 1989, and the organization is almost extinct. So, it will be a Himalayan task for the 49-year-old Priyanka Gandhi, who formally entered the rough and tumble of politics in January 2019. The party has not announced her as the chief ministerial candidate. But if Congress wins by a miracle, who else but Priyanka? She admitted last week that she is the face of the Congress, asking a reporter whether any other face is visible.



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The party believed her entry could be a game-changer. Congress President Sonia Gandhi often said Priyanka, a mother of two children, would take the political plunge when she was ready. In January 2019 she became the General Secretary in charge of Eastern UP. A leader should have three qualities: charisma, crowd-pulling, ability to convert the masses into votes. It is only the third, converting the crowds into votes, Priyanka is yet to achieve. However, she is no greenhorn in politics. For close to two decades she played politics with backroom decisions. Her role was confined to Uttar Pradesh. Priyanka’s involvement in UP goes back to her father, Rajiv Gandhi; She was helping him in his campaign trail in Amethi



and her mother’s constituency Rae Bareilly. She also took care of her brother’s Amethi he lost in 2019. There are many pluses and minuses for Priyanka’s political career. A Gandhi family member is an added advantage. She has taken charge of the party when the congress support base is lowest in UP and the country. The party had favored her better than her brother Rahul Gandhi and appreciated her

people skills, language proficiency, and repartees. With no base, the party has been floundering since 1989. The upper castes have moved to the BJP, the backward classes to SP, and the Dalits to BSP. Minority voters are split among SP, BSP, and Congress. Before Priyanka, the biggest challenge is to recover the party’s social base or create a new one. The party had a bare 7 per cent vote

share in 2017. Above all, the BJP has the upper hand with a divided opposition. The party’s alliance experiments with the BSP in 1996 and the Samajwadi Party in the 2017 Assembly elections failed miserably. Congress has adopted the ‘eklachalo’ strategy in 2022 UP assembly elections and thus isolated while other parties like TMC and NCP have aligned with the SP. Any anti-incumbency against the BJP seems to be going to the SP-RLD combine. While the other parties depend on caste and religious cards, Priyanka has chosen the gender card and brought out a special women’s manifesto promising to restore their self-esteem and self-reliance, employment and more opportunities to enter politics. “Ladki Hoon, Lad Sakti Hoon” is

her poll slogan. Priyanka has made some politically correct moves to improve the Congress profile, like consoling the family of the Hathras rape victim, arranging transport for the migrants from Uttar Pradesh, etc. Yet, Congress remains out of reckoning due to lack of organization, absence of second-rung leaders, factionalism, and indiscipline. Her minuses are also many. Some complain she is inaccessible and arrogant. She has not been able to strengthen the party in the past two years. It is indeed a gamble that the party has decided against alliances. Priyanka’s revamp of the party organization has upset many seniors and old-timers who feel side-lined. Under her watch, senior leaders like RPN Singh and Jitin Prasada and four

declared candidates left recently. Many think that she should have checked the erosion when the party is weak. Interestingly, Priyanka is expanding her role beyond Uttar Pradesh, going to Punjab and Goa and perhaps acquiring a national profile. The mess in Punjab resulted in the exit of chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh and the appointment of Navjot Singh Sidhu as the new PCC chief due to her influence. The UP polls will decide what works, Priyanka’s chemistry or the poll arithmetic. Her success would depend on her appeal to women and youth. It is nobody’s case that Priyanka could bring back the Congress rule in the state, but even if she could ensure an improvement for the party, it will go a long way.

UKRAINE CRISIS

Russia denies responding to US proposal

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian officials on Tuesday denied reports that Moscow sent Washington a written response to a U.S. proposal aimed at deescalating the Ukraine crisis, a day after the two countries exchanged sharp accusations at the United Nations Security Council.

The Kremlin is seeking legally binding guarantees from the U.S. and NATO that Ukraine will never join the bloc, deployment of NATO weapons near Russian borders will be halted and the alliance's forces will be rolled back from Eastern Europe.

The demands, rejected by NATO and the U.S. as non-starters, come amid fears that Russia might invade Ukraine, stoked the buildup of an estimated 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine's borders. Talks between Russia and the West have so far failed to yield any progress.

Washington has provided Moscow with a written response to the demands, and on Monday three Biden administration officials said that the

Russian government sent a written response to the U.S. proposals. A State Department official has declined to offer details about the document, saying it "would be unproductive to negotiate in public" and that they would leave it up to Russia to discuss the counter-proposal. But Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko on Tuesday told Russia's state RIA Novosti news agency that this was "not true."

The agency also cited an unnamed senior diplomat in the Russian Foreign Ministry as saying that Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov sent a message to his Western colleagues, including U.S. State Secretary Antony Blinken about "the principle of indivisibility of security," but it wasn't a response to Washington's proposals.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Tuesday that there has been "confusion" and said that Russia's response to the U.S. proposals is still in the works. What was passed on to Western officials "were other considerations, on a somewhat different issue," Peskov said.

On Monday, Russia accused the West of "whipping up tensions" over Ukraine and said the U.S. had brought "pure Nazis" to power in Kyiv as the U.N. Security Council held a stormy debate on Moscow's troop buildup near its southern neighbor. U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield shot back that Russia's growing military force along Ukraine's borders was "the largest mobilization" in Europe in decades, adding that there has been a spike in cyber-attacks and Russian disinformation. The harsh exchanges in the Security Council came after Moscow lost an attempt to block the meeting and reflected the gulf between the two nuclear powers. It was the first open session where all protagonists in the Ukraine crisis spoke publicly, even though the U.N.'s most powerful body took no action.

More high-level diplomacy is expected this week. In the meantime, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed a decree on Tuesday expanding the country's army by 100,000 troops, bringing the total number to 350,000.

Violence mark anniversary of Myanmar army rule

AP ■ BANGKOK

A nationwide strike in Myanmar on Tuesday marked the one-year anniversary of the army's seizure of power, as protests and sporadic violence across the country renewed international concern over the ongoing struggle for power.

Photos and video on social media showed that a country-wide "silent strike" had emptied out streets in Myanmar's largest city of Yangon and other towns as people stayed home and businesses shut their doors in a show of opposition to army rule. Violence was reported as well, as the country faces an insurgency that some U.N. experts now characterize as a civil war.

Media said an explosion killed at least two people and injured dozens at a pro-military rally in a town on the eastern border with Thailand. The cause of blast was not immediately clear. The military's takeover on Feb. 1, 2021, ousted elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi, whose National League for Democracy party was about to begin a second term in office after winning a landslide victory in previous



A Buddhist monk raises his clenched fist while marching during an anti-military Government protest rally on Tuesday

year's November election. Widespread nonviolent demonstrations followed the army's takeover, but armed resistance arose after protests were put down with lethal force. 1,500 civilians have been killed but the government has been unable to suppress opposition.

The anniversary has attracted international attention, especially from the United States and Western nations critical of military takeover. President Joe Biden in a statement called for the military to free Suu Kyi and other detainees, and return Myanmar on a path to democracy. The U.S. on Monday imposed new

sanctions on Myanmar officials, adding to those targeting top military officers. The measures freeze any assets the listed officials may have in U.S. jurisdictions and bar Americans from doing business with them. Britain and Canada announced similar measures.

A statement from office of U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres highlighted "an intensification in violence" and "humanitarian crises" that it said required an urgent response. Scattered pro-democracy rallies were held before start of nationwide strike in early morning, when security forces are less likely to be out on streets.

Israeli PM's remarks incitement to violence: Palestine

IAN S ■ RAMALLAH

Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtaye said that the remarks of his Israeli counterpart Naftali Bennett on rejecting establishment of a Palestinian state are "an incitement to violence and proof of Israeli government's anti-peace stance". Ishtaye made remarks in an official statement issued after weekly meeting of Palestinian Authority cabinet held in West Bank city of Ramallah, reports Xinhua news agency.

Bennett on January 28 said that as long as he is the Prime Minister of Israel, there will be no Oslo, referring to peace agreements signed between Israelis and Palestinians in 1993. He also said that he opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state and that he wouldn't allow any political negotiations that would lead to a Palestinian state.

In response, Ishtaye said rejecting to negotiate the establishment of a Palestinian state "proved to us and the world the scale of extremism of Bennett's government and its positions hostile to peace and negotiations". He called on the US and European Union to intervene to put an end to Israel's settlements in East Jerusalem.

Amnesty joins rights groups in accusing Israel of apartheid

AP ■ JERUSALEM

Amnesty International said Tuesday that Israel has maintained "a system of oppression and domination" over the Palestinians going all the way back to its establishment in 1948, one that meets the international definition of apartheid.

With the release of a 278-page report compiled over a period of four years, the London-based rights group joins Human Rights Watch and the Israeli rights group B'Tselem in accusing Israel of apartheid — both within its borders and in the occupied territories.

Their findings are part of a growing international movement to redefine Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a struggle for equal rights rather than a territorial dispute.

Those efforts have gained strength in decade since peace process ground to a halt, as Israel has consolidated its control over occupied territories and soured on idea of a Palestinian state. Israel rejects any allegation of apartheid, saying its own Arab citizens enjoy equal rights.

Death toll from landslides, flooding climbs to 24 in Brazil

AP ■ FRANCO DA ROCHA, BRAZIL

The death toll from landslides and flooding set off by heavy rains in Brazil's Sao Paulo state reached 24 on Monday as firefighters continued pulling bodies from the mud.

Brazil's most populous state was blasted with rain over the weekend, and hundreds of thousands of people were forced from their homes. The death toll had stood at 19 late Sunday, according to a statement from the civil defense authority.

"(I'm looking for) my nephew, his wife and a 2-year-old child," Cicero Pereira, 54, told The Associated Press beside a disaster site in the city of Franco da Rocha. "They said the bodies are still there under the mud, but until now they

couldn't recover them." Nelito Santos Bonfim, a 69-year-old resident, told AP he barely escaped with his life. "When I started running, the debris fell all over me," Bonfim said. "I got hurt, but found a hole and, thanks to God, I managed to escape."

But my father is still there. A total 27 cities were affected, of which Franco da Rocha suffered the greatest loss of life. Gov. João Doria used a helicopter to survey damaged areas Sunday and announced the equivalent of \$2.8 million in financial aid to affected cities.

Alessandro Lima de Freitas, a coordinator for firefighters working to retrieve bodies, updated his list of missing people in Franco da Rocha. He told reporters that the concentration of rain was much heavier than locals are used to.

'Most of arms seized in Mexico made in US'

IAN S ■ MEXICO CITY

The US manufactured most of the weapons seized by authorities in Mexico over the last two years, according to a report released by the Foreign Affairs Ministry here.

Mexican security forces seized 18,091 US-made weapons between January 1, 2020 and November 18, 2021, an average of 812 guns or other firearms a month, Xinhua news agency reported citing the Ministry as saying in a report. Of the weapons seized, over 10,500 were handguns and more than 7,300 were shotguns, it said.

Mexico estimates that at least half a million pieces of weapons are brought to the country illegally each year from the US and fall into the hands of criminals south of the countries' border. More than 3.9 million crimes are committed in Mexico each year by criminals using US-made weapons, 70 per cent of which can be tracked to America, according to Ministry. In a bid to decrease US arms entering Mexico.

Boris Johnson wins breathing space from 'partygate' woes

AP ■ LONDON

Caught partying during a pandemic, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson bought himself some breathing space with an apology and a promise to change. But his troubles are far from over. Johnson was battling to rally a rancorous Conservative Party on Tuesday after an inquiry slammed failures at the top that led to Downing Street staff holding boozy parties while the country was in lockdown.

He told lawmakers in Parliament "I get it, and I will fix it," promising to overhaul the way his office runs after senior civil servant Sue Gray found in her partial report that "failures of leadership and judgment" allowed events to occur that "should not have been allowed to take place."

Johnson addressed scores of Conservative legislators behind closed doors on Monday night, assuring them he took criticisms seriously and promising to get a tighter grip on a Downing Street operation that Gray found was marked by excessive drinking and dysfunctional dynamics. Johnson was rallying his Cabinet at its weekly meeting on Tuesday before flying to Kyiv for talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy over the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Deputy Prime Minister

Dominic Raab defended Johnson on Tuesday, saying: "He believes he acted in good faith on the advice he had at all times." Johnson's grip on power has been shaken by revelations that his staff held "bring your own booze" office parties, birthday celebrations and "wine time Fridays" at Downing Street at times in 2020 and 2021 when Britons were barred from socializing to slow spread of the coronavirus.

There could be worse to come. Gray only released her findings on four of 16 events being probed, because police are investigating other dozen — including an alleged ABBA-themed party in prime minister's private Downing Street apartment.

Gray is expected to produce a full report once police investigation is finished. The government initially declined to promise that report would be published in full, but agreed to do so late Monday after coming under intense pressure.

For now, many Conservatives are biding their time, sticking by leader who won them an 80-seat parliamentary majority in 2019.

The party has a history of ousting leaders once they become liabilities, and Johnson could yet face a no-confidence vote from his own side if police or Gray produce more damning evidence.

Ex-South African president appeals ruling in corruption case

AP ■ JOHANNESBURG

Former South African President Jacob Zuma on Monday continued with legal proceedings to remove the prosecutor in his corruption case. Zuma's lawyers are appealing the court's rejection of his application for prosecutor Billy Downer to be removed, saying he is biased and unfit to lead the prosecution. Zuma's lawyers have also accused Downer of leaking documents related to his case to the media.

His initial application for Downer to be removed was dismissed by the Pietermaritzburg High Court in October last year.

Zuma is facing corruption charges linked to the 1999 arms deal in which he is alleged to have received bribes from French arms manufacturer Thales through his financial adviser Schabir Shaik, who has already been convicted of corruption for that transaction.

In a separate case last year, Zuma was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment for defying an order of the Constitutional Court to appear before a judicial investigation into allegations of corruption while he was president from 2008 to 2019.

Zuma, 79, went to prison in July and a few months later was released on medical parole. The courts have ruled that the parole was invalid and that Zuma should go back to prison, but his lawyers are appealing that decision.

US military fired missiles during Yemen Houthi attack on UAE

AP ■ DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

The U.S. military launched interceptor missiles during an attack by Yemen's Houthi rebels that targeted the United Arab Emirates during a visit by Israel's president, the second-such time American troops have opened fire, officials said.

The acknowledgement by the White House and Pentagon late Monday represent a widening American involvement in Yemen's yearslong war, a conflict that President Joe Biden declared nearly a year ago "has to end."

While the U.S. has ended offensive support to the Saudi-led coalition fighting on behalf of Yemen's exiled government, their involvement in defending the UAE comes as the rebel Houthis have declared Al-Dhafra Air Base in Abu Dhabi a target.

Al-Dhafra hosts some 2,000 American troops and has served as a major base of operations for everything from armed drones to F-35 stealth fighters. Speaking from the White House, press secretary Jen Psaki said the U.S. military "responded to an inbound missile threat on the UAE."

"This involved the employment of Patriot interceptors to ... (support) efforts by the armed forces of the UAE," Psaki said. "I would say we are working quite closely with them." At the Pentagon, press secretary John Kirby said that "U.S. Patriots were fired, but it was the Emirati surface-to-air missiles that actually engaged the targets." Asked if that would include targets outside of Al-Dhafra, Kirby said: "If we can help defend our Emirati partners, we're going to do that."

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In pursuance of Regulation 29 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the United Leasing and Industries Limited will be held through Video Conference on Wednesday, 09th February, 2022 at 12:30 PM to consider and approve, inter-alia, the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2021 and any other business with the permission of the Board.

For United Leasing and Industries Limited

Sd/-

Place: New Delhi Shashi Shekhar

Date: 01th February, 2022 Company Secretary & Compliance officer

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Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of ICICI Bank Ltd. that Mrs. Alka Kapoor is the owner of Entire Third Floor with roof rights (said floor) Built of Property bearing No.677-678, area measuring 123.66 sq. yds, Situated at Double Storey, New Rajinder Nagar, New Delhi "the said property", by virtue of sale deed dated 02.11.2019, registered from ICICI Bank Ltd. by Mr. J. C. Kapoor and Mr. Rajnish Kapoor through attorney Mr. Nareesh Kumar. All persons are hereby informed that above mentioned owner want to sell the said floor, to Mrs. Kamini Singh who is taking Loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said floor, if anybody has any objection/s upon the ownership of above owner its sale (Mortgage)/litigation, and any kind of objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days of the present.

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Notice is hereby given that share certificate in respect of my flat no 78 issued in the name of Shri Keshav Chandra Khanduri by JDM CGHC Ltd. Situated at Plot -11, Sec 5, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075, have been reported lost/misplaced and an application has been made by him to the society for issue of duplicate share certificate.

The society hereby invites claims or objections (in Writing) for issuance of duplicate share certificate letter within the period of 15 (fifteen) days from the publication of this notice. If no claim/objections are received during this period the society shall be free to issue duplicate share certificate.

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Millions at risk as drought threatens Horn of Africa

AP ■ NAIROBI, KENYA

The children walk among carcasses of animals dead from hunger and exhaustion, a stark image of the drought threatening millions of people in the Horn of Africa.

Somalia, Kenya, and now Ethiopia have raised the alarm about the latest climate shock to a fragile region traversed by herders and others trying to keep their animals, and themselves, alive.

In Ethiopia's Somali region, people have seen the failures of what should have been three straight rainy seasons. Droughts come and go over the years, but resident Zaynab Wali told a visiting team with the United Nations children's agency that she and her seven children have never seen one like this.

The government distributed food and fodder during the last drought five years ago, she said. This time, "we don't have enough food for our family." More than 6 million peo-

ple in Ethiopia are expected to need urgent humanitarian aid by mid-March, UNICEF said Tuesday.

And in neighboring Somalia more than 7 million people need urgent help, the Somali NGO Consortium said in a separate statement, pleading with international donors to give much more. This could be the region's worst drought in 40 years, the consortium said. "We are just one month into the long dry season, and I have already lost 25 goats and sheep," Hafsa Bedel in Ethiopia's Somali region told UNICEF. "I also lost four camels. There is no pasture." There is not enough food for her own family, including her six children, she said.

UNICEF estimates that more than 150,000 children in such areas of Ethiopia dropped out of school to help fetch scarce water and handle other chores. One young boy supported a donkey, once crucial for carrying cargo, that become too weak to walk on its own.

Budget proposals to boost growth, generate jobs: Experts

New Delhi: The Budget proposals on capital expenditure, MSME sector, and digital banking will boost growth and promote job creation, say experts.

Among other things, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a bigger Rs 39.45 lakh crore Budget, with higher spending on highways to affordable housing with a view to firing up the key engines of the economy to sustain a world-beating recovery from the pandemic.

Commenting on the Budget announcements, Shyam Srinivasan, MD and CEO, Federal Bank, said 35 per cent increase in capex for infra development, 65 per cent defense capex for local companies, tax incentives for startups, new cargo terminals – all indicate the refreshingly clear and well-structured aspiration of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Sanjeev Krishan, Chairman PwC in India was of the view that Budget 2022-23 continues to provide much-needed relief to the COVID-hit MSME sector. The revival of MSMEs is critical both from growth and employment perspective, and these measures are geared towards building a vibrant MSME sector, he said.

Kapil Mehta, Co-founder, SecureNow Insurance Broker said

the main benefit of the budget for insurtechs is the emphasis on MSMEs and future growth. There are a host of measures aimed at small business, ranging from credit guarantee schemes to improving the ease of doing business, that help MSMEs navigate economic uncertainty, he added.

Founder and CEO Tushar Aggarwal, Stashfin was of the view that support announced for digital payment and banking will be welcomed by the sector. He said building awareness of digital payments and promoting financial literacy is critical to India achieving the vision of a USD 1-trillion digital economy.

Dhanuka Agritech Group Chairman RG Agarwal said, 'It would have been also apt had the Finance Minister...reduced GST and customs duty rates on some of the agro-chemicals products, which would have reduced the overall cost for the farmers.'

On the government's proposals, Omkar Rai, Ex-DG, STPI said the Union Budget has all the ingredients needed to make India the world's biggest startup ecosystem. The extension of the incorporation period for eligible startups will certainly give a boost to this segment, he said. Rishad Manekia, Founder and MD, Kairos Capital said the taxation

along with the introduction of an Indian CBDC in 2022 gives a much clearer idea about the way forward for the blockchain ecosystem in India and how the government is thinking about this space.

Ujjwal Singh, CEO and President, Infinity Learn said the extension of the PM eVIDYA initiative 12 to 200 TV channels will give the segment the requisite boost.

Piyush Gupta, CEO, Polytrade expects that in near future the government will continue to support and encourage digital currencies that will propel the GDP to USD 5 trillion as envisaged by the government.

Manish Chandra Co-founder and Director RailRestro said the announcement of 400 Vande Bharat trains is an encouragement for more public-private partnerships in the Indian Railways and this will help unlock the underlying opportunities in the sector for maximum growth, revenue generation and job creation.

The provision of ₹48,000 crore under Prime Minister Awas Yojana for completion of 80 lakh houses will help the government in achieving its target of Housing For All, said Housing.com group CEO Dhruv Agarwala

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Design-led scheme for 5G ecosystem to pitch India as manufacturing hub: Industry

New Delhi: Government's push on fibreisation and technology will spur connectivity, while the design-led scheme announced in the Budget for 5G ecosystem will bolster India's position as a manufacturing hub, telecom industry said on Tuesday.

Budget announcements including those around 5G spectrum auction and 100 per cent fibreisation with PPP model would provide the required impetus to accelerate ubiquitous and reliable internet connectivity, Nitin Bansal, managing director, India and Head-Networks - Southeast Asia, Oceania and India at Ericsson, said.

HFCL Ltd managing director Mahendra Nahata said the expected spectrum rollout for 5G in 2022, combined with the scheme for design-led manufacturing for 5G equipment under the PLI scheme will not only lead to sectoral advancements but also spur job opportunities.

"...We are delighted to hear that contracts for laying optical fibre in villages will be awarded under BharatNet project under PPP model in 2022-23. This will help the telecom industry in providing affordable broadband and mobile communication in rural and remote areas," Nahata observed. Prashant Singhal, TMT (Technology, Media, Telecom) Emerging Markets Leader, EY, noted that allocating 5 per cent of annual USOF collection will significantly bolster rural connectivity.

"Strengthening of the BharatNet infrastructure through PPP model will

enhance the connectivity backbone of an increasingly digital nation. Globally, 200 telcos in 78 countries have already launched commercial 5G services," he said.

According to Singhal, a clear focus on 5G spectrum auctions and rollout will help India to catch up with the rest of the world. The budget announcement has given much-needed push for 5G, Singhal said adding government's move to launch a design-led manufacturing scheme will help to position India as a hub for 5G equipment manufacturing and exports.

Sterlite Technologies (STL) managing director Ankit Agarwal believes that budget will accelerate India's digital ambitions.

"...It sets the foundation for India's 5G readiness through spectrum auctions, R&D impetus, USOF allocation along with a boost for domestic manufacturing through a timely 'Design-led manufacturing' scheme," Agarwal said.

As per Deloitte India, Partner and telecom sector leader, Peeyush Vaish, the PLI scheme extension to 5G rollout and the commitment on fibre in all villages by 2025 will give an additional thrust to investment in new technologies in the telecom sector.

Telecom Sector Skill Council, CEO, Arvind Bali, said the announcement of spectrum auction in 2022 for 5G rollout and the scheme for design-led manufacturing is likely to "uplift" human resource requirements significantly as also the need to train the existing and new workforce.

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Centre to borrow record ₹11.6 lakh cr in FY'23 to meet expenses

New Delhi: The Government will borrow a record ₹11.6 lakh crore from the market in 2022-23 to meet its expenditure requirement to prop up the economy hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is nearly ₹2 lakh crore higher than the current year's Budget estimate of ₹ 9.7 lakh crore. Total market borrowings of the government for 2022-23 are estimated at ₹11,58,719 crore, according to the Budget document.

The Revised Estimates for the same for 2021-22 are ₹ 8,75,771 crore, as against the Budget Estimates of ₹9,67,708 crore.

Even the gross borrowing for the next financial year will be the highest-ever at ₹14,95,000 crore as against ₹ 12,05,500 crore Budget Estimate (BE) for 2021-22. However, the gross borrowing has been revised downwards by nearly ₹2 lakh crore to ₹10,46,500 crore for the current financial year.

Gross borrowing includes repayment of past loans. The government raises money from the market to fund its fiscal deficit through dated securities

and treasury bills. Speaking at a post-Budget media interaction, Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth said green bonds announced in the Budget is part of the overall borrowing target for the next financial year.

These would be issued for specific sectors and there are set of investors who would like to put their money in sectors that promote sustainable development, he said. At this point of time, he said, this would be issued in the domestic market.

Finance Secretary and Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan also emphasised it as part of the total borrowing projected at ₹11.58 lakh crore.

Government raises its market loans under the Scheme of Sale of Dated Government Securities. These auctions are conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as debt manager to the central government. Besides, the government has completed the conversion of special securities issued in lieu of adhoc treasury bills into marketable securities during 2003-04.

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Govt allocates additional ₹51,971 cr to settle Air India's debt

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Following successful disinvestment, the government on Tuesday allocated an additional ₹ 51,971 crore towards the settlement of outstanding guaranteed liabilities of Air India in the Union Budget. This amount has been accounted in the revised estimates of total expenditure in 2021-22.

Of the total allocation of Rs 51,971 crore, the government has allocated Rs 9,259 crore to Air India Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL), a government-owned special purpose vehicle set up to handle Air India's debt and non-core assets, for the next financial year starting from April 1. Air India Assets Holding Limited (AIAHL) was set up in 2019.

"The provision (of ₹9,259 crore) is kept for servicing of loan transferred to special purpose vehicle as a result of financial restructuring of Air India," the Budget document said. In the budget speech on Tuesday, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the revised estimate of capital expenditure for this fiscal is ₹6.03 lakh crore. This includes an amount of ₹ 51,971 crore towards settlement of outstanding guaranteed liabilities of Air India and its other sundry commitments, she added.

As per the revised estimates of 2021-22, the SPV — AI Asset Holding Ltd — has received ₹62,057 crore, of

which ₹ 36,254 crore was infused as equity for repayment of past government-guaranteed borrowings of Air India; ₹12,357 crore for repayment of borrowings for sale and lease-back rentals for aircraft; and ₹ 13,446 crore for repayment of other dues and liabilities. According to the budget document, the government infused ₹ 36,254 crore in AIAHL during 2021-22 "for repayment of past government-guaranteed borrowings of Air India Limited".

Moreover, Air India was given a grant-in-aid of ₹1,944 crore and loans of ₹4,500 crore in 2021-22 to cover "cash losses during Covid period", the document said.

Air India was taken over by Tata Group firm Talace Pvt Ltd on January 27. Through a competitive bidding process, the government sold loss-making Air India to Talace for ₹18,000 crore.

As part of the deal, Talace paid ₹ 2,700 crore in cash and took over ₹ 15,300 crore debt of the airline. The remaining debt and borrowings of Air India were transferred to AIAHL.

As on August 31, 2021, Air India had a total debt of ₹61,562 crore. The airline also had about ₹15,000 crore excess liabilities towards unpaid fuel bills and other operational creditors. Meanwhile, in the budget, the civil aviation ministry has been allocated an amount of ₹10,667 crore for the next fiscal.

TDS on property sale to be levied on higher of stamp duty value or sale amount

New Delhi: The Union Budget 2022-23 proposed one per cent tax to be deducted at source (TDS) on payment for purchasing immovable property of over Rs 50 lakh will be based on the higher of the stamp duty value or the actual sale value/consideration. Currently, an individual is required to deduct tax on the sale value of immovable property if it exceeds Rs 50 lakh.

Presenting the Budget in the Parliament, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday proposed the amendment to do away the anomaly in the law.

As per the Finance Bill, 2022, presented in Parliament along with the other Budget documents, the government proposes to amend Section 194-IA of the Income Tax Act, in order to remove inconsistency with Section 43CA and 50CA of the law. This amendment, if done, will take effect from April 1, 2022. The new rule proposes to bring a parity mechanism between sale value considered for tax deducted at source (TDS) and capital gains calculations. Explaining the rationale behind the amendment, the Finance Bill said Section 194-IA of the Act provides for deduction of tax on payment on transfer of certain immovable property other than agricultural land.

The sub-section (1) provides for deduction of tax by any person responsible for paying to the resident any sum by way of

consideration for transfer of any immovable property (other than agricultural land) at the time of credit or payment of such sum to the resident at the rate of one per cent of such sum as income-tax thereon.

The sub-section (2) provides that no deduction of tax should be made where the consideration for the transfer of an immovable property is less than ₹ 50 lakh. As per the provisions, TDS is to be deducted on the amount of consideration paid by the transferee to the transferor, the document said.

"This section does not take into account the stamp duty value of the immovable property, whereas, as the provisions of section per 43CA and 50C of the Act, for the computation of income under the head 'profits and gains from business or profession' and 'capital gains' respectively, the stamp duty value is also to be considered," the document said.

Thus, there is inconsistency in the provisions of section 194-IA and sections 43CA and 50C of the Act, the ministry pointed out. "In order to remove inconsistency, it is proposed to amend section 194-IA of the Act to provide that in case of transfer of an immovable property (other than agricultural land), TDS is to be deducted at the rate of one per cent of such sum paid or credited to the resident or the stamp duty value of such property, whichever is higher," the document said.

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Rupee slips 17 paise to close at 74.82 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee pared its initial gains and settled 17 paise lower at 74.82 against US dollar on Tuesday as caution set in among forex market participants after the Government in the budget revised fiscal deficit target upwards for FY'22.

The country's fiscal deficit is projected to be higher at 6.9 per cent this fiscal as against 6.8 per cent estimated earlier, weighing on sentiment.

Investors also took note of Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announcing that the government will borrow about ₹11.6 lakh crore from the market in 2022-23 to meet its expenditure requirement, forex traders said.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 74.53 against the American dollar, witnessed an intra-day high of 74.41 and a low of 74.87 against the greenback. The local unit finally ended the day at 74.82 a dollar, 17 paise lower than its previous close of 74.65.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.19 per cent lower at 96.35. Gaurang Somaiyaa, Forex & Bullion Analyst, Motilal Oswal Financial Services, said, "The rupee rose in the first half of the session but volatility remained low ahead of the important Union Budget that was announced today.

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Markets march higher after Budget hikes infrastructure spending, avoids new taxes

Mumbai: The Sensex soared 848 points while the Nifty reclaimed the 17,500-mark on Tuesday after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled a bigger ₹39.45 lakh crore Budget, with higher spending on infrastructure to spur economic recovery and create jobs.

Metal, realty and cement stocks saw robust buying, while selling in auto and telecom counters capped the gains. After a strong start, the BSE Sensex succumbed to a sudden bout of selling following the Budget presentation, but staged an immediate rebound to end 848.40 points or 1.46 per cent higher at 58,862.57, marking its second straight session of gains.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty surged 237 points or 1.37 per cent to end at 17,576.85. Tata Steel hogged the limelight in the Sensex pack, zooming 7.57 per cent, followed by Sun Pharma, IndusInd Bank, L&T, UltraCement, ITC, Titan and HCL Tech.

In contrast, M&M, PowerGrid, SBI, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, Maruti and Reliance closed in the red, shedding up to 1.67 per cent. Sitharaman on Tuesday presented her fourth Budget, with

higher spending on sectors ranging from highways to affordable housing with a view to fire up the key engines of the economy to sustain a world-beating recovery from the pandemic.

Contrary to expectations, Sitharaman did not tinker with income tax slabs or tax rates.

Her Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 2022 proposed a massive 35 per cent jump in capital expenditure to ₹7.5 lakh crore, coupled with the rationalisation of customs duty, an extension of time for setting up new manufacturing companies and plans for starting a digital currency and tax crypto assets.

However, fiscal deficit was projected marginally higher at 6.9 per cent for FY22 as against 6.8 per cent estimated earlier, with the finance minister emphasising the need for stronger and sustainable growth through public investment. "It is a long-term growth oriented budget which the market has welcomed, given no headroom for cautiousness and populist measures. It is expected to support growth in the future; however, it is missing some balancing measures in context of current inflationary and slowing economy.

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Gold rallies ₹333 on global trends

New Delhi: Gold in the national capital on Tuesday rallied ₹333 to ₹47,844 per 10 grams in line with firm global trends along with rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at ₹47,511 per 10 grams. The rupee dipped 14 paise to close at 74.79 (provisional) against the US dollar. Silver dipped ₹68 to ₹61,164 per kg, from ₹61,232 per kg in the previous trade.

In the international market, gold was trading in the green at USD 1,803 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 22.60 per ounce.

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Realty stocks jump up to 6 pc post Budget

New Delhi: Shares of real estate companies on Tuesday jumped up to 6 per cent after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced allocation of a whopping ₹ 48,000 crore for completion of 80 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), both rural and urban, during the next fiscal year.

Oberoi Realty jumped 5.76 per cent, DLF gained 3.55 per cent, Sobha Limited went higher by 2.32 per cent, Indiabulls Real Estate 1.60 per cent, Suteck Realty 1.06 per cent, Godrej Properties 0.40 per cent and Macrotech Developers Ltd

0.20 per cent on BSE.

The realty index jumped 1.74 per cent to 3,877.85. Among housing finance companies, AAVAS Financiers zoomed 8.25 per cent, Can Fin Homes Limited jumped 1.33 per cent, Repco Home Finance gained 0.61 per cent and GIC Housing Finance 0.16 per cent.

In her Budget speech, the minister said: "In 2022-23, 80 lakh houses will be completed for the identified eligible beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana, both rural and urban. ₹48,000 crore is allocated for this purpose."

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Man-Made interventions have created a huge impact on global warming and climate change. With the rapid increase in population, there has been an exponential increase in construction. This has caused an over-exploitation of nature and its resources. While sustainable architecture is still emerging in the country, India ranks 3rd. Buildings certified by the IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) use 40-50 per cent less energy and 20-30 per cent less water. This sector is growing at a rate of 20 per cent each year. The progress of any country is primarily judged by the status of its education and healthcare industries. The Indian education system is expected to reach a valuation of USD 225 billion by FY 2025. The subcontinent is at a crossroads in terms of providing leadership in education.

SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURE

More and more public buildings are being designed using sustainable architecture strategies. Though initial costs are high, sustainable strategies provide large savings over time, improve air quality and well-being and result in a healthier environment. Sustainable architecture relies on using moderation in resources while maintaining improved efficiency. Buildings made under sustainable architecture are called green buildings.

A green building is one with a minimum impact on the built and natural environment. They operate with energy-saving resources and are environmentally responsible. These structures are designed to harness energy from water, the sun, and other natural resources. Apart from these, green buildings also use energy-efficient systems, making them environmentally friendly.

When compared to classic structured buildings, sustainable structured buildings produce less waste material and emit greenhouse gases at a lower proportion, making it healthy for people to live or work in. While noticing the rapidly increasing environmental problems, the implementation of sustainable architecture to create healthy living becomes critical. Environmental standards such as LEED and BREEAM offer guidelines for sustainable building design.

Sustainable architecture is important for the environmental stability of our planet. It is the Need of the Hour.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy efficiency is one of the most important features of sustainable architecture. A green building is said to be energy efficient because it uses energy-saving methods to be environmentally friendly, yet produces a well-structured building.

The structuring of green buildings is done carefully by taking into consideration even the smallest measure that utilises energy; from preventing air leakages to using renewable sources.



BE ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

Sustainable strategies provide large savings over time, enhance air quality & well-being. This results in healthier environment and maintain improved efficiency, says SHABNAM DHAR

Some of the techniques used to save energy in green buildings are the installation of energy-efficient lights, streetlights with a timer feature, utilisation of solar panels, etc. Additionally, green buildings use non-exhaustible resources such as hydroelectric and tidal power.

USES RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Sustainable buildings use passive design and renewable energy to create environmentally friendly solutions. This reduces the utilisation of non-renewable materials by implementing a proper and moderate level of construction and engineering methods. The use of renewable energy helps to reduce construction waste by using effective recycling. Apart from this, the use of renewable resources helps in reducing the environmental impact by using recycled construction waste and engineering material.

ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY SOLUTIONS

Sustainable architecture, being

environmentally friendly, helps the environment in many ways. Planning takes into account climate, landscape, energy, and stormwater management, then eco-friendly systems and materials are used during construction. The materials used to build the structures reduce the environmental impact drastically, hence creating safer and healthy living. Several strategies can be used to implement environmentally-friendly solutions.

GLASS SOLUTION

A building made of glass gives an impressive look while being environmentally friendly. It gives the building a comfortable and modern look and maintains the environmental safety factor. The glass used in these buildings optimizes the light spread in the interior of the building and helps to reflect the heat waves, thereby providing a comfortable indoor life. This feature enables a cooler temperature inside the building and utilizes the brightness cost-effectively received from the sun. Apart from this, the glass

reduces the use of lighting gadgets and artificial temperature as this glass enables the solution of using natural resources. Implementation of this glass solution helps in the reduction of electricity bills and also gives people a healthy space to live in.

SMART BRICKS

The smart brick is 9a REB (Resource Efficient Brick). It's a combination of technology and sustainable construction. Fast construction is achieved through this process, which saves a lot of time. Apart from this, this process is labor-friendly and does not require any sand or water in its structural process. With the utilization of fewer resources, it provides the consumers with a quality structure.

NON- CONVENTIONAL SAND

This type of sand is manufactured by crushing hard granite stones which are widely available. Since these stones are crushed, it reduces transportation costs to a great extent.

These stones are found in conventional rivers and they give a stronger foundation to the building.

ENVIRONMENT EFFICIENT METALS

Metals such as Aluminium produce high energy ranging from the process of production to transporting. However, the sustainable architecture uses the metal again and again by recycling or reusing the metal, hence saving a lot of energy. Due to recycling and reusing the energy used by the metal decreases and makes the material sustainable. The materials that are created are water-resistant, long-lasting, and do not need replacement.

With green buildings contributing to a 7 per cent increase in asset value compared to non-green ones, they also contribute to general well-being with improved ventilation and better natural light. It is estimated that green buildings may remove the overall negative impact on the atmosphere by reducing up to 84 gigatons of CO2 emissions by 2050.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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

Cesar Chavez

UG AND PG COURSES

The University of Manchester, UK is now inviting applications from international students for the September 2022 intake.

Students from India have recently shown increasing interest in pursuing programmes at Manchester in less traditional areas such as Biological Sciences, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering, Development Studies and Law. However, the



University is known for programmes in Business, Computer Science and Data Science; and these courses continue to be highly sought after. Partial scholarships are available.

Ace through NEET 22

Pointing to stiff competition, NEET has more than 16 lakh applications each year in a pragmatic race for admission to around 1.5 lakh seats at various medical and dental colleges across the country. The exam dates have not yet been set, but they will be fixed for the time being. The exams are scheduled to take place in May. With only a few months left to prepare, medical aspirants should maximize their preparation strategies for this year's tougher competition.

The most important thing to succeed at NEET is a smart work plan that covers the entire curriculum in a timely manner.

The NEET UG Exam focuses on three subjects: physics, chemistry, and biology (Botany & Zoology). In three hours, 180 questions must be answered while total marks remain unchanged (720). The syllabus covers the entire NCERT curriculum for Classes XI and XII, including Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, and Biology.

Candidates receive four points for each correct response and one point for each incorrect response. A sensible work plan that covers the full curriculum well in time is the most important factor in excelling in NEET.

◆NCERTs should be the base material and it shouldn't be ignored. NCERT books will provide you with a solid under-

standing of concepts and are thus the best place to begin your study. NCERT books account for 60-70 per cent of the NEET exam.

◆Making and sticking to a systematic revision plan will aid aspirants in improving their conceptual and topical clarity, allowing them to perform better and rank higher. Learning formulas is one of the finest ways to gain an advantage in physics when faced with a variety of mathematical and numerical difficulties.

◆If the concepts are clear, it is possible to come up with the correct answers when working through the difficult questions, particularly in physics and chemistry.

◆Reviews and practice tests help you better understand the topics and concepts and keep the current trends and patterns of the NEET exam up to date. Taking practice exams and performing real-time analysis has proven to be very beneficial.

◆Devoting too much time to questions that you are uncomfortable with will leave you with insufficient time to solve the easy ones, so while practicing mock tests, pay attention to your problem-solving ability as well.

The remaining months should be used wisely for maintaining speed and accuracy.

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Best fields for paid internships in France

These enriching internship options not only helps in professional development but also boosts personal development. Having a work experience here is recognised throughout the world, says SOM SHARMA

France has one of the world's strongest economies, where unemployment rate stands at 9 per cent. The country offers a relaxed lifestyle and is called to be one of the world's most cultured countries. France is a country that offers minimum wage that is the highest in Europe and the French culture also ensures work-life balance.

French being the only language spoken in all 5 continents, having a work experience here is recognised throughout the world. Due to various cultures, traditions, art, community, the country offers wide variety of opportunities for students to choose, from fashion designing to engineering and much more. So, for students, here are 7 most in demand fields for paid internship in France.

FASHION DESIGNING

France is one of the most fashionable countries and ranks 2nd in the entire world. With strong fashion culture, the country is a cradle for fashion having the 2nd biggest luxury goods consumer.

Fashion designing in France being one of the highest-paying industries, is lucrative and creatively demanding field for students. The field teaches students

managerial skills, gives them opportunities to participate in fashion shows, build a strong foundation in one the fashion capitals of the world.

HOTEL MANAGEMENT

France is the most visited country in the world with more than 90 million people visiting each year. Surrounded by diverse and rich culture, ancient landscapes, the country offers students a strong ground to explore.

Students interning can get wide range of opportunities to learn the skills required to make clients from across the globe feel like home while exploring the world-famous gastronomy.

ENGINEERING

Engineering is one of the most popular career in France. It is an area of excellence with more than 800,000 engineers working in various industries from civil, IT, transport, energy, defence, and many more. Defence, machinery and telecommunications are the biggest industries in France and the industrial sectors alone contributes around 20% to the country's GDP.

With generating 40 per cent of its electricity through nuclear, the country is said to be the biggest producer of nuclear energy in the



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world. France is continuously working towards advancing engineering and this offers a wide range of exciting opportunities for students.

ART AND ARCHITECTURE

France is an important centre for art and architecture. A place with abundant breath-taking places and famous landmarks is visited by millions each year. The art and architecture enthusiasts get loads of opportunities in art museums, galleries, architecture and more.

Students interning get a chance

to work in a dynamic, multi-cultural environment. The interns are also provided with opportunities to learn advance skills with hands on work experience to build a strong portfolio.

MEDIA

France too has a diverse range of internships in publications, print media, production, cinema and many more. The country has about 600 local and national mainstream publications, more than 1000 radio stations and over 100 cable, digital, and satellite TV channels.

Just like any other country, media in France plays a vital role in the lives of citizens of the country and migrants. Be it a small, medium or large media group, media is spread far and wide. Internships in media gives you as a student variety in work and provides ways to leverage your professional network.

BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

With one of the largest markets in Europe the country is home to many companies that have excelled globally. Having the 5th largest economy in the world, modern business culture, dynamism in the industries, the executives' experts

are persistently popular.

Management and business-related interns are offered lucrative opportunities in a country with the 9th largest global market. Students are provided with opportunities to learn and implement the aspects of corporate in great detail.

MARKETING

Marketing is a very competitive field and is closely related to the culture and the economic situation of the country. France offers marketing opportunities to students who wish to excel and get a taste of the culture. Various industries like fashion, music, communication, theatre, public relations provide internships to students in marketing.

The field also teaches students to think as a consumer with dynamic cultures, implement the right strategies while offering many rewards and opening doors for a remunerative international career.

These enriching internships opportunities in France not only helps in their professional development but also boosts their personal development. Internships in the country also helps students to develop French speaking habits and learn new customs.

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Rise in opportunities for Blue-Collar workers

While the Omicron wave has led to a fresh wave of restrictions across India, the demand for blue collar workers continues to rise.

The pandemic has already changed industries, buying patterns, consumer preferences, and has forced companies to rethink their business models. But the demand for flexi-staff continues to grow. A case in point is the popularity of eating-in rather than eating out, something that began as a safety protocol but is now a habit. This has in turn led to a rising demand for food-delivery staff. From healthcare workers to logistics staff, from manufacturing workers to supply chain personnel, the pandemic is fuelling workforce shortage and surge in unexpected ways.

Lohit Bhatia, President, Indian Staffing Federation (ISF), says "As a result of the pandemic, organisations are reimagining how to tackle the changing market conditions. ISF members are quickly filling gaps and the unusual demand for workforce across sectors. Even as the pandemic waves ebb and rise, our workers, many working on the frontlines, have ensured that India keeps running and companies continues to meet their responsibilities."

Suchita Dutta, Executive Director, ISF adds, "Our data from Q2 2021-22 shows that blue collar and flexi staffing industry addresses the demand for workforce as soon as it rises. As India opened up after the second wave, the sharp demand for workers was met by the flexi-staffing industry, which ensured that



Lohit Bhatia
President, Indian Staffing Federation

businesses across sectors continued to serve their customers and stakeholders."

According to ISF's Q2 2021-22 report on the flexi staffing industry, there was a steady recovery in hiring. Over 2.15 lakh new workers were added year-on-year (Q2 2020-21 vs. Q2 2021-22). Compared with Q1, there was a 9.2 per cent net headcount growth. That's a significant jump because during Q1 2021-22, the country had come a standstill because of the second wave.

After a slow Q1 2021-22, approximately 98,000 new staff were added in Q2 2021-22. Most of this growth came from the IT, ITes, eCommerce, retail and healthcare sectors. The construction sector also saw a surge in growth.

The employment sentiment across sectors was positive. In Q2 2021-22, the hospitality industry had started to prepare for reopening whereby hotels and restaurants were noticeably ramping up their workforce.

Global, career-centric community for developers

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Turing, an AI-powered, international platform that connects software developers with high-quality, long-term, remote U.S. jobs, announced today the launch of Turing Community: a global career-centric community exclusively for developers. Before candidates apply for admission, they are advised to check the eligibility criteria laid down by

the JK Lakshmipat University. Only those candidates who fulfill the eligibility criteria can fill the application form.

With a mission to unleash the world's untapped human potential, Turing is building a diverse community, free and open to all developers worldwide. The community helps developers with job preparation, upskilling and reskilling, English communication and personal development, and

mentoring, among other perks. Through this initiative, the company aims to build a safe space for developers to grow, seek guidance from experts, and progress in their careers.

Uma Subramanian, Sr Director and Head of Developer Success and Community at Turing said, "Thousands of developers from more than a hundred countries have already joined

our community and are making their way to the top with the tools and opportunities provided by the community. At Turing, our intention is not only to offer jobs but also to offer a community that inspires learning and development. Moreover, the community is equipped with tools that steer developers to their calling while understanding their passion and enhancing their skills."

ISH announces IMPACT initiative

PNS ■ GURUGRAM

The Indian School of Hospitality (ISH), one of India's finest institutes for hospitality and culinary arts education announces their IMPACT (Integrated Mentorship, Partnership, Academic Collaboration & Training) initiative. It aims to introduce high school students to the diverse and rewarding field of hospitality and culinary arts, and the multitude of careers they can choose to pursue within the service and experience industry. Through this initiative, ISH also addresses an apparent skill and capability gap in the higher education space, and takes the ownership to build a progressive ecosystem focusing on enhancing knowledge transfer for school teachers, principals and counselors.

The IMPACT series is a step forward in strengthening hospitality and culinary education in India, with the speaker sessions featuring both Indian and inter-

national faculty and industry experts. These experts will be sharing their insights, experience and learnings, and thoughts on a wide range of exciting topics.

It is a great opportunity to hear first-hand from experts how the experience economy is evolving globally and why it's a great time to pursue hospitality management and culinary arts.

The IMPACT initiative will help create opportunities and enable schools to benefit from

ISH's academic ecosystem, industry connect and training capabilities. As an institution built by industry pioneers and leaders, ISH takes it upon itself as a duty of care function to bring more awareness about the role of hospitality and service sector in the economy, and support students who will go on to become integral part of this sector tomorrow.

This initiative creates opportunities for students to embrace new-age skills with the evolving demands in the industry.

Knowing one's priorities, goals and aspirations will help identify which institution is the right fit to help get where one aspire to be. Do thorough research and choose a college that makes sense rather than what's trending, says ADARSH KHANDELWAL

MAKE RIGHT CHOICE



In the life of every student comes a crossroad that'll set the course for the rest of their lives, at least professionally. When it comes to choosing a college, students are often faced with whether to go for an Ivy League vs a Liberal Arts College. It's understandable why making the right choice between the two can be overwhelming and even confusing. On one hand, students may feel like – it's just college, on the other hand, the right college could, simply put, be life-changing.

What is an Ivy League?

It is a collective title which refers to eight prestigious universities like Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Dartmouth, Brown, Princeton, Pennsylvania, and Cornell. The terminology itself is rooted in football (these universities formed an inter-collegiate agreement governing football), today Ivy League has come to be associated with prestige and the topmost quality of education.

Every student, especially those applying abroad, dreams of getting accepted into these hallowed institutions. The reason being that these universities

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carry a great deal of goodwill and open the choicest of opportunities for students.

What is Liberal Arts College?

These are rooted in a wide variety of cultural, intellectual, and social studies and activities. Their approach is more holistic, and these colleges aim to impart a broader, general knowledge and intellectual capacities. Liberal Arts Colleges are par-

ticularly appealing to students who want to pursue education and careers in critical thinking, social impact work and other humanities.

The top eight liberal arts colleges every student should consider are Williams College, Amherst College, Middlebury College, Wellesley College, Pomona College, Oberlin College and Vassar College. These are also the colleges we will be taking into consideration while drawing comparisons further down this article.

While public opinion is one thing, when it comes to matters of one's career, it always helps to look at the data and make objective analyses. And that is exactly what we have done.

Acceptance rate mean is the rate at which a school accepts applicants. The percentage of students accepted into a school against those that applied, determines the acceptance rate of that school.

This means that the school with higher applications will reject more students, and therefore have lower (more impressive and more competitive) acceptance rates.

It is important to note that acceptance rate only refers to the percentage of students that have been accepted, and not the percentage of students who choose to attend that school. The latter refers to something called yield rate.

Acceptance rate is an important metric for colleges because it is a factor in their ranking by third party sites like US News College Rankings, which influences future aspirants as well. However, this is not the only metric to choose from, as middle-tier colleges are known to game the system by adapting tactics such as dropping application fees, to attract larger number of applications.

The acceptance ratio of Ivy leagues is higher as students prefer the former for better pay opportunities, social capital, and other such factors. If you are a student with aspirations to make it in the world of business or of earning a higher pay right at the outset, then Ivy League is the obvious choice for you, as employers are always happy to Ivy graduates what they are worth. After all, Ivy League colleges are not just institutions,

they are brand names.

The early pay of Ivy League universities is significantly higher. Having said that, colleges like Claremont McKenna shows a higher early pay than an Ivy League Brown University.

On an average, the early pay for ivy league is almost \$10,000 higher than average of liberal arts colleges.

The average median pay of Ivy League alumni ranks ahead of that of Liberal Arts alumni. While the average difference is of around \$15,000, there is a dramatic difference between the median pay of Ivy League Columbia University and Liberal Arts Wellesley College.

The writer is CEO-co-founder, Collegity

'Fuel your future with entrepreneurial skills

It is a misconception that entrepreneur skills are only for those who want to become an entrepreneur. They are required for all students irrespective of the field, says SACHIN GUPTA

The society and environment we have been living in has been witnessing unprecedented change. With the new emerging technologies and its implementation in the 21st century the world is rapidly changing. Eighty-three per cent of businesses say it's important to develop entrepreneur leaders. It is also said that the nature of the work will change by 2025 as millennials will make up to 75 per cent of the workforce. Entrepreneurship skills and Leadership skills are essential in one's life as in to keep up with the pace of the constant change in the world. As per reports more than 77 per cent of the organisation say that the leadership is lacking as 10k baby boomers are retiring on a daily basis. The need for creativity, forward-thinking, innovative ideas, to be able to adapt to the changes, making quick but vigilant decisions relies on these skills.

It is a misconception that entrepreneur skills are essential only for those who want to become an entrepreneur. Leadership skills and Entrepreneurial skills are required for all the students without taking into consideration which field the student belongs to. Organization's look for graduates who are well accustomed and possess these skills as having these skills help them to take the chance of an opportunity and turn it into a success.

Importance of entrepreneurial skills: Having entrepreneurship skills in students is very vital as these skills



Sachin Gupta
Chancellor Sanskriti University

increase our knowledge in communication, decision making process, time management which makes the students career life so much easier and functional. As the students possess analytical and interpersonal skills it helps in transforming the workplace in a positive light.

Develop a mindset for future: Entrepreneurship skills are necessary in every medium of our life. These skills increase our potential to develop our innovative thinking, help us develop collaboration with others and most importantly boost our confidence which is necessary in any workplace. Each career has its own obstacles and entrepreneurship skills play a huge role as it helps us to view challenges as opportunities rather than a negative outcome.

STUDENTS OF ABWA DEVELOP SMART WRIST BAND

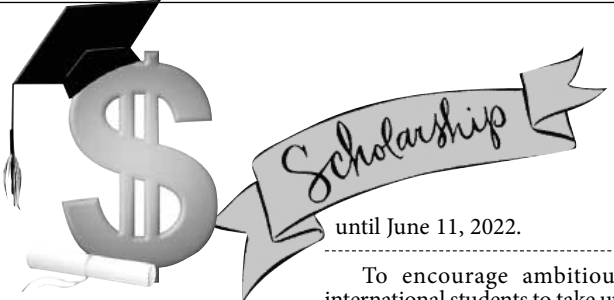
Students of one of the leading international schools in Mumbai, Aditya Birla World Academy robotics team called Binary Bolts have designed an innovative device SAATHI — Your Fitness Companion.

It is a smart wrist band that has been developed with the objective of motivating the elderly citizens to prioritize their health. The idea was developed for the First Robotics

Competition Qualcomm Innovation Challenge where these students won a semi-finalist award. The team took the idea further by developing prototypes of the watch and conducted efficacy research.

The students wrote a white paper based on their invention and it was published in the International Journal of Software & Hardware Research in Engineering (IJSHRE).

The students feel that it has become crucial for elderly citizens to take care of their physical and social wellbeing and the core aim of the project was to encourage the elderly to stay active with friends and family with the help of technology that offers simple and convenient use. It can be easily paired with a mobile app. There are two primary parts: a band and an app.



The University of Melbourne, Australia invites applications for its Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology Scholarships.

International students can apply.

Award: \$5,000-\$20,000
Number of Awards: 150
Course Level: Masters
Eligibility: Must have applied for a masters program at the Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology.

Supporting documents: Submit academic transcripts of all the previous schools attended and a copy of your passport.

Admission requirements: Once you know what course you want to study, you'll need to check that you meet the minimum entry requirements for that degree.

Language requirement: When you apply for a graduate degree, you'll need to meet the University's English language requirements to be eligible for a place.

How to apply: To be enlisted in the programme, students have to enroll in the master's degree programme at the university. No application is required. You will be automatically considered for this award.

Application deadline: Applicants must submit all required application materials

until June 11, 2022.

To encourage ambitious international students to take up their bachelor studies in the US, the University of Tennessee Knoxville has announced the Global Ambassador Scholarships for the academic year 2022-2023.

Eligibility: Maintain full-time enrollment throughout each semester.

Commit to being a U.T. Global Ambassador and adhere to the programme requirements.

Serve as an example of the Volunteer spirit as a positive peer resource for prospective international students.

Supporting documents: Must attach academic transcripts of all previous school attended and copy of passport.

Admission requirements: Aspirants must have a GPA of 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) and good academic standing.

Language requirements: If a student's native language is not English, they must demonstrate English proficiency unless they are a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.

How to apply: All eligible international undergraduate students who apply for admission during their final year in high school will be considered for this scholarship.

Application deadline: The last to apply for this scholarship is May 1, 2022. Scholarship applications after this date will not be accepted.

FLUTTER APP DEVELOPMENT AT HUBNINE INDIA
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹7,000-₹14,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/2bb6c7
Deadline: February 10, 2022

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT WEALTH SOCIALS
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹5,000-₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/930116
Deadline: February 10, 2022

CONTENT CREATION AT BULLISHSEO IT SOLUTIONS
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹10,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/0bf4db
Deadline: February 10, 2022

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT AMRA
Location: Work From Home
Stipend: ₹8,000-₹15,000 per month
Link: internshala.com/ii/a5eeb4
Deadline: February 10, 2022

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL ASSAM RIFLES, SHILLONG - 793 010

ASSAM RIFLES TECHNICAL AND TRADESMEN RECRUITMENT RALLY 2021-22
PHYSICAL STANDARD TEST (PST) / PHYSICAL EFFICIENCY TEST (PET), TRADE (SKILL) TEST (TT) AND WRITTEN TEST FOR ASSAM RIFLES TECHNICAL AND TRADESMEN RECRUITMENT RALLY 2021-22
Memo No. I.12016/Rect Branch/2021-22/05 Dated : 25 Jan 2022

1. Please refer to our notification for Assam Rifles Technical and Tradesman Recruitment Rally 2021-22 published vide Memo No. I.12016/Rect Branch/2021-22/101 dated 11 Jan 2022. The said notification is also available in our official website www.assamrifles.gov.in.

2. Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Efficiency Test (PET), Trade (Skill) Test (TT) and Written Test of following centres were postponed as per the date of postponement shown against each centre in view of prevailing situation arising out due to COVID-19:-

Ser No.	State	Centres	Trades	Date of postponement	Remarks
(a)	Assam	ARTC & S, Diphu	Cook	20 Jan 2022	
(b)	Nagaland	ARTC & S, 3 rd Mile, Dimapur	Cook	16 Jan 2022	
(c)	Nagaland	ARTC & S, Sukhovi	Cook	16 Jan 2022	

3. Fresh schedule for reporting of candidates for Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Efficiency Test (PET), Trade (Skill) Test (TT) and Written Test centres with effect from **08 March 2022 onwards** for the following centres:-

Ser No.	State	Centres	Trades	Fresh Schedule of reporting for PET/PST	Remarks
(a)	Assam	ARTC & S, Diphu	Cook	With effect from 08 Mar 2022 onwards	
(b)	Nagaland	ARTC & S, 3 rd Mile, Dimapur	Cook	With effect from 08 Mar 2022 onwards	
(c)	Nagaland	ARTC & S, Sukhovi	Cook	With effect from 08 Mar 2022 onwards	

4. Candidates are hereby advised to visit the official website of Assam Rifles (www.assamrifles.gov.in) for download the fresh call letter to appear for Physical Standard Test (PST) / Physical Efficiency Test (PET), Trade (Skill) Test (TT) and Written Test of the above centres.

Sd/- x-x-x
(K S Thakur)
Deputy Commandant
Staff Officer-2 (Recruitment)
for Directorate General Assam Rifles

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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POSSESSION NOTICE
WHEREAS, THE AUTHORISED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (64 OF 2002) AND IN EXERCISE OF POWERS CONFERRED UNDER SECTION 13(12) READ WITH RULES 3 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ISSUED DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWERS/ AS DETAILED HEREUNDER, CALLING UPON THE RESPECTIVE BORROWERS TO REPLY THE AMOUNT MENTIONED IN THE SAID NOTICE WITH ALL COSTS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES TILL ACTUAL DATE OF PAYMENT WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE SAME. THE SAID BORROWERS/CO-BORROWERS HAVING FAILED TO REPLY THE AMOUNT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO BORROWER/CO-BORROWERS AND THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL THAT THE UNDERSIGNED IN EXERCISE OF POWERS CONFERRED ON IT UNDER SECTION 13(4) OF THE SAID ACT R/W RULE 8 OF THE SAID RULES HAS TAKEN SYMBOLIC POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREUNDER ON THE DATE MENTIONED ALONGWITH THE BORROWERS IN PARTICULAR AND PUBLIC IN GENERAL ARE HEREBY CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH THE PROPERTY AND ANY DEALINGS WITH THE PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CHARGE OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED FOR THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED HEREIN WITH FUTURE INTEREST, COSTS AND CHARGES FROM THE RESPECTIVE DATE. DETAILS OF BORROWER/ CO-BORROWERS/GUARANTORS, LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER, LOAN AMOUNT,DETAILS OF SECURITY, DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE, CLAIMED AMOUNT; DATE OF POSSESSIONARE GIVEN HEREIN BELOW

S. 1) NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/CO-BORROWER/GUARANTOR; 2) LOAN NO. ACCOUNT NUMBER; 3) LOAN AMOUNT; 4) DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE; 5) CLAIMED AMOUNT IN INR; 6) DETAILS OF SECURITIES; 7) DATE OF POSSESSION

1. NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWERS: SANTOSH GAUR - SHASTRI COLONY JATAL ROAD PANIPAT - HR-132103 -And Also - KHASRANO. 3407 (1-10). 3408 (1-11) VAKA PATI RAJPUTAN ABADI SHASTRI COLONY. PANIPAT - HR-132103 -BHARTI SHARMA- 265 B NEW SUKHDEV NAGAR PANIPAT - HR-132103 -RITESH SHARMA-265 B NEW SUKHDEV NAGAR PANIPAT - HR-132103; LOAN ACCOUNT NO.10334648/14738226; LOAN AMOUNT:-Rs. 4558688/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Eight Only) by loan account number 10334648 and to the tune of Rs.908000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eight Thousand Only) by loan account number 14738226; DEMAND NOTICE DATE: 27.10.2021; AMOUNT CLAIMED: Rs. 5774652.04 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred & Fifty Two - Paise Four Only) as of 23.10.2021 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, costs, and charges etc.. DETAILS OF SECURITY: All the piece and parcel of the Property Measuring 194 Sq. Yds. Comprised in Khasra No. 3407 (1-10), 3408 (1-11) Situated within in abadi of Shastri Colony with the revenue estate of pati Rajputan With in MC Limit Panipat As per the Transger Deed Bearing Vasika no. 6342 dated 15.12.2017 in favor of Bharti Sharma Registered with the sub registrar Panipat. Property Boundries : North : Factory of Sh. Sunil Jain. South : Factory of Sh. Jambu Jain. East : Factory of Mr. Neeraj. West : Road 17'-6" wide. 7) DATE OF POSSESSION : 29/01/2022

2. NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWERS: SANTOSH GAUR, H.NO. 1732 KALAWATI MARKET, 2ND FLOOR RAILWAY ROAD, KURUKSHETRA -136135. ALSO ISAT - SHOP NO. 1 TO 5 HADFC BANK KALAWATI MARKET RAILWAY ROAD, REST NO. 222 KH NO. 40KURUKSHETRA -136135. RAJIV GAUR - 2ND FLOOR KALAWATI MARKET, KURUKSHETRA -136135, AJAY GAUR, H.NO. 1732 KALAWATI MARKET, 2 ND FLOOR RAILWAY ROAD, KURUKSHETRA-136135;LOAN ACCOUNT NO.604207; LOAN AMOUNT: Rs. 9997846.12/- (Rupees Ninety Nine Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Six and Paise Twelve Only). DEMAND NOTICE DATE : 13/10/2021, AMOUNT CLAIMED: Rs. 7624780.58/- (Rupees Seventy Six Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty and Paisea Fifty Eight Only) as of 13th Oct. 2021 and future contractual interest till actual realization together with incidental expenses, cost and charges etc.. DETAILS OF SECURITY: All piece and parcel of property situated at Raquba darra Kalan, Thanesar, Comprising in Khasra no. 222/40, Raquba 94 Sqaare Yard, consisting of five shops measuring 11.3 X 11.4 feet each, Kalawati Market Kurukshetra in the name of Smt. Santosh Gaur wife of Shri Sudarshan Gaur vide decree and order dated 23.3. 1996 issued in the court of Shri Manjeet singh ACJ (Sr. Division) Kurukshetra and Decree of National Lok Adalat Kurukshetra in Civil Suit no 377 of 2013 and Sale deed Partikh no. 6254 Dated 23-12-2013 duly registered with the sub -Registrar Thanesar. Kurukshetra. 7) DATE OF POSSESSION : 29/01/2022

THE BORROWERS' ATTENTION IS INVITED TO PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (8) OF SECTION 13 OF THE ACT, IN RESPECT OF TIME AVAILABLE TO REDEEM THE SECURED ASSET.

FOR ANY QUERY PLEASE CONTACT MR.ASHISH MEHTA, PHONE: 9729438899 AND MR. VIKAS ANAND/9711010384)

Place: Haryana Date: 31/01/2022 Sd/- FOR HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, AUTHORIZED OFFICER

Dhawan, Shreyas, Ashwin in top bracket along with Cummin



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Top Indian players, including senior opener Shikhar Dhawan and Shreyas Iyer, along with overseas stars such as Pat Cummins and Kagiso Rabada have been bracketed in the Rs 2 crore highest base price category for the upcoming IPL auction.

The mega auction is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on February 12 and 13 and will see 590 players go under the hammer. The IPL announced the final auction list on Tuesday, which was pruned from the original list of 1,214 players released last month, after the franchises reverted with the players they are interested in.

Among the 590 cricketers, a total of 228 are capped players while 355 are uncapped and seven belong to associate nations.

Senior Indian players Mohammad Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh

Yadav, Ashwin, Ishant Sharma and Ajinkya Rahane have also registered with a base price of Rs 2 crore.

While Iyer and Dhawan are the top draws, the 10 teams are also likely to be involved in a bidding war for youngsters Ishan Kishan, Devdutt Padikal, Washington Sundar, Deepak Chahar, last season's top wicket-taker Harshal Patel, spinner Yuzvendra Chahal and fast bowler Shardul Thakur. All of them are in the top bracket.

A total of 370 Indian players and 220 overseas cricketers will be up for grabs, with as many as 48 players having chosen to place themselves in the Rs 2 crore bracket.

Among the foreign players the franchises are expected to go after pacers Trent Boult, Cummins, Rabada, the Australian duo of all-rounder Mitchell Marsh and Steve Smith, former Bangladesh skipper Shakib Al Hasan and big-hitting South African Faf du Plessis,

who have all registered themselves in the top bracket.

Indian veterans such as Suresh Raina and Robin Uthappa, with a steep base price of Rs 2 crore, may not have many takers. There are 20 players in the auction list with a reserve price of Rs 1.5 crore while 34 are in the list of cricketers with a reserve price of Rs 1 crore. India's U-19 stars, skipper Yash Dhull, Vicky Ostwal and Rajvardhan Hangargekar, besides the likes of Shahrukh Khan, Deepak Hooda and Avesh Khan, will also be looking to cash in and make their mark during the auction.

South Africa's 42-year-old

spinner Imran Tahir is oldest in the auction while 17-year-old Noor Ahmed of Afghanistan is the youngest. Noor is currently playing in the U-19 World Cup in the West Indies.

Among all U-19 players, Indian medium pacer Hangargekar has a better auction base price of Rs 30 lakh, compared to Rs 20 lakh for others.

Punjab Kings have the highest number of 23 slots available while Chennai Super Kings, Delhi Capitals, Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians have 21 vacancies.

The rest of the teams have 22 slots each.

Punjab Kings also head into the auction with the highest purse -- Rs 72 crore -- while the Delhi Capitals have the lowest -- Rs 47.5 crore.

Australia topped the overseas list with 47 players while 34 cricketers from the West Indies will also go under the hammer. South Africa have 33 players, Sri Lanka 23, England 24, New Zealand 24 and Afghanistan 17.

COURT NOTICE
(U/o 5 Rule 20 CPC)
IN THE COURT OF Ms. Manisha Jain Additional District Judge, Chandigarh
DEBASIS MAITI
Vs.
MOUSUMI DAS
For Judicial Separation
CNR No. CHCH01-008625-2019
Next Date:-21-04-2022
Publication issued to:
Mousumi Das
Father:- Bibhuti Das
Rara Mohan Pur, Khkurda, Belda, Paschim Mednipur, West Bengal-721445
2nd address:
H. No. 1197-C, Sector 46-B, Chandigarh
In above titled case, the defendant(s) / respondent(s) could not be served. It is ordered that defendant(s) / respondent(s) should appear in person or through counsel on 21-04-2022 at 10:00 a.m.
For details login to https://hightcourtchd.gov.in/?trs=district_notice&district=Chandigarh
Dated, this day of 17.01.2022
Additional District Judge Chandigarh

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is for general public that Mr. Jeewan Lal & Mrs. Geeta Rani is seeking loan from LIC Housing Finance Ltd Sector-22 Chandigarh. The original Sale Deed dated 28/02/2006 vide Vasika No. 8191 is lost and not traceable despite best efforts and DDR bearing LR No. 202417/2022 dated 27/01/2022 has also been lodged with Punjab Police and if Any person found the same, or in case any person having any claim, right title or interest in the above said Sale Deed/ Property in any manner shall bring the same to the notice of undersigned in writing with supporting documents/evidence within 15 days from the date of this notice, failing which such claim if any shall be considered to be waived off/ abandoned.
AMIT SHARMA & Co, Ch. No. 270, Distt Court Panchkula, Haryana, Mobile. No. 9216087146, 8708484855

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is for the information of General Public that the Environmental Clearance of our Project namely M/s Ambey Industries Located at G.T. Road Sirhind Side, Backside Modern Steel Ltd., Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil-Amloh District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab has been granted by State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority vide EC Identification No. EC22B008PB110354 & File No. SEIAA/PB/IND/2021/EC/21 dated 19-01-2022. Copy of the Environmental Clearance is available with Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala and may be seen there, if desired, on any working day.
By-
M/S AMBEY INDUSTRIES
G.T. Road, Sirhind side, Backside Modern Steel Ltd., Mandi Gobindgarh, Tehsil-Amloh, District-Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public is informed that Neelam w/o Naresh Kumar has lost its previous original Transfer deed dated 16.01.2017 no. 5218 in favour of Parveen Kumar. Kuldeep Singh ss/o Zile Singh for the property situated at Land in Khewat no 600 Khatoni no 738 Rasth Chakri Dabri. Measuring 200 sq. yards. If any person has found/ Intimation/ Possession / Knowledge for above saiddocument then Submit/ Intimate within 15 days to Pankaj Sharma, Advocate, Chamber No.392, Distt. Courts Rohtak-9896553019. Thereafter no claim will be accepted.
Pankaj Sharma, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public is informed that Guddi W/o Jogender Singh has lost its previous original Sale deed dated 13.02.2014 no. 7158 in favour of Usha Kumari W/o Ragbir Singh for the property situated at House bearing Property no JJR/W19/U348 in Subhash Nagar, Jhajjar. Measuring 50 sq. yards. If any person has found/ Intimation/ Possession / Knowledge for above saiddocument then Submit/ Intimate within 15 days to Pankaj Sharma, Advocate, Chamber No.392, Distt. Courts Rohtak-9896553019. Thereafter no claim will be accepted.
Pankaj Sharma, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Sealed tenders are invited for running under mentioned Regimental Shops at 8th Battalion The Dogra Regiment exclusively from desirous Defence personnel's (Widow/ Disabled Solders/ ESM/ Dependent). Initially contract of shops will be given for three years subject to increase in rebate @ 10% per year. Contract may be extended maximum upto five years on the sole discretion of Commanding Officer 8th Battalion The Dogra Regiment.
- (a) Wet Canteen.
- (b) Tailor Shop.
2. Applicants to deposit Earnest Money Rs 10,000/- in form of DD alongwith tender form will only be accepted. Successful bidders have to deposit performance security of an amount to six months of the quoted rebate.
3. All vendors to maintain digital payment facility in the shops.
4. Tender forms alongwith General Instructions for the shops can be obtained with account office (PRI) of 8th Battalion The Dogra Regiment and the same can be obtained till 05 Mar 2022.
5. Tender form duly filled up for the shops should be dropped in tender box kept in Main Gate, 8th Battalion The Dogra Regiment not later than 10.00 AM on 07 Mar 2022.
6. Tender will be opened at 10.00 AM on 14 Mar 2022.

THE GURDASPUR CO-OP. SUGAR MILLS LTD., GURDASPUR
E-TENDER NOTICE
Online e-tenders are invited for sale of 23070 Qtls. sugar on working days of the mills during the month of February 2022.
Tender will be uploaded upto 11:00 AM and can be submitted upto 04:25 PM and will be opened on the same day upto 04:30 PM. DNIT, Terms & Conditions and Sugar Sales Policy can be downloaded from website: www.eproc.punjab.gov.in and www.gurdaspursugar.com.
The undersigned reserve the right to accept, reject or postponed any or all tenders, without assigning any reason. Corrigendum, Amendments if any, will be issued on website only.
GENERAL MANAGER

HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
Registered Office: Radhika, 2nd Floor, Law Garden Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, Pin Code: 380009 Branch Office: Sco 277, 2nd Floor, Sector 32 - D, Chandigarh - 160030

POSSESSION NOTICE
WHEREAS, THE AUTHORISED OFFICER OF HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (IN EXERCISE OF POWERS CONFERRED UNDER SECTION 13(2) READ WITH RULES 3 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ISSUED DEMAND NOTICE TO THE BORROWER/S AS DETAILED HEREUNDER, CALLING UPON THE BORROWERS TO REPAY THE AMOUNT MENTIONED IN THE SAID NOTICE WITH ALL COSTS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES TILL ACTUAL DATE OF PAYMENT WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE SAME, THE SAID BORROWER/CO-BORROWER HAVING FAILED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO BORROWER/CO-BORROWER AND DETAILS OF BORROWER/CO-BORROWERS, GUARANTORS, LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER, LOAN AMOUNT, DETAILS OF SECURITY, DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE, CLAIMED AMOUNT, DATE OF POSSESSION ARE GIVEN HEREIN BELOW

S. NO. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BORROWER/CO-BORROWER/GUARANTOR; 2) LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER; 3) LOAN AMOUNT; DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE; 4) CLAIMED AMOUNT IN NR.; 5) DETAILS OF SECURITIES; 7) DATE OF POSSESSION

1. **NAME OF THE BORROWER & CO-BORROWERS:** RAMJI CATERERS AND COOKING SERVICES H NO 05 KALI MARKET ST NO 03 NIRMAL NAGAR NEAR SHEETLA MATA MANDIR DUGRI LUDHIANA-141001 - and Also - ONE PLOT MEASURING 150 SQ YDS, COMPRISED IN KHASRA NO 286,288, 1249/284-285, 1247/ 284, SITUATED AT VILLAGE DUGRI, H.B. NO. 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