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# BJP stands with Muslims: PM

Brought law to  
end triple talaq,  
freed Muslim  
sisters: Modi

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Amid the ongoing controversy over hijab, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached out to the Muslim women of Uttar Pradesh saying the BJP stands with every Muslim in the State which is reflected the way we got rid of triple talaq.

"Muslim sisters know our good intentions. We made a law against triple talaq and freed Muslim sisters from this malice," Modi said in Saharanpur on Thursday which will go to the polls on February 14.

Saharanpur has around 35 per cent Muslim population and is home to Darul-Uloom Deoband, Asia's biggest seminary.

Realising the importance of Muslim votes, the Prime Minister wooed Muslims and talked about them for at least 10 minutes in his speech.

"Those dealing in vote banks are worried that now even Muslims are supporting Modi. They could not digest that some Muslim women were posting small reels on social media praising the BJP. They



want Muslim women to be pushed back to the medieval age, but BJP and Yogi are committed to protecting Muslim women," Modi said.

He also talked about the scheme Yogi has had initiated for farmers saying the BJP Government has given more money to sugarcane farmers than what the previous governments had given in the last 10 years.

"The BJP Government is taking permanent measures to relieve sugarcane farmers as it has allowed them to make either sugar or ethanol as per market demand. UP farmers have produced ethanol worth ₹12,000 crore and this figure is bound to increase in coming years," the Prime Minister said.

Attacking the Samajwadi Party, the Prime Minister said this party is making hollow promises to the public. The party is only concerned about its family, not about the development of UP. "These people had talked about giving electricity to cities for 22 hours and

RSS' Muslim Wing  
backs burqa-clad girl,  
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**Ayodhya:** Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM), the RSS' Muslim wing, has backed the burqa-clad student who was heckled by youth shouting "Jai Shri Ram" slogans at a Karnataka college, saying "purdah" is part of Indian culture.

villages for 20 hours but they gave electricity only in their native districts," he said and cautioned the public not to fall prey to these people.

He said, "During its rule, the SP had promised to build 500 houses for poor in Saharanpur city but it actually built 200 houses. In comparison, Yogi Adityanath promised 31,000 houses and built 18,000 houses. This is the difference between SP and BJP."

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Don't wear 'religious dress' in schools till court takes final call, HC tells students

PNS ■ BENGALURU

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday asked students to avoid wearing any "religious dress" on campuses of education till the court takes a final call on the hijab controversy. Posting the matter for Monday, the full court said educational institutions can resume classes.

"Till the disposal of the matter, you people should not insist on wearing all these religious things," Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi said.

The three-judge bench of CJ Awasthi, Justices JM Khazi, and Krishna S Dixit, which was formed on Wednesday, said it wanted the matter to be resolved at the earliest but till that time peace and tranquillity is to be maintained.

"We will pass an order. Let the schools and colleges start. But till the matter is resolved, no student should insist on wearing a religious dress," he said.

When the petitioners' lawyer Devadatt Kamat told the court that such an order will amount to suspension of his



client's constitutional rights under article 25, Chief Justice Awasthi said the arrangement is only for a few days till the matter is resolved and asked him to cooperate.

On Wednesday, Justice Dixit, who was hearing the case, referred the case to Justice Awasthi's consideration with a view that a large bench may look into the case.

The hijab row started in December end when a few students started coming to the Government pre-university college in Udipi wearing hijab.

To protest against it, some Hindu students turned up wearing saffron scarves. The row spread to other educational institutions in different parts of the State, and the protests took a violent turn at some place earlier this week, prompting the Government on Tuesday to declare three days holiday for the institutions.

# 61% voter turnout in UP first phase polls

EVM glitches reported from some places, EC says polling peaceful

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA/PNS ■ LUCKNOW/ALIGARH

Amid reports of technical snag in EVMs at some places and names missing from the voters' list, polling in the first phase on Thursday passed off peacefully in Uttar Pradesh with an average of over 60 per cent votes. Election Commission officials said. An average of 61.06 per cent polling was witnessed in UP.

The polling, which started at 7 am, was held in 58 Assembly seats spread across 11 districts in the western part of the State. The Election Commission reported peaceful balloting in the sprawling State's western belt bordering Delhi where the main contest is between the ruling BJP and the combination of the Samajwadi Party and the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD).

The highest polling was reported from Shamali with over 69.42 per cent votes followed by 65.34 per cent in Muzaffarnagar, 61.35 per cent in Baghpat, 60.50 per cent in Hapur, 60.52 per cent in Bulandshahr, 58.51 per cent in Meerut, 58.51 per cent in Mathura, 57.25 per cent in



Security personnel assist a physically challenged person as he arrives in a wheelchair to cast his vote at a polling station during the first phase of UP Assembly elections, in Meerut on Thursday

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Aligarh, 56.61 per cent in Agra, 54.77 per cent in Ghaziabad, and 54.77 per cent in Gautam Budh Nagar.

The Election Commission said that many people were waiting to vote and about 60 per cent of the vote is likely to take place till the end.

After a slow start in the first two hours till 9 am, when just

eight per cent of the electorate had turned out, the momentum picked up as thousands of men and women made it to the polling stations after the sun peeped out to give a respite from the winter chill and fog. The electronic voting machines broke down in some places and were quickly set right.

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# Govt managed Covid-induced eco slump well, says Sitharaman

Congress rule was like 'dark age' in India, says FM

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday claimed the Narendra Modi Government managed the financial crisis better than the UPA Government did in 2008 and said the Congress rule was like "dark age" in India.

"In 2008 financial crisis, Indian GDP took a hit of ₹2.21 lakh crore in terms of reduced gains. In the recent crisis, Indian GDP lost ₹9.57 lakh crore. Despite the disruption to the supply chain, inflation in 2020-21 was 6.2 per cent, whereas, in 2008-09, it was 9.1 per cent," she said while replying to the debate on Union Budget in the Lok Sabha.



"It means that despite the contraction in GDP and much larger loss to GDP we managed to keep the inflation lower than when India suffered a smaller crisis in 2008," the Finance minister said.

Sitharaman said the Indian economy was strong and pointed out that it grew faster than the US economy in the previous financial year. "The Indian economy is projected to grow at 9 per cent in the next financial year, the US is expected to grow at 4 per cent," she said.

"There was indeed Andha Kal (dark age) in the country, but it was during the Congress

rule. Rampant corruption, double-digit inflation, policy paralysis were part of the dark age under Congress rule," the Finance Minister said.

She pointed out under the Modi Government the current account is in surplus despite such a massive crisis. "But in 2008, during a much smaller crisis, the Indian economy was in a current account deficit," she said.

Sitharaman said, "44 unicorns have been identified in this country. They have created wealth. They showcase India's talent and innovation. This has happened between 2020 and 2021."

The Finance Minister noted that every village has been electrified in India, "Andh kaal" (time of darkness) prevailed during their (Congress) rule, whereas now every house has got electricity in every village.

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## CAPSULE

### ASHISH GRANTED BAIL IN LAKHIMPUR CASE

**Lucknow:** The Allahabad High Court on Thursday granted bail to Ashish Mishra, the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra Tani, in the Lakhimpur incident in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed.

### BE AWARE OF FAKE JOB WEBSITES, SAYS NRA

**New Delhi:** The National Recruitment Agency, which is mandated to conduct online examination for Central Government recruitments, has asked people to be aware of fake websites offering jobs in its name. The candidates/aspirants and the general public are advised to keep themselves away from such types of fake advertisements, it said.

### COVID-19: ₹6.15 CRORE OK'D FOR FAMILIES OF 123 DEAD JOURNALISTS

**New Delhi:** The Centre on Thursday said ₹6.15 crore has been approved as financial assistance to families of 123 journalists who died due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

# V-day gift! No more quarantine for fliers from 82 countries

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In a gift to international travellers on Valentine's Day, the Government on Thursday allowed "quarantine-free" entry for travellers from 82 countries or an RT-PCR test on the eighth day from February 14.

This means international passengers arriving in India will no longer have to get tested for Covid-19 at the airport before stepping out. There will be a random sampling of two per cent of international travellers from all countries on arrival. They can give their samples and will be allowed to leave the airport after that. They do not have to wait for the results. The new rules are also an indication that scheduled international flights could be opened soon.

The demarcation of countries 'at-risk' and other coun-

tries removed. Accordingly, need for giving samples on the port of arrival and waiting till the result is obtained from countries 'at-risk' is dispensed with," said Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Twitter.

In its revised guidelines for international arrivals, the Minister of Health and Family Welfare on Thursday said there will be no demarcation of "at-risk" and other countries from February 14 and replaced it with another list of countries on a mutually acceptable basis in respect of which primary vaccination schedule completion certificate is allowed to be uploaded. These include Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, New Zealand, Netherlands, Qatar, Singapore, Switzerland, UK and USA. China is not in the list.

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# Pvt cryptocurrencies a threat to financial stability: RBI Guv

**Mumbai:** RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday made it clear that private cryptocurrencies are a threat to macroeconomic and financial stability and undermine its ability to deal with challenges on the two fronts.

Cautioning investors, the governor said such assets have no underlying whatsoever, "not even a tulip".

The comments are a reiteration of institutional concerns on such assets expressed earlier but assume significance because they come days after the Union Budget put a 30 per cent tax on gains made on such assets.

The crypto stakeholders had welcomed the move as one which "legitimises" their trade.

"Private cryptocurrencies or whatever name you call it are a threat to our macroeconomic stability and financial stability. They will undermine the RBI's ability to deal with



issues of financial stability and macroeconomic stability," Das told reporters.





He added that it is his "duty" to caution investors, and told them to keep in mind that they are investing at their own risk. Using a historical context to make a point on the value of such instruments, Das said, "They also need to keep in mind that the cryptocurrency has no underlying, not even a tulip".

It can be noted that the "tulip mania" of the 17th century is often cited as a classic example of a financial bubble, where the price of something goes up, not due to intrinsic value but because of speculators wanting to make a profit by selling a bulb of the exotic flower.

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# Hindus are not antagonistic towards anyone: Bhagwat

RSS chief was addressing a gathering during Sant Ramanucharya’s millennium birth anniv celebration

**Hyderabad:** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Wednesday said Hindus are so competent that nobody has strength to stand against them even as he stressed that the community is not antagonistic towards anyone.

He was addressing a gathering after attending the millennium birth anniversary celebrations of 11th century saint Sri Ramanujacharya.

"Samarthyha hamare paas aisa hai ki hamare saamane khade rahne ki takat kisi ki nahi hain (Hindus are so competent that nobody has strength to stand against us)," Bhagwat said, adding that the Hindu society is not antagonistic towards anyone.

"We have sustained and thrived for centuries," he added.

Those who tried to destroy Hindus for 1,000 years are now fighting among themselves world over. The only reason that some people have a fear is because they have forgotten who they are, he said.

"They tried to eliminate us but it did not happen... Even today 'Sanatan' Dharmik life of Bharat can be seen here as it is. Despite so many atrocities, we have 'Matra Bhoomi' with us. We have plenty of resources , then why we are afraid? Because we forget ourselves. The reason for apparent weakness is that we have forgotten our holistic view towards life," he said.

Bhagwat further said, "In our country, despite after facing attacks and withstanding brute tyranny, we (Hindus) are still 80 per cent today. Those who are ruling the country and running political parties, most of them are Hindus. It is our country and even today our temples are there and temples are being built. What our traditions taught us is permanent."

He said national interest should be accorded first priority above the interests of self, family, creed, caste, language and other identities.

"Hindu hit yane rashtra hit' should be the first priority and

that is the way we will be a strong and competent nation and then will shun any idea of weakness," Bhagwat said.

Though there is diversity of region, language, religion in the country, all are children of 'Bharat Mata' and this feeling has to be strengthened, he said, adding "We see oneness which has manifested itself in various forms. We appreciate diversity and don't see diversity as difference. We won't discriminate."

According to Bhagwat, the entire world started talking of equality after the French Revolution, but in India the message of equality has been spoken of thousands of years ago and Ramanujacharya's message was also about equality of all.

He said saints at local levels have to come together monthly and discuss how to educate masses on noble living and same way, each family must sit together at least once a week to pray together, eat together and discuss the family and national values.

# ‘Banks sanctioned ₹3.1L crore loans under ECLGS’

FM accuses Cong of destroying public sector telecom companies

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**R**ejecting the allegations of Opposition, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday said banks have sanctioned loans worth ₹3.1 lakh crore under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the MSME sector that was impacted by disruptions due to the coronavirus pandemic. She was replying to the debate on Budget and said that the scheme has been extended till March 2023. The Finance Minister accused Congress was destroying the public sector telecom companies BSNL and MTNL.

"Those MSMEs who still wants to benefit out of it are welcome to use it... The amount of loan sanctioned under the ECLGS is Rs 3.1 lakh crore and guarantee space is still Rs 1.4 lakh crore," she said in her 100-

minute reply to the discussion on Union Budget 2022-23 in Lok Sabha. As much as Rs 2.36 lakh crore have been disbursed to MSMEs, she said adding that PM Mudra Yojana has created 1.2 crore additional employment since its launch in 2015. With regard to employment, she said, urban unemployment has declined to pre-pandemic levels due to various efforts of the government.

Combating Finance Minister accused Congress for bleeding BSNL to almost death. Replying to allegations of Opposition leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, she said "it was unfair to attack the Government" while hushing up the scam days of UPA Government. "Now you are asking why not given 4G to BSNL and MTNL. Your Government blocked 4G and fund flow of to these companies. Modi Government allotted Rs.69,000 crore in 2019 for the revival of BSNL and MTNL."

Finance Minister and BJP MPs accused that Chowdhury was getting messages in his mobile to ask frequent questions and trying to disrupt. "I have been listening to your

speeches saying economy is collapsing. During 2020-21, 44 unicorns have started in India . This is Amrit Kal," she said accusing Opposition MPs for speaking in the debate without reading the Budget.

Replying to Opposition jibes about the next 25 years of Amrit Kaal leading up to India's 100 years of Independence, as mentioned in the Budget, Ms. Sitharaman said that the 'Andh Kaal' (era of darkness) referred to by a member actually occurred due to the Congress.

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"...And not knowing how to deal with the country after the global financial crisis, and India becoming a fragile five economy with policy paralysis, so the Opposition member is referring to the situation they created as Andh Kaal," she asserted.

# SC allows ED to rely on forensic auditors’ report for chargesheet against Unitech ex-promoters

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court Thursday granted permission to Enforcement Directorate to rely on the report of court-appointed forensic auditors in its charge sheet to be filed against Unitech's former promoters Sanjay Chandra, Ajay Chandra and others.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and M R Shah gave permission to the ED to rely on the Grant Thornton report with the probe agency saying it will make the case stronger against the Chandras.

Additional Solicitor General Madhavi Divan, appearing for the ED, submitted that the agency is going to file the charge sheet next week in the money laundering case lodged the Chandras.

"This court has on October 6, 2021 refused to share the forensic auditors report with Chandra brothers and since now ED wants to rely upon the report, the agency is seeking court's permission and modification of the order," Divan said.

The bench said that it is granting the permission, clar-

ifying that the earlier order will not preclude the ED from relying upon the forensic auditors report. The bench also allowed realty firm Unitech's founder Ramesh Chandra to move the special PMLA court at Patiala House Court here to seek bail in a recent case registered against him by the ED.

The top court also allowed Sanjay and Ajay Chandra, currently lodged in Mumbai jails, to have video conference meetings once every fortnight and said that their family members can talk to them as per the jail manual.

On August 26 last year, the apex court had directed that the Chandra brothers be shifted from Tihar Jail in the national capital to Mumbai's Arthur Road Jail and Taloja prison in Maharashtra after the ED had said that they were conducting business from the jail premises in connivance with the staff.

Under the direction of the top court, the Chandra brothers were shifted to jails in Mumbai. Both Sanjay and Ajay, in jail since August 2017, are accused of allegedly siphoning home buyers' money. **PTI**

# Daily Covid cases drop to 894 in Maha

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The daily Covid-19 infections dropped by 894 to touch a tally of 6,248 on Thursday, even as the daily cases in Mumbai dropped marginally to 429.

A day after the state recorded 7,142 infections, the daily cases dropped to 6248. With the fresh infections, the total number of Covid-19 cases in the state rose from 78,23,385 to 78,29,633.

With 45 fresh deaths, the total number of deaths registered in the state since the outbreak of Covid-19 in the state in March 2020 went up from 143247 to 143292.

Mumbai, where the daily infections have been dropping steadily for more than two weeks now, witnessed a small drop in the number of cases from 441 to 429. With the latest cases, the total number of

## Positivity rate 1% in Mumbai

**Mumbai:** As the daily Covid-19 cases in Mumbai dropped to 429, the Covid-19 positivity rate in the metropolis touched 1 per cent on Thursday, 56 days after the positivity rate had increased to 1 per cent on December 21, 2021. Announcing this, Mumbai Municipal Commissioner I S Chahal said: "In the third Covid-19 wave, Mumbai had 2.85 lakh cumulative positive cases or even higher if we add self testing at home and an average of 5.5 deaths per day during 56 days of the 3rd wave (312 deaths in 56 days)". "This is one of the lowest single digit mortality rates in the third wave for any comparable city at national or international level. It is a matter of great satisfaction and pride for us all," Chahal said. **PNS**

cases in Mumbai mounted from 10,52,617 to 10,53,046.

As 18,942 Covid-19 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March 2020 increased from 75,93,291 to 76,12,233. The recovery rate in the state rose from 97.06 per

cent to 97.22 per cent.

The number of "active cases" in the state dropped from 82,893 to 70,150. The fatality rate in the state stood static at 1.83 per cent.

The active cases in Pune dropped to 19832. The active cases in Mumbai dropped from 4096 on Wednesday to 3698 on Thursday, while the active cases in the neighbouring Thane

rose from 4887 On Wednesday to 4411 on Thursday.

Nagpur accounted for 9600 active cases, followed by Ahmednagar (5542), Nashik (3055) and Aurangabad (3131).

Of the 7,60,40,567 samples sent to various laboratories across the state so far, 78,29,633 have tested positive (10.30 per cent) for COVID-19 until Thursday.

Currently, 5,53,175 people are in home quarantine while 2,386 people are in institutional quarantine.

Meanwhile, as many as 121 fresh Omicron cases were recorded in Maharashtra on Wednesday, resulting in the total number of the new Covid-19 variant cases going up to 3,455. Till Wednesday evening, 8081 samples had been sent for genome sequencing, out of which, results of 7,179 patients have been received. 902 results are awaited.

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# Centre has filed appeal in SC against Madras HC setting aside ‘speed’ notification: Gadkari

**New Delhi:** Union Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday said the Centre has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the Madras High Court's decision to set aside a central government notification fixing 120 kmph as the speed limit for vehicles plying on highways.

Gadkari further said he wants to finalise a Bill which will be introduced in Parliament to revise the speed limits for vehicles for different categories of roads.

"The Madras High Court has reduced the speed limit for vehicles plying on highways... We have filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the decision of Madras High Court," he said.

Last year, the Madras High Court had set aside a notification of the central government, fixing 120 kmph as the speed limit for vehicles plying on highways.

"There is no unanimity on what should be speed limit for vehicles for different categories

of roads," the road transport and highways minister said. He stressed that there is a need to synchronise speed limit for vehicles for different categories of roads.

Last year, Gadkari had said he is in favour of increasing the maximum speed limit on expressways to 140 km per hour.

He had said while the speed limit on national highways should be at least 100 km per hour on four-lane roads, the same for two-lane roads and

city roads should be 80 kmph and 75 kmph. The present speed limit for cars on expressways is 120 kmph. On national highways, the speed limit is 100 kmph.

The high court had also raised a set of 12 queries, the first of which was for a direction to the central government to reconsider its 2018 notification increasing the speed limit to 120 kmph.

In its report, the Centre had justified its action in increasing the speed limit.

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# V-day gift!...

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"The passengers will no longer be required to do a seven-day mandatory quarantine. The passengers will no longer be required to get tested on the eighth day after arrival and upload their test results to the government portal," it said. Apart from uploading a negative RT-PCR report (taken 72 hours before the journey), there will be an

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Most of the initial voting took place in urban areas but people poured out of their homes in rural areas too as the hours progressed.

Additional Chief Election Officer (ACEO) BD Ram Tiwari said polling is going on peacefully. "There were reports of a technical error in EVMs at some places. Those EVMs are being replaced," he said. On Samajwadi Party's allegation that poor voters were not allowed to exercise their franchise in Dundukheda village in the Kairana Assembly constituency, Tiwari said the district magistrate concerned has been asked to look into the matter.

Meanwhile, in the first phase of staggered Assembly elections on Thursday, many voters couldn't exercise their franchise as their names were missing from the voters' list. In Mathura constituency, an elderly man expressed disappointment after he was told that his name was missing. "I could not vote," he said. He claimed that several others too went back home disappointed due to similar problems.

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He also talked about how the poor were provided food grains during the pandemic while during the SP regime ration, meant for the poor, was sold in the open market.

He appealed to the people to vote for the Government that works for the poor and implements the schemes on the ground. "This is the power of double engine government because it believes in Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas," he said.

Reminding people of the Muzaffarnagar riots, the PM said during that regime this region also witnessed riots in which violence was unleashed under political patronage. Criminals who instigated those riots are now partners of the SP-RLD alliance. The Yogi Government has taken action against the criminals and sent them to jail. They are now angry and want to take revenge.

The Prime Minister praised the work done by the Yogi Government in the field of law and order and said that as a result of this, investors have got confidence in Uttar Pradesh and huge investments are coming in the State.

# BJP stands...

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The bidding document (s) consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded through the Departmental website [www.dirflorikmr.in](http://www.dirflorikmr.in) / [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of date given below:-

1.	Period of downloading of bidding document	08.02.2022 from 03:00 PM to 28.02.2022 up to 02:00 PM
2.	Bid submission Start Date	08.02.2022 from 03:30 PM
3.	Bid submission End Date	28.02.2022 up to 02:00 PM
4.	Date and time of Opening of Tenders (Online)	03.03.2022 at 02:00 PM

The security deposit money exceeding 2% shall be adjustable towards approved bid amount in favour of the successful bidder. The CDR's of the bidders who offer below the reserve bid shall be forfeited.  
In case of any eventuality, the date of opening will be considered on any other convenient working day.  
**Sd/- Accounts Officer (Member secretary)**  
**No. DIPK-17795/21 Dated:- 09-02-2022**



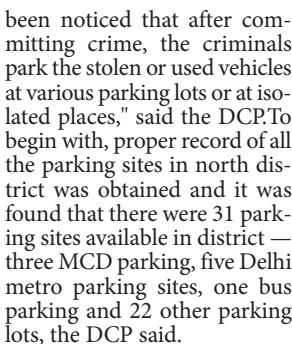
As per the gazette notification, aggregators and delivery services will have to ensure that 50 per cent of all their new two-wheelers and 25 per cent of new four-wheelers are electric by March 2023. They will also have to ensure that 10 per cent of all new two-wheelers and five per cent of all new four-wheelers are electric in the next three months. Environment Minister

Gopal Rai stated that the Delhi Government will continue to engage citizens in implementing such forward-looking policies in the fight against pollution. Reena Gupta, Advisor to Environment Minister, said that this policy marks an important milestone in Delhi Government's goals of reducing air pollution by 30 per cent by 2024. "The CAQM should also direct other states to adopt similar aggregator regulations in the larger NCR region. Aggregators and delivery services would need to ensure 10 per cent of all new two-wheelers and five percent of all new four-wheelers are electric in the next three months. Aggregators and delivery services will have to ensure 50 per cent of all new two-wheelers

The draught policy first notified on the January 14, 2022, has now been put up in the public domain through <http://it.delhigovt.nic.in/pis/noc/egazettes.asp>, inviting suggestions and objections of the general public within a period of 60 days. As a result, any feedback received would be incorporated into the policy and announced for implementation. The draft policy has now been put in the public domain inviting suggestions and objections of the general public within a period of 60 days from 25th January 2022, the official publication date of the gazette notification, post which it would be notified for implementation.

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According to Sagar Singh Kalsi, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) North district, in order to trace the stolen vehicles, operation Khojbeen was launched in north district on November 1, 2021. "It has been observed that many robbers, snatchers and auto-lifters have disclosed that they prefer to commit crime on stolen vehicles to evade their arrest. It has further



The foot patrolling staff was directed to conduct search operation on regular basis in their area of jurisdiction, the DCP said. Some criminals also disclosed that before the theft of the targeted vehicle to be used in crime, they stole number plates of another vehicle with similar make and colour from another place. After this, they have a stolen motorcycle covered with fake number plates of another vehicle having same make and color which reduces their chance getting suspected by the police during checking or being apprehended, said the DCP. Normally, people do not lodge FIR about the theft of number plates of their vehicle and file NCR in this regard. As a result, usually this data is not available with police staff picket checking.

**The construction of this unique skywalk was a major engineering challenge including disruptions due to Covid-19**

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A senior DMRC official said that the newly constructed Skywalk is an extension of the foot over bridge (FOB) inside the Railway station and connects the Ajmeri Gate Side of the station with the New Delhi Metro stations of Yellow Line and Airport Line including the multilevel parking side across Bhavbhuti Marg through multiple entry and exit points.

The completion work of the skywalk was thoroughly inspected today by Dr Manglu Singh, Managing Director, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation in the presence of senior officials, he said, adding that apart from providing seamless connectivity, the skywalk will also help in streamlining the traffic flow on Ajmeri Gate side of the railway station.

The Skywalk has been provided with six escalators along with facilities such as CCTV surveillance cameras, toilets; ticketing counter, signage and a DMX controlled autonomous lighting system. The beautifully designed skywalk has integrated escalator & stairs reminiscent of Jantar Mantar comprising Agra Stone Cladding. The main bridge and arms branching to the entry/exits, escalators and underground line are approximately 242 metres in length," he said. The construction of this unique skywalk in a hub witnessing significant traffic was a major engineering challenge including the disruptions posed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The structure had to be built above a functional underground Metro station with major traffic movement on Bhavbhuti Marg. Also, the bridge had to be connected to two pre-existing building structures at the far ends ensuring minimum inconvenience to the people, infrastructure and other buildings nearby.

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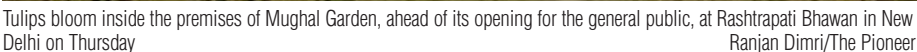
The prison officials confirmed the development and said that the sentence period of Ajay Chautala is completed and he was released formally on Thursday.

"Chautala was admitted in Tihar Jail on January 16, 2013 for a conviction term of 10 years in a CBI case. During his incarceration, he earned total remission of two years,

Former Haryana chief Minister OP Chautala, his elder son Ajay Chautala, and 53 others, including IAS officer Sanjiv Kumar, were convicted and sentenced in the case of illegal recruitment of 3,206 junior basic teachers in 2000.

They all were sentenced to varying jail terms in the case by a special CBI court in January 2013.

OP Chautala earlier freed from Tihar jail last year.

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During the occasion, the Chief Guest, Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog unveiled the logo. Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh Asthana, the Delhi Police Commissioner recounted the glorious history of Delhi Police through these years in becoming a most professional force in the service of citizens.

Asthana emphasized that it has always learned and renovated itself in adapting to social change induced by economic

Addressing the gathering, Kant said that 75 years in the life of a police force was a very unique occasion. "The evolution of Delhi city as the national capital is organically linked to that of Delhi Police and managing a city of over 3 crore population which is more than the combined population of 20 European nations is an extraordinarily challenging task," said Kant. Stating that the crime is the biggest issue in any society for ease of living, Kant outlined the importance of professional police for economic development of the nation.

"Delhi Police is already seen as an efficient organization with its capabilities of security, crime control and fighting ter-

The Niti Aayog CEO emphasized on data to drive changes and data driven competitiveness to achieve efficiency and performance in crime control and prevention.

“The challenges posed by repeat offenders can be solved with data driven analysis and technological applications. Delhi Police is data rich and can use this for predictive policing in crime and for intelligent traffic management,” Kant observed.

**Gurugram :** The newly-appointed Deputy Commissioner of Gurugram Nishant Kumar Yadav said that necessary arrangements would be made to provide better public facilities and services to the people and to redress the problems of the people at the earliest.

"The focus will be on making public dealing simple and accessible in all government offices in Gurugram district," Yadav said.

Nishant Kumar Yadav is a 2013 batch IAS officer. He has done engineering from IIT Delhi. After doing engineering, he has served in a multinational company in Gurugram in 2010-11. After getting selected in IAS, he has served as SDM

in Sonipat, ADC in Karnal and  
Municipal Commissioner.

He has also been the secretary of the Haryana Public Service Commission.

A 31-year-old Yadav was posted as the Deputy Commissioner of Karnal before posted to Gurugram.

"The administration will adopt several measures to remove traffic congestion in Gurugram and it will be on priority to improve the connectivity so that commuters do not face difficulty in moving from one place to another. Apart from this, there will be an emphasis on understanding the problems of the people and redressal their grievances and improving public service delivery," Yadav said.

**Gurugram:** Six floors reportedly collapsed around 6.30 pm at Chintels Paradiso, a high rise residential society located in sector 109 on Dwarka Expressway in which two died and 5-6 people are still trapped on Thursday.

Commissioner of Gurugram police, fire officials and teams of civil defence, SDRF and NDRF have also been reached on the spot.

However, the number of people trapped in the building's debris is yet to be ascertained but initial reports suggest as many as 5-6 could be trapped.

Meanwhile, the rescue teams started digging the debris to rescue the trapped residents.

According to the district

administration spokesperson, The ceiling and lenter of the sixth floor collapsed and damaged lenters till the first floor.

The initial report suggested that two were dead while half a dozen persons were feared trapped.

There is a total of 530 flats and 420 families are living in it. The Fire brigade, ambulance and police forces are present on the spot and rescue work is going on.

"We received information that a portion of a residential society has collapsed. At the spot, an under-construction lenter of the sixth floor collapsed till the first floor and damaged all floor lenter. The number of people trapped in the building's debris is yet to be

ascertained but we suspect that around 5-6 could be trapped," Gulshan Kalra, Deputy Director Fire Department said.

In some parts of society, construction is still going on.

Chintels in a statement said "This is an extremely unfortunate incident and we have taken it very seriously as the safety of our residents is our utmost concern. Upon preliminary investigations, we have come to know that some negligence in repair work done by the contractor in an apartment led to this incident. We are fully cooperating with the authorities and ensuring all support. We extend our heartfelt condolence to the affected families."

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Extract of the Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine months ended 31 December 2021																
(₹ in Crore)																
S.No.	Particulars	Standalone				Consolidated										
		Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended	Year ended						
		31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020	31.03.2021	31.03.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020	31.03.2021						
		(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Un-audited)	(Audited)						
1	Total Income from Operations	10,636.56	10,311.35	31,393.94	29,821.62	40,527.11	10,723.61	10,359.48	31,629.96	40,823.53						
2	Net Profit before Exceptional Items and Tax (Including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	4,211.85	4,331.02	12,374.00	11,961.44	16,103.56	4,178.22	4,446.57	12,524.53	16,579.35						
3	Net Profit before Tax (after exceptional items)(including Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (net of tax))	4,211.85	4,331.02	15,543.58	10,882.80	15,024.92	4,178.22	4,446.57	15,538.50	15,500.71						
4	Net Profit after Tax for the period	3,349.44	3,323.85	12,773.12	8,420.17	11,935.78	3,292.97	3,367.71	12,667.63	12,036.46						
5	Total Comprehensive Income comprising net Profit after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income	3,335.58	3,333.07	13,071.48	8,431.86	11,961.14	3,278.81	3,376.99	12,965.70	12,061.95						
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value of share : ₹10/- each)	6,975.45	5,231.59	6,975.45	5,231.59	5,231.59	6,975.45	5,231.59	6,975.45	5,231.59						
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance sheet	68,699.41	62,910.61	68,699.41	62,910.61	64,347.25	68,995.34	63,256.40	68,995.34	64,704.48						
8	Securities Premium Account	7,834.43	9,578.29	7,834.43	9,578.29	9,578.29	7,834.43	9,578.29	7,834.43	9,578.29						
9	Net worth	75,674.86	68,142.20	75,674.86	68,142.20	69,578.84	75,970.79	68,487.99	75,970.79	69,936.07						
10	Paid up Debt Capital	1,30,356.45	1,41,820.66	1,30,356.45	1,41,820.66	1,41,251.48	1,30,356.45	1,41,820.66	1,30,356.45	1,41,410.33						
11	Debt Equity Ratio	63:37	68:32	63:37	68:32	67:33	63:37	67:33	63:37	67:33						
12	Earnings per equity share including movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.80	4.76	18.31	12.07	17.11	4.72	4.83	18.16	17.26						
13	Earnings per equity share excluding movement in Regulatory Deferral Account Balances (Face value of ₹10/- each): Basic and Diluted (in ₹)	4.90	4.22	18.15	10.97	16.54	4.82	4.28	18.01	16.74						
14	Bonds Redemption Reserve	5,881.58	7,599.20	5,881.58	7,599.20	7,387.97	5,881.58	7,599.20	5,881.58	7,387.97						
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.45	1.79	1.63	1.69	1.80	1.45	1.83	1.62	1.81						
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	4.83	4.41	5.10	4.01	4.16	4.78	4.50	5.11	4.26						
<b>Notes:</b>																
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and Nine months Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly and Nine months Consolidated and Standalone Financial Results is available on the Investor Relations section of our website https://www.powergrid.in and under Corporates Section of BSE Limited & National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.bseindia.com and https://www.nseindia.com respectively.																
2 Previous periods figures have been regrouped/rearranged wherever considered necessary.																
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# TRS MPs move Privilege Motion against PM over T formation remark

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The Rajya Sabha witnessed din for a short while on Thursday with Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) members protesting against Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks on bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. The agitated members also submitted a notice for privilege against Modi. They later walked out of the House.

Leader of Opposition M Mallikarjun Kharge also tried to raise the issue during the din

soon after the proceedings began for the day. Deputy Chairman Harivansh, however, did not allow him to do so and urged the agitating members to let the house function. Some of them also trooped into the well.

The notice addressed to the Rajya Sabha chairman was submitted to the secretary general of the House on Thursday morning.

The MPs of TRS who have signed the privilege notice are K Keshava Rao, Joganipally Santosh Kumar, K R Suresh Reddy and B Lingaiah Yadav.

Replying to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address, Modi in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday had referred to the manner in which Telangana was formed.

"The shameless manner in which Andhra Pradesh was bifurcated. Mikes were shut, chillies were sprayed and there was no discussion. Was this manner right? Was it democracy," he had asked, noting that there is friction between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana even today.

Taking exception to his remarks on the Andhra

Pradesh Reorganisation Act, TRS MP Rao on Thursday wanted to raise the issue soon after the laying of papers in the House.

Harivansh did not allow, saying the notice has been received on Thursday and the Chairman will take a call on it.

Soon after the start of the Zero Hour, Rao was on his feet seeking to raise the matter and other TRS MPs were in the well protesting against the prime minister's remarks.

The Deputy Chairman said the matter was under consideration of the Chairman and

did not allow the TRS leader to speak during the Zero Hour. The TRS MPs then staged a walkout in protest.

Kharge backed the agitating members and objected to the remarks made by the Prime Minister saying the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Bill was passed by both the houses. The chair, however, did not allow him to speak on the issue.

Moving the notice, the TRS MPs said they wish to move a Privilege Motion under Rule 187, against Prime Minister Modi for his state-

ment in the Rajya Sabha on February 8 during the motion of Presidential Address on the passing of the AP

Reorganization Bill in most 'shameful manner' in the two Houses of Parliament.

They staged a walkout as

Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu declined to accept the Privilege Motion against the PM.

## Modi ji lauta de mere beete huye din, Cong leaders takes a swipe

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Taking a swipe at the "achche din" tagline of the BJP, Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury on Thursday said "Modiji lauta de mere beete huye din" as he described the Union Budget as "hawabazi" - a "zilch" - with no solution to unemployment, price rise, poverty and the four-fold increase in NPAs in the banking sector.

Participating in the discussion on the general budget in the Lok Sabha, Chowdhury said "this is a Capitalist budget" which has nothing for poor, backwards, middleclass and the farmers.

He said national survey says farmers' income in seven years has come down to Rs 27 per day with 24 farmers committing suicide per day.

"Kisan kehte hain Modiji lauta de mere beete Huye din", the Congress MP said.

Hitting-out at Prime

Minister Narendra Modi for insulting Jawaharlal Nehru, he said it is because of Nehru and Congress policies that poor get free ration and programmes and policies like MNREGA and right to education and health are being followed. "Is it not socialism", he asked as Congress president Sonia Gandhi was seen helping Chowdhury with more facts.

The Congress MP said "non-performing assets had increased four times under the NDA government" and that that the "majority of consumables like lentils and oils" had seen a sharp price rise in last few years.

Lashing-out at the government for promising 400 'Vande Bharat', trains in three years, the Congress leader said the programme is "in cold storage" and "manufacturing has barely started".

Reeling out figures, Chowdhury said on January

2022, unemployment rate is 7.9 percent, price rise 12 percent, inflation 6 per cent and this apart 60 lakh industries shut down and four crore and sixty lakh people were brought down to poverty line, he said.

Slamming the government for an "empty Budget", he said India was promised 'Achche Din' but it's now saying 'Modi ji lauta do mere beete bure din'.

He also charged government with giving different data on unemployment in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Chowdhury said that the government told Lok Sabha that there ws no unemployment in India whereas it told Rajya Sabha that a huge number of people died by suicide due to unemployment.

He cited newspaper report that more than 1000 people died of starvation.

"In Lok sabha you say no unemployment but in Rajya Sabha you say labour participation is low..", he said.

## Govt to notify road safety standards soon, says Gadkari

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Giving utmost priority to the vehicle safety standards, Union Roads & Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Thursday announced that very soon the Government will notify mandatory standards like crash testing of vehicles, seat belts, alarm detection for dozing drivers, etc, based on which a vehicle will be star rated just on lines of other machinery products happening world over including India.

Addressing a Press Conference on 'Automobile Safety Ecosystem in India', Gadkari highlighted points to offer regarding the general safety of cars in India.

Elaborating on other safety systems under implementation Gadkari spoke about Electronic Stability Control, Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS), Transport of dangerous goods, ease of mobility for Divyangian, Driver Drowsiness Attention Warning System (DDAW), Blind Spot Information System, Advanced Driver Assisting system and Lane Departure Warning System (LDWS).

Gadkari said the steps are being taken as still as many as 1.5 lakh people die every year in 5 lakh road accidents across the country and all the stakeholders of transport sector are aiming to reduce these fatalities by 50 per cent within next two years.

The Minister further said the Government has made it mandatory for automakers to provide three-point seat belts for all front-facing passengers in a car. "The norm will also be applicable for the middle seat in the rear row of a car," the Union minister.

"I have signed a file on Wednesday to make it mandatory for automakers to provide three-point seat belts for all the front facing passengers in a car," the road transport and highways minister said.



Presently, only the front seats and two rear seats in most cars produced in the country have three-point seat belts. However, the centre or middle rear seat in these cars come equipped with only a two-point or lap seat belt, similar to the ones provided in aircraft seats.

Gadkari said there has to be zero tolerance for road accidents. Road safety is a very serious issue and there should be zero tolerance for road accidents, Gadkari emphasized on requirement of 4 additional airbags and 3-point seat belt for improving safety provisions.

There will also be an aim to have an independent agency (Bharat NCAP) give out ratings to automobiles in the country based on their safety features, the Minister said.

The Minister said a system is being proposed for star rating of the vehicle based on the standards and protocol, to improve upon the safety of the vehicle. He said this will enable the purchaser of the vehicle to take informed decisions.

The Minister emphasized on importance of reducing sound pollution and use of Electric vehicles. Gadkari said the need of the hour is to create mass awareness for road safety measures by information dissemination through media and peoples participation.

## BJP Govt has started employing youths in 'vigilante sector': Opp

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Congress MPs in Rajya Sabha on Thursday took a dig at the BJP for rising unemployment, saying the ruling party members in the Budget discussion have claimed that the Government has generated a lot of job opportunities, which were in fact in the "vigilante sector".

Congress MP from Karnataka Syed Nasir Hussain alleged that after having failed to provide jobs to youth it has started employing them in the new "vigilante sector".

Participating in the discussion on the Union budget in the Rajya

Sabha, he said different departments of this new sector are cow vigilante, love-jihad vigilante, new year disruption vigilante, valentine day disruptions vigilante, anti-conversion vigilante and the latest being hijab vigilante department. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will reply on the Budget on Friday on the last day schedule of the first part of the Budget session. There will be no Question Hour and Zero Hour in Rajya Sabha in Friday to facilitate the completion of the discussion on Union Budget.

Congress member Rajmani Patel criticised the government for not fulfilling the promises made by the BJP-ruled government in the past seven years such as doubling farmers' income by 2022. He also attacked the ruling bench for rising unemployment and widening the gap between rich and poor.

Raising the issue of rising unemployment and vacant posts in government departments, RJD MP Manoj Kumar Jha suggested that the government immediately start work on the job calendar and fill it. Referring to the recent protests in Bihar and some parts of Uttar Pradesh over recruitment exams for Railways, Jha, said people are losing their patience.

"Why your growth is faceless and jobless and now you

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claim to make India a 5 trillion dollar economy," Jha said.

Vandana Chavan of NCP highlighted the issues faced by the cities in the country and suggested some immediate measures.

Chavan also suggested constitution of a special cadre for municipal services like IAS, IFS and IRS considering the fact that the municipal corporation is now required urban planners, economists, management professionals, ecologists, geologists and experts on water and environment and all these are missing at the moment.

Independent MP Ajit Kumar Bhuyan raised issues faced by Assam and Northeastern states and highlighted an increase in the number of joblessness in the region.

Abdul Wahab of IUML stressed on peace and harmony in the society for economic growth of the country. "We need to eradicate the hate economy from our country because it is a slow poison".

BJP MP KJ Alphonso said that the contribution of industrialists and corporate houses that are creating jobs and making large investments in the country must be recognised.

Tearing into opposition's allegations that rich are growing richer and that government policies were benefitting corporate houses, Alphonso hit back saying all key economic indicators showed that the Modi-government had steered the country to the path of growth, amid the pandemic.

Participating in the general discussion on Budget, the BJP member informed the Rajya Sabha that the government has spent money in build-

ing large infrastructure, toilets, hospitals, roads, houses, and in the process also created jobs.

On the opposition's jibes on industrialists, Alphonso argued that while every country honours people who create jobs, the opposition believes in shaming them.

## PM to address high-level segment of One Ocean Summit

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the high-level segment of the One Ocean Summit on Friday. Heads of States, including Germany, United Kingdom, Japan, Canada and South Korea, will also participate and address the conclave.

Giving details of the Prime Minister's schedule, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said, Modi will address the high-



level segment of the One Ocean Summit at around 2:30 p.m. through a video message.

The One Ocean Summit is being organised by France from February 9 to 11 in Brest, France, in cooperation with the United Nations and the World Bank. The PMO further said the objective of the summit is to mobilise the international community to take tangible action towards preserving and supporting healthy and sustainable ocean ecosystems.

Around 40 world leaders are due to make "ambitious and concrete commitments" towards combating illegal fishing, decarbonising shipping and reducing plastic pollution at the first high-level summit dedicated to the ocean.

The summit convened by French President Emmanuel Macron will also focus on efforts to improve governance of the high seas and coordinating international scientific research.

## Manipur polls rescheduled; now on Feb 28, March 5

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Election Commission (EC) on Thursday rescheduled the dates for the two-phase Assembly polls in Manipur which will now be held on February 28 and March 5. Earlier, the polls were to be held on February 27 and March 3. The decision to reschedule the first phase of polls comes after the demand by Christian groups to hold elections on any day other than Sunday. Recently, the EC had rescheduled the Punjab poll from February 14 to February 20 following demands and the state government and various political parties.

In a statement, EC said the decision is based on inputs, representations, past precedent, logistics, ground situations and "all facts and circumstances in the matter". A high level team of EC, headed by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra visited Manipur on February 7-8 to take stock of the preparedness of the polls.

The All Manipur Christian Organisation (AMCO) had filed a petition before the poll panel, citing that Sunday is a day of prayer for the community. On February 3, the Christian organisation had raised objections to the date for first phase of the elections scheduled to be held on February 27. Members of the body said that February 27 being a Sunday, is a day of worship for the Christian community which accounts for more than 41 per cent of the state's population, according to Census 2011.

On February 7, the members of the organisation staged a sit-in protest at many places in the state. The AMCO also warned of intensifying the agitation if the authorities do not fulfill their demand.

## RTI reveals rent of Sonia's official house not paid for months, BJP takes a dig

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The Congress has failed to pay the dues for three bungalows, including 10 Janpath, an official residence of Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi, bungalow no. 26, Akbar Road (office of the Congress frontal wing Seva Dal), bungalow no. C-II/109, Chanakyapuri. This has been revealed in an RTI reply by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

In reply to an RTI filed by activist Sujit Patel from Mithapur, Gujarat, the Ministry said the dues for 10, Janpath were last paid in September 2020 the monthly rent accounted for the same is Rs. 4610/- only. For the 26, Akbar Road bungalow which is a type VIII property next to Congress' headquarters at 24, Akbar Road, the monthly rent for which is more than Rs. 12 lakh has not been cleared since December 2012.

The Bungalow in Chanakyapuri which is used as a residence, occupied by Vincent George, personal secretary to Sonia Gandhi has been in possession of the Congress Party with a monthly rent of Rs. 5,07,911/-. Dues for the same has not been deposited since August 2013. The ministry's response to the RTI came on February 7, 2022.

Earlier in 2020, the Directorate of Estates, under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has resurrected a two-year-old proposal to evict the Congress from the four prime properties: 24 Akbar Road (which houses the All India Congress Committee headquarters since 1976), 26 Akbar Road (Congress' Seva Dal office), 5 Raisina Road (Indian Youth Congress office) and CII/109 Chanakyapuri. The directorate had first moved this proposal in 2018. The eviction proceedings had first been initiated



ed by the government in January 2015.

Spread across 5,181 square meters in New Delhi, 10 Janpath has remained the private residence of Sonia Gandhi since the time of Rajiv Gandhi's assassination in 1991. Reportedly, the property is bigger than 7, Lok Kalyan Marg which is the official residence of the Prime Minister of India. The current Congress headquarters of the Congress party – 24, Akbar Road lies right behind this property possessed by Sonia Gandhi.

BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya on Thursday claimed that Sonia Gandhi has not paid house rent for the bungalow on Janpath for as long as one and a half years. The BJP leader took a dig at the Opposition leader and said that she was vocal about paying ticket charges for the migrant workers but didn't even pay her rent.

Amit Malviya took to his Twitter handle and shared a reply to an RTI application claiming that Congress leader Sonia Gandhi has defaulted rent for the past 1.5 years. Sharing details of the same on Twitter, Malviya took a dig at the Congress leader and her approach to the migrant workers' travel setup during the COVID-19 induced lockdown.

## INTUC demands priority in coal supplies to CPP based industries

**■ NEW DELHI**

In the wake of developing coal crisis in Chhattisgarh due to SECL's (South Eastern Coal Fields Limited), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), decision to supply coal outside the state, Sanjay Kumar Singh, National Secretary General, INTUC and President, Chhattisgarh INTUC has asked the government to take cognizance of the matter and take appropriate measures to supply sufficient coal to industries based in coal producing states like Chhattisgarh.

Mr Singh has requested the PM in a letter to take requisite measures as the lack of coal supply to Captive Power Plants can lead to closure of several industrial units, creating a situation of wide scale unemployment thus leading to a massive social unrest in different states.

Mr Singh mentions in the letter that the coal produced by SECL is supplied to the industries of Chhattisgarh as well as to the ones established outside

the state. Since the course of past one year, SECL is consistently declining the share of coal supplied to the industries situated in Chhattisgarh and has eventually increased the share of coal supply outside the state. This has given rise to existential crisis for several CPP based industrial units in the state.

Chhattisgarh constitutes around 18 per cent of the national coal reserves which means that 56 billion tonne coal is present in the state. More than 250 industrial units in Chhattisgarh are dependent on Captive Power Plants for their smooth business operations and require around 32 million tonne of coal annually which is around 19 per cent of total production of SECL. Presently CIL is unable to fulfill the coal requirements of CPP based industries in different states of Chattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Jharkhand despite producing sufficient coal annually.

Mr. Singh on behalf of INTUC has demanded the fulfillment of coal demands of industrial units in Chhattisgarh and other states on a priority basis by making appropriate arrangements of supply via both roadways and railways. He has also asked CIL to make necessary arrangements for coal supply to Non Power Sector at the earliest.

Along with this, Mr Singh has criticized the policies of the Central Government to supply coal to neighbouring countries of Nepal and Bhutan in the wake of severe coal crisis in the country. He also said that the country is producing sufficient amount of coal but due to wrong allocation policies of government a situation of loss of employment can arise in the near future.

Mr. Singh has warned the officials of massive agitation if the present scenario continues and said that the INTUC will block the coal traffic in different states for which the CIL administration will be solely responsible.

## ‘Tiger deaths rise to 127 in ’21 from 106 in 20’

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI**

The Government on Thursday admitted in the Rajya Sabha that tiger deaths increased to 127 in 2021 compared to 106 deaths in 2020. It attributed various reasons for the increased mortality including old age.

Some Elders including Sushil Modi (BJP) and Jairam Ramesh (Congress) also expressed concern over poaching and increasing human-animal conflict.

Fielding questions on the issue in the house, Minister for Environment Bhupendra Yadav said the number of tiger deaths in 2019 stood at 96. He said there are many reasons for the death of the feline like old age, infighting among tigers, elec-

trocution and poaching.

As reported by states, the tiger mortality stood at 127 during

2021. Last year, the maximum 42 deaths were reported in Madhya Pradesh, followed by 27 in Maharashtra, 15 in Karnataka and nine deaths in Uttar Pradesh.

"The average life span of the tigers in the wild is generally 10-12 years and in natural ecosystem, factors like old age, diseases, internecine fights, electrocution, snaring, drowning, road, rail hits, among others, and a very high infant mortality observed in big cats, including tigers, account for majority of the tiger deaths," Yadav said.

He said the government is making efforts to manage animal-human conflicts, and also

taking stringent actions against poaching.

The minister, however, maintained that the tiger population has doubled.

"...The tiger numbers increased as per the latest estimation done in 2018, with an estimated number of 2,967 (range 2603-3346) as compared to 2014 estimation of 2,226 (range 1945-2491). India is the largest tiger range country in the world and has now more than 75 per cent of the global tiger population," Yadav said.

The day-to-day management and implementation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act is done by the states, he said.

Jairam Ramesh drew the attention of the house to tigers now coming close to the outskirts of Bhopal thereby raising

the danger of human-animal conflict.

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# Union Min’s son granted bail in Lakhimpur case

**Lucknow:** The Allahabad High Court on Thursday granted bail to Ashish Mishra, the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni, in the Lakhimpur incident in which eight people including four farmers were killed. The Lucknow bench of the court had reserved its order on January 18 on Ashish Mishra's plea after concluding the hearing through video-conferencing.

On Thursday, Justice Rajeev Singh granted bail to him in the case. The counsel appearing on behalf of the Union minister's son had told the court that his client was innocent and there was no evidence against him that he

incited the driver of a vehicle to crush the farmers.

Opposing the plea, Additional Advocate General V K Shahi had said that at the time of the incident, Ashish Mishra was in the car that mowed down the farmers.

After hearing the pleas, the bench of Justice Rajeev Singh had reserved its order. On October 3 last year, eight people were killed in Lakhimpur Kheri during violence that erupted when farmers were protesting against Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya's visit to the area.

Ashish Mishra is one of the accused in the incident. **PTI**

## BSF seizes nine Pak fishing boats in creek area near Kutch

**Ahmedabad:** The Border Security Force (BSF) seized nine Pakistani fishing boats in Harami Nala creek area along the Indo-Pak maritime border near Kutch district of Gujarat on Thursday morning, officials said.

After the seizure, the security agency launched a search operation in the creek area to find out if any more such boats from the neighbouring country have entered Indian waters, they said.

“During a routine patrolling, BSF personnel had released a camera-mounted UAV in the sky to get a bird's eye view of the area. During one such UAV mission, we found nine fishing boats in Harami Nala. BSF patrol boats quickly reached the spot and seized those boats belonging to the fishermen from Pakistan,” G S Malik, Inspector General of the BSF's Gujarat Frontier, told **PTI**.

So far, no Pakistani fisherman has been nabbed as those on board these boats might have fled to the Pakistani side after learning about the presence of the BSF, he said. **PTI**

## Kerala HC seeks Govt stand on plea against Lok Ayukta ordinance

**Kochi:** The Kerala High Court on Thursday sought the State Government's stand on a plea challenging the constitutional validity of the recent Kerala Lok Ayukta (Amendment) Ordinance, which makes the executive an appellate authority over orders and declarations of the Lok Ayukta.

A bench of Chief Justice S Manikumar and Justice Shaji P Chaly issued notice to the state and sought its response to the petition which has alleged that by passing the ordinance, the executive was “encroaching” into the domain of the judiciary and quasi-judicial bodies in contravention of the doctrine of separation of powers emphasised in the Constitution of India.

The bench also said that any decision taken by an authority constituted by way of the new ordinance during pendency of the plea will be subject to the final outcome of the instant writ petition by social worker R S Sasikumar, who was represented by senior advocate G e o r g e Poonthottam. **PTI**

# Assam Govt tells HC rules followed in police encounters

**Guwahati:** The Gauhati High Court on Thursday directed a petitioner, who filed a PIL against police encounters in Assam, to submit a response to the State Government affidavit that said due process of law and all guidelines of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) were followed in such incidents.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Sudhanshu

Dhulia and Justice Soumitra Saikia asked the petitioner to file the response within 10 days and said the matter will be heard again on February 21.

The court had on January 11 asked the state government to file a detailed affidavit on the police encounters that have been taking place since the BJP returned to power in May last year.

The government had on

February 7 submitted the affidavit.

“The opposition party sought time to file an affidavit in reply to our affidavit. The Court accordingly granted them time and fixed February 21 as the next date (of hearing),” Assam Advocate General Devajit Lon Saikia told PTI.

In the affidavit, the government said that due process of law and all guidelines issued

by the NHRC were followed in all cases of police encounters.

It also informed the court that 28 people were killed and 73 others were injured in police actions from May 10, 2021, when Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma assumed charge, to January 28 this year.

According to the affidavit, the incidents of police firing took place in 27 districts and the highest number of 10 peo-

ple were killed in Karbi Anglong district. Guwahati city recorded the maximum number of injuries at nine.

Besides the Assam government, state police DGP, law and justice department, National Human Rights Commission and Assam Human Rights Commission have been named as respondents in the PIL filed by advocate Arif Md Yasin Jwadder.

The petitioner sought an enquiry into the encounters by an independent agency such as CBI, SIT or any police team from other states under the supervision of the court.

He has also sought a judicial enquiry by a sitting Judge of the Gauhati High Court in the incidents and monetary compensation to the victims' families after due verification. **PTI**

## HC asks WB poll body to decide if Central forces needed for civic polls

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

**I**n a crucial order the Calcutta High Court on Thursday gave 12 hours to the West Bengal State Election Commission to take a decision — in consultation with the State Government officials — on deployment of Central forces for the February 12 civic board elections before warning Election Commissioner Saurabh Das that he would be held personally liable if any disturbance occurred as a consequence of his failure to take a requisite decision.

Hearing a public interest litigation seeking deployment of central forces for the upcoming elections to Bidhannagar, Asansol, Sliguri and Chandannagar municipal corporations a Division Bench of Chief Justice Prakash Srivastava directed the SEC to consult the State Government officials regarding the requirement of central forces the polls.

However, in the same order the Court said that the SEC would personally liable to ensure that there was no violence in the polls. The Court reserved its order.

While elections to the four municipal corporations are scheduled to take place on February 12 the remaining 108 municipal boards are scheduled to go to polls on 27th of this month. Last month the ruling Trinamool Congress won overwhelmingly in the Calcutta Municipal Corporation elections where the Left Front occupied the second place displacing the BJP.

In their pleas, the petitioners had informed the court that there have been reports of

political violence in places where the corporation elections were scheduled to take place. All the four corporation are as have a history of political clashes during the elections.

The High Court order comes against the backdrop of the ruling Trinamool Congress winning three municipalities unopposed. These municipalities are Budge Budge and Sainthia in South Bengal and Dinhat in North Bengal.

State Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari on Thursday demanded re-fixing of election dates in all those municipalities where the TMC won unopposed on account of the opposition parties either failing to file their nominations or withdrawing them after filing it.

“There is no democracy in Bengal ... which is proved by the TMC's winning the elections unopposed ... in some places their party men are threatening the opposition candidates to withdraw their nomination and in other places the police are stopping them from filing nomination,” the BJP leader said.

Curiously for the first time in the past 36 years not a single member from the Adhikari family has filed nomination from any ward in Contaimunicipality considered to be the fortress of the family.

The BJP leader's younger brother Soumendu had been the Chairman of the Contai municipality for two decades whereas his father Sisir Adhikari had been the sitting MLA and subsequently MP (and a Union Minister) from the same region in the past three decades.

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6.	Prabhat Pankaj, Ram Sebak Sah, H.no.1169A, Housing Board Colony, Sector-52 Gurgaon, Haryana, Gurgaon A/c No:-LBDEL00002048425	Flat No-115, 1st Floor, Block-A, Manhar Garden, Harish Nagar, Sikandra Bodla Road, Sikandra, Khasra No 839, 831, 832, 383, 838,833, Mauja Sikandra Bahistabad, Uttar Pradesh, Agra	08/09/2021 Rs. 14,92,900/-	11/05/2021
7.	Murari Kumar Singh, Sakshi Singh, C 158 Gali No 4, Dipawali Enclave, Ismailpur, Haryana, Faridabad A/c No:-LBDEL00002069824	Flat No-420, 4th Floor, Manhar Garden, Near Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road Agra, K Uttar Pradesh Agra	18/09/2021 Rs. 29,07,645/-	11/05/2021
8.	Yogita Bhayana, Prem Kumari, 1521, lind Floor, Out Ram Lines, Kingway Camp, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002160296	Flat No- 30, 3F Rear RHS Vikram Enclave Sahibad Ghaziabad	25/08/2021 Rs. 5,52,819.26/-	30/11/2020
9.	Sandeep Kumar Dogra, Sapna Dogra, M-70 A, Shastri Nagar, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002198762	Flat No 340 3rd Floor Manhar Garden, Near Harish Nagar, Sikandara Bodla Road, Uttar Pradesh Agra	18/09/2021 Rs.32,27,052/-	06/05/2021
10.	Prem Prakash Tyagi, Pratibha Tyagi, 1/6792 East Roshan Nagar, Shahdara Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00002325223	Flat No-G-203, 2nd Floor, VVIP Addresses, Tower-Graj Nagar Ext, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 21,58,974/-	06/05/2021
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13.	Rama Sharma, Swadesh Mohan, House No A 32 Vikash Kunj, Loni Dehat, Uttar Pradesh, Varanasi A/c No:-LBDEL00002946567	Flat No-41/101, 1st Floor, Tower C, Classic Residency Noor Nagar, Raj Nagar Extn, Pargana Loni, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 21,07,757/-	24/06/2021
14.	Seema Saxena, Ashish Mohan, 33 A Block B 2nd Floor, Sec 27 Noida, G B Nagar, Noida A/c No:-LBDEL00002975843	Flat No-1906, 19th Floor Tower M, Grand Ajnara Heritage, GH-01/B Sector-74 Gautam Buddha Nagar	18/09/2021 Rs. 51,54,568/-	30/04/2021
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16.	Akshay Kumar, Vandana Kumari, D-5/11 Block- D-5, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Ranholla Delhi, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00004445125	Flat No-1904, Towre-D 19th Floor, Aishwaryam, GC3G/GH 03, Sector-16C, Gaur City 2, Greater Noida	18/09/2021 Rs. 35,70,024/-	06/04/2021
17.	Sunil, Lekhraj, Nisha, Dhansisi, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Bankapur Up, Gautam Buddha Nagar A/c No:-LBDEL00004932223	Flat No-1603, Plot No-HRA-12/A, Oasis Venetia Heights-tower C, 16th Floor, Sector Surajpur, STE-C-XTUPSIDC, Noida	08/09/2021 Rs. 23,77,971/-	06/05/2021
18.	Priyanka Srivastava, Aprajita Srivastava, 509 Kapoor Street, Civil Line Ludhiana, Ludhiana A/c No:-LBDEL00005114560	Flat No Sun-1/0606 Floor 6 Block Sun1 MIG Sun Roof Sikroad Pargana Jalalabad Tehsil Ghaziabad	25/08/2021 Rs. 18,46,111.01/-	06/03/2021
19.	Suman Goyal, Manoj Kumar, W/o Manoj Goyal Gali No -5, Near Gout High School, 240-A Vijay Nagar Colony, Vill Bawana North Westdelhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBDEL00005122683	Flat No C1/802, 8th Floor Shree Vardhman Gardenia Tower C1 Sector 10 Sonapat	18/09/2021 Rs. 45,93,104.28/-	06/05/2021
20.	Nareesh Kumar Sabharwal, M/s Shivam Estates, C-36, Gulmohar Park, Delhi A/c No:-LBFD800001341722	Shop No. 15, Sector-39, Block-C-102 A, Noida	08/09/2021 Rs.6,08,501.82/-	12/04/2021
21.	Jagjeet Singh, Surjeet Kaur, H.no.1A/121, Nit, Faridabad, Near Main Market, Faridabad A/c No:-LBFD80001481472	House No. 1A/122, Nit Faridabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 5,58,477/-	31/05/2021
22.	Moushumi Roy, Dhruabaiyoli Roy, House No 1862 A Ground Floor, Front Side, Green Field Colony, Haryana, Faridabad A/c No:-LBFD800002869583	Flat No-B-608, 6th Floor, Group Housing Scheme, Floridaa, Tower B, Sec 82, Haryana, Faridabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 17,40,453/-	07/06/2021
23.	Inderjeet Singh, Nidhi Arora, Flat No 902 Tower D5 Pranayam Apartments Sector 82-85, Faridabad A/c No:-LBFD800004897720	H No-840, Sec-15A, Faridabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 17,89,782.06/-	03/04/2021
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27.	Vinay Kumar, Jyoti, 7069 Tower-5 Block-E-4, Crossing Republic App, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00002206043	Flat No-2648, 25th Floor, 16th Park View, Tower-F, Gaur Yamuna City, Pocket-3, Mirzapur Site, Sector-19, Yeida Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, Noida	08/09/2021 Rs. 19,20,654/-	06/05/2021
28.	Mahesh Chand, Bharti Sharma, H No S 137 School, Block Shakarpur Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBGHZ00002369328	Flat No 1703, 17th Floor Tower A Gayatri Aura Plot No GH 11 Sec 1 Noida Extension	18/09/2021 Rs. 27,33,409/-	07/06/2021
29.	Subhash Chand, Deepa, House No 529 Block A Gali No 8, Amar Colony, East Gokulpur New Delhi, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:-LBGHZ00002516282	Flat No A/UH-707, 7th Floor, Tower-A, Aditya Urban Homes, Vill Shahpur Bamhetta, NH 24, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 16,38,771/-	06/05/2021
30.	Rama Sharma, Swadesh Mohan, House No A 32 Vikash Kunj, Loni Dehat, Uttar Pradesh, Varanasi, Varanasi A/c No:-LBGHZ00002942007	Flat No-H11/101, 1st Floor, Tower C, Classic Residency, Noor Nagar, Raj Nagar Extn, Pargana Loni, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 14,36,094/-	24/06/2021
31.	Rama Sharma, Swadesh Mohan, House No A 32, Vikash Kunj, Loni Dehat, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00003042630	Flat No-704, 7th Floor, Fortune Residency, TWR-F, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 11,16,614/-	24/06/2021
32.	Kamal Kumar, Sonia Kardam, H No 3 Kalka Garhi Ambekar, Road, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00003133028	Flat No 1408, Tower-A 14th Floor Antriksh Golf Links Plot No GH-15A Sector-1 Greater Noida, Noida Extension, Uttar Pradesh Noida	18/09/2021 Rs. 29,08,494/-	07/06/2021
33.	Naveen Mathur, Rashmi Mathur, SP-1 11/155 Shyama Appt Sec 3, Rajender Nagar Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, A/c No:-LBGHZ00003897606	Flat No E-1503, 15th Floor, Tower-E, Noor Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 22,37,483/-	06/05/2021
34.	Neelam Mishra, Neeraj Mishra, Ace Engineers Bureau, No 5A/24 Ansari Road Darya Ganj, Delhi A/c No:-LBGHZ00004371182	House No-361, Sector 15 Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh	01/09/2021 Rs. 28,81,583/-	31/05/2020
35.	Pankaj Rana, Dhan Singh Rana, Flat No S-149 A, Indira Parasth, Ashivana Yojana, Loni 201301, Ghaziabad A/c No:-LBGHZ00004943275	Flat No UG-3, Rear (back) Side LHS/North West Flat At UGF Plot No D-990, Indraprastha Awasiya, Ghaziabad	08/09/2021 Rs. 8,39,975/-	06/05/2021
36.	Amit Singh Daga, Vinita Daga, DBM Marketing (india) Pvt. Ltd., 33/5 Gardenia Street Vatika City, Sec-49 Sohna Road, Haryana, Gurgaon A/c No:-LBGUR00001967060	Plot No-33/5 Gardenia Street, Vatika City Sec-49, Gurgaon	25/08/2021 Rs. 37,16,666/-	31/01/2021
37.	Dhruva Kumar Tamrakar, Panna Lal Tamrakar, N.-31 Sector 11 Noida, Noida A/c No:-LBGUR00002146617	Flat No. 223, 2nd Floor Manhar Garden, Near Harish Nagar, Sikandra Bodla Road, Agra	18/09/2021 Rs.30,04,194/-	06/05/2021
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# HC commutes punishment of lifer who set ablaze woman to 12 years

Court says crime was not premeditated, instead result of provocation

**T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

**T**he Bombay High Court on Thursday commuted the life sentence awarded to a man for killing his wife to 12 years' imprisonment, after holding that the act indulged in him after she screamed at him as 'impotent' at him and humiliated him in a public place as the result of "sudden and grave provocation" and "not a pre-meditated one".

While commuting the sentence from life imprisonment to 12 years' imprisonment in the 12-year-old case filed by Nandu Dada Suvase (45), a HC division bench of Justices Sadhana S. Jadhav and Prithviraj K. Chavan ordered the immediate release of Suvase on the ground that he had already been in custody in 2009 and had undergone 12 years of imprisonment.

Holding that the crime was the result of " sudden and grave provocation" and "not a pre-meditated one", the HC bench observed: "The incident had occurred on a busy road near the residential house of Ananda More. The loud allegations made by the deceased were heard by one and all. It was quite natural for the man to feel ashamed upon being referred as impotent".

Alluding to the consideration of the circumstances in which the said incident had occurred, the Judges took into the account the fact that the couple was married for almost more than 15 years. The accused was the father of three

**“It is true that the incident of assault is the outcome of a grave and sudden provocation. The accused was deprived of his self-control and hence, he could not have any restraint upon himself while mounting assault. It was not a pre-meditated act,” the Judges observed**

grown up children who were staying in the Ashram School. “Almost four years prior to the incident, the couple had parted their ways and had started living independently without interfering into each other's life and in this background, on the unfortunate day, suddenly upon seeing the accused by chance, the deceased had not just obstructed his way by holding his neck, by pulling his shirt but had started hurling abuses and had levelled scathing remarks by which self-esteem of the accused was not only lowered in his own eyes but in public,” the HC bench noted.

“It is true that the incident of assault is the outcome of a grave and sudden provocation. The accused was deprived of his self-control and hence, he could not have any restraint upon himself while mounting assault. It was not a pre-meditated act,” the Judges observed.

While passing an order on an appeal challenging the conviction of the appellant by a trial court under Section 302 (murder) of the IPC, the HC bench took the exception 4 of section 300 – which states “Culpable homicide is not mur-

der if it is committed without premeditation in a sudden fight in the heat of passion upon a sudden quarrel and without the offender having taken undue advantage or acted in a cruel or unusual manner”.

“The accused has been in custody since 2009. He has almost undergone 12 years imprisonment. In view of this and the observations made hereinabove, the appellant deserves to be convicted for the offence punishable under section 304(II) of IPC which would serve the ends of justice,” the Judges ruled.

The Prosecution's case was that on the morning of Aug. 28, 2009, when the convict Nandu Dada Suvase, a sugarcane farm labourer was cycling down to his farms in Ranjani village, with his sickle, when his wife Shakuntala suddenly accosted him.

There was a fierce altercation between them near the bus stop, she grabbed his neck, pulled his shirt and started abusing him, including that he was 'impotent'.

Embarrassed and gravely provoked by her proclamations, Suvase tried to go away quietly, but Shakuntala continued to obstruct his bicycle and even tried to snatch his bag.As she continued to shout, in a fit of rage the farmer removed the sickle from the bag and assaulted her at least 10 times, even as a passerby – who later became a witness – tried to intervene and stop the brawl.

Later, some relatives found her in a pool of blood with her damaged organs, near the bus stop, and her father lodged a police complaint. Suvase was subsequently arrested and the Investigating Officer Shankar Jiraje informed the facts of the case that it was not a pre-planned murder but committed out of sudden rage at the “scathing remarks against his honour” in public. **PNS**

## First phase polls held peacefully in Aligarh

**Aligarh:** To choose their Government in a democracy, 27.65 lakh voters of the district are to decide the fate of 60 candidates in hyper-sensitive Aligarh. The police and administration maintained a strict environment to make sure a fair and peaceful voting.

People boycotted voting due to lack of development work in Iglas of Aligarh, on the other hand, villagers in Jhalhu village of Gonda block also protested by mass boycott in the assembly elections demanding the construction of the main road of the village. According to the information, polling could not be held at this booth till 2:15 pm. Villagers say that in 2019, even after giving assurance of the road, even the coating work has not been done on the road, due to which the angry villagers have made up their mind not to vote and protested with the banner of no vote. So very few voters cast their votes. Rashtriya Lok Dal's candidate Veerpal Singh Diwakar also came and tried to convince the villagers but when the villagers did not agree, they went back. Apart from this people also boycotted voting on the kalyanpur booth of baroli, where only 3 votes were casted till noon.

The voting started half an hour late in Khair Constituency and on the other hand more enthusiasm was seen among women in Muslim areas in the city, and they were found standing in long queues.

According to data till 5pm , a total of 57.25% voting took place in Aligarh today, in which 56% in Iglas, 57.8% in Khair, 58.68% in Baroli, 57.2% in Atrauli, 56.3% in Charra, 57.8% in Aligarh city and 58% in Kol.

There was sluggishness in voting in the morning but by noon a long queue was seen at the polling place. **PNS**







FIRST COLUMN

GROWING INTIMACY  
AMID CHINA, RUSSIA

India has to increasingly play a balancing game between the US and Russia



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The tectonic power blocs around the globe are moving, and while these may not be the ancient crusts of planet earth leading to formation of continents and oceans, they are powerful enough to create new “geonomics” structures. The world order (perhaps post the financial crisis of late 2000s) is changing by the hour, in the aftermath of the new normal, anchored in emerging realities, post-Covid. The first on the block is an explicit display of love and strategic partnership in India’s immediate neighborhood between Russia and China. For starters the Russia-China partnership has tracked a sinusoidal graph since the 1950s based on dominant narratives of the time. Today, it is a dynamic partnership driven primarily by economics and dominance in strategically important Indo Pacific region and Europe. The Xi Jinping-Vladimir Putin summit in Beijing last week underlines the growing need for having meaningful strategic forums for securing the future of nations. This comes at a time when thousands of Russian forces are waiting outside Ukraine’s gates with several US soldiers also present in the same vicinity to add to the optics. France and Germany are proactively reaching out to Russia and US to douse the crisis which is driving markets and money around the globe. China meanwhile is looking at a reliable partner with close proximity to Europe and, which is, carefully insulated from US led power blocks. Russia is an ideal partner as it won’t interfere with China’s aggression in South China sea or its stated objective of dominating relationships in the entire Asian, African continents and beyond. What tops up the friendship cake between China and Russia is that both share similar kinds of restrictive policies on new age digital trade issues and want to be the standards setting players, for new technology such as artificial intelligence, digital currency cyberspace, etc. That brings us back to where does India stand in the entire equation, and how does it move forward? Even though India historically has had extreme close ties with Russia, which has been reiterated by the recent visit of President Putin to New Delhi, both cannot ignore each other’s growing intimacy with their respective adversaries. India has gradually elevated its engagement with US to a strategic alliance level, even though they have been restricted to non-military deals. India is already getting tranches of S-400 ground to air missiles from Russia which could be a sore spot in future journeys with US.

Meanwhile, after getting the Chinese president to share a swing with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, relations between India and China have dropped to an all-time low with both armies engaged in a border standoff for over two years. The Indo China trade hasn’t been impacted significantly, even though India understands that to have a substantive say on matters of Asia and the Indo-Pacific region it has to start building stronger alliances. The coming together of Russia and China on key global issues including perhaps climate change could be to India’s disadvantage as far as finding its mojo on international forums is concerned. Meanwhile, it has to increasingly play a balancing game between US and Russia. To be fair both countries have kept India’s long held positions on Kashmir and national sovereignty issues intact, in all their engagements at multilateral and plurilateral platforms. They haven’t yet tried to arm twist India into choosing sides either. The art of firm but polite statecraft is not alien to India, which is the birthplace of Arthshastra, perhaps, the first comprehensive essay on diplomacy. A careful adjustment to modern day needs and certain sense of fluidity will fetch great rewards.

*(The writer is a policy analyst. The views expressed are personal.)*

Thank you for your address, Mr President

The address, prepared by the Government, gives an opportunity to political parties in Parliament to arraign it for its acts of omission and commission



DEVENDER SINGH ASWAL



twelve hours are allocated for discussion on the Motion of Thanks. The First Lok Sabha spent the maximum sixteen hours and the Tenth Lok Sabha fourteen hours.

THE KEY SPEAKERS ON THE MOTION OF THANKS ARE CHOSEN VERY ADVISED BY THE POLITICAL PARTIES, ESPECIALLY THE RULING PARTY AND THE MAIN OPPOSITION, THE PRINCIPAL PLAYERS IN THE TUG OF WAR. THE DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION THIS YEAR WAS INITIATED BY HARISH DWIVEDI OF THE BJP, A SECOND-TERM MEMBER REPRESENTING THE BASTI PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, UTTAR PRADESH

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responsibilities of the citizens in a democracy. When interrupted in between by Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury of the Congress, the PM at times yielded but made light hearted banter. The PM spoke at length demolishing the charges hurled at his Government and scorned at the conduct of principle opposition. The Motion of Thanks was discussed for over twelve hours from February 2-7. The tone and tenor, and the cut and thrust of the debate were punctuated by exchange of pillories and panegyrics between the treasury and the benches opposite. The lines of Shakespeare flashed across the mind, ‘Well, whiles I am a beggar, I will rail/And say there is no sin but to be rich;/And being rich, my virtue then shall be/To say, there is no vice but beggary’. The amendments were rejected by the House and the Motion was adopted by voice vote.

The Rajya Sabha debated the Motion simultaneously for almost eleven hours and the PM replied to the debates. There were thought-provoking speeches in the Rajya Sabha. Mallikarjun Kharge, the Leader of Opposition, made blistering attack but created some uneasiness within his party speakers on the Motion as he consumed their time for speaking for an hour as against the allotted time of half an hour. Prof Ram Gopal Yadav, Samajwadi Party, said he supports the Motion as a salutary parliamentary custom but with a heavy heart. He alluded to the role of frontline workers during the pandemic and heaped praise on them but lamented that the Presidential Address prepared by the Mantri Parishad did not reflect the true state of the republic.

Manoj Jha of RJD underlined the need for making the Address non-partisan and a true-blue print of the conditions and direction of the country’. He recalled that Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of the republic had delivered the first Presidential Address on January 31, 1950. He also mentioned that this is a practice embedded in the GoI Act, 1919 and a British legacy and hinted that only broad-minded people can have an all-encompassing and fair approach.

In his speech of over one hour and twenty-six minutes, the PM, while explaining the policies and priorities of his Government touched in the Presidential address, mounted a virulent attack on the Congress and referred to the dithering of Nehru in the belated liberation of Goa. But, ending his speech, the PM quoted a hymn of the Rig Veda which counsels, ‘talk together and work together in harmony’. The Congress was apparently so incensed by the speech of the PM that they staged a walk out in protest. The Motion was carried by voice vote and adopted without Amendment. And yet, the need for ‘talking together and working in harmony’ by the PM is enthusiastic and imbued with hope. There is, of course, an imperative need for conversation between us, ‘we, the People’, who make it ‘the Union of States’ and a sovereign democratic republic.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE CHIEF MINISTER (KCR) DOESN'T WANT TO SHOW HIS FACE TO THE PRIME MINISTER. — TELANGANA BJP PRESIDENT BANDI SANJAY



WHEN KARNATAKA'S UPPER BHADRA PROJECT CAN GET NATIONAL STATUS, WHY NOT THE PALAMURU RANGAREDDY PROJECT? — TELANGANA TOURISM MINISTER V SRINIVAS GOUD

Budget 2022: An outline for India’s ‘Techade’

The prime focus of the Government’s outreach includes strengthening the startup ecosystem and a technological upgrade of agriculture



VIJENDER GUPTA

The past two years had gripped the entire world in the web of the mutating virus. Amidst the pandemic, uncertainty became the only certain aspect of people’s lives. Even as the developed world was grappling with the challenge, India displayed steely determination in responding to the crisis through its scientific excellence and economic resilience in the form of *Aatmanirbhar* or self-reliance. The result of which has been that as of January 2022, 75 per cent of India is fully vaccinated and we are pegged as the fastest growing economy in the world.

Yes, it can be said with pride that when the world faltered, India persevered. A big driver of India’s unhindered growth rally is its emphasis on technology that it has deployed to sharpen governance at the grassroots. The Digital India nudge has been instrumental in building a reliable, accessible, and agile structure of direct cash transfers, database creation as well as ensuring a continuous feedback loop to account for the efficacy of Government schemes being implemented on the ground. So, when the Prime Minister pushes the button to transfer the 10th instalment of PM-KISAN, crediting over ₹20,900 crore to more than 10.09 crore farmers across India, one knows, that it is not a gimmick. This is the power of tech that has been able to eliminate leakages and middlemen while reaching the beneficiary at both scale and speed.

The Budget 2022 further reaffirms the trust of the government in the power of technology to write India’s growth story for the next 25 years, marking the “*Amrit Kaal*” or the period in the run-up to India completing 100 years since Independence. This approach toward deeper technological integration is in consonance with the aspirations of Indian youth, who see themselves as an integral part of a global community, not just adapting but driving change in the tech space.

The announcements on Digital Rupee using blockchain technology as well as taxing of digital assets have been welcomed by the tech enthusiasts as a step forward in addressing the rapidly changing digital space. Further, FM’s assurance that a ‘Battery swapping’ policy is on the cards has provided a sigh of relief to the EV sector, looking to replace ICE as the technology for a sustainable future. The Indian digital ecosystem is expanding on a massive scale. India has the cheapest data available and leads in data consumption. Not just that, it has the second-highest number of internet users. Adding to that, this year’s budget gives out the timeline for the roll-out of 5G technology, giving further impetus to India’s internet revolution emanating from the tier-2 and tier-3 cities. With optical fibre networks reaching all villages by the year 2025, it is expected that any kind of digital divide would soon be a thing of the past.

Another promising technological integration has been promised in the agriculture sector with the use of ‘Kisan drones’ for crop assessment, digitization of land records, and spraying of insecticides and nutrients on fields. This opens innumerable opportunities for both the drone industry as well as the agri-tech sector, creating a mutually beneficial ecosystem in terms of expansion of the market for technology companies and facilitating agricultural modernization.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been the greatest cheerleader of the potential of Indian youth to think big. The prime focus of the government’s outreach to India’s young includes strengthening the startup ecosystem as well as imparting new-age skills. Speaking of the latter, to tap into the talent pool of India’s animation, visual effects, gaming, and comics (AVGC) sector, Budget 2022 has announced the setting up of a task force to help leverage domestic capacity and to serve the extensive global demand. In a world gearing up to throw open their imagination to ‘Metaverse’, the ability of the sector to generate jobs is immense.

On the startup front, the record of the Modi Government has been exceptional. As per the Economic Survey 2022, 14,000 new startups were recognized in the year 2021-22 from only 733 in 2016-17. It further states that 555 districts in India had at least one new startup, indicating widespread and inclusive growth of the ecosystem. Budget 2022 gives a further boost to entrepreneurship by extending the tax incentives to startups by one more year.

With the Budget 2022 clearly laying the intent, it can be confidently said that ‘Techade of India’ (as PM Modi had put it) is well on its way. The world is watching. India must seize the day.

(The writer is an MLA from Delhi and former Leader of Opposition, Delhi. The views expressed are personal.)



UKRAINE CRISIS

# Johnson cites ‘dangerous moment’

AP ■ MOSCOW

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Thursday the Ukraine crisis has grown into "the most dangerous moment" for Europe in decades, while his top diplomat held icy talks with her Moscow counterpart who said the Kremlin won't accept lectures from the West.

As they spoke, Russian forces held sweeping maneuvers north of Ukraine in Belarus, part of a buildup of over 100,000 troops that has stoked Western fears of an invasion.

NATO also has stepped up military deployments to bolster its eastern flank, with the US sending troops to Poland and Romania. A British Royal Air Force jet carrying 350 troops landed Thursday in Poland in a move that followed London sending anti-tank missiles to Ukraine to help boost its



defences.

"This is probably the most dangerous moment, I would say in the course of the next few days, in what is the biggest security crisis that Europe has faced for decades, and we've got to get it right," Johnson said at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Johnson, who later arrived

in Warsaw to meet with Poland's prime minister, said he believes President Vladimir Putin has not yet decided what he might do with Ukraine, but he added that the West must use "sanctions and military resolve plus diplomacy".

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said he sent a letter to Russian Foreign

Minister Sergey Lavrov repeating an invitation to a series of talks on improving European security.

Lavrov set a stern tone for his talks in Moscow with UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, who again warned Russia that attacking its neighbour would "have massive consequences and carry severe costs".

She urged the Kremlin to abide by international agreements that commit it to respecting Ukraine's independence and sovereignty. Lavrov rejected Western worries about the Russian troop buildup as "sheer propaganda" and noted that Moscow won't stand for lectures.

"Ideological approaches, ultimatums and moralising is a road to nowhere," he said, noting that his talks with Truss marked the first meeting of the countries' top diplomats in more than four years. Russia-

UK ties have been badly strained by the 2018 poisoning of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal in England and other tensions.

Russia says it has no plans to invade Ukraine but wants the West to keep Ukraine and other former Soviet countries out of NATO. It also wants NATO to refrain from deploying weapons there and roll back alliance forces from Eastern Europe. The US and NATO flatly reject these demands.

Truss reaffirmed a call for Moscow to pull back its troops, while Lavrov rejected the demand as inappropriate and pointed to British and NATO military buildups in Eastern Europe.

"The demands to remove the Russian troops from the Russian territory cause regret," he said. "We don't want to threaten anyone. It's us who are facing threats."

# Diplomats meet in Moscow and Berlin as Russian drills held

**Moscow:** Britain's top diplomat urged Russia on Thursday to defuse tensions over Ukraine and take the path of diplomacy even as thousands of Russian troops engaged in sweeping maneuvers in Belarus as part of a military buildup near Ukraine that has fueled Western fears of an invasion.

UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss again warned Russia that attacking its neighbour will "have massive consequences and carry severe costs," urging Moscow to de-escalate the tensions and abide by its international agreements that commit it to respecting Ukraine's independence and sovereignty.

Facing Truss across the table, the grim-faced Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov set a stern tone for the talks, emphasising that Moscow won't accept Western lecturing.

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road to nowhere," Lavrov said, noting that his talks with Truss mark the first meeting of the two countries' top diplomats in more than four years.

Russia has concentrated more than 100,000 troops near Ukraine's border and has launched a series of military maneuvers in the region, but says it has no plans to invade its neighbour.

It wants guarantees from the West that NATO won't allow Ukraine and other former Soviet nations to join as members, that the alliance halt weapon deployments there and that it roll back its forces from Eastern Europe. The US and NATO flatly reject these demands.

Moscow's military buildup includes the deployment of troops on the territory of Russian ally Belarus for sweeping joint drills, which yentered their decisive phase

Thursday.

The Ukrainian capital is located just about 75 miles (47 miles) south of the border with Belarus, and the West feared that Russia could use Belarusian territory to invade Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine have been locked in a bitter conflict since 2014, when Ukraine's Kremlin-friendly was driven from office by protests, Moscow annexed Crimea and then backed a separatist insurgency in the east of the country. The fighting between Russia-backed rebels and Ukrainian forces has killed over 14,000 people.

A 2015 peace deal brokered by France and Germany helped end full-scale hostilities, but frequent skirmishes have continued along the tense line of contact and efforts to negotiate a political settlement have stalled.

AP

# Blinken says century will be shaped by Indo-Pacific region

AP ■ CANBERRA

The United States remains focused long-term on the Indo-Pacific region despite concerns over Russian aggression toward the Ukraine, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said on Thursday.

Blinken is in the Australian city of Melbourne for a meeting on Friday with his counterparts from Australia, India and Japan.

The four nations form the so-called "Quad," a bloc of Indo-Pacific democracies that was created to counter China's regional influence.

"There are a few other

things going on in the world right now, some of you may have noticed. We have a bit of a challenge with Ukraine and Russian aggression. We're working 24/7 on that," Blinken said in his first public address since arriving in Australia on Wednesday.

# Paris police ban threatened blockades by virus protesters

AP ■ PARIS

Paris police on Thursday banned road blockades threatened by groups organising online against Covid-19 restrictions, in part inspired by protesters in Canada.

Citing "risks of trouble to public order," the Paris police department banned protests aimed at "blocking the capital"



from Friday through Monday. Police will put measures in place to protect roads and detain violators.

# South Korea to roll out Novavax Covid-19 vaccine next week

**Seoul:** South Korea will begin offering Novavax Inc's Covid-19 vaccine at hospitals, nursing homes and public health centres next week, officials said, adding another tool to fight a fast-developing omicron surge.


The country reported a record 54,122 new coronavirus cases on Thursday, according to the Korea Disease Control and



Prevention Agency, a 12-fold increase from daily levels seen in mid-January, when omi-

cron first became the country's dominant strain.

But officials are expressing cautious hope that the country's high vaccination rate will prevent an explosion in serious illnesses and deaths. As of Thursday, 86% of South Koreans were fully vaccinated and 56% had received booster shots.



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4 271 / 92273	विकासखंड बालोद / ग्राम अंगारी	रु.199.66 लाख
5 272 / 92274	विकासखंड बालोद / ग्राम अंगौरा	रु.81.77 लाख
6 273 / 92276	विकासखंड बालोद / ग्राम पाकुल्या	रु.92.67 लाख
7 274 / 92277	विकासखंड डोन्डीलोहारा / ग्राम परसतराई	रु.113.41 लाख
8 275 / 92278	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम सरवरवा	रु.145.12 लाख
9 276 / 92281	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम डमराला	रु.133.41 लाख
10 277 / 92282	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम सोरवा	रु.132.68 लाख
11 278 / 92283	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम सोरवा	रु.117.07 लाख
12 279 / 92284	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम सोरवाडोगरी	रु.139.83 लाख
13 280 / 92285	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम पोख	रु.83.09 लाख
14 281 / 92286	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम मुजालखोगरी	रु.93.98 लाख
15 287 / 92287	विकासखंड गुनर / ग्राम होहारदीह	रु.101.14 लाख

1. बिड सम्मिलन प्रारंभ की तिथि – 14/02/2022  
2. बिड सम्मिलन की अंतिम तिथि – 24/02/2022

उपरोक्त कार्यों की निविदा की सामग्य सर्व धरोहर राशि निवृत्त निविदा विग्रहिन निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> दिनांक 14-02-2022 से एवं कार्यालयीन समय पर कार्यालय में देखे जा सकते हैं।

हस्ता

कार्यपालन अभियंता

लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड बालोद

जिला-बालोद (छगगु)

R.o.No : 67683/8

**HDB Financial Services Limited**



Ground Floor, Zenith House, Keshavrao Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400034 Tel No.: +91 22 49116300

**FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS**

The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded /complied with the communication, and notice sent by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on **14-02-2022** at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table:-

S. No.	Loan No	Customer Name	Date of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name
1	12079839	Jyoti Kumari	07/08/2020	4884	Delhi Ncr-Burari
2	15903964	Shamshad Abdulrehman	30/06/2021	19866	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
3	12577649	Narendra Chandilla	24/09/2020	486214	Delhi-Badarpur
4	8677235	Shiv Kumar	28/08/2019	15600	Delhi-Bhajanpura
5	12190785	Mahesh Kumar	09/07/2020	3279	Delhi-Bhajanpura
6	13106936	Vikas Kumar	09/11/2020	6800	Delhi-Chandni Chowk
7	12553744	Mohd Israel	22/09/2020	6276	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
8	16781680	Kuldeep Sharma	10/08/2021	21260	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
9	17000375	Kuldeep Sharma	18/08/2021	18432	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
10	17040111	Monika Sharma	19/08/2021	13908	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
11	17249865	Kuldeep Sharma	27/08/2021	15012	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
12	12116359	Brijesh Kumar	12/08/2020	4293	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
13	14852522	Kausal Giriraj	05/04/2021	5178	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
14	13280875	Vikas Khandelwal	21/11/2020	7047	Delhi-Hari Nagar
15	12469926	Shane Alam	15/09/2020	12036	Delhi-Jagatpuri
16	13654544	Anubhav Jain	23/12/2020	23700	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
17	7962263	Nitin Sharma	20/06/2019	2326	Delhi-Kailash Nagar
18	16634793	Sanjay S	03/08/2021	7916	Delhi-Keshavpuram
19	13337430	Krishan Pal	23/11/2020	15729	Delhi-Lajpat Nagar
20	14336879	Manoj Kumar Gupta	19/02/2021	27664	Delhi-Lajpat Nagar
21	14277904	Vikram Singh	16/02/2021	5292	Delhi-Mayapuri
22	11404877	Suresh Thakur	27/05/2020	7248	Delhi-Nai Sadak
23	11987878	Rinku Kumari	28/07/2020	10161	Delhi-Nangloi
24	16528594	Mosin K	27/07/2021	4990	Delhi-Patel Nagar
25	11627029	Abbas Ali	18/06/2020	3552	Delhi-Patel Nagar
26	11784850	Anju K	07/07/2020	4354	Delhi-Sadar
27	12190785	Vinod Kumar	19/08/2020	4357	Delhi-Sadar
28	12553417	Shamsha Begum	21/09/2020	4663	Delhi-Shahdara
29	12587776	Asha Attri	25/09/2020	4782	Delhi-Shahdara
30	8047284	Nadeem Haider	26/06/2019	18536	Delhi-Shastri Nagar
31	12523152	Asif Mohd	18/09/2020	9668	Delhi-Uttam Nagar
32	10261421	Hari Om Sharma	06/01/2020	6760	Delhi-Uttam Nagar

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction without further notice. Please note that the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason therefor and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

Place : DELHI  
Date : 11-02-2022

Authorised Officer  
(HDB Financial Services Ltd)

**Premium Merchants Limited**

Regd. Office: Omaxe square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District CentreJasola, New Delhi-110025

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**Extract of standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended on 31st December, 2021**  
(Rs. in lakhs)

	Quarter Ended on						Nine Months period Ended on						Year Ended	
	31.12.2021		30.09.2021		31.12.2020		31.12.2021		31.12.2020		31.03.2021			
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)			
1	Total Income from operations	5.82	56.44	38.04	80.27	95.07	91.51							
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extra-ordinary items)	4.98	54.20	37.54	75.17	90.87	85.28							
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	4.98	54.20	37.54	75.17	90.87	85.28							
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	3.83	41.02	28.86	58.65	69.08	66.40							
5	Total Other Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	3.84	41.02	28.85	64.09	73.15	360.07							
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	99.80	99.80	99.80	99.80	99.80	99.80							
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of accounting Years 2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	6,189.05							
8	Earning Per Share (Rs) (Face Value Rs. 10)													
1	Basic	0.38	4.11	2.89	5.88	6.92	6.65							
2	Diluted	0.38	4.11	2.89	5.88	6.92	6.65							

**Notes:**  
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited results filed with the stock exchange under regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing obligation and and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the unaudited results are available on company's website [www.pmltd.in](http://www.pmltd.in) and on the website of the Stock Exchange [www.mseil.in](http://www.mseil.in).  
2) The detailed unaudited results and this extract were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of directors in their meeting held on 10th February,2022

By order of the Board  
For Premium Merchants Limited

Sd/-  
Balbir Singh  
Director  
DIN: 00027438

Place: New Delhi  
Date : 10.02.2022

**SALE/AUCTION NOTICE**

CarDekho is conducting auction of 59 brand new Hyundai cars on 16th Feb.

All cars are flood affected, lying at Bindaal Hyundai, Ruderpur.

Car Model	Count of Model
ALCAZAR	1
All New i20	17
AURA	2
CRETA	4
GRAND i10 NIOS	18
SANTRO	5
VENUE	10
VERNA	2
Grand Total	59

For more details and inspection of cars, please contact to Mr Anant Verma mob no – 9051077709 or visit to link <https://auctions.cardekho.com/#/auction-of-59-flood-affected-hyundai-cars>

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Anita Chugh D/o Late Sh. Rochlal Arora R/o 3260, 2nd Floor, Ranjit Nagar, South Patel Nagar, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare, That I, the above executant applying for the registration of WILL dated 17.02.2021 of my sister Late Ms. Chandar Prabha Arora after her death. That Ms. Chandar Prabha Arora D/o Late Rochlal Arora R/o A-113, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092, as testator executed Will on dated 17 Feb. 2021. She appointed me as executor of WILL. Who had expired on 24.04.2021. That I hereby notify for Public at Large that aforesaid WILL DEED dated 17.02.2021 executed by Late Ms. Chandar Prabha Arora, is to be registered in the office of Sub-Registrar VIII Geeta Colony, Delhi through me after the death of testator.

It is hereby notified that any person claiming any rights, share, claim, title, interest of lien over the aforesaid WILL may file such claim or objection to the undersigned within a period of 07 days from the date of Publication of this Notice. Failing which the claim of any person will be considered to have been waived off and /or abandoned and will deed shall be registered and applicable with immediate effect.

Anita Chugh



# RBI keeps interest rate intact at record low

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday held its key lending rates steady at record low levels for the 10th straight meeting to support a durable recovery of the economy from the COVID-19 pandemic.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to hold the lending rate, or the repo rate, steady at 4 per cent, and the reverse repo, or the rate at which it absorbs excess cash from lenders, unchanged at 3.35 per cent.

The six-member MPC, which has been on pause since August 2020, voted unanimously to maintain the status quo on the repo rate and by a majority of 5-1 to retain the accommodative policy stance as long as necessary, he said.

"Monetary policy actions will be calibrated and well telegraphed," he said, indicating that there will not be any surprises.

"Overall, taking into consideration the outlook for inflation and growth, in particular the comfort provided by improving inflation outlook, the uncertainties related to Omicron and global spillovers, the MPC was of the view that continued policy support is warranted for a durable and broad-based recovery," he noted. While a status quo on repo rate was expected, some economists had expected a hike in the reverse repo to realign it with short-term money market rates.

MPC continuing with the accommodative policy stance was one of the prime reasons Das cited for not hiking the reverse repo rate.

The decision comes days after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed to up spending to support the economy's world-beating recovery.

RBI projected a 7.8 per cent economic growth in the coming fiscal starting April 1, down from 9.2 per cent expected in 2021-22, in view of

## Realtors' hail RBI policy; low interest rate on home loan to drive housing demand

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Real estate developers and consultants on Thursday welcomed the RBI's decision to keep policy rates unchanged, saying the historical low interest on home loans will continue to drive demand for residential properties.

They also urged prospective homebuyers to enter the market. Housing demand increased by around 50-70 per cent during the last calendar year across 7-8 major cities on various factors such as low interest rates on home loans, offers-freebies by builders and stable property prices in the last five years.

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## Reserve Bank forecasts 7.8% GDP growth for 2022-23

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank on Thursday pegged the economic growth rate for 2022-23 at 7.8 per cent, down from 9.2 per cent expected in 2021-22, in view of uncertainties on account of the pandemic and elevated global commodity prices.

The Reserve Bank's growth projection for next financial year is lower than 8-8.5 per cent projected by the Finance Ministry in the recent Economic Survey which was tabled in Parliament earlier in the month.

Unveiling the bi-monthly policy, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, "recovery in domestic economic activity is yet to be broad-based, as private consumption and contact-intensive services remain below pre-pandemic levels."

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## India, Australia hold talks on free trade pact

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and his Australian counterpart Dan Tehan on Thursday held discussions on the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) which is aimed at promoting economic ties between the two countries. The Australian minister is here to advance negotiations on the proposed FTA, officially dubbed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). "Had comprehensive talks over lunch with my good friend & Australian Trade Minister @DanTehanWannon in New Delhi. We had an engaging discussion on ways to further deepen India-Australia economic and trade ties," Goyal said in a tweet.

## Markets dart up for third day as dovish RBI cheers bulls; metal, bank stocks shine

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks defied gravity for the third session on the trot on Thursday after the RBI left interest rates unchanged but retained its accommodative policy stance to support the post-pandemic economic recovery.

A positive trend in global stocks also supported the domestic markets, traders said. Overcoming a wobbly start, the 30-share BSE Sensex settled 460.06 points or 0.79 per cent higher at 58,926.03. Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty jumped 142.05 points or 0.81 per cent to end at 17,605.85. Tata Steel was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, spurring 2.11 per cent, followed by Infosys, HDFC Bank, HDFC, Kotak Bank, M&M and PowerGrid. Only four stocks closed in the red -- Maruti, Ultratech Cement,

Nestle India and Reliance Industries, dipping up to 1.64 per cent. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday held its key lending rates steady at record low levels for the 10th straight meeting to support a durable recovery of the economy from the COVID-19 pandemic. The

RBI projected a 7.8 per cent economic growth in the coming fiscal starting April 1, down from 9.2 per cent expected in 2021-22.

## Rupee slides by 10 paise to 74.94 as RBI maintains accommodative stance

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Declining for a third day in a row, the rupee slid by 10 paise to close at 74.94 against the US currency on Thursday after the Reserve Bank of India kept key policy rates unchanged and said it will continue with the accommodative stance.

Market participants were expecting the RBI to hike the reverse repo rate to withdraw excess liquidity and change in its stance to 'neutral'. Experts also dubbed the RBI's inflation estimates for the current and the next financial year as 'optimistic'. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 74.90 against the American dollar, and later witnessed an intra-day high of 74.88 and a low of 75.05 against the greenback.

## RBI to soon come out with digital lending guidelines: DG Rajeshwar Rao

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India will soon come out with the guidelines on digital lending, Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao said on Thursday.

In November last year, the working group on digital lending, including lending through online platforms and mobile apps, had submitted their recommendations. The central bank had sought comments on the recommendations from the public. The last date for which was December 31, 2021.

"RBI has received public comments, and we will frame the guidelines (on digital lending) based on those comments. The work is in progress, and soon it (guidelines) will be launched," Rao told reporters during a call post the announcement of monetary policy. Speaking on the new umbrella entity for retail payments system, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said there has been delay in finalising the name of the applicants.

On August 18, 2020, the RBI had released the framework for authorisation of pan-India umbrella entity for retail payments and invited applications.

## Electric Vehicle giant Tesla recalls more vehicles as US agency increases scrutiny

AP ■ DETROIT

Tesla is recalling nearly 579,000 vehicles in the US because a "Boombox" function can play sounds over an external speaker and obscure audible warnings for pedestrians.

The recall is the fourth made public in the last two weeks as US safety regulators increase scrutiny of the nation's largest electric vehicle maker.


In two of the recalls, Tesla made decisions that violate federal motor vehicle safety standards, while the others are software errors. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says on its website Thursday that the cars and SUV's have what Tesla calls a "Boombox" function that allows drivers to play sounds while the vehicles are moving.

## Cautiously progressing to introduce CBDC: RBI Governor

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Days after the government said the Reserve Bank will introduce a digital currency in 2022-23, Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday said the central bank does not want to rush and is carefully examining all aspects before introduction of the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

He, however, declined to give any timeline for the launch of the CBDC. In her Budget 2022-23 speech, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced that the RBI will introduce a digital currency in the next financial year beginning April 2022 to boost the digital economy and for more efficient currency management.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
Builder Cancellation


This is to bring to your notice that **VEENA RANI / PARMOD KUMAR / MAYANK SHARMA** (Borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number **LBND000002866079**. Located at **FLAT NO-802, 8TH FLOOR TOWER-D, VALENOVA PARK PLOT NO-CP G 05A, SEC TECHNO ZONE-IV GREATER NOIDA, NOIDA**.

The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The Bank had informed the same to the borrower through letter dated **January 28, 2022** informing that **HAWELIA BUILDERS PVT LTD.** has cancelled the allotment of the above mentioned property. You are therefore requested to resolve this matter with the builder within 7 days from the date of this publication.

Please take further notice that post cancellation of the allotment of the said property ICICI Bank shall not be bound and/or responsible for any other allotment done by the builder.

**Dated: February 11, 2022** **For ICICI Bank Limited**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR** **Sd-**



**CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION**  
(Office of the Principal Chief Materials Manager)  
1, Nawab Yusuf Road, Civil Lines, Prayagraj-211001, Fax No. 0532-2407797

**E-Tender Notice No.: ST 215022** **Date: 09.02.2022**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Materials Manager, Central Organization Railway Electrification, Prayagraj, invites following E-TENDER:-

E-tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Tender Due Date
ST 215022	Supply and commissioning of SMPS based Integrated Power Supply system for PI Stations.	7 Nos	10.03.2022

**Note:** 1) The complete information of above E-Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Only E-Bids shall be accepted against above Tender. The e-bids may be submitted before 11:00 hrs on tender opening date.

**No. PR/36/2022** **PCMM,CORE/Prayagraj**  
**R.D. Adv** **FOR & ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT OF INDIA**

**"Serving Customers with a Smile"**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We, **M/s S.G. Corporate Mobility Private Limited** are the owners of property admeasuring area 10163 sq mtr situated at Khasra no. 1033 and 1034, village khajuriwas, Alwar Road, Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, lost the Original Regd. Sale Deed vide no. 197, 198 & 199 dated 08.04.1993 regarding the property in question. The D.D.R vide LR No. 1350496/2022 for aforesaid misplaced document has been filed before publication of this public notice. Any person(s) coming into possession of aforesaid Document or having knowledge of the whereabouts of the Documents are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned at below address. Public are warned not to deal with the Documents and any person(s) receiving or dealing with the said Documents would do so at their own risk and responsibility (including criminal liability) and my/our client shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever for any loss incurred by such person(s) on account of any such unauthorised dealing. In the event no information is received within 15 days from date hereof, my/our client will proceed to take such action including applying to concerned authorities for issue of duly Certified Copies / Certified True Copies / Duplicate Copies of the Documents.

**Itesh Gupta (Advocate)**  
**(M) 9416371786**  
**Chamber No.- 523, District Courts, Rewari, Haryana- 127021**

**Declaration about criminal cases** (As per the judgment dated 25th Sept., 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in W P (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

**Name and address of candidate:** Bikram Singh S/o Satyajit Singh R/o 97-A, Ward No.5, Majitha, Teh: Majitha, Amritsar Shiromani Akali Dal Punjab Vidhan Sabha Election 2022 018-Amritsar East

**Name of Political Party:**

**\*Name of Election:**

**\*Name of constituency:**

I Bikram Singh (name of Candidate), a candidate for the above mentioned election, declare for public information the following details about my criminal antecedents:

S I NO.	Name of Court	Case NO: and dated	Status of Cases	Section(s) of Acts Concerned and Brief description of offence(s)
1.	Smt. Parvinder Kaur, SDJM Zira, PB (FIR No. 171/dated 08-12-2017, P.S. Makhu, District Ferozepur)	Case No. CHI/259/ 2021 Next Date : 16-02-2022	Pending	<b>Section 341,283,431, 188, 148 IPC, Section 8B of National highway Act - 8B IPC - Protest against the Govt. and block the road.</b>
2.	Sh. Tejpartap Singh Randhawa, ACJM CHD/UID No. PB0256 (FIR No. 137/dated 07-08-2020, P.S. East, Sec. 26, Chandigarh)	Case No. PCH/4643/ 2021 Next Date : 28-02-2022	Pending	<b>Section 188, IPC</b> Protest against the Govt. and Disobedience to order of public servant
3.	FIR No. 02/dated 20-12-2021, P.S. Punjab State Crime SAS Nagar, Mohali	Challan not presented	Challan not presented	<b>Section 25 - Section 27A - Section 29 NDPS ACT</b> Charges upon allowing premises, etc. to be used for commission of an offence
4.	FIR No. 87/dated 06-11-2021, P.S. North, Chandigarh	Challan not presented	Challan not presented	<b>Section 188, 186, 353, 332, 34- IPC -</b> Protest against the Govt. and Disobedience to order of public servant
5.	FIR No. 26/dated 16-03-2021, P.S. North, Chandigarh	Challan not presented	Challan not presented	<b>Section 186, 323, 341, 511- IPC -</b> Protest against the Govt. and obstruction to public servant
6.	FIR No. 09/dated 15-01-2022, P.S. Sultanwind, Amritsar	Challan not presented	Challan not presented	<b>Section 188 IPC, 51 of Disaster Management Act 2005,Section 3 Epidemic Diseases Act 1897-</b> Protest against the Govt. and Disobedience to order of public servant
<b>(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences:</b>				
Sl. No.	Name of Court & Dates of Orders	Description of Offences & Punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed	
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
<b>Bikram Singh, Candidate 018- Amritsar East</b>				



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice dated as below mentioned was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses as provided to the bank by them, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ & Address (Loan Account Number)	Description of Secured Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Out-standing as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Rajiv Jain/ LADEL00039411261	70 G Lig Pocket A2 Mayur Vihar 3 Vasundhra Enclave Delhi 110096	27-Dec-21 Rs. 3,94,554.00/-	06-07-2021
2.	Surinder Kaur/ SPDEL00037356628	BG- 5/4-A Dda Flats Block BG-5 Paschim Vihar Delhi 110063	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,93,848.00/-	16-04-2021
3.	Simranjeet Singh/ SPDEL00037802944	B - 250 Mig Flats Phase- 4 Ashok Vihar Delhi 110052	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,03,434.00/-	11-12-2020
4.	Shahrulkh Khan/ LADEL00038461741	Shahrulkh Khanc 21 Gali No.- 1 Gamri Extn Delhi 110053	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,77,229.00/-	31-01-2021
5.	Gurpreet Singh/ LADEL00037575557	C-78 Third Floor Mahindru Enclave Gali No-03 Model Town Azadpur Delhi 110033	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,89,746.00/-	11-05-2021
6.	G Krishnamurthy/ SPDEL00041337363	50, Sudhar Camp, G Floor, Kalkaji, Sudhar Camp, New Delhi, Kalkaji Post Office Delhi 110019	27-Dec-21 Rs. 3,40,746.00/-	31-01-2021
7.	Virender Kumar/ LADEL00037275284	Rz-3, Naar Valmiki Chopal Mangolpur Khurd Delhi 110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,72,880.00/-	31-01-2021
8.	Prashant Bhushan Thakur/ SPDEL00040677036	Rzh- 801, Flat No-103 U.G.F Gali No-13, Kennedy Public School Rajnagar-2 Palam Colony Bagdola Delhi 110077	27-Dec-21 Rs. 4,02,043.00/-	03-05-2021
9.	Ravi Kumar/ SPDEL00040703479	Plot No-82 2nd Floor Gali No-15 Jainroad Bhagwati Garden Extn Delhi 110059	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,70,347.00/-	11-03-2021
10.	Vikram Sahni/ SPDEL00040746141	House No S 1 95 Old Mahavir Nagar Tilak Nagar Delhi 110018	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,45,904.00/-	30-09-2020
11.	Mohd Yaseen Baktoo/ LADEL00039217752	H No- 2/57 II nd Floor Double Storey Jangpura Delhi 110014	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,29,259.00/-	12-01-2021
12.	Suman Khandelwal/ SPDEL00038660452	15/13 Kalyan Puri Chilla Delhi 110091	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,76,373.00/-	11-06-2021
13.	Surender Kumar Rath/ SPDEL00036479962	D 14/173 2nd Floor Sector-3 Rohini Delhi 110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,25,149.00/-	31-01-2021
14.	Gulvez/ LADEL00038275272	A-92old Seemapuri Delhi 110095	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,05,571.00/-	31-01-2021
15.	Jay Prakash/ LADEL00036768037	House No. 41-A 41- Avilli Taimoor Nagar New Delhi Delhi 110025	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,78,404.00/-	31-01-2021
16.	Gaurav/ LADEL00038580482	P 106 Piliyanj Village Sarojini Nagar Delhi 110023	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,18,286.00/-	31-10-2020
17.	Gaurav Solanki/ LADEL00038284229	B 918 Near Amar Singh Market Sangam Vihar Delhi 110062	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,35,247.00/-	31-08-2020
18.	Alok Kumar Jha/ LADEL00038923786	Plot No 49 F/F Back Side Gali No 2 Block A Deepak Vihar Vikas Nagar Delhi 110059	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,11,183.00/-	17-05-2021
19.	Sandeep Singh/ SPDEL00041794298	34 Hari Nagar Ashram Hari Nagar Delhi 110014	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,03,976.00/-	11-02-2021
20.	Vardhaman Corporate Service Providers/ LADEL00037961005	G/F 7/149 Ramesh Nagar Delhi110015	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,00,474/-	17-05-2021
21.	Mohit Garg/ SPDEL00038679996	D-11 A Floor 3rd Single Storyvijay Nagar Delhi110009	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,39,465/-	14-09-2021
22.	Bhav Vibhor Srivastava/ LADEL00037156267	House No. 163 Pocket- 23 Sector-24 Rohiniuniversity Apartment Delhi110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,14,272/-	11-07-2021
23.	Ishwer Singh/ LAFDB00041989470	Near, Shiv Mandir Kanganheri, Road, Chhadelahi110071	27-Dec-21 Rs.5,13,512/-	21-08-2021
24.	Sita Ram/ LADEL00037683703	House No I- 415 J.J Colony Shakur Pur Delhi 110034	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,77,870/-	04-09-2021
25.	Vipin Kumar/ LADEL00039985040	B-90 Hari Nagar Delhi 110064	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,48,042/-	14-10-2021
26.	Gopal Ji Sharma/ SPDEL00037306745	E-01 Plot No-113 Sagar Cghsindra Prastha Extn Delhi110092	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,72,625/-	14-06-2021
27.	Vijay/ LADEL00042409116	4th Floor Plot No 54 Block- C Sector 8dwarka Sec 8 Delhi110077	27-Dec-21 Rs.11,75,352/-	11-10-2021
28.	Girish Kumar/ SPDEL00041641355	E-20/289 Ground Floor Sector-3 Rohini Delhi 110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.5,43,645/-	31-08-2021
29.	Ajay Kumar/ SPDEL00037080955	RZ- 55A S- Block New Roshan Pura Najafgarh Delhi 110043	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,50,203/-	09-09-2021
30.	Gulaphan Ali/ SPDEL00041840884	C 12 160 Yamuna Vihar Delhi110053	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,81,505/-	31-08-2021
31.	Mukesh Kumar/ LUDEL00037198694	A83/243 Road- 4 Street No-06 Mahipalpur Delhi110037	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,42,043/-	31-05-2021
32.	Pradeep Rana/ LUDEL00043049420	61 Pradhan Wali Gali Near Shiv Mandirshahabad Dualtapur Tehri North West Delhi110042	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,76,101/-	31-08-2021
33.	Munna Shankar Ojha/ SPDEL00040606950	B-99/1 B BLOCK GALI NO-7 SAROOP NAGARBURARI ROAD DELHI110044	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,84,448/-	18-08-2021
34.	Harsh Chhabra/ SPDEL00042055637	2895/ 4 Gali No- 4 Chuna Mandi, Pahar Ganj Delhi110055	27-Dec-21 Rs.5,33,953/-	26-04-2021
35.	Arjun Singh/ LADEL00042042396	A-68, Pandav Nagar, Delhi Gurudwara Delhi110092	27-Dec-21 Rs.6,61,557/-	27-09-2021
36.	Pramod Raghav/ SPDEL00041268807	B-117 Subhash Park Extensionuttam Nagar Near Kali Mata Mandir Delhi110059	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,11,857/-	14-08-2021
37.	Rajni Devi/ LADEL00037421973	420-B, New Defence Colony Ghaziabad 201001	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,99,811/-	31-05-2021
38.	Puneet/ LADEL00038563159	H 39 Old Campus B Pant Polytechnic Okhla Phase 3 Delhi 110020	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,57,415/-	14-10-2021
39.	Feroz Hussain Sankar/ LADEL00038908013	A- 19 Third Floor Block- Alajpat Nagar- 3 Delhi 110024	27-Dec-21 Rs.2,55,815/-	14-10-2021
40.	Pranay Sharma/ LADEL00038932081	F- 129 Sadh Nagar Parthgali No 39 Palam City South Westdelhi110045	27-Dec-21 Rs.3,64,862/-	31-10-2020
41.	Vijay Gupta/ LADEL00043289378	F-18/3 Sector-15 Rohini Delhi 110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,32,225/-	09-09-2021
42.	Ajay Gupta/ LADEL00043456433	F18/3 1st Floor Sector-15 Rohini Delhi 110085	27-Dec-21 Rs.8,52,930/-	31-08-2021
43.	Sonu/ LADEL00042115470	L-2A/139 Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar Delhi110059	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,80,105/-	09-08-2021
44.	Rahul Raj/ LUDEL00042181000	CA-53- II, Tagore Garden Delhi110027	27-Dec-21 Rs.4,81,469/-	06-07-2021

The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2), failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of issuance of notice U/s. 13 (2) dated above as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

**Date : February 11, 2022** **Authorized Officer**  
**Place: Delhi NCR** **ICICI Bank Limited**





# THE OATS HAVE IT

DR PAVITRA K gives a lowdown on all you need to know about the power ingredient

Oats, a well-known whole grain, have been gaining popularity and acceptance in our diets for quite some time. Being gluten-free and a rich source of vitamins, minerals, fibre and antioxidants, they are loaded with health benefits. Oats are well-suited for weight loss, controlling blood sugar levels and reducing the risk of heart disease. The key compound in oats is beta-glucan, a soluble fibre. It is known to control cholesterol levels, provides an increased feeling of fullness after eating and promotes the growth of healthy bacteria in the gut, thereby improving gut health.

Oats were introduced over 10,000 years ago in the ancient Greek world and were commonly eaten as porridge while also fed to livestock. As the human race progressed, so did Oats. Today, Oats are eaten in many different ways. Therefore, while consuming oats, we need to be aware of the various forms of oat grains, where each form is processed differently and is hence consumed differently. In order of least processed to the most processed; the types of oats include oat groats, steel-cut oats, rolled oats and instant oats.

**Oat groats:** This is the least processed form of oats available for human consumption. The inedible

portions from the oat kernels are removed, the grain is then cleaned and heat-treated to increase shelf life. Since this form of oats is closest to the whole grain, it takes a longer time to cook (around 30-45 minutes) with soaking required prior to cooking.

**Steel-cut oats:** Each oat groat is cut into two-three pieces, generally using steel blades, to get steel-cut oats. Steel-cut oats take less time to cook than oat groats — approximately 20 minutes. Steel-cut oats are coarse, chewy and have a nutty flavour.

**Rolled oats:** Also known as old-fashioned oats, rolled oats are basically oat groats that are lightly steamed and then rolled, flattened and dried to give them that particular shape and texture. Rolled oats have a softer texture and milder flavour when compared to steel-cut oats and cooking time is reduced considerably to around 10-15 minutes.

**Instant/quick-cooking oats:** Oat groats are steamed for a longer time and flattened even thinner as compared to rolled oats, to make instant oats. Instant oats cook within a few minutes (approximately one-three minutes), to give a mushy texture.

It is important to remember oat groats and steel-cut oats have slightly higher levels of fibre and longer diges-



tion times as compared to rolled and instant oats.

**Choosing the right kind of oats:** Before you purchase oats, please make sure of the points below:

Do you have a certain health condition, which requires you to consume grains of specific cooking time/digestion time?

Do you have a certain recipe in mind that would need oats of a certain taste and texture? For example, overnight oats are best made with rolled oats; while instant oats may be tasty for an oats soup.

Are you experimenting with oats in your diet for the first time? If yes, then be sure of how to cook any oat type that you purchase.

Additionally, make sure that the oats you purchase have no added refined sugar, artificial ingredients or preservatives, and is certified clean label. During the processing of oats, there is a possibility of oats dust generation. So, make sure you do not make a purchase compromise or you may

end up buying more dust than grains. Some brands do ensure zero dust by cleaning and following a certain process so that you end up with grains in the package, rather than dust.

**Suggestions to cook oats:** Oats can be cooked according to the package instructions, or with added protein, (milk, yoghurt or a supplement) and some healthy fat (nut butter or nuts and seeds) along with some fresh, seasonal fruit. You could also start consuming Chocolate Granola with 100% Dark Chocolate to get some added taste and variety since Rolled Oats are a crucial ingredient in granola. To ensure you are eating the best, look for brands that are Clean Label and Wholegrain Certified. This assures you that the processes their products go through are top-notch.

If you love traditional Indian food, do explore the peppery Oats Pongal, a warm bowl of Oats Kanji, or a tasty Oats Poha. If you wish to add oats to your favourite dishes, you could add some well-cooked oat groats/steel-cut oats to your bowl of soup or khichdi- for added fibre; or grind the rolled/instant oats to a fine powder and make delicious pancakes, dosas or chillas; also, you can use rolled oats (whole or powdered form) for baking cookies and cakes.

Summing up, it matters to purchase oats that are certified clean-label, true and healthy; and cooking them the right way is a good start. Healthy can be tasty too!

(The author is the lead, new product development, True Elements.)

It is important to fuel your body with nutritious foods when you work out regularly, as exercises need a lot of energy. Pre-workout meals create a great impact on our bodies. Especially when it comes to keeping you focused and energised during and after the workout and also helping in building and maintaining muscles and faster recovery.

Let us take a look at some of the best pre-workout food options to boost you through your workout session:

**Black coffee**  
As black coffee contains caffeine that has awakening elements, it is known to enhance and prolong exercise performance. It also helps to enhance a person's physical performance. Also, boosts cognitive function and potentially increases the amount of fat burned.

**When:** 45-60 minutes before a workout  
**Quantity:** 200-300 mg

**Peanut butter**  
As it contains around 30 essential minerals and vitamins, peanut butter is a great source of protein. It can boost your exercise performance significantly. You can take it as is or with a slice of bread to make it a combination of carbs and protein at once.

**When:** 10-20 minutes before hitting the gym  
**Quantity:** A spoonful

**Oat meal**  
It is protein-packed, full of fibre, and low on fat food for sustained release of energy for a short or even a lengthy workout. Oat meal is considered very nutritious and filling, so it also helps in weight loss.

**When:** One to two hours before a workout  
**Quantity:** Half-one cup to eat or as a smoothie

**Protein shake**  
It is incredibly helpful if you are looking to increase muscle mass. Protein shake also helps in reducing muscle damage and thus aiding recovery.

**When:** Between 30 minutes and two hours before a workout  
**Quantity:** 25-35 gm

**Yoghurt**  
It is one of the best go-to pre-workout food preferably taken unsweetened as it is a great combination of carbohydrates and protein. For better results, combine yoghurt with fresh fruits.

**When:** Between 30 minutes and one hour before a workout  
**Quantity:** two-three spoonfuls

**Brown rice and chicken**  
This one is a classic pre-workout meal. Before a workout, carbohydrates, protein, and fats are needed. Brown rice and chicken combined with some veggies fulfil this nutrition for your body. Along with that, it's also rich in amino acids that are proven to promote muscle growth and are a

## Energy blast

To ensure an optimum exercise session, VIKAS JAIN offers suggestions for the perfect pre-workout diet



source of slow-releasing energy.

**When:** Two hours before the workout  
**Quantity:** 200-300 gm

**Banana**  
Banana contains important nutrients such as potassium and carbohydrates that add up to exercise performance significantly. Bananas are a good choice for pre-workout as they provide the body with long-lasting energy without weighing it down or causing an upset stomach.

**When:** 15-20 minutes before a workout  
**Quantity:** One or two

**Glucon-D**  
Glucon-D provides some of the very essential monosaccharides that are instant energy generators. It helps the human body to increase the blood sugar level which gets depleted with time as you invest energy into work.

**When:** 10-15 minutes before workout or even during the workout for instant energy.

**Quantity:** Two teaspoons in 100-200 ml water

**When should you avoid food?**

For physical activities like Yoga, it is important to stay empty stomach. *Saucha*, cleanliness of body, surroundings, and mind helps in a better workout.

**Food for an evening workout**

People who prefer evening workouts should have high carb meals for breakfast and lunch as these replenishes glycogen storage. They should avoid caffeine because this will cause disturbance in the sleep cycle and a good night's sleep is very important for muscle growth and recovery.

These pre-workout meals are very efficient in providing the required nutrition for muscle growth and recovery.

Although, one should always consult their fitness expert to design their diet chart including pre and post-workout meals as well as whole-day calorie intakes according to their body type and workout levels.

(The author is the MD, Anytime Fitness India)

## ABOUT TOWN ON VALENTINE'S DAY



**THE IMPERIAL**  
Celebrate love and romance the endless flavours from an array of cuisines, handcrafted by the chefs. Valentine's Day calls for a gourmet journey at The Imperial, perfect for a love fill date.

**Where:** 1911 specials: (All day dining restaurant serving world cuisine)  
**Price:** Lunch Buffet: ₹2,999 all inclusive (per person)  
Dinner buffet: ₹3,000 plus taxes (per person)  
Canopy at 1911 Lawns – ₹4,000+taxes for a couple (four-course menu sparkling wine and soft beverages with a personalised butler)

**Where:** San Gimignano specials: (Tuscan Italian Restaurant)  
**Price:** A la carte dinner: ₹8,000+ taxes  
Private canopies at San Gimignano lawns are ₹75,000+ taxes (five-course set menu with sparkling wine & soft beverages for two people and a personalised butler)

**Where:** The Spice Route Specials: (South East Asian Restaurant)  
**Price:** A la carte dinner: ₹75,000+ taxes (five-course set menu with sparkling wine & soft beverages for two people and a personalised butler)

**THE LALIT**  
To make your Valentine experience special, The Lalit New Delhi has planned beautiful cabanas at their poolside. Enjoy a four-course candle lit dinner, prepared by the master chefs under the starlit sky. Music, wine, flowers, delicacies, cake — all things that speak the language of love — are taken care of and there is a private butler to indulge every whim.

**Price:** ₹9,000 + taxes

**THE CLARIDGES**  
The Claridges New Delhi is serving up an enticing spread of delicacies on Valentine's Day. Along with the lavish spread of delicious food at the Sevilla and The Claridges Garden, the hotel has organised a special Staycation at The Claridges Hotel to make the evening exquisite.

**Where:** The Claridges Garden.  
**Price:** ₹19,995 + taxes per couple  
Five-course set menu served with soft beverages, premium liquor and live music in a special cabana tables for the couples

**Where:** Sevilla, The Claridges New Delhi  
**Price:** Starting from ₹14,995+ taxes per couple to ₹49,995 + taxes per couple (Prices vary according to packages). Seven-courses set menu on the table

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON GURUGRAM BAANI SQUARE**  
The hotel offers 'Crafted With Love', a valentine themed dining experience with a wide spread buffet dinner with a themed décor and live entertainment at Glasshouse restaurant. The menu will feature tempting starters, delicious soups, exotic salad selection, live stations, Indian and International selection of main course and desserts.

**Where:** Glasshouse restaurant  
**Price:** ₹5,000 plus taxes per couple



### ROSEATE HOTELS & RESORTS

Enjoy specially crafted culinary delights, offers and Valentine's special amenities amidst special decor across hotels and resorts. ISKATE by Roseate and Roseate by Roseate.

**Where:** Kiyan, The Roseate, New Delhi  
**Price:** ₹9,999 ++ per couple.  
Chef's special delicious four course menu paired with wine, special decor and a Valentine special dessert at

### KYLIN

A specially curated menu for its patrons with cocktails like Love Martini, Oriental Kylin Merry and Rare and Lovefullo with Valentine's Day Special menu including desserts.

**Where:** Kylin Experience (restaurant)  
**Price:** ₹1,795 per person.  
Patrons can also order a la carte

**Where:** Kylin Skybar  
**Price:** Minimum spend per couple ₹5,000  
It includes live DJ playing romantic, love songs, a la carte menu, special Valentine's day cocktails, a bouquet of chocolate roses.



**Where:** A special seating arrangement amidst Isfahan columns surrounded by water bodies  
**Price:** ₹14,999++ per couple  
Private dining set up at ₹29,999++ per couple.

**Where:** Chi Ni  
**Price:** ₹9,999++ per couple  
A four course meal paired with wine and dessert

### SANA-DI-GE, NEW DELHI

The menu offers some mouth-watering, appetising coastal dishes like *Denji rasa*, the crab soup, *Drumstick rasa*, *Prawn butter pepper garlic*, *Fish rawa fry*, *Aminabad ki galouti* (a lamb mincemeat preparation cooked in desi ghee with



### HONEY & DOUGH

The new Valentine menu. features a small chocolate box, *Valentine vanilla chocolate strawberry cake*, *Red velvet cake*, *Pinatta cake box*, *Cup cakes*, *Brownies* and more.

**Where:** At all outlets

**Where:** Tara, Roseate House  
**Price:** 20,000++  
A Valentine special set menu curated by the executive chef accompanied by a bottle of sparkling wine, bouquet, choice of cake or chocolates and a souvenir.

**Where:** DEL, Roseate House  
**Price:** ₹6,500++ per couple  
It includes a special Valentine's



Day dinner buffet along with choice of cocktail/mocktail on arrival and a special cake at ₹3,499+ taxes per person). Enjoy the luxury of a bespoke table arrangement and a dedicated butler at DEL at ₹10,000++ per couple.

**Where:** KHEER:  
**Price:** ₹7,500+ + per couple  
An unlimited set menu, a customised cake and a souvenir.

**Where:** ISKATE BY ROSEATE  
**Price:** ₹4,999 (all inclusive).  
The package includes three course set menu, a private dining area, exclusive availability of the arena as well as an ice-skating session for two, a photo souvenir along with a Valentine's Day special gift.

special Indian spices), *Paneer ghee roast*, *Broccoli -e-Sanadige* (in-house vegetarian speciality), *Lotus stem kalimirchi* and *Anjar fish curry* with Mangalorean spices.

**Price:** 3,999 ++

### CAFE DELHI HEIGHTS

A specially curated Valentine menu with offerings like *Pink Lady*, *C what I mean*, *Carpaccio of strawberry*, *Rocket leaf and cherry tomato with goat cheese*, *Fiery chicken wings with strawberry yogurt*, *Cheese fondue*, *Grilled salmon with rose lemon butter*, *Beetroot ravioli with saffron sauce*, *chocolate fondue* and more.

**Where:** Multiple outlets





# NOVAK DJOKOVIC NAMED IN THE INDIAN WELLS OPEN



IAN S ■ CALIFORNIA (USA)

World No. 1 and five-time Indian Wells champion Novak Djokovic along with the 2022 Australian Open champions Spain's Rafael Nadal and Australian Ashleigh Barty are included in the BNP Paribas Open tournament entry list. The event will be held from March 7-20 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in California, United States.

However, the organisers emphasised that the vaccinations will be required for the event, but made it clear that players' rules and protocols will be decided by the ATP in accordance with US Government restrictions.

"To facilitate the implementation of the venue's mandatory vaccination policy ahead of the 2022 tournament, the guidelines for the players are governed by the protocols established by their respective governing bodies, the WTA and ATP, as well as any restrictions established by the United States of America in regard to the vaccination status of international travellers entering the country," the organisers said in a statement.

Djokovic failed to participate in

**"To facilitate the implementation of the venue's mandatory vaccination policy ahead of the 2022 tournament, the guidelines for the players are governed by the protocols"**

the Australian Open 2022 as he was deported by the Australian government last month for not disclosing his Covid-19 vaccination status.

On the men's side, three-time champion Nadal (2007, 2009, 2013) will compete at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden for the first time since March 2019, as he was unable to participate in the 2021 tournament due to a foot injury. A power-packed lineup of ATP Top-10 players will join Nadal is looking to put together a breakthrough performance in Tennis Paradise.

The 2021 US Open champion and 2022 Australian Open finalist

Daniil Medvedev (World No. 2), 2021 ATP Finals winner Alexander Zverev (World No. 3), and 2021 French Open finalist Stefanos Tsitsipas (World No. 4) will each be in search of their maiden title in the desert. Reigning BNP Paribas Open champion Cameron Norrie (World No. 13) will look to replicate his extraordinary 2021 title run, in which he won his first Masters 1000 crown.

On the women's side, Barty, the WTA World No. 1, will seek her first title in the desert after sitting out the tournament's 2021 edition in October.

Along with Barty, the 2021 BNP Paribas Open champion Paula Badosa (World No. 5) will attempt to continue her climb up the WTA rankings as she returns to the event just five months after her stunning championship performance in October.

Joining her in the women's draw will be a trio of top-ranked contenders in search of their first-career Indian Wells singles victory: 2021 Madrid Open champion Aryna Sabalenka (World No. 2), 2021 French Open champion Barbora Krejickova (World No. 3) and World No. 4 Karolina Pliskova.

## SAI has established para centre: Thakur

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Sports Authority of India has established a para centre under its National Centre of Excellence Scheme at SAI regional centre in Gandhinagar, Sports Minister Anurag Thakur said in the Parliament on Thursday.

Under the 'promotion of sports among persons with disabilities' vertical of the Khelo India scheme, financial assistance is provided to support district and state level games to the concerned national sports federations, namely, Special Olympic Bharat, All India Sports Council of Deaf and Paralympics Committee of India. Further, under the 'talent search and development' vertical of the Khelo India Scheme, 29 para-athletes have been identified in four para-sports disciplines and are being provided with out of pocket allowance of Rs 10,000 per month.

In addition, the nodal body has also established a para centre at SAI's regional centre in Gandhinagar. The centre is operational in the disciplines of athletics, swimming, powerlifting and table tennis.

The selected athletes are provided support in the form of expert coaches, sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses,



medical/insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.

Most of the other centres of SAI have also been made disabled friendly.

This ministry implements the Khelo India Scheme with the twin objectives of

mass participation and promotion of excellence in sports under which various programmes have been launched under the different Khelo India verticals to realise the objective of broad-basing and promoting the culture of sports.

## Chen, Kim soar to Olympic gold medals

AP ■ BEIJING

Nathan Chen soared effortlessly and nearly perfectly five times during his "Rocketman" performance.

When his skates touched down for the final time in a historic arena in Beijing, he was an Olympic gold medalist.

Up at Genting Snow Park, Chloe Kim nailed all five jumps on her first run through the Secret Garden Olympic halfpipe, enough for her to easily defend her Olympic title on Thursday.

It was the United States' best day yet at the Beijing Games. The United States also won gold in the Olympics' first mixed team aerials event, giving it a total of four gold medals and 10 overall.

Chen, whose parents immigrated from China, had a memorable free skate to finally put behind him the immense disappointment from four years ago,

when a nightmarish short program in South Korea dashed his medal hopes.

Skating his "Rocketman" program set to the film score by Elton John, the 22-year-old Chen landed all five of his quads to leave no question he was the best in the world. He finished with 332.60 points, three off his own world record and 22 ahead of silver medalist Yuma Kagiyama of Japan. Shoma Uno of Japan took bronze.

"It means the world. I'm just so happy," said Chen, who was relaxed and expressive throughout his routine.

Chen, who is from Salt Lake City, took off with an opening quad salchow. He effortlessly landed four more quads. He had a slight bobble on a late combination sequence.

When his scores were read, coach Rafael Arutyunyan raised Chen's left arm like a championship boxer.



## Prajesh exits Bengaluru Open with second round defeat

PTI ■ BENGALURU

India's singles challenge ended at the Bengaluru Open with the second round defeat of Prajesh Gunneswaran against top seed Jiri Vesely, here on Thursday.

Prajesh won the first set but eventually made exit with a 6-3 2-6 1-6 defeat that sent the Czech into the quarterfinals, where he will meet sixth seed Frenchman Enzo Couacaud who quelled the challenge of Max Purcell 6-4 3-6 6-2.

"I think I went wrong somewhere at the end of the second set as I committed too many mistakes which could have been avoided," Prajesh said after the match.

The 28-year-old Vesley said, "I just wanted to be myself and play my natural game. Although his confidence was high after the first set, I don't know what happened to him, his game just dropped."

Meanwhile, three Indian pairs bowed out of the doubles event with only the third seeded team of Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan advancing to the semifinals after getting a walkover from their opponents Steven Diez of Canada and Malek Jaziri of Tunisia.

In the other singles pre-quarterfinals, Cem Ilkel of Turkey made a superb comeback to down the big-serving Russian Evgeny Donskov 2-6 6-3 7-5 to set up a last eight showdown with Alexandre Muller of France, a 7-6 (4) 6-4 winner over Bulgarian Dimitar Kuzmanov in a match that lasted for three hours.



## 2020 champ Ruud wins first match on return from injury

IAN S ■ BUENOS AIRES (ARGENTINA)

Casper Ruud made a successful return to action at Argentina Open following an ankle injury that forced his late withdrawal from the Australian Open. Playing his first match since the ATP Cup, the 23-year-old Norwegian defeated Roberto Carballes Baena, 7-6(2), 6-3, on Wednesday.

Ruud won his first ATP title as the eighth seed at the 2020 Argentina Open and enters this year as the World No. 8. The top seed extended his perfect record to 6-0 at the event with the win over Carballes Baena.

"It was a good start. First time playing on clay in six months, so everything is a bit new again," he said post-match. "Of course, I prefer to play on clay, but it takes some time to get used to the court and playing points."

Now with six ATP titles to his name, including five in 2021, Ruud is attempting to back up his maiden trophy. (He did not play the 2021 Buenos Aires event, won by Diego Schwartzman, the second seed this year.)

"I feel, obviously, very good in Buenos Aires. I was a bit nervous coming back because it's the first time I have to defend a title," he said, before thanking the fans for their support.

"Everything is a bit different since two years ago. When I won

here it was a surprise. I was young,"

Ruud will face Federico Coria in the quarter-finals, after the Argentine scored a comeback 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory over fifth seed Dusan Lajovic. Coria trailed 3-5 in the second set, but stormed back to win the final four games of the set in front of his home fans.

In the decisive set, he used a run of 12 straight points to turn a 0-1 hole into a 3-1 lead from which he never looked back. The match featured nine breaks of serve, with five for Coria.

Spain's former world No. 7 Fernando Verdasco came back for a set down to beat Brazilian Thiago Monteiro in the round of 16 on Wednesday. Verdasco, 38, prevailed 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 in two hours and 17 minutes on the outdoor clay of the Argentine Lawn Tennis Club. His next match will be a quarter-final on Friday against Italian Lorenzo Sonego, who defeated local favourite Sebastian Baez 6-3, 6-3 earlier on Wednesday.

The unseeded Spaniard will next face third seed Lorenzo Sonego, who was a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Argentina's Sebastian Baez in Wednesday's nightcap.

The World No. 22 Italian steadied himself after a wild start to the match that featured four straight breaks of serve. From 2-2, Sonego would not be broken again, though he saved seven breakpoints in the second set-including two as he served out the match.

## The Netherlands women pull out of matches in India

IAN S ■ NEW DELHI

The Netherlands women's hockey team has decided not to travel to India for their upcoming double-header in FIH Pro League against the Indian women's team at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on February 19 and 20.

The Netherlands team has cited negative inter-continental travel advice received from KNHB (Royal Dutch Hockey

Association) Medical Committee and the NOC medical staff for their decision to cancel their travel to India for the matches, the Hockey India has informed in a release on Thursday. Hockey India has expressed surprise and disappointment over the Netherlands women's team, the reigning World and Olympic champions, cancelling their travel plans. Commenting on the

Netherlands' decision, Hockey India President Gyanendra Ningombam said, "Hockey India is quite surprised by the Netherlands' decision to cancel their trip to India for the doubleheader FIH Women's Hockey Pro League which was scheduled for 19th and 20th February in Bhubaneswar owing to the negative medical report given by the KNHB medical committee."

"With Covid positivity rate

in India falling to less than five per cent, we were confident of successfully hosting the matches in a secure bio bubble similar to that of the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup held at the same venue just three months ago where 16 teams participated," he added. Hockey India is currently in contact with FIH regarding the implications of the decision of the Netherlands.

## Bengaluru look to cut gap on table-toppers Hyderabad

IAN S ■ BAMBOLIM (GOA)

A chance to close the gap on leaders Hyderabad FC will motivate Bengaluru FC when two teams lock horns in an 2021-22 Indian Super League match at the Athletic Stadium, here on Friday.

Bengaluru are on a nine-game unbeaten run, having turned around a poor start to the season in some style to remain in third place having 23 points from 15 matches. A win against leaders Hyderabad will see them go level on points with their southern rivals, and that should keep Marco Pezzaiuoli's charges on their toes. Hyderabad failed to consolidate their lead at the top after a narrow defeat to ATK Mohun Bagan, leaving Kerala Blasters FC with a golden opportunity to reclaim pole position as they have two games in hand as compared to Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Kerala are placed second with 23 points from 13 outings. "We're looking at ourselves, because we're unbeaten in nine games. We've won our last few games, and we're in a better condition after quarantine. We got ten points from the last four games, which has been a good return," said Bengaluru FC head coach Pezzaouli. "They lost their last game, which is an important point, because it helps us spot some weaknesses. We need to be very compact. They are a very good team in transition, fast players in the offensive areas and Ogbeche is the man in the box, so we need to avoid counters," he said about Hyderabad.



The sub-plot to the encounter is also Bartholomew Ogbeche and Sunil Chhetri facing off. The two joint-highest goal scorers in ISL history will clash against each other as they battle to become the first player to reach the 50-goal milestone in the competition. Both Chhetri and Ogbeche have scored 49 goals in the competition. Chhetri has scored 49 goals in 109 matches while Ogbeche has scored 49 goals in 71 matches. The game will also be a battle of some of the best-attacking fullbacks this season. Roshan Singh Naorem and Akash Mishra have been a revelation in attack this season. Cumulatively, they have been involved in 12 goals for their teams this season. Roshan has seven-goal contributions (1 goal plus 6 assists) in his 13 matches while Akash has five goal contributions in 15 matches this season (2 goals plus 3 assists). No defenders have been involved in more goals in ISL 21-22 than these two.

## Salah back as Liverpool looks to trim City's lead

AP ■ LIVERPOOL

A look at what's happening in European soccer on Thursday:

**ENGLAND** Liverpool will look to trim the deficit to leader Manchester City back down to nine points with a home win over Leicester in the Premier League. And Mohamed Salah is back to help the Reds after returning from the African Cup of Nations, where he lost in the final to Senegal on penalties.

Salah might start on the bench at Anfield as Jurgen Klopp looks to ease his star player back in, but Sadio Mane — the scorer of the clinching penalty in the African Cup final — won't be involved at all.

Leicester is looking to bounce back from beating humbled by second-tier Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup on Sunday. In the other game, Arsenal can climb to fifth by winning away at Wolverhampton.

**SPAIN** Athletic Bilbao hosts Valencia in the first leg of the Copa del Rey semifinals, with the Basque Country team trying to reach its third straight final.



It lost to Basque rival Sociedad in 2020 and to Barcelona last season.

This year it eliminated the Catalan club in the round of 16 and Real Madrid in the quarterfinals. Valencia, an eight-time Copa winner, is back in the last four after winning its last title in 2019. Real Betis and Rayo Vallecano are playing in the other semifinal.

**FRANCE** Nantes was once a powerhouse in French soccer and celebrated winning its third

French Cup in 2000 and its eighth league title the following year.

The club's all-yellow strip was one of the most recognized in French soccer, much like the green of Saint-Etienne. But Les Canaris (The Canaries) have won nothing since 2001.

Now a place in the semifinals of the French Cup beckons if coach Antoine Kombouare's side can beat second-tier Bastia at home. Kombouare is a former Nantes defender and has brought much-needed stability back to the club.



# India eye whitewash as Dhawan returns to add more firepower

PTI ■ AHMEDABAD

The returning Shikhar Dhawan will add more firepower to a ruthless India, who are faced with the problem of plenty, as they eye a clean sweep of West Indies in an inconsequential third ODI here on Friday.

Hosts India head into the final match of the series after having ticked almost all the boxes in the first two games, which they won comfortably.

Senior opener Dhawan was among the four players, including a reserve bowler, who had tested positive for COVID-19 just four days ahead of the start of the ODI leg.

But now that the southpaw is back, the Indian team could be forced to make few changes to its winning combination.

In his absence, the team management opened with Ishan Kishan in the first game and the flamboyant Rishabh Pant in the second.

After his side's 44-run win in the second game on Wednesday, India skipper Rohit Sharma made it clear that Dhawan will be back for the last match of the ODI series.

"We will get Shikhar back for next game, and he needs some game time. It is not always the results. We wanted to try it one game," Rohit had said.

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This means that vice-captain KL Rahul would continue to bat in the middle-order along with former skipper Virat Kohli, whose search for his 71st international hundred con-

tinues. The hosts, who were restricted to 237 for nine in the second game, would be keen to post a big score if they again bat first.

Skipper Rohit failed in the last game but it is common knowledge that he can take on any attack on his day, and so is the case with Dhawan. Pant will go back to the middle-

order alongside Suryakumar Yadav, who is likely to retain his place after emerging as the team's highest scorer in the second match following a top-order collapse.

In all probability, all-rounder Deepak Hooda would have to make way for Dhawan in the playing XI.

All the middle-order batters — be it Pant, Suryakumar, Kohli or KL — would be keen to get some more runs under their belt and end the ODI leg on a high.

It remains to be seen whether Shreyas Iyer, if available for selection, can make the playing XI or not.

The Indian bowlers dished out a clinical show in the two preceding matches, dismissing their opponents for 176 and 193, respectively.

And with the series sealed, the Indian team management can afford to make few changes and give opportunities to new players.

So, either left-arm orthodox spinner Kuldeep Yadav, who is making a comeback after recovering from an injury, or young leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi could get a look-in. This means that either Yuzvendra Chahal or Washington Sundar could be rested to make way for one of their teammates.

Also, Madhya Pradesh pacer Avesh Khan has been waiting in the wings, and the team management might also give him a game.

With pacer Prasidh Krishna taking four wickets in an excellent second game and Shardul Thakur also among the wickets, it is highly unlikely that the duo would be dropped. So if Avesh is included, probably Mohammed Siraj would have to make way.

Meanwhile, the West Indies, who have already conceded the series, would be looking to put up an improvised show with the bat and regain some lost ground.

The second ODI was the 11th time in the last 17 games that the West Indies have failed to bat their quota of 50 overs.

Their batters, including skipper Kieron Pollard and senior all-rounder Jason Holder, must put a prize on their wickets.

Apart from the duo of Pollard and Holder, the likes of Shai Hope, Brandon King and the swashbuckling Nicolas Pooran, would also be looking to dig deep and get some runs under their belt.

On the bowling front, West Indies did well to restrict India in the second ODI and would want to continue from where they left.

Pacers Kumar Roach, Alzarri Joseph and Odean Smith hit the right length, but the role of spinners Fabian Allen and Akeal Hosein is also crucial from the visitors' point of view.

## Someone else took credit for decisions I took in Australia: Rahane



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

He was a central figure in India's epic turnaround during the 2020-21 tour of Australia but stand-in captain of that series Ajinkya Rahane says "someone else took the credit" for decisions he made to resurrect the team after the nightmarish 36 all out in the Adelaide Test.

As regular captain Virat Kohli flew out of Australia, leaving in his wake the disappointment of the humiliating loss in the opener at Adelaide, Rahane took over the reins in the most difficult

of circumstances.

What followed was one of the most incredible turnarounds seen in Test history as India rebounded to win the second match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground by eight wickets, with Rahane leading the fight-back with a magnificent hundred.

"I know what I've done there. I don't need to tell anyone. That's not my nature to go and take credit. Yes, there were some things that I took the decisions on the field or in the dressing room but someone else took the credit for it," Rahane said

in an episode of 'Backstage With Boria'.

"(What was) important for me was that we won the series. That was a historical series and for me, that was really special."

Rahane did not take any names but his comments could well be a veiled attack on the then head coach Ravi Shastri, who was widely acclaimed for the team's performance and dominated the media space for being the architect of the turnaround given that the dressing room resembled a hospital ward at one point.

In fact, Shastri became the voice of the team after those brilliant victories.

Rahane earned plaudits from the cricket fraternity for the manner in which he led the heavily depleted team in one of the most difficult situations, not just at the MCG but through the remainder of the four-match series.

India missed three front-line players at MCG, and continued to lose key players through the series to injuries but still emerged triumphant at the end of it all.

"After that, the reactions from people or those who took credit or what was said on the media, 'I did this' or 'This was my decision', or 'This was my call', it was for them to talk about," Rahane said.

"From my end, I knew what decisions I took on the field and what decisions I took on my instincts.

## Australia makes 2 changes for Sri Lanka T20 opener

AP ■ SYDNEY

Australia has made two changes to the team which claimed its first Twenty20 World Cup in the United Arab Emirates in November for the first match of a five-game T20 series against Sri Lanka.

With David Warner rested, the top run-scorer in the domestic T20 competition, Ben McDermott, will open the batting with captain Aaron Finch for Friday's match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Josh Inglis comes in for Mitch Marsh and will play solely as a batsman while Matthew Wade is the wicketkeeper.

Finch on Thursday endorsed Andrew McDonald as Justin Langer's permanent replacement and echoed the comments of his test counterpart Pat Cummins by saying the next coach must be "more collaborative."

McDonald, who has acted as an assistant to Langer since 2019, has the chance to audition for a permanent stay after being installed as interim head coach. Finch indicated that McDonald was the right fit for a permanent position beyond the Sri Lanka series. "That (the appointment of the next coach)



is not my decision to make," Finch said.

"I've worked with him and we played together for a long time. He's very good at his job, but like everything that's gone before us, the players don't make those decisions."

The teams will play the second match at the SCG on Sunday, followed by the third game next Tuesday at Canberra's Manuka Oval. The final two games are set for the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Feb. 18 and 20.

## Pant wins 'Test Batting Award'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's dashing keeper-batter Rishabh Pant won top 'Test batting' prize for his series-winning knock of 89 against Australia in Brisbane last year while New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson was adjudged 'Captain of the Year' at the 15th Annual ESPNcricinfo awards.

The Test bowling award went to Kyle Jamieson for his 5 for 31, which helped New Zealand become the first World Test champions. Pant steered India to an unlikely victory in the dying moments of play in the final Test, taking them to a 2-1 series win. Few would have predicted India to emerge victorious as they went into the match with a third-string side in the wake of numerous injuries to their first-choice players.

Williamson, who was up against Virat Kohli, Babar Azam and Aaron Finch for the award, won it for leading his side to the



World Test Championship win and a runners-up place at the T20 World Cup. England fast bowler Ollie Robinson was named Debutant of the Year for his 37 wickets at 21.16 in eight Tests, which made him England's second highest wicket-taker in Tests in 2021. While England men's side had a largely forgettable year, they still managed to grab three awards.

Saqib Mahmood's 4 for 42 in a nine-wicket win over Pakistan got

him the top ODI bowling prize. Jos Buttler won the T20I batting award for his unbeaten 101 off 67 balls on a challenging surface in Sharjah against Sri Lanka at the T20 World Cup. The ODI batting and T20I bowling awards went to Pakistan. Fakhar Zaman won the top batting prize for his 155-ball 193 against South Africa at the Wanderers, the highest score in an ODI chase and the second highest ever in a losing cause.

## Match fixing attempt being investigated at Lanka Premier League

PTI ■ COLOMBO

The sports ministry's corruption prevention unit has initiated an investigation into an alleged attempt to fix matches at the recently concluded Lanka Premier League (LPL).

Jagath Fonseka, the head of the unit, said a leading national batter has lodged a complaint with them after he was approached for corruption.

"He told us that he had been approached by a rich gem businessman's son and a friend of the same man to do so. We have concluded our and forwarded the papers for the Attorney General," Fonseka told reporters.

The Prevention of Offences Relating to the Sports Act, made a law in 2019, provided for the prevention of match fixing, corruption, illegal manipulation and illegal betting in sports and for the appointment of a Special Investigations Unit for investigation of offences.

## 2022 IPL Auction important in preparing our base for next 5-6 years: Sanju Samson

IAN S ■ BENGALURU

Rajasthan Royals skipper Sanju Samson believes that the upcoming IPL 2022 mega auction is vastly important for them in order to build a base for the team for the next five to six years.

The Jaipur-based franchise, who won the inaugural edition of the league in 2008, head into the two-day auction in Bengaluru scheduled for February 12 and 13 with INR 62 crore in their purse. Rajasthan had retained Samson, young India opener Yashasvi Jaiswal and England wicketkeeper batter Jos Buttler in November last year.

"This auction is really important because we know we could very well be preparing our base for the next 5-6 years. So, we've made sure to track everyone and give the opportunity to as many players as possible during the trials. Our



goal is to now target the ones we think align with our vision, can embrace our values, and help our team get back to the top," said Samson in a release.

Mega auctions of the IPL have, in the past, seen some incredible picks, ones that may not have been the absolute superstars to the common eye but were vital in the larger scheme of things, with diligent analytical backing.

Former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara, currently serving as Director of Cricket in the side, feels that the above-mentioned factors could once again come to the fore, and provide the team with further clarity as they build for the potential with a view to the long-term.

"Our analytical assessments are detailed, right from the information we've collected on players to getting them integrated into a central database. We further filter the data, backed with a robust analytic process which enables us to arrive at the right metrics further refining our overall player identification process. It's really quite a comprehensive process."

Ahead of the fifth mega auction in the history of IPL, Rajasthan have embraced several tools and technologies for monitoring and performance measurement purposes.

## Have set myself an 18-month target to play for Sr India: Yash Dhull

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Yash Dhull has lost count of the number of flights he has taken in the past 48 hours.

He had spent the previous day in Ahmedabad where the entire team was felicitated following a tiring journey in which the squad had to take as many as four flights to reach India from the Caribbean.

Having lived out of suitcase for the past two months, which could potentially be life-changing, when Dhull finally met his parents, it was just a mere 30 minutes of reunion for the sleep-deprived captain of the World Cup winning India U-19 team.

Dhull arrived in Delhi early morning and went straight to his alma mater Bal Bhavan in West Delhi to meet the people who played a big role in him becoming the cricketer he has become.

Two hours later, he had a

flight to catch and next destination was Guwahati, where he is set to make his Ranji debut for Delhi next week. So between the school visit and ride back to the airport, Dhull got just enough time to go home for a shower.

He has no time to rest as the real journey into the men's world started with the flight that he took to Guwahati to join the Delhi Ranji Trophy squad.

Having hardly slept since lifting that trophy in Antigua last week, Dhull has no complaints though. He knows it is only the start of his life as a professional cricketer.

"I have hardly slept the last few days but it is not something I can complain about.

What I have done till now is done, I need to focus on what lies in the immediate future," Dhull told PTI referring to his Ranji Trophy call-up.

Most of the World Cup winning squad members won't go on and play for India but Dhull showed in the Caribbean that he could move up the ladder and play at the highest level. He has set himself an 18-month target to play for India.

"That is my target but if I am not able to do that in the 18 month time frame, I will keep working hard till I attain my goal," said the soft-spoken cricketer.

The 19-year-old is third captain from Delhi to win the title after Virat Kohli and Unmukt Chand, who both had contrasting career graphs post their exploits in the U-19 World Cup.

He is inspired by Kohli and his achievements but there is also the story of Chand, who succumbed to pressure of expectations he set with his performance in the 2012 edition.

Does Dhull have fear of



failure after a high he just experienced in the Caribbean? "The names you have

taken (Kohli and Chand), I am not thinking on those lines. I want to remain hum-

ble and not think about the future too much.

"Virat bhai shared his

experience with me on what happened with him post the U19 World Cup (in 2008).

"I got to know a lot from approaching my career from here on, the chat with him has helped me understand things I need to focus on going forward and things I need to avoid," he said referring to the conversation with Kohli on the eve of the World Cup final on Saturday.

Kohli had already played first-class cricket before he captained India to the World Cup title 14 years ago but Dhull has not even played red ball cricket at U-19 level as he was selected for the white ball assignments.

The switch from U-19 to first-class is a big one but Dhull believes it is something he can handle.

"I will have to change my mindset for the red ball game, preparation will be different. I don't think it will be a lot different and tougher than

white ball. The red ball does a bit early on but and if you can see that initial period batting becomes easier.

"It is all about the mindset from here on. Physically how fit you are. It is not one specific area, I will have to work on all my shots to become a better player," said Dhull when asked about areas of improvement.

The skipper impressed many with his range of strokes, strike rotation and the tempo of his innings in the Caribbean where he overcame COVID-19 to take his team past the finishing line.

The highlight of his campaign was the hundred against Australia in the semi-final when he produced a sublime knock under pressure.

He had just about managed to play the quarters after missing two league games along with his deputy Shaik Rasheed due to the infection.