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Quad vows 'free' Indo-Pacific

Coercion-free region must to ensure peace, eco prosperity, say leaders

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As China flexes its muscle in the Indo-Pacific region, the Quad nations — the US, India, Japan, and Australia — on Friday pledged to keep the region free from "coercion" and ensure freedom of naviga-

This clear message to China came from the meeting of Quad Foreign Ministers in Melbourne. It was attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his counterparts Marise Payne (Australia), Antony Blinken (the US) and Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japan).

Ahead of the meeting, Beijing on Wednesday had said such "exclusive blocs" create confrontation and it should not drive a wedge in relations between regional countries. "Quad has a "cold war mentality," it added.

The Quad Foreign Ministers vowed to ramp up cooperation to keep the Indo-Pacific region free from bullying, opposed "coercive" economic policies, denounced the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism, and



United States' Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne, second left, Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, right, pose for photo during a meeting of the Quad Foreign Ministers in Melbourne, Australia on Friday

asserted that Afghan territory should not be used to threaten or attack any country.

The Ukraine crisis was also discussed at the fourth meeting of the Quad Foreign Ministers with Blinken saying Russia would face "massive consequences" if it renewed aggression towards the Eastern European nation and that Washington is following an approach of diplomacy and dialogue to resolve the issue.

At a joint media briefing with his counterparts, Jaishankar said an agenda seeking to further the Quad's shared vision of a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific is being

enjoys the trust of her nephew and Diamond Harbor MP

Abhishek Banerjee, who is also the party general secretary.

outfit vertically with the

younger generation led by

Abhishek endorsing the slogan

and the old guards loyal to the

Chief Minister objecting to it claiming that I-PAC was mak-

ing too much interference in

had introduced Kishore and I-

PAC — that is often credited

with pulling the ruling

Trinamool Congress (TMC)

out of woods ahead of last year's

Assembly elections by sug-

to the Chief Minister months

gesting innovative schemes -

before the elections

According to reports, it was the junior Banerjee who

the party's internal affairs.

The stated slogan seems to

pursued to ensure peace, stability, and economic prosperity in the region.

"As leading democracies, we pursue our shared vision of upholding a rules-based international order free from coercion, one based on respect for territorial integrity and sover-eignty, the rule of law, transparency, freedom of navigation in the international seas, and peaceful resolution of disputes," he said.

He said there is ample scope to work together on global issues such as terrorism, cyber security, maritime security, and disinformation and that India continues to pursue

an "agile" and multidimensional strategy towards the Indo-Pacific.

"In the meeting, we reaffirm the Quad's commitment to supporting Indo-Pacific countries' efforts to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific — a region which is inclusive and resilient, and in which states strive to protect the interests of their people, free from coercion," a joint statement said with a veiled reference to China's bullying in region.

"Our meeting advanced the Quad's positive and ambitious agenda. We are focused on working closely with Indo-Pacific partners to address the

region's most important challenges. Working together as the Quad, we are more effective in

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delivering practical support to the region," it said.

The statement said the Quad partners champion a free, open and inclusive rulesbased order, rooted in international law that protects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of regional countries.

"We oppose coercive eco-nomic policies and practices that run counter to this system and will work collectively to foster global economic resilience against such actions," it said.

The Quad Foreign Ministers also denounced the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism and urged countries to work together to eliminate terrorist safe havens, disrupt terrorist networks, infrastructure and financial channels that sustain

"In this context, we call on all countries to ensure that territory under their control is not used to launch terror attacks and to expeditiously bring to justice the perpetrators of such attacks. We reiterate our condemnation of terrorist attacks in India, including the 26/11 Mumbai and Pathankot attacks," the statement said.

Without naming China, the Quad Foreign Ministers also resolved to meet challenges to the maritime rules-based order, including in the South and East China Seas.

SC's 'no' urgent hearing in hijab, says don't stoke fire

'Court would protect constitutional rights of every citizen'

PNS NEW DELHI

 $R^{\text{efusing to intervene in the}}_{\text{hijab row at this time, the}}$ Supreme Court on Friday said it would protect the constitutional rights of every citizen and take up the issue at an "appropriate time".

The apex court made this observation on pleas challenging a direction of the Karnataka High Court asking students not to wear any religious clothing in educational institutions, and emphasised that these issues should not 'spread" at the "national level".

The bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana was told by senior advocate Devdutt Kamat, appearing for the students, that the High Court order has led to the "suspension of fundamental right to practice religion under Article 25 of the Constitution" and the plea be listed for hearing on Monday.

Refusing to list the plea on February 14 as sought by Kamat, the bench, also com prising Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli, referred to the ongoing hearing of the case in the High Court and said it will protect the fundamental right of every citizen and take up the matter at an "appropriate time".

Solicitor General Tushar Continued on Page 2 Mehta, appearing for the



the High Court order has not even come out and this should have been pointed out.

"The High Court is already hearing this on an urgent basis. We do not know what the order is...Wait. Let us see," the bench "I do not want to express

anything. Do not spread these

things to a larger level. This is what we want to say. Kamat, we are also watching. We also know what is happening in the State as well as in the hearing...And you also have to think over whether it is proper to bring those things to Delhi as a national level issue and all that," the CII observed. Continued on Page 2

Uniform Civil Code need of the hour, should be discussed in Parl, says Giriraj Singh

New Delhi: Amid the row over wearing 'hijab' in schools and colleges, Union Minister and BJP leader Giriraj Singh on Friday said the Uniform Civil Code is the "need of the hour" and it should be discussed both in Parliament and in the society

The hijab row started in Karnataka in December-end when a few students of a government pre-university college in Udupi who attended classes wearing headscarves were asked to leave the campus.

The matter then spread to different parts of the state, with youngsters, backed by right-wing outfits, responding by wearing saffron scarves. With the protests taking a violent turn at some places earlier this week, the State Government on Tuesday declared a three-day holiday for the institutions. Interacting with reporters, Giriraj Singh described the row over wearing 'hijab' as a "disturbing trend aimed at muddling the atmos-

phere of the country".

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Prakriti ka Aashirwad

Prashant used Didi's social media handles sans permission: Min

Allegation to deepen 'rift' in relationship

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

In what could further strengthen speculation regarding alleged rift between Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and election strategist Prashant Kishore's Indian Political Action Committee (I-PAC), Bengal Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya on Friday alleged that poll consultancy firm had used her social media handles to endorse the "one-person-onepost" campaign without her

knowledge While Bhattacharya is close to the Chief Minister, I-PAC

It's sovereign right to tax crypto profit, ban call depends on feedback, says FM

PNS NEW DELHI

mid raging debate in the Amid raging ucone in a country on cryptocurrency, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said the to tax profit made from cryptocurrency transactions, and the decision on banning or not banning it will be taken based on feedback from consultations.

Clarifying the Government's stand she said in the Rajya Sabha, "I am not going to legalise it or ban it at this stage. Banning or not banning will come subsequently, when consultations give me input".

About the profit emanating from transactions in cryptocurrencies, she said, "(Whether it is) legitimate or illegitimate, it is a different question, but I will tax because it is a sovereign right to

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'Budget aim is to bring stable recovery in eco'



PNS NEW DELHI

India has managed to bounce back economically from the adverse impact of the corona pandemic and the aim of the Budget for the next fiscal is to ensure stability and growth Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Friday

Replying to a general discussion on the Budget in the Rajya Sabha, she said the Indian economy suffered a massive contraction due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the Government has been able to contain retail inflation at 6.2

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4 KILLED AS BUILDING COLLAPSES IN BAWANA New Delhi: Four people, including woman and a nineyear-old girl, died as a building

Bawana on Friday afternoon PM DISTRACTING GOA FROM REAL ISSUES: RAGA Panaji: Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi

collapsed in North Delhi's

people of Goa from real issues like environment and employment NETWORK OUTAGE WAS FOR 5 MINS: AIRTEL

of distracting the attention of

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel's data network faced disruption for a brief duration, around 5 minutes, across India due to a technical glitch, and the network was fully normalised within a few minutes, the company said on Friday.

INDIA LOGS 58,077 NEW COVID CASES, 657 DEATHS

New Delhi: India saw a single day rise of 58,077 coronavirus infections, taking the tally to 4.25.36.137, while the active cases have declined to 6,97,802, according to Union Health Ministry data.

Retired babu's son held for hit-&-run

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in S Delhi's GK

The Delhi Police has arrested a 27-year-old son of a retired bureaucrat for allegedly hitting a man with his car and dragging him on the vehibonnet South Delhi's Greater Kailash

Police said action has also been taken against the retired officer under section 212 (harbouring offender) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The accident took place in Greater Kailash on Tuesday.

The video of the incident circulated on social media where a man can be seen on the bonnet of a car which was driven rashly. The victim was dragged for over 100 meters The accused has been iden-

tified as Raj Sunderam.

During investigation, police already identified the offending vehicle involved in the accident and seized the car. However, the accused was missing.

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Bengal train accident: Mandatory engine test rule flouted for month

PNS NEW DELHI

Apreliminary enquiry into the Jalpaiguri (West Bengal) rail accident that Bengal) claimed nine lives and left several injured last month has found that the locomotive pulling the Bikaner-Guwahati Express had been running without any trip inspection for about 18,000 km when such examinations are mandatory every 4,500 km. The Commission of Railway Safety (CRS), in a letter to the general manager of Northeast Frontier Railway, has also raised red flags on "ghost examinations" being conducted on the rail network. A final report on the

derailment on January 13 is still

awaited. The last trip inspec-

tion took place on December

6, 2021. "Since then, it was run-

ning continuously and logged

about 18,000 km before even-

tual derailment of the loco

attended with fallen traction

motor-2 on 13.1.2022 while working on train no 15633 UP schedule WAP 4 locomotive every 4,500 km which was no ensured," the letter stated. Trip inspection is an

important safety examination in which the undergear of a locomotive is inspected by a trained railway official to ensure safety. It is expected that Railways has institutionalised a system to monitor and ensure that it is done in time, the letter by the Commission of Railway Safety stated.

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As per prescribed inspection shall undergo trip inspection at

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'ghar ka ladka' for Akhilesh

In the electoral battle in Karhal, the electorate are rooting for the 'Ghar ka Ladka', Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, who is contesting Assembly election for the first time. The BJP has fielded heavyweight Union Minister of State SP Singh Baghel from there. The Congress has not fielded a candidate against the SP chief but the BSP has fielded a little known Kuldeep Narayan from this seat. Voting will take place in Karhal in the third phase on February 20.

While Baghel and his party workers see a wave in the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, many people hope the area will witness rapid progress by electing the "future chief minister."

Akhilesh is the CM candidate of the opposition alliance which comprises RLD and a string of caste-based regional



parties. Karhal is just four kilometres from Akhilesh's native village Saifai in the Etawah district. The constituency forms part of Mulayam Singh Yadav's Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat.

Akhilesh Yadav, as chief minister in 2012, preferred membership of the UP Legislative Council to become the legislator, and is fighting his first assembly election from his home turf. He is presently a member of Lok sabha from Azamgarh.

However, BJP leaders and supporters say that the constituency will witness 'khamosh inquilab' (silent revolution) and its candidate will emerge victorious.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

PROCLAMATION OF SALE Notice Under Rule 38 of The Second Schedule to The Income Tax Act, 1961 Read With Section 25(a) The Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993.

In the matter of: ICICI BANK V/S BHARAT SOMASTAMB

Bharat Somastamb S/o Sh. Krishan Gopal Somastamb R/o House No. 523, Sector-21C Faridabad, Haryana- 121001.

Also at: Bharat Enterprises G1/203A, Indera Enclave, Sector-21-D, Faridabad- 121002.

Whereas in execution of ibid RC No.312/2014 dated 28.08.2014 in OA No.308/2013 drawn up by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Delhi, the CD is to pay to the applicant Rs. 12,16,823/- (Rs. Twelve Lacs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred And Twenty Three Only) has become due from you as per the ibid Recovery Certificate drawn in OA No. 308/2013 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal II. Delhi, The applicant is estilled to receive a sum of Po drawn in OA No. 308/2013 by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal- II, Delhi. The applicant is entitled to recover a sum of Rs. Rs.12,01,823/- (Rs. Twelve Lacs One Thousand Eight Hundred And Twenty Three Only) alongwith pendentelite and future interest @15.01% per annum w.e.f. 18.10.2013 till realization with cost of Rs.15,000/- and costs from the Certificate Debtor (CD), failing which the amount shall be recovered by sale of the hypothecated vehicles. In case of any shortfall, the same shall be recovered from the personal movable and immovable assets of the CD.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the hypothecated vehicle mentioned in scheduled property for satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in the absence of any order of postponement, the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) shall be sold through e auction through https://auctions.cardekho.com/ auctions@cardekho.com, by e-auction at 11:00 AM on 28.02.2022.

4. The CH bank shall ensure that prospective bidders are allowed inspection of the said hypothecated vehicle (mentioned under the schedule of property below) before day of auction for which interested individuals may contact the concerned officer of CH Ms. Kalayani Preeti

(MOB: 9599281817). The sale shall be of the movable property of the above named Certificate Defaulters (CD), subject to the liabilities and claims attaching to the said hypothecated vehicle, if any.

6. The sale shall be stopped if, before lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his faction that the amount of such o costs has been paid to the undersigned

7. At the sale the public generally are invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" BASIS and "AS IS WHAT IS" BASIS. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Scheduled to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions

The particulars specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

10. The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) be fixed as follows:-

S. No.	Details of property	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	Mercedes Benz/ E280CDI, bearing Registration No. HR- S1Y-0945.	1,60,000/-	16,000/-

determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put to auction

12. Intending bidders shall be required to pay Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) by way of pay order/demand draft payable at New Delhi and in favour of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi before the start of biding and identity proofs, address proofs etc. The said deposit shall be adjusted in the case of successful bidders; and in the case of unsuccessful bidders the same shall be refunded without interest, on the

13. Successful highest bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale proceeds by way of pay order/demand draft favoring the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, within 24 hours (next working day) by way of bank draft, after adjusting the EMD stated above, failing which the EMD shall be foreigned.

14. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds alongwith poundage fee @ 2% upto Rupees 1,000/- @ 1% of the sale price exceeding Rupees 1,000/ within 15 days from the date of auction. The Poundage fees shall be deposited through a demand draft payable in favor of the Registrar, DRT-II, Delhi.

15. In case of default, the amount earlier deposited by the bidder, if the undersigned considers fit, after defraying the expenses of the sale shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold, and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part thereof or of any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

16. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without

S. No.	Description of property to be sold with names co-owners where the property belongs to the defaulter and any other persons is co-owners	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable	Claims, if any which have been put forward to the property and other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
1.	Mercedes Benz/ E280CDI, bearing Registration No. HR- 51Y-0945.	No Information	No Information	No Information

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at New Delhi on this 14.01.2022.

(Dattatrey Bajpayee) Recovery Officer-DRT-II, Dell

Date: 11/02/2022

Place: Faridabad

Karhal roots for New Darbar Hall symbol of new India: Prez

Prez Kovind inaugurates reconstructed Darbar Hall at Maha Raj Bhavan

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Tnaugurating the reconstructed ▲Darbar Hall at Raj Bhavan here, President Ram Nath Kovind said on Friday that the new Darbar Hall, in a new context, was a symbol of our new India, new Maharashtra and our vibrant democracy and hoped that Raj Bhavan would become a powerful centre of wel-

fare of the people of the State.

Speaking at a function after unveiling the plaque and performing the Dwar Pujan of the Darbar Hall, Kovind said that Raj Bhavan, like Rashtrapati Bhavan, was a constitutional symbol of the hopes and aspirations of people in a democracy. "The inauguration of the new Darbar Hall in the Platinum Jubilee of India's Independence is a celebration of democracy. I hope that the Raj Bhavan will become a powerful centre of welfare of the people of the State," he said.

The President said that the transparency was the most important aspect of good governance in a democratic system. "The modern

concept of the Darbar promotes transparency. The method of connecting with the people through the Janta Darbar by the public authorities is becoming popular. Thus, this Darbar Hall, in a new context, is a symbol of our new India, new Maharashtra and our vibrant democracy," Kovind said.

The President said that there was definitely something special in the people and the land of Maharashtra which repeatedly draws him here. He said that he had come to Maharashtra 12 times during the last four and a half years as president.

The new Durbar Hall in the Raj Bhavan has been built on the site of the old Durbar Hall and has a seating capacity of 750 as against

the earlier seating capacity of 225. While retaining the heritage features of the old court hall, the new hall has been given additional features such as a balcony and a sea view gallery. The reconstructed Darbar Hall has maintained the heritage features of the old Darbar Hall. It has additional features like a balcony and a sea facing viewing deck, which the previous Darbar Hall didn't possess.
The Old Darbar Hall was built

in the year 1911 to welcome the King George V and Queen Mary of England. The Hall was designed by Architect George Wittet. After Independence, the

Darbar Hall was mainly associated with the oath taking ceremonies of Governors, Chief Ministers, Ministers, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Lokayukta and other constitutional functionaries. It was also the venue of various

Government programmes, police investiture ceremonies, meeting of large delegations and cultural

Retired babu's son held for hit-&-run in...

From Page 1

According to Benita Mary Jaiker, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, Sunderam has been arrested from outside Le Meridian Hotel, Gurugram, Haryana. Sections 308 (attempt to commit culpable homicide), 307 (attempt to murder) and 212 (harbouring offender) of the IPC have also been added in the case on the basis of facts that emerged during investigation. Police had said around 6 pm, infor-

mation regarding an incident of hit and run near Greater Kailash-1 was received where a boy, currently a college student, hit 37-year-old Anand Vijay Mandelia with his car yellow mustard color Volkswagen car and dragged him on its bonnet before fleeing the spot.

The injured had been shifted to Max Hospital and a case was registered under sections 279 (rash driving or riding on a public way) and 338 (causing grievous hurt by act endangering life or personal safety of others) of the Indian Penal Code. The injured who is a city-based busi-

nessman is being treated at Max Super Specialty hospital. Now, he is under observation but out of danger, police had

Bengal train accident...

"From the documents presented during the inquiry, it came to light that in one of the loco links issued by Samastipur Division of the East Central Railway, electric locos have been allotted to undergo trip inspection at NCB (New Coochbehar) and AF (Agra Fort).

"Both these locations have no facility for trip examinations. How such ghost examination can take place is a matter of investigation by Railways," it said.

The CRS has recommended that the Railways takes necessary steps to ensure that trip inspections are monitored for each locomotive. It shall be the Railway's responsibility to ensure that a Locomotive undergoes all scheduled attention and examination, including trip inspection, on time, the panel stated.

The Railway shall check that all stations nominated for inspection of locomotives have requisite facilities and loco links issued by Railway are executable in the field to ensure timely inspection and maintenance. Safety organisation of Railway should be drafted to check the loco links and ensure necessary corrective action where ever required, the

'Budget aim is to bring stable recovery in...

From Page 1 She said the Budget stands for continuity and brings stability to the economy along with predictability of taxation The Minister also said the objective of the Budget is a stable and sustainable recovery in the economy. Compared to the perfor-

mance of the UPA Government during the global financial crisis in 2008-09, Sitharaman pointed out that the situation is far better. She said retail inflation was 9.1 per cent during the financial crisis of 2008-09, while it peaked at 6.2 per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic that has had a bigger impact on the economy.

The Minister said the

Indian economy suffered Rs 9.57 lakh crore loss due to the pandemic, compared to a loss of Rs 2.12 lakh crore during the global meltdown in 2008-09.

She also said capital spending gives much more multiplier than revenue route and therefore the Government has increased public capital spending to boost the economy.

Underlining the magni-tude of public spending, Sitharaman said Rs 7.5 lakh crore spending will create jobs, and employment creation is not limited to 60 lakh jobs from the productivity- linked incentive plan for 14 sectors. The Mahatma Gandhi

National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MNREGA)was

earlier infested with ghost accounts and people not born were receiving money, she pointed out. The MNREGA is a

demand-driven programme meant to provide jobs to rural unemployed in the lean season, and whenever demand comes, it is funded, the Minister noted. She said Rs 73,000 crore is provided for rural employment guarantee scheme MNREGA and will give more if demand comes.Rejecting Opposition charge on reducing fertiliser subsidy, the Minister

estimates and shows the government is receptive to the Sitharaman said the Government is also encouraging start-ups and that resulted

in the creation of many unicorns during the pandemic. nesses were closed down, the

said the subsidy rose from the

budgeted Rs 79,530 crore for

the current financial year to Rs

1.4 lakh crore in the revised

On the charge small busi-Minister said 67 per cent of MSMEs were temporarily shut

India has witnessed breaching the six percent tolerance limit for inflation on six occasions since 2014 (when the NDA Government came into power at the Centre) as inflation management is robust, she said. The economy was Rs 1.1 lakh crore seven years ago, and now it is Rs 2.32 lakh crore, she stated on the charge of the economy running on a treadmill. Sitharaman said there is no question of slowdown or recession, citing estimated 9.2 per cent GDP growth in the current fiscal

Cop killed, 4 others injured in grenade attack in Bandipore Out of these five, one

A police personnel was killed in a grenade attack while four others received injuries in north Kashmir district of Bandipore on Friday.

According to a police spokesman in Srinagar, "at around 5.00 p.m terrorists hurled a grenade on a joint party of police & BSF near Nishat park in Bandipore on Friday. A total number of five security personnel received injuries in the grenade attack.

Out of these five, one police personnel succumbed to his

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police personnel succumbed to his injuries in the hospital while four others were undergoing treatment"

injuries in the hospital while four others were undergoing treatment". Their condition was stated to be stable till the time of filing the report. The martyred police personnel has been identified as Zubair Ahmad.Meanwhile, in Jammu a core group meeting consisting of

all security forces and

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vened to take stock of the prevailing security situation in the region. Lt Gen Manjinder Singh, GOC White Knight Corps, Dilbag Singh, DGP JKP cochaired a meeting to review the Intelligence and Security situation in Jammu region.

Top ranking officials including Spl DG CID, IG BSF, IG CRPF Commissioner SB , Director IB, Formation Commanders of all formations of white knight and Divisional Commissioner Jammu attended

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Prashant used Didi's...

Earlier on the day Bhattacharya alleged that her social handles were used by the I-PAC to endorse a campaign without her knowledge. The poll firm however, immediately responded saying "I-PAC doesn't handle any digital properties of ... AITĆ ... or any of its leaders.

Anyonemaking such a claim is either uninformed or is blatantly lying. AITC should look into if and how their digital properties and/or that of their leaders are being "allegedly (mis)used." According to inside

tion inside the TMC over the distribution of tickets for the upcoming civic elections to 108 civic boards is also an upshot of I-PAC-TMC(read Mamata Banerjee) rift. While the "young brigade"

due to the lockdown.

has been backing reforms advised by the poll firm and implemented by junior Banerjee senior leaders like Partho Chatterjee, Subroto Bakshi seem to have expressed theirdissatisfaction at the way things were being conducted inside theparty. These leaders are known to

have lodged a complaint with the Chief Minister who is also the party president alleging "the situation has come to such a pass that even the senior leaders often have to gettheir suggestions endorsed by the Abhishek (via I-PAC) ... so much so that even some of the Chief Minister's decisions are being ignored," said an

It's sovereign...

From Page 1 Sitharaman made this asser-

tion while responding to the questions raised by Congress member Chhaya Verma on cryptocurrency in her speech on the budget. Verma had asked about the legitimacy of taxing cryptocurrency. In her Budget speech on

February 1, Sitharaman had said only Reserve Bank of India(RBI)-issued "Digital Rupee" will be recognized as currency, and the Government will levy a 30 per cent tax on gains made from any other private digital assets from

The Budget 2022-23 has proposed a 1 per cent TDS on payments towards virtual currencies bevond Rs 10,000 in a year and taxation of such gifts in the hands of recipient.

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CHANGE OF NAME

A-16, Adinath Duplex, Near Jain Temple, Manjalpur, Vadodara, Gujarat-390011 have changed my son's Name from Ranveer Singh to Abhiraj Singh vide Affidavit date 11 Feb 2022 before SDM office kalkaji.

निविदा से संबंधित अन्य विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाईट mptenders.gov.in पर देखी एवं केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला (मैकेनिकल) से कार्यालयीन समय में प्राप्त की जा सकती है। सहायक यंत्री परिवहन शाखा नि.क्र.1183/021/022 नगर निगम भोपाल

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	EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FI	D NANCIAL RESU	JLTS FOR T	HE NINE MONT	HS AND QUA	ARTER ENDED	31ST DECEN	MBER 2021	
C.,		STANDALO	NE (Rs.in	Lacs except share	es and EPS)	CONSOLIDA	ATED (Rs.in	Lacs except shar	es and EPS)
Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Nine Month Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 31-12-2020 (Unaudited)	Year Ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)	Quarter Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Nine Month Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter Ended 31-12-2020 (Unaudited)	Year Ender 31.03.2021 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	4,219.75	7,033.48	1,245.64	2,662.90	4,219.75	7,033.48	1,245.64	2,662.90
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (Before Tax and Exceptional items)	(894.51)	(2,172.79)	(3,631.05)	(8,428.90)	(894.65)	(2,172.90)	(3,587.67)	(8,403.83)
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (Before tax)	(4,126.37)	(5,404.65)	(3,631.05)	(12,800.31)	(4,126.51)	(5,404.76)	(3,587.67)	(12,775.23)
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(4,126.37)	(5,404.65)	(3,631.05)	(12,800.31)	(4,126.51)	(5,405.54)	(3,587.67)	(12,785.21)
5.	Net profit for the period	(4,126.37)	(5,404.65)	(3,631.05)	(12,800.31)	(4,126.51)	(5,405.54)	(3,587.67)	(12,785.21)
6.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (After Tax) and other Comprehensive Income (After Tax)]		0.89	(2.08)	5.88	0.39	0.89	(2.08)	5.88
7.	Paid-up equity share capital (10,490,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each.)	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00	1,049.00
8.	Reserves (Excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance Sheet				(13,275.79)				(12,007.31)
9.	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/-each) Basic; Diluted:	(39.34) (39.34)	(51.52) (51.52)	(34.61) (34.61)	(122.02) (122.02)	(39.34) (39.34)	(51.53) (51.53)	(34.20) (34.20)	(121.88) (121.88)

Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results is available on the Stock Exchanges websites i.e. (www.bseindia.com) and (www.nseindia.com) and also available on the Company's Website www.technofabengineering.com. 2. The above unaudited results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 11th February, 2022 and the Auditor

have performed limited review. For and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Technofab Engineering Limited

Arjun Gupta (Chairman & Managing Directo

The statement said the Quad

is determined to deepen engagement with regional partners to strengthen maritime domain awareness, enhance the ability to develop offshore resources and ensure freedom of navigation and overflight besides combating challenges such as illegal unreported and unregulated fishing. The Quad joint statement said that the member countries remained gravely concerned about the crisis in Myanmar and called for an "end to violence, the release of all those arbitrarily detained, including foreigners, and unhindered humanitarian access."About the COVID-19 pandemic, it said Quad partners have collectively provided more than 500 million vaccine doses and that they have pledged to donate more than 1.3 billion vac-

cine doses globally.

Financial Bid (Online)

SC's 'no' urgent hearing

When told that pure legal questions have emerged from the High Court order, the bench said it will definitely examine if something has gone wrong. "Definitely, we will examine. Definitely, we will protect if there is something wrong. We have to protect the Constitutional right of everyone... Don't go into the merits at this stage. Let us see. We will interfere at an appropriate time. We will take up at the appropriate time," the bench said.

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ECI launches nationwide voter awareness contest

Chief Election Officer (CEO) of Delhi, Dr Ranbir Singh on Friday said that a nationwide voter awareness contest themed "My Vote is My Future: Power of One Vote" has been launched by Election Commission of India to leverage talent and creativity of citizens and spread electoral awareness.Dr Singh said that the contest will not only harness mass creativity at a national scale but generate valuable ideas for voter awareness. "All BLOs across the NCT of Delhi should spread the message regarding the contest to celebrate ideas and information curated on the theme of the in a democracy. All students of Electoral Literacy Clubs and Chunav Pathshalas must drive awareness through increased youth participation," he added.

He mentioned that this contest will not only harness mass creativity at a national scale but also engage the talent of individuals to generate valuable assets for voter awareness.

The SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) program's National Voter Awareness Contest leverages upon every citizen's talent and creativity while also strengthening democracy through their active

The CEO has directed all District Election Officers to spread the message regarding the contest seeking maximum participation from the citizens of Delhi. He said this will help promote electoral participation

He also encouraged the BLOs (Booth Level Officers) to disseminate information about contests amongst the citizens. Electoral Literacy Clubs established in all educational Institutions such as Universities. Colleges and schools shall sensitize the students and teachers about the contest to make it an effective campaign.

The content will be shared on social media handles to garner more attention using the hashtag #PowerOfOneVote.

The Chief Electoral Officer also urged all members of Electoral Literacy Clubs and Chunav Pathshalas of all educational institutions across Delhi to positively change the dynamic of youth participation to increase electoral awareness

'Goa helipad for PM in 24 hrs but no bus stand in 20 yrs'

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI/

Chief Minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal on Friday said that the priority of the BJP government in Goa was only to cater to VIPs. On the last day of campaigning, the AAP National Convenor alleged that a helipad for Prime Minister Narendra Modi ahead of his rally had come up within 24 hours but a bus stand adjacent to it had not been finished even after 20

The AAP supremo Kejriwal said that people must vote for AAP if they want Goa to develop under an honest government. If Goans want to defeat BJP they must unite and vote for AAP instead of letting their votes be divided, Voting for Congress, MGP, GFP is a waste of time; their leaders will only defect to the BJP after winning, Goa suffers from a crushing debt of 24,000 crores because of BJP and Congress, Kejriwal added, "AAP will not just eliminate all of Goa's debts but also bring the state to profit, BJP-Congress both have together given Goa broken roads, poor infrastructure and terrible schools and unemploy-

He added that only two days are left for the polls now. This is no ordinary election, this is Goa's chance for change. This election can change the present and future of Goa. The people of Goa gave the Congress 27 years and the BJP 15 years. "These parties did nothing for

Goa as a whole. On the contrary, these two parties worked together to plunder Goa. They haven't done anything for you. Today, Goa's roads are in disrepair, the state has a water shortage, an electricity outage, children are unemployed, and health and education services have collapsed. These parties are to blame for Goa's current state of disaster. If you give these parties another five years in the run, this loot will continue. Nothing is going to get better in Goa. They intend to do nothing for the next five years. They are only coming to loot Goa."

He concluded while appealing to the people to prevent votes from getting divided and said, "Voting for the Congress is the same as voting for the BJP.

He said, "Last time, you voted for 17 Congress MLAs, 15 of whom left the party to join the BJP. Voting for Congress is pointless. Voting for Congress is a waste of your time. If you want to defeat the BJP, vote for the Aam Aadmi Party. Voting for the Congress, MGP, and GFP is pointless. Because after they win, these people join the BJP. Those who want to defeat the BJP and are troubled by the BJP's rule, are troubled by the BJP's ideology, and do not want to see the BJP in power should vote for the AAP as a whole and not split their votes. Vote for AAP if you want an honest government. It you want a corrupt government, vote for these parties. Vote for the AAP if you want Goa to develop. If you want it to stay this way, you can vote for others."

4 die in building collapse in North Delhi's Bawana area



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

 $F^{\text{our people including}}_{\text{woman and a nine-year-old}}$ girl lost their lives after a building collapsed in north Delhi's Bawana area on Friday after-

The official said that two women were pulled out of the debris of the building and rushed to a hospital where their condition is out of danger.

The deceased have been identified as Rukaiya Khatun, Shahzad, Afrina (9) and Danish.

According to Atul Garg, the Director of Delhi Fire Service (DFS), the fire department received information about the incident at 2.48 pm, following which three to four fire tenders rushed to the spot.

The police were informed that the building near the Delhi Jal Board had collapsed and four to five people are reportedly buried under debris.

The police rushed to the spot and found that the collapsed building was the part of Rajiv Ratan Aawas in which there were about 300 to 400 flats, a senior police official

Three JCB, one hydra machine and two ambulances reached the spot and rescue operation was started, police

"Two women -- Fatima and Shahnaaz -- both residents of JJ Colony, Bawana were taken out of the debris and sent to MV hospital Pooth Khurd," said Brijendra Kumar

Departmental enquiry initiated to look into the matter

Delhi: The Government expressed pain after it learnt about the tragic incident. An immediate departmental enquiry has been initiated into the matter. The government has stated that it is closely monitoring the whole situation and it has been brought to light that the building was constructed during 2007-2010. All concerned agencies have been deployed for relief work and the officials are trying their best to rescue all the victims.

Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer north district.

Court permits Navneet Kalra, accused of black marketing of oxygen concentrators, to travel abroad

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday allowed businessman Navneet Kalra, an accused in the case of black marketing of oxygen concentrators during the second wave of the COVID-19, to travel abroad on two occasions to attend certain eyewear industry events subject to a security deposit of Rs 50

Justice Yogesh Khanna, who was hearing in a petition by the businessman challenging the lookout circular (LoC) issued concerning the money laundering case against him, said that apart from furnishing the security amount, the petitioner will also file an undertaking/affidavit that during the pendency of his petition, he shall not dispose of any of his properties that have been seized by the agency. The petitioner sought sus-

pension of the LOC issued in the money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to attend two eyewear exhibitions in Dubai and Milan in Italy. The High Court allowed Kalra to travel to Dubai to par-

ticipate in the SAFILO event in Dubai from February 15 - 23, and to the MIDO event in Milan from April 27 to May 5. The judge asked the central representation of the professional concentration of the profession government to inform the petitioner within three days if there are any other LOC in his al capital. name apart from the one in The businessman was question here.

response to the petition and listed the case for further hearing on August 17. ED counsel Asheesh Jain opposed the grant of any interim relief to the petitioner. Counsel Gurinder Pal Singh said that the petitioner has cooperated with the investigation and has not been summoned since June 8 last year.

The court also granted

time to the ED and the central

government to file their

In May last year, ED had filed a money laundering case

against Kalra and his associates following a Delhi Police FIR in relation to the alleged hoarding and black marketing of oxygen concentrators.

During a raid amid the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic, 524 oxygen concentrators were recovered from Khan Chacha, Town Hall, and Nege & Ju restaurants owned by Kalra in the nation-

nabbed from Gurugram on May 16, 2021, and formally arrested the next day. He had been on the run ever since the police raided his restaurants and seized the medical devices. The police said that the concentrators were imported from China and were being sold at an exorbitant price of Rs 50,000 to 70,000 a piece as against its cost of Rs 16,000 to Rs 22,000. Kalra was granted bail by Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Arun Kumar Garg in the Delhi police case on May

AAP accuses NMC of illegally cutting trees

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Aalleged that the BJP-run North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NMC) is illegally cutting down 15 trees at the behest of private builder mafia. AAP MLA Vishesh Ravi has

written to the Commissioner of Police (Delhi), requesting him to issue directives to file a case North MCD Commissioner Sanjay Goel and Omaxe Ltd. for allegedly violating IPC Sections 425 and 427. The AAP MLA said that the

North MCD had cut down 15 of 35 marked trees on the campus of MCD School at Bank Street,

Ajmal Khan Road on February 11, 2022 which is a gross abuse of power and flagrant violation of the laws by the Municipal Corporation. Ravi further said that the school building had been completely demolished by deploying bulldozers in full force to demolish the school as soon as possible to avoid any further protests against the BJP-run

North MCD's misdeeds.

He concluded saying that Commissioner Sanjay Goel and the owner of Omaxe Ltd. are working hand in hand for monetary gains and have been backed by the BJP, which is constantly lowering the bar for obtaining illegal funds.

Delhi HC, district courts to resume physical functioning from March 2

PTI NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Friday **I** said it will resume complete physical functioning from March 2 onwards while allowing hybrid or virtual hearing in exceptional circumstances on a case-to-case basis. The high court, in an administrative order, advised all stakeholders to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest and stated that in the meantime, only a suitable number of benches will hold physical courts.

In a separate administrative order, the high court informed that the district courts in the city will also witness a similar graded physical opening from next week with complete

onwards. "All the Principal District and Sessions Judges and the Principal Judge, Family Court (HQs) shall prepare a roster of judicial officers of their respective districts/Family Courts in such a manner that w.E.F. 14.02.2022, around 50% of the total strength of judicial officers hold the court physically while the others take up the matters through virtual mode," the order concerning district courts said. "The aforesaid arrangement (of limited physical benches) shall continue up till 28.02.2022 and from 02.03.2022, there shall be the complete resumption of physical hearings... After the complete resumption of the physical hearing, the Courts may, in case-to-case basis, permit hybrid/video-conferencing hearing," the high court clarified in the two orders.

The HC said that all advocates, staff officials, litigants, and other visitors shall follow all the COVID-19 protocols, guidelines, directions, etc. Issued by the central government, Delhi government as well as court administration from time to time. "All stakeholders are also advised to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest," the orders said. On December 30, the HC -- which resumed physical hearings from November 22 — had decided to shift to the virtual mode from January 3 in view of the rise in COVID-19 cases.

Delhi HC reserves order on plea by Rujira Banerjee in money laundering case

 $T^{\text{he Delhi High Court Friday}}_{\text{reserved order on a plea by}}$ wife Rujira Banerjee concerning a money laundering case linked to an alleged coal scam in West Bengal. Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar said he would pass the order in the petition which challenged Enforcement Directorate's

complaint filed in the case against the petitioner and the trial court order taking cognizance of that complaint and the subsequent issuance of summons for physical appearance. On February 4, the judge had also reserved a verdict on the petition by Abhishek Banerjee and Rujira Banerjee against the ED summons issued to them for appearance here in connection with the

In the present case, Rujira, represented by senior advocate Kapil Sibal, has contended that the Enforcement Directorate (ED)'s complaint against her is arbitrary, false, vexatious and an abuse of the process of law.

The petition was opposed

investigating agency.

filed to harass and cause prejudice to Rujira and her family. "A bare perusal of the Impugned Complaint confirms that the Respondent Agency

(ED) falsely averred that Petitioner had not complied with its illegal summonses (issued by ED)... Owing to the fact that she is a mother of two (2) young children and a resident of Kolkata, the Petitioner has repeatedly requested that she be examined at her residence in Kolkata.

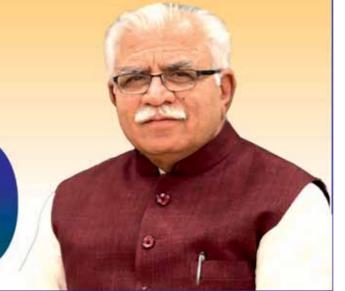
"The fact that the Petitioner was in constant dialogue with the Respondent in relation to the aforementioned summons clearly shows that there was no intention on the part of the Petitioner to disobey the same," the petition stated. It has further argued that the trial court took cognizance and issued summons on the complaint in a mechanical manner and without application of mind. Last year, the court had exempted her physical appear-

by lawyer Amit Mahajan who appeared on behalf of the investigating agency.

ance in the matter before the trial court for the time being. Earlier, after she had appeared The petition has claimed virtually in relation to the com-Metropolitan Magistrate Pankaj Sharma had directed her physical presence on October 12, 2021. Abhishek Banerjee, the 33-year-old MP, who is the nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee, represents the Diamond Harbour seat in Lok Sabha and is the national general secretary of the Trinamool Congress (TMC). The ED lodged a case under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act on the basis of a November 2020 FIR registered by the CBI that alleged a multi-crore coal pilferage scam related to Eastern Coalfields Ltd mines in the state's Kunustoria and Kajora areas in and around Asansol. Local coal operative Anup Majhi alias Lala is alleged to be the prime suspect in the case. The ED had earlier claimed that Abhishek Banerjee was a beneficiary of funds obtained from this illegal trade. He has



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Two killed, two rescued in Chintal Paradiso collapse case PARVESH SHARMA Srivastava was rescued on Friday

An Indian Railway Service (IRS) officer AK Srivastava (60) was rescued alive after a marathon 16-hour search operation on Friday, in the accident caused by the collapse of the 6thfloor roof of a multi-storey building in a residential society at Chintal Paradiso, Sector-109, Gurugram on Thursday evening

The victim has been sent to the hospital for further treatment. In the incident, 5 to 6 people were reported but the rescue team found around four people to be trapped on the first and the second floors out of which a woman identified as Sujata Srivastava was rescued soon after the incident while AK

morning his wife Sunita was declared died by the doctors. Srivastava and his relative were rescued from the first floor while another woman Ekta Bhardwaj was died in the incident. Ekta's body was rescued on Thursday evening from the second floor while the body of Sunita Srivastava is yet to be recovered under the debris.

"Shrivastava's right foot had fallen straight on the roof lens, due to which he was not able to come out. The debris was so much that it was difficult to lift it. Meanwhile, a suggestion came that Srivastava's leg should be amputated and he should be thrown out, but the team of Civil Surgeons did not consider it appropriate to amputate his leg. The team of Health Department

kept Srivastava by giving IV fluids and sedation medicines so that he does not feel pain and later a team of NDRF rescued him successfully," PK Tiwari an official of NDRF said.

denied all charges.

Meanwhile, some residents have alleged that they had raised several issues, including the structural integrity of the building in the past and lodged multiple complaints too but nothing had happened. Sangeeta Singhal, who recently had brought a flat in the society worth more than Rs 2 crore said that "She was shifting from tower C to Tower D when the incident took place but was luckily safe. She alleged that there is no supporting beam in the dining room and also the contractor did not take safety measures while during repairing work".

Budget stands for continuity, stability, tax predictability: FM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

The Indian economy suf-I fered a loss of Rs 9.57 lakh crore due to the Covid-19 pandemic, compared to a loss of ₹2.12 lakh crore during the global meltdown in 2008-09, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said here on Friday.

But despite that India has managed to bounce back economically and the aim of the budget for the next fiscal is to

ensure stability and growth, she

Replying to a general discussion on the Budget in the Rajya Sabha, she said the Indian economy suffered the biggest contraction due to COVID-19 pandemic, but the Government has been able to contain retail inflation at 6.2 per cent.

She said the Budget stands for continuity, brings stability to the economy along with pre-dictability of taxation. The

of the Budget is a stable and sustainable recovery in the

Minister also said the objective

Compared to the perfor-

during the global financial crisis in 2008-09, Sitharaman pointed out that retail inflation was 9.1 per cent during the financial crisis of 2008-09, while it is at 6.2 per cent during the COVID-19 pandemic that has a bigger impact on the economy.

She also said capital spending gives much more multiplier than revenue route and therefore the government has increased public capital spending to boost the economy.

Underlining the magnitude of public spending, Sitharaman said Rs 7.5 lakh crore spending will create jobs and employment creation is not limited to 60 lakh jobs from productivity linked incentive plan for 14 sectors.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act(MNREGA)was earlier infested with ghost accounts and people not born were receiving money, she pointed out.

The MNREGA is a

meant to provide jobs to rural unemployed in the lean season, and whenever demand comes, it is funded, the minister noted. She said Rs 73,000 crore is provided for rural employment guarantee scheme MNREGA and will give more if demand comes.

Rejecting the Opposition charge on reducing fertiliser subsidy, the minister said the subsidy rose from the budgeted Rs 79,530 crore for the current financial year to Rs 1.4 mates and shows the Government is receptive to the needs. Sitharaman said the gov-

ernment is also encouraging

start-ups and that resulted in

the creation of many unicorns during the pandemic. On the charge small businesses were closed down, the minister said 67 per cent of

due to the lockdown. India has witnessed breaching the six per cent tol-

MSMEs were temporarily shut

occasions since 2014 (when the NDA government came into power at the Centre) as inflation management is robust, she said.

The economy was Rs 1.1 lakh crore seven years ago, and now it is Rs 2.32 lakh crore, she stated on the charge of the economy running on a treadmill. Sitharaman said there is no question of slowdown or recession, citing estimated 9.2 per cent GDP growth in the current fiscal.

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STATEMENT OF UN AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

S.	Particulars	(Rs in Millions					
o. No.		quarter	quarter December 31, 2020	Year ended			
1.	Total Income from Operations	2,138.43	2,136.43	7,644.51			
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	401.46	(355.78)	312.02			
3.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	401.46	(355.78)	312.02			
4.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	299.24	(268.04)	223.08			
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	315.09	(267.31)	228.06			
6.	Paid up Equity Share Capital	6,567.00	6,402.44	6436.58			
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	5,326.50	4,961.68	4,840.76			
8.	Securities Premium Account	25,707.55	23,157.58	23,495.35			
9.	Net worth	37,682.26	34,603.21	34,853.90			
10.	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	22,376.10	19,685.70	19,975.17			
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00			
12.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.59	0.56	0.57			
	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)						
13.	1. Basic:	0.43	(0.39)	0.35			
	2. Diluted:	0.42	(0.39)	0.32			
	Capital Redemption Reserve	81.21	81.21	81.21			
	Debenture Redemption Reserve	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.			
	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.			
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.			

Notes to the Financial Results

1) The above results are an extract of detailed format of the quarterly/annua Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. These financial results are available on the website viz. www.dmifinance.in and on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com)

For items referred in Regulation 52(4) of (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to BSE Limited(BSE) and can be accessed on the website of BSE (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website i.e www.dmifinance.in

There is no Debenture Redemption Reserve created as Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFC) registered with Reserve Bank of India are not

required to create DRR for privately placed debentures Figures for the prior year / period have been regrouped and / o

reclassified wherever considered necessary. The Company has provided adequate disclosures related to COVID-19

while submitting financial statements to BSE The impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s) due to change(s) in accounting policies shall be disclosed by means of a footnote.

The above results has been approved by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by Board of Directors at their respective meeting

Yuvraja Chanakya Singh

Joint Managing Director

Place: New Delhi

President's Fleet Review will see participation of 60 warships, submarines, 50 aircraft

PNS NEW DELHI

The President's Fleet Review Later this month off Visakhapatnam will see participation of more than 60 warships and submarines and 50 aircraft of India. The Review is held once during every President's tenure and 11 such events have taken place so far including two international fleet reviews since Independence. It is the second biggest event in terms of significance after the Republic Day.

Visakhapatnam will also witness multinational naval exercise Milan and 46 friendly foreign countries are likely to take part in the event held every two years in India. This exercise was initiated in 1995 and theme for this year's show beginning February 25 and ending March five is 'Camaraderie, Cohesion and Collaboration.' The harbour phase is from February 25 to 28 and the sea phase from March one to five. Besides India, other three countries comprising the Quad combine are also likely to take part in the Milan exercise. The other countries are Japan, US and Australia.

The latest Fleet Review

will be held on February 21 and President Ramnath Kovind will preside over it. A Naval Fleet Review is a long-standing tradition followed by navies all across the world.

It is a strong bond which links seafarers of the world. Historically, a

Fleet Review is an assembly of ships at a pre-designated place for the purpose of dis-playing loyalty and allegiance to the Sovereign and the State.

In turn, the Sovereign, by reviewing the ships, reaffirms his faith in the Fleet and its ability to defend the nation's maritime interest. The idea of a Review was perhaps conceived as a show of naval might. Though it still has the same connotation, assembling of warships without any belligerent intentions is now the norm in modern times.

Indian Fleet Review was in the 18 th Century by the powerful Maratha Fleet, consisting of 'Ghurabs' and 'Gallivats', under the renowned Sarkhel (Grand Admiral) KanhojiAngre at the coastal fortress of Ratnagiri.

The earliest recorded

The theme for the upcoming event is Indian Navy-75 years in service of nation to

commemorate the 75 th year of Independence. Logo for the Fleet Review highlights Indian Navy's prowess in all three

The ceremony will include review anchorage, steampast by Mobile Column, Flypast, Parade of Sails and release of First Day Cover and

Commemorative Stamp. As part of the Review, all participating units will be anchored in a formation of four precise columns.

The President will review all participating ships by 'steaming past' them, embarked on a naval vessel designated the 'Presidential Yacht'. Each ship will render a salute to the Supreme Commander as the Yacht sails past. Indian Naval aircraft will simultaneously fly overhead the formation rendering their salute. India has also invited to resident Defence Attaches of all Friendly Foreign Countries for the event.

The latest edition of Milan envisages further enhancement of the 'scope and complexity with focus on exercises at sea in surface, sub-surface and air domains including weapon

PUNJAB POLLS

Criminal cases against 25% of candidates, maximum with SAD

PNS NEW DELHI

Among the 117 constituencies in Punjab, 57 (49%) are red alert constituencies where three or more contesting candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves.

Out of the 1276 candidates in fray, 315 (25 per cent) candidates have declared criminal cases against themselves and 218 have declared serious criminal cases against them. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) is top in the list of giving tickets to candidates having criminal cases, followed by Aam Admi Party (AAP), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and SAD (Sanyukt). In 2017, out of the 1,145 candidates analysed, 100 (9 percent) had declared criminal cases and 77 (7 per cent) had declared serious criminal cases against themselves.

ED attaches

assets worth

of loan fraud

PNS NEW DELHI

₹57.23 cr in case

Enforcement



Reforms (ADR) which have analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 1,276 candidates out of the 1,304 who are contesting the Punjab Assembly elections and found that as many as 25 per cent candidates have criminal cases and 57 constituencies have three or more candidates with criminal cases in the fray. Among the major parties, 60 (63 per cent) out of 96 can-

many as 27 (23 per cent) of the

INC and two (7%) of the 27 candidates analysed from the Punjab Lok Congress party have declared serious criminal cases against themselves in their affidavits. Out of the 1,276 candidates analysed, 228 are from national parties, 256 are from state parties, 345 are from registered

117 candidates analysed from

the AAP, 15 (21 per cent) of the

71 candidates analysed from

the BJP, 3 (21 per cent) of the

14 candidates analysed from

SAD (Sanyukt), 3 (15%) of the

20 candidates analysed from

the BSP, nine (8%) of the 117

candidates analysed from the

unrecognised parties and 447 are contesting independently. When it comes to assets, didates analysed from the SAD have declared serious criminal cases against themselves. As

521 (41%) of the 1,276 candidates are crorepatis, up from 37% or 428 of the 1,145 candidates who contested the 2017

Min: No plan to reintroduce 3 repealed farm laws in future

Tnion Agriculture Minister Union Agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar on Friday said in the Rajya Sabha that the Government has no plan to reintroduce the three repealed farm laws in future. Replying to a written question, he said "the subject of comthe deceased farmers in the farmers movement is with the concerned state government.

KAVYAM

Asked whether the government has any plan of reintroducing the three repealed farm laws in future, the minister said: "No Sir".

On November 19 last year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address to the nation announced the withdrawal of the three farm laws, saying the vince protesting farmers about the benefits of the agriculture sector reforms. The three laws that were repealed are: Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce

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Company Limited wish to morn general public that following original documents related to the First Floor, without roof rights built on land area 50 sq. yds., falling in khasra no. 21/17, Gali no 11, B-Block Himgiri Enclave, Burari, Delhi was

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Manohar Singh in respect of above said floor. 2.Original Sale Deed dated 15.03.2021

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(Promotion and Facilitation) Act; Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act; and The Essential Commodities (Amendment)

In reply to a separate query on PM-KISAN scheme, Tomar said: "As on February 8, 2022, ciaries have been given the financial benefits of approximately Rs 1.82 lakh crore under the scheme through various

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 57.23 crore in a case of loan

fraud by Kalpesh M Patel, Managing Director of Gujaratbased Kemrock Industries and Exports Ltd., and others on money laundering charges. Investigation under under

the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA) was initiated by the istered by Economic Offence (EOW), Crime Investigation Department (CID) Gandhinagar Zone for commission of offence under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and section 46 of Banking Regulation Act against Patel and others for committing loan fraud of Rs 140 crore.

The investigation revealed that Patel and others had done routing of the funds received out of credit limit sanctioned by the consortium banks to inflate the financials of the company.

Morphed pix of Harish Rawat: EC warns U'khand BJP to be more careful

PNS NEW DELHI

The Election Commission The Election Common (EC) on Friday warned the Uttarakhand unit of BJP to be more careful in the future and advised it to follow all provisions of the poll code, days after it tweeted a morphed image of Congress leader Harish Rawat.

The poll body said that the reply filed by the party over the matter was unsatisfactory. The Commission's warning came Congress accusing that the BJP Uttarakhand, from its official Twitter handle on February 3 at 9.34 pm, tweeted a morphed image of Harish Rawat, wherein he was falsely depicted as belonging to a particular community. "...based on the available

evidences and material facts, the Commission has not found the reply dated 08.02.2022 of Bharatiya Janata Party, Uttarakhand satisfactory. Now, therefore, the Commission warns the Bharatiya Janata Party, Uttarakhand to be more



careful in future and advises to Model Code of Conduct and other guidelines of the Commission in letter and spirit," the EC said in its order on

Replying to the notice of the EC, issued on February 5, the BJP has stated that the purpose of the said tweet was neither to violate any provisions of the Model Code of Conduct nor to create any differences between groups on the basis of religion, race, caste, language etc. and the said tweet has now been deleted from its official Twitter Handle.

BSF arrests 6 Pak nationals during search op in Bhuj

The Border Security Force (BSF) has arrest-▲ ed six Pakistani nationals and apprehended 11 fishing boats in the creek area of Bhuj district in Gujarat. On Wednesday, based on Intelligence

inputs regarding intrusion of Pakistani nationals in fishing boats in the general area of Harami Nalla, Bhuj (Gujarat), a search operation was car-

ried out in the creek area spread over many kilometres involving teams of BSF, Indian Army troops and Indian Air Force, the BSF said in a statement.

While the search operation is continuing in extremely inhospitable terrain, the BSF and Army troops supported by Indian Air Force succeeded in seizing 11 Pakistani fishing boats and apprehended six Pakistani nationals from the area of operation on Friday.

IRCTC to resume cooked meals service on all its trains from Feb 14

PNS NEW DELHI

With Covid pandemic almost controlled across the country, the Centre on Friday decided to resume cooked meals on all trains of Indian Railways by February 14. The full catering services were suspended as a safety measure against the corona virus pandemic on March 23,

trains last month, the Ministry of Railways gave the go ahead for 100 percent on board catering services which includes all

trains, Duronto, Tejas and Humsafar and all express and mail where catering existed pre covid restrictions.

Ready-to-eat meals will also be continued to be served on demand. Due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent unprecedented lockdown, e-catering services were also suspended on March 22, 2020 and the same will be restored now as per an IRCTC statement. Cooked food services were restored in 80% of trains in January, 2022.

'The IRCTC has been at the forefront of providing premium services to passengers of Indian Railways. With the requirement of travelling pasthe country IRCTC is all set to resume the services of cooked food in trains. The restoration of cooked

lockdown restrictions across

food has been done as per guidelines received from Railway board. Cooked food has already been restored in 428 trains. Of the total no. of trains cooked food had already been restored in 30 percent by December 21, 80 percent by January 22 and the remaining 20 percent shall be restored by February 14, 2022. Cooked food on premium trains (Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto) had already been restored in December last year. Ready to eat meals would also continue," the IRCTC statement men-

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Notes:

Place: Gurugram, Haryana

Date: February 11, 2022

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Phone:- 011-49075251 Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2021 (Rs. In lacs, except per share data)

SI. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Mon	Year Ended	
	(Refer Notes below)	31.12.2021 [Unaudited]				31.12.2020 [Unaudited]	31.03.2021 [Audited]
1	Total Income from Operations	27.04	11.47	11.34	47.70	22.56	36.50
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax and exceptional & extraoridnary items	1.65	0.19	(10.40)	(2.87)	(41.76)	(64.32)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraoridnary items	1.65	0.19	(10.40)	(2.87)	(41.76)	(64.32)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	1.65	0.19	(10.40)	(2.87)	(41.76)	(64.32)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-					
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)						
	a) Basic	0.02		(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.43)	(0.66)
	b) Diluted	0.02		(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.43)	(0.66)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended Decemb 31, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended December 31 2021 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com and on Company's website www.rlfltd.com. For RLF Limited

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Pray that Modi, Nitish get children, says Lalu

Lalu responds to PM's 'parivarwad' comments

Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent criticism of dynasty politics evoked a below the belt response on Friday from RJD president Lalu Prasad who controls the party with the help of his wife and three children.

The former Bihar Chief Minister was asked about Modi's remarks criticising dynasty politics in an interview

The PM had also praised Prasad's arch rival Nitish Kumar, the current Chief Minister, for not bringing any family member into politics.

dren. Nitish has a son who is averse to politics. One can only pray that they are blessed with offspring who can carry forward their political legacy," said the RJD leader, who has been known for pushing the boundaries of civility in public discourse, during a media interaction.

Prasad was accompanied by younger son and heir apparent Tejashwi Yadav, who started off in 2015 as the deputy to Nitish Kumar when the arch rivals had entered into a shortlived political alliance.

Yadav took a jibe at the prime minister reminding him of his famous acrimony with the Bihar Chief Minister that continued till the latter returned to the BJP-led NDA in 2017. "Narendra Modi and Nitish

stands for badka jhutha (big liar) party. The other would say ID(U) (Kumar's party) stood for janata ka daman, utpidan (suppression and exploitation of the masses)," Tejashwi Yadav

"The two senior leaders would do well to make up their mind about each other," the 33 years old said, tongue in cheek.

Yadav's mother Rabri Devi had succeeded his father as the chief minister and held the post till the RJD's defeat in 2005 at the hands of the JD(U)-BJP

While Yadav is now the leader of the opposition in state assembly, his elder brother Tej Pratap Yadav is a second term RJD MLA, and eldest sister Misa Bharti is a member of

Decision on reopening degree colleges on Feb 14: K'taka Min

and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh on Friday indicated that the Government is likely to decide on reopening pre-university and degree colleges on February 14.

The Government on Thursday had decided to resume classes for high school students up to class 10 from February 14, and for pre-university and degree colleges thereafter.

"...High schools will resume on Monday and during the meeting that will be convened by the Chief Minister on Monday evening, a decision will try to take a decision regarding starting classes for PUC and Degree College students at the earliest," Nagesh said.

The Karnataka High Court, in its interim order pending consideration of all petitions related to the Hijab row, on Thursday had requested the state government to and restrained all the students from wearing saffron shawls, scarves, Hijab and any religious flag within the classroom.

As protests for and against the hijab intensified in different parts of Karnataka and turned violent in some places, the government declared a holiday for all high schools and colleges in the state for three days, from Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Minister Araga Jnanendra said the Superintendent of Police of all districts have been instructed to see to it that peace, law and order is maintained, when educational institutions reopen.

"Our police are prepared to handle any situation, our police force have already gone to various states where elections are taking place, we are not sending anymore force and they will be utilised, along with local police and central forces," he have already been identified and measures that need to be taken there are being taken by the police, he said, "investigation are are on regarding those behind the row, our information is that there are some religious fanatics, who have tried to incite students, we will nab them."

In response to a question, he further said that "there is some information that it was pre-planned, but I can't say anything in detail. It has to come out through investigation. Police have taken it seriously.'

The Chief Minister has called a meeting of Ministers with Deputy Commissioners, Superintendent of Police, Deputy Director of Public Instruction and CEOs of Zilla Panchayats of all districts this evening via video conferencing to gather information about the ground situation in the districts and to give certain

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI Based on the comprehensive analysis, the State GST offi-Unearthing a massive Goods and Service tax scam, the cials began to investigate M/s Dolphin Overseas and M/s Maharashtra GST officials -Prime Overseas run by Prima working in tandem with the Mumbai and Surat police – have in the first-ever operation conducted outside the State and Sanjee respectively in August 2021. However, the couple "fled away" from the investigation proceedings right arrested a Gujarat-based coufrom day one, citing medical ple for allegedly accepting bogus invoices of ₹482 crore

accepted bogus invoices of

Mhatre of Dolphin Overseas and Sanjeev Singh of Prime Overseas, the GST officials said that the Surat-based couapproximately fake/ineligible ITC of Rs 111 crore," a senior official connected with the ple was evading the summons issued to them for the past six months. However, the investigations said. Maharashtra GST officials with the help of the police from the two states - finally arrested Prima and Sanjeev from their luxurious flat at Surat through what the officials described as "meticulously

for two days.

Prima and Sanjeev, who were arrested on Thursday, were brought to Mumbai and produced before a city Judicial Magistrate on Friday. The court remanded the couple to judicial custody for 14 days.

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Input Tax Credit (ITC) to the

husband and wife as Prima

Identifying the arrested

tune of ₹111 crore.

The state GST officials conand availing fake/ineligible tinued their search operations at various places and found out collective evasion of approximately 111 crore by the couple. The couple floated various bogus firms in the names of different unrelated persons. They

> As the couple continued to the IT department's notices, the Maharashtra GST department launched a joint operation with the support of the Mumbai police. "With concrete intelligence, a team of GST officials and Mumbai police left for Surat on the midnight of Wednesday. With the help of the Gujarat police and the visiting team of the Mumbai police, the GST officials arrested the two alleged tax rvading couple in a a dramatic manner on Thursday afternoon.

2-month jail for Maha Min for poll malpractices in 2014 imprisonment. The court 2017, local BJP municipal

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

In an embarrassment of for the MVA Government, a court in Amravati district in eastern Maharashtra on Friday sentenced Maharashtra Minister of State for Water Resources and Education Omprakash Baburao alias Bacchu Kadu guilty and sentenced to two months of simple imprisonment for a malpractice in the 2014 Assembly

After hearing a complaint relating to his election as an MLA from Achalpur in the 2014 State Assembly polls, the Chandurbazar Court in Amravati district held him guilty for the mal-practice and awarded two months' simple

imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 as fine, but granted 30 days' time to appeal against the order.

The court pronounced the order against Kadu, after a trial lasting for nearly five years.. On his part, Kadu said he would challenge the order in a higher court shortly.

In a complaint filed in

councillor Gopal Timare Gopal had alleged that Kadu had allegedly suppressed information about owning at least one flat in Mumbai in his 2014 election affidavit, and hence violated the provisions of the Representation of The Peoples Act. The complainant demand-

ed that his election should be

set aside and he should be punished for hiding information in the poll affidavit.

However, Kadu had denied the allegation saying that it was misleading and he had not suppressed any information in his poll affidavit. The flat he had bought in Mumbai in a society legislators was against a loan, he had shown the loan

amount in the election affidavit, so he had not committed any offence, Kadu claimed.

A three-time MLA, Kadu was first elected from Achalpur in 2009, and repeated the feat in 2014 and 2019. He was inducted into the State Cabinet as a Minister of State by chief minister Uddhav Thackeray from Shiv Sena quota.

Suitor awarded life imprisonment for setting ablaze lady lecturer

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

wo years after a 24-year-old lady lecturer was set ablaze by her spurned suitor in public near her college at Hinganghat in Maharashtra's Wardha district, a local court on Thursday held the prime accused guilty and handed out life imprisonment to him for the heinous crime.

Pronouncing sentence in the case on the second death anniversary day of the victim woman, Hinganghat Sessions Court Judge Rahul Bhagwat awarded life imprisonment to Vikesh Nagrale and slapped a fine of ₹5000 on the convict. The Judge declined to give any remission in the sentence for the time spent in jail as an under-trial

doused the victim woman with petrol and set her on fire on February 3, 2020 in broad daylight - had been arrested at the nearby at Takalghat, within six hours of the incident.

The victim woman's family members were present when the Judge pronounced the verdict. While accepting the judgment, the family members said that they were expecting the court to sentence the accused to death

Given that the sensational case had generated considerable public interest, a large number of people, including women, students, activists and

Will continue

Kerala trekker

one week.

come to lift him to safety.

time running out.

trekking: Rescued

Palakkad: Young trekker R Babu, who was trapped in the face of a mountain cleft and was rescued by the Indian Army through a breathtaking operation recent ly, said on Friday that trekking was his passion and he was sure that someone would come to rescue him from the steep gorge. "I was not afraid. The cleft was like a tiny cave. When it was too cold and too hot outside, I used to crawl into the gorge and came outside whenever I heard any one calling my name," he told reporters here. The 23-year-old youth was discharged from the district hospital here this morning as the doctors certified that his health condition was stable. However, they advised him to take rest at least for

When asked whether he realised that his rescue was breaking news in channels, the trekker said he was not aware about it but he was sure that someone would

The mobile phone lost its charge by

the evening. Before that, I managed to

click some selfies and sent to my friends

to inform them that I was stranded there.

I also tried to convey the message to the

Fire and Rescue personnel," he detailed.

the lack of food and water was also an

issue as he developed difficulties with the

Babu said besides the severe climate,

supporters of the family were later shifted to the specialized present outside the court, when the Judge pronounced the ver-

Talking to media persons outside the court, Special Public Prosecutor Ujjwal Nikam - who had rooted for death penalty to Nagrale said that the State government would study the detailed court order before taking the decision to move the Bombay High Court for enhancement of the life sentence to capital punish-It may be recalled that the

victim woman suffered severe per cent burns after the accused Nagrale-- who was laying in wait for her near college at Hinganghat – took out petrol from his two-wheeler and poured it on her and set heron February 3, 2020. After she shrieked for her, the bystanders doused the burning victim woman with water and extinguished the fire. By then, she had been badly burnt.

The victim woman - who was a Botany lecturer in a Hinganghat-based college -and Nagrale used to travel to taluka town in Wardha district by the same bus. The accused had some month ago expressed his love for the victim woman, who spurned him.

The victim woman, who was rushed to a Primary Health Centre at Hinganghat immediately after the incident and

Orange City Hospital & Research Institute (OCHRI) at Nagpur after her Oxygen levels went down in her blood,

The victim woman had sustained deep burns on her face, scalp, neck, right shoulder, left hand, upper back, eyes and respiratory system. She has suffered 35 to 40 per cent Grade III deep dermal burns with respiratory distress and inhalational injuries with related complications. The victim woman suc-

was out on a ventilator.

cumbed to burns at Orange City Hospital & Research Institute (OCHRI) in Nagpur on February 10, 2020, a week after she was set ablaze by her spurned suitor near her college at Hinganghat.

in the Railways at the time of incident, was married with a six-month-old daughter. He used to harass her for the past three months. The victim woman's father had taken Nagrale to task, after her fixed marriage proposal fell through.

After the death of the victim woman, the incident had sparked protests in the victim woman's native of Daroda village of Hinganghat taluka on February 10. The villagers had taken to streets to condemn her death and stopped the ambu-lance carrying her body from the Nagpur-based hospital to her native village.

Those who speak truth are jailed: Mehbooba on bail for Union Minister's son

Srinagar: PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday said that several people, including her party's youth wing leader Waheed Para, were languishing in jail on allegedly trumped up charges but a Union Minister's son accused of running his vehicle over farmers scot-free.

The former chief minister of Jammu and Kashmir was commenting on the Allahabad High court granting bail to Ashish Mishra, son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra, in the Lakhimpur Kheri

Waheed Para & Siddique Kapan are languishing in jail on trumped up charges. But a Minister's son walks away scotfree after allegedly running over farmers

In Godhse's India, criminals roam freely & those who speak the truth are jailed,' Mehbooba tweeted.

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

'Personal details of protesting girls shared on social media'

Mangaluru: Parents of six Muslim girl students who are protesting for their right to wear hijab at the pre-university college in Udupi, have lodged a complaint with the police that the personal details of their children are being shared by some people on social media.

The parents, who submitted a complaint to the Udupi district Superintendent of Police N Vishnuvardhan, sought action against those sharing the details of the girls, including their mobile numbers, in the public domain.

The parents have expressed fear that miscreants might use the details to threaten the girls. Vishnuvardhan said the girls' parents have submitted a written complaint to him.

Documentary evidence of the information available online has been sought from them and appropriate action will be taken once it is received, he said.

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tract of Statement of Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021

20		Q	uarter ende	d	Nine Mon	Year ended		
SI No.	Particulars	31-12-21 Unaudited	30-09-21 Unaudited	31-12-20 Unaudited	31-12-21 Unaudited	31-12-20 Unaudited	31-03-21 Audited	
1	Total Income from operations	25.85	32.12	155.63	75.12	236.23	404.40	
2	Net Profit for the period (Before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.46	25.75	36.65	38.13	97.63	29.88	
3	Net Profit for the period Before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.46	25.75	36.65	38.13	97.63	29.88	
4	Net Profit for the period After Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.46	25.75	36.65	38.13	97.63	22.14	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,46	25.75	36.65	38.13	97.63	-24.35	
ŝ	Equity Share Capital	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	300.10	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet as shown in the previous year	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	3.31	
8	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)							
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	0.05	0.86	1.22	1.27	3.25	0.74	
- 1	(b)Diluted (in Rs.)	0.05	0.86	1.22	1.27	3.25	0.74	

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(Rs. in lakhs) Nine Month Period ear Ended 31.03.2021 31.12.2021 30.09.2021 31.12.2020 31.12.2021 31.12.2020 31.03.2021 Unaudited (Unaudited (Unaudited) (Audited) Total Income from operations 1.2 1.2 5.89 Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptio 0.2 and /or Extra-ordinary items) 0.23 (0.49 (0.02 0.02 (1.44)Extraordinary items) Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/o 0.2 (0.45 (0.01 0.0 (1.44)Extraordinary items) Total Other Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit 0.23 (0.45 (0.01 (0.07)0.93 786.94 (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income 6 Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs. 10 each) 83.98 83.98 83.98 83.98 83.98 83.98 4,477,69 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of accounting Years 2020-21 Earning Per Share (Rs) (Face Value Rs. 10) (0.17) (0.09)0.00 (0.00 2 Dilusted (0.09)0.00 (0.17)

Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine month ended on 31st December, 2021

		C	Quarter Ended on Nine Month Period Ended on				Year Ended on 31.03.2021	
П		31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	
1	Total Income from operations	(313.64)	1472.21	290.91	1553.93	414.33	125.87	
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and /or Extra-ordinary items)	(320.68)	1464.53	288.93	1531.56	407.12	62.07	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(188.45)	1428.50	384.89	1745.05	657.90	483.23	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(153.83)	1228.17	346.55	1547.73	589.15	458.36	
5	Total Other Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(153.83)	1,228.17	346.55	1,559.75	598.56	2,736.13	
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs. 10 each)	83.98	83.98	83.98	83.98	83.98	83.98	
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audit Balance Sheet of accounting Years 2020-21	∍d -	-	-		-	35,554.08	
8	Earning Per Share (Rs) (Face Value Rs. 10)						100	
	1 Basic	(8.61)	106.75	33.15	142.99	61.08	55.06	
	2 Diluated	(8.61)	106.75	33.15	142.99	61.08	55.06	

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 Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the unaudited results are available on company's website www.nktil.com and on the

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						Rs. in Lakhs)
SI. No	Particulars	Current Quarter ended	Corresponding Quarter ended	Nine Months ended	Previous Corresponding Nine Months ended 31.12.2020	Previous yea ended
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited
1.	Total income from operations (net)	9.86	7.67	34.95	459.82	1405.58
2.	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(5.97)	(10.55)	(12.82)	340.89	1268.39
3.	Net Profit /(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(5.97)	(10.55)	(12.82)	340.89	1268.39
4.	Equity Share Capital	600.0	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
5.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	00.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3474.30
6.	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items)(of Rs10/- each)					
	Basic :	(0.10)	(0.18)	(0.21)	5.68	21.14
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7.	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)					
	Basic :	(0.10)	(0.18)	(0.21)	5.68	21.14
	Diluted:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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- PAPER WITH PASSION-

Snowballing

The hijab controversy has unravelled a host of other related issues and critical questions

✓ arnataka's hijab controversy is not a local college issue anymore. It is not even a State issue. Its repercussions, abjectly communal, are being noticed across the nation. It has raised critical questions on constitutional freedom and rights and questionable restrictions, including that of the State, imposed on the right to personal choice. The Supreme Court is the only forum to examine this issue that has implications for liberty, society and law. Five States are busy electioneering, the country is crawling back to post-pandemic normal, and the millions-strong student community is preparing to return to the campuses they last entered in 2020. None of them can afford a diversion of this kind. It all began in early December with an out-of-the-blue Karnataka college circular banning girls from wearing hijabs in class. A few other colleges took up the ban cause. Utter confusion prevailed about the hijab. Was it a head scarf? Was it a veil? Religious texts and laws were explored, mediated meanings conjured. Counterprotests followed. Politically motivated youth entered colleges wearing saffron turbans and shawls. Instead of cooling tempers, the Karnataka Government issued an order backing the ban order. The matter of the girls' freedom to exercise their choice got ignored



in the melee. The protests increased, spread to other towns, resulted in confrontations with the police. Social media nationalised the issue in no time. At least one other State mulled introducing the hijab ban. The issue was brought to the attention of Parliament. The Prime Minister also referred to it.

The case reached the Karnataka High Court where a larger Bench issued an interim order asking students not to insist on wearing religious garments pending the final order. The Supreme Court did not intervene when approached against this order but said it is watching the matter closely. The Madras High Court, hearing

another case on religion, remarked it was shocked that "somebody is going behind a hijab and somebody is going behind a dhoti". The issue is no longer about the hijab alone. It is also about a Sikh 'patka', a Hindu 'bindi', and so on. It will lead to hair-splitting of all currently valid interpretations of constitutional freedoms and rights and caveats related to the choice of religion and religious practice. Every High Court judgment in the past is being scrutinised. The college standoff is being seen as a clash of constitutional freedoms, of education versus public order, religion versus privacy. What if the Karnataka High Court issues its final order next week but a 'dupatta', not a hijab, is used as a headscarf? There is no end to it. A national debate is already on about 'positive secularism' — allowing public display by practitioners of all religions —and 'negative secularism' — banning all such public display. What is required is a re-affirmation of the constitutional sanctity of individual freedom and choice in the matter of religion from the highest court of the land to avoid the law being hijacked by politicised logic.



An aerial view of Ahmedabad from a helicopter joy ride, in Ahmedabad

'Didiyon, bhuliyon'

Modi seeks votes in Uttarakhand speaking in the vernacular but ignores main issues

If the first phase of the current cycle of Assembly elections behind us, the battle is heating up for Round II on February 14, especially in Uttarakhand. A BJP Government currently reigns over the hill State and the party understandably wants to retain power. So while the Congress and AAP are trying to make inroads, the BJP is pulling out all the stops to endear itself once again to the voters. For this purpose, addressing a rally in Almora on Friday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi did what he does best: Playing with words to captivate his audience that actually has a dwindling bank account, if it has one at all, and doesn't know how to negotiate the tough post-pandemic world.



lost with, for the 70-member Assembly.

He seeks "another mandate" for the BJP, promising to take development to "Himalayan heights". By the way, where was this plan germinating through the last five years that it has now suddenly spawned to the surface? Of course, there was the staple spiel of "Congress divides on caste, region and religion", too. Basically, Modi loves to distract attention from key issues, which in this case would be infrastructure development, tourism,

employment, environment, agriculture, floriculture and other organic produce. He knows well that his Government has done nothing spectacular in the State, except replacing two Chief Ministers. During the peak of COVID-19, Uttarakhand hosted the Kumbh fair despite expert professional opinion. Only after a senior, revered mahant passed away after contracting the pernicious virus was the scale of the grand event lowered. However, he said that on the lines of Kedarnath, "where development has been given new impetus", the Manaskhand tourism circuit would be developed in Kumaon on priority. Sadly for him, AAP's Arvind Kejriwal has already played the "Dev Bhoomi's religious tourism circuit" card a few days ago. So he conveniently changes the narrative to throwing on a Brahmkamal-inscribed pahadi topi and speaking a couple of sentences in the vernacular; invoking Dhari Devi and chanting "Jai Badri vishal" and "Jai Kedar baba" because that's the easiest way to reach out to voters on an emotional level. It steers them away from real issues, which could've helped the youth stay back rather than turning migrants or, better still, spurring reverse migration. Uttarakhand votes in a single phase on Valentine's Day, which the BJP has no love

-When 'industry' wins over national pride



When a democratic country takes a moral or sovereign stand against an authoritarian regime, very often its own trade engines apply the brakes

he overlapping realm of the European Union (EU) and military alliance of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (21 of the 27 EU States are common) remains undecided on taking a firm stand on Ukraine, and the cause for disunity is essentially trade. Germany has been openly reluctant (and even dissuasive) to weigh in with the rest on taking on the Russian belligerence. At stake for the Germans is a multibillion-dollar gas pipeline (Nord Stream 2) and its existing 'very reliable' source of energy from Russia. Opinion polls on the German street also do not support taking a hard stance against Russia and, consequentially, the ability of NATO to stare back at Russia is compromised.

Basically, trade triumphs over taking a moral or sovereign stand. However, on another issue the EU has taken upon itself to defend a member State ie, Lithuania, over China's alleged targeting of Lithuania on trade. At play is the coercive Chinese tact of weaponising all levers at its disposal, to attack the other, in this case, through the 'weaponisation' of trade. Chins has simply targeted and blocked Lithuanian imports, and the year-on-year comparison for December shows that imports have dropped by 91 per cent. Incredulously but expectedly, the Chinese deny any 'discriminatory practices' and attribute the same to 'technical issues' (reminiscent of 'technical issues' that the Chinese had infamously invoked at UNSC to veto declaring Pakistani terrorist Masood Azar a global terrorist). For once, the EU is furious at the Chinese brazenness and has decided to take the case to the WTO as it perhaps realises that unless it acts as 'one' to protect the integrity of Lithuania, it is only a matter of time before another member State faces Chinese retribution for taking moral stands.

What started as a David vs Goliath saga with Lithuania, having less than 3 million population (to China's 1.4 billion), earning Beijing's ire for allowing Republic of China (Taiwan) to open a rep resentative office in its capital, Vilnius, escalated in a free-for-all as it tantamounts to deligitimis-



overwhelming majority

opposed its Government! Yet

again, trade considerations

triumphed over national poli-

cies that had called out the

Chinese amorality.



THE RARE ODDITY HAS BEEN AUSTRALIA, WHERE THE TOUGH STAND TAKEN BY THE **GOVERNMENT** AGAINST CHINA HAS BEEN BACKED BY ITS CITIZENRY, 'INDUSTRY' AND **EVEN THE OPPOSITION** (UNLIKE IN LITHUANIA, WHO HAVE CALLED FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RESIGN)

The classic weaknesses of democracy against authoritarian regimes like those in Moscow or Beijing are getting exposed in Ukraine and Lithuania, respectively. In democracies the ability of 'industry' to shape the popular narrative by itself is undeniable, whereas in statist regimes which are not answerable to individual opinions beyond a point, the interlinkages between the 'State' and 'industry' are often invariable, though invisible. This enables statist regimes to attack using multi-pronged levers like trade or 'industry' in perfect unison and efficacy, like a sovereign weapon. But in democracies, the 'industry' and its imperatives can work overtly or covertly independent of the Government's position.

The wounded Indo-Chinese situation is a glaring example of the same, with trade crossing \$125 billion in 2021 (with a record \$100 billion imports from China) imports are higher by 30 per cent from 2019 and the trade deficit has mushroomed to a record high of nearly 70 billion, up 22 per cent from the prepandemic and pre-border clashes in 2019. Barring the much-touted and bandled bans on some Chinese apps like *TikTok* as 'prejudicial to the sovereignty, integrity and security of India, the insatiable hunger of Indian 'industry' has operated conversely to the political grandstanding. It can be logically argued that taking a hard stance against China on 'industry' may be detrimental to Indian interests (as exemplified by Germany or Lithuania), but it is the chasm between the political brave-talk against China versus the reality of 'industry' operating otherwise, that showcases the sad hypocrisy involved.

The rare oddity has been Australia, where the tough stand taken by its Government against China has been backed by its citizenry, 'industry' and even the Opposition (unlike in Lithuania, who have called for the Government to resign). Unless the 'Free World' countries walk the talk individually or multilaterally against threats from expansionist regimes like China, there will be no effective checkmating. Political posturing is easy, but demonstrating that same will is another matter, especially when 'industry' and its imperatives are driven by commercial interests solely that does not account for national pride

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

Prime Minister

- Narendra Modi

The federal Govt

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violence. Enough

US President

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GOOD JOB DONE BY AAP GOVT

Sir — Admittedly, the AAP is one of the select few political parties known to have been stuck to keeping its poll promises, riding on which it succeeded in retaining power in Delhi despite facing a formidable rival like the BJP at the Centre. The party's recent decision of regularising 700 contractual employees in the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) bears testimony to the same. In a departure from the trend of privatisation which is rampant across the country, the Kejriwal-led AAP Government took a bold and pragmatic step towards the solution of the unemployment crisis the country is facing in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kejriwal has hit the nail on the head while observing that had the former Governments taken due care of the employees, they would have worked even harder. The education and healthcare sectors that once creaked under the raging pandemic, are now doing fairly well. These reularised employees are now set to enjoy a host of pecuniary benefits, besides enhanced salary, in the form of PF and gratuity, etc. Above all, the DJB employees, elated over the decision, have also promised to prove themselves worthy of their salt by working hard and living up to people's expectations!

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

NEW MONKEY SPECIES FOUND IN INDIA

Sir — In a significant discovery, scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) have reported a new mammal species, the white-cheeked macaque, in the remote Anjaw district in central Arunachal Pradesh. Its presence was revealed after a DNA test was conducted on it. Arunachal Pradesh, known as "the land of dawn-lit mountains", is home to white-cheeked macaques. With this discovery, India's mammalian count has risen from 437 to 438. It is the last mammal discovered in Southeast Asia and is among the 23 extant species in the genus Macaca. Macaques are medium to large-sized monkeys considered as "true monkeys". Aside from humans, the macaques are the most widespread primate genus. Whitecheeked macaques are robust, heavy-

Voters, remember the real issues



he COVID-induced lockdown in 2020 wreaked havoc across the country not only rendering millions of Indian jobless but also forcing thousands of them to end their life owing to debt, which is hardly gaining attention in the poll-bound States. Sadly, the focus of every political party has shifted to giving freebies, luring the minorities by dividing them on religious lines, thereby neglecting the core issues of unemployment, poverty eradication and health. Suicides have been on the rise ever since the pandemic broke out. The number of 3,548 suicide cases amongst the unemployed in

2020, outstripping the 2018 and 2019 figures of 2,741 and 2,851, according to figures cited by the Modi Government in the

Rajya Sabha recently, is alarming. According to the NCRB, Karnataka720, followed by Maharashtra 625 and Tamil Nadu 336, reported the highest numbers of such suicides in 2020. Another report compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy shows Haryana, Rajasthan and Tripura in poor light in terms of rising unemployment percentage at 23.4, 18.9 and 17.1, respectively. Increasing mistrust, anger, unrest and protest recently witnessed in Bihar against the Railway recruitment Board relating to irregularities in recruitment reveal the gravity of the situation. What is needed is immediate succour to the jobless. MGNREGA-like schemes must be replicated in urban areas. too. Political parties must not be allowed to win elections on false promises and citizens must judiciously use their voting rights.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

bodied monkeys with relatively short tails and live in forest habitats.

They are stout with the males significantly larger than females. This rare species is distinct from other macaques found in the region by displaying white cheeks, long and thick hair in the neck area, and a longer tail. White-cheeked macaque has not yet been included in the Wildlife Act, 1972, of India. As the conservation status has not yet been confirmed, they are threatened by poaching, deforestation and habitat loss due to human intervention. The discovery of the new macaque species suggests that there may be some species that still remain undiscovered in the area. Intensive surveys are needed for their protection, keeping in view their high

value for biodiversity conservation. Dr Krishna K Vepakomma | Hyderabad

A GODFATHER IS MUST IN CRICKET

Sir — The upcoming cricket stars knocking on the doors of fame and wealth need a godfather to rise to the next level. Even

established players have to go through the same yardstick. One such player is Wriddhiman Saha. Saha was considered number one wicketkeeper, better than Karthik and Dhoni. Once Rishabh Pant joined the select band, Saha lost his place and is now ignored by the selectors. Saha didn't do much wrong during his career

as the Test wicketkeeper.
In fact, when Dhoni retired, Saha filled up his shoes for the next four-five years before Rishabh Pant's talent was spotted. In 40 Tests, Saha took 92 catches and affected 12 stumps, and scored 1,353 runs including three centuries and six fifties. Saha wasn't an underwhelming batter, but perhaps just not as flamboyant as the man who replaced him. Saha was dependable and proved his class as a crisis man. Now, all of a sudden, he has lost the faith of selectors.

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

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The Hathras family wanted justice but this Govt didn't let



it happen.

create so much hype around them. Indian ex-cricketer

Actor-comedian

— Kapil Sharma

With this win,

the boys have

got a base for

Please don't

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RETHINK MUST ON IAS CADRE RULES CHANGE

States have case about infringement of rights



KSHITIJ GOYAL

•he Department of Personnel and Traininghasrecently writtento chief secretaries of the State Governments, in the context of a 'Proposal for Amendment to Rule 6of the IAS (Cadre) Rules, 1954', that irrespective of the consent of the concerned State Government, the officer whom the Union Government desires to put on the deputation would "stand relieved" from his or her respective cadre. As of now, a total of six states have opposed the move. Currently, the states can grant a no objection or an objection notice, or veto an IAS or IPS officer's Central deputation. The proposed amendment would take this power away. Some of the proposed amendments are quite problematic- there is a proviso that in some "specific situations", states have to send certain officers on the deputation, whose services may be ought by the Union government. However, the term "specific situations" is not defined and



is prone to politicisation and misinterpretation. And what about the unwillingness of civil servants to be deputed away from the States? In this context, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel made a critical observation that can be the touchstone for the elected political servant and the civil servant, especially in present-day India. In 1949, Patel exhorted in the Constituent Assembly, and I quote:"...If you want an efficient All-India Service, I advise you to allow the Services to open their mouths freely. If you are a Premier, it would be your duty to allow your secretary, Chief Secretary, or other Services working under you to express their opinion without fear or favour. But I see a tendency today that in several provinces, the services are set upon and told - 'No, you are servicemen; you must carry out our orders.' The Union will go - you will not have a united India- if you have not a good All-India Service which has the independence to speak out its mind..." Although, in 1946, Nehru and the likes were onboard for the substitution of the old Indian Civil Service cadre with an All-India Service, apoint of variance came along the way on whether the officers would come under the control of Central or Provincial Governments. T. Prakasam of Madras Province wantedample control of these civil servants under provincial governments. However, as also discussed in BB Misra's book 'Bureaucracy in India', Patel remained resolute in his position:" He [Patel] recognised the necessity of adequate allowance for provincial susceptibilities, especially in a country inhabited by multicultural communities.:

Patel ruminated the all-India Service as essential to interweave the administrative framework of a vast and diverse country into a cohesive unit. The all-India Service officers are made available for central deputation through a consultative process involving the Centre, the States, and the officers themselves. Unfortunately, the concerned practice has been flouted at times. Recently, the Centre asked Alapan Bandyopadhyay, a West Bengal IAS officer, to report to the Centre on the last date of his retirement. He refused. In another incident, after BJP President JP Nadda's motorcade was besieged allegedly by TMC endorsers in Kolkata, the Centre sent three IPS officers responsible for his security to central deputation. The State refused to comply. On the other hand, there are examples of some states vindictively holding back the names of some officers who had opted for central deputation or holdingup their relief after the Centre selected them. States are, however, correct in pointing out that the proposed amendments are a serious infringement of their right to deploy IAS officers as they deem fit. The intended changes can degrade the security, independence, and morale of the IAS officers. It is hoped that the Centre pays heed to Sardar Patel's ideals and drops the proposed amendments.

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Budget 2022: Big on words, short on delivery PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI

The Govt boasted of inclusive development but the Budget clearly catered to a mere 10 per cent of the population, exacerbating income inequality

This budget session was most anticipated, coming as it did on the back of overwhelming data showing an economy in distress, growing unemployment, MSMEs in doldrums and rising inflation. Large sections of India were looking towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to offer them immediate relief in terms of relief

This year's budget, however, turned out to be a damp squib. It was big on words but short on delivery. When the finance minister began her speech, it was about FinTech, Digital, Green energy transitions and infrastructure capacities however when she elaborated further it was clear there wasn't much relief coming for citizens, Fin Tech was reduced to supporting only GIFT city (PM Modi's non-starter pet project). It almost seemed like a magic show, the government donning the role of a magician trying to woo the citizens of the country with their huge numbers and promises of 'Amrit kaal' but we must remember, the magician is nothing but a master of trickery and their aim is to mesmerise their audience under the garb of 'ache din'.

The government boasted of inclusive development yet, the budget clearly catered to the mere 10 per cent of the population, exacerbating the wealth and income inequality already persistent in the country. As per the 'World Inequality Report 2022', India is among the most unequal countries in the world, with rising poverty and an 'affluent elite.'The report highlights that the top 10and top 1 per cent in India hold 57and 22 per cent of the total national income, respectively, while the bottom half's share has reduced to 13 per cent. The report says that in India private wealth went up from 290 per cent in 1980 to 560 per cent in 2020. The share of female labour income share in India is equal to 18 per cent which is significantly lower than the average in Asia & is among the lowest in the world. India's unemployment rate crept up to nearly 8% in December, according to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. This is way higher than anything seen in India, at least over the last three decades. Most countries saw joblessness rise due to COVID induced restrictions however one would assume it would be a matter of emerging economies like Bangladesh (5.3 per cent), Mexico (4.7 per cent) and Vietnam (2.3 per cent). In the two years, 60 lakh MSMEs were closed down & 84% households suffered a loss of income. With per capita income falling and savings next to nil, one would assume that the government would get into action.

At the beginning of the budget speech, the finance minister expressed empathy to those who were worst affected by the pandemic and thanked the taxpayers for their continued contribution to the growth



THE CLEAR **ACCUMULATION** OF WEALTH BY A CERTAIN **PERCENTAGE** OF PEOPLE, **ESPECIALLY DURING THE** FIRST AND SECOND WAVE OF PANDEMIC, THE SELL-OUT OF PUBLIC ASSETS — AIRPORTS, PSUs, ETC AND THE LACK OF CONCRETE MEASURES FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY PAINT A **COMPLETELY DIFFERENT** STORY FOR THIS **GOVERNMENT**

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of the nation. But actions clearly spoke louder than words when there was nothing of significance for them, no tax relief in any form for the middle-class despite the burden of inflationary measures, no reforms to address the low interest rates in banks, especially its impact on senior citizens, no definitive policy for women and children and no mention of increase in prices of MSP or its legal framework for the benefit if farmers, crushing the hopes of common man in these despair times. This budget failed them all and this comes at a time when these sections of the society clearly need the welfare support of the government. But like the magician, the government has been trying to put a hat over their eyes and cater to the vested interests of crony capitalists.

The budget did not cater to children and women either. In fact, the proportion of allocation of funds for children is the lowest in the last 10 years. In FY 2019-20 REs, ₹17,705 crore were allocated for ICDS. This decreased by 3 per POSHAN Abhiyaan decreased by 82 percent from ₹3,400 crore to ₹600 crore during the same time period. Despite recognition of loss from closure of schools from the past two years, the Government failed to come up with a concrete policy to address the loss of learning, especially in the rural areas. The Government's vision of One Class-One TV and increase in the allocation of money for digital edu-

their support to the rural economate for the 2021-22 fiscal, the of ₹7,07,707 crore in the previous allocation for the flagship rural Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MĠNŔEGA), in 2022-23 is 25% lower than the revised estimate for the scheme in the current year when the rural employment stands at 7.28 per cent. The government has not taken any definitive and immediate action on the persistent issue of unemployment amongst the youth of our country. Our demographic talent is going to waste. The budget boasted of creating lakhs of jobs in cent in FY 2020-21 to ₹17,252 future forgetting that it is the curwould a job be to them 25 years later? It is good to be visionary and work for the long term but the budget fails to cater the present needs of the society.

The Economic Survey 2019-2020 laid out the Government's vision of promoting public welfare by shunning crony capitalism. The clear accumulation of wealth by a certain percentage of people, especially during the first and second wave of pandemic, the sell-

35 per cent of the budgeted amount. The Government speaks of 'Atma Nirbharta' but the import bill from China gives a different picture. Import from China has crossed \$125 billion and merchandise trade deficit has increased to \$142.4 billion in

This Government is big on words but when it comes to producing results, it hides behind the pandemic or the misdoings of previous prime ministers. The budget usually holds aspirations of all sections of the society but one section. In Budget speech 2021, the finance minister said: "A King/Ruler is the one who creates and acquires wealth, protects and distributes it for common good." The Government has gone back on its word and its actions are a testament to this. Budget 2022 missed out on fulfilling the aspirations and expectations of the common man as they continue to fight for survival under the burgeoned costs of living.



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THE STATE IS LIKE A PYRAMID; ONE WILL MAKE IT TO THE TOP. THIEVES WERE MADE TO SIT AT THE TOP. THE STATE WENT BANKRUPT. — PUNJAB CONGRESS PRESIDENT NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU





WE WILL END CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT JOBS IF THE AAM AADMI PARTY IS VOTED TO POWER IN PUNJAB.

— AAP'S NATIONAL CONVENER **ARVIND KEJRIWAL**

Raising marriage age solves or adds to problems?

The parliamentary panel should consider the implications this change will have on the rights and lives of young people

he Union Cabinet's decision to increase the minimum age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21has raised a debate on the need for it. The narrative of this being a step towards women's equality, empowerment, and improving their health seems to have res onated well with large sections of the urban, educated and well-to-do. The issue is not as simple or straightforward as it appears to be and requires a nuanced, evidence-based approach. It is important to examine the need and implication of this policy change on the lives and rights of young people, age of consent for consensual sex, consensual pre-marital

sex, and live-in relationships. Despite the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act (PCMA), 23 per cent ofwomen were report-



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 $individual\ expert\ for\ SRHR$

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edly married before 18 years and 17.7 per cent before 21 (National Family Health Survey (NFHS) 5), significantly lower than 47 per centof girls reporting the same in NFHS 3 (2005-06). Currently underage marriages are legally valid but can be nullified within two years of the minor involved attaining The economic condition

and caste of the family play a vital role in early marriages. Illiteracy, poverty, protecting the girl child from sexual abuse, are the major factors contributing to early marriages. By increasing the minimum age of marriage to 21, the burden on poor families and girls will only increase and marriages of girls in the age group of 18-21 will be criminalised. More girls and

families will be stigmatised and



vested interests, including law enforcement agencies and caste groups. The worst affected will be young people who choose their partners against the wishes of

their families. Dishonour killings may increase. Ideally both boys and girls should have a right to be married once they attain adulthood, at 18. By having different

minimum age for boys and

girls PCMA recognizes the fact that it is a norm in society for a wife to be younger than the husband. This provision therefore protects a girl child from child marriage.

Getting married is not the top reason why girls drop out of education. It was cited only by 7.9 per cent of girls (NFHS-4 (2015-16). Not interested in studies, high cost, school not close by, and required for household

work were the top reasons. Improving access to quality, affordable education by making college and hostels free for girls from weaker sections is likely to help keep girls in colleges.

The proposed change has implications on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR)of young people.The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Actincreased the age of consent from 16 to 18, impacting adolescents in a consensual sexual relationship, with the impact being felt disproportionately by girls. Will the age of consent now become 21? Will we end up criminalising young people in the age group of 18-21 in a consensual sexual rela-

tionship? Sadly, the full report or the composition of the expert committee is not in the public

domain. In a way the expert committee's hands were tied, given the Prime Minister expressing the need to examine, increasing the age of marriage for girls in his Independence Day address in 2020. With such high-level commitment, it would have been impossible for the committee to differ. However, the committee seems to have done a fine balancing act by highlighting other issues that need to be addressed first. Press reports indicate that "the committee also asked the government to look into increasing access to schools and colleges for girls, including their transportation to these institutes from far flung areas. Skill and business training has also been recommended, as has sex education in schools. The committee said

these deliveries must come first,

as, unless they are implemented and women are empowered, the law will not be as effective". Instead of addressing core issues that lead to early marriages, the cabinet has chosen the easier way of legislation, when we know a law alone cannot do the job. Presenting this as gender equality and women's empowerment intervention seems to have won over the 'privileged class', who have little understanding and empathy for the poor and marginalized families/girls. The bill has now been

referred to a Parliamentary Standing Committee. Hopefully, it willconsider the implication this change will have on the SRHR rights and lives of young people and advice the Government to drop this ill-thought-out move.

Russia could invade Ukraine during Olympics: Blinken

the current Beijing Winter Olympics so Americans should leave the Eastern European country immediately, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Friday.

Blinken did not detail the reasons behind the State Department's latest security alert that calls on all American citizens to leave Ukraine. "Simply put, we continue to see very troubling signs of Russian escalation, including new forces arriving at the Ukrainian border," Blinken said in Melbourne, Australia.

"We're in a window when an invasion could begin at any time and, to be clear, that includes during the Olympics," Blinken added. The

Olympic Games are scheduled to end on Feb 20. Russia has amassed over 100,000 troops near Ukraine. It says it has no plans to invade but wants the West to keep Ukraine and other former Soviet countries out of NATO.

The threat of war in Ukraine and a strengthened alliance between Russia and China were high on the agenda of a meeting in Canberra on Friday among Blinken and his counterparts from Índia, Japan and Australia. The four nations form the "Quad", a bloc of Indogrowing regional influence.

Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne, who chaired the meeting, said the alliance between Moscow and Beijing was "concerning because it doesn't... Represent a global order that squares with...Ambitions for freedom and openness and sovereignty and the protection of territorial integrity'

Blinken earlier said a conflict with China in the Indo-Pacific was not inevitable. share concerns that in recent years China has been acting more aggressively at home and more aggressively in the region and indeed potentialbeyond," Blinken said. The Quad partners are united by an "affirmative vision for what the future can bring" and a "commitment to defend the rules-based system that we have spent tremendous time and effort building," he added.

Blinken's trip is designed to reinforce America's interests in Asia and its intent to push back against increasing Chinese assertiveness in the region. He will also visit Fiji and discuss pressing concerns about North Korea with his Japanese and South Korean counterparts in

UK defence secretary in Moscow amid Ukraine tensions

Moscow: Britain's defence secretary visited Moscow Friday for talks on easing tensions amid massive Russian war games near Ukraine.

Ben Wallace's trip comes a day after British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss held talks in Moscow, urging Russia to pull back over 100,000 troops amassed near Ukraine and warning that attacking its neighbour would "have massive consequences and carry severe

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 demands flatly rejected by the

In an interview Thursday with NBC News, US President Joe Biden repeated his warning that any Americans still in Ukraine should leave as soon as

"It's not like we're dealing with a terrorist organisation. We're dealing with one of the largest armies in the world. It's a very different situation and things could go crazy quickly," he said. Asked whether there were any scenarios that would prompt him to send US troops to Ukraine to rescue Americans, the president said: "There's not. That's a world war when Americans and Russia start

shooting at one another." Amid the soaring tensions, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson warned Thursday that the Ukraine crisis has grown into "the most dangerous moment" for Europe in decades.

Russia's troop concentration includes forces deployed on the territory of its ally Belarus for massive joint drills involving firing live ammunition.

In Romania, NATO chief visits air base hosting US troops

Bucharest: NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg paid an official visit to Romania on Friday, where he joined the country's president at a military air base that will host some of the 1,000 U.S. Troops deployed to the country as the alliance bolsters its forces on the eastern flank amid soaring tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

Stoltenberg, who met with Romania's President Klaus Iohannis and other officials at southeast Mihail Kogalniceanu air base near the Black Sea, said that "there is a risk of armed conflict in Europe.

"We have no certainty about what will happen. That is why we call on Russia to deescalate," Stoltenberg told the media. "That is why we are vigilant and prepared, that is why the presence of NATO troops in Romania is so important."

Biden to split frozen Afghan funds for 9/11 victims, relief

Washington: President Joe Biden is expected to issue an executive order on Friday to move some \$7 billion of the Afghan central bank's assets frozen in the US banking system to fund humanitarian relief in Afghanistan and compensate victims of the Sept 11, 2001, attacks, according to a US offi-cial familiar with the decision.

The order will require US financial institutions to facilitate access to \$3.5 billion of assets for the Afghan relief and basic needs. The other \$3.5 billion would remain in the United States and be used to fund ongoing litigation by US victims of terrorism, the official said. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the decision had not been formally announced.

International funding to Afghanistan was suspended and billions of dollars of the

ly in the United States, were frozen after the Taliban took control of the country in mid-

The country's long-troubled economy has been in a tailspin since the Taliban takeover. Nearly 80% of Afghanistan's previous government's budget came from the international community. That money, now cut off, financed hospitals, schools, factories and government min-

Desperation for such basic necessities has been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as health care shortages, drought and

malnutrition. The official noted that US courts where 9/11 victims have filed claims against the Taliban will also have to take action for victims compensated.

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DECLARATION ABOUNT CRIMINAL CASES

(As per the judgement dated 25th. September 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name and address of Candidate: Daljit Singh, H.No.14195, Guru Gobind Singh Nagar, Tibba Road, Ludhiana

Name of Political Party: Aam Admi Party Name of Election :...Vidhan Sabha (2022)... *Name of Constituency: 060 Ludhiana East

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

SI.	A. Pendin	g Criminal	Cases	
No.	Name of Court		Status of Cases	Section(s) of Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)
1.	Presently not in court under Inquiry	100/	Under Enqiury/ Challan Not Present	336/323/307/506/148/149/188 IPC (False Case Attempt to Murder with Weapon)
2.	Sh. Sumit Makkar CJM, LDH.	CHI/575/ 2017	Consideration	323/353/334/354/427/186/188/ 148/149 IPC (False Case of Physical Assault)
3.	Sh. Varun- -deep Chopra JMIC, LDH.	CHI/17215/ 2021	Notice	186/353 IPC (False Case of Violation of Govt. Norms)

(B) Detail about cases of conviction for criminal offences.

No		Criminal	. 2000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 100	Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences
	Name of	Case No. and Date	Status of Cases	Description of offence (s) & Punishment imposed
1.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

Declaration about criminal cases (As per the judgment dated 25th Sept. 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (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 Name of Political Party: Name of Election: Punjab Vidhan Sabha Election 2022

*Name of constituency: 018-Amritsar East

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

	(A)	Pending cr	iminal ca	ses
SI. 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	Section 341,283,431, 188, 148 IPC, Section 8B of National highway Act - 8B IPC - Protest against the Govt. and block the road.
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	Section 188, IPC 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	Section 25 - Section 27A - Section 29 NDPS ACT 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	Section 188, 186, 353, 332, 34- IPC - 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	Section 186, 323, 341, 511- IPC - 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	Section 188 IPC, 51 of Disaster Management Act 2005, Section 3 Epidemic Diseases Act 1897-Protest against the Govt. and Disobedience to order of public servant

(B) Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences:

	Name of Court & Dates of Orders	Description of Offences & Punishment imposed	Maximum Punishment imposed
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
		Rikram Singh Candi	date 018. Amritsar Fast

Burkina Faso's junta leader is declared president by council

Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso): The leader of Burkina Faso's junta Lt Col Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba has been declared president this week, the West African country's Constitutional Council said in a statement.

Damiba is to be officially inaugurated on Feb 16, military officials confirmed Friday, although his term as president is effective retroactively from Jan 24, when soldiers overthrew the democratically elected former President Roch Marc Christian Kabore. Damiba has vowed to restore security to the conflictriddled nation, which is seeing a dramatic increase in attacks by jihadists linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group. Since seizing power

Damiba has swiftly appointed

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Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of

Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)

period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]

Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items

Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items

Equity Share Capital

-Basic (Amount in Rs.)

-Diluted (Amount in Rs.)

-Basic (Amount in Rs.)

Total Income

(Loss) / Profit before Tax

Place : Gurugram Date : 11 February 2022

Net (Loss) / Profit after Tax

Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the

Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)

new military chiefs, sacked local administrators and vowed to restore Burkina Faso to constitutional rule when the "conditions are right", he said in a televised address to the nation days after the coup.

Damiba has also met with politicians, including the former administration, civic organisations and representatives of the international community to explain his views and garner support. Earlier this month, Damiba

created a 15-person technical committee charged with proposing a timeline for a transitional government that will lead the country to elections. The committee is expected to announce its proposal on how the country should return to democracy in a few weeks. AP

World leaders at France summit mull ways to protect oceans

Paris: World leaders met on France's Atlantic coast Friday to discuss protecting the planet's oceans from threats such as overfishing and plastic pollution, and finding fairer ways to manage the seas

The One Ocean Summit comes as European authorities are investigating a mass fish dump in the Bay of Biscay that environmental activists call an example of abuses by huge trawlers that disrupt undersea ecosystems.

Oceans cover more than 70% of the planet's surface.

French President Emmanuel Macron initiated the three-day summit in the port city of Brest with the support of the United Nations.

"Today, we are going to make commitments," Macron

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3) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / nine months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other

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The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 February 2022

nents) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / nine months Financial Results are available on the Com

said in his opening speech. "I am convinced they are going to help strengthen helpful actions." Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, whose

country will host the UN's annual climate summit this year, European Commission President Ursula von der Leven US Special Envoy for Climate John Kerry and several other African and European leaders attended the event in person. Others were to take part via video messages

Kerry said "the urgency of the plight within which we all find ourselves" deserves attention. "There are large-scale, extraordinary operations that go on every single day at sea that are indistinguishable from major criminal enterprises on land," he said.

ended 31-Dec-20

Unaudited

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31-Dec-20

Unaudited

(58.29)

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For and on behalf of Board of Directors

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(Rs. in Crores)

Year ended 31-Mar-21

Unaudited

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(10.58)

(10.58)

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31-Mar-21

Unaudited

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(88.09)

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US has always used Pakistan, while China stood the test of time: PM Imran Khan

Islamabad: The US has always used Pakistan to meet its strategic goals and when the purpose was served it abandoned and slapped sanctions on the country, while "friend" China stood the test of time, Prime Minister Imran Khan has said.

Khan made the remarks during a recent interview with Eric Li, Director of the Advisory Committee of China Institute of Fudan University, The News International newsreported

Replying to a question, Khan said there are times when his country has friendly ties with the United States. However, when the US feels that it no longer needs Pakistan, it distances itself from

"Whenever the US needed us, they established relations, and Pakistan became a frontline state (against Soviet), and then abandoned it and slapped sanctions on us" when its purposes were served, he said, citing an example of the Pak-US ties in 80's when the erstwhile Soviet Union had deployed its troops in war-torn Afghanistan.

Plot no. 58 Sector-4, IMT Manesar measuring 1012.50 Sq. Meter and was re-allotted by the Corporation to M/s Hem Overseas prop. Mrs. Beena Sharma vide regular re-allotment letter dated 08.06.2011 the corporation has been infor-

med that the original Allottee Mrs. Beens Sharma w/o Sh. Madan Lal Sharma had expired on 21.05.21. The legal heirs of the deceased Allottee Legal heirs of Mrs. Beens Sharma w/o Sh. Madan Lal Sharma are Mr. Anand Sharma, Mr. Sanjay harma & Mrs. Manju Sharma have approache the corporation for transfer of the plot in question in favour of Anand Sharma & Mr. Sanjay Sharma The corporation is in process of considering their request & transferring the said plot in the name of Anand Sharma & Sanjay Sharma. Through this public notice it is here by informed that in case, any of the legal heirs of late Mrs. Beena Sharma w/o of Madan lal Sharma or any other person having reservation /objection to the said transfer may file his/ her objection in writing before the undersigned or addl. General Manager (Estate), HSIIDC Limited, C-13-14, Sector-6, Panchkula Haryana along with an affidavit within a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case no response is ceived within the aforesaid period, it will be sumed that no one has any objection to transf of the said plot in the name of Mr. Anand Sharma & or the said plot in the name of Mr. Anand Sharma Mr. Sanjay Sharma (sons of Mrs. Beena Sharm Wo Sh. Madan Lal Sharma) and the corporation shall go ahead with transfer of plot in her fast, (Estate Manager) For & Behalf of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Dev. Corpn. Ltd.

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UNAUDITED STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

KAMA Holding

HSIIDC, IMT Manesar, District Gurugram.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

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		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	
1	Total Income from Operations	0.11	0.07	3606.18	1502.69	336097.01	216512.25	893876.36	584445.14	
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (including discontinued operations)	(42.84)	(45.64)	3466.24	1351.23	73317.57	44295.31	180545.80	110369.92	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (including discontinued operations)*	(42.58)	(45.64)	3466.67	1179.23	50665.02	32443.26	128620.51	81606.00	
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(42.44)	(45.67)	3466.65	1178.70	55062.20	40758.02	133785.33	98088.83	
5	Paid up Equity Share Capital	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	645.26	
6	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -									
	(a) Basic :	(0.66)	(0.71)	53.73	18.28	399.82	242.42	1012.58	640.72	

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financials Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com) and the Company's website (www.kamaholdings.com).

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For and on behalf of the Board

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Ekta Maheshwari

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Whole Time Director, CFO & Company Secretary (DIN: 02071432)

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: Gurugram : 11th February, 2022

(b) Diluted:

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IIP slows down for 4th month in row

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m ndia's\ industrial\ production}$ fourth straight month in December to 0.4 per cent mainly due to a poor performance by the manufacturing sector. The

constitutes 77.63 per cent of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), contracted by 0.1 per cent in December, according to the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on

Sensex, Nifty join global selloff amid rate hike fears

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Sensex plummeted 773 **I** points while the Nifty dived below the 17,400-level on Friday, tracking heavy selling in global equities after US consumer inflation soared to a 40year high in January, raising the prospects of faster-thanexpected rate hikes by the 17,374.75.

Brokerage will be paid.

Federal Reserve.

A sharp fall in the rupee and unabated foreign fund outflows added to the pressure traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex tumbled 773.11 points or 1.31 per cent to close at 58,152.92. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty plunged 231.10 points or 1.31 per cent to

> Mahindra was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, shedding 2.94 per cent, followed by Infosys HCL Tech, UltraTech Cement Wipro, SBI and Kotak

Rupee dips by 21 paise to nearly 7-week low on strong dollar

PTI MUMBAI

The rupee plunged by 21 paise to a nearly sevenweek low of 75.36 against the US currency on Friday on forex outflows and a strong dollar after a spike in inflation in the US boosted expectations of an aggressive rate hike by the Federal Reserve.

Forex traders said muted domestic equities, sustained foreign fund outflows and elevated crude oil prices weighed on the local unit, which declined for a fourth straight day losing a total of 67 paise against the green-

No shortage of fertilisers since Modi Govt came: in agriculture by Mandaviya

PTI N NEW DELHI

There is no shortage of fer-tilisers in the country and the price of urea has not been hiked ever since the Narendra Modi government came to power in 2014, Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said in Lok Sabha on Friday. He also said the government has been giving the subsidy of Rs 1,650 in every bag of urea

sold in the country. "There is no shortage of fertilisers in the country. However, in between the season, some states highlighted the shortfall of DAP fertiliser, particularly in a few districts.

India to replace diesel by renewable energy 2024: Power Minister

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Union Power Minister R K Singh on Friday said that India will achieve zero-diesel use in agriculture and replace the fossil fuel with renewable energy by 2024.

The minister held a virtual meeting with the officials of the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Additional Chief Secretaries and Principal Secretaries of Power or Energy Departments of states & UTs to discuss their role in achieving India's energy transition goals and meeting climate commitGovt aware of possible risks linked with online games: MoS IT PTI NEW DELHI

The government is aware of risks and user harms linked to online games involving money transactions and their advertisement through various media channels, but the information technology ministry has no proposal to bring them under the category of 'gambling', Parliament was informed on Friday. Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar said the government is aware of the growing number of online games available in India and also the opportunities for innovation and entrepreneurship associated with

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the membe of the Company will be held on Tuesday, 8th March, 2022, at 11.00 A.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC")/ Other Audio-Visual Means ("OAVM"), to transact the Ordinar and Special Business as set out in the notice of the EGM AGM in compliance with the MCA Circular No 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, read with the provisions of General Circula No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020; General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020; General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and General Circular no. 20/2021 dated December 08, 2021 issued by the MCA (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"). The deeme

venue for the EGM shall be the Registered Office of the Company. The electronic copy of the Notice of EGM setting out the business to be transacted at the meeting together with the explanatory statements including instructions for remote e-voting has been sent to the Members whose e-mail ids are registered with the Company/ Depository participants for communication. For those who have not registered their e-mail ids car obtain the copy of Notice from the website of the Company i.e. www.mescosteel.com and website of stock exchange i.e. www.bseindia.com and website of

NSDLwww.evoting.nsdl.com. As per Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Managem and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended by the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended, the Company is pleased to provide the facility to its members to exercise their right to vote by electronic means ("Remote e-Voting"). The Company has engaged the services of National Securitie Depository Limited (NSDL) to provide e-voting facility to the Members of the Company

The Remote e-Voting facility shall commence on Saturday, 05th March 2022 at 9:00 AM and end on Monday, 07th March 2022 at 5:00 PM. The Remote e-Voting shall not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time. A person, whose name appears in the Register of Members/Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-off Date, i.e., 28th February 2022, shall only be entitled to avail the facility of Remote e-Voting/voting at the meeting.

A person, who becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice of the meetin and holding shares as on the Cut-off Date, may obtain the Login ID and password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.inor admin@skylinerta.com.lf you are already registered with NSDLfor e-voting then you can use your existing Login ID and password for casting your vote

The members who have cast their vote by Remote e-Voting prior to the meeting ma

attend themeeting, but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. In case of any queries, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Shareholders and e-voting user manual for Shareholders available at the download section

of www.evoting.nsdl.com or call on toll free no.: 1800-222-990 or send a request to Ms.

For Mideast Integrated Steels Ltd

Place: New Delh Date: 10.02.2022

Pallavi Mahatre at evoting@nsdl.co.in

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दिनांक 11 फरवरी, 2022 <u>विज्ञप्ति</u>

Zonal Manager

उत्तराखण्ड विशेष अधीनस्थ शिक्षा (प्रवक्ता संवर्ग- समृह 'ग') सेवा (सामान्य एवं महिला शाखा) मुख्य परीक्षा-2020 के सापेक्ष अभिलेख सत्यापन कार्यक्रम

एतदृद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड विशेष अधीनस्थ शिक्षा (प्रवक्ता संवर्ग-समूह 'ग') सेवा (सामान्य एवं महिला शाखा) परीक्षा-2020 हेतु प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या : A-1/S-1/2020 दिनांक 09 अक्टूबर, 2020 की मुख्य परीक्षा के सापेक्ष औपबन्धिक रूप से अभिलेख सत्यापन सूची (Documents Verification List) विज्ञप्ति संख्या : 75/16/प्र0परीक्षा(मुख्य)—2020/गोपन—2/2020—21 दिनांक 08 फरवरी, 2022 द्वारा घोषित की गयी है।

2— अमिलेख सत्यापन सूची (Documents Verification List) में स्थान पाने वाले अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा ऑनलाइन आवेदन—पत्र में किये गये दावों का उनके मूल अभिलेखों से मिलान करते हुए, सन्निरीक्षा (Scrutiny) का कार्य विषयवार / शाखावार व अनुक्रमांकवार परीक्षा भवन, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार में दिनांक **07 मार्च, 2022** से प्रारम्भ किया जाना प्रस्तावित है, ताकि विज्ञापन की शर्तानसार अभ्यर्थियों की अर्हता की जांच की जा सके।

 अभ्यर्थियों के अभिलेखों की जांच संबंधी कार्यक्रम आयोग की वेबसाइट www.ukpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है। अभ्यर्थी उक्त का अवश्य अवलोकन कर लें। अभ्यर्थी अभिलेखों की जांच हेतु नियत तिथि को उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार में व्यक्तिगत रूप से उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें। अभ्यर्थियों को इस संबंध में पृथक से डाक द्वारा सूचना प्रेषित नहीं की जायेगी।

(कर्में न्द्र सिंह) सचिव।

INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED

(CIN: U74140MH1993PTC074596)

Particulars	3 months ended 31 Dec. 2021	3 months ended 30 Sept. 2021	9 months ended 31 Dec. 2021	9 months ended 31 Dec. 2020	Previous year ended 31 March 2021 Audited		
APPORTUNE TO A TO A	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited			
Total income from operations	5.15	5.31	16.06	31.40	35.49		
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	1.35	1.85	5.17	15.46	15.55		
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.35	1.85	5.17	15.46	15.55		
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	1.02	1.19	3.69	11.73	11.82		
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.02	1.18	3.70	11.81	11.97		
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80		
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	22.99	21.98	22.99	19.14	19.30		
Securities Premium Account	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83		
Net worth	139.62	138.61	139.62	135.76	135.93		
Outstanding debt	49.70	49.65	49.70	49.43	49.56		
Debt equity ratio	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36		
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share) EPS for the quarter and nine months are not annualised)*							
-Basic (Rs)	0.24*	0.28*	0.88*	2.81*	2.83		
-Diluted (Rs)	0.24*	0.28*	0.88*	2.81*	2.83		

Note to the financial results

Place : Gurugram

- 1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 February 2022.
- 2) The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly, nine months ended / annual financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly, nine months ended / annual financial results are available on the company's we (http://indiabullsruralfinance.com) and on the website of BSE (http://www.bseindia.com).

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For and on behalf of Board of Director

Vijay Kumar Agrawal

Date : 11 February 2022 Whole Time Director

SORIL INFRA RESOURCES LIMITED

(CIN: L52190HR2005PLC077960)

						(Rs. in crores
Particulars	3 months ended 31 Dec. 2021	Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Sept. 2021	Corresponding 3 months ended 30 Dec. 2020	Year to date figures for current period ended 31 Dec. 2021	Year to date figures for previous period ended 31 Dec. 2020	Previous year ended 31 March 2021
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	figures for previous period ended	Audited
Total income	52.39	48.85	50.42	141.09	142.65	193.06
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	2.41	1.70	5.40	5.20	23.20	23.72
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	2.41	1.70	5.40	5.20	23.20	23.72
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax(after exceptional and/ or extraordinary items)	2.01	0.98	4.98	3.52	18.95	19.35
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) or the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	1.88	0.96	4.99	3.52	19.22	19.75
Paid-up Equity Share Capital	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50
Reserves(excluding revaluation reserve)						229.42
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share) (EPS for 3 months and 9 months are not annualised)*						
- Basic (Rs)	0.64 *	0.31 *	1.58 *	1.12 *	6.02 *	6.14
- Diluted (Rs)	0.64 *	0.31 *	1.58 *	1.12 *	6.02 *	6.14

Note to the financial results:

1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 February 2022. These financial results have been subjected to a limited review by the statutory auditors of the Company

2) Key standalone financial information of SORIL Infra Resources Limited:-

(Rs. in crores Year to date Year to date 3 months Correspondin Previous year 31 Dec. 2021 30 Sept. 2021 30 Dec. 2020 31 Dec. 2021 31 Dec. 2020 31 March 2021 Unaudited Unaudited Unaudited Unaudited Unaudited Total income 49.69 45.56 130.81 113.69 160.78 Profit / (Loss) before tax (0.72)

7.57 Net Profit / (Loss) after tax 0.83 (0.41)2.72 (0.72)3) The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly / half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly / half yearly financial results are available on the Company's website (http://sorilinfrare website of BSE (https://www.bseindia.com) and NSE (https://www.nseindia.com)

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For and on behalf of Board of Directors

Anil Malhan Executive Director

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Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended December 31, 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	Preceeding quarter ended September 30, 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	#Corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	Nine months ended December 31, 2021 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	#Nine months ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited) (refer note 2)	Year ended March 31, 202 (Audited)
1	Income from operations	- 120-120-130-130-130-130-130-130-130-130-130-13	September 1994		to a series access		22-WW-C2201
	(a) Revenue from real estate operations	2,647.58	2,911.51	•	8,345.50	*1	8,324.81
	(b) Other Operating revenue	51.50	86.71	*	172.98	-	153.05
	Total income from operations	2,699.08	2,998.22	-	8,518.48	943	8,477.86
2	Expenditure						
	(a) Cost of land/ development rights		268.00	-	404.93	020	388.85
	(b) (Increase)/ decrease in project work in progress	1,057.04	679.75	.5	3,218.22	-	2,826.87
	(c) Project approval charges	129.00	351.20		483.21	056	45.77
	(d) Employees cost	321.52	305.87	iff	909.59		948.79
	(e) Depreciation and amortization expense	48.16	47.50	*	142.35	(€)	220.18
	(f) Subcontractor, material and labour charges	246.22	388.10	-	660.96		192.87
	(g) Other expenses	178.31	230.03	*	575.35	(·	741.26
	Total expenditure	1,980.25	2,270.45	-	6,394.62	(3=)	5,364.59
3	Profit/ (loss) from operations before other income, finance costs (1-2)	718.83	727.77	-	2,123.87	-	3,113.27
4	Other Income	97.81	252.44	•	550.04		786.91
5	Profit/ (loss) from operations before finance costs and exceptional	:	7 to 20 to 2		500 100000000000		
	items (3+4)	816.64	980.21		2,673.91		3,900.18
6	Finance costs	724.70	685.67		2,226.50	179	3,607.66
7	Exceptional items		185			(e	*
8	Profit/ (loss) from operations before tax (after exceptional items)	5-63-54	8257503		100-000	5.5	10.00000000
	(5-6-7)	91.94	294.54	-	447.41	-	292.52
9	Tax expense						
	Current tax expense	-				•	137.04
	Deferred tax expense/ (credit)	58.14	141.07	•	410.20		59.55
10	Net Profit / (loss) for the period (8-9)	33.80	153.47	55	37.21	8.7.1	95.93
11	Other Comprehensive Income/ (loss) (net of tax)	1.91	2.73		7.37	(2 € 1	17.71
12	Total Comprehensive Income/ (loss) for the period (10-11)	35.71	156.20	ै	44.58	-	113.64
13	Paid-up equity share capital (face value of Rs. 10 per share)	11.90	11.90		11.90		11.90
14	Paid-up debt capital / outstanding debt (refer note 5)	4,600.00	4,600.00	-	4,600.00		4,600.00
15	Net worth (refer note 11)	26,523.31	26,487.62		26,523.31	3-1	26,478.73
16	Debenture redemption reserve (refer note 14)	18.86	18.86	2	18.86	-	18.86
17	Capital redemption reserve	321.70	321.70		321.70		321.70
18	Earning Per Share (EPS)*	E-11-77 CA	Garat Assert		175040 2777		1220000
	Basic (in Rs.)	28.40	128.96	-5	31.26	0.75	80.60
	Diluted (in Rs.)	28.40	128,96	1,71	31.26	150	80.60
		0.95	0.96	•	0.95	359	1.00
20	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 11)	0.52	0.48		0.49	3(+)	0.65
21	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (refer note 11)	1.20	1.50	· ·	1.27		1.14

Notes: (1) The above unaudited standalone financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 and year to date from April 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021 have been reviewed and Notes: (1) The above unaudited standalone tinancial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 and year to date from April 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on February 11, 2022. The statutory auditors of the Company have carried out a limited review of the financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 and year to date from April 01, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The Company's debentures are listed and therefore, Regulation 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) 2015, as amended is applicable to the Company. (2) The financial results of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Indian Accounting Standards ("IND AS") as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 (read with relevant rules there under). (3) In line with the provisions of Ind AS -108 "Operating Segments" and basis the review of operations being undertaken by the senior management, the operations of the Company primarily fall under "real estate development", which is considered by the management to be the only reportable operating segment. (4) CRISIL had assigned CRISIL BB+/Stable rating for Non-Convertible Debentures vide letter dated August 13, 2021. (5) Pald up Debt Capital represents": (a) 4,600 Series A Fully Pald, Rated, Listed, Secured, Redeemable, Non-Convertible Debentures of Rs. 100,000 each amounting to Rs. 4,600 lakhs. The proceeds have been utilized for the purpose as mentioned in the offer documents and pertaining to the Mall undertaking. That have been transferred to Euthoria Developers Private Limited (the Resulting Company), pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved. there is no material deviation in the utilization of the proceeds. • excludes Series B- 2,900 deather into the following the company and pertaining to the Mall undertaking, that have been transferred to Euthoria Developers Private Limited (the Resulting Company), pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved by the Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide order dated March 31, 2017, and accordingly, the same have not been included in Paid up Debt Capital under Note 5. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its order dated January 20, 2021 has accepted the settlement proposed by the Company in the said matter and the Company's management and the Resulting Company's management are currently in the process of completing procedural formalities with the Stock- exchange, for affecting the transfer of such debentures to the Resulting Company and believes that no adjustment is required in these standalone financial results at this stage. (6) The Series-A Non-Convertible Debentures are secured by way of first reaking and the standalone financial results at this stage. (6) The Series-A Non-Convertible Debentures are secured by way of first reaking and the standalone financial results at this stage. xclusive charge over Amritsar MIP project land, receivables from sale of Amritsar MIP project and Fatehabad oject. Insurance receivables- Penguin and Ambrose, the escrow account exclusive charge over Amritsar MIP project land, receivables from sale of Amritsar MIP project and Fatehabad project, insurance receivables-Penguin and Ambrose, the escrow accounts and monies lying to credit thereof. (7) As per the relevant terms and conditions of Information Memorandum (IM), the annual interest payable to the Series A NCD holders had got revised to 0.001% effective January 31, 2019 once FSI approval ("Milestone") was achieved by the Company's erstwhile wholly owned subsidiary company- Ruchi Malls Private Limited. The Company has paid interest as per revised rate, amounting to Rs. 0.05 lakhs pertaining to the period November 13, 2019 to November 12, 2020, on November 11, 2020. As confirmed by the debenture trustee vide letter dated May 07, 2021, pursuant to discussions between the Debenture Holders and the Company, the Debenture Holders have agreed to waive the interest on the Series of the Serie

*Not annualised, except year-end Basic and Diluted EPS #Not applicable as per SEBI Circular no 637 dated October 05, 2021.

S.No. Name of Series Previous Due date of payment Next Due date of payment | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) November 12, 2020 (Paid Rs. 0.05 lakhs) November 12, 2022 Not Applicable Principal alongwith premium on redemption November 13, 2025

*As per the terms of issue of 4,600 Series-ANCD as per the IM, the NCD are redeemable after 10 years from the deemed date of allotment i.e. November 13, 2015. However, As per the terms of issue of 4,000 Series: ANCO as per the life, the NCO as per the life, the option to redeem the sec debetures at any time after the expiry of 3 years from the deemed date of allotment. (9) There is no investor grievance pending or received during the period under review. (10) The Company's operations have been impacted by COVID 19 pandemic. The Company's management has undertaken/ is undertaking various cost savings initiatives including employee count and cost rationalization, rent waiver etc. to conserve cash. In preparation of these standalone financial results, the Company has taken into account internal and external sources of information to assess possible impact of the pandemic, including but not limited to assessment of its liquidity, recoverable value of its financial and non-financial assets, impact on revenues and estimates of residual costs to complete ongoing projects. Based on current indicators of future economic conditions, the Company expects to fully recover the carrying amount of its assets and further, the Company is undertaking active discussions with various stakeholders for seeking extension in timelines for repayment of its current loan facilities. Considering the evolving nature of the pandemic, the actual impact in future could be different from that estimated as at the date of approval of these standalone financial results. The Company's management will continue to monitor any material changes to future economic conditions. (11) Disclosures as per Regulation 52(4) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations 2015 are as under:

Will continue to monitor any material changes i						
Particulars	Q	uarter ended (Unaudi	ted)	Nine months e	Year ended (Audited)	
Particulars	December 31, 2021	September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020#	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020#	March 31, 2021
Interest service coverage ratio	1.20	1.50	•	1.27		1.14
Operating margin (%)	30.90%	34.02%		32.59%	· •	48.23%
Net profit margin (%)	1.21%	4.72%		0.41%	-	1.04%
Debt service coverage ratio	0.52	0.48		0.49	199	0.65
Debt equity ratio	0.95	0.96		0.95		1.00
Capital redemption reserve	321.70	321.70	-	321.70		321.70
Debenture redemption reserve	18.86	18.86		18.86		18.86
Net worth	26,523.34	26487.62		26,523.31		26,478.73
Current ratio	2.92	3.20	-	2.92		3.40
Long term debt to working capital	0.61	0.59		0.61		0.58
Bad debts to accounts receivable ratio (%)	0.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%
Current liability ratio	0.52	0.48		0.52		0.44
Total debts to total assets	0.37	0.38	-	0.37		0.38
Debtor's turnover	0.74	0.68	-	2.18	16.	2.88
Inventory turnover	0.03	0.03	E	0.10	22	0.07

#Not applicable as per SEBI Circular no 637 dated October 05, 2021.Ratios have been computed as follows: (a) Interest service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/ finance costs. (b) Operating margin: (profit before tax+ Finance cost)/Revenue from operations (c) Net profit for the periody/ear/Revenue from operations (d) Debt service coverage ratio= Earnings before finance costs, tax and depreciation/ (finance costs + principal repayment of paid up debt capital during the period) (e) Debt equity ratio = paid up debt capital/ equity, where "Equity represents issued, subscribed and paid up share capital, equity component of compulsory convertible preference shares and reserves and surplus "Reserves and Surplus includes capital reserve, securities premium and retained earnings "Paid up debt capital represents long term and short term borrowings excluding deferred payment liabilities (f) Net worth represents Equity (g) Current ratio: Current liabilities (h) Long term debt to working capital: Long term borrowings/(Current assets: Current liabilities) (i) Bad debt to accounts receivable ratio: Bad debts/ Average trade receivables (i) Current liability ratio: Current liability ratio: Current liability ratio: Current liability ratio: Current liability of the company had received a demand for Rs. 1,440 lakhs from Municipal Corporation, Amritsar ("MC") towards the levy for Change in Land Use Fee (CLU fees) in relation to Company's erstwhile retail mail at Amritsar that had got transferred to the Resulting Company, pursuant to Composite scheme of arrangement as approved by the Honourable High Court of Punjab and Haryana vide order dated March 31, 2017. The Hon'ble High Court of Punjab and Haryana ("Hon'ble High Court") vide its order dated March 3, 2010 had adjudicated that the basis of levying CLU fees is untenable and the amount deposited by the Company i.e. Rs. 1,260 lakhs (net of Rs. 1,480 lakhs recovered from another party as their share of the said demand) is liable to be refunded with No. To taking recovered from another party as their shared of the said demandy is larged with sample interest (a) specified with the MC had preferred a Letters Patent Appeal (LPA) against the order of the Hon'ble High Court before the Hon'ble High Court on May 12, 2010 and the same was disposed off in favour of the MC. Pursuant to another order by the Hon'ble High Court, the money deposited by the Company was refunded in lieu of furnishing of a Bank Guarantee by the Company in favour of the Registrar of the Hon'ble High Court, with the condition that if the MC succeeds in the LPA filed in the aforesaid Hon'ble High Court, the Company shall be liable to pay the amount to MC with the same rate of interest which had been awarded by the single bench in its order dated March 03, 2010. The Company had preferred a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Hon'ble High Court in MC's favour, which got admitted and against which the Hon'ble Supreme Court had issued notices to both the parties and restrained the MC from encashing the bank guarantee. Subsequently, the Company in compliance of the order passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on August 18, 2017 had deposited a sum of Rs. 200 lakhs consequent to which the amount of bank guarantee furnished by the Company in favour of the Registrar of the Hon'ble High Court had got revised to Rs. 1,240 lakhs. Based on expert legal inputs, the management is confident of obtaining favorable orders from the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the said matter. Further, in accordance with the 'Facilitation and Collaboration Agreement' and Termination-cum-Settlement Deed' entered into with the landowners, the liability in relation to the 'Change of Land Use' is to be borne by the landowners. Accordingly, while finalizing these standalone financial results, no provision has been considered necessary at this stage. (13) In terms of Rule 18(7)(b)(iii) of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2019 and Facility of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Rules, 2019 and Facility of Companies (Share Capital and Debentures) Represented for the companies (Share notified on August 16, 2019, Debenture Redemption Reserve is not required in case of debentures of listed companies. (14) The Code on Social Security, 2020 (*Code*) relating to employee benefits during employment and post-employment, received Presidential assent in September 2020. The Code has been published in the Gazette of India, however, the date on which the Code will come into effect is yet to be notified and the final rules/ interpretation are yet to be issued. The Company will assess the impact of the Code when it comes into effect and will record any related impact in the period the Code and rules thereon becomes effective. (15) The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its order dated February 17, 2020, had approved the scheme of compromise and arrangement proposed by propounders of A N Buildwell Private Limited ("ANB"), wherein Alpha Corp Development Private Limited had agreed to revive ANB's Spire Woods real estate project situated in Gurugram by taking over the construction and development of such project. Subsequently, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide its order dated March 17, 2021 approved the execution of the Joint Development Agreement (JDA), between the propounders, ANB and the Company that sets out the terms and conditions for the proposed collaboration. The effective date of the transaction is subject to certain substantive actions including regulatory approvals, whereupon the transaction would qualify for accounting as per Ind AS, notified under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013. (16) Pursuant to the order dated June 8, 2021 of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Alpha Corp Development Private Limited alongwith its 3 wholly owned subsidiary companies is implementing the approved Resolution Plan for acquisition of Copia, Sapphire and Techone real estate projects of Earth Infrastructure Limited ("Earth"), that was under Corporate Insolvency Resolution process as per the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (including all amendments for the time being in force). As per the approved Resolution Plan, the Company through its 3 wholly owned subsidiary companies has to undertake the development of the 3 real estate projects and deliver the units to the project allottees, as per the terms of such plan. The transaction requires certain substantive actions to be taken whereupon the same would qualify for accounting as per Ind AS, notified under section

133 of the Companies Act, 2013. DATE: 11th FEBRUARY, 2022 For Alpha Corp Development Private Limited Ashish Sarin, Director (DIN: 00897673)



RAJKUMMAR RAO

It (homosexuality) is still a taboo as there are certain sections of society which are not ready to accept that someone's sexual preferences can be different. It (OTT) has given rise to a lot of diverse stories. The major population lives in small towns, there are so many stories and characters from those places



TAHIR RAJ BHASIN

It is quite incredible to be among the top performers in the digital space. As an actor, one can only try and deliver the best possible performance and constantly better one's acting skill but success for an actor is always dependent on how the audience and the media appreciates the acting



SHORTCIRCUITS

I was in a completely relaxed state of mind when I went for the shoot. I didn't want to build something on my own as I like to mould myself with each scene. wanted to follow my director and understand what he wants from my



LUPITA NYONG'O

We're still living in a time where there's discrepancy between white representation and everyone else, I am aware of the significance of the roles that I play (when it comes to choosing the right projects). I do consider what they contribute to a larger conversation and narrative.

MATTHEW PERRY

I thought it was time people heard from me. The highs were high, the lows were low But I have lived to tell the tale, even though at times it looked like I wouldn't. And it's all in here. I apologise it's (autobiography, Friends, Lovers and the Big Terrible Thing) not a pop-up book."



RULES OF THE OTHER HALF

Teacher and queer theorist, MADHAVI MENON's latest book, The Law of Desire, delves into the conundra and paradoxes of the Indian court judgments on gender, sex and sexuality. By KHUSHBU KIRTI

♦ What inspired you to write *The* about the active role the law plays Law of Desire?

The Law of Desire is a book about the law written from the perspective of gender and sexuality. It looks at four different terms that the law uses to describe desire - criminal, immoral, obscene and unnatural — and examines the stories that have accumulated around the use of these terms. I have always been interested in the law, and would sometimes think of it as a missed vocation! I am fascinated by how the law — like literature — requires the ability to read and analyse texts. When I wrote a chapter on 'Law' in my previous book, *Infinite Variety*: A History of Desire in India (Speaking Tiger 2018), I had plenty of thoughts that I wanted to explore further; hence, this book.

♦What is the significance of the title — The Law of Desire?

Like in my previous book, I wanted to have the word 'desire' in the title of this one as well. And the actual title - The Law of Desire has been borrowed from Pedro Almodóvar's brilliant 1987 film of the same name. I hope my text can aspire to even a millionth of the luminosity of Almodóvar's film!

♦What is the objective of speaking about the entangled relationship between law and sexuality? We do not often pause to think

in our everyday lives. When we think of the law, we tend to think of a court case, police trouble, or some such unusual occurrence. But the law shapes who we are, how we behave, and what options we have in the world. It has a particularly deep and insidious force in relation to desire. We consider desire to be a deeply private feeling, but it is actively shaped by public considerations. I wanted to lay bare some of those considerations in this book.

* 'No one knows what fundamental rights have to do with gender in the first place...' Please elaborate.

Where is this quote from? Not

from this book. But as I make clear in The Law of Desire, several fundamental rights — to practise one's profession, to reside where one would like, freedom of expression, freedom of religion — are all curtailed for women. Because women are burdened with the symbolic expectation of maintaining the honour of the family and nation, their rights are the first to be struck down when that honour is assumed to be in question. This is a widespread occurrence that results in greater legal control over what women can do with their bodies and their

♦We keep hearing MPs passing obscene comments, comparing

the woman to a flower and mithai, and how a man is innocent, and that rape was merely a mistake. There is not jusg objectification of women but marital rape is still is not considered a crime. Care to weigh in?

Over the last eight years, we have seen a great valourisation of masculinity in India. Women have always been treated badly here — as indeed they are in the whole world but over the last few years, this treatment has actively been aided and abetted by an official structure that valourises machoness. Whether it is the description of rape victims as zinda laash (living corpse) or the all-male mobs that run riot across parts of North India, aggressive masculinity is seen as the norm and praised as such. In such a climate, t is inevitable that women will be subjected to greater violence, which what we are seeing.

The question of marital rape takes me back to my previous answer about women as the custodians of 'honour'. The Government of India says criminalising marital rape will weaken the institution of marriage, which they further describe as being an age-old 'Indian' tradition. So in order to protect an allegedly old Indian tradition, women's security and happiness can be sacrificed. There is no attempt to describe the resistance to marital rape as being anything other than



a protection of the rights of men to be violent and abusive. It's sad. But the issue is now being heard in the Delhi High Court, so let's hope for a sane and less patriarchal outcome that addresses the current dispen-

♦The 'Me Too' movement was one of the most revolutionary and successful movements in modern times when it boils down to

victims standing up for themselves. Do you agree?

The law needs to be addressed and changed in structural ways that address the problems of patriarchy and male paranoia. While #MeToo was an important social phenomenon, it has not resulted in the kind of systematic legal and bureaucratic changes that we need to see. Courts need to address more fully what counts as evidence in cases of sexual harassment and rape, for instance. Internal Complaints Committees need to be set up in every organisation. Employment laws, rape laws, inheritance laws, all need to be finetuned to ensure a level playing field for women. It would also be good to see, for starters, a less horrific disequilibrium in the gender of the judges we have in the Supreme Court — currently, there are only four women out of a total of 32 judges. Addressing patriarchy is a complex and nuanced battle and it needs to be waged steadily.

♦You mentioned, Sita as the bearer of 'The Shame'...wars have always been waged to protect woman's honour', from Helen to Draupadi. If the ancient epics are what people venerate, how do you suggest worshippers should beat this thought process? Does education help in changing it?

If education is, as it should be, a process of asking questions and challenging the status quo, then yes, that will allow people to think critically about the world in which they live rather than following blindly in somebody else's footsteps. But if

education is reduced to a question of getting the highest marks and regurgitating the 'correct' answer, then that only increases the investment in never ever questioning what you are told. The repeated valourisation of 'the olden days' in India seems to go hand in hand with increased misogyny and patriarchy. We need to encourage people to think critically again.

♦While awareness is one way of making people see the truth that was always brushed off, what else do you suggest to make people perceive things from a different angle?

It's always amusing when people questioning the status quo are told that they're taking matters 'too far'. Who decides how far and no further? 'Too far' is always a patriarchal defence when neither logic nor rationality can be counted on for support. Laughter would be a good response to that particular strand of chastisement. As for fairy tales, like all pieces of literature, they are hotbeds of ideological struggle. There is nothing innocent about them, and as such, they are fair game for political contestation.

THE WEEKEND IS THE PERFECT TIME TO SHOP FOR VALENTINE 'S DAY GIFTS FOR YOUR PARTNER. HERE ARE SOME OPTIONS

DE BEERS FOREVERMARK

Forevermark Avaanti™ jewellery collection has 36 pieces which feature De Beers Forevermark diamond in 0.10, 0.18 and 0. carats at their centre. Set in 18k yellow, white or rose gold, the clean, circular designs are also available with the added brilliance of pavé diamonds. The Icon™ Collection features 62 pieces comprising hooped earrings, chic cufflinks, asymmetric bangles, rings and pendants, crafted from 18K yellow, white and rose gold.

NARAYAN JEWELLERS

Amora, the capsule collection for Valentine's Day blends modern design with craftsmanship. There are easy to wear bracelets, rings, pendants, necklaces and earrings in the collection with rubies and diamonds. Price: On request



diamond or emerald solitaire earrings and rings or delicate heart motif jewels, minimalist yet statement jewels like stackable necklaces and rings or dainty contemporary baubles, crowns and stars or bold red and soft pinks, this collection has something for every taste. Price: On request

KOHINOOR JEWELLERS AGRA

Make an iconic vow with your partner on Valentine's Day with the Circling the Love collection and create an eternal moment to remember with Kohinoor's new edit

Price: On request

The collection is designed with a touch of lightness that can be worn on different occasions, from day to night. The jewellery pieces in pink semi-precious stones are made of 925 Silver with 1.0

microns gold plating. The style ranges from modern, contemporary to traditional. Price: ₹1,500-20,000

IZZARI BY **AANCHALL JAIN** The brand has 14k gold and diamond to suit all





From a dinner date to a casual meet to party mode, the collection has DIVINE WINE VELVET DRESS This sleeveless ankle length dress in maroon velvet is cinched at the waist and slit from the knee. Price: ₹1299







Peek-a-Boo Burgundy dress The burgundy maxi dress is perfect for a party. Price: ₹2,399



tuck-in shirt.

Price: ₹999

MICHAEL KORS The Willa extra-small pleated logo tote bag is the perfect way to complete a dress

Price: On request

Gift the lady love a pair of hot red ankle-strap platforms along with a black sling bag suitable for a romantic dinner date. The chicas can wear these red sneakers and black ballerina to style it up with a cute LBD or a super basic pair of jeans. The boys can be gifted a pair of black

moccasins and boots.

Price: ₹4,000-19,000

A special range of bags, jewellery and accessories. Soft leather construction and two different straps and pockets, the 3-D Heart Crossbody Bag from the collection keeps everything organised. A Large Heart Tote Bag is perfect for anything you

need to carry for a long day along with a Heart-



application

away the AirPods so that they remain safe and stylish. The dainty Love Game Arrow — earrings, ear cuffs, ear huggies, along with a pendant and bracelet — make for perfect gifts. Price: On request

Corneliani presents a range of stellar gifting options from Italian leather bags, belts, caps, ties and scarves perfectly suited for a holiday and corporate look. The travel bags are crafted in finest leather. The scarves are elegant, light, and made with natural materials. Similarly, a series of silk ties with plain colours or patterns, complete any formal look. Belts are available in woven. perforated or printed leather. **Price**: ₹10,000/- Onwards

everyday sneakers, Ezok gives a perfect variety to choose from. Price:

From cool leather loafers to ₹3,500 onwards

Starting from the Comfy Matte Liquid Lipstick

that is touted to be the revolutionary product launched by Faces Canada which gives 10 hours long stay and keeps your lips nourished throughout. Allow some pinkalicious glow to spread on Valentine's Day with Berry Blush that will bring a matte high definition finish. All That Glows Highlighter will help to shine on a special day as it will give the high definition finish that makes skin look flawless. For

the bold eyes, Intense Gel Kajal will do the trick

and Splash Nail Enamel will be the cherry on the

cake as it will enhance the nails with its smooth

The Body Shop The Body Shop offers an assortment from vegan and nature-inspired goodies made with ingredients sourced

through their Community Fair Trade partnerships, or that feature clever packaging designed for a second

Price: ₹750 onwards

Peanuts gang — the collection is guaranteed to bring out people's inner child. The watches in sharp silhouettes and bright colours that are true to the brand's DNA, but it's to the next level. The Gent and New Gent glass and case are made from biosourced materials, while the silicone bracelet on each watch features

the Peanuts logo on the loop. Each style comes

in a specially designed packaging, and those fans

collecting all six watches can get their hands on a

bespoke frame to display all the watches together Price: ₹6,500 onwards

Priced: ₹3,695

FOR HER Philips Advanced KeraShine ThermoProtect Straightener: This straightener has keratin-infused ceramic

plates and features Philips SilkPro Care technology for ultimate shine and ultrasmooth gliding. The ThermoProtect technology distributes heat evenly across the plates, preventing overheating to protect your hair. It comes with 6 LED temperature settings for precise control and wider plates achieve perfect straightening results in lesser time.

Philips ThermoProtect Hair Dryer 3000 series:

Its unique design mixes warm air from the hair dryer through the holes and cool air from the surroundings. It has precise control with six heat and speed settings. It also comes

Price: Three category variants ₹3,295, ₹2,495 Philips Hair Straightening Brush: It promises to give naturally straight hair to all women in five

with cool setting option to fix any kind of style.

minutes. The new styling hair straightening brush comes with Silk ProCare Technology that gives great results and also cares for your hair and ensures minimal damage. It comes with a non-heated bristle tips to protect the scalp from heat, should you

accidentally touch the brush to it. Philips Facial Pen Trimmer: It is the perfect solution for hair removal from eyebrows, upper lips, and forehead. Featuring a compact and portable design and providing a pain-free experience, the Facial Pen Trimmer comes with a click on

comb and cleaning brush.

Price: ₹1.595/-



shape, trim and shave your beard dual-sided blade enables easy styling and shaping of beard. Price: ₹2,199

Philips Body Groomer BG1025/15: It is designed specifically for the body and comes with a unique skin protection system that guards even the most sensitive body area and compact design, ideal for use on smaller, sensitive areas or on the go. Price: ₹1,595

All-in-one trimmer series MG7000: It is the flagship 13-in-1 All-in-one trimmer for face, hair and body, offering Dual Cut technology for maximum precision with 2x more blades,



precision shaver to perfect the edges of cheeks chin, and neck and a body shaver with skin protection for sensitive body areas. . Price: ₹4,295.

Philips Smart trimmer Range: It comes with Power Adapt Technology that senses beard density at 125 times/second and adapts to the beard accordingly. This offers a perfectly even trim, every single time.

Price: The two products in the series are priced at ₹1,995 and ₹2,495.

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comes with a mix of popular and classic tea flavours in teabags to suit every palate.

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Price: ₹500 onwards

From cute heart-shaped cocktail glass to love angel showpiece, this is a curated special collection. Price: ₹450-5,000

black and green teas in teabags.



THE RUG REPUBLIC





The sustainable, handmade Indian rugs, poufs and accessories has minimalist and stylish Aldama pouf: The subtle stitching details are

woven entirely by hand in wool and cotton by our

master craftsmen. Price: ₹3,900 Ortiz Pillow: This multi-colored pillow is handmade in cotton and screen printed.

Price: ₹1,900 Nordic stool: A sturdy wooden frame in natural recycled timber with comfortable seating made of real sheep hide. Available in four colours.

Price: ₹12,900

Indian hockey team look to end SA sojourn

(SOUTH AFRICA)

aving begun their FIH Hockey Pro League Hockey Pro League 2021/2022 campaign with two comprehensive wins on the trot, a confident India men's hockey team will hope to keep the juggernaut rolling when it takes on France here on Saturday.

In the opening match, India beat France 5-0 where Harmanpreet

Singh, Varun Kumar, Shamsher Singh, Mandeep Singh and Akashdeep Singh, who was playing his 200th international match, scored

"It was good to start off the campaign with a win. Our first quarter was patchy but after the first quarter we played a rather composed game. We played to our structure and converted from the chances we created," stated India skipper Manpreet Singh.

Despite the win, Manpreet believes France is an unpredictable team and on a good day they can pull off a surprise any team.

"It's important we don't take them lightly when we play against them on Saturday. We saw what France is capable of when they played against Netherlands.

"The match went into a shootout



lost in the shootout. Even when we played against them, they created good chances to score," he added.

India are slated to take on hosts South Africa a day later on Sunday after 2-2 draw and eventually they and the Tokyo Olympics bronze

medallist will vie to end their South African sojourn on a winning note. India had hammered South Africa 10-2 on Wednesday.

New comer Jugraj Singh scored a hat-trick of goals with Gursahibjit

Singh and Dilpreet Singh scoring

Harmanpreet, new comer Abhishek, and Mandeep Singh were the other goal scorers for India.

Though it was a big-margin vic-

that there were several aspects the team could have done better particularly in the second half. "Definitely the highlight of this

match was both new comers in the team Jugraj and Abhishek scoring goals and also creating opportunities.

"But when we watched the

videos from this match, we definitely felt that as a team, we could have done better in the second half.

There were lapses in the defence, which allowed South Africa to come back into the game and we didn't carry on the same tempo with which we started the match."

The skipper hopes to achieve more consistency in the remaining

"We will need to play consistently in all four quarters and that will focus on doing that in the upcoming two matches against France and South Africa. It will obviously be good if we can end the tour with winning points," he con-

India is currently placed third in the pool standings behind Netherlands and Belgium respectively who have played four

They will take on France on Saturday followed by South Africa on Sunday.

Both matches start 9:30pm IST.



F1 extends contract with Bahrain until 2036

IANS BAHRAIN

 $F^{\text{ormula 1 will continue to race in}}_{\text{Bahrain until at least the year}}$ 2036, following an extension of the contract with the races promoter, the Bahrain International Circuit.

The Sakhir-based circuit first hosted Formula 1 back in 2004, and has provided some beautiful racing action over the years. The Bahrain International Circuit will also hold the 2022 Official Pre-Season Test, as well as the opening race of the season, the Bahrain Grand Prix, on March 18-20.

Speaking of the contract renewal, Formula 1 CEO and President Stefano Domenicali said, "I am delighted we will be racing at the Bahrain International Circuit until 2036 where more incredible racing and excitement will be on show to thrill our fans. Since 2004 we have had some fantastic races in Sakhir and we cannot wait to be back there for the start of the 2022 championship as we begin a new era for the sport."

"After 18 years of F1 racing, we are proud to have played a part in F1's rich history and we now looking forward to continuing to build on that heritage well into the future. The growth and interest in Motorsport in Bahrain and the Middle East has significant momentum, with a new generation of fans embracing our great sport and we look forward to continuing that progress," Sheikh Salman bin Isa Al Khalifa, Chief Executive of

Bahrain International Circuit.

TASNIM MIR WINS IRAN FAJR INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE

PTI SHIRAZ (IRAN)

Tunior World No 1 Indian shuttler Tasnim Mir on Friday notched a three-game win over Yulia Yosephine Susanto of Indonesia in the final to claim the women's singles title at the Iran Fajr International Challenge here.

The 16-year-old from Gujarat, who became the first Indian woman shuttler to claim the world no 1 status in u-19 singles, beat second seed Susato 21-11, 11-21, 21-7 in 51 minutes.

Tasnim, ranked number 404 in the senior world rankings, lagged 1-3 early on but she soon clawed back at 5-5 before reeling off six straight points to create a huge gap, which her rival couldn't bridge.

The Indonesian came out all cylinders blazing in the sec-



ond game, jumping to a 9-2 advantage. She kept moving ahead to roar back into the contest in a jiffy.

In the decider, Tasnim got her bearings back, zooming to

6-1. She didn't look back and shut the door on her rival to comfortably pocket the title.

En route to the title. Tasnim defeated Iran's Nazanin Zamani, Armenia's

Lilit Poghosyan, Iran's Fatemeh Babaei, India's Samayara Panwar before out-witting top seed and World Number 71 Martina Repiska in

the semifinals.



Defending champion Schwartzman advances at Argentina Open

Second-seeded and home crowd favorite Diego Schwartzman defeated Spain's Jaume Munar 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4) to reach the quarterfinals of the Argentina Open. Schwartzman will face Francisco Cerundolo, the Argentinian compatriot he beat to win last year's title in Buenos Aires. Schwartzman, ranked the 15th-best player in the circuit, will take on a rival in the 107th position. Cerundolo beat Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 to reach the last

Also on Thursday, Italy's Fabio Fognini topped Spaniard Pedro

The 34-year-old No. 4-seeded player in the clay court tournament won 6-4, 7-6 (5). Fognini will take on Argentinian Federico Delbonis on Friday. Top-seeded Casper Ruud of Norway will face local favorite Federico Coria. Third-seeded Lorenzo Sonego of Italy will play against Spanish veteran Fernando Verdasco for a place in the

ATK Mohun Bagan look to close gap at top with win

PTI ■ MARGAO

 $A^{\rm TK}$ Mohun Bagan will start as favourites against bottom-placed NorthEast United FC in their Indian Super League match here on

ATKMB are on a nine-game unbeaten run, sitting fourth in the table with 23 points from 13 matches, two less than table-toppers Hyderabad FC who are on 26 points.



The Mariners can aspire to reach the top with two wins and that has to start against NorthEast United who have not won a game in their last nine outings. They are rock-bottom with 10 points from 16 games and will have nothing but pride to play for.

Juan Ferrando's ATKMB have looked like

a well-oiled machine of late, their unbeaten streak being the longest since jumping on the ISL bandwagon.

could be the lack of clean sheets. But other than that, the Kolkata side have looked brilliant in every department under the Spaniard, playing more with the ball and also creating a lot more

opportunities in the final third. Liston Colaco also ended a four-game goalless streak as he gave ATKMB the lead in their 2-1 win over Hyderabad FC in their last game. Colaco took his tally to six goals this season. He and Manvir Singh have looked in supreme

"Every game is different. We have our plans for NorthEast United.

Our way is to keep the ball and attack the spaces. We will try to find the best moments in possessional attack." Ferrando said at the prematch press conference.

"They have good players and we need to be focussed for ninety minutes.

Asked about Sandesh Jhingan starting the

game, the coach said: "He has trained since last week of January.

He is working hard and for him, it's a pre-season. I am very happy as he has been very good in the last few training sessions. He is an important player for us."

Delhi HC directs appointment | Ramkumar-Saketh cruise into final of Bengaluru Open of administrator to run TTFI



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Friday directed the appointment of an administrator to run the Table Tennis Federation of India, saying that its faith was shaken in view of the sports body's "sorry state of affairs". Justice Řekha Palli, who

was dealing with the petition filed by the Commonwealth Games gold medallist and Khel Ratna awardee Manika Batra, said that the report of the three-member committee, constituted by it to look into the allegations of match-fixing levelled by the paddler, showed that TTFI "safeguarded the interests of its officials" and that "instead of promoting players, TTFI is dictating terms

The judge said that this country takes pride in its sportsperson and people who don't understand how players are to be treated "should be out". The name of the administrator along with other relevant details concerning the appointment will be given in the court order.

Batra, who was left out of the Indian contingent for the Table Asian Tennis Championships, had moved the court last year alleging that the national coach Soumyadeep Roy "pressurized" her to "throw away" an Olympic qualifier match in favour of one of his personal

Based on the findings of the report, the court remarked that TTFI's conduct "prima

facie appears to be blameworthy" and that the national coach was appointed in a clear conflict of interest. 'There has to be an

inquiry. You are appointing a coach in conflict of interest. Your coach is running a private academy. What is happening? You have a national coach who is running an academy in his own name and asking her

to lose a match," said Justice Palli who asserted that the "rot" in the system has to "set "The report reveals a sorry state of affairs. The court is appalled to note some of the observations made by the com-

mittee with regard to the manner in which respondent no 1 (TTFI) and respondent no 3 (national coach) were functioning," the court observed. The centre, represented by Additional Solicitor General Chetan Sharma said that while there was material to proceed

against TTFI under the Sports Code, the government has no objection if the court appoints an independent committee to carry out a further inquiry if needed. The court said that at this

stage, it would only appoint an administrator to run TTFI while deferring passing an order with respect to any further inquiry.

"These people should be out of this, people who don't understand how players are to be treated, to give them dignity. These people are the pride

seed Enzo Couacaud owing to

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hird seeded Indian pair of Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan cruised into the final of the men's doubles event of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger with an easy straight-set win over Jay Clarke and Marc Polmans here

The Indian duo defeated the Great Britain-Australia combine of Clarke and Polmans 6-4, 6-4.

They will take on the French pair of Hugo Grenier and Alexandre Muller, who stunned the second seeded Austrian-Czech pair of Alexander Erler and Vit Kopriva 6-3, 6-4, in the summit

In the singles event, qualifier Borna Gojo from Croatia continued his dream run as he stormed into the semifinals with a 7-5, 6-4 victory over higher-ranked Belgian Kimmer Coppejans.

The 28-year-old will meet Frenchman Alexandre Muller in



the last four match after the latter downed a fighting Cem Ilkel of Turkey 6-4, 7-6 (7) in another quarterfinal played at the KSLTA Stadium.

However, there was a huge disappointment for the tournament's top seed and hot favourite Jiri Vesely of Croatia who had to quit his quarterfinal match against sixth food poisoning. Enzo had won the first set 6-4

before Jiri threw in the towel. In the second semifinals, the

Frenchman will clash with Chunhsin Tseng of Taipei who beat qualifier Brazilian Gabriel Decamps 6-4, 6-4 in another last-eight match. The trio of Adil Kalyanpur,

Sidharth Rawat and Arjun Khade have been handed wildcards for the upcoming second leg of Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger that begins on Monday.

Incidentally, all three had played the qualifying event of Bengaluru Open 1, with only Arjun making it to the main draw where he had lost in the first round. Sidharth and local lad Adil had

lost in the first round of the qual-The qualifiers of the tourna-

ment will be held on Sunday along with the singles final of Bengaluru

Doping hearing to decide Russian skater's Olympic fate

 $R^{ussian\,figure\,skater\,Kamila}_{Valieva's\,\,right\,\,to\,\,compete}$ in the women's event at the Beijing Olympics will be decided at an urgent hearing at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Both the World Anti-

Doping Agency and the International Testing Agency — on behalf of the IOC -- said Friday they would fight the decision by Russia's anti-doping agency to allow the 15-yearold Valieva to skate. The Russian agency provisionally banned Valieva Tuesday because she failed a doping test in December. After an appeal, the agency lifted the ban Wednesday

Valieva is the heavy favorite in her event, which begins Tuesday. She set world record scores this season and landed the first quad jump by a woman at an Olympics as the Russian Olympic Committee won the team event. The ROC said it

will fight to keep that gold medal, and Valieva has passionate support from the Kremlin.

The ITA confirmed reports that Valieva tested positive for the banned substance trimetazidine at the Russian national championships in St. Petersburg six weeks ago. The positive test was

flagged by a laboratory in Sweden only on Tuesday — the day after Valieva helped the Russians win the team event and just hours before the medal ceremony, which was then postponed. Whether the Russians will

lose that gold medal will be decided later. An AP request for com-

ment by the Swedish lab on the delay was not immediately answered. Valieva was hit with an

immediate interim ban from the Beijing Olympics by the Russian anti-doping agency known as RUSADA, which oversaw testing at the nation-



championships. On Wednesday, a RUSADA disciplinary panel upheld her appeal and overturned the skater's interim ban.

The rushed hearing at will only consider the question of the provisional ban at these Games, said the International Testing Agency, which is pros-

ecuting on behalf of the IOC. The ITA was formed by the IOC in 2018 in the wake of the Russian doping scandal to manage international testing and to design the anti-doping program for the Olympics.

The IOC will exercise its right to appeal and not to wait for the reasoned decision by RUSADA, because a decision is needed before the next competition the athlete is due to take part in," the testing agency said. As a 15-year-old, Valieva

has protections in the the World Anti-Doping Code. Under the guidelines, she could ultimately receive just a simple reprimand. When a minor is implicated in doping rules violations, the rules say her entourage, such as coaches and team doctors, must be investigated, too. That isn't typically the case for athletes aged over 18. "Such cases are not helpful to the Games," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "These cases need to be prosecuted

ly and due process needs to be gone through. Otherwise I think the confidence of people would be even less. So I think it's very important for everybody concerned, not least the 15-year-old athlete that's concerned, that we have due process, that it's seen to be done properly, and that people can have confidence in the decisions that are taken. Valieva will likely be

properly, taken care of proper

stripped of her Russian national title in December.

The Russian Olympic Committee said it would defend Valieva and fight to keep the team event gold she contributed to. It added that a doping test Valieva took while at the Olympics came back clean. All medalists are tested at the Olympics.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was vocal in calling for support for Valieva.

'We're waiting for the proceedings to end.

INDIA COMPLETE WHITEWASH OF WEST INDIES

ohit Sharma's tenure as India ODI captain began with a 3-0 demolition of the West Indies after the impressive hosts put up an all-round performance to win the third game by 96 runs here on Friday.

Shreyas Iyer's responsible 80 coupled with Rishabh Pant's aggressive 56 powered India to a challenging 265 in the inconsequential fixture.

The hosts then shot out their opponents for 169 in 37.1 overs as the visitors continued their dismal batting show. With one eye on the 2023 ODI World

Cup, the Indian team management gained plenty positives from their experiments in the third-match series including the emergence of pacer Prasidh Krishna as the strike bowler. He ended with nine wickets in the series.

Deepak Hooda, who did not play the third ODI, showed promise as a middleorder batter while Suryakumar Yadav showed that he could curb his natural aggressive intent if such a situation aris-

The wrist spinners Yuzvendra Chahal and Kuldeep Yadav, who made a return as a pairing, did not bowl together but did well individually.

An ordinary batting performance the West Indies batters also made the Indian bowlers' task easier throughout the series.



The away team was never in the chase and was blown away by another

stellar show of fast bowling.

Pacer Deepak Chahar, playing his first game of the series, struck twice in the fifth over. First he sent back Brandon King (14), who edged to Suryakumar Yadav in the slip cordon and then on the last ball of the over, removed Shamarh Brooks (0), leaving the visitors at 25/3. West Indies could not recover from there on.

The ODI series will be followed by three T20 in Kolkata beginning

Earlier, Shreyas and the flamboyant Pant resurrected the India innings with their 110-run stand after India suffered a top-order collapse to be reeling at 42/3.

The duo toyed with the opposition attack even as the southpaw displayed his hard-hitting prowess, striking six fours

The Mumbaikar, who was playing his first game after COVID recovery, looked in his elements, as he mixed caution and aggression. He completed his ninth ODI fifty with a single to deep extra

After his fifty, Shreyas upped the ante as he and Pant completed their 100-run stand in 112 balls.

Pant too notched up his fifth ODI 50 with a single. But in the 30th over, he perished, giving leggie Hayden Walsh (2/59) his first wicket and Suryakumar Yadav (6) followed suit, as India lost half their

But a determined Shreyas played his shots at will before giving a sitter to Darren Bravo at long-off in the 38th over. In his 111-ball knock, he hit nine

However, Chahar (38; 4x4; 2x6) and Washington Sundar (33, 2x4; 1x6) played their parts to perfection and forged 53 runs for seventh wicket.

Their knocks propelled India past the 260-run mark.

After opting to bat, India lost opener Rohit Sharma (13) cheaply. Pacer Alzarri Joseph (2/54) pegged the hosts back, by first cleaning up Rohit on the third ball of the fourth over and then dismissed Virat Kohli (0) on the fifth ball to leave the hosts teetering at 16/2.

Rahul, Axar ruled out of T20 series against West Indies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ndia vice-captain KL Rahul and all-rounder Axar Patel Lwere on Friday ruled out of the three-match T20I series against the West Indies beginning in Kolkata from February 16 due to injuries with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Deepak Hooda replacing them in the squad.

While Rahul has suffered a hamstring injury while fielding in the second ODI on February 9, Axar has not fully recovered from his shin injury that also forced him to miss the South Africa tour. The

spinner had also recently tested positive for COVID, said BCCI.

"Rahul sustained an upper left hamstring strain during fielding in the 2nd ODI on 9th February 2022 while Axar has resumed the final stage of his rehabilitation after recently recovering from Covid-19. They will now head to the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for further management of their injury," said the BCCI in a statement.

"The All-India Senior Selection Committee has named Ruturaj Gaikwad and Deepak Hooda as replacements," it added.

Both Gaikwad and Hooda are also part of the squad picked for the ongoing ODI series against the Caribbean side in Ahmedabad. Rahul and Axar's fitness issues have also raised questions over their availability for the home series against Sri Lanka starting February 25. Rahul had missed the first ODI to personal commitments before returning for the second game.

Indian women aim to sort combination against New Zealand

PTI ■ QUEENSTOWN

With extended quarantine set to keep star batter Smriti Mandhana out, the Indian women's cricket team will look to sort some combination issues when it starts the five-ODI series against New Zealand here on Saturday. The tour of New Zealand started with a reversal after the visitors went down by 18 runs in the one-off T20I and skipper Mithali Raj will be keen to provide the team a winning start in its ODI campaign, which is crucial ahead of the ICC World Cup next month. Playing amid windy conditions in smaller grounds will be a challenge but it will also hold them in good stead when they turn up for the World Cup here starting March 4. Availability of players has also been an issue for the Indian team with Mandhana, and pacers Renuka Singh and Meghana Singh missing the first game due to an extended Managed isolation and Quarantine (MIQ).

Their absence will be an

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opportunity to test other players as the team looks to slot their core players ahead of the ICC event.

In the one-off T20I, batting let the side down and Mithali has her task cut out as she tries to put a playing XI that can do the job in the absence of the top players.

Yastika Bhatia, who scored

26 while opening the innings with Shafali Verma in the T20I, is likely to retain her position in the absence of Mandhana, while India will need to sort their middle-order, which revolves around Mithali. Focus will also be on Harmanpreet Kaur, who could only score 12 in the T20I

despite coming off a successful Big Bash campaign where she was named the Player of the Tournament.

In the bowling department, veteran Jhulan Goswami, who had retired from the shortest format in 2018, will lead the attack and share the new ball with

Pooja Vastrakar, who claimed two wickets in the T20I.

Simran Bahadur, however, will look for a better show after being hit for 26 in two overs on

Thursday.
New Zealand, on the other hand, will aim to carry the momentum after winning the one-off T20I. The hosts have a poor record in the one-dayers, having won just two of the last 20 ODIs. Skipper Sophie Devine will also try to ensure that their best XI is sorted ahead of the World Cup at home.

The hosts' batting looks good with Suzie Bates and Devine giving the team a good start in the T20 game, while Maddy Green and Lea Tahuhu too have done the job in the middle order.

In the bowling unit, pacers Jess Kerr and Hayley Jensen had taken two wickets each in the T20 game, while spinner Amelia Kerr also snared two.

New Zealand also have the option of going to young left-arm spinner Fran Jonas and off-spinner Frankie Mackay.

Australia beats Sri Lanka by 20 runs in 1st T20 match

A ustralia defeated Sri Lanka by 20 runs in its first Twenty20 match since capturing the T20 World Cup last November in the United Arab Emirates.

Sri Lanka finished with 122 runs for eight wickets on Friday after Australia scored 149-9 after Sri Lanka captain Dasun Shanaka won the toss and sent the home side in to bat.

Sri Lanka's required run total was adjusted under the Duckworth-Lewis system due to a short rain delay that reduced the visitors' overs

Josh Hazlewood led Australia with four wickets for 12 runs in his four overs while Adam Zampa took 3-18. The teams play again on Sunday at the SCG

in the second game of the five-match series. In the Australian innings, Ben McDermott carried his impressive Big Bash form into the first T20 international to help the hosts set Sri Lanka a moderate initial target of 150, later reduced to 143 due to the rain delay.

McDermott recorded his first half-century at international level with 53 from 41 balls before falling lbw to Chamika Karunaratne. McDermott, who replaced the rested David

Warner as captain Aaron Finch's opening partner, was restricted in the opening stages but began to find his groove. Finch went cheaply but McDermott, who

averaged 48 in the T20 Big Bash, built a hardfought 50-run partnership with Josh Inglis (23). It was an unbelievable performance from our bowlers," Finch said.

Sri Lanka has not beaten Australia in T20 cricket since 2017.

Pant and Gilchrist' little bit same' says Ponting

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 $R^{\text{icky Ponting feels Rishabh Pant's aggressive}} \\ R^{\text{icky Ponting feels Rishabh Pant's aggressive}}$ great Adam Gilchrist played the game but comparisons between the two can only be made after the Indian plays at least 50-60 Tests.

The 24-year-old Pant has often been compared to Gilchrist, both southpaws, due to his strikingly similar batting to the Australia legend.

"Yeah, [they are] little bit the same. I know Rishabh's really burst onto the scene, but let's just let him play his 50-60 Test matches first before we start making comparisons to one of the all-time great wicket-keeper batters," Ponting said on 'The ICC Review'.

Gilchrist, has played 96 Tests, scoring 5570 runs at an average of 47.6. He also represented his country in 287 ODIs, amassing 9619 runs at 35.89. While Pant has represented India in 28 Tests, 23 ODIs and 41 T20Is.

"But if you think about their personalities – Rishabh is a lot more outward, a lot louder, a lot noisier and ultra-competitive.

"Gilly was ultra-competitive as well, but a lot quieter and reserved, until he got his bat in his hand and then he became exactly the same as Rishabh." While Ponting played with and captained Gilchrist, he has also worked closely with



Pant, who he coached during his time in the Delhi Capitals. The World Cup-winning skipper recalled an anecdote from his playing days with Gilchrist. "You couldn't try and tell him [Gilchrist] how to play.



BCCI president Sourav admitted to hospital for cardiac check-up

IANS BENGALURU

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Sourav Ganguly was admitted to the Narayana Health City hospital here for a cardiac check-up on Friday. The BCCI president is in the city for the Indian Premier League 2022 Mega Auction.

The 49-year-old Ganguly, who had undergone treatment for a heart condition earlier this year, was admitted to the hospital and a team of doctors are assessing his heart conditions. However, the Narayana Health City has not given any updates about his health, but it is believed to be a routine check-up.

Ganguly had twice been admitted to the hospital last year after complaining of chest discomfort. He

later underwent two angioplasty procedures.
Ganguly, who is fully vaccinated against Covid-19, was admitted to the hospital after testing positive for the Omicron variant in January 2022. His brother Snehasish Ganguly had also tested Covid-19 positive earlier this year.

Dhull will create his own niche; don't relate him with Kohli, Dhoni: Bahutule

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 $F^{\text{ormer India spinner, Sairaj}}_{\text{Bahutule, has said that people}}$ should not start relating U-19 Cricket World Cup-winning captain Yash Dhull's batting and captaincy skills with Virat Kohli and Mahendra Singh Dhoni, respectively, adding that youngsters need to create their own niche.

The Indian team, led by Dhull, recently won the U-19 World Cup in the Caribbean defeating England, with the skipper playing a stellar role in the tournament and drawing praise for his leadership qualities.

The 49-year-old Bahutule, who was the India U-19 bowling coach during the Asia Cup in the UAE last December and the U-19 Cricket World Cup in the West Indies, told news18.com on Friday that apart from being a good batter, Dhull was the "guy taking the decisions" on the field.

"I don't think you can compare him with all these great guys (Kohli and Dhoni, among others). I don't think that is the right way



to move ahead. These youngsters need to be creating their own niche. I don't think comparing them to any of these great guys is correct. It is a process for him. He is a very good batter. He has got the aggressive style of play," Bahutule told the website.

"On the field also, the other 10 guys also supported him. Yes, he was the guy taking the decisions. For him, the journey has actually started now. It is very important now for him to focus on his game. Now that he is selected for the Ranji Trophy, .

Players set to hit pay dirt like never before at IPL

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Dashing batter Shreyas Iyer and the multi-skilled Shardul Thakur are expected to laugh their way to the bank as two of the costliest buys in the history of Indian Premier League when the last megaauction commences here on Saturday

The 10 teams in the league, following the addition of Gujarat Titans and Lucknow Supergiants, will be bidding heavily for the Indian players in a list of 590 crick-eters, including 227 overseas candi-dates up for grabs during the twoday event.

This year's auction might witness the maximum number of Indian million dollar buys (₹7.5 crore and above) with more than 10 cricketers set to cross ₹10 crore bid range and some expected to hit close

to ₹20 crore. While Iyer could be the highest ever auction buy (in the 20 crore range), the likes of Shardul and Kishan (keeper-batter), with their bouquet of skills, can also fetch anything in the range of ₹12-15 crore or even upwards if some franchises get into intense bidding wars. Then there are Deepak Chahar and Yuzvendra Chahal, who can also get anything in the range of USD 2 million (₹15 crore) as both of them are proven international performers.

With megastars like Mahendra Singh Dhoni (Chennai Super Kings), Virat Kohli (Royal Challengers Bengaluru) and Rohit Sharma (Mumbai Indians) retained by their respective franchises, teams would look from flamboyant middle-order batters to good wrist spinners not to forget the all-rounders, who are always in demand.

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While KL Rahul, at Rs 17 crore, is the player with highest retention price, former Delhi Čapitals skipper Iyer might force some of the franchises like Punjab Kings (₹72 crore purse), Sunrisers Hyderabad (₹68 crore) and Rajasthan Royals (₹ 62

crore) to break the bank.

These are franchises that need solid middle-order game-changers and also a member of the leadership group in case a Mayank Agarwal or ne Williamson don't work out. For Dhoni's CSK, it would be

to win matches and championships while teams like Punjab and Rajasthan, as has been their habit, would bid insane amounts for leftfield selections. Even Kolkata Knight Riders

about going mostly go for tried and tested performers, who are known

where former Mumbai Ranji stalwart Abhishek Nayar, by virtue of being the eyes and ears of CEO Venky Mysore, has the maximum say might go all-out for Iyer as they require a captaincy candidate.

However, with a dodgy retention like Varun Chakravarthy, who is never fully fit and hardly plays anything save IPL, has put the team in a spot with only Rs 48 crore in purse and an entire team to build.

Since this is a mega auction and teams need to have a minimum of 18 players on their roster (everyone will go in range of 22 to 25 players),

the Indian players — both capped and uncapped — will be highly val-

That's the reason why last year's Purple Cap winner Harshal Patel has kept a base price of ₹2 crore as he can get up to five times more than that while second highest wicket-taker Avesh Khan has kept it as low as ₹20 lakh, hoping

it can go up by 50 times (₹10 crore). Even not so great T20 performers like Ravichandran Ashwin and Ajinkya Rahane, at their premium base price, are expected to find takers while someone like an Ambati Rayudu might go in for a good ₹7 to 8

Bhuvneshwar Kuma, who is well past his prime, and Kuldeep Yadav, who is coming back, are also expected to get decent, if not handsome, deals