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## ₹22,842 crore biggest bank fraud unearthed

CBI raids 13 spots, books ABG Shipyard, former CMD

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In a sensational and biggest bank fraud case worth over ₹22,842 crore, the CBI has booked ABG Shipyard Ltd and its then chairman and Managing Director Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal along with others for allegedly cheating a consortium of 28 banks led by ICICI Bank and State Bank of India (SBI).

On Saturday, the agency conducted searches at 13 locations on the premises of the accused, including Directors of the firm based at Surat, Bharuch, Mumbai and Pune, the CBI said.

Besides Agarwal, the agency has also named then Executive Director Santhanam Muthaswamy, Directors Ashwini Kumar, Sushil Kumar Agarwal and Ravi Vimal



Nevetia, and another company ABG International Pvt Ltd for alleged offences of criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust and abuse of official position under the IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The SBI had first filed a complaint on November 8, 2019, on which the CBI had sought some clarifications on March 12, 2020, it said, adding that the bank filed a fresh complaint in August that year.

"After scrutinising for over one and a half-year, the CBI acted on the complaint by filing an FIR on February 7, 2022," the agency said in a

The company was sand tioned credit facilities from 28

banks and financial institutions

with the SBI having exposure

of ₹2,468.51 crore, it said.

The Forensic Audit has shown that between 2012 and 17, the accused colluded together and committed illegal activities, including diversion of funds, misappropriation, and criminal breach of trust, it further alleged while claiming that it is the biggest bank fraud case registered by the CBI. Funds were used for purposes other than for which they were

released by banks, it said. "It was alleged that the said accused had cheated the consortium of 28 banks, including

the branches of erstwhile State Bank of Patiala, Commercial Finance Branch, New Delhi erstwhile State Bank of Travancore, Commercial Branch, New Delhi, State Bank of India, Overseas Branch, Mumbai, etc. The consortium of 28 banks was led by ICICI Bank,

The Surat-based company was engaged in the business of shipbuilding and ship repair. It was further alleged that the accused had colluded together and diverted funds for the purpose other than for which the funds were released by the bank

Huge amounts were allegedly transferred by the company to its related parties and subsequently adjustment entries were made, it said.

It was also alleged that bank loans to the company were diverted and huge investment was found to be made in the overseas subsidiary. It was further alleged that funds from banks were diverted to purchase huge assets in the name of its related parties, it added.

## China flouted pact on no LAC build-up: India

### **Jaishankar blames China for tension** along border

PNS NEW DELHI

s tension persists along As tension persists along the border in Ladakh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday blamed China for dishonouring a written agreement not to mass soldiers at the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Making this point, he also said when a large country disregards a written pact, it is an issue of a legitimate concern for the entire international community.

Jaishankar made these comments in a joint news conference with his Australian counterpart Marise Payne in Melbourne.

He is on a four-day visit to Australia where he took part in the Foreign Ministers' meeting of the Quad nations on Friday. The Quad combine includes India, Japan, Australia, and the US.

Giving the low-down on the LAC situation in the news conference, Jaishankar said the current scenario has arisen



due to the disregard of written agreements by China not to mass soldiers at the border.

He made these comments in response to a question on the eastern Ladakh border standoff between the Indian and Chinese militaries.

When asked whether the India-China border standoff issue came up for discussion during the Quad Foreign Ministers' meeting here on Friday, Jaishankar replied in affirmative.

'Yes, we (Quad) had a discussion on India-China relations because it was part of how we briefed each other about what was happening in our neighbourhood. And it's an issue in which a lot of countries legitimately take an interest, particularly if they are from the

Indo-Pacific region," he said. Jaishankar said the four foreign Ministers of the Quad

countries made a point that 'we're here to do positive things, to contribute to peace, prosperity, stability of the region". On China's Foreign

Minister criticising the Quad, Jaishankar said our actions and stance are very clear, and criticising it repeatedly "doesn't make us any less credible".

China has all along protested against the Quad grouping, accusing the US of using the other countries to "provoke" China in the Indo-Pacific region while the Quad partners maintain that the partnership is to provide peace and stability in the region.

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### CAPSULE

### **'WOMEN IN POLICE ABYSMALLY LOW'** New Delhi: A parliamentary

Committee has observed that the number of women in police forces is "abysmally" low, constituting just 10.3 per cent of the force strength, and suggested at least one allwomen police station be established in each district in the country.

### BIRD CENSUS AT SANCTUARY ON

Erode (TN): The Forest Department in Tamil Nadu is engaged in enumerating the local and migrating birds at the Vellode Bird Sanctuary from

### INDIA SENDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO KIRIBATI

New Delhi; India on Saturday delivered medical supplies to Kiribati after the Pacific island nation appealed for help to deal with the first outbreak of Covid-19.

#### NW RLY EARNS ₹205 CR BY SELLING SCRAP

Jaipur: The North Western Railway has earned over ₹205 crore so far in the current financial year by selling scrap items, officials said on Saturday. North Western Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Captain Shashi Kiran said work is underway to dispose unusable and useless items lying on the railway

## India slams nations' 'motivated' digs at Karnataka hijab row

### **Such comments** on internal matter of India not welcome, says MEA

PNS NEW DELHI

India on Saturday took exception to remarks by some countries regarding the ongoing hijab issue in Karnataka and termed them as "motivat-The strong ed comments." statement came a day after a US Government body flagged the

Firmly issuing a caution, the Ministry of External Affairs also said such comments on the country's internal issues are not 'welcome.'

Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said those who knew India well would have a proper appreciation of



ing dress code in some educational institutes in Karnataka is under judicial examination by the High Court," he said.

"Our constitutional frame-

work and mechanisms, as well as our democratic ethos and polity, are the context in which issues are considered and resolved. Those who know India well would have a proper appreciation of these realities. Motivated comments on our internal issues are not welcome," he said. Bagchi's response came in response to media queries on comments by some countries on the hijab

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## **International drug** trafficking racket busted, 22 held

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has arrested 22 active members, including four women, and an agency constable linked to an international syndicate involved in drug trafficking through

The NCB operation going on for the last four months led to simultaneous raids in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Assam, Delhi, NCR, Punjab, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh at locations having linkages with source countries, including the USA, the UK, the Netherlands, and Poland. The

operation is continuing. The 22 arrested people include software engineers, a financial analyst, an MBA graduate, and one of the NCB's own personnel. The agency busted a pan-India drug trafficking network that used the "darknet" and cryptocurrency to courier

narcotics to the homes of the

The anti-narcotics agency unearthed three major drug markets on the DarkNet/DarkWeb — DNM India, DRED, and The Orient Express — following a fourmonth operation in Delhi-Region), Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Assam, Punjab, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Rajasthan.

Four cases have been registered in this connection and 17 seizures were made during the pan-India operation, the

agency said.

The recreational drugs were being sourced from countries like the USA, the UK, Netherlands and Poland using courier services and also the India Post network, said Narcotics Control Bureau Deputy Director-General for Northern Region, Gyaneshwar

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## Mamata dissolves top posts, forms NCW to end bhatija-leaders feud

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** KOLKATA

▼n a sudden move apparently  $oldsymbol{1}$ aimed at ending intra-party feud involving groups led by her nephew and MP Abhishek Banerjee and some senior lead-Mamata Banerjee on Saturday posts and replaced it by a 20member national working

committee (NWC). The new office-bearers that were likely to be picked from the NWC would be declared at a later date, said senior leaders Partho Chatteriee and Firhad Hakim at the end of an "urgent meeting" called by the Chief Minister at her Kalighat resi-

dence on Saturday. Emerging from the meeting, Chatterjee said, "After Mamata Banerjee was re-elected as the chairperson of the party, she had announced a small committee to look after party affairs. Today there was a meeting of that committee,



ers, Bengal Chief Minister and in that meeting, she has announced the new national party." He said the name of the new office-bearers would be announced by Mamata.

Apart from the Chief Minister, other leaders who have been inducted in the NWC are Dr Amit Mitra, Partha Chatterjee, Firhad Hakim, Subrata Bakshi, Sudip Bandopadhyay, Abhishel Banerjee, Anubrata Mondal, Aroop Biswas, Yashwant Sinha, Ashima Patra, Jyotipriya Mullick, Gautam Deb Rajiv Tripathi. Curiously no other leader save Sinha has been named either from Goa or the other places of the Hindi heart

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## **Bengal Guv prorogues Assembly, TMC raps** action as 'arbitrary'

### **Guv says move after** recommendation by **State, TMC denies it**

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

In what could lead to some kind of Constitutional crisis in Bengal ahead of the coming Jagdeep Dhankhar on Saturday prorogued the Assembly with immediate effect. The ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) called his action "unprecedented, arbitrary and devoid of decorum?

A Raj Bhavan order to this effect said, "In the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of Article 174 of the Constitution, I, Jagdeep Dhankhar, Governor of the State of West Bengal, hereby prorogue the West Bengal Legislative Assembly with the effect from February 12, 2022.

Proroguing an Assembly or Parliament session implies distime without dissolving it. While the Governor

claimed his action came in the wake of a recommendation from the State Government, the

TMC denied his claim. "In view of inappropriate reporting in a section of the media, it is indicated that taking note of Government rec-

of Assembly, Governor... has prorogued the Assembly," the Governor tweeted. Reacting to the tweet Bengal Minister Partho Chatterjee said, "Where on earth do you find a Governor making public through social

media one's official actions." TMC Rajya Sabha member Sukhendu Shekhar Roy said, This is unprecedented and unjust ... No Governor of the country has ever done this before. The Governor has overstepped his constitutional duties because there should be a gap of six months between

two sessions of the Assembly. Continued on Page 2

## **IPL's 'Home Truth': Ishan Kishan bags \$2 mn**

**PTI** ■ BENGALURU

shan Kishan and Deepak eye-popping deals as India's battle-hardened T20 exponents laughed their way to the bank on the opening day of IPL mega-auction where the franchises saved their highest bids

for home-grown talent. Kishan's ₹ 15.25 crore winning bid from Mumbai Indians pipped the ₹14 crore figure that CSK offered to retain Deepak Chahar on Saturday. Franchises showed prudence in overall spending but didn't hesitate to loosen the purse strings for proven performers, especially Indians In terms of US Dollars,

there were 20 million-plus buys, the biggest by far at any IPL auction with most of the beneficiaries being Indian T20 specialists. It was a satisfying 'Pay

Day' for all current India internationals with Shreyas Iyer getting a staggering ₹12.25 crore deal from Kolkata Knight Riders and the multi-skilled Shardul Thakur making Delhi Capitals break the bank with a



These two, along with Kishan and Chahar, were the top four buys of the day.

"I'm really excited to be back at MI. I know everyone has treated me there like a family so I am really happy to be there and I hope to give my best to the team. Thank you so much," said the 23-year-old Kishan in a video posted on his twitter handle.

The big-hitting Kishan made his India debut last year and has been a Mumbai Indians player all along, perthe side. Young pacer Prasidh Krishna (Rs 10 crore) was paid big by Rajasthan

Royals for his timely Man of the Series performance against the West Indies while Washington Sundar, another India regular, got richer by ₹8.75 crore. One of the expected big

buys was pacer Avesh Khan, who was bought by Lucknow Super Giants for ₹10 crore, the highest in the history of IPL for uncapped players. Yuzvendra Chahal would be a bit cross as he came late in the day and could only get ₹6.5 crore from Rajasthan Royals.

Even Nitish Rana, not an Indian regular but an IPL performer, was retained for ₹8 crore by KKR while the uncapped Rahul Tripathi, who has been consistent in the league, very deservingly crossed the million dollar mark at ₹8.50 crore.

Shahrukh Khan, another formidable domestic T20 finisher but one with a base price of a mere ₹20 lakh, was taken for a 'mic-drop' deal of ₹9 crore by Punjab Kings.
Rajasthan's former one-

season wonder Rahul Tewatia was lapped up by Gujarat Titans for a mind-boggling ₹9 It wasn't an auction to remember for the old guard

and only two 35 plus players -Shikhar Dhawan (₹8.25 crore, Punjab Kings) and Ravichandran Ashwin (₹5 crore, Rajasthan Royals) -- got good deals Among other seniors Mohammed Shami was taken

by Gujarat Titans for ₹6.25

crore. His new ball partner

Bhuvneshwar Kumar got ₹4.6 crore from Sunrisers.

While this was the last mega auction, what was impressive was the discretion that franchises used while buying players as the focus was on top Îndian players available in the market and currently playing white-ball cricket. For Chennai Super Kings

the aim was to follow Mahendra Sigh Dhoni's template and retain their core base of players as much as possible as they waited to buy back Deepak, another multi-skilled cricketer on ascendancy for India. KKR retained eight out of

their top first 11 players from last season but are still looking short in the fast bowling department. KKR didn't do too badly as

they picked up Australian Test captain Pat Cummins at ₹7.25 crore, which is less than half of what he was paid at last auc-'To get back Pat Cummins at that price, we are very, very delighted. We thought he would go higher," KKR CEO

Venky Mysore said.

## Doyen of Indian industry Hamara Bajaj no more!

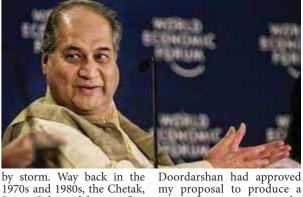
KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Hamara Bajaj is no more. That's how people familiar with Rahul Bajaj would describe the passing away of the flamboyant industrialist who revolutionised the country's two-wheeler industry.

Rahul Bajaj, 83, passed away on Saturday in Pune. He was ailing from cancer and was in the hospital for close to a month. A statement from the Bajaj Group said that the industrialist died in the "presence of his closest family members". His last rites will be per-

formed at Pune's Vaikunth Crematorium on Sunday. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said Bajaj will be accorded a state funeral. Bajaj is survived by sons, Rajiv Bajaj and Sanjiv Bajaj, and daughter Sunaina Kejriwal.

A nation fettered by the licence and permit raj from 1947 till 1991 had stood in disbelief when it saw the Bajaj brand of scooters and autorickshaws taking the country



Priya, Cub models manufactured by Bajaj Auto were the status symbols. People were ready to double the price (₹10,000) for a Chetak scooter, the on-road price of which was ₹5,000. Such was the premium commanded by the Bajaj vehicles during those days. The restrictions placed by the Government of the day prevented Bajaj Auto from going for mass production. It was in 1996 I met Bajaj

at his office at Akhurdi near Pune. The National Network of

series of programmes on the country's leading industrialists. Of course, Ratan Tata was the top in the list. Since my efforts to get an appointment with the Tata Group chairman ended in failure, I wrote to Rahul Bajaj His secretary Hariharan responded immediately and asked me to be in Pune for the meeting. I was in Mumbai at that time and took the first bus to Pune the next day. It was an experience I will never Continued on Page 2

## **BJP** has unprecedented support: Modi

'Fight is not for which party to form Govt in UP but how many more seats BJP will win'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said there was an unprecedented wave of support for the Bharatiya Janata Party in poll-bound States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Goa.

Addressing a rally at Annapurna Mandir Grounds at Kannauj, Modi said that the fight was not for which party would form the Government in Uttar Pradesh, but how many more seats would the BJP get than the last time

"The first phase of elections has made it clear 'aayegi to BJP hi, aayenge to Yogiji hi'. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is batting on the front foot today because of your support. Dynasts have failed in their attempt to divide voters on caste and religious lines. After the first phase, opposition parties are having sleepless nights and have stopped dreaming,"

The prime minister further said, "People have decided to vote for the BJP in Uttar Pradesh because the Yogi government has ended the mafia rai in the state that was prevailing in the previous regime and has restored the rule of law. People will vote for the Yogi government because it has guaranteed the safety and honour of women. People will vote for the BIP because they do not want riots to take place any-

Modi said that dynasts had changed the definition of democracy to a government 'of family, for family, and by family', adding that the people did not want dynasts, instead they wanted those who could serve them selflessly.

Taking a dig at Samajwadi Party, the prime minister said



that the party had given tickets to history-sheeters and some of them were contesting elections from behind bars.

'They have defamed Kannauj's perfume industry, while we are trying to promote it globally through One District One Product (ODOP) scheme,"

"The double engine government of UP is working tirelessly to uplift the condition of the people. We have intro-

duced Gobardhan Yojana to support those engaged in animal husbandry. We are providing Kisan Credit Card facility to animal and fish keepers. We have launched a vaccination drive for animals for the first time after independence at a cost of Rs 13,000 crore. Biogas plants are also being set up in the state while natural farming is being encouraged," the prime minister pointed

Urging voters to exercise their right to franchise in large numbers, Modi said that it was only the BJP that could give them free vaccines along with rations throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while opposition parties and their riends in ration mafia used to loot when they were in power.

"We want to vaccinate everyone. But they tried to play with the lives of people by calling it a vaccine of the BJP and obstructing our mission through their misinformation campaign against the indigevaccines," Modi remarked.

The prime minister further said, "The government is not only building houses for the poor but also building schools and colleges and has introduced the new education policy, which allows a student to become a doctor and engineer despite studying these courses in Hindi. This will benefit a large number of promising youths of UP as language will not be a hurdle for them in pursuing their dreams."

Modi said that the government had extended reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for 10 years while making the Other Backwards Class Commission a constitutional body.

## 'Electorate has delivered its verdict in 1st phase polling'

Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav claimed that the electorate of Uttar Pradesh had delivered its verdict in the first phase of polling on February 10, well before the scheduled result date of March 10. The counting of votes after seven phases of UP Assembly elections will be taken up on March 10.

Addressing whistle-stop election meetings in Shahjahanpur and Budaun on Saturday, Akhilesh Yadav canvassed for his party candidates. Claiming unprecedented success in the 58 assembly seats of west Uttar Pradesh where polling was held on February 10, Akhilesh Yadav said the Samajwadi Party-Rashtriya Lok Dal alliance would wipe out the BJP in the



second phase of election where polling would be held in 55 seats of west UP.

"The Bharatiya Janata Party has been wiped out from the 58 seats of west UP in the first phase and the ruling party is all set to suffer a huge setback in the second phase of election also. The rank and file of the BJP is demoralised and they have resigned to fate. The Samajwadi Party led alliance is all set to form the next government in Uttar Pradesh," Akhilesh said while cam-

The BJP leaders have stopped door to door campaigns as women have been showing them red LPG cylinders. This has given a clear message to the BJP leaders that their time is over and they can no longer influence the people with fake promises," the SP chief said.

Taking a dig at Chief min-ister Yogi Adityanath's recent 'garmi nikal denge' statement, Akhilesh Yadav commented that "the Baba chief minister of UP who had been threatening us with 'garmi nikal denge', has now lost steam and only campaigning only for the sake of it".

'It is high time to dislodge the Yogi Adityanath led BJP government from UP, as the government failed to discharge its minimum duty of protecting the life of the common man".

### Protests held at AMU in support of Hijab

Aligarh: The controversy of the hijab in the college of Karnataka is gaining momen-tum and the matter has reached Aligarh Muslim university campus. Protests were held at Aligarh Muslim University in support of Hijab. On the other hand, Mahamandaleshwar, National Secretary of All India Hindu Mahasabha, Dr. Annapurna Bhartiya gave a memorandum addressed to the Prime Minister to the district administration Aligarh. In it, she demanded the implementation of Uniform Civil Code in the country by enacting a law. She said that some communal and anti-national forces in the country are trying to break the country by making unnecessary demands on the basis of religion if there is no Uniform Civil Code Act. Due to which a situation of anarchy is arising in the coun-

In support of Hijab Aligarh Muslim University students took out a march from the campus including female students. Slogans were raised saying hijab is a right. Seeing the crowd of students, the police reached outside AMU. A large number of forces were deployed. Although the protesting students did not come out of the campus, but there is a police alert regarding the security. AMU is currently closed but students live in hostels and nearby. Students

### 'Will cut hands raised at our modestv'

**Aligarh:** Former Metropolitan President of SP Women's Wing, Rubina Khanum has given a controversial statement regarding the Hijab episode. Her video is also going viral on social media . Rubina Khanum said that the hands of those who put their hands on our self respect will be cut off. Rubina Khanum said that the respect of Muslim daughters across the country is being attacked over the Hijab episode in Karnataka. India is a country of diversity, be it tilak on the forehead, turban or hijab, all these are inseparable part of our culture and our traditions. Creating controversy by doing politics on them is the culmination of

dirty politics.
She further said What message do you want to give to the society? Now do you want to rip off the hijab from the heads of sisters and daughters? She said that do not make the mistake of considering women

gathered for Namaz in the mosque located on the AMU campus and after the prayers, everyone's voices united in

Ending the decade old discrimination with the soldiers hailing from Jammu and Kashmir the Union Territory administration Saturday increased the compensation amount for soldiers, who laid down their lives in the service of the nation outside the UT, from ₹5 lakh to 25 lakh.

**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

The decision announced by the Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha during the press conference here in Jammu.

Paying rich tributes to the seven army personnel who recently lost their lives in an avalanche during patrolling in Arunachal Pradesh, Sinha said some of the soldiers belonged to Jammu and Kashmir and their mortal remains have been brought to their hometowns for

'Jammu and Kashmir jawans who achieve martyrdom outside the Union

Territory used to get Rs 4 or 5 lakh. We have now decided to enhance the relief to Rs 25 lakh," he said, adding he had received representation from different quarters for enhancement of the relief.

"The file was in process and was supposed to take a few more days. I directed the chief secretary to begin providing Rs 25 lakh relief to the soldiers whose bodies reached here from Arunachal Pradesh," he

Referring to the prevailing situation in J&k Lt- Gov Manoj Sinha asserted that no one can oppose India or the Tricolour in Jammu and Kashmir. He said his administra-

tion, with the support of the Centre, is working to dismantle the terrorism eco-system in the Union Territory.

"In J&K, there is no place for opposition against India or the national flag now. Anyone who tries to raise an objection

the Constitution," he said.

Compensation amount for J&K soldiers martyred outside UT increased

The LG also informed that educational institutions will be reopened within two weeks amid a decline in COVID-19

Elaborating on the security situation Sinha said there has been a remarkable decline in terror activities and efforts are on to provide a conducive atmosphere to the people of the Union Territory.

"Operations against terrorists are ongoing, attempts are also being made to further bring down terror recruitment and provide jobs to the youth. We are working to destroy the whole eco-system of terrorism, the Lt Governor said.

He said a system was put in place to ensure not a single penny from the coffers of Jammu and Kashmir or the Centre goes to a person linked with terrorism. "We are working on it and have a lot of suc-

cess in this regard. If there is still some leakage, the work is on to cover that and we will be successful in it." Sinha said the goal is to provide a peaceful atmosphere to the people like in other parts of the country people peacefully.

"The day people here start living like their counterparts in Haryana and Bhubaneswar, the goal will be achieved...the goal is big but we are moving forward in that direction. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are monitoring the situation and reviewing it on a monthly

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also laid the foundation stone for

basis," he said.

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of Tawi riverfront will create an economic engine for the holy city and generate employment opportunities for local com-The Lt Governor said

that planned urbanization while respecting and restoring the delicate balance of nature can influence inclusive development. "Tawi riverfront will ensure proper infrastructure planning, unique business opportunity & enhance the quality of life of the citizens", he added. Our aim is to create a

vibrant riverfront that will become one of the most popular bucket list destinations for people, the Lt Governor In the first phase,

embankments, interceptor drains, Sewerage Treatment Plants, cycling track, jogging track, walkways, green spaces and other wayside amenities would be developed.

by Hakim and

### India slams nations...

From Page 1 A US Government body

that monitors and reports on religious freedom abroad had criticized Karnataka, Rashad Hussain, the Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom (IRF) tweeted "hijab bans in schools violate religious freedom".

Hussain was appointed Ambassador-at-Large for IRF by the US Senate in December last year. He is the first Muslim Ambassador-at-Large for IRF. He previously held several high-level positions in the US Government, including serving as the Special Envoy to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation during the Obama administration.

## China flouted...

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Jaishankar's remarks about the LAC came in the backdrop of stand-offs still on there between the Indian and support of Hijab. **PNS** | Chinese armies for the last two

The face-offs erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong Lake areas and both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry. Tension escalated following a bloody brawl in the Galwan Valley on June 15 that year in which 20 Indian soldiers including the commanding officer were killed. As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides

completed the disengagement process in the north and south banks of the Pangong lake in February and in the Gogra area in August last year.

India and China held the 14th round of Corps Commander-level meeting on January 12 during which the two sides agreed to maintain dialogue through military and diplomatic channels to work out a "mutually acceptable resolution" of the remaining issues of the standoff at eastern

### Mamata dissolves top posts...

From Page 1

When asked as to whether the Saturday's meeting and the announcement of the NWC was a result of the internal rift between the young leaders led by Mamata and the old guards

Chatterjeewho are showing allegiance to the Chief Minister, Sudip Bandopadhyaysaid, "There has been no rift in the party ... because the name of its a leader is Mamata Bandopadhyay."

Another leader who avoid-

ed most of the questions giving a small replay was Hakim him-self. He said, "I have given you the name of the members of the NWC and we have left it on the party president Mamata Banerjee to take further deci-

sions ... I have been asked to tell this much only..." The TMC has been wit-

nessing turmoil over the future leadership of the party with a number of leaders including junior Banerjee and the likes of Hakim and others gradually tightening their control in theorganizational matters. One fallout of the ongoing rift is the alleged differences between Prashant Kishor the chief of poll consultantagency I-PAC (loyal to Abhishek Banerjee) and the other senior leaders.

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6	2022_ PWPIU_ 182056_1	CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (CHC) AT PIPRAI DISTRICT ASHOKNAGAR M.P FIRST CALL	ASHOKNAGAR	439.68 LAC	439680/-	15000/-	12 MONTH	do
7	2022_ PWPIU_ 181191_1	CONSTRUCTION OF 30 BEDED HOSPITAL AT PHC CHINORE DISTRICT GWALIOR MP FIRST CALL	GWALIOR	458.63 LAC	458630/-	15000/-	18 MONTH	do
8	2022_ PWPIU_ 181178_1	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT DEGREE COLLEGE BHAGAVAT SAHAY DISTRICT GWALIOR MP FIRST CALL	GWALIOR	305.97 LAC	305970/-	15000/-	15 MONTH	do
9	2022_ PWPIU_ 182140_1	CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR 6 BEDED PHC TO 30 BEDED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (CHC) AT AGRA TEHSIL VIJAYPUR DISTRICT SHEOPUR M.P FIRST CALL	SHEOPUR	438.68 LAC	438680/-	15000/-	18 MONTH	do
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## **International** drug trafficking...

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"The network was busted after a long operation that was initiated after a drug parcel was intercepted by us in Kolkata. Our special investigation team that conducts cyber patrolling to check the usage of darknet has busted three big networks being run in the country using the darknet, anonymous cryptocurrency transactions and pseu-

donymous social media profiles," Singh said.

Darknet denotes the hidden internet platforms that can only be accessed using specialised software and pre-configured communication protocols for anonymous communication.

Drug cartels and syndicates at the international level are known to use the DarkWeb to evade the radar of law enforcement agencies.

Use of courier parcels for drugs delivery has increased following the outbreak of the Covid-19

Raghunath Kumar, alias 'LSD King', lodged in Bellary jail in Uttar Pradesh was also among those arrested, he added.

The NCB's Delhi zonal unit has seized 975 LSD (Lysergic acid diethylamide) blots, 130 gms psychotropic tablets, 6 gms heroin, paste and liquid of cannabis, 1.6 gms cocaine, 16 Alprazolam tablets, 315.8 gms charas, 171 gms hashish chocolate, a dozen capsules of Spasomoproxyvon and 7.9 kg of imported ganja.

Rs 22.5 lakh cash has been seized. Rs 2 crore worth crypto turnover generated from this illegal trade was detected but could not be seized as of now, Singh said.

"Almost all (arrested) are very educated, techsavvy, felt the thrill in dodging the police or NCB, have had a disturbed childhood or family problems and were highly influenced by western culture." Easy money, the fame of getting popular in the virtual platforms was also the allurement for these youngsters, Singh said in a statement.

## Doyen of Indian industry Hamara Bajaj no more!..

A villager from Angamali in Kerala sitting and speaking on equal terms with one of the doyens of Indian industry!

The documentary I envisaged was to feature the day-to-day life of the industrialist. His daily routine, how he works, what he does during free time, and his likes and dislikes, etc. Bajaj was very open and he was a fantastic communicator. "Becoming an industrialist or manufacturing scooters were never in my plan of things even during my student days. I had dreamt of becoming a railway engine driver and later on a pilot. But it was my father, the late Kamalnayan Bajaj, who moulded my life. "We used to have long drawn-out discussions which would last up to the early hours of the day. He taught me the rule that there was no alternative to hard work and Lady Luck would smile only on persons who deserved to be smiled," he said in the freewheeling inter-

Bajaj used to plead with Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi to liberate Indian economy and allow free enterprises in a big way. He collaborated with Vespa, then the leading scooter manufacturers in the world, and Indian roads got crowded with Vespa brand scooters. Over a period of time, his research and development team came out with brands like Chetak, Priya, and Cub which ended up as the premium models. This was before the Indian economy was opened for foreign competition by Prime Minister Narasimha Rao in 1991. Motorcycles like Pulsar from the Bajaj stable were products of the post-

More than a businessman, Bajaj was an industrialist who wanted to employ thousands and thousands of people in his Bajaj Group of companies. Chetak, Priya and Cub might have been phased out from Indian roads but the roar of these compact engines marked the arrival of India on the global two-wheeler map.

To my question why the Bajaj-Vespa deal fell halfway through, Bajaj grinned but said nothing. Later, I understood from market watchers that Bajaj started exporting scooters to even Italy, the home of Vespa! Before saying goodbye, I had asked Bajaj what was the dream of

his life. "A country free of illiteracy, where all have strong roofs over their heads, schools and colleges offering affordable education and quality health for all. India in my dreams has no unemployment," he said.

India has lost an industrialist who had seen the two extremes in life--the license permit raj, and the opening up of the nations economy. He was someone who had foreseen the future decades ago. Farewell

### **Bengal Guv** prorogues Assembly, TMC raps...

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The TMC leader also indicated the State Government's plans to move the Court against the Governor's order.

Chatterjee said how the Governor has been holding up several Bills passed by the Assembly. "We are see-ing the most biased Governor of all times in Bengal. Other senior leaders said that the Saturday's move by the Governor only proves that he has converted the Raj Bhavan into a BJP party office," he said.

Critics called Dhankhar's action an exercise to thwart a possible move on the part of the ruling party to bring a motion in the State Assembly against the Governor. The order also comes ahead of a likely TMC move in Parliament to bring a motion against the Governor.

The relationship between Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Governorhit an all-time low after the former blocked him on her social media and compared him with a lame horse. The duo never enjoyed a healthy chemistry ever since he came to power in 2019 with both the sides often indulging in open letter wars on a host of issues, including electoral violence, corruption, nepotism, communalism, etc.

Things reached such a pass that even senior leaders like Saugato Roy, Sudip Bandopadhyay and Sukhendu Shekhar Roy had informally requested President Ram Nath Kobind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi to withdraw him from the State.

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## **Govt eases norms for recruitment** of more women as bus drivers

¬he Delhi Government on Saturday The Delhi Government on January announced that it is relaxing norms and eligibility criteria to recruit more

women as drivers within bus operations.

"A proposal has been made to specially allocate funds in the form of subsidies for women drivers to train at Delhi Government's Burari Driving Training Institute in the upcoming budget 2022-23," Kailash Gahlot, Transport Minister said.

Free training in Burari driving training institute will also be provided and the minimum height required to get in service also reduced to 153 cm from 159 cm. The experience criteria was also reduced to one month for women applicants.

It is believed that this move will increase opportunity for women employment within combined fleet strength of 6900 buses in the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and the Delhi Integrated Multi-modal Transit System (DIMTS) and also open door for women



to be employed within 15000 strong workforce of bus drivers within state trans-

Earlier in 2021 also, the Delhi government had reserved 33% of 4261 new e-auto registrations specially for women

According to the Delhi government, Gahlot had constituted a special com-

mittee of experts to deliberate on the issue and suggest the optimal criteria which can work in the favor of women. Under the guidance of the Transport Department, Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) invited 12 women drivers and HMV license holders to test for bus driving in its facility, 10 of which successfully passed

### Helping Delhi Govt school students prepare for board exams

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Just a few days after, the Central Board of Secondary Éducation (CBSE) announced board exams days, the Directorate of Education (DoE), Delhi Government on Saturday met Heads of Schools (HoSs) to intensify preparations to empower Delhi students for the upcoming exams.

The opening of schools from Monday for Nursery to Class VII was also discussed.

The DoE also asked schools to ensure that students of senior secondary sections, classes X and XII attend classes regularly. "For next two months, teachers should strive for 100 per cent students' attendance and make optimum utilisation of time in completing the syllabus and preparing students for examination through revision activities and practicals," the government said in a

Director of Education Himanshu Gupta, education advisor Shailendra Sharma and additional director (school) Rita Sharma attended the meeting which also discussed the opening of schools for classes from Nursery to VIII from

Various things pertaining to education were discussed, from practical work, daily review meetings with HoS, use of SMC funds and education material available on edudel.nic.in was also dis-

"Efforts will be made to bring back the children who have been away from school due to displacement or other reasons.Classes from Nursery to VIII will start from Monday, in first two weeks focus will be on social-emotional well-being of children through mindfulness-happiness class and foun-

ernment said in a Delhi government schools

dational activities," Delhi gov-

are all set to welcome students of Nursery to Class 8 from February 14, Monday, after a gap of almost two years.

To help students adjust in the school environment, the Directorate of Education (DoE) has asked all HoSs to focus on students' social-emotional wellbeing in the first two weeks.

Students will be encouraged to share their experiences freely and explore the new

## 2 held in snatching case in Anand Vihar

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested two I men for allegedly snatching the bag of a woman from a moving e-rickshaw in Delhi's Anand Vihar area.

The woman, Ritu, fell off the e-rick-

shaw while resisting the snatching bid, which took place on Monday. She sustained severe head injuries and is stated to be critical. The accused have been identified as

Manish (41) and Mohit Gupta (34), both residents of Patparganj. Ritu and one of her relatives were going to attend a function near Cross River Mall in an e-rickshaw. According to R Sathiyasundaram,

the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Shahdara district, around 1.15 pm, when Ritu along with her relative reached near the venue, two motorcycle-borne men came there and snatched her bag. Ritu resisted and fell from the e-rickshaw, suffering serious head injuries.

The woman was rushed to Hedgewar Hospital and was later shifted to Max Hospital in Patparganj. She suffered a brain haemorrhage and her condition is stated to be critical.



"Police analysed the CCTV footages and it was revealed that two persons on a red and black Bajaj Pulsar bike have committed the snatching. Police found that after committing the robbery, the accused have moved towards east district and then to Vaishali via Delhi-Meerut Expressway," said the DCP.

Police scanned more than 500 CCTV cameras over a stretch of 70 kilo-

Police found that the accused used target women mainly outside the malls and highways and snatch their bags. It was further revealed that they usually take Delhi-Meerut Expressway to travel to different areas, said the

Police laid a trap at Delhi-Meerut Expressway near Akshardham Mandir

on Friday and spotted the accused persons on the same bike coming from Akshardhaam side towards Sarai Kale Kha, the DCP said.

One team started chasing the accused persons and the other team put the barricades and blocked the traffic of the expressway. After seeing the blocked road, the accused persons took U-turn in the wrong side and started running towards Yamuna River Bridge, police said.

When the accused persons tried to flee, police hit their bike with gypsy from the backside and apprehended the accused persons, DCP said.

During interrogation, they confessed their involvement in the Anand Vihar incident. They met each other in Tihar Jail in 2016. Manish, part time van driver, committing these incidents since 2008 and was previously involved in 106 cases, police said.

Gupta has two previous involvements. He used to run a restaurant taking franchise in the name of Bawarchi and Bar at Bangkok a few years ago. Victim's hand bag, bike used in crime, one country-made pistol along with two live cartridges etc. were recovered from their possession, police added.

## City to see moderate fog today, says IMD

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The national Capital witnessed a clear sky on Saturday with the maximum temperature settling at 23.4 degrees Celsius, average for this time of the season, the India Meteorological Department said.

The minimum temperature settled at 8 degrees Celsius, two notches below the season's average, the IMD said.

The relative humidity oscillated between 37 and 76 per

The weather office has forecast moderate fog on Sunday morning.

The maximum and minimum temperature are likely to settle around 24 and 7 degrees Celsius. The city's 24-hour air quality was recorded in the "moderate" category on Saturday evening. The air quality index (AQI) read 159 at 8.30

The air quality in neighbouring Faridabad (194), Gurugram (166), Ghaziabad (178), Greater Noida (142) and Noida (153) was also recorded in the "moderate" category.

An AQI between zero and 50 is considered "good", 51 and

100 "satisfactory", 101 and 200 "moderate", 201 and 300 "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 severe"

On Friday, Delhi recorded a minimum temperature of 8.2 degrees Celsius and a maximum temperature of 22.5 degrees Celsius. *PTI* 

## Chintels Paradiso residents protest against builder, demand arrest



PARVESH SHARMA **GURUGRAM** 

day after the roof collapse Aincident which claimed two casualties at Chintels Paradiso society located in Sector-109 of Gurugram, several residents staged a demonstration in front of the main gate of the society and demanded immediate arrest of the builder.

residents also The demanded a CBI probe against the builder and official of the concerned department along

with a full audit report. The residents, who were carrying placards, also protested against the police and the district administration.

"In connection with the matter the police have so far registered an FIR under section 304-A (causing death by negligence) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention but we demanded that the FIR should be registered under sector 304 (punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder), so that the culprits have to face stringent action," Lalit Kapoor, General Secretary of Chintels Paradiso society said.

Meanwhile, the district town planner RS Bhath, who is directed on behalf of the district administration to examining the matter visited the incident spot on Saturday and ensured the residents a necessary action will be initiated against the guilty.

"We will soon bring good results in terms of taking action against those responsible. Also,

we will consider comprehen sive steps for all colonies where such structures are there. We will frame some good things for the betterment of the residents," Bhath said. Meanwhile, the residents

said they have no faith in the district administration and police so a detailed inquiry should be conducted by the "We have already invested

our hard-earned money in this society and are now forced to spend the night in an open space. We are compelled to spend nights at our relative's homes despite spending huge amounts. We are scared to enter the premises. We just required a concrete action against those guilty," a protesting resident said.

Apart from this, Union Minister of State Rao Inderjeet Singh's visit was also scheduled at the spot on Saturday.

The minister had to meet the victim residents but due to an unknown reason, his visit was cancelled at the last move-

However, it was suspected that due to the residents protest the minister had cancelled his

The rescue operation at the incident spot was continued and after more than 40 hours of operation, the body of Sunita Srivastava who was trapped under the debris is yet to be recovered.

PK Tiwari, an official of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) said "We have located the body of the woman and efforts are on to

## Kejriwal didn't fulfil 70 promises: Cong

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress on Saturday said that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has not fulfilled 70 promises in the past seven years he made to the people of Delhi in his election man-

Addressing the media, former MLA and Delhi has the worst unemployment rate in the past 45 years, and Kejriwal's promise to create 8 lakh jobs has remained a mere pipe dream.

Bhardwaj said that Delhi's air and water have become so toxic that they have harmed the health of Delhiites beyond repair, and devotees were scared of stepping into the Yamuna water during the Chhat Puja festival.

The Congress leader further said that Kejriwal should implement the promises he makes in other States first in Delhi, as he was deceiving the people of election bound States,

EDMC names Raghunath Marg to

Village Ghodli Ram Chander Marg

East Delhi Municipal Corporation has named a road from Raghunath Marg to Village Ghondli in the memory of

Choudhury Ram Chander Marg, a noted social worker of this

area, at a function organized on Saturday. East DMC Mayar

Sunder Aggarwal and area councilor Sandeep Kapur was pre-

sent at the function. "There was a long pending demand of village Ghondli to name the road from B block to Raghunath Marg

in the name of Choudhury Ram Chander. A proposal to this effect

was approved by the standing committee of the MCD," said an

2 hurt as property dispute

leads to violence in City

Bhardwaj said that Kejriwal has been boasting about the 'Delhi model of education' and Delhi's 'world class' health infrastructure, but these lies were thoroughly exposed during the pandemic times, as people died due to medical oxygen shortage and hospital beds, and the education of the poor children suffered the worst online education due to lack of facilities.

'The AAP government promised to build 500 new schools and 20 colleges but so far only one new school had been established, and construction of 21 schools started by the Congress Government, was completed," he said.

He said that many of the schools were without principals, vice-principals and teachers, and over 1.25 lakhs students dropped out of Delhi Government schools while private schools gained new admissions by over 3.25 lakh stu-

### Water supply to Shalimar Park, other areas affected due to

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Water supply to Shalimar Park, Mayur Vihar Phase-I and several other areas in Delhi have been affected due to repair work being undertaken after some damage in the Jal Vihar main line at Yamuna Vihar, the DJB said on

In a tweet, it said, "URGENT UPDATE: Jal Vihar water main was damaged yesterday by DMRC at Zafrabad Road, Yamuna Vihar. The repair work of this line at 4mtr depth is in process and will take 12 hrs to complete the work.' It also shared a picture of the

Meanwhile, the DMRC issued a statement, saying, "A water pipeline at Zafrabad Road, Yamuna Vihar, got damaged last night during piling work by DMRC. Delhi Metro did not have prior information about the existence of the pipeline from the agency concerned and being at a depth four metres, it could not be detected during utility identification carried out by DMRC.

Repair work is underway, and all efforts are being made to complete the work at the earliest, it said.

### Wait for reopening of Jamia likely to end soon

New Delhi: The long wait for resumption of offline classes at the Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) may end soon with the administration planning to issue a

Though a tentative date for reopening of the campus is not known yet, Waseem Ahmad Khan, Chief Proctor of the university, said it would open in a phased manner.

On courses that would be given priority for physical classes, Kĥan said PhD scholars whose submission dates are near and students in courses that require practical classes would be called first.

After the Delhi Disaster Management Authority issued guidelines to reopen all schools and colleges, several universities, including JNU and Delhi University, have announced resumption of offline classes. The Jamia Millia Islamia, however, is vet to make an announcement in this connection. The Left-affiliated All India Students' Association, along with other student outfits and JMI students, has staged protests, demanding reopening of the campus.

The notification regarding the reopening of the university will be issued soon, probably by Sunday, Khan told PTI. "The notification will have all

reopening of the university. It will be clarified what courses we are reopening in the first phase and in the second. Moreover, the date will also be notified," he said. "In the first phase, as said

by the vice-chancellor, we will give priority to PhD scholars who are in their last year, physiotherapy students, dentistry and final-year students. The course that requires practical classes will be given priority," Khan said.

On the mode of examination, he said that if classes are held offline, then exams too will take place offline.

Khan said preparations are underway to open the university but it will take time to get things in order as classrooms and hostels have remained closed for two years.

Look, there will be some problems as classes were closed for the last two years. Hostels, canteens are closed for the last

### Sanitary napkin vending machines to be installed at 60

women toilets: EDMC PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Canitary napkin vending toilets meant for women in east Delhi, the authorities said on

The East Delhi Municipal Corporation, in a statement, said it is making full use of its resources to secure a better position in the cleanliness survey for this year.

'EDMC' is determined to provide better facilities to its citizens despite paucity of funds. It is paying special attention to keeping all to ilets located in the area under its control. The corporation is trying to keep them in clean, hygienic condition and usable times," added.

Around 60 such toilets have been identified for installation of the sanitary napkin vending machines, and incinerators are being installed in all these facilities too so that privacy is maintained and woman can easily get personal use items in time of need, the civic body said.

## City Govt sanctions ₹1.26 cr for hybrid hearings in district courts

New Delhi: The Delhi Government has sanctioned over ₹1.26 crore for consultancy services to design and upgrade computer networks for hybrid hearings in seven districts court in the national capital.

In an order issued earlier this month, the Public Works Department sanctioned the expenditure for the work of consultancy services for the up-gradation of LAN (local area network) and AV (audio visual) system for hybrid hearings in the district courts.

According to the PWD, the sanctioned money will also be used to design and upgrade the internal networking and procurement of routers, switches, desktops and other IT equipment in 804 courtrooms located in seven district court complexes of Delhi. The total money allocated for the project is ₹1,26,62,875.

This comes as the number of daily COVID-19 cases in Delhi has been on a decline after

touching a record high of 28,867 on January 13. On Friday, the national capital reported 977 fresh COVID-19 cases, the lowest since December 29, and 12 more deaths, while the positivity rate dropped to 1.73 per cent.

The PWD informed that the tender in this regard will be processed by way of e-tendering only, and it must be ensured that all payments to contractors are made through electronic fund transfer. It has also instructed the engineer-incharge or consultancy agency to identify the "probable impediments in the execution of projects well in advance and may project contingent measures/plans as identified to deal with them, so as to ensure completion of the projects as per approved time schedule'

On Friday, the Delhi High Court said it would resume complete physical functioning from March 2 onwards while allowing hybrid or virtual hearing in exceptional circumstances on a case-to-case basis.

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 resumption from March 2.

### Two people were injured and admitted to the GTB Hospital.

group of men allegedly Athrashed some people over a property dispute in northeast Delhi's New Usmanpur area, police said on Saturday.

Police have registered a

case and arrested one of the

four identified accused, named

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accused put up boards of 'advocate' and 'Bharatiya Janata Party' in vehicles and the police said they will take up the mat-ter with BJP officials and the bar council. According to the police, Jagat and his associates alleged-

ly thrashed some relatives over a property dispute on Friday, video clips of which were widely circulated on social media.

# repair work: DJB

## ISI behind K'taka hijab row, fuels radicalisation in southern States: Experts

Pak media raking up issue to portary India in bad light

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

ed in India. ¬he Karnataka hijab contro-I versy is a "creation of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI)". The ISI's radicalistion project to fuel trouble in the South Indian State was underway for over a month through the Barre Sagher movement of the Al Qaeda that has recruited a large number of radical Muslim clerics, mostly in southern States to radicalize community youth, said experts tracking terrorism and radicalization in the Indian Subcontinent.

Incidentally, the Taliban has also launched a proactive global hijab movement to coincide with the events in Karnataka in order to give a voice to the Muslim women to insist on wearing the Islamic dress in educational institu-

ISI's terror cohorts like Lashkar-e-Tayabba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) managed to shoot a video of burqa burning by Tajik-origin minor Afghan girls on January 3 and this video clip was widely circulated in Pakistan through various local WhatsApp groups to portray the same as an incident record-

Subsequently, Anas Haggani, head of the Pakistanbacked Haqqani Network, launched a campaign for making Hijab compulsory after the Pakistani propaganda. Pakistani media outlets are also playing up the incident widely to portray India in bad light and give Islamabad the opportunity to rake up the issue at multilateral fora like the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and United Nations (UN).

To give credence to the ISI opaganda and insidious design, the Pakistan government on Wednesday summoned the Indian Charge d'affaires in Islamabad on Wednesday to convey grave concern and condemnation of the "deeply reprehensible act" in Karnataka.

Both the gullible young Muslim students as well as the right wing youth groups fell into the Pakistani trap inad-

## PIL filed in SC seeking implementation of common dress code for staff, students in all edu institutions

the Supreme Court on Saturday in the wake of the Karnataka 'hijab' row and it seeks a direction to the Centre, States and Union Territories to implement a common dress code for staffers and students in registered educational institutions for securing equality and promoting fraternity and national integration.

On Friday, other cases pertaining to the 'hijab' controversy were mentioned for urgent hearing before the top court, which took note of the pendency before the threejudge bench in the Karnataka High Court, and said it would

vertently and out of ignorance are pitted against one another. Unfortunately, even a large section of the mainstream media is also playing into the Pakistani agenda by not portraying the issue in proper perspective," counter-terrorism expert Dr Rituraj Mate said. The Barre Sagheer move-

rights of every citizen and take up cases at an "appropriate

The high court, in an interim order, meanwhile, asked the state government to reopen educational institutions and restrained students from wearing saffron shawls, scarves, hijab and any religious flag within the classroom in institutions which have prescribed a student dress code or uni-

It is scheduled to resume hearing on February 14.
The fresh PIL , which has been filed by Nikhil Upadhyay through lawyers Ashwini

ment of the Al Qaeda is being patronized by the Imran Khan regime in Pakistan as part of the ongoing Pakistan military-ISI complex of perpetrating low intensity conflicts (LIC) through innovative but radical

measures to destablise India,

both on the political as well as

economic fronts, Dr Mate said.

protect the Constitutional Upadhyay and Ashwani Dubey in the apex court, also sought a direction to the Centre to set up a judicial commission or an expert panel to suggest steps for inculcating values of "social and economic justice, socialism secularism and democracy and to promote fraternity dignity unity and national integration among the students".

"Alternatively, being custodian of the Constitution and protector of fundamental rights, direct the Law Commission of India to prepare a report suggesting steps to secure social equality and to promote fraternity dignity unity and national integration

The poster girl of the hijab movement Bibi Muskan Khan, a second-year commerce student at PES College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Mandya, Karnataka is on record praising the college management saying nobody from the educational institu-

tion administration has asked

Besides the Centre, states and the union territories, the PIL has made the Law Commission a party and sought a direction to respondent authorities "to strictly implement a Common Dress Code for staff and students in all the registered and recognized educational institutions in order to secure equality of status and social equality and to promote fraternity dignity national

integration".It referred to certain protests held in the national capital on February 10 against the 'hijab' curbs in Karnataka.

her to remove her hijab.

"My principal is with me, lecturers are with me. Nobody has ever asked me to remove my hijab. They were asking me to come to college as usual. They are protecting me, Muskan has reportedly said.

On Tuesday, Muskan arrived at her college gates wearing a hijab and burqa but she was stopped by a group of men who demanded that she remove the Islamic dress. She, however, did not budge and entered the college as usual retorting, "Allah Hu Akbar" in response to Jai Shri Ram chants

by the group opposing her.

Muskan has herself said she did not recognize the youth group that heckled her, terming them as "outsiders", not from her college.

But her position is not being widely circulated in the media, complicating the relationship between students of various religious denomina-

The Pakistani media is selectively playing the alleged heckling story without projecting the incident in complete perspective as part of its dubious designs to malign India.

Karnataka Education Minister BC Nagesh has said Campus Front of India, the student wing of the radical group Popular Front of India is behind the hijab controversy in the State.

The hijab issue has also reached the Karnataka High Court seeking adjudication on the "right" of wearing hijab on

the educational campuses in

The Barre Sagheer movement was launched in 2008-09 by Al Qaeda in collusion with the ISI in anticipation of the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan sooner or later. It has been operational in India for the past over four

The Barre Sagheer movement's objective was to identify like-minded outfits of clerics and bring them under one umbrella to ramp up radicalization and subsequently create Taliban-like movements in the South Asian region, initially through a network of over ground sympathisers and subsequently through radical

The other objective was to elicit a united voice of these outfits of clerics to express solidarity with Taliban in getting international recognition after the exit of the US and allied forces from Afghanistan.

The agenda of achieving the objectives of the Barre Sagheer movement was tasked by the Al Qaeda to Haqqani Network and Taliban was committed to facilitate such likeminded outfits.

## Tejas to participate in Singapore Air Show

### India has sent three desi combat aircraft to Feb 15-18 air show

In an effort to showcase the **⊥**growing defence manufacturing capabilities, India has sent three indigenously designed and manufactured Tejas light combat aircraft for the prestigious Singapore Air

Giving details here on

Saturday, IAF officials said Tejas aircraft have reached Changi International Airport in Singapore to participate in the 'Singapore Air Show-2022'. The Air Show will be held from February 15 to 18. Singapore Air Show is a biennial event which provides a platform for the global aviation industry to showcase their products. The upcoming Tejas aero-

batic display comes days after India and the Philippines inked the biggest and first ever export



The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas of the Indian Air Force. LCA Tejas will participate in the Singapore Air Show 2022, to be held from February 15 to 18 PTI

deal for Brahmos supersonic cruise missiles. The deal is worth over 337 million dollars.

India is aiming at exporting defence equipment worth over five billion dollars by

ty, officials said. The participation of IAF in the Air Show provides India

ing its superior handling char-

acteristics and maneuverabili-

with the opportunity to showcase the Tejas aircraft and to interact with counterparts from RSAF (Royal Singapore Air Force) and other participating In the past, Indian Air

Force had participated in similar Air Shows like LIMA-2019 in Malaysia and Dubai Air Show-2021 to exhibit indigenous aircraft and formation aerobatic teams.

Giving a push to the export endeavour, the Union Cabinet in 2020 gave its go-ahead to the sale of Akash missile systems to friendly foreign countries and created a high-powered panel for swifter approval to export of military hardware. The committee to speed up exports has the defence minister, external affairs minister and the national security advisor on board. Several foreign countries have shown interest in the Akash missile system during international and local defence

Apart from authorising the export of defence platforms, the mandate of the committee is to explore opportunities for the government-to-government sale of military hardware to foreign countries.

The defence ministry awarded a ?48,000-crore contract to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited(HAL)last year for 83 LCA Mk-1A jets for ÍAF. The first Mk-1A áircraft will be delivered to the air force by March 2024, with the rest slated to join its combat fleet by

## 26 places in Bihar, J'khand, AP, Odisha raided in Maoist terror financing case

Weapons, 59 live catridges, digital devices, naxal literature, narcotics seized

PNS NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at 26 locations in Bihar, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha in connection with a Maoist terror funding case of Bihar and Jharkhand.

The NIA in coordination with local police, Bihar STF (Special Task Force) and CRPF (Ĉentral Reserve Police Force) conducted searches at multiple

locations pertaining to the

accused persons and suspects in the districts of Jehanabad (8), Patna rural (2), Arwal (1), Nalanda (1), Gaya (8), Nawada (1) and Aurangabad (2) in Bihar. It also conducted searches at one location each in Koderma (Jharkhand), Bhubaneshwar (Odisha) and Nellore (Andhra Pradesh), the NIA said in a statement.

The case pertains to net-

work of terror financing being operated by Communist Party of India (Maoist) cadres and OGWs (over ground workers) in the Magadh region of

"In furtherance of their sinister motive, attempts are being made to raise funds for procurement of arms and ammunitions and recruitment of new cadres in liaison with incarcerated Naxals, Over Ground Workers (OGWs) in various jails in order to revive and strengthen Naxal activities in this region," it said.

During the searches, three country-made pistols, one .315 bore rifle, 59 live rounds, several digital devices, Naxal literature, incriminating documents and 4 kg of suspected narcotics have been seized, it

## Assets of recontesting MLAs see huge increase

That politics is a lucrative the fact that out of the 37 recontesting MLAs in Goa, assets of 35 of them (95%) have increased ranging from 2 per cent to 236 per cent. Similarly, assets of all 51 MLAs re-conelections Uttarakhand have also increased ranging from 3 per per cent

As per data compiled by the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR), Michael Vincent Lobo, a Congress candidates contesting from Calangute constituency in Goa has declared maximum increase in assets with an

from Panaji seat, has increased by ₹ 26.87 crores, from ₹ 21.61 crores in 2017 to ₹48.48 crores

Assets of Vijai Sardesai of Goa Forward Party from Fatorda constituency have risen by ₹22.40 crores, from ₹14.75 crores in 2017 to ₹37.16 crores

The data showed that the average assets of these 37 recontesting MLAs in Goa fielded by various parties including independents in 2017 was Rs 10.24 crores, which rose to Rs 16.77 crores in 2022. The average asset growth for these 37 recontesting MLAs, between the

₹54.59 crores in 2017 to ₹92.91 2017 and 2022 is Rs 6.53 crores 7.05 crore in 2022. crores in 2022. Similarly, BJP while the percentage of growth

The IAF will be pitching

the indigenous Tejas MK-I

alongside participants from

across the world. The Tejas air-

craft will be enthralling the

audience with its display of low-level aerobatics display-

Being in power in Goa, the average assets of 22 re-contesting candidates of BJP has increased from Rs 9.34 crore in 2017 to Rs 15.14 crore in 2022. Five independent candidates average assets has increased from Rs 7 .73 crore in 2017 to 11.95 crore in 2022. Similarly, the average increase in four Congress candidates is 68 per cent as compared to

Similarly, the average assets of these 51 re-contesting MLAs in Uttarakhand, fielded by various parties including inde-pendents in 2017 was Rs 4.72

increase of ₹38.31 crores, from Goa Assembly Elections of crores which increased to Rs

The average percentage contesting MLAs is 49 per cent. Rekha Arya a BJP candidate from Someshwar (SC) in Uttarakhand has declared assets worth Rs 25.20 crore as compared to Rs 12.78 crore in

Assets of Qazi Mohammad Nizamuddin of the Congress from Manglore seat has increased by Rs 10.80 Crores, from Rs 21.30 Crores in 2017 to Rs 32.10 Crores in

Similarly, assets of Pradeep Batra of BJP from Roorkee seat have risen by Rs 8.25 Crores, from Rs 3.81 Crores in 2017 to Rs 12.06 crores in 2022

## Air India, Air Asia to accept each other's passengers

PNS NEW DELHI

**T**n what can be seen as a step to travellers, Air India and AirAsia India, both owned by the Tata Group, have decided to accept each other's domestic passengers in case one carrier's flights are disrupted. They have a combined fleet strength of 233 aircraft. The arrangement, effective for two years starting from this month, will enable airport teams of both Air India and Air Asia to offer alternative first available flights so that inconvenience to pas-

sengers is minimised. The two have signed an interline considerations on irregular operations" (IROPs) agreement for two years that is



valid up to February 9, 2024, to offer "first available alternate flights to minimise inconvenience to passengers.

'The carriage of passengers shall be on an 'as available' basis as determined by the airport manager of accepting airline. Decision of airport manager of accepting airline would be final as regards availability of seats,"

says the IROPs agreement.

not be affected on account of sengers of Air Asia India. The agreement under discussion is a standard agreement

The agreement says that the

departure of Air India should

airlines enter with each other to re-accommodate guests in the event of last minute disrup-

We already have similar agreements with almost all other Indian carriers," an AirAsia spokesperson said in a statement on Saturday.

However, carriage of passengers will be on an "as available" basis as determined by the airport manager of accepting airline, it stated. Last month, Tata Group completed the takeover of Air India.

## EC issues further relaxations for campaigning in poll-bound States

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bound States, the Election Pradesh, Goa, Punjab, Commission on Saturday Uttarakhand and Manipur, issued fresh relaxations on the reducing the campaign ban ▲ Covid-19 cases in poll Assembly polls in Uttar period to between 10 pm and

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6 am instead of 8 pm to 8 am. The Commission also allowed campaign padyatras with limited number of people in accor-

dance with guidelines of the to the EC, election campaign respective State Disaster Management Authorities (SDMAs). The decision to

grant

relaxation for

the campaign

has been decided after a review meeting held by the poll body Union Health Secretary on Saturday. The commission has been reviewing the pandemic situation periodically and allowing some

relaxations

can now be conducted between 6 am and 10 pm instead of earlier 8 am to 8 pm. "Political parmore ties/candidates may hold their meetings and rallies upto maximum of 50% of the capacity of the designated open spaces or the limit prescribed by SDMA,

whichever is lesser.

Pad Yatra consisting not more than permitted number of persons as per SDMA limitations and only with prior permission of district authorities will also be allowed," the Commission said in a statement. All other existing provisions related to electioneering shall continue to operate, it

Citing the rise in COVID-According

19 cases, the poll panel had imposed a ban on physical rallies, roadshows and padayatras when it announced the poll schedule for Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab and Manipur on January 8.

The poll going states are contributing a very small proportion of the total reported cases in the country. All India figures of the Covid cases are fast receding from around 3.47 Lakh on 21 January to just about 50,000 as on Saturday. Especially in the Poll going states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur and Goa total number of cases which were more than 32,000 at peak on 22nd January,2022 have come down to around

3000 on 12th February," the Commission said.

The high-decibel campaigning for 55 Uttar Pradesh Assembly seats which are going to the polls in the second of the seven-phase election on February 14 came to an end on Saturday evening as senior leaders made a last-minute campaign for their party candidates.

As many as 586 candidates are in the fray in this phase with the seats spread across nine districts of Saharanpur, Moradabad, Sambhal, Rampur, Amroha, Budaun, Bareilly and Shahjahanpur. Polling will be held on Monday from 7 am to

### N-E not part of your idea of India? Union Min asks Rahul

**New Delhi:** In response to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comment about the country having strength from "Gujarat to West Bengal", BJP leader and Union Minister Kiren Rijiju on Saturday took a swipe at him saying for the former Congress president, the North East is not part of his idea of India.

"There is strength in our Union.

Our Union of Cultures. Our Union of Diversity. Our Union of Languages. Our Union of People. Our Union of States," Gandhi had said in his tweet on Thursday.

In the same tweet, Rahul had further added, "From Kashmir to Kerala. From Gujarat to West Bengal. India is beautiful in all its colours. Don't insult the spirit of India.'

Getting back at Gandhi, Rijiju, also a BJP MP from Arunachal Pradesh, took to Twitter saying for the Congress leader, "India ends at West

The North-East part of India, including my beautiful state of Arunachal Pradesh, is not part of his

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## Af protests US order to give \$3.5bn to 9/11 victims | Biden frees frozen Afghan

Demonstrators in Afghanistan's capital Saturday condemned President Joe Biden's order freeing up \$3.5 billion in Afghan assets held in the US for families of America's 9/11 victims - saying the money belongs to Afghans.

Protesters who gathered outside Kabul's grand Eid Gah mosque asked America for financial compensation for the tens of thousands of Afghans killed during the last 20 years of war in Afghanistan.

Biden's order, signed Friday, allocates another \$3.5 billion in Afghan assets for humanitarian aid to a trust fund to be managed by the UN to provide aid to Afghans. The country's economy is teetering on the brink of collapse after



coming into Afghanistan with the arrival in mid-August of the

Torek Farhadi, a financial adviser to Afghanistan's former US-backed government, questioned the UN managing Afghan Central Bank reserves. He said those funds are not meant for humanitarian aid but "to back up the country's currency, help in monetary policy and manage the country's balance of payment".

He also questioned the legality of Biden's order.

"These reserves belong to the people of Afghanistan, not the Taliban...Biden's decision is one-sided and does not match with international law," said Farhadi. "No other country on Earth makes such confiscation decisions about another country's reserves."

Afghanistan has about \$9

billion in assets overseas, including the \$7 billion in the United States. The rest is mostly in Germany, the United Árab Emirates and Switzerland.

"What about our Afghan people who gave many sacrifices and thousands of losses of lives?" asked the demonstration's organizer, Abdul Rahman, a civil society activist.

Rahman said he planned to organise more demonstrations across the capital to protest Biden's order. "This money belongs to the people of Afghanistan, not to the United States. This is the right of Afghans," he said.

Misspelled placards in English accused the United States of being cruel and of stealing the money of Afghans.

Taliban political Mohammad spokesman Naeem accused the Biden administration in a tweet late Friday of showing "the lowest level of humanity...Of a country and a nation".

Biden's Friday order gener ated a social media storm with #USA\_stole\_money\_from\_afgh an was trending among Afghans. Tweets repeatedly pointed out that the 9/11 hijackers were Saudi nationals, not Afghans.

Obaidullah Baheer, a lecturer at the American University in Afghanistan and a social activist, tweeted: "Let's remind the world that #AfghansDidntCommit911 #BidenStealingAfgMoney!" Al-Qaeda leader Osama

bin Laden was brought to Afghanistan by Afghan warlords after being expelled from Sudan in 1996. Those same warlords would later ally with the US-led coalition to oust the

## billions for relief, 9/11 victims

President Joe Biden signed an order Friday to free \$7 billion in Afghan assets now frozen in the U.S., splitting the money between humanitarian aid for poverty-stricken Afghanistan and a fund for Sept. 11 victims still seeking relief for the terror attacks that killed thousands and shocked the world.

No money would immediately be released. But Biden's order calls for banks to provide \$3.5 billion of the frozen amount to a trust fund for distribution through humanitarian groups for Afghan relief and basic needs. The other \$3.5 billion would stay in the US to finance payments from lawsuits by U.S. Victims of terrorism that are still working their way

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demic as it tries to implement China's zero-tolerance strategy

using a mandatory quarantine for

all travelers and mass testing.

Hong Kong imposed new restric-

tion this week, limiting in-person

gatherings to no more than two

households. It plans to allow only

vaccinated people in shopping

malls and supermarkets. Places

of worship, hair salons and other

businesses were ordered to close.

Beijing officials and Chinese

International funding to Afghanistan was suspended and billions of dollars of the country's assets abroad, mostly in the United States, were frozen after the Taliban took control of the country in August as the U.S. Military withdrew.

The White House said in a statement that the order "is designed to provide a path for the funds to reach the people of Afghanistan, while keeping them out of the hands of the Taliban and malicious actors."

Biden's plan aims to resolve a complex situation in which the U.S. Is sitting on billions owned by a country where there is no government it recognises, with competing appeals for the money for the crying needs of the Afghan people and families still scarred

Hong Kong reports record

Brett Eagleson, whose father, Bruce, died in the attack on the World Trade Center, said that though victims' families support the distribution of a large portion of the funds to the Afghan people, the remaining funds should be distributed

fairly among the families.

"Anything short of equitable treatment for and among the 9/11 families as it relates to these frozen assets is outrageous and will be seen as a betrayal" by the government, Eagleson said in a statement.

The Justice Department had signalled months ago that the administration was poised to intervene in a federal lawsuit filed by 9/11 victims and families in New York City. The deadline for that filing had been pushed back until Friday.

## US to evacuate Ukraine embassy amid Russian invasion fears

The United States is set to evacuate its embassy in Kyiv as Western intelligence officials warn that a Russian invasion of Ukraine is increas-

ingly imminent. U.S. Officials say the State Department plans to announce early Saturday that all American staff at the Kyiv embassy will be required to leave the country ahead of a feared Russian invasion. The State Department would not comment.

The department had earlier ordered families of U.S. Embassy staffers in Kyiv to leave. But it had left it to the discretion of nonessential personnel if they wanted to depart. The new move comes as Washington has ratcheted up its warnings about a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to discuss the matter publicly, said a limited number of U.S. Diplomats may be relocated to Ukraine's far west, near the border with Poland, a NATO ally, so the U.S. Could retain a diplomatic presence in the country

The Pentagon announced

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Friday it is sending another 3,000 combat troops to Poland to join 1,700 who already are assembling there in a demonstration of American commitment to NATO allies worried at the prospect of Russia invad-

The additional soldiers will depart their post at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, over the next couple days and should be in Poland by early next week, according to a defense official, who provided the information under ground rules set by the Pentagon. They are the remaining elements of an infantry brigade of the 82nd Airborne

Their mission will be to train and provide deterrence but not to engage in combat in

That announcement came shortly after Jake Sullivan, President Joe Biden's national

contacted by

lockdown parties

**London:** British Prime Minister Boris

Johnson has received a questionnaire from London's Metropolitan Police as

part of the investigation into parties in

Downing Street during Covid lock-

embattled prime minister could be

fined and will face even more pressure

to stand down from fellow lawmakers already furious at his proximity to the

A growing number of lawmakers

from his own party are calling for his

ouster, and even former leaders have

lined up to warn him against attempt

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If he is found to have broken his government's own COVID rules, the

downs, his office said Saturday.

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**UK PM** 

security adviser, issued a public warning for all American citizens in Ukraine to leave the country as soon as possible. Sullivan said Russian President Vladimir Putin could give the order to launch an invasion of Ukraine any day now.

In addition to the U.S. Troops deploying to Poland, about 1,000 U.S. Soldiers based in Germany are shifting to Romania in a similar mission of reassurance to a NATO ally. Also, 300 soldiers of an 18th Airborne Corps headquarters unit have arrived in Germany, commanded by Lt. Gen. Michael E. Kurilla.

The American troops are to train with host-nation forces but not enter Ukraine for any

The U.S. Already has about 80,000 troops throughout Europe at permanent stations and on rotational deployments.

### Biden orders 3,000 more troops to Poland amid Ukraine crisis

**AP W**ASHINGTON

The Pentagon is sending another 3,000 combat troops to Poland to join 1,700 who already are assembling there in a demonstration of American commitment to NATO allies worried at the prospect of Russia invading Ukraine, a senior defense official said Friday.

The additional soldiers will depart their post at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, over the next couple days and should be in Poland by early next week, according to the defense official, who provided the information under ground rules set by the Pentagon. They are the remaining elements of an infantry brigade of the 82nd Airborne

Their mission will be to train and provide deterrence but not to engage in combat in Ukraine.

The announcement came shortly after Jake Sullivan, President Joe Biden's national security adviser, issued a public warning for all American citizens in Ukraine to leave the country as soon as possible. Sullivan said Russian President Vladimir Putin could give the order to launch an invasion of Ukraine any day now.

In addition to the U.S. Troops deploying to Poland, about 1,000 U.S. Soldiers based in Germany are shifting to



Romania in a similar mission of reassurance to a NATO ally. Also, 300 soldiers of an 18th Airborne Corps headquarters unit has arrived in Germany, commanded by Lt. Gen. Michael The American troops are to

train with host-nation forces but not enter Ukraine for any

80,000 troops throughout Europe at permanent stations rotational

state media warned Hong Kong against loosening any of the measures, saying that adopting a "living with the virus" policy The U.S. Already has about would overwhelm its medical systems. Hong Kong residents have been rushing to grocery stories to stock up on vegetables and get haircuts. Authorities have

### Covid-19 cases, tightens measures Hong Kong on Saturday reported its daily record of confirmed Covid-19 cases, at The city is struggling with the worst outbreak of the pan-

imposed lockdowns on residential buildings wherever clusters of infections are identified, and had already banned public din-

Hong Kong has full vaccinated 73% of its eligible population. The number does not

include children.

#### ReNew Akshay Urja Limited CIN: U40300DL2015PLC275651

Regd. Office: 138, Ansal Chambers II, Bikaji Cama Place, Delhi-110066 Corporate Office: ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone - 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited financial results for the guarter ended December 31, 2021

Particulars Quarter ended 31 December 2021 31 March 2021 Total Income from Operations Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary item Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items# Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax 365 (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items# Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax) and Other Comprehensive ncome (after tax)] Paid up Equity Share Capital Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) 2,560 2,336 Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures 1,200 Share premium Net worth\* Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt\* Debt Equity Ratio \* Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) 2.98 Diluted 15.97 Debenture Redemption Reserve 286 304 Debt Service Coverage Ratio 0.44 1.72 Interest Service Coverage Ratio 2.21 1.92

For the other line items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URL

(https://www.nseindia.com).
The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules

issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies. The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power.

The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".

The above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on February 12, 2022. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results are available on the websites of the

Stock Exchange(s) and the listed entity.

The financial information for the corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2020 to be included in the Statement of Financial Results, have not been furnished by the Company in the accompanying Statement pursuant to the relaxation provided in the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/2021/0000000637 dated October 5, 2021.

India Rating have assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA+ (CE)" with stable outlook and CARE have assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CARE AA+ (CE)"

with credit watch with developing implications. As per debenture trust deed, the Company is required to maintain a Debt

Service Coverage Ratio ('DSCR') for 1.15, however on account of slow recovery from debtors during the year, the Company could achieve a DSCR for 0.39 thereby resulting in a breach for one of the financial covenant. This breach is not considered as an event of default as per the terms of Debenture Trust Deed. Hence, no adjustment has been made to the financial statements of the Company.

During the year ended March 2021, as a part of its annual exercise of review of estimates, the Company conducted an operational efficiency review of its solar plants. The Company engaged with an expert for the review of useful life, salvage value and estimate for decommissioning liability. Basis the study, the expected useful life of solar power plants has been revised from 25 years to 35 years with a residual value of 5% at the end of useful life. Further, though there are no contractual obligation, the Company has considered a constructive obligation, being a green energy company with its commitment towards environment, and provided for decommissioning costs expected to be incurred at the end of respective useful life of plants. These changes were considered as change in estimate as per Ind AS 8 (Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors) and were accounted for prospectively with effect from 1st October 2020. Hence, current period numbers are not comparable

10. Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective 1 April 2021.

For and on behalf of ReNew Akshay Urja Limited

Quarter ended

CIN: L74899DL1982PLC067811

Regd. Office: 1, Anand Gram, Aya Nagar Mehrauli, Gurgaon Road Delhi-110047

Email Id: kohli@vinylgroup.com; Website: https://www.moulin.co.in Statement of Unaudited Standalone Financial Results for the Third Quarte & Nine Months Ended 31st December, 2021 (Rs. in Lacs except per share data

Particular		Ended				
raiticulai	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)			
Total Income from Operations	26.89	24.11	80.96			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(3.16)	4.78	12.29			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(3.16)	4.78	12.29			
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2.34)	3.29	9.10			
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2.10)	3.29	11.25			
Paid up Equity Share Capital (of Rs. 10/- each)	57.30	57.30	57.30			
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 1/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-  1. Basic:	(0.37)	(1.09)	(1.25)			
2. Diluted:	(0.37)	(1.09)	(1.25)			
Motors						

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The above is an extract of the detailed format of the unaudited financial Results for the thir quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2021 filed with the CSE under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Financial Results ended 31st December, 2021 is available on the CSE website (www.cseindia.com) and Company's website (https://www.moulin.co.in).

The above un-audited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approve by the Board of Directorsin its meeting held on 11th February, 2022.

For MOULIN COMMERCIAL LIMITED

Ashish Gupta

Date: 11.02, 2022

Managing Director DIN -00115090

### **MEYER APPAREL LIMITED**

CIN:L18101HR1993PLC032010 Regd. Office: 3 & 4, Mustil No. 19, Killa No.-5, opposite Tata Consultancy N.H.-8, Village Narsingh Pur, Gurugram-122004 (Haryana) India TEL: 91-9953696941, EMAIL: info@meyerapparel.com, WEBSITE: www.meyerapparel.com EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Quarter Ended		Nine Month Ended		Year Ended	
Destinulare	December	September	December	December	December	March
Failiculais	31, 2021	30, 2021	31, 2020	31, 2021	31, 2020	31, 2021
	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Un-audited	Audited
Total income from operations	124.85	228.05	163.79	396.44	184.69	349.31
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period	(35.36)	5.21	(18.53)	(50.57)	(163.43)	(144.63)
(before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)						
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax	(35.36)	5.21	(11.92)	(50.57)	(164.31)	(144.63)
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)						
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax	(35.36)	5.21	(11.92)	(50.57)	(164.31)	(144.63)
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)						
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	(36.11)	5.05	(3.99)	(51.06)	(162.37)	(153.15)
[Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and						
other Comprehensive income (after Tax)]						
Paid up Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 3/- each)	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67	2,426.67
Other Equity						(5,140.10)
Earnings Per Share (of Re. 3/- each)						,
Basic	(0.04)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.20)	(0.18)
Diluted	(0.04)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.20)	(0.18)
	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)  Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and other Comprehensive income (after Tax)]  Paid up Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs. 3/- each)  Other Equity  Earnings Per Share (of Re. 3/- each)  Basic	December 31, 2021   Un-audited	Particulars   December   31, 2021   30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30, 30,	Particulars	December   31, 2021   30, 2021   31, 2023   31, 2020   31, 2021	Particulars

These financial results have been prepared in accordance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and nine month ended December 31, 2021 has been reviewed by the Audit committee and approved by the

Board of Directors at their meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of audited quarterly and yearly financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly and yearly Financial Result is 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements). Regulations, 2010. The Company's website, namely: www.meyerapparel.com.

For and on behalf of the Board.

Place: Gurugram Dated: 12th February 2022

(Gajender Kumar Sharma

Din: 08073521

#### **TENDER NOTICE (1st CALL)** Online Tenders are invited according to Key dates for Construction of Central arms reserve store at 4th Bn. CAF at Mana, Distt. - Raipur (92441) which are available from 15.02.2022 (10:30am) to 03.03.2022

C.G. Police Housing Corporation, Raipur H.Q. - Old PHQ, Civil Line, Raipur (CG) Phone No. 0771- 4020028

(17:30 pm) in CGPHC, Portal https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in along with

DATE: 13.12.2021

...RESPONDENT

## Managing Director

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

STATE BANK OF INDIA **VERSUS** MR. SANJEEV INDERJEET SHARMA & ANR.

M/S MANJU J HOMES INDIA LTD. C-294, VIVEK VIHAR DELHI-110095 Whereas the above named applicant (s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of Rs 22,68,865/- (RUPEE TWENTY TWO LAKH SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED

SIXTY FIVE ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of th Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given be advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 10.03.2022 At 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the cas will be heard and determined in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through vide Conferencing and for that purpose:(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software:

"Meeting ID" and Password for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken b Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be displayed in the daily caus list itself at DRT Officer portal i.e. drt.gov.in

ii) In any exigency qua that the Advocate/Litigants can contact the concerned official a Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the 13th day of Dec., 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL

SECTION OFFICER DRT-II, DELHI SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31\* December, 2021

Registered Office: R-13, S/F GREATER KAILASH-I NEW DELHI -110048 CIN:L34102DL1985PLC020156 Email: sidhindia1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhgroup.ir Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31th December, 2027

Particulars	Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	287,750.00	744300	0
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax,	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax,	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax,	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)			
Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Profit/(Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive			
Income after tax)			
Equity Share Capital	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00
Reserves (excuding Revalution Reserve) as shown	-	0	0
in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year			
Earnings Per equity Share( of Rs.10/each)			
(for continuing and discontinuing opretations)			
(a)Basic:	0.01	(0.15)	(0.26)

Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.
The full format of the Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financial Results are available on the

 $Stock\ Exhange\ website\ (www.bseindia.com)\ and\ Company's\ website\ i.e.\ www.sidhgroup.in.$ For and on behalf of the Board of Director

0.01 (0.15) (b)Diluted . The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 12th day o February, 2022.
The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financia

Date: 12.02.2022

(0.26)

Quarter Nine Months

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Place: Gurugram Date: 12th February 2022

(Sd./-) Rahul Jain Managing Director, DIN: 07641891

## **Industry leaders pay** tribute to Rahul Bajaj

New Delhi: Industry leaders on Saturday paid rich tributes to noted industrialist Rahul Bajaj (83) who passed away due to illness at his home in Pune.

Taking to Twitter, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra stated: "I stand on the shoulders of giants. Thank you, Rahulbhai, for letting me clamber up onto your broad shoulders, advising me, cheering me on, encouraging me to be bold. Your footprints on the sands of Indian Business will never be extinguished.'

Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw tweeted: "Industrialist Rahul Bajaj, Former Chairman Of Bajaj Group, Dies At 83 - I am devastated - he was a dear dear friend and will miss him dearly. The country has lost a great son & nation builder."
TVS Motor Company Company

Group Chairman Anand Mahindra stated: "I stand on the shoulders of giants. Thank you, Rahulbhai, for letting me clamber up onto your broad shoulders, advising me, cheering me on, encouraging me to be bold. Your footprints on the sands of Indian Business will never be extinguished"

Chairman Venu Srinivasan stated that Bajaj strode across the Indian industrial landscape like

"He was among the few stars who created the Indian automotive industry. He was a pioneer who established a culture of quality and technology. He stood for high integrity in business and stuck to his principles. Rahul played a key role in industry bodies around the world like World Economic

Forum and CII and was very well respected. He will be sorely missed," he stated.

Expressing similar feelings, Raymond Chairman and Managing Director Gautam Hari Singhania stated that the passing away of Rahul Bajaj, the patriarch of the Bajaj Group, one of the largest diversified groups of India, is a terrible loss to the "The doyen corporate world. of the Indian business world will be missed for his intellectual honesty and straightforwardness. His contribution to the auto industry and steering the group during the license raj days will always be remembered. In immeasurable manner he has contributed to the growth of Maharashtra and the country. On behalf of the Raymond Group I offer my sincere condolences to the Bajaj family," he

### Country has lost one of its tallest industry leaders: CII on Bajaj's demise

New Delhi: The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) mourned the passing away of eminent industrialist Rahul Bajaj on Saturday, describing him as a "towering leader" and said the country has lost one of its tallest industry leaders.

Bajaj held the position of CII President twice between 1979/80 and 1999/2000.

"Rahul Bajaj was a towering leader for Indian industry and his sad demise leaves a huge void in our business ecosystem and India has lost one of its tallest leaders in industry," said T V Narendran, President,

Eminent industrialist and former chairman of the Bajaj Group, Rahul Bajaj passed away on Saturday due to illness at his home in Pune, according to a group

Bajaj (83), who stood down from his position of non-executive director and chairman of Bajaj Auto on April 30 last year and remained as the Chairman Emeritus, was not keeping well for some time and passed away at around 2:30 pm on Saturday.

"His (Bajaj's) ideas and philosophies shaped the contours of Indian businesses especially for the past four decades,' Narendran said. The CII President highlighted that under Bajaj's stewardship,

the first codification of corporate governance norms in the country happened way back in 1998, well before any regulation or law came into being in this important space.

Narendran further said Bajaj spoke for globalization and was a strong and influential proponent for connecting Indian businesses globally. "The initiatives he (Baiai) took to take his company global were an inspiration for all entrepreneurs and he built the India brand in his own way," the CII President said, and added that his demise is a deep loss to Indian industry as he was "our mentor, guide and lodestone in doing business.

"I am sure that the ideas that he propounded for good corporate citizenship will stand as a role model and paradigm for industry to continue to follow in his steps, Narendran said.

Bajaj is survived by two sons, Rajiv Bajaj and Sanjiv Bajaj, and a daughter Sunaina Kejriwal. Born on June 10, 1938, he headed the Bajaj Group of companies which have presence across segments such as automobiles, general and life insurance, investment and consumer finance, home appliances, electric lamps, wind energy, special alloy and stainless steel, material handling equipment and travel.

### FM condoles death of veteran industrialist



New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman condoled the death of veteran industrialist Rahul Bajaj, who put Indian industry on the world map.

"A stalwart of Indian industry passes away. Shri. #RahulBajaj was passionate about his work. He spoke for the entire industry and mentored many budding entrepreneurs. Condolences to his family and friends," the Finance Minister said Bajaj (83) died on Saturday

keeping well for some time. Born on June 10, 1938, he headed the Bajaj group of companies which have presence across segments such as automobiles, general and life insurance, investment and consumer finance, home appliances, electric lamps, wind energy, special alloy and stainless steel, material handling equipment and travel. Under his stewardship, flagship firm Bajaj Auto saw its turnover growing to Rs 12,000 crore from just Rs 7.2 crore with the firm's scooters becoming the mainstay. PTI

### India-US goods trade up 45 pc to USD 113 bn in 2021

New Delhi: The bilateral trade between India and the US rose by 45 per cent to USD 113 billion in 2021 compared to USD 78 billion in the previous year.

Both the countries have made a commitment to facilitate actions necessary for increasing the bilateral trade to USD 500 billion. "India-US goods trade sets a new record! Goods trade witnessed a 45 per cent jump in 2021 from 2020 to reach a historic high of USD 113 billion," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said in a tweet.

### Debashis Mitra takes over as ICAI President; Aniket Sunil Talati becomes VP

New Delhi: Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on Saturday said Debashis Mitra has been elected as its President for the 2022-23 term. Aniket Sunil Talati has been elected as Vice President of the institute, which has more a release. They took charge on Saturday.

Company Secretary.

than 3.40 lakh members and over 7 lakh students, according to is serving his third term in ICAI Council, has been in the accounting profession for more than 34 years. Apart from being a Chartered Accountant, he is also a Cost Accountant and a ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited

### CIN No.: U40300DL2019PTC347300

Regd. Office: 138. Ansal Chambers II. Bikaii Cama Place. Delhi-110066 Corporate Office: ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone - 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 (Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated

Particulars	Quarter ended 31 December 2021	Year ended 31 March 2021	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
Total Income from Operations	3,85,670		
Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	32,985	4,01,017	
Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	32,985	4,01,017	
Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	36,038	2,82,432	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	36,038	24,873	
Paid up Equity Share Capital	29,594	29,594	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	24,52,529	23,76,408	
Secuirties premium	20,94,105	20,94,105	
Net worth	24,82,124	24,06,001	
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	99,54,153		
Debt Equity Ratio	3.00	-	
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Not annualized) :			
1. Basic :	12.18	95.43	
2. Diluted :	12.18	95.43	
Debenture Redemption Reserve	85,179	i -	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.81	-	

For the other line items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URL (https://www.nseindia.com).

The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies. The company is in the business of development and operation of Solar power There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".

The financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021 along with comparative period have been approved by the Board of

Directors in their meeting held on 12th February, 2022

Crisil Ratings has assigned long term issuer raing and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CRISIL A" with watch positive outllook.

necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021

Due to outbreak of COVID-19 in India, the Company has continued its assessment of likely adverse impact on economic environment in general and financial risks on account of COVID-19. Considering that the Company is in the business of generation of electricity which is an essential service as emphasised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Power, Government of India and which is granted "Must Run" status by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). the management believes that the impact of outbreak on the business and

financial position of the Company is not significant.
Further, MNRE directed that the payment to Renewable Energy power generator shall be done on regular basis as being done prior to lockdown and the Company has generally received regular collection from its customer. The management does not see any risks in the Company ability to continue as a going concern and has been able to service all debts obligations during the The Company is closely monitoring developments, its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimise the impact of the

The financial information for the corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2020 have not been furnished by the Company pursuant to the relaxation provided in the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/2021/0000000637

The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly and nine monthly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/nine monthsly financial results are available on the websites of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.nseindia.com and the website of the Company at https://renewpower.in/renew-sun-waves/

Place: Gurugram

Date: 12th February, 2022

For and on behalf of the ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited (Sd./-) Rahula Kumar Kashyapa Managing Director, DIN: 07637489

### 42 coal mines auctioned till date for commercial mining: Govt

on Saturday said that a total of 42 coal blocks have been auctioned till date for commercial mining. Of the said blocks, 10 coal mines were auctioned this week under the third tranche. the coal ministry said in a state-"Under the commercial coal mining auction process, a total of 42 coal mines, including... Mines auctioned in tranche-3, have been successfully auctioned till date with a total cumulative PRC (peak rate capacity) of 86.404 million tonnes per annum (MTPA)," the statement said.

New Delhi: The Government

The 10 blocks sold this week are projected to generate an annual revenue of Rs 2,858.20 crore, the ministry said. The 'annual revenue projected (is) based on the PRC (peak rate capacity) of mine", the ministry

On the first day of the auction, five blocks were sold. Dalmia Cement Bharat Ltd had emerged as the highest bidder for two coal blocks in Jharkhand.

While Mahanadi Mines and Minerals emerged as the highest bidder for a coal block in Odisha, Yazdani Steel And Power was the highest bidder for another coal mine in the eastern state, the coal ministry had said in a statement on Assam Mineral Development Corp Ltd was the highest bidder for a mine in

On the second and the third days of auction, Jindal Steel and Power bagged Utkal-C coal mine in Odisha while Hindalco Industries made the highest bid for Meenakshi mine in the

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orporate Office: ReNew.hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6, Golf Course Road DLF City Phase-V, Gurugram, 122009, Haryana, Phone - 0124-4896 670/ 80 Statement of Unaudited financial results for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 (Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated

Particulars	Quarter ended 31 December 2021	Year ended 31 March 2021	
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
Total Income from Operations	87,518	6,92,074	
Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	38,833	39,792	
Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	38,833	39,792	
Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items	47,285	28,929	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	47,285	28,929	
Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,52,967	1,52,967	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	16,28,939	14,06,196	
Secuirties premium	13,66,029	13,66,029	
Net worth	17,81,906	15,59,163	
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	31,75,717	33,40,334	
Debt Equity Ratio	1.87	2.22	
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Not annualized) :			
1. Basic :	3.09	1.89	
2. Diluted :	3.09	1.89	
Debenture Redemption Reserve	3,19,567	3,44,312	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	8.12	0.02	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.87	1.86	
Notes ·			

For the other line items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URL (https://www.nseindia.com).

The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("Ind AS 34") as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies. The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power

There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments". The financial results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021 have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held

The financial information for the corresponding quarter ended December 31, 2020 to be included in the Statement of Financial Results, have not been furnished by the Company in the accompanying Statement pursuant to the relaxation provided in the SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/DDHS/CIR/2021/0000000637

India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer raing and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA (CE)" with negative outlook and "CARE AA (CE)" with negative outlook

respectively During the year ended March 2021, as a part of its annual exercise of review of estimates, the Company conducted an operational efficiency review of its wind plants. The Company engaged with an expert for the review of useful life, salvage value and estimate for decommissioning liability. Basis the study, the expected useful life of wind power plants has been revised from 25 years to 30 years with a residual value of 5% at the end of useful life. Further, though there are no contractual obligation, the Company has considered a constructive obligation, being a green energy company with its commitment towards environment, and provided for decommissioning costs expected to be incurred at the end of respective useful life of plants. These changes were considered as change in estimate as per Ind AS 8 (Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors) and were accounted for prospectively with effect from 1st October 2020. Hence, current period numbers are not comparable with that of previous year

Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021.

The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the websites of the Nationa Stock Exchange of India Limited at https://www.nseindia.com and the website of the Company at https://renewpower.in/jath-spv.

For and on behalf of the ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited (Sd./-) Balram Mehta Managing Director, DIN: 06902711

### Labour Ministry expands ESIC health check-up pilot to 15 cities

New Delhi: Union Labour ciations and trade unions to Minister Bhupender Yadav on Saturday announced the expansion of the pilot scheme of annual preventive health check-up programme for ESIC members aged above 40 years to 15 cities from the existing

In December, 2021, Yadav had launched the annual preventive health check-up programme for Employees' State Insurance Corporation's (ESIC) insured members aged above 40 years in pilot mode at ESI hospitals in Ahmedabad, Faridabad, Hyderabad, Varanasi and Kolkata. Addressing at 187th

meeting of the ESIC, Yadav said, "In last (ESIC) meeting, we have approved the proposal that we will launch a pilot scheme for free medical check of insured persons of the age of 40 and above in five hospitals in Hyderabad, Faridabad, Varanasi, Kolkata and Ahmedabad. The results are satisfactory.' informed that now the ESIC in its meeting has approved second phase of pilot and expanded it to total 15 cities. Under this pilot, factories/MSME clusters will be considered as a unit and ESIC will coordinate with them for the preventive health check-ups of the workers, he

It is objective of the should be healthy in the country, the minister stated. However, the name of the 10 cities to be added to the pilot would be announced later. He urged the industrial asso-

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come together for facilitating free medical check of MSMEs together (in one bunch) in their area where workers number in each unit is 10 or 15. He also informed that the ESIC has approved the proposal to conduct cleanliness drive and organise Yoga camps for one week ahead of Yoga Day on

Yadav also announced that vacancies for appointing 5,000 doctors at ESIC hospitals will be filled in this calendar year expeditiously. He also said that it was felt in the ESIC meeting that there is a huge dearth of doctors and staff at the ESIS hospitals. the disparity in scales of med ical professionals and others personnel between ESIC and ESIS ( ESIC hospitals run by states) to be bridged, he stated that remuneration of the doctors and staff to be revised.

He also talked about ESIC and ESIS to digitize health record of all insured persons to, integrate its data with Avushman Bharat Digital Mission for boosting telemedicine services through e-Sanjivani portal. Yadav further informed

that pending projects of the

ESIC will be expedited as well as construction work of the hospitals of the ESIC as well as doctors and staff availability called on the doctors to join the ESIC hospitals serving the poor and assured that remuneration of the doctors and staff would be revised by the ESIC corporation.

### largest blue hydrogen maker New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Reliance, which has set a Ambani's Reliance Industries

Reliance aims to be world's

Ltd is targeting to become one of the largest producers of blue hydrogen globally, producing the zero-emission fuel at costs that will be half of the global The operator of the world's

largest oil refining complex will repurpose a Rs 30,000 crore plant that currently converts petroleum coke into synthesis gas to produce blue hydrogen for USD 1.2-1.5 a kilogram, Reliance said in a presentation detailing the sep-Hydrogen is the cleanest

form of known fuel. Depending on production methods, hydrogen can be grey, blue or green. Grey hydrogen is the most common form and is

generated from natural gas, or methane, through a process called 'steam reforming'. Hydrogen is labelled blue whenever the carbon generated from steam reforming is captured and stored. Blue hydrogen is, therefore, sometimes referred to as carbon

neutral as the emissions are not

in

dispersed

atmosphere. Green hydrogen - also referred to as 'clean hydrogen' - is produced by using clean energy from renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind hydrogen atoms and one oxygen atom through a process called electrolysis.

net-zero carbon emission target for its businesses by 2035, is looking at blue hydrogen in the interim period to reduction of cost green hydrogen. "In the interim, till cost of

green hydrogen comes down, RIL can be the first mover to establish a hydrogen ecosystem, with minimal incremental investment, in India," Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) said in the presentation. Syngas has potential to

produce hydrogen at a competitive cost of USD 1.2-1.5 per kg, it said. Green hydrogen produced with renewable resources costs between USD 3-6.55 per kg, according to the European Commission's July 2020 hydrogen strategy. Fossil-based hydrogen costs about USD 1.80, and the com-

2.40-3 per kg.

Ambani had previously stated that his group is aiming to produce green hydrogen at USD 1 per kilogram by the turn of this decade. Last month, he announced plans to invest about USD 75 billion in renew-

mission estimated the cost of

blue hydrogen at about USD

Reliance said RIL's framework for reducing carbon footprint includes migration from fossil energy to renewables, rials and chemicals as part of portfolio, and carbon fixation, capture and utilisation .PTI

ables infrastructure.

### कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियंता.

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SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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Sd/-Mission Director. SSA, Assam, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Place: Gurugram

Date: 12th February, 2022

IANS BENGALURU

Ticketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan became the second-most expensive Indian player in the history of IPL after being picked by his former team Mumbai Indians for a whopping INR 15.25 crores.

Kishan overtook Shreyas Iyer, who was picked for INR 12.25 crores, to become the most expensive buy of the ongoing auction so far.

Apart from Kishan, Sri Lanka leg-spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and West Indies bat-ter Nicholas Pooran landed paychecks in excess of INR 10 crores in the third round.

Charu Sharma stepped in for the auctioneer duties after Hugh Edmeades had collapsed, with Hasaranga bought by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for INR 10.75 crores. The move meant Hasaranga was reunited with the team he represented in

As expected in case of keeper-batters, there was a frenetic bid for Kishan, a keeper who bats left-handed. His former team Mumbai Indians, Punjab Kings and Gujarat Titans were engaged in a tug of war before Sunrisers Hyderabad made a late entry.

Mumbai persisted hard to buy back left-handed Kishan for a gigantic INR 15.25 crores.

Chennai and Hyderabad were in a battle to buy Pooran before Kolkata made a surprise

**Apart from the** trio, Washington **Sundar and Krunal Pandya** earned big. **Gujarat, Punjab** and Delhi **Capitals were** locked in a battle to get offspin all-rounder Sundar. **Lucknow Super Giants came** into the mix at **INR 8 crore** 

entry. But Hyderabad battled hard to buy Pooran, who averaged just 7.72 in 2021 edition, for INR 10.75 crores.

Apart from the trio, Washington Sundar and Krunal Pandya earned big. Gujarat, Punjab and Delhi Capitals were locked in a battle to get off-spin all-rounder Sundar. Lucknow Super Giants came into the mix at INR 8 crore. But Hyderabad waded into the bidding war and bought Sundar for INR 8.75

For Pandya, a solid left-arm spin all-rounder for



Mumbai in the past despite recent performances not up to the mark, Chennai, Punjab, Hyderabad, and Lucknow were in the bidding battle. Then Gujarat jumped in as well. But it was Lucknow who won with INR 8.75 crores.

It also means that Pandya and Deepak Hooda, who were involved in a bitter spat ahead of the 2021 Syed Mushtaq Ali sea-

son, are now in the same IPL

Hyderabad and Gujarat were the initial bidders for Australia all-rounder Mitchell Marsh but Delhi joined in and eventually got him for INR 6.75

Punjab and Hyderabad were engaged in battle for Jonny Bairstow with Delhi. But Punjab stayed their ground to pick Bairstow for INR 6.75 crores.

Ambati Rayudu generated interest from Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad. But Chennai won the race to buy Rayudu for INR 6.75 crores. Chennai were then engaged in an engrossing battle with Bangalore to pick Dinesh

Eventually, Bangalore snapped him for INR 5.5 crores, marking their reunion with Karthik after 2015 edition.

Afghanistan all-rounder Mohammad Nabi was surprisingly unsold so was Australia keeper-batter Matthew Wade. India keeper Wriddhiman Saha and England keeper-batter Sam Billings also found no takers.

## Lucknow Super Giants 'stamp' their authority in Bengaluru

New Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise Lucknow Super Giants have found a unique way to congratulate the players they has secured in the Mega Auction

IANS BENGALURU

 $N^{\text{ew Indian Premier League (IPL)}}_{\text{franchise Lucknow Super Giants}}$ have found a unique way to congratulate the players they has secured in the Mega Auction, currently underway in Bengaluru -- posting images on social media which resemble postage stamps of yesteryears.

On Saturday, Lucknow Super Giants, who will be playing their maiden IPL this season, first posted an image of South African wicketkeeper-batter Quinton de Kock, whom they bought for INR 6.75 crores after being "challenged" by his former team Mumbai Indians (MI) and the Mahendra Singh Dhoni-led



Chennai Super Kings (CSK).

win doubles crown

India's Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan lifted

the doubles title of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger

with a domineering win against French rivals Hugo

Chennai and Lucknow jumped in first and Mumbai followed suit. Just when it looked like Lucknow had got him, Delhi Capitals jumped in. But Lucknow stayed solid and got him for INR 6.75 crores, making the South African the first buy for the

franchise. With a "postage stamp" image, the Lucknow Super Giants tweeted, "The first of our auction iourney! Welcome to the Giants, QuinTON de Kock!". The South African's price was prominenty marked in the same place where the postage stamp denominations are

For their next buy, tall West Indies all-rounder Jason Holder, they posted a similar image but in a yellow hue and tweeted, "Big Man, Big Ambitions... Welcome to the Super Giants, @Jaseholder98!"

For Deepak Hooda, who went for INR 5.75 crore, the franchise wrote, "Talented Munda, Deepak

All-rounder Deepak Hooda, whose base accelerated from INR 40 lakh to 75 lakh due to his debut in ODIs against the West Indies, saw interest from Rajasthan, Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai. But it was Lucknow who succeeded in picking him for INR 5.75 crores.

### Queries on doping, harassment, ineptitude at Olympics



**AP** ■ BEIJING

he biggest questions at the Beijing Olympics on Saturday hardly centered on who would win the six gold medals up for grabs.

Not with the fate of 15-

year-old figure skater Kamila . Valieva still undecided. Will the Russian be allowed to compete after testing positive for a ban substance? Can the ROC really keep the gold she helped win in the team event? Grave inquiries emerged in the mountains, too, when a former U.S. Olympian alleged harass-

ment by her former coach and teammate — both of whom are at the Beijing

Even the oh-so-friendly Canadians have stepped into controversy, a tiff between countrymen stemming from a blown ruling by Olympic judges. The story of the Beijing Games has been the stunning revelation and ensuing legal battle regarding Valieva, who tested positive for a banned heart medication on Dec. 25. The doping case came to light shortly after Valieva helped the ROC win team gold.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport confirmed it will hear appeals Sunday from the International Olympic Committee and the World Anti-Doping Agency challenging Valieva's status as a medalist and her right to compete in the upcoming women's



## another commanding performance vs Sri Lanka

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ustralia will aim to build on their 1-0 series Alead and also give a more commanding performance with the bat when they take on Sri Lanka in the second of the five-match T20I at the Sydney Cricket ground here on Sunday.

Australia had won the low-scoring raininterrupted opening T20I by 20 runs under DLS Method with Ben McDermott scoring a half-century and pace bowler Josh Hazlewood, returning to the side after missing four Ashes Tests due to a side strain, taking four wickets for 12 runs.

In fact, the entire bowling unit was on fire but there will be concerns in the batting department. The services of David Warner and Mitchell Marsh were missed as there was a lack of thrust at the top of the order. This will be an area which the Australians will aim to improve heading into the second match.

remarkably well but there was a lack of intent in the batting department. Accelerating while not losing wickets at regular intervals will be their main area of focus. They will hope that the bowling department can replicate the per-

formance of the first match. Skipper Dasun Shanaka will still back a relatively young unit to fight back hard on Sunday.

In the first T20I, bowling first, Sri Lanka bowled with intent and discipline to restrict Australia to 149/9. McDermott got the hosts off to a decent start with a 41-ball 53. Marcus Stoinis' 17-ball 30 then helped Australia get to a score which their bowlers would feel confident about defending. For Sri Lanka, it was a collective bowling effort, with Binura Fernando being the pick of the bowlers with figures of 2/12 in his four overs.

In reply, no Sri Lankan batter apart from Pathum Nissanka (36) and Dinesh Chandimal (25) could mount much of a fight-back. The chase was curtailed by one over due to rain interruptions but that did not make much of a difference as Sri Lanka still fell short by 20 runs (DLS method). Josh Hazlewood (4/12) and Adam Zampa (3/18) broke the backbone of the Sri Lankan batting unit.

## Grenier and Alexandre Muller in the finals played at the KSLTA Stadium here on Saturday.



 $I_{\text{Ramkumar Ramanathan}}^{\text{ndia's Saketh Myneni and}}$ lifted the doubles title of the Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger with a domineering win against French rivals Hugo Grenier and Alexandre Muller in the finals played at the KSLTA Stadium here on Saturday.

Banking on the support of the local crowd, the Indian pair won in straight sets 6-3, 6-2. This was Saketh's ninth doubles title at Challengers while Ramkumar registered a third victory in as many weeks with his victory on Saturday. Last week, Ramkumar had partnered Rohan Bopanna to the doubles title at the Tata Open Maharashtra ATP 250 event in Pune.

Meanwhile, qualifier Borna Gojo of Croatia rallied brilliantly from a set down to beat Frenchman Alexandre Muller in three sets and storm into the final of the singles event. He will next clash with Taipei's Chun-Hsin Tseng for the title. The latter scripted an upset victory over sixth seed Enzo Couacaud, also of France, with a 7-5, 6-4, after being 2-5 down in the first set to make it to the summit

The combination of the fast serves of Ramkumar and the deft volleys by Saketh proved to be a deadly combination as the duo raced to a 4-1 lead before annexing the first set at 6-3. A visibly tired Muller, who had played two matches on Friday and Grenier could not contain the

onslaught of winners from the Indian pair and succumbed without much fight.

The Gojo-Muller match proved to be a perfect clash as both players held their serves until the ninth game in which Gojo lost his serve and eventually the set.

The second set also followed a similar pattern until Gojo broke his opponent's serve to go 5-3 up and held his serve to make his way back into the match.

The momentum helped him so much that he did not give a semblance of a chance to his rival to make a comeback as he blanked Muller on the back of three breaks.

In the other semi-final, after Enzo had held his serve, they traded serves in the next three games as the Taipei player trailed 2-5. Once he got his rhythm going, Tseng never looked back winning five games in a row to capture the irst set 7-5.

In the second set, both the players tested each other before Tseng found the break he was looking for in the fifth game to wrap up the set and match. Results:

Men's Singles semi-finals: q-Borna Gojo (CRO) bt Alexandre Muller (FRA) 4-6, 6-3, 6-0; Chun-Hsin Tseng (TPE) bt 6-Enzo Couacaud (FRA) 7-5, 6-4.

Men's Doubles final: 3-Singh Khadka, who was overnight tied eighth and three off the lead, sank Saketh Myneni (IND)/Ramkumar two long birdie putts on the third and Ramanathan (IND) bt Hugo fifth before dropping a double-bogey Grenier (FRA)/Alexandre on the seventh, according to a release Muller (FRA) 6-3, 6-2. by the PGTI on Saturday

## Saketh, Ramkumar Mumbai, Odisha lock horns in battle for top-four berth added advantage of having more games in hand than the likes of



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 $R^{\mathrm{eigning}}$  champions Mumbai City FC will hope to continue the winning momentum and storm back into the top-four when they take on fellow aspirants Odisha FC in a 2021-22 Indian Super League match

Khadka takes

top honours in

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at one-over 145.

Pre-Qualifying III

Girraj Singh Khadka (73-71) of Jaipur shot a second round of one-

under 71 to total even-par 144 and take

the top honours at Pre-Qualifying III

of the PGTI Qualifying School 2022 at the Kalhaar Blues & Greens Golf Club

Gurugram-based amateur Daksh Shokeen (71-74) finished tied second

From a total field of 96 in Pre Qualifying III, the top 27 players qual-

ified for the Final Qualifying Stage as

Twenty-seven-year-old Girraj

the cut was declared at 11-over 155.

Pune's Pravin Pathare (70-75) and

at the PIN Stadium, here on Sunday. Mumbai got back to winning ways with a 1-0 win over Chennaiyin FC to snap their seven-game winless run. They are in the sixth position with 22 points from 14 games and another victory on Sunday could hur-

tle them back into the mix with the

Buckingham said. Mourtada Fall and Ahmed Jahouh extended their contracts for Mumbai in this period, and Buckingham was asked about team captain Fall and what he brings to the table.

back in the top four.

Junior Men's National camp

## Hockey India names 65 players for junior men's national camp Hockey India on Saturday named 65 players for the upcoming

Hyderabad FC and Bengaluru FC.

opponent brimming with confi-

dence after their win against SC East

Bengal. They are seventh in the table having 21 points from 15 outings and

a win for them too will bring them

When you look at the table, yes there

is one point that separates us and

Odisha but there is one point

between us and the teams in second

place and one at the top. So it's a very

tight league and every game we play

from now on is going to be important to us," Mumbai coach Des

"Every game is very different.

In Odisha, Mumbai will face an

IANS BENGALURU

Hockey India on Saturday named 65 players for the upcoming Junior Men's National camp, which will be held between February 14 and 25 at the Sports Authority of India centre here.

The players have been selected on the basis of their performance at the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 and other Hockey India-sanctioned domestic junior events last year. The camp will be held with the aim to select 33 core probables for upcoming tournaments in 2022 for the India junior men's hockey team. Highlighting the importance of the junior men's national camp, India men's team chief coach Graham Reid said, "The camp



Amritpal Singh, Bikramjit will be quite helpful for us in determining the talents who Singh, Deepak, Himwaan are ready to move up to the Sihag, Mohith HS, Sahil, Prathik Nigam, Ankit Malik. next step. "We wish to be prepared for the upcoming competitions and our aim is to send our best team for every tournament that we play. It is also a learning opportunity for young players, and for them to

get an understanding of the

challenges that are in store for

them at the highest level," Reid

Goalkeepers:

**Defenders:** Sharda Nand Tiwari, Waribam Niraj Kumar Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Sunil Jojo, Cyril Lugun, Albert Dungdung, Amandeep Lakra, Aravind, Atish Dodrai, Gujot Singh, Kaviarasan R, Navjot Singh, Pritam Toppo, Ravneet Singh, Rohit, Sachin

Midfielders: Vishnu Kant Singh, Ankit Pal, Abdul Ahmad, Akash, Ankush, Ashim Tirkey, Denis Kerketta, Dhilipan, Jaswinder Singh, Pankaj, Pradeep Singh, Prasenjit Dev, Rajbeer Singh, Rajinder Singh, Turtan Minz, Samir Surin, Johnson Purthy, Amir Ali, Sourabh Anand Khushwaha. Forwards: Uttam Singh,

Araijeet Singh Hundal, Sudeep Chirmako, Sudéep Amandeep, Boby Singh Dhami, Aditya Lalage, Agand Bir Singh, Arun Sahani, Bhavin Kushalappa KR, Birsa Oreya, Chiran Medappa, Deepak, Himanshu Sanik, Lekkala Hitesh Rao, Mohit Karma, Poovanna CB, R. Nishi Deva Arul, Akshay Avadh, Sathish B, Taleb Shah, Pratap Kishanrao Shinde, Abhishek Pratap Singh.



### SHIV CHAUHAN & ASHISH KHARE

Casting director duo, who are known for their work on Stree have done the entire casting for Badhaai Do, which released last week in theatres. They speak with SUPRIYA RAMESH about their experience, journey as casting

nday pioneer



■ What is Badhaai Do about?

At this moment, whatever we say about the film will not justify what it actually is. Is it about marriage of convenience, we'd say yes! Is it about two people who can't choose happiness openly because of society conditioning, we'd say yes! Is it about the family, the society or is it about the change, we'd say yes to all because Badhaai Do is much more than anything we can say at this point.

Choosing cast would be tough. How do you manage to find deserving actors? Every film has its own set of casting challenges, which makes it interesting and exciting for us. We do a lot of prework before we start the actual auditions like discussions and pooling of actors for each role. We don't stereotype an actor by their previous work and keep an open mind in the pooling process. Yes there are lot of deserving actors whom we audition, shortlist them for a second round, sometimes third and best of best gets selected.

First Stree and now Badhaai Do. Rajkummar Rao seems to be your favourite. What are there roles? Yes! He is indeed our favourite actor and full kudos to our directors Amar Kaushik and Harshwardhan Kulkarni for approaching Rajkumar for Vicky and Shardul. We are blessed to have got an

opportunity to put out a great ensemble for these two wonderful scripts. As you must have already figured from the trailer Bhumi is playing a PT teacher and Rajkumar a Police officer stuck in a marriage of convenience. ■ Is Rajkumar Rao's character anyway

similar in Badhaai Ho to Stree's? Apart from being from a small town in both the films, there's no similarity as

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You both mostly work in pair. How often is that you both think alike? Is it tough? How do you deal with different

We have different point of views more often than not. Even though one can have a different point of view, we work for a common goal so we deal with it through

discussions with proper reasoning. How did your journey begin as a casting director?

We are both trained actors and have a solid theatre background. We worked together in n number of projects during

together in n number of projects during our casting assisting days. Projects like *Qarib Qarib Single*, *Ghoul*, *Daddy* etc to name a few. And through Stree, our journey as casting directors began.

What were the challenges you faced? Challenges are a given when you try and start your journey. We would source a producer/ director's number to convince them that we have done incredible work. them that we have done incredible work in *Stree* which they thought otherwise to be done by an already established player. And that we are the name behind so many noted projects. As this is a service based business there is resistance to try someone new. So we took each project as the one, built relationships focussed on work at our hand to build a solid portfo-

■ What were the challenges you faced? To mention some projects which we are really excited about, there is Rahi Anil Barve's (who directed Tumbadd) next show, which is produced by Raj and DK. A very different feature with Maddock Films, a show with TVF directed by Apoorva Singh Karki and a Flipkart video show by Studio I, dreams directed by Samir Tewari.

### Plan Your Day

### **FOLK ART CLASS**



Ancient Indian folk painting and art styles have been passed down from generations, and are still practised in different parts of the The Circular

Square Indian folk art class focuses on art forms such as Madhubani, Warli, Gond, Bhil, Santhal, Kalamkari, Pichhwai, Hase Chittara etc, with each having their unique, admirable and vibrant

Also, most of these arts are patterns-based, which have been found to aid in calming the mind and improving focus. So just bring your sketchbook and medium of your choice, and submerge yourself in the techniques and history of each of these art forms through these classes

What: Workshop Where: Online

When: February 13, 20, 27, 2021 Time: 11 am - 12:30 pm

## Sound of.



Music is the best medicine. Here are the top 10 songs of the week that will lift up your weekend

Bollywood vibes Pehla Nasha (Udit Narayan) Kuch Na Kaho (Kumar Sanu) Kehna Hi Kya (K S Chithra)

Jadu Teri Nazar (Udit Narayan) Band Hothon Se (Sasha Ghoshal)

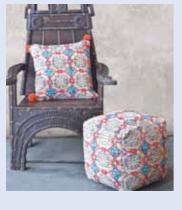
### **English Vinglish**

Stairway to Heaven (Led Zeppelin) Imagine (Yoko Ono)

Revolution (The Beatles) Wind of Change (Boppin' B) Back in Black (AC/DC)

### sterstroke

t's time to pep up your home décor with hues of red to fill your home with love! This year on Valentine's Day, level up your decor game and create a warm, romantic setting to wow your sweetheart with stunning decor pieces by a leading home-fashion brand. The Rug Republic -the only global brand of sustainable, handmade Indian rugs, poufs and accessories sold in over 90 countries across 6



continents. Minimalist designs are always a hit and look stylish too. You can display your creative side by taking a cue from the decor ideas by The Rug Republic.

So, if you are thinking to buy something elegant to impress your partner or planning to set a romantic mood- without being too melodramatic, then watch out for versatile & sustainable gifting options compiled by The Rug Republic(TRR)

Ortiz Pillow This multi-colored pillow adds fun and pizazz to any room. Handmade in cotton then screen printed, this will complement the look of your décor and can be the design statement of the room. Price Rs.1,900

## CELEBRATE LOVE

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. On D-day surprise your loved one with something unique and extraorinary. SUNDAY PIONEER suggests some ideas that can add a

wow factor



What can be the best gift for a jewellery lover than a Love Pendant. Gem Selections, India's largest gemstone brand, has a specially designed Rose Quartz "Love Pendant" in its collection of premiere products. You can gift it to your loved one as Rose Quartz is said to be the crystal of Venus (the goddess of love and beauty). It is best known as the unconditional love stone and is thought to emit a powerful vibration of love. It also helps open the door for entering new love in life. If you are at the beginning of a want to improve mutual understanding, or if you have been with your partner for years and want to strengthen your bond, Rose Quartz Can help you achieve all of them.

If you want to capture a beautiful memory with your partner and gift it to them then the trending digital art frames are the correct gift option for you. These can be available on special request within 24 hours, so go get it soon. You can buy these from freelancer digital artists or from etsy.com at very affordable prices starting from ₹2,345.



If your partner loves to drape in grace and beauty, you can gift her the Reshaweaves silk and silk blend sarees. The brand has launched its Valentine's Day collection which includes silk and silk blend sarees in the shades of red and pink, curated especially for this love season. She can break the usual custom and wear it on your date night or can use it in other Indian festivals. The collection is beautifully created with the ethnic

designs on Banarasi:, Bhagalpuri tussar silk and Chanderi. The collection has some very amazing detailing with a wide range of floral and geometric motifs along with plain and all over patterns on the body.

The best thing about this collection is that these styl-

ish and elegant silk and silk blend sarees are quite affordable with a price range between Rs. 2000-3000 for silk blends, while pure silk sarees range from anything between Rs. 5000-10000. Go surprise your partner with

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this stunning collection.





love life with the fun dice games that give different

quirky and fun tasks on the go.

SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYL If you are an environmentally aware couple, gift your loved one the gift of sustainable lifestyle in the form of a kit with Phoenix- bamboo toothbrushes, Neem wood combs and other range of products available at the website.

This will be an important step together as self-aware couples who are inclined towards reducing their carbon footprints. You can also share it on your social media handle to spread the awareness on "love for environment" this Valentine's Day.

NAME A STAR

You can give one of the most amazing gifts to your loved one by naming a star on their name.

Just share the name of the person you want to surprise, select the zodiac, the date and a star will be automatically

picked for them. The star is customized with the name of the special person and a constellation chart with the location of the star.

It literally means love you to the star and back!





### PASSION FOR MUSIC

Artist from the city of Kolkata, who focuses more into independent electronic music has achieved many things from a very young age. While singing as well as composing, Bag has released artful tracks like Jerry tunes, Jupiter and Cyclotron. The singer has garnered over 206k followers on Instagram and regularly uses the social media site to stay connected with his fans. Alongside music, Bag also runs a PR and IG strategic automation firm, where he helps construct Instagram and business growth strategies and campaigns. Bag also does



photography and editing and his work on the camera can be seen on his Instagram account - where he has amassed an amazing following of 206k followers.

### NAB THE ESSENTIALS



n today's highly competitive and digital world, it is essential to have online digital knowledge to become a successful entrepreneur. Digital marketing requires a wide plethora of skills that enhance your online presence and help you to establish yourself. Zeeshan started with a humble route and thus opted for the small assignments as a freelancer. With the disciplined and strict routine of the morning, Zeeshan founded the Youtube channel, Media Buffers in 10th standard, and later formed, Prankify - Youtube channel, thus striding on the road to success.

### **ANOKHI DOSTI**

Bringing forth a breath of fresh air, Sony **Entertainment Television** promises to bring to the viewers a wholesome family viewing experience with its latest offering 'Jagannath Aur Purvi Ki Dosti Anokhi'. Along with a stellar cast



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and a heart-warming storyline, the show also has a visual aesthetic to it as it is set against the charming backdrop of Banaras.

On having a small quarrel with his wife about their kids, Jagannath goes for a walk to clear his mind not knowing how his routine life is going to take a 360 degree turn as he comes across a vivacious girl Purvi.

### **STRIKING A CHORD**

 $S_{\text{inger-guitarist cum composer Aaryan Banthia on 26th Jan}} \\ S_{\text{released the acoustic version of his immensely popular single}}$ Paar. The acoustic version brings in the same emotions as the original which speaks volumes about the struggles of people from different segments of society during the pandemic. It comes at a time when we are currently battling a third wave.

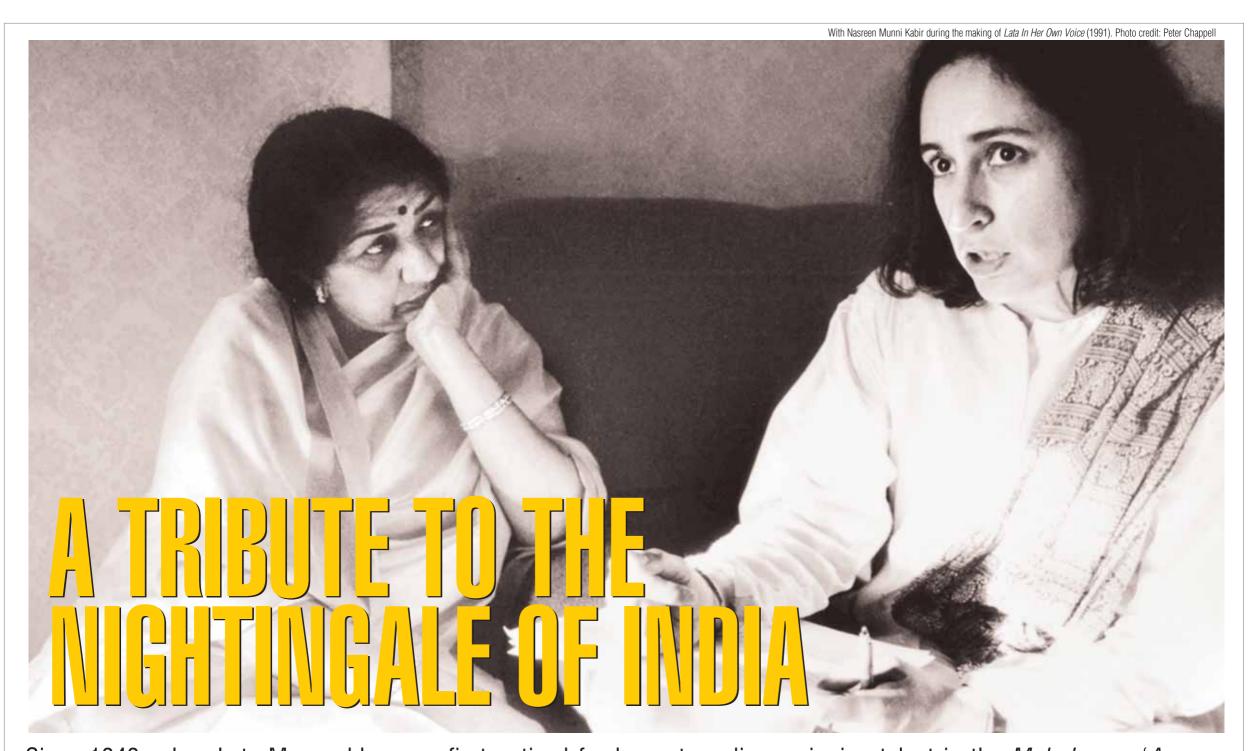
The first version that was released struck a chord with Aaryan's fans, crossing the 1 million mark just within 10 days of release on 21st November 2020. The song talks about how we, as a society, need to inculcate the traits of inclusivity and diversity, which are the need of the hour. Aaryan has always brought in something new with each of his songs. His songs always have a pertinent theme making him extremely popular among his fans.

### **GREAT INDIAN FAMILY**



 $D^{\text{o}}$  good things always happen to good people? Manu believes so and he is here to show you how,along with his atrangi Maurya family. This February, Sony SAB brings you its new offering -Sab Satrangi, a heartwarming and quintessential family drama. Going by the name, the Mauryas are not your average household but truly 'satrangi' in their demeanors and interests. However, what binds them together is Manu's spirit to overcome odds as they maneuver through life together. Headlined by Mohit Kumar, who plays the role of Manu, the show features an amazing ensemble of actors in Daya Shankar Pandey, Joyoshree Arora, Puru Chibber, Satyajit Sharma, amongst others. Sab Satrangi premieres on Sony SAB.

Set in the picturesque city of Lucknow, the show follows Mannkameshwar also called Manu (Mohit Kumar), a righteous young man who sticks to his virtues of goodness and optimism, despite the odds and adverse situations life throws at him. Manu is his daadi's ladla, the family matriarch essayed by Joyoshree Arora. A successful life insurance agent at 73, she is unfazed by the challenges that came her way, refusing to give up her ambitions and live life to the fullest.



Since 1949, when Lata Mangeshkar was first noticed for her extraordinary singing talent in the *Mahal* song '*Aayega aanewala*,' her magical voice has taken a firm hold of the Indian imagination. For over six decades, as the much loved singer, she has reigned supreme in Indian film music and has been conferred in 2001, the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, writes NASREEN MUNNI KABIR in her book *Lata Mangeshkar ...in her own voice*. An edited excerpt:

ata Mangeshkar remembers a dream that returned to her every night when she was in her early twenties. Coming home from recording two songs in the morning, two in the afternoon, and two in the evening, she would fall asleep and the dream unfurled: it is early morning and she finds herself all alone at a black-stoned temple by the sea. Unaware of the deity associated with the temple, she makes her way through the sacred space. At the back of the temple, there is a door. She opens it and sees a few steps leading from the door to the dappled water. She sits on the stone steps and the waves gently wash over her feet.

Young Lata thought nothing of the dream but when it reoccurred night after night, and for several months, she decided to share it with her mother, Shudhhamati Mangeshkar, who listened quietly to her and said: 'God has blessed you. You will be very famous one day.'

Her mother's reading of the dream could not have been more prophetic. Today Lata Mangeshkar is loved to the point of worship. People speak of her voice as a divine gift and some even talk of her being an avatar of the Goddess Saraswati. She is acclaimed as one of India's greatest singers, has won countless awards, including the Dada Saheb Phalke Award (1989) and received extraordinary recognition, including India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 2001.

Lata Mangeshkar's fame in the world of Indian music is unrivalled. Unlike many stars whose celebrity status distances them from ordinary people, admiration for her is highly personalised because she is intimately linked to the emotions of millions of people through her songs. No bond could be stronger.

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singing a *bhajan* or a *naat*.

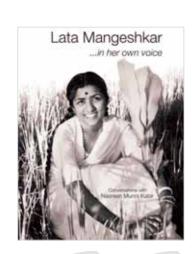
For decades, she was the most sought-after singer, and every top actress, from Nargis, Madhubala, Meena Kumari, Nutan to Madhuri Dixit, wanted Lata as their voice. She remains a widely respected figure in the Indian film industry and is affectionately called 'Didi' [elder sister] by all. Lata Mangeshkar is the highest-selling Indian artist and has made fortunes for Indian record companies. Her songs have helped spread an appreciation of Hindi film music throughout the world. In India, she has achieved iconic status, and created everlasting music that has become the soundtrack to our lives

Based on Lata in Her Own Voice, a six-part documentary series that I directed in 1991, [produced by Hyphen Films Ltd for Channel 4 TV in the UK; Commissioning Editor: Farrukh Dhondy], this book was set in motion through an email addressed to Sanjeev Kohli, composer Madan Mohan's son. Sanjeev Kohli played a crucial role in the making of Lata in Her Own Voice and I sought his advice again to see whether we could preserve in book form the extended interview with Lataji that I had recorded for the film. With characteristic and lightning speed, Sanjeev Kohli emailed back: 'Didi says go ahead.' I then asked whether we could update the material, make it longer, more conversational, and fill in any gaps that might

Once I had her agreement to the idea of a 'book of conversations,' I called her several times a week between May and August 2008. We went over the original interview and covered many new areas of discussion. She sometimes talked in English but most often in Hindi. I immediately typed her answers on my laptop, translating them into English.

Lataji was always open, warm and candid. Her memory for songs and dates was astounding. When asked the name of a song she had sung for Ghulam Haider or Naushad, her recall was instant, despite the fact that she has recorded several thousand songs and was being asked to remember something that had taken place over fifty years ago. And when she could not recall a song or a date, she had no hesitation in saying to me: 'I don't remember.'

Sometimes a telephone conversation had a strangely humbling and unnerving effect on me. While discussing 'Aayega aanewala,' when I asked if we could include the beautiful opening



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lines of the song in our book, she said: 'You need the words? You can write them down.' She then proceeded to hum, half-sing and recite from memory:

Khaamosh hai zamaana chup chaap hain

Aaram se hai duniya bekal hai dil ke maare Aise mein koi aahat is tarah aa rahi hai Jaise ke chal raha ho mann mein koi

Ya dil dhadak raha hai is aas ke sahaare Time stands still. The stars are silent The world is at rest. Yet my heart is uneasy Suddenly I hear footsteps approaching As though someone were walking through

Or is it the sound of my heart quickening with hope?

I was too embarrassed to tell Lataji the kind of effect hearing her half-sing, half-recite the poem had on me. Remember, this was Lata Mangeshkar on the line, not a recording! Sitting in my Maida Vale flat on a sunny London day, I felt a rush of emotion, a sense of being an unworthy eavesdropper who happened to hear a bit of living history.

Lata Mangeshkar's songs are living history

— so strongly tied to all our life stories and articulating our many emotions. Once the lyrics were typed in, our conversation continued and we talked of other things.

This is how the book slowly took shape: we would talk, I would type and during our next call, I would read back the translated conversation to her and she would say: 'Yes, that's it. But

it was in 1945 not '46.' After a month of phone calls, I wondered why it was so easy to translate Lataji. And then it dawned on me: her voice is so utterly expressive that her tone dictated the most fitting word to use. You knew when 'resigned' - as in 'Lataji said in a resigned tone' was right — and when 'meekly' painted a more accurate picture of how she reacted at a particular moment. Lataji expresses subtle shades of meaning — emotional and psychological — and so for the attentive listener nothing is lost. It is this gift of being expressive that comes through her voice and when she sings 'Ajeeb dastaan hai ye,' 'Chandni raatein pyaar ki baatein, 'Ai dilrubaa nazaaren mila,' or 'Lag jaa gale,' she stirs an emotional

From a more technical perspective, it made complete sense to me why so many composers have marvelled at Lataji's uncanny ability to instantly grasp both the tune and the emotional import of a song. She is a brilliant actress, and though unseen, her voice adds hugely to the scene's drama and intensity. An actress lives with the character she is playing for many months and so comes to understand how to deliver dialogue and judge the pitch of performance. Lataji is able to grasp in an instant the psychology and emotional map of a character, and like the best male playback singers such as Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar and Mukesh, who have also achieved this, she sings in character. In her voice there is total identification and

empathy with the character's depth of feelings.

There are many examples in which we see how Lataji's singing enhances the impact of a scene. Think of Nargis miming 'O mere laal aaja' in Mother India or Meena Kumari in 'Chalte chalte' in Pakeezah, or Nutan in 'Suno chhoti si gudiya ki lambi kahaani' in Seema. An interesting question to ask is whether Lataji is singing for the actress or the actress's performance is determined by Lataji.

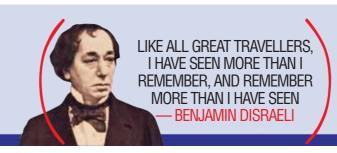
Her musical skill is well known and widely appreciated, but her natural acting talent and her mastery of the intricacies of language and poetry is equally remarkable. During our conversations, she repeatedly said that for her, lyrics were the most important aspect of a song. She has always preferred songs that say something about feelings and are not just catchy tunes.

From September 2008 to March 2009, Lataji and I went through the entire manuscript, page by page, word by word, to avoid any errors that might have been caused by phone crackle. As I read the manuscript to her, she listened with complete attention, gently correcting and elaborating.

There is a deluge of misinformation on Lata Mangeshkar and I found dozens of very imaginative tales on the Net, including one that claimed that Lataji, on hearing that Master Vinayak had died, cried the whole night and then thought Lord Dattatraya was standing before her telling her to be brave and to carry on struggling through life. When I asked her if this had really happened, straightaway Lataji said: 'No, it didn't.'

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If there is anything that Covid did good for tourism, it was the development and push to domestic travel. NAVNEET MENDIRATTA travels to Hirakud, Odisha, where the state is promoting eco tourism in a big way

ool air hits my face with force as I hold on tightly to the ropes of my tandem paramotor ridé. My pilot gently encourages me to take a peek below. There is fear, and excitement, as I look down gingerly. Below, a vast expanse of water offers a majestic view of the biggest dam in Asia — Hirakud Dam, Odisha. The land appears far, like a distant dream. I look up again, my heart thumping loudly in the chest. Minutes later, the pilot guides me to a safe landing. This is an experience that is going to stay with me for a long time.

But honestly, who would have thought that Odisha could be this amazing. A queue of eager adventure it would have been in pre-Covid times. After all, there is social distancing to be taken into account. In times when you think twice, or should I say four times, before you set out to travel, in between the horrid pandemic waves, the lure of offbeat destination becomes too good

This is my first time in Odisha. And my stay is an Eco Retreat set up by the Odisha Tourism — actually, one of several to promote a more conscious and environment friendly tourism. Set up for a short period of three months, it's a full blown glamping experience, very different from the kind of tourism Bhubaneswar, Puri or even Konark offers. Other than Hirakud, the Odisha Tourism has set up six Eco Resorts at Satkosia, Daringbadi, Bhitarkanika, Konark, Pati Sonapur and Koraput.

A two hour flight takes you to Jharsuguda. Thereafter, it's a little over an hour drive to the Eco Resort. Built across the mighty Mahanadi river, the main attraction of this Eco Retreat is Asia's longest earthen dam, Hirakud. Behind the dam extends a reservoir spread over 743 sq. km. Nestled between Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary and the reservoir, this glamping site offers an opportunity to explore the quiet side of Western Odisha. Twenty five luxury tents equipped with modern amenities and creature comforts make for the accommodation in this wilderness oasis.

The peace and quiet of the camp resort is broken intermittently by loud whoops by the water sports revelers enjoying jet skiing and banana boat rides in the reservoir. Though it's a perfect place for those seeking to unwind and do absolutely nothing, there is a lot to do here for those who seek action. Other than water sports and parasailing, the guests at the resort can keep themselves busy with target and board games, ATV rides and cycling. Home to migratory birds, you can also undertake a guided trek or a safari into the Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary. The sunrise and sunset make for the most beautiful times of the day.

Hirakud is about 30 minutes drive from Sambalpur, a quaint Odisha town known for its handloom and handicrafts. Sambalpur gets its name from its presiding deity — Maa Samaleswari. And if you are lucky, you can catch the evening light and sound show at Maa Samaleswari Temple located nearby. A











trip to this place is a dream for textile collector. Located at the outskirts of this town is a weavers' village. Claps of the loom welcome me as I walk down the dusty road in search of a sari after my heart

Sambalpuri saris are known for their incorporation of traditional motifs like shankha (shell), chakra (wheel), phula (flower), all of which have deep symbolism with the native Odia colour red black and white represent true Odia Culture along with Lord Kaalia (Jagannatha)'s face colour. The traditional craftsmanship of the 'Bandhakala', the tie-dye art reflected in their intricate weaves, also known as Sambalpuri "Ikkat". In this technique, the threads are first tie-dyed and later woven into a fabric, with the entire process taking many weeks.

Bichitra, in Odia, means "marvelous". The hallmark of the Bichitrapuri sari is its large Pasapali design, running across the body and a beautiful border. The name Pasapali is derived from *pasa* or gambling games using Chessboard. These saris have intricate check patterns of contrast col-ors resembling the chess boards, which gives it its name. I choose a traditional black and red combination. Outside, it's a delight to see local women wearing Sambalpuri and Pasapali drapes hitched high in local style.

The drive to the eco resort is a scenic one, especially closer to the evening. The landscape changes gradually from the roadside markets to the forested quiet that surrounds the dam

area. At the resort, an Odia thaali awaits me. The Odia food is simple and wholesome. Executive chef Surva Nayak takes me through the traditional fare. Rice is a staple for the people of this state as is fish. A typical thaali comprises of Daalma (pigeon pea lentils cooked with vegetables), Pakhala (prepared with rice cooked in fermented water, curd, cucumber, cumin seeds, fried onions and mint leaves), Badi-Chura (a coarsely crushed mixture of wadi, onion, salt and mustard oil, similar to aaloo chokha), Saag, Besara (mixed vegetable curry cooked in mustard paste), Bhaja (it could be any seasonal vegetable, most popular being brinjal, or even fish), Puli Pitha (dumplings) and Chenna Poda (baked cheese cake, a la Indian style).

Pakhala is best had in the afternoons. The fermented water is great cooking agent to combat the heat and even lulls to sweet slumber. The pakhala I ate had been fermented over two days. I am told the one fermented over four days is more potent and what the locals prefer. The Odia love their fish, which is why fish curry, fish *bhaaja* and even dry fish preparations are the

most favoured.

Good food can be healing, I realise, being the city slicker that I am, trying to shrug off the work-from-home fatigue. A quiet bonfire makes for perfect close to the day. At a distance, can hear the popular Odia song Rangbati being played. It's a beautiful starry night and I couldn't have wished for a better holiday.



## North Korea's missile vendetta against West

Kim Jong-un, the reclusive dictator of Democratic People's Republic of North Korea (DPRK), is again in the limelight. After a long pause, he is trying to test the patience of the international community. He conducted a missile test that could have reached the US territory of Guam in the South Pacific. It is recorded as North Korea's longest-range test since 2017. In fact, this was his seventh such test in January this year, making it the most launched month in Kim's decade-old rule in North

The DPRK can well be regarded as the last Stalinist state surviving from the Cold War days. Kim Il Sung, the founding President of the country, was the one who built the nuclear programme. The infrastructure for such facilities were built in a place called Yongbyon, nearly 60 miles north of the capital city Pyongyang. By the 1990s, this initiative led to the first nuclear stand-off between the DPRK and the US.

However, the then Clinton Administration acted swiftly to defuse the impending crisis in the Korean peninsula by signing the historic Agreed Framework with North Korea in the year 1994. This timely initiative brought a sudden halt to the nuclear advancement research of North Korea. Else this could have been a catastrophe for the whole world as one single family and its rulers are in absolute control over the entire country.

Today, Washington talks of deterrence when it comes to developments in North Korea, but it seems Kim will not strike unless attacked first. But how long? He is finding no way out to pressurise the West to come to the negotiating table. His frustration is growing. He should not be pushed to the brink of a nuclear crisis.

Let's have a look at how the US is dealing with North Korea since the beginning of the Cold War. It all started on June 25, 1950, when North Korea dispatched nearly 75,000 troops to South Korea that set off the historic Korean War. Within days, the US joined the war in favour of South Korea and marked the beginning of one of the first series of proxy wars of the Cold War era Though the war ended in July 1953, the Koreas got divided with an inclusive borderline called 38th Parallel. However, this war left nearly 2.5 million people dead within three years of the start of the tragic war. And Washington for the first time reshaped its new foreign



Singers perform during the opening ceremony of the First People's Art Festival Celebrating the Day of Shining Star at the East Pyongyang Grand Theatre in Pyongyang, North Korea, on Friday

approach towards nuclear deterrence.

Another aspect of North Korea's rising belligerence is the continued support of China over the years for the Kim regimes. In fact, Beijing's policy towards the Korean peninsula is purely based on a strong geopolitical calculus. Further, many strategic experts are of the opinion that Chinese President Xi Jinping's support to North Korea will be intact irrespective of the strands of the concerned nations over Kim's intransigence. Chinese financial and business support directly facilitated the whole nuclear initiative of North Korea. And eventually, helped its economy running and dividing the Korean peninsula in the coming days.

During 2017-18, there was a debate in Beijing whether to no instability and no nukes. continuously support the clandestine nuclear agenda of the Kim regime or not. Many scholars argued that China should abandon the DPRK in war-like situation arises, there favour of its close bonding the global uproar, Xi has so far its hinterland. Further, China said: "In today's world, many

policy, including its modern not dumped the Kim regime, particularly in regard to the latter's nuclear programme. There are solid reasons behind the crucial decision that Beijing Communists have taken: firstly, for China, peace and stability is preferred to a possible denuclearisation of North Korea. Why China, even the other four members of the six-party group i.e. America, Japan, Russia and South Korea that oversees the denuclearisation initiative, firmly believes that Kim will not abandon its nuclear programme. And it is the heart and soul of its sur-

Only due to its nuclear aspect, the entire Korean peninsula is disturbed which the Kim regime strongly uses as its bargaining chip; secondly, China maintains three big nos in regard to Kim - no war, And China has been trying to stop military confrontation in the region. Thirdly, China knows fully well that once a could be a massive flow of with South Korea. But despite refugees from North Korea to

has great apprehension that North Korea's chemical weapons could spread contamination all across China and in the Korean peninsula through the secret agents of Kim. Possibly, a collapsing DPRK could endanger the security and tranquility of the whole region. Hence China handles Kim very carefully and it does not matter to China whether the US and the rest of the world like it or not. The latest test was an inter-

mediate-range ballistic missile. The official North Korean media displayed the pictures of the Hwasong-12 launching and entering into space. This week once again the Kim regime boasted of shaking the world by testing missiles that can strike America easily. The hypersonic missiles that Kim tested in the month of lanuary shocked the world. A statement from the Foreign Ministry of the country said that a series of tests since the New Year 2022 represented remarkable achievements that strengthened North Korea's war deterrence. The Ministry statement

countries waste time dealing with the US with submission and blind obedience, there is only our country on this planet that can shake the world by firing a missile with the US mainland in its range." It seems the DPRK is completely geared to meet any nuclear eventuality and is enhancing its nuclear research to the danger level.

How has Kim come so far? One of the plausible reasons may be international pressure was relieved over him. North Korea continued its proliferation activities in all these years. Pyongyang carried out all internationally prohibited programmes and the US-led global pressure waned signifi-

While planning his moves, Kim is very cautious from the very beginning. He has remained below the threshold, knowing fully well that in 2017 his regime conducted a powerful ICBM test. And he saw the reactions emerging from different quarters of the world. Being the heir of a time-tested family of authoritarian chiefs, he could foresee how the international opinion can flow

against his ghettoised Communist regime.

Is there any chance that US-North Korea relations make any progress towards denuclearisation? Today the US State Department reiterated its past statements that it harboured no hostile intent towards North Korea and urged a return to dialogue at the earliest. But according to the Washington, Pyongyang has persistently ignored any such invitation for dialogue. In fact, the US called on North Korea to defund its nuclear and ballistic missile programme and prioritise the agenda to address the needs of the poor. However, the US and South Korean officials said they fear the launch of Hwasong-12 on January 30 could be a step towards fully resuming tests of North Koreas ICBM's and nuclear weapons. The real dan-

ger lies there only. In a nutshell, it can be concluded that a much larger escalation is on the horizon in the Korean peninsula. Kim is not backtracking from his nuclear agenda. It would be wiser on the part of President Biden and

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The problem called DPRK won't go away so easily. In fact, it is a part of a larger problem and power play of the US and China, in particular. Probably former American President George W Bush was apt in describing North Korea as "the crossroads of radicalism and technology". Now America's intention to call Kim for a talk without any condition might seem good for the region and for the international community. But how far that comes to reality will be watched over the next few months as President Biden is currently tied over the Ukraine crisis.

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### **PERSPECTIVE**

## Cong struggles to gain momentum in UP

The Congress has not be able to capitalise on the early groundwork done by Priyanka, and, therefore, it seems it has no hope this time. But If it continues to work in the same direction and is able to weave its own narrative, the 2024 polls may bring some surprise for political pundits



SAIYED ZEGHAM MURTAZA

Since her entry into active politics on January 23, 2019, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has left no stone unturned to revive the fortunes of the Congress in Uttar Pradesh. Everyone, even her political opponents in the State admire her energy and

Probably, she is the first leader from the Opposition to custodial death, crime against reach the needy. What elese the electorate expects from their leader? Yet, when it is time to reap the dividend of all her good work, it looks like her party has lost the momentum required to win the Assembly elections 2021 in UP.

For the last 32 years, the Congress is out of power in the State. Except for the 2009 general elections, the party hasn't seen a remarkable success in the State that offers 80 Lok Sabha seats to catch. Priyanka and her party know if the Congress has to return to

power at the Centre, UP is the doorway. Keeping that in mind, the Congress made her the State in-charge to revive the party organisation that exists only on papers. Priyanka is on the streets

for the last three years. Whether it be an atrocity against a Dalit, the incident of women, suppression of minorities, or the people movements Citizenship against Amendment Act and farm laws, she is seen everywhere fighting for the people.

She managed to earn sympathy and support for herself among the electorate of UP. She did it and even got some new and energetic faces in the party. The Congress and its leader in the State grabbed the headlines during this period but when the party is going to the examination room, it still seems a work in progress.

Has Congress lost its steam in UP?

It is too early to write off the prospects of the Congress in UP but it is too late to call it a major player. Alliances have been made, posts have been fixed and the electorate has chosen their sides. Election narratives in the State are revolving around two things, the politics of religious polarisation, and the battle of OBCs and SCs against the forward

Though unemployment, the condition of law and order in the State, and farm distress are still big issues, pollsters are suggesting a bipolar fight.

This means the Congress may have to wait its turn, at least till the next Lok Sabha polls in 2024. Now the question is where did the party fail to set its own narrative? The answer lies in the poor organisation, the activism style of politics,

and the poor second level of were a remarkable thing. But Likes of Jayant Chaudhary, leadership. In UP, people may admire activism, they may join as crowds, but when it comes to voting, the parties with strong organisations capitalise on all the dissent created. Obviously, it's the failure of all those who claim to be the eyes, ears, and working hands of their leader.

### Crafting the alliances and

distribution of tickets There is a huge dissent among OBCs, the SCs, the minorities, the working class, the trading community and the farmers of UP against the policies of the BJP-led State and

Union Governments. Keeping this in mind, the Congress made an early start to exploit the people's anger. People got attracted and there was mass support.

The huge crowds attending the political rallies of the party

for the last many years, the Congress failed to organise big rallies in the State. The party arranged the cadre train-

The leaders from other States were inducted. But this isn't enough. See the list of party candidates declared so far. This may have been done at least 6 months ago but barring a few names, all the candidates were left waiting till the last moment.

The Congress failed to read the aspirations of big faces and they defected at the last moment. For example, take the case of Imran Masood and Pankaj Malik. The Congress behaved like an ostrich, while they were looking for a new home for many months. Everyone in the State knew this, except the party

See the alliances in UP.

Omprakash Rajbhar, and Sanjay Nishad stitched the alliances that aren't their natural or first choice but an

Chandrasekhar Ravan is still without an alliance.

alternative.

Had the Congress cobbled alliances in time, and put the winnable faces on the ground earlier, the party would have been able to pose itself as a principal opposition to the

Akhilesh Yadav was nowhere in the scene some three months ago, but now he is riding on a winnable narrative. When the Congress was busy in activism or a sort of adventurism with the consultants imported from left parties and the advisers acquired from other parties, the Samajwadi Party silently gained the moment through alliances and

#### Is it late now for the Congress?

It's never late in politics. Elections are turned overnight but for crafting such magic, the party needs a strong cadre base. At present, only the BJP, the BSP, and the SP have such strength in the State. The election isn't over yet but for the Congress, it's time to realign its strategy and craft something new. Maybe not this time, but, if they continue working in the same momentum, the 2024 election may bring some surprise for the political pundits. Right now, we can say, the party will get rid of many leaders after March 10, and they will be fired for misleading their lead-

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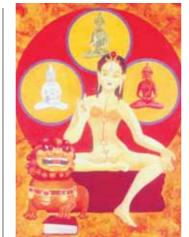




#### ARIES March 21-April 19

This week you are extraordinarily active on a mental level. You find that your drive to make things happen is ignited. Your analytical and reasoning powers are very strong, and you will not listen to others. You think what you say or what you do is right. Don't find faults in others. On the career front, some good news is on the cards. An out of the blue opportunity may surprise you. Your focussed attitude will help you to sail through difficult times. Avoid work politics. Deceit, clashes could be experienced this week in love matters. You could ruin the very things that you want the most such as close, intimate relationships with your friends and lover. Lack of communication and understanding could be harmful at this point.

Lucky number 28 Lucky colour Orange Lucky day Tuesday



#### **LEO** July 23-Aug 22

This week you are a quiet and keen observer. A positive outlook will change your perception of life. You feel healthier than ever. Spirituality and things will be moving along well, and you'll be feeling hopeful about the future. You may have to decide whether to put your energy into the things, people, and situations that you already are involved with. On the career front, you want your time and space and be in isolation for a while. You feel exhausted and tired. Financial and health worries overpower you. This is not the time to make decisions. The beginning of love, happiness and compassion is on the card. The start of a new relationship, be it a friendship or a romance will bring a smile to your face.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Camel brown Lucky day Sunday



#### **SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21

This week you will enjoy happiness, good health, and worldly pleasures. You will get inspired by everything around you. You will connect with Yoga, meditation. cosmic healing. Professionally, there is confusion in the mind, regarding two choices. You must choose between work and entertainment. This is the time to check out your priorities and responsibilities. You should make decisions for better work conditions and outputs. If you want to push for improved working conditions, stay away from tension and stress. Don't let negative forces bother you. On the personal front, look hard at yourself and analyse whether you are being realistic with regard to love. Don't spend too much time in self-pity or wishing your life away.

Lucky number 13 Lucky colour Turquoise Lucky day Friday



#### **TAURUS** April 20-May 20

This week you are feeling stuck or restricted in your life. Health issues seem to be out of control. There could be one after one problem on the health front You need an emotional release from whatever it is that is leaving you feeling stuck. Professionally, you are in an enjoyment mood and want to have blast. You spend some time to pamper yourself and to feel good and look good. Money is not a problem, earning will be good. This is a good time for home décor and spending on the domestic renovation. On the relationship front, messages of love and affection are likely to be coming your way. If you are single, a new suitor with whom you have a lot in common may come into your life.

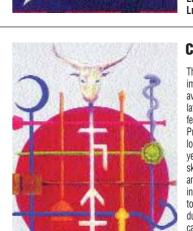
Lucky number 30 Lucky colour Green **Lucky day** Thursday



#### VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22

Running away from reality does not suit your personality. A change in environment will rejuvenate your health. Do not stress over unnecessary issues, it will not make any difference to the situation. On the career front, you are ready to confront any unfinished business. You are decisive and determined. You have reviewed your past experiences and have learned from them. All the pieces of the puzzle of your life are finally coming together to form one. On the personal front, it is good to listen to your mind than your heart. You find that your drive to make things happen is ignited. At home, your domineering attitude could make others irritated, and you may be left alone. Listen more and say less

Lucky number 12 Lucky colour White Lucky day Monday



#### CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19

This week you are thinking on the lines of selfimprovement. Plan a creative activity and get busy to avoid stress. The tension you have been experiencing offlately should be eased off. Don't hesitate to share your feelings with trusted ones or ask for help from them. Professionally, this is a very good time to start planning long term. Where do you want to be in the coming five years? How will you make it happen? Focus on your skills and potential. You have great expectations from life and are happy about the surprises it often brings. The investments you made in the past is likely to be returning to you with interest. An existing relationship may suffer due to a lack of understanding. Think calmly and carefully about what your limitations are in a relationship.

Lucky number 20 Lucky colour Sky Blue **Lucky day** Friday



#### **GEMINI** May 21-June 20

This week you can solve many problems with your wisdom. With your experience and maturity, you would be able to take hold of your life. Instead of being innovative, you will need to adapt to the existing set of beliefs and systems that are already in place. Follow the orthodox approach. On the career front, you may be your own worst enemy. How you speak your mind is as important as what you say. There may be some unfairness at play at work. Be sure that your behaviour is impeccable. Try to cut your unnecessary expenses. If you're already in a committed relationship the clear message is that trust is crucial. If you're feeling suspicious for some reason about your partner, make a point to talk about this even if it's difficult

Lucky number 14 Lucky colour Brown Lucky day Wednesday



#### LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

This week you will have to make some efforts to improve your health condition. You need more exercise under expert or nutritional guidance to make sure that you are eating better. Take control. This can be a very creative time for you. Enjoying yourself and your childlike energy will help to enrich your life. This week working environment will be friendly, consistent and this will increase your efficiency. You will enjoy working in a group and come out with productive results. You will be able to win the support of your senior. True love, balanced partnership, commitment, and all the good are easily available for you. You could expect a genuine and long-term relationship as the foundation of your love is very strong.

Lucky number 11 Lucky colour Pink Lucky day Monday



### **AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18

This is a good week. You will encounter new experiences and welcoming hosts who will embrace you and invite you into their world. Everything is starting to fall into place, and you can be one with the situation. On the career level, an enhanced status, promotion, or designation is on the cards. This week you are very sound and grounded therefore you are likely to take important decisions related to your career or relationship. You are hardworking and focused. Expect some stressful moments. Your abundance of energy and self-confidence will give you a boost to move ahead. On the personal front, you are charged with energy. You have great clarity on a situation and can now argue your case with the view to come out victorious.

Lucky number 10 Lucky colour Silver Lucky day Saturday



ast two years have been nerve-

wracking. Business has gone for

■a toss. Those who were support-

ive earlier, are getting distanced. Please

tell me when does destiny indicators turn

favourable? Do I need to do any puja or

problem faster." Someone came asking in

Well, destiny is a product of your

own doing and undoing. When faced

with challenges, and especially in the

event of failures, rather than looking at

our own fault lines, we feel it convenient

Three factors hold the key to our destiny

indications - Kala (overall environmen-

tal condition), Patra (personality traits),

and Samaya (the time line indicative of

good or bad events due in life). The for-

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ronmental condition is beyond our con-

trol, which will get over with time, such

as the ongoing pandemic. Nobody could

be spared of its impact. We shall have to

wanes out. Personality traits are though a

reflection of our Karmic carryover from

the past, but they can be suitably modi-

fied. Provided, you consciously look

intelligently and bravely face it, till it

to shift the blame on the call of destiny.

wear some gemstone to overcome my

a state of desperation.

### **CANCER** June 21-July 22

This week you will reap the results of your past efforts. You will be focused on the reality that life is a circle. What goes around always comes around. Remember that when you make a point to be nerous, whether, with time, energy, or money, that too is an investment in your future. Professionally, you may be inspired to start a creative project. You are at that point in your life where you feel comfortable with who you are and what you feel. You see new potential in allowing your creativity to flow. On the relationship front, if you are in love and decide to make him or her life partner, take the approval of your parents. You will be able to maintain relations with your seniors at home and take their blessings.

Lucky number 21 Lucky colour Peach Lucky day Tuesday



### SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21

Overall health remains good. You feel energetic and enthusiastic. There is a need for new things like better nutrition, new approaches, and new ideas. You are filled with positive energy throughout the week. Those who have recovered from serious ailment must do the followthrough. On the career front, if you are involved in any sort of competition then you are advised to keep a close eye out for any cheating. The bottom line is basically to cover your tail, make sure you are doing things the right way, and then you'll have nothing to worry about. You are not very vocal in a relationship. Express yourself to those you love by saying loving words. Your introvert and individual persona do not help you to get closer to someone you love.

Lucky number 31 Lucky colour Red Lucky day Wednesday



### PISCES Feb 19-March 20

This week health will be good. This is the time when you feel at your best, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Health, vitality, and inner vibrancy fill you with energy and inspiration. Some creative ideas will occupy your mind and shine bright. Females who are in the family way would feel healthier and nourished. Make sure you take adequate time for relaxation. Career-wise, there could be a phase in your life that begs you to bring some desirable changes in your career. You might not be satisfied with your current job, switching to a new job is likely. Some of you may opt for business, instead of a job. Don't ignore your personal life. Your loved ones mean to you. Take some time out and show your concern, let the heart speak louder than the mind.

Lucky number 22 Lucky colour Grey **Lucky day** Friday

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### **\STRO**TURF BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

within, identity and acknowledge your fault lines and then try to address them. You were not mindful about working upon your personality traits, and so you became a victim of your own making.

Sir, I was the same person when I was doing well, only the time has changed. Then, how do you hold me responsible for my failures?" The man countered. Well, when you begin, you move carefully. You weigh the options in hand conscientiously and try not to rough shoulders with others. But as you taste success, ego comes into play, when you don't remain alert about conducting mindfully. Your inherent habit tendencies begin to play out involuntarily. Unmindfully, you begin making indiscrete and ill-timed moves, and respond to external promptings on instinctive judgment. Over a period of time, as the load of your self-undoing acts become heavy, it makes you due for suffering. It is a result of your own doing and so can't blame time. Sometime back while looking at someone's chart, I was afraid that he may go through a bad spell of health as transit Saturn was placed adverse to his natal Sun (the health indicator). But nothing as such happened. Instead his



spiritual endeavour has begun bearing

Let us now have a look at the astrological pointers to his personality traits. Born in Sagittarius lagna, which by itself is enough to mean that he is tactless, undiplomatic and known for his ill-timed and indiscrete statements. That often hurts others. 8th lord Moon in lagna makes him habitually suspicious of others. The Sun, Moon, Mars and Rahu are placed adverse to each other. It, in the first place indicates that he is temperamental, moody, irritable, rash, impulsive, quarrelsome, argumentative and impatient. Second, he is susceptible to rough shoulders with others, if things don't move on expected lines, and invite conflicts. He, thus, comes under stress, when he may lose his sense or reasons and order, temporarily though. Third, he may unnecessarily misdirect his energies towards unproductive ends. If all that would not be enough, Saturn placed adverse to Mercury makes him an obstinate guy with a rigid one track mind, and overcritical of others. He, thus, is wanting in interpersonal relationship skills, which doesn't let him get along well with those around, and with obvious consequences.

As you sow, so you reap In terms of timing, his progressed lagna became adverse to natal Mars at the end of 52 years, which made him due for facing a challenging situation. Career indicating progressed meridian became adverse to Uranus, which made him due for unexpected and sudden turn of events of unfavourable nature. Transit Saturn came over his natal Moon and opposite Sun in January 2022. As Saturn moved further and became adverse to natal Mars and headless Ketu, the worst was to follow. See, how all the planets that hold the key to his negative habit tendencies cobbled up to cause adversity. If all that was not enough, pandemic broke, which further multiplied his problems.

But all said and done, have patience, work upon yourself, and in a year's time, you are expected to recover your lost ground. In so far as remedial measure is concerned, you need to appreciate that you yourself can solve the problems of mind genesis, which is applicable in your case. No external aid can enter your mind space to make necessary correction.

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