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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 all-women 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 Vellore Bird Sanctuary from Saturday.

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

Japur: 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 premises.

₹22,842 crore biggest bank fraud unearthed

CBI raids 13
spots, books
ABG Shipyard,
former CMD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 ten Executive Director Santhanam Muthaswamy, Directors Ashwini Kumar, Sushil Kumar Agarwal and Ravi Vimal



Netvetia, 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 statement.

The company was sanctioned 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," it said.

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

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 stand-off 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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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 "motivated comments." The strong statement came a day after a US Government body flagged the issue.

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



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

"Our constitutional framework 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 issue.

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International drug trafficking racket busted, 22 held

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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 DarkNet.

The NCB operation going on for the last four months led to simultaneous raids in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Assam, 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 buyers.

The anti-narcotics agency unearthed three major drug markets on the DarkNet/DarkWeb — DNM India, DRED, and The Orient Express — following a four-month operation in Delhi-NCR (National Capital 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 Singh.

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

In a sudden move apparently aimed at ending intra-party feud involving groups led by her nephew and MP Abhishek Banerjee and some senior leaders, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday dissolved all the top party posts and replaced it by a 20-member 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 Chatterjee and Firhad Hakim at the end of an "urgent meeting" called by the Chief Minister at her Kalighat residence 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,



and in that meeting, she has announced the new national working committee of the 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, Abhishek 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 heartland.

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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 Budget Session, Governor 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 dis-

continuing it for a period of time 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 recommendations seeking proroguing 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."

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

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Ishan Kishan and Deepak Chahar clinched the most 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



₹10.75 crore.

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, per-

forming consistently well for the side. Young pacer Prasad 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 deservedly 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 crore.

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 Indian players available in the market and currently playing white-ball cricket.

For Chennai Super Kings, the aim was to follow Mahendra Singh 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 auction.

"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 performed 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 auto-rickshaws taking the country



by storm. Way back in the 1970s and 1980s, the Chetak, 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 Akhundi near Pune. The National Network of

Doordarshan had approved my proposal to produce a 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 forget.

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BJP has unprecedented support: Modi

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

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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 Yogi’ hi,” Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is battling 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,” he said,

The prime minister further said, “People have decided to vote for the BJP in Uttar Pradesh because the Yogi government has ended the mafia raj 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 BJP because they do not want riots to take place anymore.”

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,” he said.

“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 out.

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 friends 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 call-

ing it a vaccine of the BJP and obstructing our mission through their misinformation campaign against the indigenous vaccines,” 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 would wipe out the BJP in the

‘Electorate has delivered its verdict in 1st phase polling’

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

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-

paigning in Budaun.

“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 minister 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 momentum 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 country.

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 modesty’

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 weak.

gathered for Namaz in the mosque located on the AMU campus and after the prayers, everyone’s voices united in support of Hijab.

Compensation amount for J&K soldiers martyred outside UT increased

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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.

The decision was 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 the last rites.

“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 said.

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 administration, 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

will be dealt with strictly as per the Constitution,” he said.

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

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 where people live 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 basis,” he said.

Earlier, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha also laid the foundation stone for the Tawi Riverfront development project.

The Lt Governor observed that civilizations have prospered on the banks of rivers. “Sustenance and rejuvenation

of Tawi riverfront will create an economic engine for the holy city and generate employment opportunities for local communities”.

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 said.

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

India slams nations...

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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 Chinese armies for the last two

years.

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 Ladakh.

Mamata dissolves top posts...

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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

led by Hakim and Chatterjee who 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 avoided most of the questions giving a small replay was Hakim himself. 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 witnessing 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 the organizational matters. One fallout of the ongoing rift is the alleged differences between Prashant Kishor the chief of poll consultancy I-PAC (loyal to Abhishek Banerjee) and the other senior leaders.

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3	2022 PWPIU 182402_1	CONSTRUCTION OF 6 CLASS ROOMS (CAPACITY- 100 SEAT PER CLASS ROOM) (ONLY GROUND FLOOR) FOR HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT DEGREE COLLEGE BINAGANG DISTRICT GUNA M.P. FIRST CALL	GUNA	267.66 LAC	267660/-	15000/-	18 MONTH	--do--
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Govt eases norms for recruitment of more women as bus drivers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government on Saturday 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 (DIMITS) and also open door for women



to be employed within 15000 strong workforce of bus drivers within state transportation.

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

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 the test.

Helping Delhi Govt school students prepare for board exams

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Just a few days after, the Central Board of Secondary Education (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 statement.

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 Monday.

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 discussing.

"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 foundational activities," Delhi government said in a statement.

Delhi government schools

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 well-being in the first two weeks.

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

2 held in snatching case in Anand Vihar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested two 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-rickshaw 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-

metres.

Police found that the accused used to 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 DCP.

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

on Friday and spotted the accused persons on the same bike coming from Akshardham 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

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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 cent.

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 qual-



ity index (AQI) read 159 at 8.30 pm.

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

A day after the roof collapse incident 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.

The residents also 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 section 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 Bhat, 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 comprehensive steps for all colonies where such structures are there. We will frame some good things for the betterment of the residents," Bhat said.

Meanwhile, the residents said they have no faith in the district administration and police so a detailed inquiry should be conducted by the CBI.

"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 moments.

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

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 recover."

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 manifestos.

Addressing the media, former MLA and senior party leader Anil Bhardwaj said that 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,

with empty rhetoric.

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 during the pandemic as they could not access 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 students.

EDMC names Raghunath Marg to Village Ghodli Ram Chander Marg



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

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 Mayor Sunder Aggarwal and area councillor Sandeep Kapur was present 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 official.

2 hurt as property dispute leads to violence in City

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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

Two people were injured and admitted to the GTB Hospital.

Police have registered a case and arrested one of the four identified accused, named

Jagat (62). The accused put up boards of 'advocate' and 'Bharatiya Janata Party' in vehicles and the police said they will take up the matter with BJP officials and the bar council.

According to the police, Jagat and his associates allegedly thrashed some relatives over a property dispute on Friday, video clips of which were widely circulated on social media.

Water supply to Shalimar Park, other areas affected due to repair work: DJB

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

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 Saturday.

In a tweet, it said, "URGENT UPDATE: Jal Vihar water main was damaged yesterday by DMRC at Zafarabad 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 site.

Meanwhile, the DMRC issued a statement, saying, "A water pipeline at Zafarabad 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 notification on this likely by Sunday.

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, Khan 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 yet 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 the information regarding the 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 two years. **PTI**

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-in-charge 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. **PTI**

Af protests US order to give \$3.5bn to 9/11 victims

AP ■ KABUL

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 international money stopped



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

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 bal-

ance 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 Arab 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 spokesman Mohammad Naem 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 generated a social media storm with Twitter saying #USA_stole_money_from_afgh 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 and that #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 Taliban in 2001.

Biden frees frozen Afghan billions for relief, 9/11 victims

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

through the courts.

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

by the 2001 attacks.

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

AP ■ WASHINGTON

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

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imposed lockdowns on residential buildings wherever clusters of infections are identified, and had already banned public dining after 6

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

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UK PM contacted by police over 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 lockdowns, his office said Saturday.

If he is found to have broken his government's own COVID rules, the 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 “partygate” affair.

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 attempting to cling to power if he is found to have broken rules.

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	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)
Total Income from Operations	26.89	24.11	80.36		
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)		
Notes:					
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of the unaudited financial Results for the third 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).					
2. The above unaudited financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on 11th February, 2022.					
For MOULIN COMMERCIAL LIMITED Sd/- Ashish Gupta Managing Director DIN -00115090					
Place: Delhi Date: 11.02. 2022					

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: 91-9953896941, EMAIL: info@meyerapparel.com, WEBSITE: www.meyerapparel.com						
EXTRACT OF THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 Rs. In Lakh						
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Month Ended	
		December 31, 2021 Un-audited	September 30, 2021 Un-audited	December 31, 2020 Un-audited	December 31, 2021 Un-audited	March 31, 2021 Audited
1	Total income from operations	124.85	228.05	163.79	396.44	349.31
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(35.36)	5.21	(18.53)	(50.57)	(144.63)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(35.36)	5.21	(11.92)	(50.57)	(164.31)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	(35.36)	5.21	(11.92)	(50.57)	(164.31)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	(36.11)	5.05	(3.99)	(51.06)	(153.15)
6	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
7	Other Equity					
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 3/- each)					
	Basic	(0.04)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.18)
	Diluted	(0.04)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.06)	(0.18)
NOTES:						
1. 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 th February 2022.						
2. 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 Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly and yearly Financial Result is available on the Stock Exchange's website: www.bseindia.com and also on the Company's website, namely: www.meyerapparel.com.						
For and on behalf of the Board Sd/- (Gajender Kumar Sharma) Whole Time Director DIN: 08073521						
Place : Gurugram Dated : 12 th February 2022						

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

Tender No./ 412 /CGPHC/Bldg/2022 Dated: 11 / 02 /2022

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

Managing Director

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

DATE: 13.12.2021

OA No. 99/19

STATE BANK OF INDIA

VERSUS

MR. SANJEEV INDERJEET SHARMA & ANR.

...RESPONDENT

To,

DEFENDANT

2. 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 the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by 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 case will be heard and determined in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software:
CIN :L34102DL1985PLC020156
Email: sidhinda1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhgroup.in

Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31st December, 2021 (Amount in Rs.)

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

Particulars	Quarter Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Nine Months ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	287,750.00	744,300	0
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit/(Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)
Equity Share Capital	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year	-	0	0
Earnings Per equity Share (of Rs.10/each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
(a)Basic:	0.01	(0.15)	(0.26)
(b)Diluted:	0.01	(0.15)	(0.26)

Notes:

1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 12th day of February, 2022.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

3. The full format of the Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website i.e. www.sidhgroup.in.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED
Sd/-
(ANIL SHARMA)
DIRECTOR
DIN: 02982840

Date : 12.02.2022
Place : Delhi

SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED				
Registered Office: R-13, S/F GREATER KAILASH-I NEW DELHI -110048 CIN :L34102DL1985PLC020156 Email: sidhinda1985@gmail.com, website: www.sidhgroup.in				
Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31 st December, 2021 (Amount in Rs.)				
Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended 31 st December, 2021				
Particulars	Quarter Ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Nine Months ended 31-12-2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31-03-2021 (Audited)	
Total income from operations (net)	287,750.00	744,300	0	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)	
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Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)	
Total Comprehensive Income (Comprising Profit/(Loss) after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax)	38,610.00	(445,475.00)	(763,788.00)	
Equity Share Capital	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	29,623,000.00	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year	-	0	0	
Earnings Per equity Share (of Rs.10/each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)				
(a)Basic:	0.01	(0.15)	(0.26)	
(b)Diluted:	0.01	(0.15)	(0.26)	
Notes:				
1. The above result was taken on record by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 12 th day of February, 2022.				
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015.				
3. The full format of the Quarter and Nine Months Unaudited Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and Company's website i.e. www.sidhgroup.in.				
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors SIDH AUTOMOBILES LIMITED Sd/- (ANIL SHARMA) DIRECTOR DIN: 02982840				
Date : 12.02.2022 Place : Delhi				

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 quarter ended December 31, 2021			
Particulars	Quarter ended	Year ended	(INR in millions)
	31 December 2021 (Unaudited)	31 March 2021 (Audited)	
Total Income from Operations	334	1,461	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	86	311	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	86	311	
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	68	365	
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	68	365	
Paid up Equity Share Capital	133	133	
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	2,560	2,336	
Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures	1,144	1,144	
Share premium	1,200	1,200	
Net worth**	3,837	3,613	
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	6,270	6,448	
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.51	2.55	
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	2.98	15.97	
2. Diluted :	2.98	15.97	
Debtenture Redemption Reserve *	286	304	
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	0.44	1.72	
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.92	2.21	
Notes :			
1. 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).			
2. 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.			
3. 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".			
4. 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.			
5. 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.			
6. 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/DHSC/CIR/2021/0000000637 dated October 5, 2021.			
7. 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.			
8. 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 0.35 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.			
9. 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 with that of previous year.			
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 (Sd/-) Rahul Jain Managing Director, DIN : 07641897			
Place : Gurugram Date : 12 th February 2022			

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

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

"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 corporate world.

"The doyen 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 said in a statement. **PTI**

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, CII.

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 official.

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 (Bajaj) 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 pro-pounded 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. **PTI**

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 in a tweet.

Bajaj (83) died on Saturday due to age-related illness. He was not

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. **PTI**

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 than 3.40 lakh members and over 7 lakh students, according to a release. They took charge on Saturday.

Mitra, who 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 Company Secretary. **PTI**

ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited		
CIN No. : U40300DL2019PTC347300		
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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 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2021 (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
Securities 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	–
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.81	–

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 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.
- Crisl Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CRISIL A" with watch positive outlook.
- 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.
- 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 year. The Company is closely monitoring developments, its operations, liquidity and capital resources and is actively working to minimise the impact of the unprecedented situation.
- 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 dated October 5, 2021.
- 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 monthly 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/>.

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

ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited		
CIN No. : U40101DL2012PLC236227		
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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 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2021 (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
Securities 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 on February 12, 2022.
- 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 Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating 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 National Stock Exchange of India Limited at <https://www.nseindia.com> and the website of the Company at <https://renewpower.in/jath-svp>.

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

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

New Delhi: Union Labour Minister Bhupendra 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 five.

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."

He 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 added.

It is objective of the 'Fit India' movement that all 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 associations and trade unions to 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 June 21.

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. Noting the disparity in scales of medical 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 Ayushman 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 will be taken care off and 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. **PTI**

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निर्माण विभाग, (वि. या.) मंडल, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)

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नि.आयू. दिनांक 07/02/2022 तथा डाउनलोड की अंतिम तिथि 23/02/2022

ऑनलाईन निविदा प्रथम आमंत्रण

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Reliance aims to be world's largest blue hydrogen maker

New Delhi: Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries 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 average.

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 separation plan.

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 dispersed in the atmosphere.

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

Reliance, which has set a net-zero carbon emission target for its businesses by 2035, is looking at blue hydrogen in the interim period to reduction in cost of 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 commission estimated the cost of blue hydrogen at about USD 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 renewables infrastructure.

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

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No.SSA/Esst/Gunotsav/PPE/55/2022/8922 Date: 11.02.2022

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites e-tender through e-Tendering process from reputed agency having in execution of pre and post examination related work i.e. scanning of OMR using ICR/OCR/OMR technology and creation of database with necessary validation, Evaluation of Answer script etc. for Pre and Post Examination related activities, Gunotsav, 2022.

To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document, bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal <https://assamtenders.gov.in> by themselves.

The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website <https://assamtenders.gov.in>, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

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

Janasanyog/CF/3314/21

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IAN S ■ BENGALURU

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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 batter 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 IPL 2021.

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

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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 season, are now in the same IPL side.

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 crores.

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 Karthik.

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

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IAN S ■ 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, 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 wicket-keeper-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).

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 journey! Welcome to the Giants, QuintON de Kock!". The South African's price was prominently marked in the same place where the postage stamp denominations are

printed.

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 Hooda!"

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

The 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 Games.

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 program.



Australia aiming for another commanding performance vs Sri Lanka

IAN S ■ SYDNEY

Australia will aim to build on their 1-0 series lead 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 rain-interrupted 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.

For Sri Lanka, the bowlers performed 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 performance 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.

Saketh, Ramkumar win doubles crown

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IAN S ■ BENGALURU

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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 Bornu 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 clash.

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 first 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-Bornu 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-Saketh Myneni (IND) / Ramkumar Ramanathan (IND) bt Hugo Grenier (FRA)/Alexandre Muller (FRA) 6-3, 6-2.

Mumbai, Odisha lock horns in battle for top-four berth



IAN S ■ FATORDA (GOA)

Reigning champions Mumbai City RFC 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

at the PJN 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 hurtle them back into the mix with the

added advantage of having more games in hand than the likes of Hyderabad FC and Bengaluru FC.

In Odisha, Mumbai will face an opponent brimming with confidence 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 back in the top four.

"Every game is very different. 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 Buckingham said. Mountada 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.

Khadka takes top honours in Pre-Qualifying III

IAN S ■ AHMEDABAD

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 here.

Pune's Pravin Pathare (70-75) and Gurugram-based amateur Daksh Shokeen (71-74) finished tied second at one-over 145.

From a total field of 96 in Pre Qualifying III, the top 27 players qualified for the Final Qualifying Stage as the cut was declared at 11-over 155.

Twenty-seven-year-old Girraj Singh Khadka, who was overnight tied eighth and three off the lead, sank two long birdie putts on the third and fifth before dropping a double-bogey on the seventh, according to a release by the PGTI on Saturday.

Hockey India names 65 players for junior men's national camp

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IAN S ■ 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 probabilities 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

will be quite helpful for us in determining the talents who are ready to move up to the 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 added. **Goalkeepers:**

Amritpal Singh, Bikramjit Singh, Deepak, Himwaan Sihag, Mohith HS, Sahil, Prathik Nigam, Ankit Malik. **Defenders:** Sharda Nand Tiwari, Waribam Niraj Kumar Singh, Akashdeep Singh, Sunil Jojo, Cyril Lugun, Albert Ddungdung, Amandeep Lakra, Aravind, Atish Dodrai, Gujot Singh, Kaviarasan R, Navjot Singh, Pritam Toppo, Ravneet Singh, Rohit, Sachin Ddungdung.

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, Aarajjeet Singh Hundal, Sudeep Chirmakal, Dhandeep, Bobby Singh, Dhami, Aditya Lalage, Agand Bir Singh, Arun Sahani, Bhavin Kushalappa KR, Birsra Oreyala, 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

■ 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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to mention some projects with 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.

Set in the picturesque city of Lucknow, the show follows Mannameshwar 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 Joyousree 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.

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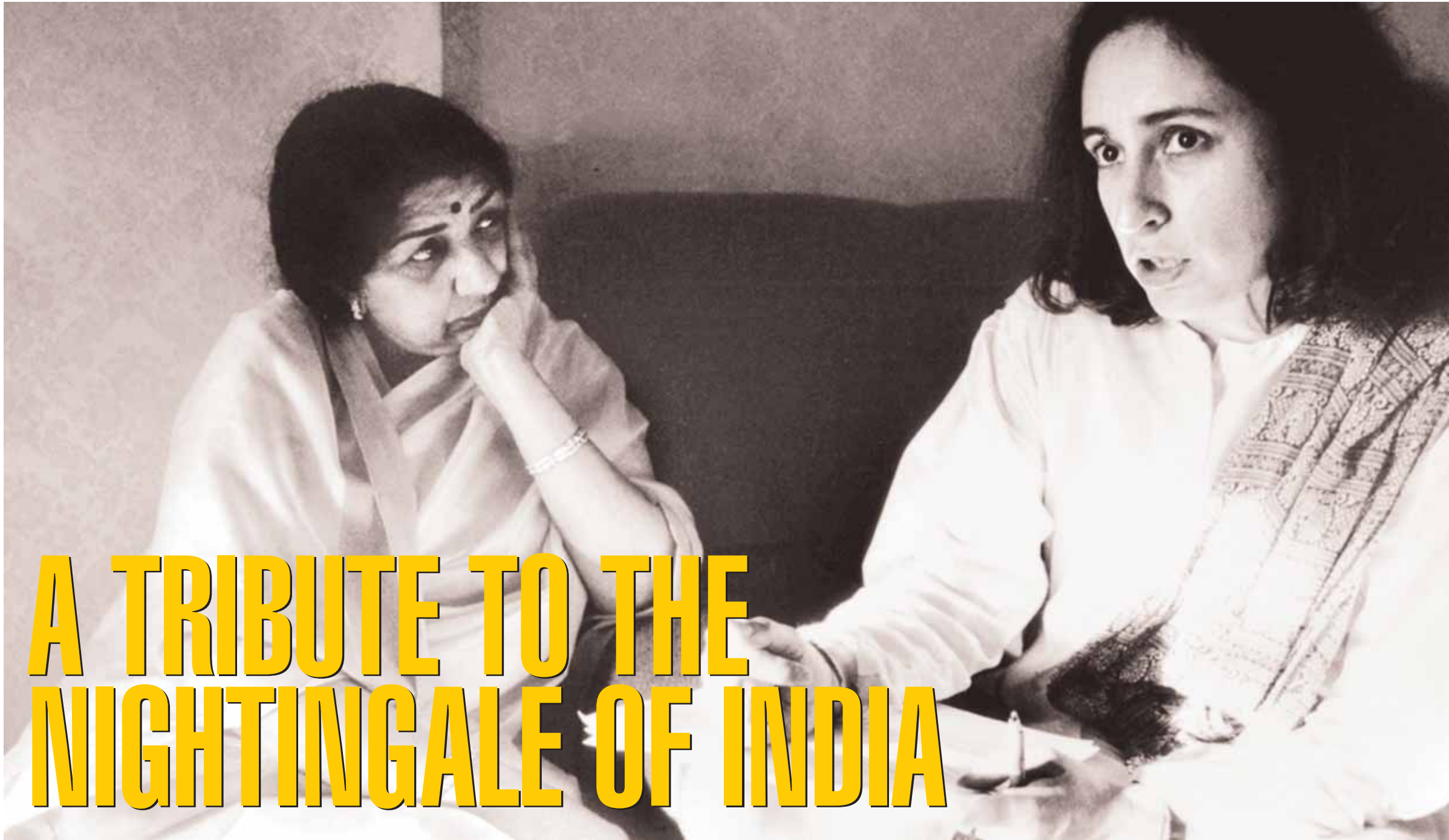


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As you sow, so you reap

Personality traits are though a reflection of our Karmic carryover from the past, but they can be suitably modified

I actually learned that you should never give up, and if you love something, take courage and absolutely go after it
— Jessica Jung



With Nasreen Munni Kabir during the making of *Lata In Her Own Voice* (1991). Photo credit: Peter Chappell

A TRIBUTE TO THE NIGHTINGALE OF INDIA

Since 1949, when Lata Mangeshkar was first noticed for her extraordinary singing talent in the *Mahal* song ‘*Aayega aane wala*,’ 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:

Lata 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.

Since 1949, when she was first noticed for her extraordinary singing talent in the song ‘*Aayega aane wala*’ from the film *Mahal*, Lata Mangeshkar’s voice has taken firm hold of the Indian imagination. The haunting and timeless quality of the song itself — brought alive through the tuneful purity of her voice and flawless phrasing — had an instant and profound impact on all who heard it. For countless millions, Lata Mangeshkar continues to embody an emotional experience through her solos and duets with Mohammed Rafi, Kishore Kumar or Mukesh. Her songs transcend all barriers of language, region and religion — and her spirituality is present in equal measure whether she is

singing a *bhajan* or a *naat*.

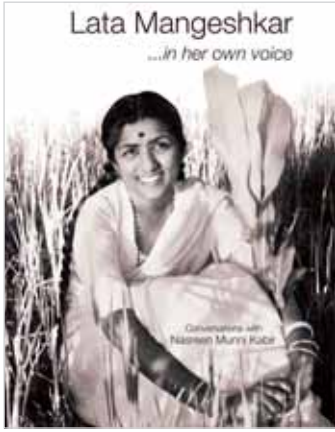
For decades, she was the most sought-after singer, and every top actress, from Nargis, Madhubala, Meena Kumari, Nutan to Madhuri Dixit, wanted Lata as their voice. She remains a widely respected figure in the Indian film industry and is affectionately called ‘Didi’ [elder sister] by all. Lata Mangeshkar 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 be apparent.

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 aane wala*,’ 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 sitaare
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 hamaare
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 my heart
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 response.

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.

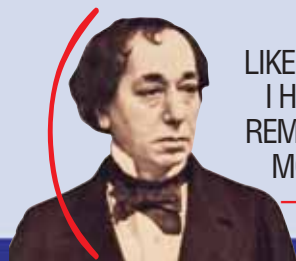
There are many examples in which we see how Lataji’s singing enhances the impact of a scene. Think of Nargis miming ‘*O mere laal aaja*’ in *Mother India* or Meena Kumari in ‘*Chalte chalte*’ in *Pakeezah*, or Nutan in ‘*Suno chhoti si gudiya ki lambi kahaani*’ in *Seema*. An interesting question to 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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LIKE ALL GREAT TRAVELLERS,
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— BENJAMIN DISRAELI



INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET

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

Cool air hits my face with force as I hold on tightly to the ropes of my tandem paramotor ride. 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 seekers on ground extends longer than 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 to resist.

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



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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 colors 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.

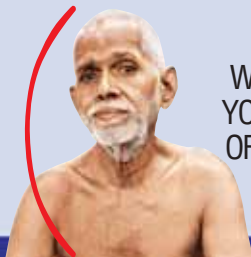
The drive to the eco resort is a scenic one, especially closer to the evening. The landscape changes gradually from the roadside markets to the forested quiet that surrounds the dam

area. At the resort, an Odia *thaali* awaits me. The Odia food is simple and wholesome. Executive chef Surya 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, I 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.

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WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING
YOURSELF, WHAT IS THE USE
OF TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
THE WORLD?
— RAMANA MAHARSHI



**YOUR
WEEK
AHEAD**

MADHU KOTIYA



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 self-improvement. Plan a creative activity and get busy to avoid stress. The tension you have been experiencing off-lately 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



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 generous, 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 follow-through. 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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ASTROTURF
BHARAT BHUSHAN PADMADEO

As you sow, so you reap

“Last two years have been nerve-racking. Business has gone for a toss. Those who were supportive earlier, are getting distanced. Please tell me when does destiny indicators turn favourable? Do I need to do any *puja* or wear some gemstone to overcome my problem faster?” Someone came asking in a state of desperation.

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 to shift the blame on the call of destiny. Three factors hold the key to our destiny indications — *Kala* (overall environmental condition), *Patra* (personality traits), and *Samaya* (the time line indicative of good or bad events due in life). The former two drive the third. The overall environmental condition is beyond our control, which will get over with time, such as the ongoing pandemic. Nobody could be spared of its impact. We shall have to intelligently and bravely face it, till it wanes out. Personality traits are though a reflection of our Karmic carryover from the past, but they can be suitably modified. Provided, you consciously look

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 fruits.

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.

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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