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MONTH HIGH IN JAN**New Delhi:** Driven by rising prices certain food items, retail inflation soared to a seven-month high of 6.01 per cent in January, breaching the upper tolerance level of the Reserve Bank.DELIVERY BOY
FELICITATED**Mumbai:** A delivery boy was on Monday felicitated by a senior defence official for saving the life of a retired Army officer, who was seriously ill, by taking him to a hospital quickly during a traffic jam in Mumbai.ISRO SUCCESSFULLY
LAUNCHES EOS-04**Sriharikota:** Marking the first launch mission of the year 2022, Indian Space Research Organisation's earth observation satellite EOS-04 and two small satellites were successfully placed into the intended orbit by the PSLV-C52 rocket on Monday, a feat described by the ISRO as a "marvellous accomplishment".SHIV SENA MP GETS
ONE-YEAR IN JAIL**Palghar:** A court at Palghar in Maharashtra on Monday sentenced local Shiv Sena MP Rajendra Gavit to one-year imprisonment after convicting him in a cheque bouncing case and directed him to pay the compensation of ₹ 1.75 crore.

Moderate turnout in UP, impressive in Goa

U'khand sees around 60 per cent polling

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT/PNS ■ LUCKNOW/DEHRADUN/PANJIM

Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand saw moderate voter turnout of around 60 per cent in the Monday's Assembly polls, but Goa recorded a whopping 79 per cent polling.

The second phase of the UP polls was a repeat of the first phase with visible lack of enthusiasm among the voters. The State recorded 60.69 per cent voter turnout till 6 pm on Monday for 55 out of 403 seats. In 2017 Assembly elections, 67 per cent voter turnout was recorded in second phase of elections.

An average voter turnout of 39.07 per cent was recorded till 1 pm on Monday in Uttar Pradesh as polling picked up pace after a slow start. In the first phase of Assembly elections for 58 Assembly constituencies on February 10,



Citizens wait to cast their vote at a polling booth, during the second phase of Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, in Moradabad, on Monday PTI

Uttar Pradesh recorded a voter turnout of over 60 per cent.

UP's chief electoral officer (CEO) Ajay Kumar Shukla said the total voter's turnout will increase as the polling commenced at 7 am and ended at 6 pm. He said all the voters who were present at the polling station at 6 pm will be allowed to cast their votes as per the directions of the Election Commission of India.

The CEO said the polling was peaceful in all 55 Assembly

constituencies spread in nine districts and there was no report of untoward incident from any district. He said 56,319 ballot papers were issued and 47,615 were cast in all 55 constituencies.

As many as 586 candidates are in the fray in this phase with the seats spread across Saharanpur, Bijnor, Moradabad, Sambhal, Rampur, Amroha, Budaun, Bareilly and Shahjahanpur. This includes 69 women candidates and 116 candidates from SC. The con-

stituencies with high number of candidates are Kaanath 25, Bareilly cantt 135 and lowest number of candidates was in Bhojpur in Bareilly district. He said of the total 586 candidates, 148 candidates have criminal background.

The CEO said for conducting free and fair polls, web casting and videography was done at 12,228 polling stations and it was monitored by the district election officer and at the office of the chief electoral officer.

Some of the prominent candidates contesting in the second phase of elections on Monday include SP leader Azam Khan (Rampur) and State Ministers Baldev Singh Aulakh (Bilaspur) and Suresh Khanna (Bilaspur).

In the Nakud Assembly seat, the BJP will face competition from its former leader and former State Minister Dharam Singh Saini, who jumped ship to the SP. The saffron party has fielded Mukesh Chaudhary against Saini.

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BJP will build drugs-free, debt-free Punjab: Modi

PNS ■ JALANDHAR/CHANDIGARH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing his first election rally at Jalandhar on Monday after the alleged "security breach" incident in Ferozepur the previous month, promised a "nawan Punjab" saying the BJP-led Government in the State would build a new "drugs-free" and "debt-free" Punjab.

"Our party will work for a drug-free Punjab," said Modi, while coining a new slogan for his party's campaign, "Nava Punjab, BJP de naal, Nava Punjab, nayi team de naal", in apparent reference to BJP's new allies — former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Rajya Sabha member Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa.

Modi heaped praises on Capt Amarinder and Dhindsa, adding that their support and experience would help the BJP in forming the Government in the State. "The NDA will form Government in Punjab, and nava Punjab will be free from debts," Modi said, adding that the "double engine Government" will work for the State.

"I have worked for



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with former Punjab Chief Minister & Punjab Lok Congress President Captain Amarinder Singh and others during a rally ahead of the Punjab Assembly elections, in Jalandhar, on Monday PTI

Punjab...I want to serve Punjab by making it drug-free...I understand your pain...I want to give a safe environment for the youth of Punjab," he said.

Modi said, "In Punjab, the NDA alliance will form Government. In Punjab, a new chapter of development will start. I want to assure the people, especially the youth, that for their brighter future, we will not leave any stone unturned."

Making a scathing attack on the Congress party a day

after Priyanka Gandhi defended the party's decision to remove Capt Amarinder from the Chief Minister's post, Modi said, "The Congress removed Capt Amarinder when it could no longer run the Government with a remote control... Actually, the Centre and Capt Amarinder Government were working in tandem for Punjab but the Congress party started creating obstacles, and ultimately removed him from the post."

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Bihar liquor law comes under SC scanner

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday directed the Bihar Government to file a response within three weeks on the pleas challenging the Constitutional validity of its stringent liquor law and also ordered the transfer of similar petitions to itself from the Patna High Court.

"As the identical issue is pending consideration before this court, it is appropriate that the other writ petitions filed before the high court need to be transferred and heard along with the SLP pending here, The transfer petition is allowed," said the bench which comprised Justices AM Khanwilkar and CT Ravikumar.

The bench was hearing three petitions on the issue, including the one filed by the International Spirits and Wines Association of India. The bench said the issue in all the petitions pertained to the validity of the Act and asked the State Government, represented by senior advocate Ranjit Kumar, to file the reply within three weeks and list the cases



for hearing the first week of April.

"This is all about the validity of the Act. The reply has been filed before the Patna High Court and now it cannot be improved. You file your affidavit. Same arguments, same affidavit and same material will be relevant in all the cases as the validity is under challenge in all of them," the bench said.

On January 27, another bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana had refused to entertain a plea of the Bihar Government seeking an observation that it did not make any remark on January 11 on the validity of a provision of the State liquor law, prohibiting the grant of anticipatory bail.

The apex court had approved orders of the Patna

High Court granting pre-arrest bail in such cases.

The top court, on January 11, had dismissed 40 appeals of the State Government challenging the grant of anticipatory bail to accused under stringent State law, the Bihar Prohibition and Excise Act, 2016, saying these matters have choked courts and 14-15 Patna High Court judges are hearing these cases only.

As per a recent report of the Patna High Court Registry, presently 39,622 bail applications, which include 21,671 anticipatory and 17,951 regular bail applications, are pending before the assigned benches. Further, 36,416 fresh bail applications, including 20,498 anticipatory and 15,918 regular bail applications are yet to be taken up. As per the State's police records, 3,48,170 cases were lodged and 4,01,855 arrests were made under the Bihar Prohibition and Excise law until October last year. Around 20,000 bail pleas in such cases are pending disposal in the high court or in district courts.

Cong can go its own way, we will go ours: Mamata

TMC chief reaches out to TN, Telangana CMs

PNS NEW DELHI ■ KOLKATA

After reaching out to non-BJP Chief Ministers MK Stalin and K Chandrasekhar Rao and other regional parties to formulate an alliance against BJP, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday once again took on the Congress saying "Congress can go its own way".

Mamata, who has intensified her efforts to form a coalition of Opposition parties,, claimed no regional outfit is on friendly terms with the main Opposition party. Interestingly, the Congress is an alliance partner of the DMK in Tamil Nadu. "The Congress can go its way, we will go ours," Mamata asserted during a media interaction.

The TMC chief said she had asked the Congress and the Left to come together with other Opposition parties against the BJP but they did not



pay heed.

"It's the duty of those who claim themselves to be secular to bring everyone on one platform. I had asked the Congress and the CPI(M) to join hands... If they do not listen, there is nothing that I can do," she said.

Mamata approached Stalin and Rao on Sunday to set up meetings of Opposition Chief Ministers. She is also expected to get in touch with Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Jharkhand CM in the next couple of days. She has already

expressed her solidarity with former UP CM Akhilesh Yadav by campaigning for him earlier this month.

"The country's federal structure has been bulldozed... The country's Constitution is being demolished. We all need to come together to protect it," Mamata said after her party TMC swept the elections to four municipal corporations in Bengal, dealing yet another body blow to the BJP after the saffron party's humiliation in the Assembly elections in 2021.

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TMC romps home in local elections

PNS ■ KOLKATA

Picking up from where it left in the last year's Assembly elections, the ruling Trinamool Congress on Monday registered a thumping victory in municipal corporation elections of Siliguri, Asansol, Bidhannagar and Chandannagar.

The biggest news was that the TMC not only wrested Siliguri corporation from the Left but it also defeated the sitting MLA of the BJP Shankar Ghosh from a local ward. Ghosh won the Siliguri seat in last year's elections.

In Siliguri, the party won 37 seats while the BJP, the Left and the Congress won 5, 4 and 1 each in that order, while in Asansol the victory was more profound with the ruling outfit winning 91 seats. The BJP won 7 and the Left and the Congress won 2 and 3 respectively.

In Chandannagar, the TMC won 31 seats. The Left won 1 and the BJP and the Congress could win none whereas in Bidhannagar adja-



TMC supporters celebrate during counting day of municipal election, at Salt Lake in Kolkata, on Monday PTI

cent to Kolkata TMC won 39 seats. Neither the BJP nor the Left could win a single seat whereas the Congress managed to win only one seat.

Thanking the people for the stupendous victory Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "It is once again an overwhelming victory of Ma, Mati, Manush. My heartiest congratulations to the people of Asansol, Bidhannagar, Siliguri and Chandannagar for having put their faith and confidence in All India Trinamool Congress candidates in the municipal corporation elections."

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Turkish airlines former chairman appointed CEO, MD of Air India

New Delhi: Former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci, a political science researcher, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Air India. He will assume his new responsibilities on or before April 1. Tata Sons on Monday announced the appointment of Ayci as the CEO and MD of Air India.

"The Air India board met this (Monday) afternoon to consider the candidature of Ilker Ayci and after due deliberations approved the appointment of Ayci as the CEO & MD of Air India," Tata Sons said in a statement. Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran was a special invitee to this board meeting, it added. The statement also added that Ayci's appointment to the new position is subject to requisite regulatory approvals.

Ayci was born in Istanbul in 1971. He is 1994 a alumnus of Bilkent University's Department of Political Science



and Public Administration. After a research stay on political science at the Leeds University in the UK in 1995, he completed an International Relations Master's programme at the Marmara University in Istanbul in 1997.

On this occasion, Ayci, said, "I am delighted and honoured to accept the privilege of leading an iconic airline and to join the Tata Group. Working closely with my colleagues at Air India and the leadership of the Tata Group, we will utilise the strong heritage of Air India to make it one of the best airlines in the world with a uniquely superior flying experience that reflects Indian warmth and hospitality."

Sensex plunges 1,747 points as Ukraine row roils global markets

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The BSE benchmark Sensex plunged 1,747 points while the Nifty crashed below the 17,000-level on Monday as escalating Russia-Ukraine tensions sparked a retreat from riskier assets globally.

A depreciating rupee and foreign fund outflows added to the gloom, traders said.

Plunging for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex nosedived 1,747.08 points or 3 per cent to settle at 56,405.84. This was its biggest single-day drop since February 26, 2021.

On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty plummeted 531.95 points or 3.06 per cent to 16,842.80 -- closing below the key 17,000-level for the first time this year.

The Sensex has now lost 2,520.19 points in just two sessions. Investors have lost more than ₹ 12.38 lakh crore in two days, with the market capitalisation of all BSE-listed firms standing at ₹ 2,55,42,725.42 crore.



On the Sensex chart, barring TCS, all shares closed with steep to moderate losses on Monday. Tata Steel was the biggest laggard, tumbling 5.49 per cent, followed by HDFC, SBI, ICICI Bank, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Bank and Maruti.

"Increased tension between the US and Russia over Ukraine sent oil prices rising and forced investors to dump risky assets. Risk sentiment was further dampened ahead of the Fed's emergency meeting which heightened fears of aggressive monetary tightening.

"On the domestic front, the annual WPI inflation eased marginally to 12.96 per cent in January from 13.56 per cent in

December, but still high, amid moderation in the fuel and power prices," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Ajit Mishra, VP, Research, Religare Broking, said, "As anticipated, global cues are now dictating the trend and the prevailing geopolitical tension between Russia and Ukraine combined with a steady uptick in crude is not going well with the participants. After weeks of consolidation, we feel bears are now in a more commanding position and likely to push the index further lower."

All 19 BSE sectoral indices suffered losses, with realty, metal and banking plummeting over 5 per cent.

Broader smallcap, midcap and largecap indices shed as much as 4.15 per cent.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses closed deep in the red after concerns that Russia may soon invade Ukraine, which also sent oil prices soaring.

K'taka HC full bench resumes hearing on hijab petitions

IANS ■ BENGALURU

A full bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justice Krishna S Dixit and Justice Khaji Jaibunnisa Mohiyuddin on Monday resumed hearing of petitions seeking directions to the ruling BJP Government to allow wearing of hijab in classrooms.

The bench had given an interim order last week that no religious symbols are allowed for the students in schools and colleges until the final order of the court. The order banned both hijab and saffron shawls inside the school and college premises.

"We want to make an interim order on the matter of hijab row. The peace has to return to the State. Schools and colleges must open soon. This is not the final order. Until the final order is given, students must attend schools in uniform without hijab or saffron shawls," CJ Awasthi had opined on Thursday.



"We will hear the matter and issue orders soon," he had further said.

The larger bench also set aside the vehement arguments of petitioners seeking orders to the government for allowing students to wear hijab in classrooms.

However, petitioners moved the Supreme Court challenging the interim order

banning hijab in classrooms. The Supreme Court had rejected the demand of urgent hearing by petitioners and said that it will only interfere at an appropriate time.

Meanwhile, the state government reopened schools up to class 10 from Monday, and is also expected to take a call on reopening of colleges by the evening.

PULWAMA ATTACK ANNIV

CRPF pays homage to martyrs

Lethpora: The CRPF on Monday paid floral tributes to 40 of its personnel killed in the dastardly Pulwama terror attack on this day three years ago.

Additional Director General (ADG), CRPF, D S Chaudhary, led the officers and jawans of the paramilitary force in paying their tributes at the martyr's memorial here – about 25 kms from Srinagar.

Chaudhary and other CRPF personnel laid floral wreaths at the memorial and saluted sacrifices of the 40 personnel who lost their lives when a suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into a CRPF bus which was part of a convoy travelling from Jammu to Srinagar.

“Every year we come together here on this day to remember the 40 brave jawans who lost their lives in Pulwama (attack). We remember their sacrifice and pay tributes to them from the bottom of our hearts,” Chaudhary told



Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel pay tribute to those who were killed in the 2019 suicide bombing attack by militants in Pulwama, at a memorial in Lethpora on Monday. 40 CRPF personnel were killed in the attack (L). An army person stands guard near the national flag, on the third anniversary of 2019 Pulwama terror attack, along the LoC in Poonch district on Monday (R)

reporters on the sidelines of the ceremony.

The CRPF officer said the endeavour of the force is to maintain peace in the valley and not let the sacrifices of their personnel go in vain.

Remembering his colleagues, a CRPF jawan said the

attack and the killing of 40 personnel has not broken the morale of the force.

“If the enemy thinks it can break our morale, it is wrong. People of my country need not to worry. We are always ready to protect them,” Constable Arup Debnath said.



Another CRPF jawan SNS Munda said while they miss their colleagues, they will not forget their sacrifices.

“This (tribute) is a message that we have not forgotten them, that we remember those who sacrificed their lives for all of us,” he said.

Nation forever grateful: L-G

Jammu: Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday paid tributes to the CRPF personnel who were killed in the 2019 Pulwama terror attack and resolved to eliminate the menace of terrorism in the union territory. On February 14, 2019, Pakistan-based terror group Jaish-e-Mohammed attacked a convoy of the Central Reserve Police Force in Pulwama, killing 40 personnel of the paramilitary force.

“The nation will forever be grateful to our brave soldiers of @crpfndia and their families,” Sinha said in a tweet. He said the Jammu & Kashmir administration is determined to eliminate the menace of terrorism. Days after the Pulwama attack, the Indian Air Force carried out a retaliatory air strike inside Pakistan's Balakot.

Cong MLAs in Karnataka wear black band in House in protest against hijab row

Bengaluru: Congress legislators in Karnataka wore black band on Monday during the Governor's address to the joint sitting of the State Legislature in protest against the hijab row, accusing the BJP Government's role in it, and the rejection of social reformer Narayana Guru's tableau during the Republic Day parade in New Delhi.

The principal opposition party in the state assembly also demanded immediate action against Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj K S Eshwarappa for his recent statement claiming that 'Bhagwa dhvaj' (saffron flag), may become the national flag some time in the future.

“We are protesting by wearing a black band because the hijab issue is their (BJP government) creation, they are the one's who sent students (to colleges) with saffron shawls.

We are not saying it, they have admitted it, Eshwarappa (minister) has admitted,” Leader of Opposition in the assembly Siddaramaiah said. Speaking to reporters here, the former chief minister said the black band is also in protest against the rejection of Narayana Guru's tableau during the Republic Day parade.

Also, demanding action and a criminal case against Eshwarappa for his statement that the saffron flag may fly at the Red Fort.

HC corrects bail order of Ashish Mishra, paves way for his release in Kheri case

Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court on Monday corrected its order granting bail to Ashish Mishra, son of Union minister of state for Home minister Ajay Mishra, in connection with the death of four farmers in Lakhimpur Kheri.

Ashish Mishra had moved the Lucknow bench of the High Court on Friday seeking insertion of sections 302 (murder) and 120 B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC that were “inadvertently” not mentioned in the high court order as the jail authorities would not release him due to the omission.

“It is a mere typographical error, while the court already considered the bail under these sections too and, as such, the same may be allowed making the addition of these sections in the order,” said the application.

A bench of Justice Rajeev Singh on Monday passed the order on the correction application.

In the bail order passed on Thursday, sections 147, 148, 149, 307, 326, 427 read with section 34 of IPC, section 30 of the Arms Act and section 177 of the Motor Vehicle Act were mentioned, but section 302 and section 120 (B) were left out. Eight people, including four farmers, were killed in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri on October 3 in violence that erupted during a farmers' protest.

BJP demands CBI probe in REET case, Cong says have faith in SOG investigation

Jaipur: The BJP resolutely demanded CBI inquiry in the REET paper leak case in the Rajasthan assembly on Monday, while the ruling Congress asked the opposition to have faith in the state police's Special Operation Group (SOG) investigation.

The two sides were speaking during the two-hour debate allowed by Speaker CP Joshi on the Rajasthan Eligibility Examination for Teachers (REET)-2021 paper leak case.

The BJP members also raised objections over parliamentary affairs minister Shanti Dhariwal referring to RSS leader Nimbaram in a case of graft during the debate and started creating an uproar.

A senior functionary of RSS in Rajasthan, Nimbaram is one of the accused in a case registered by the anti-corruption bureau. Deputy leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore said that Dhariwal was derailing the debate.

During the debate, Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataraia, deputy leader of opposition Rajendra Rathore, the BJP's state president Satish Poonia and Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP) MLA Narayan Beniwal demanded CBI inquiry in the REET paper leak case.

Opposing their demand, education minister BD Kalla and the parliamentary affairs minister Shanti Dhariwal appreciated the Special Operation Group (SOG) of Rajasthan Police, which has so far arrested more than 38 people in the REET case.

Dhariwal said that the BJP should give up the stubbornness on their demand of the CBI inquiry and should have faith in the SOG for the investigation of the REET paper leak case.

TMC romps home in local elections...

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While history continued to repeat insofar as the election results were concerned, the Left Front showed signs of improvement clawing back to the second position in Chandannagar and Bidhannagar where they managed 27 per cent votes to TMC's 59 per cent. At Bidhannagar too, the Left garnered 10.10 per cent votes

while the BJP got 8.3 per cent in comparison to the TMC's 73.9 per cent.

In Siliguri, Trinamool got 47 per cent votes whereas the BJP got 23.24 and the Left managed 18.28 per cent votes. Incidentally, the BJP had won the Siliguri Assembly seat less than a year ago. BJP's local MLA Shankar Ghosh a CPI(M) discard failed to win in the corporation election.

In Asansol, the BJP came second in 53 wards whereas the Left bagged second place in 33 wards. “While BJP State president Sukanto Majumdar said that it hardly mattered as to who won the polls as “in the name of elections they only staged a farce,” CPI(M)'s Sujana Chakrabarty said the trends showed that the people of Bengal had started to reject BJP.

BJP will build...

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Recollecting the learning from his gurus, Modi said the Congress has exceeded the limit of sins. “It is the repercussions of its sins that they are facing at that moment... Look at Congress party today... The party is shattered... Their own leaders are talking against their party, exposing each other,” said Modi.

He asked, “Do you think the Congress will be able to give a stable Government to

Punjab? Do you think they will be able to bring development to Punjab? Do you think they will be able to fulfil all the dreams and aspirations of Punjabis?”

Not sparing the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and BJP's old ally, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) from his attack, Modi said, “Some people, who are expert at getting liquor shops opened in every street, have come to Punjab as well...they want to handover Punjab to drug mafias.”

Talking about the former ally, Modi pointed that the BJP always treated Akali Dal as its big brother. “The BJP assumed a smaller role. Even at a time when Akali Dal was not in majority and would have lost

confidence without BJP's support, we did not demand the position of Deputy Chief Minister for our party members...though Manoranjan Kalua was fit for the same. Badal's son was made the Deputy Chief Minister,” he said.

“At that time, we could have broken the alliance, but we did not because we wanted what was the best for Punjab and the Punjabis,” said Modi, stressing that the BJP is the only alternative in the State.

The Prime Minister assured the people of the State that under the BJP, businessmen will be able to do business freely without the fear of mafias.

Modi also hit out at the former ally Akali Dal and added that the double engine Government will work for the benefit of farmers.

The Jalandhar rally was Modi's first in Punjab since the revocation of the controversial central farm laws in November last year. His first rally in the border State post the withdrawal of farm laws was to be held in Ferozepur on January 5; however, it was cancelled after his convoy got stuck on a flyover on the Moga-Ferozepur highway as the route ahead was blocked by farmers protesting against the visit.

The Prime Minister will address two more political gatherings in the State, on

February 16 and 17, in Pathankot and Abohar, respectively.

Taking a dig at the State Government and the Punjab police over security cover, Modi said he wanted to pay obeisance at the famous Devi Talab Mandir here, but the police and the administration were unable to make arrangements.

“I wanted to offer prayers at Tripurmalini Devi Shaktipeeth after this event but the administration and police said they will not be able to make the arrangements. This is the situation of Government here. But I will surely come here soon to offer my prayers at Shaktipeeth,” said Modi.

Examine if State rules under RERA subserve interest of homebuyers: SC to Centre

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Monday directed the Centre to examine whether the rules framed by various States under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) are in conformity and subserve the interest of homebuyers.

A bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and Surya Kant gave three months to the Centre to examine if there are any deviations in the rules framed by the states to the rules framed by the Centre in 2016 and to place the report by first week of May, 2022.

The bench appointed advocate Devashish Bharuka as amicus curiae in the plea by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay seeking implementation of builder-buyer agreement to safeguard the interest of home buyers and requested him to assist the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to examine the rules framed by the states.

The top court noted that the central government shared the draft 'agreement for sale' in 2016 after the enactment of RERA with all the states and Union Territories and currently West Bengal, Jammu and Kashmir and some north-eastern states are yet to notify the rules.

“At the present stage, it is necessary for the court to be apprised whether the rules which have been framed by the states contain the essential norms which have been adopted by the Union government under the rules of 2016 and whether there is any deviation, which would not sub serve the interest of buyers,” the bench said.

It added, “We direct that this exercise be carried out at central level by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs which shall scrutinize the states' rules and place a report before this court on whether they comply with the sub-stratum of the rules, which have been framed by the Union Government. We also request advocate Devashish Bharuka to assist this court as amicus curiae. Bharuka shall also assist in carrying out this exercise.”

It said this exercise shall be completed by the first week of May this year.

At the outset, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre, said the rules have been framed by the central government and many states have notified them with some changes keeping in mind the local conditions.

The bench agreed that there may be some local conditions which need to be taken care of by the states but most of the rules should be in compliance with the Centre's draft rules of 2016.

The bench asked Bhati if the Centre has examined whether the rules which have been framed by the states are in conformity with the rules the Centre has framed. Bhati said that they have compared the rules framed by major States where construction activity is more and they have done in the case of Maharashtra and Haryana.

She said that the Union of India will do that exercise of examining all the State rules and apprise the court about the same.

Senior advocate Menaka Guruswamy, appearing for Upadhyay said that the concerns still remain despite Centre's 2016 rules and that is why this writ petition was filed. She said that the Union of India says that it is the responsibility of state governments to frame rules and they ignore sections 41 and 42 of RERA which have been reproduced in the October 4, last year order of the court.

On January 17, the top court had emphasised the need for a model builder-buyer agreement to safeguard the interest of middle-class home buyers and asked the Centre to consider framing uniform rules under the provisions of RERA.

The top court had said that it wants that instead of leaving it to the States, the Centre makes the model builder-buyer agreement and model agent-buyer agreement which shall be applicable for the whole of the country.

It had said that the whole purpose of the present PIL is that there should be a model builder-buyer agreement which will be formulated by the central advisory council so that there is some uniformity in the basic terms and conditions and the flat buyers are not exploited.

The Centre in its affidavit said, “There is a robust regulatory mechanism and a draft 'agreement for sale' has already been prescribed under the provisions of RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority), which seeks to balance the rights and interest of home buyers and promoters in an accountable and transparent manner.”

It has said that according to section 84 of RERA, the appropriate government that is the state government save in the instances involving its application in the territory of union territories has to notify rules for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

The affidavit has said that RERA mandates for registration of projects before advertising, marketing, booking, selling and the law ensures the timely delivery of real estate projects and the entire fund flow is also subject to strict monitoring by the regulator to avoid diversion of funds, which will also secure the interest of home buyers.

On October 4 last year, the top court had said it was important for the country to have a model builder-buyer agreement in the real estate sector for consumer protection because developers try to put numerous clauses in it, which common people may not be aware of. Upadhyay had said that there should be a model agreement prepared by the Centre as some states have it and some don't, and there is no uniformity in those agreements.

The PIL has sought direction to the Centre to frame model pacts for builders and agent buyers to protect customers and bring transparency in the realty sector in line with the RERA Act, 2016.

Moderate...

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Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi claimed in a tweet that the Samajwadi Party, the BSP, and the Congress are hindering Muslim women from voting. “Women are being asked to go to booths in burkha and insist on voting without showing identity.

We've briefed EC on this matter and urged to take steps to stop fake voting,” he said. While Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav has written a letter to the Election Commission accusing district officials of mounting pressure on voters and threatening them so that they boycott voting and go home. He also asked the EC to look into the EVM glitch at multiple locations in the state, requesting for an intervention.

The first two hours of polling saw few voters reaching polling booths owing to fog and cold conditions. But as the day progressed, more and more voters stepped out of their homes to exercise their fran-

chise. At 3 pm, 51.9 per cent turnout was recorded and at 1 pm, it was at an average of 39 per cent.

A 70-year-old woman undergoing treatment in a hospital in Saharanpur came to a polling booth in an ambulance to cast her vote. BJP corporator Puneet Chauhan said that his mother is seriously ill. Cricketer Mohammed Shami on Monday cast his vote in his paternal village Sahaspur Alipur in Amroha district.

People of two villages -- Narau and Milaal Nagla -- in Shekhupur assembly constituency in Uttar Pradesh's Badaun district on Monday said that they have boycotted the voting for the second phase of the state Assembly election over contaminated water supply.

The villagers have said that they will not vote until the problem of contaminated drinking water is resolved. They claimed that many people have died and many are suffering from serious diseases.

A presiding officer Rashid Ali 55, at a polling station of Nakud assembly seat in Saharanpur district died of cardiac arrest. He was primary school teacher.

In Uttarakhand, it was the same story as far as voters' participation is concerned. Around 60 per cent polling was recorded till 5 pm, down eight percent from 2017 count. The polling, which began at 8 am, concluded at 6 pm. In the 2017 Assembly polls, the BJP had won 57 out of the 70 Assembly seats in the state, restricting the Congress to just 11.

In the day, Chief Electoral Officer Saujanya inspected the model polling booths in Nehru Colony and Hathi Barkala in Dehradun to see if Covid protocols were being followed by voters and officials. On faulty EVMs at certain polling stations, she had said they were immediately replaced.

Haridwar district saw the highest voter turnout at 67.58 per cent followed by Uttarkashi with 65.55 per cent, Udham Singh Nagar 65.13, Nainital 63.12, Rudrapur 60.36 per cent, Chamoli 59 per cent, Bageshwar 57.83 per cent,

Champawat 56.97 per cent, Dehradun 52.93 per cent, Tehri 52.66 per cent, Pauri Garhwal 51.93 per cent, Almora 50.65 per cent and Pithoragarh 57.19 per cent, officials said giving data till 5 pm.

Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen (retd) Gurmit Singh, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, former chief ministers Trivendra Singh Rawat and Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, AAP's chief ministerial candidate Col(retd) Ajay Kothiyal, state Congress president Ganesh Godiyal, Leader of Opposition in the fourth assembly Pritam Singh, Yoga guru Ramdev, and Niranjani Akhara Mahamandaleshwar Kailashanand Brahmachari were among the first to cast their votes.

As many as 70 Assembly seats spread over 13 districts went to polls today to decide the fate of 632 candidates, including 152 independents, which include some prominent faces like Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, former CM Harish Rawat, Cabinet ministers Satpal Maharaj, Subodh Uniyal, Dham Singh Rawat and former minister Yashpal Arya.

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“Together we are trying to protect the federal structure. All regional parties must come to an understanding,” she said, referring to her telephone calls to Rao and Stalin.

After the call from Mamata, Rao said on Sunday he will soon meet Uddhav and the TMC supremo as part of the efforts to unite various political parties against the BJP. “Mamata (Mamata Banerjee) called me. We had a discussion over phone. She invited me to Bengal or she'll come to Hyderabad. She said mujhe dosa khilao. I said most welcome. She may come any time. We are discussing. There are so many political leaders across the nation,” Rao said when asked if he is still moot-ing the idea of a non-BJP, non-Congress Front.

Mamata and Stalin, who share a common grouse over the actions of the Governors of their respective States -- Jagdeep Dhankhar and R N Ravi -- also spoke on Sunday. “Beloved

Didi Mamata telephoned me to share her concern and anguish on the Constitutional overstepping and brazen misuse of power by the Governors of non-BJP ruled states,” Stalin tweeted after the call.

“She suggested a meeting of Opposition CMs. I assured her of DMK's commitment to upholding State autonomy. Convention of Opposition CMs will soon happen out of Delhi!” he said.

Mamata, who had visited UP to campaign for the Samajwadi Party (SP), contended her TMC decided against contesting elections in that state in “the larger interest”. “The TMC did not field any candidate in UP as I did not want Akhilesh (SP chief) to get weak in any seat. In the first phase, I am hoping Akhilesh's party will win 37 of 57 seats,” she told a news channel. Polling was held for 58 Assembly seats in the first phase on Thursday.

“We could have fielded candidates but desisted from

doing so as we did not want Akhilesh to become weak ... I have told him that my party may contest some seats in 2024 from that State ... but in this elections Samajwadi Party must win form UP to save that State ...because saving UP means saving India ... if you want to defeat Modi in 2024 then winning UP is a precondition,” Mamata said.

Reacting to Yogi Adityanath's comments that the UP was not Bengal where elections were won by violence the Bengal Chief Minister said, “He is not a Yogi (saint) but a Bhogi (hedonist) who has concentrated only in persecuting people ... he has failed to deliver on every fronts and heaped torture on the people who opposed NRC.”

Saying that “in UP they talk of Beti bachao ... Beti padhao (save daughter and educate daughter) ... but in reality they allow the women to be burnt alive,” Mamata said not only the women but farmers and poor people were also not

safe in that State.

“Their Minister's son murdered protesting farmers in cold blood and the Government did nothing ... this shows their anti-poor and anti-farmer approach ... today he (Yogi) is attacking me out of sheer fear of losing the elections ... despite their hate campaign the people from all walks of life have united in UP from Thakurs to Brahmins to Dalits to Sikhs to everyone ... this has unnerved him and so he is attacking my State where he came to campaign for his party but failed miserably,” Mamata said.

West Bengal Chief Minister also said she would again visit UP on March 3 to hold a rally in Varanasi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency, to canvass for the Samajwadi Party. “The country can be saved only if UP is protected (against the BJP). If we want to defeat Narendra Modi in 2024, big states like UP and Bengal will matter the most,” she said.

Schools reopen for all classes after long gap

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Excited children queued up at schools waiting for thermal scanning and a few parents anxiously kept a watch on them, concerned about their safety, as schools reopened on Monday for primary and junior classes in the national capital after prolonged closure in view of the Covid-19 pandemic. As the virus-induced restrictions eased, schools reopened for Classes 9 to 12 on February 7, while Classes nursery to 8 reopened from Monday.

"From today schools for junior classes have reopened in Delhi. Younger kids were desperately waiting for schools to reopen. Childhood is incomplete without schools. I pray to God that we never have to close schools again," Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal tweeted in Hindi.

Children, who were seen adjusting masks, were happy to be back and followed the instructions being issued by their teachers. Aryan, a Class 5 student at SDMC school in Shanti Nagar, said, "I'm happy schools are reopening and I'll get to meet friends. We have been asked to wear masks and carry sanitisers. I'm excited but I had to wake up at 6:30 am to reach school. That is the only downside." "I'm happy that I'll be sitting in class, not at home. I'm feeling good and I hope schools don't close again," said another student Piyush. Several parents had come to schools to see off their children.

"My child was in class 2 when COVID-19 started and now he is in class 5. Covid has impacted studies and it is good that schools are reopening. I hope students stay safe and



Children attend a class after schools reopened for nursery to Class VIII standard students, as Covid-induced restrictions ease, at a School in New Delhi on Monday
 RANJAN DIMRI/THE PIONEER

study well," said Reena, a mother of two.

Her younger son also got admission in the school in kindergarten. "I'm glad he's getting to attend school in person, not online." "Students have suffered a lot because of lockdowns and shutdown of schools. They haven't gained much knowledge in the past two years. Hopefully, this cycle will end now and schools are now open for good," said Ritu, another child's mother. Schools in the city were briefly reopened before being closed again on December 28 last year in view of the third wave of the coronavirus driven by its Omicron variant.

While the Centre has dropped the clause that mandated parental consent for students to physically attend classes from its guidelines, the Delhi government has decided to continue with it.

Schools are, however, free to decide on the number of stu-

dents they want to accommodate based on their infrastructure, keeping in mind Covid protocols.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Hareesh HP, whose two children are studying in class 6 and 8, said he will be sending both to their private school as per its schedule. The school is going to conduct physical classes on specific days only, he said.

"We have to learn to live with Covid. When markets, hotels, cinemas and the city are fully functional, why can't schools operate on all working days? I attended a school PTM recently, urging that schools be made fully operational and complete schooling resume like in pre-Covid times. Now, my children have to attend physical classes only for two days in a week which will not be sufficient to recover the time lost in terms of their academic learning, intellectual growth and mental conditioning," he said.

Man held for rape on pretext of curing illness using witchcraft

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A 45-year-old man was arrested on Monday for allegedly raping a 20-year-old woman at his house in Outer Delhi's Mangolpuri area on the pretext of curing her illness using black magic, police said.

The accused, Yamin, resident of Mangolpuri, was arrested from Seemapuri here, they said. According to police, the alleged incident took place on January 29 when the woman reached his house along with her sister. He asked her sister to wait outside and then allegedly raped her after giving her an intoxicating substance.

The rape survivor reported the incident to police on February 12 and the accused was arrested within two days, they said. In her complaint, the survivor stated that she was not feeling well and she came in

Yamin's contact through her mother.

When her mother enquired her about the treatment on February 12, she narrated the entire incident to her and subsequently decided to approach the police, a senior police official said.

Based on the complaint, a case under sections of 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), 376 (rape) and 328 (causing hurt by means of poison, etc, with intent to commit an offence) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at Mangolpuri police station and an investigation taken up, said Parvinder Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer).

Raids were conducted at the whereabouts of Yamin and he was arrested from Seemapuri on Monday, the DCP said.

Excise Department warns liquor stores in city for flouting Covid guidelines

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government's Excise Department on Monday warned liquor stores of action for blatantly violating DDMA guidelines for Covid management after long queues of tippers were witnessed outside these vends to avail discounts on alcohol offered by them.

It also said the liquor stores in the city are required to maintain law and order in and outside their outlets. The stores, which have L-7Z licences, are offering discounts on Indian and Foreign liquor to customers through their vends.

"Certain instances are being reported wherein huge crowd is seen in and/or outside the retail liquor vends which are offering Indian and Foreign Made Liquor on discounted prices. In these instances, blatant violation of the DDMA guidelines... Has been observed," the excise department said.

It said these instances were also in violation of clause 3.4.8 of the tender document which states that "the licensee shall be responsible for maintenance of law and order around their vend".

"However... It has been provided in the policy under clause 4.1.6(vi) and under clause 3.4.8 of the tender document that the licensee shall be responsible for maintenance of law and order around their vend. In case the vend causes nuisance in the neighbourhood and any complaint is received by the Government, the license of that particular vend may be cancelled. However, the license fees for the zone will remain the same," the department said.

The provision is further supplemented by clause 3.4.11 of the tender document that the compliance of license parameters and maintenance of law and order in the vicinity of his

vends shall be an important parameter to decide whether the zonal license would be renewed at the end of year, it said.

On February 4, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) had eased some restrictions by allowing re-opening of certain activities "but with enhanced enforcement of COVID appropriate behaviour", the department said. "Further, under Rule 20 of The Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, the maximum quantities of intoxicants have been specified that may be sold by retail and possessed exclusively, by an individual not below the age of twenty-five years in Delhi.

"Under Rule 20(a) of the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010, the individual limit for Indian and Foreign Liquor is specified as nine liters. Therefore, all the L-7Z licensees are forewarned to comply with the DDMA guidelines, clause 3.4.8 of the tender document and Rule 20 of the Delhi Excise Rules, 2010. Any such violation would be considered as breach of Terms & Conditions of the license," it said.

"The L-7Z licensee for the reported violations would be identified and action as per clause 3.9 of the tender document, the Delhi Excise Act, 2009 and The Delhi Excise Rules, 2010 would be initiated against them," it added.

Liquor stores in several areas of Delhi witnessed long queues of tippers on Saturday as some outlets offered discounts on different brands of alcohol.

Some stores in parts of the city, including Jahangirpuri, Shahdara and Mayur Vihar, offered up to 35 per cent discount on certain IMFL brands.

The new excise policy of the Delhi government came into effect in November last year.

Roof collapse: Haryana CM condoles residents' death, orders structural audit

Gurugram: Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has expressed condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the tragic incident that took place in the Chintels Paradiso Society of Sector-109, Gurugram, he also ordered a structural audit of the society, said the district administration spokesperson in a statement.

"The incident was very unfortunate, the government will also ensure that such incidents do not happen in future, he added.

The incident took place on Thursday evening when a portion of the roof of the sixth floor of Tower-D of this society had collapsed, due to which two persons had lost their lives.

"Considering the seriousness of the incident, the government is committed to taking strict action against the guilty. Any loss of life due to any reason whatsoever will not be tolerated, he assured.

He said that the Town and Country Planning Department will ensure immediate action against all the directors of

Chintal India Limited, Chintal Exports Private Limited and Intal India Private Limited, structural engineers, architects and contractors who constructed the residential tower and the resident who had done additional construction work on the sixth floor.

However, following the recommendations of the district town and country planning department, the Gurugram police have registered the second FIR in the matter against the project directors, structural engineers, architects and contractors at the Bajghera police station.

He said that the local administration has also been directed to provide alternate temporary re-accommodation to all the affected families of this tower on an immediate basis as these people are scared to stay in this tower. Apart from this, directions have also been given to get the structural audit of the affected towers done by IITs or any other reputed government institution to detect defects in design or workmanship during construction.

Capital records 586 Covid cases, four deaths, positivity rate 1.37%

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The national Capital reported 586 Covid-19 cases and four fatalities on Monday, while the positivity rate marginally declined to 1.37 per cent.

According to data shared by the health department Delhi's caseload increased to 18,51,906 and the death toll climbed to 26,076.

"The single-day infections reported could be lower owing to the lesser number of tests (42,797) conducted the previous day. Delhi on Sunday reported 804 cases and 12

deaths, while the positivity rate declined further to 1.50 per cent," it said.

On Saturday, it reported 920 cases with a positivity rate of 1.68 per cent and 13 deaths. It recorded 977 cases with a positivity rate of 1.73 per cent and 12 deaths on Friday. The number of daily cases in Delhi has been on the decline after touching the record high of 28,867 on January 13. The city had recorded a positivity rate of 30.6 per cent on January 14, the highest during the latest wave of the pandemic.

As per the bulletin, there

are 15,357 beds for Covid patients in Delhi hospitals and 490 (3.19 per cent) of them were occupied. Out of 490 patients in hospitals, 155 are on oxygen support, including 37 on ventilator.

The number of people under home isolation stood at 2,361 on Monday, down from 2,590 on Sunday, and the number of containment zones in the city stood at 16,154, down from 16,997 the previous day, it said.

The number of active cases was 3,416, down from 3,926 a day before.

Bedridden octogenarian woman raped, attacked in Tilak Nagar house

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A bedridden octogenarian woman has alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a man, who broke into her house, attacked her and fled with her mobile phone in West Delhi's Tilak Nagar area. The incident took place on Sunday night when her daughter (65) had gone out to meet a friend. Police said that a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to investigate the case.

Police said that a case has been registered under sections 323, 376 and 380 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at the Tilak Nagar police station and medical of the woman has been done at the hospital.

The 87 year-old elderly woman's family members have alleged that police delayed action and did not take their complaint, a charge denied by officials, who said a First Information Report (FIR) was registered based on the complaint received.

Tagging the Delhi Police, a close friend of the family tweeted, "My friend's 87-year-old bed ridden grandmother was raped in Delhi's Tilak Nagar yesterday. She has injuries too. The

@DelhiPolice has not been cooperative and is refusing to file an FIR." Police said on Sunday night, only a complaint of theft was lodged and a case was registered "promptly" on its basis at the Tilak Nagar Police Station but later on Monday, the complainant alleged that she was sexually assaulted following which police has added the relevant sections of IPC in the FIR.

The Delhi Police tweeted: "On Sunday, a written complaint of theft of mobile phone from a house in Tilak Nagar was received from the daughter of a senior citizen, after which an FIR under relevant sections was promptly registered." "Today, sexual assault has been further alleged by the complainant. Relevant sections of law have been added in the FIR and investigation taken up. Victim being provided counselling and all necessary assistance," Delhi Police tweeted.

Police said according to family members, the man broke into the house and when he was spotted by the elderly woman and questioned, the accused said that he worked for a gas agency and was called to the house for work.

Ready to regularise staffers if city Govt makes budgetary provision: SDMC

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) lashed out at the BJP-run South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) for not regularising 'Domestic Breeding Checkers' (DBC), the South Delhi Mayor said the civic body is ready to regularise services of all contractual employees if the Delhi Government is ready to make budgetary provision, giving approval for post creation and regularization.

Addressing the media, Mayor Mukesh Suryan and Leader of House Indarjeet Sehrawat said that the fact is that the SDMC has regularized services of 1446 contractual employees in the last five years. "Delhi Government is making announcements in view of upcoming municipal elections while the civic agency is working on ground and has regularized services of employees despite facing financial crisis," he said.

Suryan said that the SDMC has forwarded files related to regularization of services of 1350 DBC workers to Delhi Government three times but the Delhi Government has not even replied on the issue.

EDMC installs plastic exchange kiosks in joint collaboration

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In an effort to make East Delhi's markets a plastic waste-free zone, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) in collaboration with the Indian Pollution Control Association has installed plastic exchange-kiosks at across the markets under its jurisdiction.

Commissioner of EDMC Vikas Anand said that in these kiosks, local people and shopkeepers will be given cloth bags in exchange of plastic waste and citizens will also be educated about the plastic waste management.

Anand said "There is a need to remove plastic from our lifestyle to save our environment by joining the plastic free campaign. The East Delhi area can be made plastic free only on the basis of public participation."

This campaign is organized in areas like Laxmi Nagar, Nirman Vihar, Lal Quarter, Chhota Bazar, Roh Tash Nagar and Madhu Vihar Vegetable Market, Saini N Clave (Near Metro Station), Khureji Fruit Market, Dilshad and the similar campaign will be carried out in other areas that come under the corporation as well.

In-house composting plant commissioned at South City-1 Retreat Complex

Gurugram: In compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules-2016, an in-house composting plant has been started at Retreat Complex, South City-1 on Monday. The plant was inaugurated by Dr Vijaypal Yadav, Joint Commissioner (Headquarters), Municipal Corporation, Gurugram (MCG). The civic body officials said, this composting plant, set up at a cost of about Rs 10 lakh, will dispose of the waste and produce 600 kg of manure per month.

The project cost has been borne by the Resident Welfare

Association (RWA) of the society with the help of the residents. The retreat complex consists of three towers, Ivory, Heights and Rakshak, which have 400 flats.

Separate kitchen organic waste and garden waste will be processed naturally with the help of a shredder machine and bio-enzymes at the compost plant set up on the premises. It can process 7500 kg of waste per month.

It has 30 composting bins which will convert the waste into nutrient-rich compost in 30 to 45 days and will produce 600 kg of compost every month.

DUTA submits petition to President Kovind regarding absorption of ad hoc professors

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has submitted a petition to President Ram Nath Kovind seeking his intervention for the absorption of 4,500 ad hoc and temporary professors working in the varsity.

Addressing a press conference, DUTA chief AK Bhagi said over 10,000 teachers have signed the petition which was launched earlier this month. DUTA launched the online petition on February 2 addressed to Kovind, who is also a visitor of the university, and made an appeal to teachers to sign it at large.

Through this petition, the DUTA said it demands that the Centre take cognisance of and resolves this problem. The teachers' body demanded that the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Ministry of Education together should frame the modalities

to absorb these teachers by bringing one time extraordinary ordinance/bill.

"DUTA submitted a copy of this petition with all signatures to the President of India (who is also visitor to DU). DUTA had also submitted a copy to PMO, Minister of Education, UGC chairman and the vice-chancellor of the University of Delhi," Bhagi said during the conference.

"Over 10,000 people signed this petition. Not only ad hoc, temporary and permanent teachers of the University of Delhi have signed this petition, but many principals, professors, deans ... Have also come in support of this cause..." Bhagi said.

He alleged that "well qualified bright and talented teachers" have been forced to work on ad hoc or temporary basis for years due to the lack of will and action on part of the university and college

administration.

Bhagi said the absorption of existing ad hoc and temporary teachers will be a step towards "restoration of equality, dignity of teachers, gender equality, and maintenance of quality in higher education in University of Delhi".

He accused the DU administration of denying these teachers their fundamental right to work with dignity and stress-free lives.

Noting that the livelihood of ad hoc and temporary teachers is always in danger, Bhagi said these teachers are deprived of all rightful benefits such as annual increments, promotion, medical benefits, leaves.

"Female colleagues have been denied their right of availing maternity for a long time and child care leaves. The service terms and conditions of ad hoc teachers violate the principle of equal pay for equal work," he added.

Sodomised in Mandoli jail, says inmate

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A 21-year-old man has accused two of his fellow inmates at Mandoli Jail No-12 here of sodomising him, officials said on Monday.

A case has been registered in the matter and an investigation is underway, they said.

According to police, the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital informed them about the abuse survivor -- an undertrial prisoner lodged in Mandoli Jail No-12 -- on February 9.

Police said a medico-legal case about unnatural sexual assault on the survivor emerged which took place inside the jail premises on February 8 at about 4 am.

The inmate was discharged from the hospital after the medical examination and further treatment, a senior police officer said.

Based on his statement recorded on the jail premises and circumstances, a case was registered on February 10 under section 377 (sexual act against the order of nature) of the Indian Penal Code at Harsh Vihar police station, he said.

"The abuse survivor has named two of his co-inmates as the accused and the investigation is in the initial stage," he added.

Kejriwal accuses political rivals of creating fake narratives



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI ■ PUNJAB

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday accused the leaders of all of the rivalry political parties of slandering AAP and create fake narratives to misguide the public.

Kejriwal said "All the political parties have come together to defeat Punjab. It is time for the Punjabis to come together and ruin their plans. The BJP, Congress, Akali Dal do not want to defeat AAP instead they want the people of Punjab to suffer so they can continue to plunder the state for another 70 years."

"We will punish those who are dishonest and give justice to those who have suffered after forming the government. The power supply will be fixed and the roads will be repaired," he added.

India bans 53 Chinese apps

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following a recommendation from the Home Ministry, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Monday issued an order blocking 53 Chinese apps and one popular game app, on grounds that posed a threat to privacy and national security.

These apps belong to large Chinese technology firms such as Tencent, Alibaba and gaming app NetEase and 'rebranded avatars' of those app banned in November 2020. Interestingly Garena Free Fire was one of the most downloaded games in India last year, and took up the space created by PUBG Mobile after it was banned in September 2020.

The move could be an instance of the tensions between the two neighbouring nations locked in a protracted border dispute impacting business dealings. These apps have been blocked under the emergency provision envisaged in Section 69(A) of the IT Act.

As per the report shared by MHA, these apps are either the cloned version or having similar

functionality, privacy issues and security threats as alleged in previously blocked 267 apps by the government in 2020.

The list of banned mobile apps include Beauty Camera: Sweet Selfie HD, Beauty Camera - Selfie Camera, Rise of Kingdoms: Lost Crusade, Viva Video Editor, Tencent Xriver, Ashes of Time Lite, Onmyoji Chess, Onmyoji Arena, AppLock, Dual Space Lite, Ashes of Time Lite, CamCard for SalesForce Ent, Island 2, Equalizer & Bass Booster, amongst others. Other apps that have been banned, as per fresh orders, include Garena Free Fire - Illuminate, Astracraft, FancyU pro, MoonChat, Barcode Scanner - QR Code Scan, and Lica Cam.

According to officials, the 54 apps allegedly obtain various critical permissions and collects sensitive user data. These apps are either a cloned version or have similar functionality, privacy issues and security threats as alleged in previously blocked 267 apps by the Centre in 2020, they said.



hostile to the sovereignty and integrity of India and for activities detrimental to national security.

"In addition, there are other serious concerns as some of these apps can carry out espionage and surveillance activities via camera/mic, accessing fine location (GPS) and do malicious network activity similar to previously blocked apps. These apps were allegedly engaged in activities prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of the country also posing serious threat to security of the state and defence of India," sources added.

The Centre had blocked 59 apps on June 29, 2020, followed by a ban on 47 related/cloning apps on August 10, 2020. Thereafter, 118 apps were blocked on September 1, 2020, and another 43 apps on November 19, the same year.

Sources said that these collected real-time data are being misused and transmitted to servers located in hostile country. This will enable them to compile huge personal data to mine, collate, analyse and profile by the elements who are

Country sees steep decline in Covid cases

New Delhi With just over 100 districts now reporting a weekly Covid-19 positivity rate of more than 10 per cent and overall India registering a steep decline in new infections at 34,113 and 346 deaths in 24 hours on Monday indicated a further decrease in the spread of coronavirus cases in the country.

Active caseload in the country currently stands at 4.78 lakh and recovery rate at 97.68 per cent. India reported 91,930 recoveries in the last 24 hours while the country's daily positivity rate stands at 3.19%, said an official from the Union Health Ministry. With 91,930 recoveries in 24 hours, the number of people, who have recuperated from Covid-19 reached 4,16,77,641, said the official.

A total of 172.95 crore vaccine doses have been administered in India so far under the nationwide vaccination drive, he added. Over 1.5 crore youngsters between 15-18 age group are fully vaccinated now, according to the official.

The daily Covid-19 cases

have remained below 1 lakh for eight consecutive days now. The death toll climbed to 5,09,011 with 346 more fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The active cases have declined to 4,78,882, comprising 1.12 per cent of the total infections. The national COVID-19 recovery rate has further improved to 97.68 per cent, the Ministry said.

A reduction of 58,163 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The daily positivity rate was recorded at 3.19 per cent. The weekly positivity rate stood at 3.99 per cent, the ministry said.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16. It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19.

India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, 2021, and three crore on June 23. **PNS**

ED busts money laundering ring linked to human hair smuggling

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted search operations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) at multiple locations in a money laundering investigation relating to smuggling of raw human hair from India to Myanmar through illegal land routes via Mizoram generating huge cash.

The searches spread from Hyderabad to Aizawl and further up to the Myanmar border town of Champai in Mizoram. The ED seized ₹1.2 crore in cash and other digital evidence during the searches, the agency said in a statement.

"Large part of cash generated was used for making illegal compensatory payments through unauthorised channels for smuggled hair and under-valued exports of human hair from entities spread across India," it said.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation after it came across large hawala payments to local hair traders in the fund trail investigation of online Chinese betting mobile applications.

Subsequently, based on ED's complaint,

CCS Hyderabad Police registered a fresh FIR under various Section of Indian Penal Code (IPC) wherein it was alleged that one Nayla Family Exports Private Limited (Director Md Ibrahim Patel) exported human hair by using benami Import Export Code (IEC) of multiple local proprietary firms.

"Also large scale domestic sale of raw human hair was taking place from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to Guwahati and Kolkata. All this domestically sold hair was ultimately finding its way to China via Myanmar and sale proceeds were surprisingly being received from shell bank accounts in Mizoram," it further said.

The ED conducted fund trail investigation and zeroed in on Champai-based St Mary's Gem Industries and Sun Moon Human Hair Champai, and Thari Enterprises Aizawl in Mizoram which were taking in hundreds of crores of cash deposits and then remitting the deposited amount to several hair merchants spread across India. **PNS**

ED attaches ₹56.81 cr assets in ₹1,267 cr Canara Bank fraud case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached immovable and movable properties valued at ₹56.81 crore belonging to alleged fraudster Bharat Bomb and his associates for duping the erstwhile Syndicate Bank (now Canara Bank) to the tune of ₹1,267 crore.

The ED on Monday said it has attached assets owned by Udaipur-based Chartered Accountant Bharat Bomb, Shankar Lal Khandelwal and others.

The attached assets are in the form of agricultural land, plots, shops, offices, residential flats, and bungalows in Jaipur, Udaipur, and Sri Ganganagar districts of Rajasthan and the money lying in several bank accounts.

Earlier, the ED had attached properties worth ₹386.58 crore and also seized ₹ 2.25 crore in the form of a demand draft in the case.

The ED had registered a PMLA case on the basis of an FIR and charge sheet filed by the CBI against officials

of the erstwhile Syndicate Bank and certain private persons.

Bomb had, in collusion with bank officials, had defrauded the bank of ₹1,267.79 crore.

PMLA probe has revealed that the proceeds of the crime were transferred by Bomb into various bank accounts through a complex maze of transactions.

Bomb had invested the money in the purchase of immovable properties in his name and that of his family members, associates, employees, fictitious firms and companies, and real estate projects in Udaipur.

Such properties were held in the name of Bomb, his wife Pooja, father Shanti Lal, and accomplices Mahendra Meghwal, Vineet Jain, Pradeep Nimawat, and various entities like Rameshwaram Material Trading Company Private Limited, EWDPL, Chandigarh Hospitality Pvt Ltd, Khandelwal's company Shree Govind Kripa Buildcon Pvt Ltd and the like. **PNS**

Modi pays tributes to Sushma on her birth anniversary

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday fondly remembered senior BJP leader late Sushma Swaraj, once a contender for the post of the Prime Minister but who later turned into his close colleague. and whom he allotted the key portfolio of external affairs when he rode to power in 2014.

Modi fondly recalled how his mother decided to name a baby girl born in their family after the late BJP leader after she met Swaraj about 25 years back.

Paying tributes to the former external affairs minister on her birth anniversary, Modi wrote on Facebook he happened to recollect an old incident as he was returning from Jalandhar in Punjab after speaking at a rally.

Swaraj visited his village in Gujarat during an election tour when Modi was involved in BJP's organisational work and had met his mother. That time a girl was born to his nephew, he said.

The baby's name was decided after

astrologers studied the birth chart, the prime minister said. Family members had agreed to it, he added.

"However, my mother said after meeting Sushma ji that the daughter will be named Sushma. My mother is not very educated but is very modern in her thoughts. I still remember the way she told everyone about the decision," Modi wrote in Hindi, paying homage to one of the foremost BJP leaders who died in 2019 at 67 years of age.

Many other BJP leaders, including union ministers and chief ministers, paid tributes to Swaraj, describing her as a transformative and inspiring leader, great orator and compassionate human being.

Swaraj had once held position of leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha and was one of the contenders for the Prime Ministerial fate of the BJP before Modi was declared as the NDA candidate for the top post. In 2020, the Modi-government renamed the Foreign Service Institute of India after her as Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service.

Sonia not among Cong star campaigners for 6th phase Assembly elections in UP

New Delhi: Congress president Sonia Gandhi does not figure among the party's star campaigners for the sixth phase of assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh on March 3. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Chief Ministers of Congress-led States of Rajasthan, Punjab and Chhattisgarh are among those named by the party as its star campaigners in Uttar Pradesh. However the Congress chief Sonia Gandhi figures in the list of campaigners for the Manipur Assembly polls.

Sonia Gandhi has not so far campaigned in this election season even though she figures among the star campaigners of the party in some states. She was not among the star campaigners for the assembly phase that includes constituencies falling under her Lok Sabha seat of Rae Bareilly.

In the list of 30 star campaigners sent by the party to the Election Commission, the Congress has named Uttar Pradesh party chief Ajay Kumar Lallu and Congress Legislature

Party (CLP) leader Aradhna Misra 'Monia', besides Uttarakhand former chief minister Harish Rawat and Madhya Pradesh former chief minister Kamal Nath. Among others named by the party as its star campaigners include former deputy chief minister of Rajasthan Sachin Pilot, who rebelled against its own government in the state in 2020, besides party MP Deepinder Singh Hooda, former MPs Salman Khurshid and Pramod Tiwari.

The sixth phase of assembly polls includes the districts of Aambedkar Nagar, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Gorakhpur, Maharajganj, Kushinagar, Deoria and Balia.

Besides Sonia, Rahul Gandhi and Jairam Ramesh are among the 30 star campaigners for the Manipur assembly elections, according to the list released by the party on Monday. The two-phased assembly election in Manipur will be held on February 28 and March 5.

Though Sonia Gandhi is

also the party's star campaigner for other states, where polls are being held, neither she nor former prime minister Manmohan Singh have actively campaigned anywhere so far. The list of star campaigners also include names of former Manipur chief minister O Ibobi Singh, former deputy chief minister Gaikhangam, youth leader Kanhaiya Kumar, party's minority department chief Imran Pratapgarhi and Mahila Congress chief Metta D'Souza.

Apart from Ramesh, who is overseeing assembly polls in the state, Congress in charge for Manipur Bhakta Charan Das and a host of local leaders are also part of the list. The Congress along with five other 'like-minded' parties launched the Manipur Progressive Secular Alliance last week to take on the ruling BJP in the upcoming assembly polls.

Besides the Congress, the other parties in the alliance are CPI, CPM, RSP, JD (S) and Forward Bloc. An 18-point common agenda was also finalised. **PNS**

Modi pays homage to Pulwama attack victims

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday paid homage to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel who lost their lives in a terrorist attack on their convoy in Pulwama in 2019, and said their bravery and supreme sacrifice motivate every Indian to work towards a strong and prosperous country.

On February 14, 2019, Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) terror group had attacked a convoy of the CRPF at Pulwama in Jammu and Kashmir, killing 40 personnel of the force. In a retaliatory strike, the Indian Air Force had carried out an airstrike in Pakistan's Balakot on February 26, 2019, targeting terrorist camps. Modi tweeted, "I pay homage to all those martyred in Pulwama on this day in 2019 and recall their outstanding service to our nation.

Their bravery and supreme sacrifice motivates every Indian to work towards a strong and prosperous country," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also paid their tributes. "This country will never forget the sacrifice of the brave CRPF jawans killed in Pulwama in 2019. I pay my tributes to them," Singh tweeted.

Jaishankar said: "Tributes to the brave jawans who made the supreme sacrifice at Pulwama. Their memory will always motivate us to fight the evil of cross-border terrorism. Today, and always, the nation will remember."

In his tweet on Pulwama attack, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi who has been asking the Modi-government to furnish facts on the incident and the Balakot air strike, said the sacrifice of CRPF jawans killed in the Pulwama terrorist camps. Modi tweeted, "I pay homage to all those martyred in Pulwama on this day in 2019 and recall their outstanding service to our nation.

Their bravery and supreme sacrifice motivates every Indian to work towards a strong and prosperous country," he said.

Nearly fifth of world's dragonflies, damselflies at risk of extinction

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Nearly a fifth of the world's dragonflies and damselflies are at a risk of extinction, as their freshwater breeding grounds increasingly deteriorate, according to an alarming new assessment by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. Percentage Wise, the assessment reveals that 16% out of 6,016 species are threatened with extinction.

These colourful vibrant insects are crucial to wetland ecosystems as they prey on mosquitoes and also serve as prey to birds and fish.

"Their decline is symptomatic of the widespread loss of the marshes, swamps and free-flowing rivers they breed in, mostly driven by the expansion of unsustainable agriculture and urbanisation around the world," said the report released recently.

"By revealing the global loss of dragonflies, today's Red List update underscores the urgent need to protect the world's wetlands and the rich tapestry of life they harbour. Globally, these ecosystems are disappearing three times faster than forests," said Dr Bruno Oberle, IUCN Director General.

"Marshes and other wetlands may seem unproductive and inhospitable to humans,

but in fact they provide us with essential services. They store carbon, give us clean water and food, protect us from floods, as well as offer habitats for one in ten of the world's known species."

In South and Southeast Asia, more than a quarter of all species are threatened, mostly due to the clearing of wetland and rain-forest areas to make room for crops such as palm oil. In Central and South America, the major cause of dragonflies' decline is the clearing of forests for residential and commercial construction. Pesticides, other pollutants and climate change are growing threats to species in every region of the world, and are the greatest threats to dragonflies in North America and Europe, said the report.

"Dragonflies are highly sensitive indicators of the state of freshwater ecosystems, and this first global assessment finally reveals the scale of their decline. It also provides an essential baseline we can use to measure the impact of conservation efforts," said Dr Viola Clausnitzer, Co-chair of the IUCN SSC Dragonfly Specialist Group.

"To conserve these beautiful insects, it is critical that governments, agriculture and industry consider the protection of wetland ecosystems in development projects, for example by protecting key habitats and dedicating space to urban wetlands."

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Un-Audited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended on December 31, 2021					
(In Rs. Lakhs)					
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended (31/12/2021) Un-audited	9 months ended (31/12/2021) Un-audited	Corresponding quarter ended in the previous year (31/12/2020) Un-audited	Previous Year ended (31/03/2021) Audited
1	Total income from operations				
2	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-0.31	-4.62	-0.57	-7.43
3	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-0.31	-4.62	-0.57	-7.43
4	Net Profit/ (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	-0.31	-4.62	-0.57	-7.43
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	-0.31	-4.62	-0.57	-7.43
6	Equity Share Capital	14.73	14.73	14.73	14.73
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of previous year as on 31.03.2021)	NA	NA	NA	-215.46
8	Earnings per equity share (for discontinued & continuing operations):				
(1) Basic		-0.02	-0.31	-0.04	-0.50
(2) Diluted		-0.02	-0.31	-0.04	-0.50
Notes :					
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of standalone Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on December 31, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchange (BSE) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Un-audited Financial Results for the quarter ended on December 31, 2021 is available on the Stock Exchanges website viz. www.bseindia.com and on Company's website viz. www.justrideenterprises.in.					
2. The above Un-audited financial results for the quarter ended on December 31, 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on February 14, 2022.					
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Sd/-					
Surya Kumar					
(Director)					
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Date : New Delhi					

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एकीकृत पवीजन प्रणाली अचलत उपग्रहक श्रेणी में पवीकृत सेक्टरों से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाईन (ONLINE) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :- कार्य का नाम :- जखपुर सिविल के निम्नलिखित विभागों में एकत्र प्राप्त नया जल प्रदाय योजना अचलत 83 से 75 निगम व्यास के HDPE पाईप ए 20 निगम व्यास के कोनक्रिट पाईप ए 80 निगम व्यास के गुपीकीसी पाईप 6-10 KG/cm2, सेवार्क सहित प्रदाय कर जोड़ने, सिमाने, इंटरकोनेक्शन टेरिफन बस्तीसेक्टर स्थापना, स्लीरीटच रन,स्वीच रन, रेनोवेसन, परबल नल कोनेक्शन एवं अन्य संबंधित सामग्री कार्य, 6 माह ट्रायल रन सहित स्वीकृत गॉइडल अनुसार।		
क्र.	विनिर्देशन / विनिर्देशन	सूचना का नाम
1	390 / 10.02.2022 92421	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग, खरवादीसी, पण्डीपानी एवं टुक्पाणी के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 144 नंग
2	391 / 10.02.2022 92423	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 365 नंग
3	392 / 10.02.2022 92424	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 213 नंग
4	393 / 10.02.2022 92891	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 221 नंग
5	394 / 10.02.2022 92917	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 292 नंग
6	395 / 10.02.2022 92918	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 160 नंग
7	396 / 10.02.2022 92919	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 426 नंग
8	397 / 10.02.2022 92920	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 219 नंग
9	398 / 10.02.2022 92921	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 304 नंग
10	399 / 10.02.2022 92922	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 160 नंग
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13	402 / 10.02.2022 92928	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 195 नंग
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15	404 / 10.02.2022 92950	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 145 नंग
16	405 / 10.02.2022 92501	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 247 नंग
17	406 / 10.02.2022 92502	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 549 नंग
18	407 / 10.02.2022 92556	विकासवाध फरसाहदार के ग्राम राजावर्ग के विनिर्देशन में एकल नमान नजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 495 नंग
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AFRICAN COUPS AND THE NARCO ANGLE



GWYNNE DYER

Military coups are back in fashion in Africa. There have been over 200 attempted coups in the continent since 1960, about half of them successful, but in the past two decades they had dropped to only two a year. Last year saw six, however, and there have been two already this year. The latest is in Guinea-Bissau.

Guinea-Bissau is one of the poorest and least well regarded of Africa's 54 countries - it even has to share the name with its bigger neighbour Guinea, more distant Equatorial Guinea, and very distant Papua New Guinea. But the former Portuguese colony on the West African coast has two distinctions: it has seen 9 coups or attempted coups since 1980, and it is the continent's leading 'narco-state'.

The most recent successful coup in Guinea-Bissau was the 2012 'narco-coup', led by army chief of staff General Antonio Indjai. It was,



according to a report by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime, intended mainly to "achieve control of the rapidly growing lucrative cocaine trade."

Civilian democracy is back now in Guinea-Bissau, although in the person of a former army general, President Umaro Cissoko Embaló, who was elected in late 2019. He and his cabinet spent five hours under fire in the presidential palace on Tuesday, as heavily armed men in civilian clothes (but probably soldiers, really) tried to kill them.

They survived, although a lot of other people died, but you have to expect this sort of thing when your country becomes a major transit point for Latin American cocaine heading to Europe and the Middle East. Embaló himself said that the attackers were linked to drugs in the country, but he didn't explain why that would make him a target.

As a former general, Embaló would have to be associated with one of those factions. Even if he is not, or not any longer, active in the drug trade himself, his faction will be, and that makes him a target for the other factions.

Guinea-Bissau stands out because there is so much drug money sloshing around, but the coup phenomenon is much broader than this. In fact, that old phrase 'the Coup Belt' is coming back into use, because the great majority of the coups are happening in the wide central belt of Africa that stretches from the Atlantic coast across the Sahel to the Red Sea.

This is undoubtedly the poorest region of Africa, with per capita incomes often under a dollar a day, and it's also the least well educated. Climate change is starting to hit it hard, since hotter weather generally means less rain - and what does fall evaporates again more quickly.

The fact that almost all these countries are Muslim means that they are all vulnerable to attacks by jihadi extremists who engage in wholesale massacres of those less extreme than themselves. The armies fighting these fanatics, especially Mali (8 coups and attempted coups), Niger (7), Burkina Faso (9) and Chad (8), have taken heavy casualties and feel under-appreciated and underpaid.

But a sense of proportion is needed. In southern and eastern Africa there have been hardly any military coups in the past twenty years apart from Burundi, Lesotho and once in Zimbabwe.

The heyday of military coups in the Middle East was in 1945-75, since when Africa has dominated this particular field of activity. But if the recent surge in Africa's 'Coup Belt' is really connected to global warming, then we can also look forward to a resurgence in other parts of the world. Contrary to popular belief, most people do not behave well under pressure.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

The Budget's food subsidy conundrum

The subsidy currently covers 800 million and is meant for the poor. Heavily subsidised food is for the very poor. How can 2/3rd of Indians be very poor?

In the Union Budget for 2022-23, the Modi government has allocated Rs 207,000 crore for food subsidy which is ₹79,000 crore less than the actual expenditure of ₹286,000 crore during 2021-22 as per the revised estimate (RE). Under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, the Union Government directs the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other state agencies to procure food from the farmers at MSP (minimum support price) and organize its distribution to a mammoth population of 800 million people through an elaborate network of fair price shops (FPS) at the subsidized price (call it 'issue price') of ₹2, ₹3 and Rs 1 per kg for wheat, rice, and coarse cereals, respectively. Each person is eligible to receive 5 kg of cereals per month.

Considering that the cost of procurement, handling, and distribution is higher than these ridiculously low selling prices, the Centre reimburses the excess amount as 'food subsidy' to the FCI and other agencies and is paid from the Union Budget.

The three key factors impacting subsidy are the issue price, per unit cost of supply (MSP plus handling and distribution cost or HDC) and the quantity of food grain given to the beneficiaries. With these basics, the reduction in subsidy allocation for 2022-23 could either point towards increase in issue price or reduction in MSP/HDC or reduction in the quantity or a combination all three.

The current issue price of ₹2/3/1 per kg was specified in the NFSA legislation. The law enacted in 2013 had frozen these rates for three years. In 2017, the then minister for consumer affairs, Ram Vilas Paswan promised not to revise the price for three years. The status quo continues till date. Given the political sensitivities associated with the low price and elections happening every now and then, it is unlikely that Modi will dare raise the price.

Coming to MSP, this being dependent on the cost of production, in the present environment of rising cost of agricultural inputs, this will only increase. Likewise, HDC will also increase especially in view of the diesel and petrol price remaining high.

As for the quantity, during 2020-21 and 2021-22, to mitigate the Covid, the government distributed free ration at all 800 million under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Although, the pandemic is waning, there is no certainty that this scheme will stop next year. In any case, subsidy boost from hike in MSP, increase in the quantum of purchase and increase in HDC is inevitable.

How will the government deal with such an eventuality? To get an idea, let us look at how it addressed similar situation in the past.

During 2019-20, the FM had made budget provision of ₹184,000 crore. Against this, she released only ₹109,000



UNQUESTIONABLY, THE COVERAGE SHOULD BE DRASTICALLY CUT. THE LEAST THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO IS TO IMPLEMENT THE SHANTA KUMAR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO CUT DOWN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR SUBSIDISED FOOD FROM 67 PER CENT TO 40 PER CENT

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



crore being the revised estimate (RE) for the year. But, the actual requirement was ₹219,000 crore. The deficit of ₹110,000 crore was made up by FCI having to borrow the amount from the NSSF.

For 2020-21, the budget allocation was ₹116,000 crore even as the government expected the FCI to borrow ₹137,000 crore to fund a total requirement of ₹253,000 crore. Add to this the Covid related burden of under PMGKAY about ₹134,000 crore, the total liability came to ₹387,000 crore. Against this, the FM actually gave ₹525,000 crore, the balance was used to clear FCI dues to NSSF. For 2021-22, Sitharaman made budget allocation of ₹243,000 crore.

Against this, she has finally given ₹286,000 crore as per RE given in the budget for 2022-23.

Thus, during these years, the actual requirement was substantially higher than BE which was met in full either through facilitating loans from the NSSF (2019-20) or making additional provision through supplementary grants (2020-21/2021-22). This was made possible because of the very generous fiscal deficit (FD) of 9.2 percent of GDP or about ₹18,00,000 crore during 2020-21 and 6.9 percent of GDP or ₹15,90,000 crore during 2021-22.

In sync with this trend, when it comes to 2022-23, there is no reason to worry as with FD of 6.4 percent of GDP or around ₹16,60,000 crore, even if the subsidy demand turns out to be higher (albeit substantially) than the BE, the govern-

ment will pay for it from the budget in full. But it cannot continue the business as usual. Someday, it will have to get back to fiscal discipline. The reasons are:

First, with Covid fizzling out, it won't have any justification to continue with the current fiscal splurge. Second, thanks to heavy borrowings during the last two years, already, Centre's debt has zoomed to 60 percent of GDP against medium term target of 40 percent. Third, interest payments have shot up by 50 percent; currently these are more than a quarter of the budget and consume half of its net tax revenue.

So, what can the government do to trim food subsidy?

In the Economic Survey for 2019-20, the then Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian had proposed limiting the scheme's coverage and increasing the issue price. The present coverage is over 800 million or nearly 2/3rds of the population. Fundamentally, subsidized food is meant for the poor; in fact, heavily subsidized food (₹1/2/3 a kg) should be only for the very poor. To say that 2/3rd of Indians are very poor is absurd.

Unquestionably, the coverage should be drastically cut. The least the government can do is to implement the Shanta Kumar committee (2015) recommendation to cut down the number of people eligible for subsidized food from present 67 percent to 40 per cent. Moreover, sanspoorest of the poor under 'Antyodaya Anna Yojana' (they

can continue to pay @ ₹1/2/3 per kg), others should pay 50 percent of MSP.

Denying subsidy to 27 percent of the population or around 380 million will result in saving of about ₹64,000 crore annually (28x5x380x12). This calculation is based on a beneficiary taking all of his/her 5 kg monthly quota as wheat and subsidy @ ₹28 per kg arrived at by deducting from the cost of supply or ₹30/- (MSP: Rs 20/- plus HDC: ₹10/-) the issue price or ₹2/-.

The beneficiaries other than those under AAY are 320 million (total beneficiaries under NFSA or 820 million minus 'those excluded' from the scheme or 380 million minus 'those under AAY' or 120 million). On supplies to them, the issue price being ₹10 per kg (50 percent of MSP), there will be saving of ₹8 per kg which will yield annual saving of about ₹15,000 crore.

The above two changes yield saving of close to ₹80,000 crore annually. Additionally, if subsidy money is credited to the account of the beneficiary through DBT mode instead of the current practice of giving food at subsidized price, there will be more savings by curbing pilferage (rampant under the existing dispensation).

All put together, the government should be able to save at least ₹100,000 crore annually. But, the big question: in a politically surcharged atmosphere wherein, even a whisper of denying benefit leads to a big uproar, will the Prime Minister bell the cat?

POINT COUNTERPOINT

IT DOES NOT SUIT THE PRIME MINISTER TO DO POLITICS ON THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE.
—DELHI CHIEF MINISTER
ARVIND KEJRIWAL



KEJRIWAL'S STATEMENT ABOUT THE PM IS HIGHLY CONDEMNABLE. HE SHOULD APOLOGISE TO THE ENTIRE NATION.
—UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER
YOGI ADITYANATH

Status of the Centre's dialogue with Ulfa

The dialogue must be comprehensive but Paresh Barua's absence, who continues to maintain an anti-talk stance, doesn't make it all-inclusive

If reliable reports are anything to go by, formal dialogue with ULFA (Pro-Talk)-which began in 2011 but had stalled with the end of the interlocutorship of A.B. Mathur-is, in all probability, going to experience a revival soon. By all accounts the last round of talks ended on a positive note with the organisation expressing its satisfaction about the initiatives which New Delhi has taken.

ULFA's 12-point charter of demands was formally handed over to New Delhi on August 5, 2011. The demands were broad in nature and scraped out by the Arabinda Rajkhowa faction of ULFA (Pro-Talk) from a 37-page charter that was presented to the Pro-Talk group by Sanmilito Jatiyo Abhiborton, the civil society body that took the ini-



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tiative to bring about an interface between the faction of the ULFA and the government.

Not all the demands are unreasonable, such as prevention of illegal migration from Bangladesh and correct redressal to the problem of floods in Assam. Demands such as Constitutional reforms may not be acceptable to New Delhi, but negotiations always proceed from the intractable to the acceptable by application of compromise.

How far is New Delhi prepared to go in its accommodative posture vis-a-vis the demands of ULFA (Pro-Talk)? It can possibly grant of some rights to backward states, especially by way of rights over natural resources and land, prevention of illegal migration and proper management of floods.



There have been myriad attempts to engage the ULFA in a dialogue in the past. But the process has never quite reached a station that it is presently positioned in. Indeed, for the first time ever a solution seems to be within arm's reach, and one that could be acceptable to the pro-talk faction of the organisation. But an important question that is also being raised is whether

there is merit in talking to a group that holds the guns, or with one that has no guns.

Moreover, there seems to be a more mellowed ULFA chief of staff, Paresh Barua, as compared to his earlier avatar who would not be moved from his position that sovereignty of Assam must be discussed. Baruah and his faction, albeit considerably depleted as a result of desertions, have

also made welcome announcements by way of three back-to-back unilateral ceasefires. These are interesting pointers which both New Delhi and Dispur should take note of and take steps to anvil a comprehensive peace process with a unified ULFA.

To return to the ULFA, New Delhi must be ready to provide certain concessions, some of which may even be unacceptable. Indeed, it may wish to actually profitably gain from the close nexus that ULFA has with NSCN (IM), aiding thereby the vexed interstate boundary problem. It can also witness economic development, further people to people interface and thereby providing a fillip to the "Act east Policy". It must also be caveated at this juncture that the cadres of the organisation should

be rehabilitated in a manner that would make them self-reliant. Mere transfer of funds would disallow them from standing on their own feet and could witness a scenario of return to belligerence. The accent should be not to present them fish to eat, but teach them how to fish for an honourable livelihood.

New Delhi can hold talks only within the ambit of the constitution and after such groups abjure violence. Dialogue with ULFA must be a comprehensive affair. Dialogue in the absence of Paresh Barua, who continues to maintain an anti-talk stance, is not going to be all-inclusive. The analogy that can be proffered at this juncture is to stress on the point as to whether 'peaceful negotiations would prevail if even one tiger out of the nine caged is on the prowl'.

The point about Paresh Baruah is particularly important since he has declared a unilateral ceasefire, but because Chinese or Pakistani interests seem to be continuing to chaperon him, and may even prevent him from returning to India even if he wishes to. A psychological profile of Paresh Barua leads to the summation that he does not quite perceive a role for himself in a peaceful settlement. He prides on his "military" innards, considers himself to be a modern day Lachit Barphukan and would, if the need arises, go down fighting.

In any event, the fact of the matter is that only a dialogue with a united ULFA would entail a peace process that can be said to be a comprehensive affair.

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Standalone Unaudited Provisional Financial Results for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2021				
Rs. In Lakhs (Except EPS)				
S. No	Particulars	Quarter Ending	Previous Quarter Ended	Corresponding three months Ended in the previous year
		31-Dec-21 Unaudited	30-Sep-21 Unaudited	31-Dec-20 Unaudited
1	Total income from operations (net)	0.76	0.75	0.97
2	Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax*	(0.67)	(1.54)	(1.87)
3	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(0.67)	(1.54)	(1.87)
4	Equity Share Capital	25.00	25.00	25.00
5	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	5.44	5.44	12.26
6	Earnings Per Share (from ordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each) (in Rs.), 1.Basic: 2.Diluted :	(0.27)	(0.61)	(0.74)
*The Company does not have any extraordinary item to report for the above period				
NOTES:				
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter ended 31.12.2021 Financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulation, 2015. The full financial results is available on the company's Website www.supraindustrialresources.in and on the stock exchange website www.mse.in				
2. The Unaudited standalone financial results of the Company for the quarter ended 31.12.2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 14.02. 2022.				
3. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the companies (Indian Accounting Standards)Rules 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.				
for Supra Industrial Resources Ltd., Sd/- Rajat Agarwal Director (DIN 00266205)				
Place: New Delhi Date: 14/02/2022				

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Regd. Office : Delton House, 4801 Bharat Ram Road, 24 Daryaganj, New Delhi -110002 Website : www.deltoncables.com, E-mail: cs@deltoncables.com, CIN: L31300DL1964PLC004255				
STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER /NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021				
Rs. in lakhs				
SL No	Particulars	Quarter ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	Nine Months ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31.12.2020 Unaudited
1	Total income from operations (net)	4,147.67	11,169.30	2,605.30
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(224.90)	(281.26)	(85.55)
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(224.90)	(281.26)	(85.55)
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(198.60)	(217.80)	(81.97)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(200.74)	(224.55)	(74.43)
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)	864.00	864.00	864.00
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of Rs. 10/- each)			
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	(2.30)	(2.52)	(0.95)
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(2.30)	(2.52)	(0.95)
NOTES:				
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly /Nine months ended financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges website (www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.deltoncables.com).				
2) The above results have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.				
3) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Feb 14, 2022, for and on behalf of the Board				
Delton Cables Limited Sd/- Vivek Gupta (Managing Director) DIN 00035916				
Place : New Delhi Date : 14, Feb, 2022				

<div> SANEH INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED </div>							
Regd.Office: Delton House 4801 Bharat Ram Road 24 Daryaganj New Delhi -110002, (India) Phone No. 91-11-23273907 , CIN: L74899DL1980PL060079							
STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021							
(Rs. In Lakhs)							
S. No.	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended 31.12.2021	Nine Month ended 31.12.2021	Quarter ended 31.12.2021	Quarter ended 31.12.2021	Nine Month ended 31.12.2021	Quarter ended 31.12.2020
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
1	Total income from operations (net)	-	0.17	0.25	0.03	0.48	0.25
2	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(0.76)	(1.47)	(0.35)	(1.65)	(2.77)	(0.69)
3	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(0.76)	(1.47)	(0.35)	(1.65)	(2.77)	(0.69)
4	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	(0.76)	(1.47)	(0.35)	(1.65)	(2.77)	(0.69)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	47.29	66.35	(2.26)	246.19	347.95	(5.06)
6	Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
7	Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (Face Value of Rs.10/- each)						
	(a) Basic (Rs.)	(0.32)	(0.61)	(0.15)	(0.69)	(1.15)	(0.29)
	(b) Diluted (Rs.)	(0.32)	(0.61)	(0.15)	(0.69)	(1.15)	(0.29)
NOTES :							
1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges website www.cse-india.com.							
2) The above result have been prepared in accordance with principle and procedures of Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified under the companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as specified under section 133 of Companies Act, 2013.							
3) The above Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 14th February, 2022.							
By order of the Board For Saneh Industrial Investments Limited Sd/- Vivek Gupta Director (DIN NO.: 00035916)							
Place : Delhi Date : 14 th Feb, 2022							

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road,
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Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Rakesh Bansal/ Renu Bansal/ Rajesh Bansal/ Bansal Traders/ LBDEL00002063291	Property No 65 B, Block-F Pocket- 26 Sec- 7 Rohini Delhi./ February 10, 2022	July 06, 2021 Rs. 17,83,837/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Arun Kumar/ Sushma Devi/ Vijay Kumar/ LBDEL00002383746	Flat No 27, First Floor Block- C11 Pocket 4 Sector- 34 Rohini, Delhi./ February 10, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs. 11,80,054/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Praveen Kumar Arora / Vandana Arora/ Chand Arora/ LBDEL00002914333	Property No 22, Block G3, First Floor Without Roof Rights, Pocket- G Sector 11 Rohini Delhi./ February 10, 2022	July 06, 2021 Rs. 11,29,086/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Rakesh Chaudhary/ Madhu/ LBDEL00004411684	Dda Lig, Expandable Flat No 1087 Block D Pocket-3 Type-A, Bidnapur Delhi./ February 10, 2022	July 06, 2021 Rs. 12,78,246/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Veena Malik / Shalender Malik/ LBGH200002361296	Flat No 51, Lig Second Floor Pocket C Sector 82 Group 1, Narela Delhi Delhi./ February 10, 2022	July 06, 2021 Rs.13,58,848/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Pankaj Saxena/ Namrata Asthana/ LBDEL00001718135	81- C, Second Floor, Dda Sfs Flat Cat- 2 Pocket- 2 Sec-6 Dwarka, Delhi / February 10, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs.15,20,636/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Narinder Kumar/ Sunita Kumari/ LBDEL00002372428	Flat No 54, 4th Floor Block B 10 Pocket 8 Sector 23 B, Dwarka, Delhi/ February 10, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs.13,12,454/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Sanjay Kapoor/ Airnoice Aviations Pvt Ltd/ Anamika Kapoor/ LBDEL00003155923/ LBDEL00002448345/ LBDEL00002447141	House No- S 569, Front Portion 3rd Floor, Greater Kailash Part II, Delhi/ February 10, 2022	June 23, 2021 Rs. 1,77,98,784/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : February 15, 2022
Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Kremlin signals more talks with West amid Ukraine tensions

Moscow: Russia's top diplomat advised President Vladimir Putin on Monday to keep talking with the West on Moscow's security demands, a signal from the Kremlin that it intends to continue diplomatic efforts amid US warnings of an imminent Russian invasion of Ukraine. Moscow wants guarantees from the West that NATO won't allow Ukraine and other former Soviet countries to join as members, and that the alliance will halt weapons deployments to Ukraine and roll back its forces from Eastern Europe, the demands flatly rejected by the West. Speaking at a meeting with Putin, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov argued that Moscow should hold more talks with the U.S. And its allies despite their refusal to consider the main Russian demands. The talks "can't go on indefinitely, but I would suggest to continue and expand them at this stage," Lavrov said, noting that Washington has offered

to conduct dialogue on limits for missile deployments in Europe, restrictions on military drills and other confidence-building measures. Asked by Putin if it made sense to continue diplomatic efforts, Lavrov responded that possibilities for talks "are far from being exhausted," and he proposed to continue the negotiations. Putin noted the West could try to draw Russia into "endless talks" without conclusive results and questioned whether there is still a chance to reach agreement on Moscow's key demands. "There's always a chance," Lavrov replied, adding that his ministry wouldn't allow the U.S. And its allies to stonewall Russia's main requests.

Moscow denies it has any plans to invade Ukraine but has massed well over 130,000 troops near its borders and, in the U.S. View, has built up enough firepower to launch an attack on short notice. **AP**

Poland prepares to accept Ukrainian refugees in case of war

Warsaw: Poland, the largest European Union nation to border Ukraine, is making preparations to accept Ukrainian refugees in the event of another Russian attack on that country. But the Polish government hopes that worst-case scenario can be averted. Similar preparations are being made across the region, particularly in those nations which share borders with Ukraine. As other countries draw down their diplomatic missions in Ukraine, Poland says it is for now keeping its diplomatic operations in place in case they are needed to facilitate a large-scale exit of Ukrainians.

On Parkland anniversary, Biden urges Congress on gun control

Washington: Four years after 17 students were gunned down at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, President Joe Biden says his administration stands with the advocates working to end gun violence and urges the nation to uphold the "solemn obligation" to "keep each other safe."

"Out of the heartbreak of Parkland a new generation of Americans all across the country marched for our lives and towards a better, safer America for us all," Biden said in a statement obtained by The Associated Press ahead of Monday's anniversary of the deadly shooting. "Together, this extraordinary movement is making sure that the voices of victims and survivors and responsible gun owners are louder than the voices of gun manufacturers and the National Rifle Association," Biden said. Since the Parkland shooting, gun violence at schools has only risen. There were at least 136 instances of gunfire on school grounds between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31, according to a tally last week by the gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety.

Biden has acted to crack down on "ghost guns," home-made firearms that lack serial numbers used to trace them and that are often purchased without a background check. **AP**

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NAPA defies Pak SC directive, refuses to vacate from Hindu Gymkhana in Karachi

Karachi: Despite a directive from Pakistan's Supreme Court, the country's National Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA) appears to be in no mood to vacate the Hindu Gymkhana, a protected heritage building situated here that was rented to it in 2005 by the local Hindu community, a media report said on Monday.

The local Hindu community, represented by Shri Ratneshwar Maha Dev, has been actively demanding NAPA's evacuation from the building, for which they had approached the court.

The apex court in November 2021 while hearing the plea of Dev, had directed the district administration to relocate the academy at an appropriate time, according to The Express Tribune newspaper.

They were also instructed to demolish the auditorium

constructed by them, but the academy continues to defy court orders, the report said.

"Although NAPA is our tenant, we have been complying with court orders and have found an alternate venue for the academy's relocation. It is in the Jinnah Cultural Complex in North Karachi, but NAPA is sticking to its guns about being provided with a prime location in the city's downtown area, which is too audacious," Pakistan's Director-General Culture Abdul Aleem Lashari was quoted as saying in the report.

In 2008, the culture department had slapped NAPA with a notice for the termination of the agreement directing them to vacate the premises. However, as per the director-general culture, it [NAPA] got a stay order from the court, occupied the building, and refused to leave, the report added. **PTI**

Election fraud trial of Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi begins

Bangkok: Ousted Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi went on trial on Monday on election fraud charges, the latest in a series of criminal prosecutions by the military-run government in which she has already been sentenced to six years in prison.

The army seized power and arrested Suu Kyi in February last year, claiming widespread voter fraud in the 2020 general election, an allegation not corroborated by independent election observers. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won the election by a landslide, while the military-backed party did poorly. The military's takeover prompted widespread peaceful protests and civil disobedience that security forces suppressed with lethal force.

About 1,500 civilians have been killed, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners. Some opponents of the military have turned to armed resistance in response.

Suu Kyi, 76, has faced a raft of charges since she was taken into custody. Her supporters and human rights groups say the cases against her are baseless and have been contrived to bar her return to politics and participation in a new election the army has promised by 2023. **AP**

As Iran talks stall, Israeli PM makes snap trip to Bahrain

Jerusalem: Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is flying to the Gulf state of Bahrain on Monday, cementing ties between the new allies in a clear message of cooperation aimed at regional archrival Iran.

Bennett's trip to the Gulf is the first public visit by an Israeli prime minister to Bahrain, and comes less than two weeks after the countries signed a defense agreement with an eye on rising tensions in the Gulf.

The visit also comes as nuclear talks between world powers and Iran are dragging on in Vienna.

Israel and Bahrain agreed to normalise ties in 2020 as part of the US-brokered 'Abraham Accords,' which also saw Israel establish relations with the United Arab Emirates, Morocco and Sudan. Bennett travelled to the UAE late last year.

Bennett's office said he would meet with Bahrain's crown prince and prime minister and discuss "the importance of peace, advancement and prosperity in the region, and especially the advancement of diplomatic and economic issues, with an emphasis on technology and innovation." Overshadowing Bennett's trip to Bahrain are rising regional tensions. **AP**

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SHORT TERM PURCHASE OF POWER FOR THE PERIOD 1 st APRIL 2022 TO 30 th SEPTEMBER 2022	
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In accordance with the guidelines for short term procurement of power notified by the Ministry of Power and directions issued by Hon'ble DERC, BRPL has floated power procurement tender with the General Terms and Conditions for purchase of power and same is available on e-Bidding portal www.msitcecommerce.com , www.powermin.nic.in , www.bsesdelhi.com .	
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 st DECEMBER, 2021													
(Rs. in Lacs)													
Sl No	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated						
		Quarter Ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	30.09.2021 Unaudited	31.12.2020 Unaudited	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	31.12.2020 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited	Quarter Ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	30.09.2021 Unaudited	31.12.2020 Unaudited	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2021 Unaudited	31.12.2020 Unaudited	Year ended 31.03.2021 Audited
1	Total Revenue from operations	2,112.61	1,303.98	2,267.72	4,455.43	3,737.87	7,051.89	2,728.22	1,895.09	2,909.14	6,007.48	5,219.56	9,235.98
2	Net Profit/(Loss) before Exceptional Items and tax	(193.43)	(559.71)	(708.36)	(1,518.22)	(1,751.75)	(851.27)	(225.88)	(402.73)	(647.11)	(1,413.27)	(1,797.78)	(881.39)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	(193.95)	(559.46)	(706.67)	(1,521.95)	(1,748.35)	(873.63)	(226.41)	(402.47)	(645.42)	(1,417.05)	(1,794.38)	(903.74)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	(193.95)	(559.46)	(706.67)	(1,521.95)	(1,748.35)	(700.69)	(226.41)	(402.47)	(645.42)	(1,417.05)	(1,794.38)	(798.72)
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	(193.95)	(559.46)	(706.67)	(1,521.95)	(1,748.35)	(691.97)	(226.41)	(402.47)	(645.42)	(1,417.05)	(1,794.38)	(790.00)
6	Equity Share Capital	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81	1,920.81
7	Other Equity / (Reserves excluding revaluation reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	3,300.95	-	-	-	-	-	2,825.81
8	Earning per share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)												
	(a) Basic (in Rs.)	(1.01)	(2.91)	(3.68)	(7.92)	(9.10)	(3.60)	(1.18)	(2.10)	(3.36)	(7.38)	(9.34)	(4.11)
	(b) Diluted (in Rs.)	(1.01)	(2.91)	(3.68)	(7.92)	(9.10)	(3.60)	(1.18)	(2.10)	(3.36)	(7.38)	(9.34)	(4.11)

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The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly financial results are available on the Stock Exchange website (www.bseindia.com) and on the Company's website (www.okplay.co.in).

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The above standalone and consolidated financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on Monday, 14th February, 2022.

for OK Play India Limited

Sd/-

Rajan Handa

Managing Director

(DIN 00194590)

Place : New Delhi

Date : 14th February, 2022

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ford, Tata Motors, Suzuki, Hyundai, Kia and Mahindra & Mahindra are among the 20 companies that will be eligible for receiving incentives under the Production Linked Incentives (PLI) Scheme for the automobile and auto components sector, PTI reported last week. The applicants have been approved under the Champion Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) Incentives scheme. The 20 companies we selected have committed an investment of more than Rs 45,000 crore. So

The Secretary shared that the emphasis on Made in India comes with the condition that at least 50 per cent of the value addition must be carried out domestically, by going up to Tier 3, which includes the micro, small and medium enterprises.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

SES has over 70 satellites in two different orbits, providing video and data services to customers across the world.

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

New Delhi: ZEE5 launched India Ka Binge-a-thon, a 3-day campaign, to celebrate its fourth anniversary. "We are entering our 4th year with great enthusiasm and vigour, riding high on the last one year which has been a blockbuster," Manish Kalra, Chief Business Officer, ZEE5 India.

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Forex traders said a lacklustre trend in domestic equities and elevated crude oil prices weighed on the local unit. Moreover, official data released after market hours showed that retail inflation rose to 6.01 percent in January on an annual basis and breached the RBI's upper tolerance level, mainly due to higher prices of certain food items.

New Delhi: BRB Chips has unveiled a revolutionary new snacking product BRB Popcorn Chips in four delicious flavours. Anuj Krishnan, co-founder & CEO, BRB Chips, said, "We have received tremendous amount of consumer love from all over the country and from people of all age groups and backgrounds. We want to repay their faith and love by continuously pushing the envelope on product innovation to upgrade the Indian consumers' snacking game to the next level." -

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The association had contended that the sale of BKC property, was not permissible under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) as a moratorium was declared over the assets of the company after an order dated June 20, 2019.

"All these factors lead to the conclusion that banning cryptocurrency is perhaps the most advisable choice open to India," Sankar said while delivering a keynote address at the Indian Banks Association 17th Annual Banking Technology Conference and Awards. The Deputy Governor said crypto-technology is underpinned by a philosophy to evade government controls," he said.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

“We observed a need for better head protection for our Sikh troops. Despite having contributed so much towards national security and defense in India, and across the world, the Sikh soldiers do not have adequate head protection against ballistic threats that can be comfortably worn, without having to compromise on their faith,” said MKU’s chairman Manoj Gupta.

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- Credit Rating : CARE BB- (CE)
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio : 0% (31 March, 2021 : 0%)
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Current ratio : mentioned above
- Long Term Debt to Working Capital : mentioned above
- Bad debts to Account receivable Ratio : mentioned above
- Current Liability Ratio : mentioned above
- Total Debts to Total Assets Ratio : mentioned above
- Debtors Turnover Ratio : mentioned above
- Operating margin (%) = (Profit for the year+ Tax expenses + Finance costs - Other income) / (Revenue from operations) : mentioned above
- Net profit margin (%) = Profit for the year / Revenue from operations: mentioned above
- Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not : 24th August, 2021
- Previous due date for the payment of interest : 24th August, 2021
- Previous due date for the payment of principal : 24th August, 2021
- Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities ((as on August 08, 2023)
- Next due date for the payment of interest : 20th November, 2022
- Next due date for the payment of principal : 20th November, 2022
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth ** (31 Dec, 2021) : INR in thousands 27,96,989 (31 March, 2021 : INR in thousands 14,04,361)
- Net profit after tax: mentioned above
- Earning per share: mentioned above
- Debenture Redemption Reserve (31st Dec, 2021) : INR Nil (31 March, 2021 : Nil)
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document: (Regulations 52(7))

Notes :

1 Ratios have been computed as follows :

- Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
- Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + loan from related party - unamortize fees)
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, tax and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense).
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents)) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+Guarantee fee).
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)

*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017.

** Ratios as mentioned above are not given w.r.t. debts other than Debentures issued on 26 September 2017.

** Network represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance. Ratios have been computed as follows :

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2. 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.sencia.com>).
3. 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.
4. The company is in the business of Providing management consultancy services. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
5. The above results have been approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 14th February, 2022. The figures of the quarter ended December 31, 2021 are the balancing figures between figures in respect of the respective nine months ended December 31, 2021 and unaudited and unreviewed management internal reporting figures for the six months ended September 30, 2021. However, management has exercised necessary due diligence to ensure that the financial results for the periods provide a true and fair view of the Company's affairs.
6. The financial information for the corresponding nine months ended December 31, 2020 and Six months ended September 30, 2020 to be included in the Statement of Financial Results and the Statement of Cash Flows, respectively, have not been furnished by the Company in the accompanying Statement pursuant to the relaxation provided in the SEBI Circular SEBI/IO/DDHS/CIR/2021/0000000637 dated October 5, 2021.
7. Tax expense includes Current Tax and Deferred Tax charge.
8. CARE Ratings have assigned long term issue rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "CARE BB- (CE)" with stable outlook
9. 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 the Board of Directors
(Sd./-) Vaishali Nigam Sinha,
Managing Director, DIN : 02299472



ICICI Bank

CORRIGENDUM

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No-23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Notices under SARFAESI Act for Loan Account No. LBDEL00004713455/ LBDEL00005314811, Name of the Borrower **SK NANDA F&B FOOD CENTRE** property address **Plot No- C-2, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi** demand Notice under section 13(2) dated **August 24, 2021** was delivered and Symbolic Publication Notice under section 13(4) was published in newspaper **THE PIONEER (English) & THE PIONEER (Hindi)** dated **January 05, 2022**. We wish to mention that inadvertently and unintentionally a typographical error has occurred in the said publication and demand notice address was mentioned as **Ground & 1st Floor, Plot No- C-2, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi** instead of **Plot No- C-2, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi**. We therefore, request you to please read the same as **Plot No- C-2, Vishal Enclave, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi**. All other details mentioned in the said Notice dated will remain same. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to you in this regard.

Date: February 15, 2022

Place: Delhi NCR

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

General public is hereby informed that this girl **Name:** Rekha, **D/o** Shri Shyam Singh **R/o** S-74/193, Harjan Camp, Khanpur, MB Road, New Delhi, **Age:** 15Years, **Height:** 152 CM, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Build:** Normal, **Wearing:** Pink Suit and Salwar, has been missing since 18.01.2016 from his house in the area of PS. Ambedkar

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Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi
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Notes : 1) The Unaudited financial results of the Company for the Quarter and Nine Months ended 31st December, 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on February 14, 2022. The financial statements have been subjected to Limited Review by Statutory Auditors of the Company. 2) The above is the extract of the detailed form of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and the nine months ended December 31, 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulations 33 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full form of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021 are available on the Stock Exchange website i.e. www.bseindia.com and Company's website : <http://www.ownmahr.com/kovalam/investor.php>

For Kovalam Investment and Trading Co. Ltd.
Sd/- (Jai Karan Singh)
Manager

RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LIMITED

Registered Office: Judges Bareilly Road, Rampur 244 901 (U.P.)

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EXTRACT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / NINE MONTHS ENDED ON 31ST DEC. 2021

(Rs. In Lacs)

S. No.	Particulars	Standalone Results				Consolidated Results	
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		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited	Audited
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6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82	494.82
7	Earnings/(loss) per share (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised, in Rs.) for continuing and discontinuing operations						
	Basic / Diluted	-0.70	-0.51	3.51	8.45	-0.70	8.45

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By order of the Board

Sd/-

Anshuman Khaitan

(Managing Director)

Place : New Delhi

Date : 14/02/2022

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DOCYARD

DR ANJALI KUMAR

Obstetrician, Gynaecologist & Laparoscopic Surgeon

CK BIRLA HOSPITAL



Preserving is a smart move



An ectopic pregnancy occurs when a fertilised egg grows outside the uterus (womb), usually in the fallopian tube. The fallopian tube is not made to hold a growing embryo as it can't stretch like a uterus. Therefore, this type of pregnancy can be life-threatening and cannot proceed normally, hence requiring immediate intervention. The treatment can be medicinal or surgical depending on the patient's condition.

After these treatments, the patient can feel fatigued and have pain in the abdomen. Depending on the severity of the pregnancy, the woman can return to the normal cycle immediately or it may take several weeks for periods and fertility to return. Generally, fertility is not affected if the fallopian tube remains intact.

Emotional & Psychological effect of Ectopic Pregnancy
Ectopic pregnancy is a type of miscarriage that occurs at an early stage of pregnancy. Miscarriages of any type are incredibly draining, both physically & emotionally. According to The Lancet report, at least 1 in 10 women experience miscarriage followed by post-traumatic stress (PTS). PTS can have a negative impact on work, home, and relationships. However, there are several ways to cope with PTS.

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Book yourself a massage – Massages not only help in relaxing the nervous system but also increase the oxygen flow in the body which makes healing faster and helps in balancing the endocrine system that controls hormone levels. Just make sure that your therapist avoids the affected area post the surgery.

Plan your future conception: The first step to get on with life is by talking to a gynaecologist to plan your future. It is essential to understand that your body needs to recover after an ectopic pregnancy, and it is not your fault to have experienced one. Understand the treatment options and plan a way forward.

Practice Yoga: Meditation and yoga can help in managing high levels of stress and anxiety if you are suffering from PTS or planning your next pregnancy.

Eat well: A healthy diet is very important for your lifestyle especially when you're planning a pregnancy. Avoid junk food and too much caffeine!

Garima (name changed), a 30-year-old woman, had conceived naturally but had to terminate her five-week pregnancy by undergoing a laparoscopic milking procedure because of her tubal ectopic pregnancy on the right side. The patient had undergone two abortions earlier and had a history of Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD), putting her under a lot of pressure and uncertainty of conceiving in the future.

To allay her fears related to chances of future pregnancy, a team of doctors protected the fallopian tube instead of removing it. In such cases 99 per cent of the time (in India), the fallopian tube is removed. However, to preserve the fertility of our patient, the laparoscopic milking technique was adopted, a novel method that removes the ectopic pregnancy as well as conserves the tube. Doctors ensured that the patient was healthy and satisfied with the treatment options - staying true to the value of patient centricity.

For most women, ectopic pregnancy is an upsetting and frightening experience. There is a natural feeling of loss, grief, shock, anxiety with respect to an ectopic pregnancy. To help couples through this difficult time, it is important to understand what ectopic pregnancy is.

WARMFOOD


BEETROOT: They're low in calories, but they're packed with essential vitamins and minerals. In fact, they contain a small amount of practically every vitamin and mineral your body needs.

Beets are high in folate, a nutrient that is important for growth, development, and heart health. They're also high in manganese, which helps with bone growth, nutri-

ent metabolism, and brain function, among other things. They're also high in copper, which is needed for energy production and the creation of some neurotransmitters.

Both systolic and diastolic blood pressure could be dramatically reduced by drinking beet juice.

Beets may improve athletic performance by increasing oxygen intake and endurance.





Under-recognised and under-treated disorder

Timely diagnosis and appropriate management can lead to a significant improvement in the quality of life, says DR SUMIT SINGH

Migraine is considered one of the most disabling chronic neurological diseases, and patients with migraine are particularly vulnerable to the drastic negative impacts of the pandemic. But there is a more severe condition known as chronic migraine, in which an individual gets headaches more often. According to the International Headache Society, chronic migraine is defined as a headache occurring for 15 or more days per month for more than three months, which, on at least 8 days per month, has the features of a migraine headache.

Currently, there are three practical clinical criteria to classify or diagnose chronic migraine. First, a headache that lasts for four or more days for three months. Second, headaches that last for more than 15 days in a month and lastly, headaches that last for more than eight days with at least two of the following four characteristics- unilateral location, pulsating quality, moderate or severe pain intensity, aggravation by or causing avoidance of routine physical activity and at least one of the following: nausea and/or vomiting, photophobia and phonophobia.

The COVID-19 pandemic emerged rapidly. Owing to challenges faced by people during the pandemic and multiple lockdowns, patients with chronic migraine are reporting an increase in frequency of headaches. With the overwhelmed

health systems and the need to stay protected, patients are minimizing their visits to clinics and emergency departments.

A recent online survey explored the real-world impact of COVID-19 on patients with migraine and showed that about 60 per cent of respondents had an increase in migraine frequency, 16 per cent reported a decrease in migraine frequency, and a little over 10 per cent reported converting from episodic migraine to chronic migraine.

Many patients have been hesitant to visit doctors fearing the COVID-19 infection, and many local clinics were temporarily shut down to avoid crowding and spreading of infection. As a result, many in-person doctor visits were cancelled leading to consumption of excessive pain killers and medications. During the pandemic, triggers that were noted included increase in screen time, change in sleep time, increased consumption of caffeine and alcohol along with dietary changes.

Potentially remediable risk factors for chronic migraine include frequency of migraine attacks, obesity, excessive use of medications containing opioids and barbiturates, caffeine overuse, stressful life events, depression, sleep disorders etc



Dr Sumit Singh
Chief Neurologist, Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon

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Depression and chance of locus of control were associated with chronic migraine.

Chronic migraine is an under-recognised and under-treated disorder. Timely diagnosis and appropriate management can lead to a significant improvement in the quality of life. Also, there is a lack of awareness about the seriousness of migraine and transformation to chronic migraine.

As the pandemic created the gap in the treatment schedule, telemedicine should be practiced catering to concerns and fear of exposure to the Covid19 virus. Regular and periodic consultations will optimise therapy. Great effort must be made to facilitate therapies that can be availed at home effectively so that the chances of visits to the emergency department or the clinic are minimised.

One should immediately consult a neurologist, and should not overlook the symptoms like pounding, throbbing, or pulsating, severe pain on one side of the head (unilateral) or both (bilateral) focused on the front or back of the head, or both, around the eyes or behind the cheeks along with one of the following effects of Nausea, vomiting or both, sensitivity to light and sound.

Experts feel the need for more patient-centric programmes aimed at educating them, about the various treatments available and to understand new therapies.

Eye strain and convergence insufficiency in children

Children particularly take less precautions as compared to adults, therefore they experience convergence inefficiency more commonly than adults these days, says DR SMITA KAPOOR

In today's digital age, using different screens is perhaps unavoidable. During the pandemic because people could not go outdoors and had to maintain physical distancing, mobiles and laptops became everyone's recourse. Like adults, children's screen time has also increased for various reasons. Children study online, use screens for gaming and entertainment, have video conversations with friends on mobile phones and use social media for hours. While this increased screen time causes eye strain, it also leads to an eye condition called convergence insufficiency. For this reason, we must try to minimize our screen time as much as possible and also take sufficient precautions when letting children use screens.

What is convergence insufficiency?

Convergence insufficiency is an eye disorder in which the two eyes cannot synchronize and work together when focusing at nearby objects. In this condition one eye may drift outward when trying to focus on an object brought up close, leading to blurred or double vision. This makes reading and focusing difficult and also causes frequent headaches. The



condition usually starts in childhood but can even affect adults. Some of the factors that lead to convergence insufficiency are concussions, neurodegenerative conditions such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's or Graves' disease.

What is the connection between screen usage and convergence insufficiency?

Since most screens are used at close distances, convergence insufficiency becomes a natural outcome. Children particularly take less precautions as compared to adults, therefore they experience convergence inefficiency more commonly than adults these days.

What are the symptoms of convergence insufficiency?

Some of the symptoms that might indicate the presence of convergence inefficiency are headache, strain, eye fatigue, difficulty in reading and concentration, double vision and the frequent need to squint or rub the eyes. At the same time clues such as a child avoiding sports that require depth perception or having trouble in catching objects thrown through the air, being prone to frequent stumbling on uneven surfaces or bumping into furniture etc due to poor judgment of distance must be strong signs of troubles related to convergence insufficiency.

Is it true that convergence insufficiency is different from far-sightedness and lazy eye?

Convergence insufficiency is the inability to maintain binocular function while far-sightedness is a refractive error in which a person cannot focus on and see nearby objects clearly because the length of the eyeball is short or the cornea is flat. Convergence insufficiency is also different from amblyopia or lazy eye in which poor vision in one eye if left untreated for a long time leads to the constant use of the good eye. As a result, the former becomes weaker with the passage of time.

What should one do when faced with convergence insufficiency?

First and foremost, children must be supervised closely so that a sufficient balance is ensured between their screen time and non-screen time.

Second, sufficient distance should be maintained between the eyes and the screen.

Third, children could be made to do a series of ocular exercises prescribed by a trained ophthalmologist. A focusing exercise is pencil push-ups in which the child is made to focus on the tip of a pencil while bringing the pencil closer to the bridge of the nose and stopping just when the object becomes double. Another one is a software based exercise that can be done on a computer at home under parents' supervision. If exercises do not help, prism glasses could be given to the child. And the last option is eye muscle surgery.

Therefore, at the slightest doubt of a symptom of convergence insufficiency, one must consult a squint specialist immediately.

The writer is Consultant Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Vision Eye Centre, New Delhi

Let's talk about it



In spite of increasing sexual health awareness through workshops and social media, sex is

still a taboo topic. DR JAYSHREE SUNDER tells us how to stay safe

Sexual and Reproductive Health Awareness Day is organised to raise awareness about sexual and reproductive health (SRH). SRH encompasses dimensions of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality.

Health awareness events create publicity for health issues and aims to improve the condition and help save lives, sometimes these events encourage preventative action against conditions becoming more serious.

Sexual interaction is a basic need of all living things maybe started by different people at different ages. It is important for both sexes to be aware of implications and know measures to avoid complications both emotionally and physically. Sex is still a taboo in our country, not spoken very openly at homes. However, things are gradually changing and schools are trying to organise sessions for kids to increase awareness.

Also parents are changing their outlook and allowing children to be more open and aware. Having a reproductive and sexual awareness day is itself going a long way to break barriers.

If the awareness is not created in a sensible way the internet is looming with too much unfiltered unverified information creating confusion on impressionable minds.

Two things to keep in mind when someone is sexually active is prevention of sexually transmitted infections and contraception.

Sexually transmitted infections (STI) have short term and long term implications. Some of them still don't have a cure. Transmission can occur without penetrative sex just by secretions.

STIs have direct impact on sexual and reproductive health through stigmatisation, infertility, cancers and pregnancy complications and can increase the risk of HIV.

More than 30 different bacteria, viruses and parasites are known to be transmitted through sexual contact. Eight of these pathogens are linked to the greatest incidence of sexually transmitted disease. Of these, 4 are currently curable: syphilis, gonorrhoea, chlamydia and trichomonas.

STIs spread predominantly by sexual contact, including vaginal, anal and oral sex. A person can have an STI without showing symptoms of the disease. Common symptoms of STIs include vaginal discharge, urethral discharge or burning in men, genital ulcers and abdominal pain.

When used correctly and consistently, condoms offer one of the most effective methods of protection against STIs, including HIV. Condoms also protect against unintended pregnancy in mutually consented sexual relationships. Although highly effective, condoms do not offer protection for STIs that cause extra-genital ulcers (syphilis or genital herpes). When possible, condoms should be used in all vaginal and anal sex. Safe and highly effective vaccines are available for two viral STIs: hepatitis B and HPV.

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INBRIEF

Timely intervention in paediatric cancer cases has high cure rates

Having high cure rates in paediatric cancer cases, Dr Vikas Dua, Director, Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and BMT, emphasised that parents need to be aware of the red flag signs in their kids and the advanced treatment modalities available to treat such cancers.

Cancer in the paediatric age group contributes to around 5 per cent of the total cancer burden in India. Cancer forms the ninth most common cause of mortality among children between 5 to 14 years of age in India. However, in the last few years, significant progress has been seen in paediatric cancer therapy in India and their five-year survival rate is 75-79 per cent in children treated in tertiary care institutes, managed by paediatric oncologists.

There are more than 10 types of cancers which can be seen in children. Some of the common cancers are acute leukaemia, brain tumour, lymphoma, neuroblastoma, Wilm's tumour, retinoblastoma and soft tissue sarcomas. The most common paediatric cancer is acute leukaemia (blood cancer).

It is extremely important that these children are treated by a paediatric haemato-oncologist since the physiology of a child and response to chemotherapy drugs is very different from adults and is best understood by a paediatric specialist.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

PRADIPTAA CHAKRAVARTY’s intriguing canvas, with seven characters and a little canine pooch, celebrates the emotion. By UMA NAIR

Pradiptaa Chakravarty, the student of KG Subramanian and Jogen Chowdhury, picks up his panache with colour and contours from his two Kala Bhavan Santiniketan mentors. Pradiptaa is working on a solo show for the future and one of his first works celebrates Valentine’s Day in a novel, intriguing canvas with seven characters and a little canine pooch that looks like an animated cross between a dachshund and a beagle.

This work is aptly called *Love Is In The Air*. One look at its many features — the flowers, the seven people and the little pooch — tells us that life is about experiences that celebrate love. Pradiptaa says the seven characters are people who denote seven days of the week Monday through Sunday. He says they are celebrating their bond of love and friendship and camaraderie. “The flowers tell us that the environment is precious and it is important that we show our love by gifting our loved ones with flowers,” says he.

LIGHT AND TAGORE

The painting also has an antique chandelier and a landscape in the background framed in colonial fashion. Imagery, for Pradiptaa, is everything. He uses imagery to signify all the objects and qualities of sense perception referred to in poetry or other works of literature, whether by literal description, by allusion, or in the analogues (the vehicles) used in its similes and metaphors.

Pradiptaa quotes Tagore and says, *Jivan Devta*, the light of the living, is what is shown by the chandelier’s light. *Jivan Devta* is



the main source of inspiration for Tagore. This deity is dwelling in his heart and is guiding his life, every activity and every achievement of him. *Jivan Devta*, Tagore expresses, is not identical with the God of popular religious systems but, at the same time, he is not completely different from the

Absolute.

Pradiptaa’s art practise embraces and expands the use of an array of materials and moorings, where every inch of his canvas is instrumental in evolving an extensive visual vocabulary. The flowers, their shapes and their surreal flavour tell us that he

breathes the lush tropicana of Santiniketan long after he has left the place.

FABULAR TALES

This painting celebrates the versatility and fabular adventures of Pradiptaa — the vivid storyteller and the human character —

on his canvas. He is like a pied piper, a magician who playfully converts his images into performative gestures, as he animates their very postures and gestures with the stroke of his brush. His oeuvre represents not just conceptual richness but a remarkable deftness of his understanding and translating imagery of the human figures.

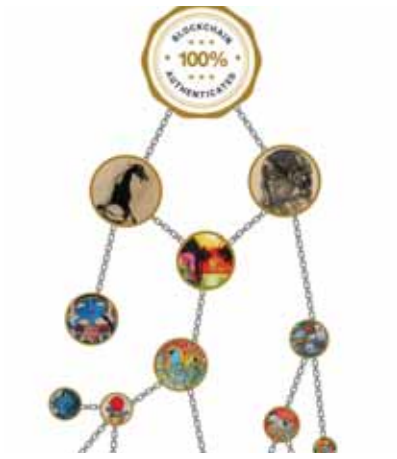
His analogy of the human, the ambience, the environment and the weaving in of the past and present, responds to a spectrum of optical references from disparate traditions as he evocatively paints schematic figures, motifs, signs and gestures on his canvas seeking equivalents of all experiences in his own visual language. He draws our attention to the nuanced play between the graphic and painterly, in a resonant and rhythmic rendering and fervent brushwork, in structuring surface patterning as well as design dynamics. We see a formal articulation of love, even through the placement of the little dog — man’s best friend — the symbol of love and loyalty. The painting brings together masculine and feminine, the androgynous elements. The celebration of love is both — decorative as well as expressive — and it works progressively towards evolving a syncretic pictorial language. This painting tells many stories, it opens windows of perception and perspective. Valentine’s Day tells the world we need more love stories that last, that celebrate the visual subtleties expressed in all languages at all places. The natural, the human and the animal world all become a part of the celebration that says ‘love is a many splendoured thing’.

Future-ready

VAISHNAVI MURALI, founder, Eikowa art gallery describes the importance of introducing blockchain for provenance in art for the first time in India. By SAIMI SATTAR

In its seventh year of operation, Eikowa, the art gallery introduced blockchain for provenance in art for the first time in India. Focussed on B2C business, the gallery works with a network of 80 artists across senior and mid-career artists.

As pioneers in ArtTech, Eikowa is bringing a solution for authenticity and provenance. They are leveraging blockchain to ensure that every art bought from Eikowa can never be forged so that it remains truly unique. The gallery’s founder, Vaishnavi Murali, talks about how it is the first gallery in India to launch this unique solution and how it will become the gold standard for provenance and authenticity.



What are the reasons which have made conditions appropriate to introduce this in the art world?

The establishment of clear provenance of any painting has always been a key pain point for the art community. With the steady growth and appreciation in Indian art over the last few years, the incidence of forgery has also increased. Our internal estimates suggest that the forged/ copied Indian art market is ~20-30% of the original art market. With strides in blockchain technology, we had the perfect tool to tackle this, and hence, we have focused on solving this problem now.

What would bringing blockchain certification imply?

Blockchain certification means that the digital certificate of the art is registered on a blockchain. Registering on the blockchain implies that the certificate becomes one of a kind, and cannot be forged. We also attach a link to this registration on the actual painting to create a clear line of traceability. Overall, this ensures that neither the painting nor its certification cannot be forged.

How does an artist go about getting it done?

Currently, we do it directly for our artists as the process is tech-intensive.

What are the advantages for the artist and the buyer?

The key advantage for the buyer and the artist is the comfort that no forgery is possible for the certified paintings. Artists are also protected from forged paintings spoiling their reputation/ eating into their demand. Additionally, for buyers, it ensures that the provenance of the paintings is clear, and when they go to the secondary market (i.e. resell the paintings), they can clearly and easily prove the provenance.

What are the changes it would bring about in the art market?

While we are the first and foremost in the Indian art market to do this for physical art, we would very much like all the other galleries to adopt similar technologies and customers to demand this. This will ensure that any art sold by galleries has a clear line of origination/ provenance and the forged art market is curbed as much as possible, and the artists and patrons are not defrauded.

Who are the artists already on board?
All of Eikowa’s artists are already on board with this service.

When did you launch the initiative and what has been the response?

The initiative has been launched two weeks back, and we have had unanimous appreciation from several of our patrons and prospects during this time.

Often described as the ‘greatest literary show on Earth’, the Jaipur Literature Festival is scheduled between March 5 and 14. It will have an array of themes, India 75 being one of its highlights. The JLF will look at various facets of the journey so far with a diverse set of sessions.

DEEP DIVE INTO SESSIONS

A session will explore the narratives and counter-narratives of the electoral process and democratic systems. The panel will include former chief election commissioner of India and the author of *Every Vote Counts* Navin B Chawla; national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janta Party and the author of *Makers of Modern Dalit History* Guru Prakash Paswan; jurist and retired judge of the Supreme Court of India justice Madan B Lokur. In conversation with academic and author Mukulika Banerjee it will discuss the political and electoral process, the paradoxes of democracy, and its triumphs and discontent.

The evolution of modern India is a unique offering to the historical, socio-political, and psychological study of nationhood. Writer and journalist Saket Suman’s enlightening book, *The Psychology of a Patriot*, presents a thought-provoking chronicle of India. Writer, poet, and academic Makarand R Paranjape’s forthcoming books include *JNU: Nationalism and India’s Uncivil War*. Gurmehar Kaur’s most recent work, *The Young and the Restless: Youth and Politics in India*, explores the electoral and ideological involvement of the youth in the Indian democracy as it presents a generational evaluation of political identity. Academic and author Badri Narayan’s *Republic of Hindutva: How the Sangh Is Reshaping Indian Democracy*



examines the evolving structures and systems of belief that comprise the RSS. In conversation with author, academic, and social anthropologist Mukulika Banerjee, they will discuss the coming-of-age of an entire nation focusing on its foundations and future. Mukulika Banerjee’s new monograph *Cultivating Democracy: Politics and Citizenship in Agrarian India* is a study of the relationship between political democracy and active citizenship in rural India, particularly West Bengal. At another session, Banerjee will be in conversation with writer, journalist, and translator Namita Waikar. Together, they will explore the democratic values and notions of agriculture that shape the country’s political landscape.

The disability rights movement in India is salient but under-represented. Professor and entrepreneur Anita Sharma called over 2,000 driving schools in the country and found that none catered to people with reduced mobility. Having survived polio and knowing the requirements to learn this skill confidently, she began On My

JLF@15

The greatest literary show on earth is back with a new line up of authors, sessions and music. By TEAM VIVA

Own, a driving school for people with reduced mobility. Indian social entrepreneur, writer, and disability rights activist Nipun Malhotra; journalist and novelist C K Meena, and senior vice president and Head of SAP Engineering Academy V R Ferose have co-authored an insightful book on the lives of persons with disabilities in India, *The Invisible Majority: India’s Aabled Disabled*. They will be in conversation with festival producer and managing director of Teamwork Arts, Sanjoy K Roy at an illuminating session on the rights and representation of India’s persons with disabilities.

Indian rural middle classes,

comprising many hundreds of millions of people, straddles the worlds of both agriculture and industry. A leading scholar of rural economy Maryam Aslany’s new book *Contested Capital: Rural Middle Classes in India* throws light on the vast, evolving rural middle classes, to which more than a third of the country’s middle class belongs. Aslany will be in conversation with writer, politician, and former diplomat Pavan K Varma, whose penetrating study *The Great Indian Middle Class* traces the evolution of this socio-economic group through the 20th century.

Former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee’s political

legacy embodies the vast and kaleidoscopic history of India, post-Independence. Senior journalist Sagarika Ghose presents a deeply researched portrait in her new book *Atal Bihari Vajpayee*. Author, social scientist, and journalist Nalin Mehta’s latest book *The New BJP: Modi and the Making of the World’s Largest Political Party* examines how the political party reshaped the Indian polity with its own brand of social engineering, powered by new caste coalitions, a focus on marginalised social groups and the making of a women-voter base. They will be in conversation with journalist Mandira Nayar discussing Vajpayee, the man, and his legacy.

Commemorating the 1971 war between India and Pakistan, Operation X, written by former Indian Navy Officer Captain MNR Samant and author Sandeep Unnithan, is the untold story behind one of the world’s largest covert naval wars. Naval Commando Operations (X) was the Directorate of the Naval Intelligence’s code for a series of guerrilla operations against the

maritime jugular of the Pakistan Army in erstwhile East Pakistan. Collaboratively they will explore the inner world of this conflict with naval historian Commodore Srikant B Kesnur.

India’s response to the COVID-19 outbreak followed by a total shutdown marked an unimaginable national tragedy leaving millions of migrant workers stranded, starving and unemployed. Award-winning filmmaker Vinod Kapri’s *1232 Kms* documents the journey of seven migrant workers to their village who were forced to walk hundreds of kilometers home, through deadly conditions, abandoned by an administration. Journalist and author Puja Changoiwala’s *Homebound* tells the story of a family determined to survive and hope against a humanitarian catastrophe. In conversation with academic and author Chinmay Tumbe, Kapri and Changoiwala will discuss the faces and forces at the centre of the exodus and its numbers.

At a session on ‘Sri Aurobindo’, medical doctor, poet, and philosopher Parikshit Singh and writer



Makarand R Paranjape, in conversation with academic, editor, and writer Malashri Lal, will explore their perspectives of his philosophy and his ‘inner quest’ as articulated in his writings and life.

The legendary names in Hindi literature — Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and Subhadra Kumari Chauhan — evoke idealism and inspiration. Writer, poet, and musicologist Yatindra Mishra and scholar, writer, academic and historian, Tripuraman Singh will speak of the lives and legacy of the two poets, their deep commitment and rooted patriotism, and the impact they continue to have on the identity and understanding of Hindi literature.

LET THERE BE MUSIC

Scheduled from March 10 to 12, the musical extravaganza Jaipur Music Stage will be held parallel to the 15th JLF. The lineup will feature a diverse group of artists from all over the Indian subcontinent. These include Anirudh Varma Collective, a contemporary Indian classical ensemble led by New Delhi-based pianist, composer and producer Anirudh Varma; Advaita, an eight-member fusion band that has completed 14 years; Moorlala Marwada, a Sufi folk singer from Janana village of Kutch district; Kutle Khan Project, a collective of Rajasthani folk musicians highlighting Kutle Khan, a folk artist; Ali Saffudin, a singer-songwriter from Srinagar, Kashmir; and Ankur & The Ghalat Family, a Hindi rock project led by frontman and singer-songwriter Ankur Tewari, along with Gaurav Gupta, Sidd Coutto and Johan Pais.

The audience can book their tickets by visiting the Festival website. A single day pass costs ₹499, and a combined pass for all three days of the Festival is available for ₹1,300.

MICHELLE POONAWALLA’S SOLO EXHIBITION



Michelle Poonawalla will be exhibiting her latest artworks in a solo exhibition at the inaugural Women’s Super Car Club of India drive. This exhibition will include six graffiti inspired artworks and magnificent BMW, Ferrari and Rolls Royce cars. Poonawalla will be presenting her mixed media on canvas works including, *Cosmos* which has been inspired by street art and graffiti. Her second work *Grffiti Water Reflections* depicts butterflies dancing over a pool of water. Both the work features her signature motif of a butterfly,

intended to be a symbol of freedom, fragility and metamorphoses of life. As a leading cultural icon in India, synonymous with art, fashion and cars, Poonawalla was selected as an artist to present her work at an exclusive preview for the members of the club. Other works on display are *Desert Rose I*, *Autumn Graffiti Flutters*, *Multi-Colour Graffiti Splash*, and *Raining Butterflies*.

Where: Big Boy Toyz, Plot No. 134, Pace City I, Sector 37, Gurugram
When: February 20

RAY BETWEEN THE COVERS

An exhibition of digital reprints of book jackets, illustrated and designed by Satyajit Ray, beginning with his early work for Signet Press. Included in the exhibition are book jackets for his own fiction and non-fiction work; examples of his calligraphic covers; word play with titles; buoyant and cheerful covers for children’s fiction, among others



Where: India International Centre
When: February 16-March 1, 11 am to 7 pm daily

THE MADNESS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: CONAN DOYLE AND THE REALM OF THE FAERIES

Ever since Sir Arthur Conan Doyle first introduced him to readers back in 1887, Sherlock Holmes has fascinated fans of mystery fiction worldwide, and in this documentary filmmaker Phillip Gardiner explores the mind of both the author and the enduring characters he created. In exploring the life of Doyle, Gardiner uncovers a bizarre mystery of his own, one that seems almost stranger than the wildly imaginative fiction he penned for the written page. A tormented author with ominous ties to secret societies, the man who gave birth to Holmes, Moriarty, and Watson is almost as great a mystery as *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.
Where: India International Centre
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x239b23>



EMERGING FROM THE PARTITION: AFTERLIVES OF POPULAR SUFI SHRINES IN PUNJAB

An illustrated lecture by Dr. Yogesh Snehi, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi and author of *Spatializing Popular Sufi Shrines in Punjab: Dreams, Memories, Territoriality*. It would be chaired by Professor Partho Datta, Professor, School of Arts & Aesthetics, Jawaharlal Nehru University. A plethora of sacred spaces of Muslim popular veneration in (Indian) Punjab were abandoned during Partition. One of the immediate repercussions of this was a break in ritual practice. While spaces like mosques came to disuse, the same wasn’t true for Sufi saint shrines. This presentation will share narratives of the afterlives of Sufi shrines in Punjab.
Where: Registration link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T1mSQxPwQN-C0b4mGaXhGQ
YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/ODVniTJIOWs>
When: February 17 at 5 pm



PSG-Real Madrid highlights last 16

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Champions League is back. It's the start of the knockout stage, with the headline match being the meeting between European football's aristocrat — the 13-time winner Real Madrid — and an upstart in Paris Saint-Germain, which is looking to be continental champion for the first time. A look at that match and the three other first-leg games in the last 16 this week:

PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN VS. REAL MADRID

Paris Saint-Germain's dream of winning a first Champions League title faces a potentially rude awakening against 13-time champion Real Madrid. PSG has struggled all season against teams that play quickly on the counterattack and Madrid is arguably the best around at swift transition play.

However, those attacks rely heavily on star forward Karim Benzema's movement, touch and awareness. He is in the Madrid squad but doubtful to play as he works his way back from a hamstring injury that has kept him out since last month. Madrid hasn't reached the final since completing a straight hat trick of European Cups in 2018. Now Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti travels to face the side he once coached with only one win in four matches in all competitions. Without Benzema it will be more difficult, and a backup option is resorting to perennially out-of-favor Gareth Bale. Once the world's most expensive player, the forward

only made his first appearance since August when starting in the 0-0 draw at Villarreal on Saturday.

But PSG is probably even more reliant on Kylian Mbappe than Madrid is on Benzema, and Mbappe's injury-time winner on Friday against Rennes glossed over another laborious performance. Even without Benzema, Madrid has the edge in midfield with Luka Modric and Casemiro.

SPORTING VS. MANCHESTER CITY

A welcome draw — on paper, at least — and a fully fit and in-form squad, Manchester City is in great shape at the start of the knockout stage as the English club goes in search of that elusive Champions League title. City's only loss in all competitions since Oct. 30 — a run of 20 games — was 2-1 at Leipzig in the final match in the Champions League group stage, which meant little since Pep Guardiola's team was already assured of advancing.

Indeed, more significant than the loss was the red card shown to Kyle Walker that will deprive Guardiola of his first-choice right back for both legs against Sporting and the first leg of the quarterfinals should City progress.

Joao Cancelo, rested like Kevin De Bruyne and Aymeric Laporte in the Premier League at the weekend, will fill in at right back with Oleksandr Zinchenko set to cover on the left. City, the beaten finalist last season, is heavy favorite against a Portuguese opponent which is making only its second appearance



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in the knockout stage, and first since 2008-09. On that occasion, Sporting was humiliated 12-1 on aggregate by Bayern Munich. Sporting was in the competition's group stage this season for the first time since 2017-18 and finished ahead of Borussia Dortmund to advance. The

Portuguese champions relinquished a two-goal lead in a heated 2-2 draw at domestic league leader Porto on Friday, staying six points off the top.

SALZBURG VS. BAYERN MUNICH

The importance of captain

Manuel Neuer to Bayern Munich was illustrated in the Bavarian powerhouse's shock loss to promoted Bochum in the Bundesliga on Saturday. Neuer opted for surgery on a troublesome knee problem at this stage of the season on the premise that he can be fit again for

the business end, including Champions League semifinals. Replacement goalkeeper Sven Ulreich has played twice in the Bundesliga, and Bayern has lost both games.

While the 33-year-old Ulreich has shown his prowess before, it's

clear that Bayern's defenders don't play with the same security when Neuer, the Germany goalkeeper, isn't there. Salzburg came from behind to beat Rapid Vienna 2-1 on Friday.

Salzburg's German forward Karim Adeyemi is reportedly a transfer target for Bayern's Bundesliga rival Borussia Dortmund, but he will need to avoid a yellow card if he wants to make the second leg in Munich.

INTER MILAN VS. LIVERPOOL

The San Siro will be a familiar stadium for Liverpool. After all, the six-time European champions have already played there this season having been drawn with AC Milan in the group stage.

Liverpool beat Milan 2-1 away in December in the final group game to complete a clean sweep of six wins, becoming the first English team to do so. It bolsters Liverpool's status as one of the favorites for a title the club last won in 2019, especially with Mohamed Salah back in its ranks after the African Cup of Nations.

Salah has scored 11 goals in his last 11 Champions League matches, and 23 goals in 27 games in all competitions this season. Inter is also a multiple European champion — the last of its three titles came in 2010 — but is playing in the last 16 for the first time since 2011-12.

The Italian team, engaged in a tight race for the Serie A title with Milan and Napoli, will be without Italy midfielder Nicolò Barella, who is suspended.

India seek to sort out batting and fielding woes against NZ

PTI ■ QUEENSTOWN

The crushing defeat in the opening game exposed a lot of chinks in their armour and a depleted India will be eager to address their batting and fielding woes when they face New Zealand in the second women's ODI here on Tuesday. Nothing worked for India in the first ODI on Saturday with the bowlers allowing the hosts to pile on 275 before the batters, except for captain Mithali Raj, flopped to be all out for 213 and lose the match by 62 runs.

Raj was virtually the lone hand with a well-crafted 59 while rookie Yastika Bhatia made 41.

All the other batters, including vice captain Harmanpreet Kuar (10 off 22 balls), failed to make any significant contribution in the face of a clinical bowling show from New Zealand led by Jesse Kerr (4 for 35). The Indians' cause was not helped by the absence of senior opener Smriti Mandhana who missed the first ODI due to extended quarantine, along with Renuka Singh and Meghana Singh. Mandhana and Meghana are not likely to be available for the second ODI either but pacer Renuka could make the team as she is out of her quarantine. In the first ODI, India collapsed from 105 for 2 to 165 for



6 as New Zealand kept their line and length accurate. With both experienced batters Raj and Harmanpreet dismissed in quick succession by the 33rd over, both by Jess Kerr, India could not chase down the target. Before that, the Indian bowlers let New Zealand score 275. The Indians seemed to have tied down the New Zealand batters till around the halfway mark but the hosts upped the ante in the middle overs to reach a big score. Centurion Suzie Bates was let off early when she was 13 with Rajeshwari Gayakwad dropping her at point and that sloppy fielding cost India dear. Bates went on to score 106

to anchor the New Zealand innings. The return to form of opener Bates, who scored her 11th ODI hundred and first in 19 innings, could be ominous for India. The only positive from the first game was that barring Harmanpreet, all the Indian bowlers were among wickets with Deepti Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar, Jhulan Goswami and Rajeshwari Gayakwad taking two apiece, while Poonam Yadav got one.

With the 50-over World Cup less than three weeks away, Raj was a bit concerned, especially on the batting front, though she expected the team to make improvements.



We wanted strong Indian core and we got it: Royals owner Badale

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rajasthan Royals succeeded in building a strong Indian core but failing to retain England pacer Jofra Archer, despite his unavailability for the upcoming season, was a disappointment for the IPL franchise, lead owner Manoj Badale said.

Mumbai Indians, looking as a long term investment, bought Archer for Rs 8 crore at the IPL mega auction in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Badale said his franchise approached the auction with a certain aim and largely got what they wanted.

"Our priority this year was to build a strong Indian core, which we have done with the likes of Ashwin, Chahal, Karun, Saini, Devdutt, Prasad along with Sanju and Yashasvi already retained," Badale said in a media release.

"Our focus was always on having a world-class XI, which is visible in the way we have gone about our business as we tried to utilize the majority of our funds on the starting XI. "We've tried our best to also go for familiar faces, who we are excited to have at the Royals again. In terms of the international players, we've secured some amazing buys and I'm looking forward to seeing them in pink."

However, Badale said it's obviously disappointing to lose out on a player like Jofra but circumstances dictated the call.

"He's been an integral part of our team for the past few years and grew in stature with us.

Franchises cautious while going for U-19 stars

PTI ■ CHENNAI

Cricket is a lot about timing and the Under-19 cricket team got it just right by lifting the World Cup before IPL's mega-auction. But did that translate into big bucks for the stars of that triumph?

At the end of two days of bidding wars, it seems the franchises chose to tread on the side of caution when it came to loosening the purse strings for the newest batch of young talent in Indian cricket.

While some uncapped, but proven performers like Avesh Khan, were laughing all their way to the bank with bids as high as Rs 10 crore, only a few of the Under-19 stars, skipper Yash Dhull included, managed to land deals with IPL teams in the two-day mega auction held in Bengaluru. Dhull, a product of the academy run by Delhi Capitals and top-scorer of the U-19 World Cup, was picked up for Rs 50 lakh by the franchise that groomed him.

Exciting all-rounder Raj Bawa won a Rs 2 crore bid from



Punjab Kings, while Rajvardhan Hangargekar (with a base price Rs 30 lakh) was roped in by four-time IPL champions Chennai Super Kings for Rs 1.50 crore.

Dhull's teammate Vicky Ostwal was snapped up by Delhi Capitals later in the auction at his base price of Rs 20 lakh. Hangargekar, the new entrant into the CSK stable, will hope to learn tricks of the trade from the legendary M S Dhoni,

skipper of the four-time champion franchise.

The talented Maharashtra all-rounder is known for the ability to bowl yorkers at will, not so easy at any level, and can only get better by rubbing shoulders with Dhoni and the other big names at Super Kings.

It must be said that the various IPL teams seemed to be cautious while bidding for the under-19 players and did not appear ready to splurge.

Don't think Kohli going through a lean patch: Rathour

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Virat Kohli's prolonged lean patch is not a concern for the Indian team, batting coach Vikram Rathour said on Monday, expressing confidence that the superstar batter would be back among runs in the upcoming T20I series against West Indies here.

The 33-year-old, whose tenure as India captain across formats came to an end last month, had a disappointing run in the recently-concluded three match ODI series with a total score of 26 runs at an average of 8.6 with a best of 18.

Rathour said it does not mean lack of form as Kohli has been doing well in the nets.

"I don't think he's going through a lean phase. I understand he had a poor series against the West Indies (in ODIs) but no conversation as such,"



Rathour said in a media interaction in the build-up to the three-match T20I series beginning at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday.

Across formats, Kohli is yet to score an International century in

more than two years. His last century came against Bangladesh in India's first pink ball Day/Night Test at Eden Gardens here in November 2019.

In ODIs, Kohli last scored a century against the West Indies in August 2019, in Port of Spain and since then, he has had 10 50-plus scores but failed to convert them into a ton. In the last 12 months, he has been part of nine ODIs and scored a total of 271 runs in them.

"He's batting really well in the nets and the kind of preparation he's putting in. We are waiting for... I'm certain that in one of these innings he will be back among runs," the batting coach said, strongly backing the former skipper. The series is seen as India's preparation for the T20 World Cup slated in Australia in October and Rathour said he's confident that the batters will put up a strong show Down Under.

Lahore thumps Quetta in PSL, Karachi crashes to 6th defeat

AP ■ LAHORE

Shaheen Shah Afridi dealt two early blows and Fakhar Zaman continued his rich run of batting form as Lahore Qalandars inflicted a crushing eight-wicket defeat on Quetta Gladiators in the Pakistan Super League.

Earlier, Karachi Kings had its sixth successive loss when Peshawar Zalmi handed the 2020 champion a 55-run defeat.

Left-hander Fakhar (53 runs off 42 balls) scored his fifth half century — to go along with his century against Karachi — as Lahore romped to 143-2 in 17.4 overs.

Made to bat first, Quetta had to settle for a below-par total of 141-7 after Afridi removed Jason Roy and James Vince, both without scoring, in his superb first over of the match.

Fakhar hit six boundaries in his seventh PSL game this season and stretched his runs tally to 469 to be the leading run-scorer in the tournament before he skied a slog-sweep to midwicket in the 16th over.

Russian skater can compete, but will miss medal ceremony

AP ■ BEIJING

Russian teenager Kamila Valieva has been cleared to compete in the women's figure skating competition at the Winter Olympics despite failing a pre-Games drug test, setting her up for an attempt at a second gold medal.

Whatever happens on the ice, Valieva will not get a medal ceremony moment in Beijing. Nor will any skater who finishes in the top three with her.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport cleared Valieva to skate less than 12 hours after a hastily arranged hearing that lasted into early Monday morning. A panel of judges ruled that the 15-year-old Valieva, the favorite for the women's individual gold, does not need to be provisionally suspended ahead of a full investigation.

The court gave her a favorable decision in part



because she is a minor, known in Olympic jargon as a "protected person," and is subject to different rules from an adult athlete.

"The panel considered that preventing the athlete to compete at the Olympic Games would cause her irreparable harm in the cir-

cumstances," CAS Director General Matthieu Reeb said.

Now, Valieva and her fellow Russian skaters can aim for the first podium sweep of women's figure skating in Olympic history. The event starts with the short program Tuesday and concludes Thursday with

the free skate.

The International Olympic Committee said Monday afternoon that if Valieva finishes in the top three, there will be no medal ceremony during the Games. There will also be no ceremony for the team event won by Valieva and the Russian team a week ago.

"It would not be appropriate to hold the medal ceremony," the IOC said.

Valieva landed the first quadruple jumps by a woman at the Olympics as the Russian team won gold in a dominant performance.

The decision not to award medals also affects Nathan Chen and the rest of the second-place American team, who will leave Beijing unsure if they won silver or gold. It would be Chen's second gold of the Games. If Valieva and Russia are disqualified, Japan moves up to silver and Canada wins bronze.

Work begins on new NCA in Bengaluru foundation stone laid by BCCI brass

PTI ■ BENGALURU

Work has begun on the country's new National Cricket Academy (NCA) with the BCCI brass, including president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah, laying the foundation stone of the complex here on Monday.

The BCCI has secured the land on a 99-year lease. "The new National cricket Academy starts from today...Laid the foundation stone of the new place today in Bengaluru," Ganguly tweeted and also shared images of the ceremony. Shah wrote on his Twitter handle, "Laid the foundation stone for @BCCI's new NCA. It is our collective vision to have a Centre of Excellence which nurtures talent and supports the cricket ecosystem in India."

The foundation stone was laid in the presence of BCCI vice president Rajeev Shukla, treasurer Arun Dhumal, joint secretary Jayesh



George and NCA head VVS Laxman. Since the existing NCA's establishment in 2000, it has been running from the premises of the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in the heart of the city.

The Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), which owns the stadium, had rented out to the BCCI its Ground B for outdoor practice,