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Lookout circulars against biggest bank scamsters

Over 100 bank fraud cases not filed for want of consent by State Govts: CBI

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The CBI has issued "lookout circulars" against the top management of ABG Shipyard in a ₹23,000 crore alleged bank fraud case. The circular is used to stop a person from fleeing the country via airports and border crossings.

The CBI also said that the withdrawal of general consent to the agency by certain States has made the registration of bank fraud cases "more challenging".

"There are around 100 high-value bank fraud cases that could not be registered due to non-accordance of specific consent under section 6 of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act by State Governments where the general consent has been withdrawn," it said.



"Police" and "public order" being State subjects under the Constitution, the CBI needs general consent for probing cases in the jurisdiction of the States.

ABG Shipyard Ltd has been involved in business with the State Bank of India (SBI) since 2001. The account of ABG Shipyard turned non-performing asset (NPA) on November 30, 2013, as per SBI, it said.

As per the complaint bank, the NPA is to the tune of ₹22,842 crore and the majority of the disbursement happened between 2005 and 2012 by a consortium of 28 banks led

by ICICI Bank, including SBI.

The account was restructured under the corporate debt restructuring (CDR) mechanism on March 27, 2014. However, the operations of the company could not be revived. On September 10, 2014, NV Dand & Associates was deputed to conduct a stock audit of ABG Shipyard Ltd.

The audit firm submitted its report on April 30, 2016, and observed various faults on the part of the accused company. Subsequently, the account of ABG Shipyard Ltd was declared NPA on July 30, 2016 with effect from November 30, 2013.

In keeping with a 2014 policy, red-flagging suspect accounts, and making CMDs liable, a forensic audit was initiated based on the lenders' decision in the joint lenders meeting dated April 10, 2018. Audit firm Ernst & Young LLP was appointed as forensic auditor in the matter which audited the company's accounts for the period 2012-2017.

ABG Shipyard was also referred to NCLT, Ahmedabad on August 1, 2017 by ICICI Bank, being the lead bank, for corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP).

Between April 2019 and March 2020, various banks of the consortium declared the account of ABG Shipyard as fraud. The fraud is primarily on account of huge transfers by the company to its related parties and subsequently making adjustment entries. It is also alleged that huge investments were made in its overseas subsidiary by diverting the bank loans and funds were diverted to purchase huge assets in the name of its related parties.

Who controls admin services in Delhi? SC hearing on Mar 3

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to hear on March 3 the AAP Government's plea on the contentious issue of who should control administrative services in Delhi, the dispute arose out of a 2019 split verdict.

On February 14, 2019, a two-judge-bench of Justices AK Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, both retired now, had recommended to the Chief Justice of India that a three-judge bench be set up to finally decide the issue of control of services in the National Capital in view of its split verdict. Justice Bhushan had ruled the Delhi Government has no power at all over administrative services.

Justice Sikri, however, made a distinction. He said the transfer or posting of officers in top echelons of the bureaucracy (joint director and above) can only be done by the Central Government and the view of

the Lieutenant Governor would prevail in case of a difference of opinion for matters relating to other bureaucrats. The plea was mentioned for urgent hearing before a bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana by senior advocate AM Singhvi on behalf of the Delhi Government.

"The matter pertains to a question whether the Delhi Government has some control and power over its IAS officers or not. This was fixed to be heard in 2020 and then in 2021 after Diwali vacation," Singhvi said. "All right. Post on March 3," said the bench which also comprised justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli.

On October 5, the Chief Justice of India-led bench had said that it would set up a three-judge bench to hear after the Diwali vacation the AAP Government's plea on the contentious issue of who should control administrative services in Delhi.

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Lalu convicted in Doranda treasury embezzlement case

Ranchi: A special CBI court on Tuesday convicted RJD supremo and former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad in the ₹139.5 crore Doranda treasury embezzlement case, the fifth and final case against him in the fodder scam.

The ailing 73-year-old politician will be lodged in Birs Munda Central Jail in Ranchi after his plea to be admitted to the state-run Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) on medical grounds was rejected by the court of CBI Judge Sudhanshu Kumar Shashi.

Prasad, who was present in the court, was taken into custody and arguments on the quantum of his sentence will be heard on February 21. The CBI counsel had earlier said the court will hear the arguments on sentence on February 18.

Welcoming the court's decision, BJP Rajya Sabha MP and former Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi, one of the petitioners in the fodder scam matter in the



Patna High Court, said justice has finally been served to those who "pushed the state into darkness" for 15 years.

Prasad had earlier been sentenced to 14 years in jail in four other fodder scam cases. The final case was related to withdrawals of ₹139.35 crore from Doranda treasury during his tenure as the chief minister of undivided Bihar.

"Of the 99 accused in the case, 24 were acquitted, while three-year jail terms have been pronounced for 34 accused. A total of 41 convicts have been sent to prison," CBI counsel BMP Singh told PTL.

On Prasad's plea, directions were given to the jail superintendent and RIMS director to take necessary action keeping in mind his health, he said.

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Sukhbir well-placed to regain Jalalabad

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

Winning the Jalalabad Assembly constituency since 2009, Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal is eyeing another victory from his bastion this time, where he is facing three turncoats. Unlike the previous State Assembly polls, Sukhbir sees well-placed to regain the seat, which is currently represented by Congress' Raminder Singh Awla.

Awla, a first-timer, won the Akali bastion in 2019 by-elections after Sukhbir vacated the seat following his win in 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Ferozepur — a Parliamentary constituency of which Jalalabad is also a part. He had defeated SAD's Raj Singh Dibipura by a margin of more than 16,000 votes.

In 2017, Sukhbir faced the toughest electoral battle in his political career, facing two stalwarts — Aam Aadmi Party's Bhagwant Mann and Congress' Ravneet Singh Bittu — turning Jalalabad into a hot seat. However, this time winning the seat appears to be a cakewalk for the SAD chief, who has also

been declared as the Chief Ministerial face for the SAD-BSP combine.

Sukhbir is pitted against three turncoats fielded by mainstream parties — Congress' Mohan Singh Phalianwala is BSP's former MP, AAP's Jagdeep "Goldy" Kamboj is former national secretary of Congress and BJP's Puran Chand is a former Akali leader.

Kamboj is the only candidate who can hope to put up some contest against Sukhbir, thanks to favourable sentiment for the AAP in certain pockets of Jalalabad.

Being a Jat Sikh, Sukhbir holds sway in the constituency dominated by the Rai Sikh community may be attributed to his family name or the position in the party, or his development works in the segment that lies close to Indo-Pak international border.

Voters agreed that roads were constructed and infrastructure was improved during SAD's term, but they also maintained that no effort was made to improve their living standards.

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Ex-Law Min Ashwani Kumar quits Congress as 'its future is dark'

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Just days before Punjab goes to polls, senior Congress leader from the State and former Union Law Minister Ashwani Kumar on Tuesday resigned from the party ending 46 years of association.

Kumar, who sent his resignation to Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, said that he could best serve national interests outside the Congress fold. He said the new Congress that's being built has a dark future. "Having given my thoughtful consideration to the matter, I have concluded that in the present circumstances and consistent with my dignity, I can best serve larger national causes outside the party fold. I am accordingly quitting the party after a long association of 46 years and



hope to proactively pursue public causes inspired by the idea of transformative leadership, based on the dignitarian promise of a liberal democracy envisioned by our freedom fighters," he said in his letter.

69-year-old Kumar also criticised the manner in which the Congress "treated former Punjab CM Amarinder Singh". "The former CM was humiliated publicly and that was against the principles the Congress has stood for," he said questioning the open vying for the CM post in Punjab saying it showed the party in "very poor light".

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Russia raises Ukraine peace hopes with pullback call

Moscow: Russia said on Tuesday that some units participating in military exercises would begin returning to their bases, adding to glimmers of hope that the Kremlin may not be planning to invade Ukraine imminently, though it gave no details on the pullback.

The announcement came a day after Russia's foreign minister indicated the country was ready to keep talking about the security grievances that led to the Ukraine crisis — changing the tenor after weeks of rising tensions.

Western officials continued to warn that an invasion could come at any moment and said some forces and military hardware were moving toward the border, muddying the picture.

It wasn't immediately clear where exactly the troops that the Russian Defense Ministry said were pulling back were deployed or how many were leaving, making it hard to understand the significance. The announcement pushed world markets and the ruble up, but Ukraine's leaders expressed skepticism.

"Russia constantly makes various statements," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said. "That's why we have the rule: We won't believe when we hear, we'll believe when we see. When we see troops pulling out, we'll believe in de-escalation."

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This Feb 13, 2022, satellite image provided by Maxar Technologies shows the armor and artillery loaded on flatcars and railyard in Yelnya, Russia, about 300 kilometres (186 miles) north of the border with Ukraine. AP/PTI

Leave Ukraine, India urges Indian students

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Given the fluid situation in Ukraine, India on Tuesday asked its students to leave that country immediately for some time due to "uncertainties." Indian nationals were also advised to "avoid all non-essential travel to and within Ukraine."

This was the first advisory by the Indian embassy in Kyiv asking "Indian nationals, particularly students whose stay is not essential, may consider leaving temporarily. Indian nationals are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to

and within Ukraine."

The advisory also urged Indian citizens to keep the embassy informed about the status of their presence in Ukraine to enable the Embassy to reach out to them where required. The notice also said the embassy continues to function normally to provide all services to Indian nationals in Ukraine.

There are around 18,000-19,000 Indian students studying in Ukrainian medical institutions. However, many of them are in India due to Covid-19 restrictions.

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PM to preside over launch of ₹20K cr investments next month in J&K: L-G

Jammu: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will preside over the groundbreaking ceremony of the launch of industrial investments worth ₹20,000 to ₹25,000 crore here next month, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha said on Tuesday.

He sought cooperation of the people to the efforts of his administration to usher a new dawn of peace, prosperity and development under the leadership of Modi in the Union Territory.

"Some day back, I have requested the Prime Minister to preside over the groundbreaking ceremony of the launch of industrial investment to the tune of ₹20,000 crore to ₹25,000 crore. He has asked us to complete the formalities and expressed willingness to be among the people of Jammu and Kashmir to preside over the function by March," the Lt Governor said.

Sinha was speaking at a function organized at Bajtala here to inaugurate 20 power projects completed at a cost of Rs 48 crore to provide better power supply to consumers in five districts of Jammu, Udhampur, Poonch, Rajouri and Reasi districts.

He said within the next one-and-a-half-year, two major projects will be completed to make Jammu and Kashmir self-reliant in the power sector.

Lauding the Union Home Minister Amit Shah for the industrial investment scheme for Jammu and Kashmir, he said an industrial investment worth Rs 25,000 crore was expected but "the scheme is such that we are confident that there will be an investment of over Rs 70,000 crore in the next couple of years for which we need electricity and land."

He said the government land available with the industries department is being allotted to investors who have deposited the fee and submitted the detailed project reports and the process is likely to be completed by February 20 in the run up to the groundbreaking industrial investment ceremony.

"A new dawn will usher in J&K under the leadership of Prime Minister... the industrialists have shown their interest and a lot of jobs will be generated. We have made necessary changes in our laws while Rs 1 lakh crore worth road and tunnel projects are in progress to provide modern infrastructure," he said.

Seeking cooperation of all sections of the society, he said, "You have to support the government efforts to make the atmosphere conducive. I assure you of economic development, progress and social justice."

He said the government is fulfilling the aspirations of all sections of the society and "I am saying it with confidence

that we are moving forward to ensure accountability, transparency and responsive administration."

Terming electricity a prerequisite for economic development, the Lt Governor said J&K has a lot of capacity for power generation which was not fully tapped over the years, while the distribution and transmission system was also in a very bad shape.

"After I took over, we started work in a systematic way to improve distribution and transmission and also made attempts to tap resources for power generation with the whole hearted support of the central government. We have 3500 Mega Watt power available and by 2024, another 2500 MWs will be added," he said, adding that within the next one-and-a-half years, two major projects will be completed which will make J&K self-reliant in the power sector.

He said out of 128 sub-projects taken under Prime Minister's Development Package to improve transmission and distribution system, 134 were completed and rest of the 54 are being completed by March end.

Sinha said his administration is making attempts to provide relief to the people of both the divisions of Kashmir and Jammu who used to suffer due to power outages during winter and summer.

"Providing electricity to the consumers is the responsibility of the government but the people have also a responsibility to pay their bills on time. We are installing electricity meters and they need to support the department as there is no option to give free electricity," he said.

However, the Lt Governor said his administration will have a sympathetic view of the condition of the poor and the farmers.

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A large number Congress workers and leaders held a protest outside the residence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at Civil Lines, demanding the withdrawal of the "liberalised" excise policy of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government.

The new liquor policy will not only destroy the unemployed youth of Delhi and push up crime rates, but will also ruin economically stressed out families, who are yet to recover from the ravages inflicted by the Covid-19 pandemic, Chairman of the Communications Department Anil Bhardwaj said.

The gherao was held at the direction of DPCC president Anil Kumar, and the Congress workers carried placards with slogans such as "Nayi Sharab

Neeti Wapas Lo, Wapas Lo", "Kejriwal Yuvanko Sharab Nah, Rojgar Do", etc.

Bhardwaj said that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has been making loud announcements in Punjab that he would make the State "Nasha Mukthi", has made Delhi "Nashe Ki Rajdhani" by opening 3-4 liquor vends in every ward, for a total number of 849 liquor vends all over Delhi.

He said that to make impressionable young boys addicted to liquor, the liquor shops were offering various schemes like "buy one, get one free", which has been attracting flocks of liquor consumers to liquor vends. The Congress leader said that in 2014, Kejriwal had accused the Congress Government of colluding with officials and the liquor mafia in the allotment of new liquor shops, to mislead the people.

Kala Ramachandran Gurugram's 1st woman police commissioner

PARVESH SHARMA ■ GURUGRAM

1994 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Kala Ramachandran on Tuesday took charge as the first woman Police Commissioner of Gurugram.

The focused areas of the newly appointed police chief will be traffic management, curbing cybercrime, vehicle theft and burglaries in the millennium city.

While interacting with the reporters, the newly appointed police chief said that Gurugram is one of the most important districts among other districts of Haryana.

"Gurugram being in the peripherals of the National Capital, is also the focus point if anything happens here and it doesn't take time to become more sensational as compared to rest of Haryana," she said.

"While interaction with the police officials of the city,



Foreign tourists visit the Taj Mahal on a warmer sunny day, in Agra on Tuesday

PTI

Maha records over 2K new Covid cases

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Maharashtra recorded 2,831 Covid-19 daily infections on Tuesday, while there was a marginal increase in the daily cases in Mumbai from 192 to 235 during the last 24 hours.

A day after the state recorded 1,966 cases, the number of daily cases went up to 2,831. With the fresh infections, the total number of Covid-19 cases in the state rose from 78,44,915 to 78,47,746.

With 35 fresh deaths, the total number of deaths registered in the state since the outbreak of Covid-19 in the state in March 2020 went up from 1,43,416 to 1,43,451.

Mumbai, where the daily infections have been dropping steadily for more than two weeks now, witnessed a rise in the number of cases from 192 to 235. With the latest cases, the total number of cases in Mumbai mounted from 10,54,242 to 10,54,477. While the recovery rate stood static at 98 per cent, the overall growth

rate of Copvid-19 cases in the metropolis for a period from February 6 and 13 stood at 0.04 per cent. As 8,695 Covid-19 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March 2020 increased from 76,61,077 to 10,54,477. The recovery rate in the state rose from 97.66 per cent to 97.73 per cent.

The number of "active cases" in the state dropped from 36,447 to 30,547. The fatality rate in the state stood static at 1.82 per cent.

The active cases in Pune dropped to 8802. The active cases in Mumbai dropped from 2513 on Monday to 2301 on Tuesday, while the number of active cases in the neighbouring Thane dropped from 1973 on Monday to 1756.

Nagpur accounted for 2890 active cases, followed by Ahmednagar (2596), Nashik (1352) and Aurangabad (1238).

Gurugram: Four youths were killed while reportedly taking selfies on a railway track near Basai-Dhankot railway station in Gurugram on Tuesday evening, the police said. Police said that as per an initial probe, it has emerged that the four were busy taking a selfie on the tracks when they were hit by the train.

The incident took place at 5.15 pm when Jan Shatabdi Express (12066), which was going from Sarai Rohilla in Delhi to Ajmer, was crossing Basai-Dhankot railway station which hit the victims.

The deceased are yet to be identified, said police. The government railway police (GRP) investigating the incident said all four died on the spot. "According to people, who were present nearby at the spot, they had come on a scooter and after parking it near the railway line, they were taking a selfie on their phone when they were hit by the train," a police officer, requesting anonymity, said.

Police said they were trying to trace the families of the victims.

Lalu...

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The ebullient leader suffers from multiple ailments, including renal problems.

The CBI had examined 575 witnesses in the case, and filed charge sheet against 170 people. However, only 99 accused including Prasad faced trial which had commenced in 1996.

In the course of the 22-year-long trial, 55 accused died, while eight turned government approvers. As many as six accused are still absconding.

Prasad was accompanied to the court by his daughter and Rajya Sabha MP Misa Bharti. Many RJD leaders and

workers also thronged the court premises.

Special CBI Judge Sudhanshu Kumar Shashi had on January 29 completed the hearing. All the accused were ordered to be physically present in the court on the day of the verdict.

Apart from Prasad, former MP Jagdish Sharma, the then Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman Dhruv Bhagat, Animal Husbandry Secretary Beck Julius and Animal Husbandry Assistant Director Dr K M Prasad were the main accused.

Reacting to the development, Sushil Kumar Modi said no accused can be saved if there is solid evidence against them.

"The Doranda case was the biggest among the fodder scam cases. We had filed a PIL in Patna High Court demanding

a CBI inquiry into it. However, Prasad had opposed it saying he had constituted an SIT which comprised people who later went to prison.

"The Patna HC ordered a CBI probe. Prasad opposed it tooth and nail and even knocked the Supreme Court's door. However, the apex court ordered that the probe should continue and asked Patna HC to monitor it. Had the high court not monitored the probe, Prasad would have got the cases dismissed long back," he said. The BJP leader said the RJD rule in Bihar was an "age of darkness".

"There is a proverb in Bihar -- boya ped babul ka toh aam kahaan se hoye? (you reap what you sow). Justice has been served to the people under whom Bihar languished," he said.

Both judges had agreed

Russia...

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Russia has massed more than 130,000 troops near Ukraine, sparking the fears of an invasion. Russia denies it has any plans to invade Ukraine, despite placing troops on Ukraine's borders to the north, south and east and launching massive military drills nearby.

The new glimmers of hope accompanied a flurry of diplomacy. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz planned to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, a day after he sat down with Ukraine's leader in Kyiv.

Foreign Minister Zbigniew Rau of Poland, one of Russia's most strident European critics, was also in Moscow on Tuesday to meet Lavrov, while Ukraine's foreign minister hosted his Italian counterpart.

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov's comments came at a made-for-TV meeting with Putin and seemed designed to send a message to the world about the Russian leader's position. The foreign minister argued that Moscow should hold more talks, despite the West's refusal to consider Russia's main 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 discuss limits for missile deployments in Europe, restrictions on military drills and other confidence-building measures.

Moscow wants guarantees that NATO will not allow Ukraine and other former Soviet countries to join as members. It also wants the alliance to halt weapons deployments to Ukraine and roll back its forces from Eastern Europe. Lavrov said possibilities for talks "are far from being

exhausted."

Putin noted that the West could try to draw Russia into "endless talks" and questioned whether there is still a chance to reach agreement. Lavrov replied that his ministry would not allow the U.S. And its allies to stonewall Russia's main requests. The US reacted coolly. "The path for diplomacy remains available if Russia chooses to engage constructively," White House principal deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "However, we are clear-eyed about the prospects of that, given the steps Russia is taking on the ground in plain sight."

One possible off-ramp emerged this week: Ukraine's ambassador to the UK, Vadym Prystaiko, pointed at a possibility of Ukraine shelving its NATO bid — an objective that is written into its constitution — if it would avert war with Russia.

Prystaiko later appeared to back away from the idea, but the fact that it was raised at all suggests it is being discussed behind closed doors.

Even amid the hopeful signs, the U.S. And European countries kept up their warnings. British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss reiterated Tuesday that the danger of an invasion still exists, telling Sky News that it "could be imminent." But she added that "there is still time for Vladimir Putin to step away from the brink."

Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt issued a similar warning.

US officials have said the Russian military continued apparent attack preparations along Ukraine's borders. A US defence official said small numbers of Russian ground units have been moving out of large assembly areas for several days, taking up positions closer to the Ukrainian border at what would be departure points if Putin launched an invasion.

Sukhbir well-...

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Of the total 2.14 lakh voters in Jalalabad, more than half are from the Rai Sikh community. Interestingly, Sukhbir's friend-turned-foe Sher Singh Ghubaya, a former Akali leader from the Rai Sikh community who was representing the Jalalabad segment before he gave up the seat for Sukhbir in 2009 bypolls, is now with the Congress. Notably, Sukhbir also has a stronghold over the people of the Rai Sikh community, which eventually results in the division of their votes.

Sukhbir's hold in Jalalabad can also be gauged from the fact that the sitting Congress MLA Awla had decided to withdraw his candidature from the seat against the SAD president.

Awla, who became the first

community, Phalianwala also faces a challenge to exert a pull on the entire community as BJP has also fielded a leader from the dominant caste.

BJP's Puran Chand, a former Akali leader, is striving hard for making his presence felt in the primarily rural segment, where anger still prevails against the saffron party over the farm laws, which now stand repealed.

Besides, the BJP itself does not have any party cadre in the segment as it has all along been contesting the seat in alliance with the Akali Dal. But this time, SAD has tied up with the BSP, while the BJP has forged an alliance with two splinter groups - each led by former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and Akali stalwart Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa.

Amidst all this, AAP's Goldy Kamboj is banking on the party's call to end dynastic politics. Riding high on AAP's popularity wave, he is wooing the young voters.

Leave Ukraine...

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Reports indicated that some Indian nationals were seeking information about the possibility of the Indian Government organising special flights to evacuate them. The US and several EU countries have already asked their nationals to leave Ukraine and scaled down their diplomatic missions.

India has, so far, preferred to remain out of the conflict. At the UN Security Council meeting on Ukraine, India had stated that security concerns of all countries should be taken into account to find a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

Russia has reportedly deployed tens of thousands of troops on Ukraine's borders, triggering fears of an invasion. However, Russia denies that it is planning to launch an offensive against Ukraine.

Last month, India said it is keeping a close watch on the developments relating to Ukraine, including ongoing high-level discussions between Russia and the US, and called for a peaceful resolution of the situation for long-term peace and stability in the region and beyond. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the Indian Embassy in Kyiv is also monitoring local developments.

Last week, US President Joe Biden spoke to President Vladimir Putin over the phone and made clear that if Russia invades Ukraine, the US and its allies would respond "decisively and impose swift and severe costs".

Ex-Law...

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Stating that the Aam Aadmi Party was about to win Punjab, Kumar said that the Congress as a national party faced a major challenge with regional players emerging much stronger.

The former Minister, who served in the Cabinet of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh between 2004 and 2014, said that he had not decided on the future course of action but would remain in active politics to serve the interests of "people of the country".

Kumar, whose two generations have been associated with the Congress, blamed his decision on "lack of leadership" in the party. Noting that he had persevered enough in the party, Kumar said that the Congress was unable to reinvent itself and continued to decline.

He said that the recent controversies around the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Padma Bhushan to Ghulam Nabi Azad further cemented his decision to quit. A vocal advocate of "dignity and respect in politics", he said: "I didn't feel I belonged to the Congress anymore."

Covid: 80% fall in cases of home isolation

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a decline in daily Covid cases in Delhi, the number of patients in home isolation has also gradually fallen to 2,361, a sharp drop of 80 per cent in the last 14 days, according to the Delhi Government's database on Covid cases.

The number of home isolation cases on February 1 was 12,312. The number of containment zones, which were slowly falling in this period, also registered a dip in their count to 16,154 on February 14 from 37,116 on February 1, according to official figures shared by the health department.

On February 14, the home isolation cases count stood at 2,361, registering a fall of 80 per cent in the figures in the last two weeks. 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 ongoing wave of the pandemic.

It took just 10 days for daily cases to drop below the 10,000-mark. Over 750 deaths due to Covid were reported in Delhi in total during the month of January, according to official data. The number of fatalities recorded in a day, too has registered a significant fall. Delhi had on January 23 reported 9,197 Covid cases with a positivity rate of 13.32 per cent and 34 deaths.

On February 14, the city logged 586 cases with a positivity rate of 1.37 per cent, and four deaths.

Delhi one step closer to getting info about real-time pollution sources

NEW DELHI: In a move to operationalise the real time source apportionment and pollution forecasting system, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) and environment department of Delhi Government on Tuesday held the 2nd review meeting on a project titled "Real time source apportionment study and pollution forecasting" with the team from IIT Kanpur and other partner organisations.

The project was approved by the Delhi Cabinet and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in October last year. A team of IIT-Kanpur, IIT-Delhi, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and IISER Mohali will execute the study in the national capital. Delhi Government's Delhi Pollution Control Committee has been authorized to act as the nodal agency for executing the study with IIT Kanpur.

Environment Minister Gopal Rai said, "We are extremely glad that the IIT Kanpur study is progressing well on time despite the occasional disruptions caused by Covid-19. I congratulate the team at IIT Kanpur and DPCC for setting up good programme management mechanisms to ensure timely progress. We look forward to receiving the results of the study in the next few months and Delhi becoming the first city to have a real time source apportionment of air pollution."

Police arrest rapist of 87-year-old bedridden woman in 16 hours

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police has nabbed a 30 year-old sweeper for allegedly raping an octogenarian bedridden woman after breaking into her house in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar.

The accused has been identified as Ankit (30) and he worked areas close to Tilak Nagar. The incident took place on Sunday night when the woman's daughter had gone out to meet a friend, the police said. Following the arrest of the accused Delhi Police took to the Twitter and tweeted, "The case of sexual assault of elderly lady in Tilak Nagar has been solved. Culprit in this blind case nabbed within 16 hours. Victim's mobile phone was recovered from him. Accused lives in a nearby locality and works as a sweeper." Prashant Gautam, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), West district, police received a report on Monday regarding the sexual assault of an elderly woman.

"Soon after receiving the information, a police team was deployed and managed to zero in on the accused within 16 hours. The accused was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident," said the additional DCP.

An investigation is underway to ascertain the exact motive of the accused behind the crime, the police said. The police had set up a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the matter.

A case has been registered under sections 380 (theft in dwelling house, etc), 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 376 (Punishment for rape) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), according to officials.

'City Govt failed to improve basic amenities'

NEW DELHI: Terming the last seven years of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government "black years" in the political history of Delhi, Bharatiya Janata Party state unit president Adesh Gupta said that the developmental activities have come to a standstill in the national Capital as the city Government failed to improve even the basic amenities.

Gupta also accused the AAP Government of disappointing the people by not fulfilling the 70 point election manifesto in 2015 and then not keeping 28 promises made in 2020 elections.

The BJP leader said that Kejriwal's second term began with riots in Delhi in which many ruling party leaders were involved including people like Sharji Imam, an ideological supporter, but Kejriwal preferred to keep quiet.

Businessman in distress shoots himself inside his car

NEW DELHI: A 51-year-old businessman allegedly shot himself dead with his licenced revolver inside his car in Delhi's Prashant Vihar area. Police said that the man had suffered losses in his business and this could be the reason behind his extreme step.

A suicide note recovered from the deceased, Rakesh Chaudhary, a resident of Delhi Citizen Society in Prashant Vihar, stated that he did not wish to live anymore.

According to Pranav Tayal, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Rohini district, Chaudhary shot himself dead on Monday after drinking alcohol and he was rushed to Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Lavanya suicide case: ABVP protests outside TN House in Delhi

NEW DELHI: Amid the controversy over alleged forced conversion and suicide of a high school girl in Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) protested against the Tamil Nadu Government and missionary organisations. The ABVP also sought a CBI enquiry in the case of Lavanya's suicide. During the protest at Tamil Nadu Bhavan in the national Capital, the ABVP activists demanded that the Tamil Nadu Government follow the Supreme Court's guidelines to call for a CBI enquiry to ensure a fair and judicial investigation and demanded the release of the arrested activists as soon as possible.

"The ABVP also demanded to introduce new laws against forced conversions to stop the increasing cases of conversion in the State, so that cases like Lavanya's suicide can be prevented," said a ABVP spokesperson.

Will ensure security of every Punjabi if AAP is voted to power: Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI /PUNJAB

The AAP will work in sync with the Centre to protect the country and bring safety to every household of Punjab, party national convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Tuesday.

"The AAP Government will not let dirty politics be played over national and internal security issues. The people of Punjab are extremely worried about law and order and internal security matters. The Punjab Government will work in sync with the Centre to protect the country and bring safety to every household of Punjab," he

added. Talking about the menace of drug trade and other sensitive issues, he said that there will no drug trade, drone or Tiffin bomb infiltration after forming the Government. "The most honest police officers will be posted on the borders and will be given proper directions to guide officers so everyone's security can be ensured. It will be our responsibility to safeguard everyone," he said. Speaking on the security breach controversy of the Prime Minister, Kejriwal said that the way that the BJP and the Congress caused a stir with their petty politics over the PM's security in Punjab; it instilled a sense of fear in the minds of Hindus. "I want to reassure

Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Muslims, businesspeople and all Punjab residents that the AAP's Punjab Government will be responsible for their safety," he said.

The Delhi Chief Minister further said "Drugs are smuggled in from across the border. All of the drones are coming from the other side of the border. Tiffin bombs are also made there. We know that after the Mumbai bombing, it was discovered that the RDX that had entered the city had been because of some tainted customs officials. Such incidents occur when officers compromise their integrity. That is why an honest Government is needed in Punjab."

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Gen Naravane holds ‘landmark’ talks with Saudi Arabia Army chief

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■
NEW DELHI

Signifying the growing defence ties between India and Saudi Arabia, its Army Chief held extensive discussions with General M M Naravane here on Tuesday. This is the first ever visit by a Saudi Arabia Army chief to India. Naravane was the first Indian Army chief to visit that country in 2020 besides the United Arab Emirates(UAE).
Termining the current visit as “historic and landmark” the Defence Ministry said here Commander of the Royal Saudi Land Forces, Lieutenant

General Fahd Bin Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mutairi, arrived in India on Monday.
This is the first ever visit by a serving Royal Saudi Land Forces Commander to India and marks a deepening bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.
Naravane had visited Saudi Arabia in December 2020 in a historic visit which marked the first time that an Indian Army Chief had visited Saudi Arabia. The aim of the visit was to bolster bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries.
Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mutairi was received by



Naravane here on Tuesday at South Block where he was accorded a Ceremonial Guard of Honour. The two chiefs later held significant bilateral discussions and security situation in the region.
The relationship between India and Saudi Arabia has grown owing to common interests in economic prosperity, eliminating the scourge of terrorism and mitigating the effects of climate change. Defence diplomacy forms one of the major tenets of the overall relationship.
Abdullah Mohammed Al-Mutairi will depart for Saudi Arabia on Wednesday.

Naravane’s visit in December 2020 was the first ever by an Indian army chief. He held wide ranging discussions with his Saudi counterparts and the two sides also explored ways to forge joint ventures in defence manufacturing sector in India.
More than ten million Indian expatriates are residing in these two countries.
Their annual remittances are pegged at more than 45 billion dollars.
Moreover, his visit to Saudi Arabia and the UAE came at a time when Pakistan’s relations with the Saudi Arabia and UAE were under pressure.

Peeved over Islamabad’s criticism of Riyadh’s position on the Kashmir issue, Saudi Arabia had then sought the early repayment of a \$3-billion loan provided to the Imran Khan Government in 2018.
Also, Naravane’s visit to the UAE came weeks after Israel established diplomatic ties with the UAE. With this, Israel now has diplomatic relations with Egypt, Jordan and the UAE in the sensitive Gulf region.
Naravane visited the Headquarters of Royal Saudi Land Force, the Joint Force Command Headquarters and King Abdulaziz Military Academy.

He also addressed students and faculty of the National Defence University.
In 2019, India and Saudi Arabia had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on defence industries collaboration and an agreement on security cooperation.
These high-profile visits by top government functionaries are part of India’s outreach to West Asia, seen by New Delhi as part of its extended neighbourhood.
This effort has bolstered defence and security cooperation, especially in fighting terrorism.

Sikh bodies, others write to PM Modi in praise of Veer Baal Diwas announcement

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received thousands of letters from Sikh bodies and others who have praised his government’s decision to observe December 26 as ‘Veer Baal Diwas’ to commemorate the martyrdom of Sikh Guru Gobind Singh’s sons, official sources said on Tuesday.
People have called it a “proud” moment for those having faith in Sikhism the world over and expressed gratefulness to the prime minister, the sources said.
They noted that many Sikh community leaders had lauded the announcement made by Modi last month on the birth anniversary of the last Sikh



guru. “This is a fitting tribute to the courage of the Sahibzades and their quest for justice,” Modi had said.
“Veer Baal Diwas will be on the same day Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji attained martyrdom after being sealed alive in a wall. These two greats preferred death instead of deviating from the noble principles of Dharma,” he had said, referring to their killing by Mughals.
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Cabinet clears setting up of G20 Secretariat

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The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved setting up of a G20 secretariat to put in place arrangements required for India’s presidency of the prestigious grouping. India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from December 1 to November 30, 2023. India will host the G20 summit next year.
“The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and its reporting structures, which will be responsible for implementation of overall policy decisions and arrangements needed for steering India’s forthcoming G20 Presidency,” the government said in a statement.
G20 is the premier forum



for international economic cooperation that plays an important role in global economic governance. “As per practice, a G20 Secretariat is being established to handle work relating to substantive / knowledge / content, technical, media, security and logistical aspects of India’s

G20 Presidency,” according to the statement.
“It will be manned by officers and staff from the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and other relevant line Ministries / Departments and domain knowledge experts,” said Government

statement. The Government said the secretariat will be functional till February 2024. Italy held the G-20 presidency in 2021 while Indonesia will play the role till November, 2022. Italy, Indonesia and India are the G20 troika countries at present.

FUTURE-RELIANCE DEAL

SC allows FRL to approach Delhi HC on NCLT process

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted liberty to Future Retail Ltd (FRL) to move the Delhi High Court for seeking nod to proceed with the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) permission of going ahead with the Rs 24,731 crore merger deal with Reliance Retail.
“We grant liberty to FRL to approach the Delhi High Court for seeking continuation of proceedings before the NCLT...We request the single judge (of the high court) to pass orders”, a bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana said.
The bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli, said that the high court should consider the plea of FRL on the issue without being influenced by the observations made in its order. The apex court on February 3 had reserved its order on the plea of FRL seeking continuation of the merger deal process before the National Company Law Tribunal.



Prior to this, the apex court, in a verdict on February 1, had set aside three Delhi High Court orders including attachment of properties of Future Retail Ltd and its directors and the refusal to grant a stay on the final arbitral award which had restrained Future Retail Ltd from going ahead

with its Rs 24,731 crore merger deal with Reliance Retail and had ordered fresh adjudication.
Amazon and the Future group have been engaged in a legal battle for over a year as the US major is opposing the merger of Future Retail Ltd with Reliance Retail.

PM to deliver inaugural address at TERI summit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the inaugural address at The Energy and Resources Institute’s (TERI) World Sustainable Development Summit on Wednesday discussing, among others issues, climate change.
The World Sustainable Development Summit is TERI’s annual flagship event, the PMO said, noting that the theme for this year’s summit is ‘Towards a Resilient Planet: Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future’.
The prime minister will deliver his address via a video message around 6 pm, the PMO said.
The summit will discuss a wide range of issues including climate change, sustainable production, energy transitions, global commons and resource security.
The three-day summit starting Wednesday will be attended by Luis Abinader, President of the Dominican Republic; Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana; Amina J



THE WORLD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT IS TERI’S ANNUAL FLAGSHIP EVENT, THE PMO SAID, NOTING THAT THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR’S SUMMIT IS ‘TOWARDS A RESILIENT PLANET: ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE FUTURE’

Mohammed, Deputy Secretary General, United Nations; heads of various intergovernmental organisations, and ministers and

envoys from more than a dozen countries and delegates from over 120 countries, said a statement from the Prime Minister’s office.

30% of kids in India end up in cancer centres

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

For a country that accounts for more than 25 per cent of the world’s childhood cancer, it is a matter of concern that less than 30 per cent make it to a cancer centre due to poor access to care and funding, low advocacy and late detection.
On the occasion of the International Childhood Cancer Day on Tuesday, pediatric oncologists decried the poor state of affairs in treatment of childhood cancer in the country as they called for complete government aid, central flagship Ayushman scheme, for treatment of the children afflicted with the scourge.
“In fact, the top 10 centres in the country see no more than 13-15 per cent of children and survival rates vary from 10 to 80 per cent across hospitals,” said Dr Ramandeep Arora, Pediatric Oncologist, Max Hospitals and Secretary, India Pediatric Oncology Group, based on the data collected on behalf of the Cankid organization. India has 250 cancer centers.
Yet another study by doctors from Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida (Child PGI) to ascertain the reasons for patients to discon-



tinue treatment concurs with Cankids data.
Child PGI faculty members had analysed data on 154 paediatric cancer patients up to 18 years. The study found that at least 23 patients had discontinued treatment. Of them 11 patients had cited financial crisis, seven lacked family support, four patients went for a second opinion and three others were terminally ill, the study showed. It also found that many low- and middle-income families had discontinued treatment even after receiving

financial assistance.
“The stigma of the disease and fear of chemotherapy make patients look for other treatments,” said Dr Nita Radhakrishnan, one of the authors of the study.
“Preventing cancer among children is not feasible, unlike in adults. So, early diagnosis of cancer is essential to ensure that treatment can be started promptly,” she said at a meeting of the UP Childhood Cancer Advocacy Group organised under the Academy of Paediatrics Uttar Pradesh

recently.
There are multiple funding opportunities under the government for children with cancers.
However at times, availing it becomes difficult as documents are not complete for many children. If there is a uniform policy for children with cancer, as we have for thalassemia, hemophilia etc, it would improve the treatment and outcome immensely, Dr Radhakrishnan added.
Dr Rahul Bhargava, head of the Hemato-Oncology and

Bone marrow transplant department of Fortis Memorial Research Institute hospital, Gurgaon, said that most people are still unaware that blood cancer can also be treated. “A child can be blessed with a second chance at life with the help of a stem cell transplant, which is widely considered the most effective treatment option,” he said.
“In most cases of childhood cancer can be cured if treated on time. Therefore, widespread awareness is needed,” said Dr Gauri Kapoor, Director Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center (RGCIRC), Delhi.
According to Dr Kapoor, symptoms of childhood cancer are prolonged, unexplained fever; unexplained paleness and weakness; easy bruising or bleeding; an unusual lump or swelling or pain in one area of the body; frequent headaches often with vomiting and sudden changes in the eye or vision.
The most common types of childhood cancers include solid tumours, leukaemias, lymphomas, brain cancer, such as neuroblastoma, Wilms tumour, bone tumours and Retinoblastoma cancers, Dr Kapoor said.

Sansad TV’s YouTube channel halted after it was hacked, restored later

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Sansad TV’s YouTube channel, which broadcasts live Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha proceedings, was temporarily halted after it was hacked around 1 am on Tuesday. It was later restored. The name of the channel was also changed to Ethereum (a crypto currency) by the hackers.
In a statement, Sansad TV said that “YouTube channel of Sansad TV got compromised due to unauthorised activities by some scamsters on February 15 (Tuesday 1 am), including live streaming on this channel.”
This is weeks after the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting’s Twitter handle was briefly hacked with Elon Musk’s name and Narendra Modi’s Twitter account was hacked with Bitcoin posts. The YouTube channel of Sansad TV broadcasts the same feed that runs on normal Lok Sabha TV broadcast that is telecast through dish tv or cable tv.
“However, Sansad TV’s Social Media Team promptly worked on it and got the channel restored by 3.45 am. The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In),



the nodal agency for responding to cyber security incidents in India, also reported the above incident and alerted Sansad TV”, the statement read. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), the nodal agency for responding to cyber security incidents in India, also reported the incident and had alerted Sansad TV, the statement noted.
“However, later on, YouTube has started fixing the security threats permanently and it shall be restored ASAP,” it said. Screenshots of Sansad TV’s YouTube account shared on social media showed message that “This account has been terminated for violating YouTube’s community guide-

lines”. Earlier in the day, the Sansad TV YouTube account showed a 404 error, with a message which said that “This page isn’t available. Sorry about that. Try searching for something else.”
In September 2021, Sansad TV, a news channel combining the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha TV, was launched at a function presided over by Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Speaker Om Birla. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had referred to the channel as the new voice of Parliament and that the channel adds another important chapter to the parliamentary system.

Arif questions splurge of money on Mins' staff

KOCHI: Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Kerala, has declared an open war with the CPI(M)-led Kerala Government by questioning the propriety of allowing pension and other benefits to the personal staff members of the Ministers in the State. Each Minister in Kerala has at least twenty members in their personal staff recruited from the party cadre and they are given salary and allowances akin to the Government staff. "This has been going on for years and I came to know about this only recently. This is against all norms of democracy," said Governor Arif Mohammed Khan in free-wheeling interviews to regional television news channels. It may be noted that this is the first time in the history of Kerala a Governor gives a no-holds-barred interview to the media.

"I do not understand the logic behind the provision of pension to personal staff of Ministers. Why should the State exchequer be tormented for paying pension and perks to these party leaders once the tenure of the Ministers are over. There is no justification in appointing party leaders in the personal staff of ministers.

This is unheard of anywhere in the country," said the Governor. Kerala Raj Bhavan had to face some resistance recently over the appointment of Hari S Kartha, veteran journalist and editor as his personal assistant. "He was my choice and I am entitled to appoint a person of my choice to that post. It is none of their business to question his appointment. He is not eligible for pension or any other perks," pointed out the Governor. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan had expressed his opposition in appointing Kartha as the Governor's personal assistant because the latter had served as chief editor of Janmabhumi, the mouthpiece of BJP.

The Governor also lambasted the insistence of some sections in the Muslim community that women should wear hijab and burqa. Karnataka has seen unpleasant incidents over the last fortnight following girls coming to schools and colleges wearing hijab and burqa. "The girls, irrespective of the community to which they belong, should wear the school and college uniform. It is a symbol of discipline. The people who insist that girls should wear hijab and

burqa are misguided elements and we should not pay any attention to them," said the Governor who also said that those who subverted the Supreme Court order in the Shabano case were behind the ongoing hijab controversy.

Arif Mohammed Khan was eloquent about the introduction of uniform civil code. When asked about the opposition by various leaders of the Congress, the CPI(M) and the CPI to the introduction of uniform civil code, the Governor said; "Starting from the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Union Ministers, MPs, MLAs, Governor and ministers in the State take the oath of office declaring that they would preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and the law and they would devote themselves to the service and well-being of the people of India. The Constituent Assembly that drafted the Constitution wanted the introduction of Uniform Civil Code. There are various orders by the Supreme Court asking the Government to introduce the Uniform Civil Code. Then what is the reason behind the opposition to the uniform laws??" **PNS**

LAKHIMPUR KHERI VIOLENCE CASE Union Min's son Ashish Mishra out on bail

Lakhimpur: After over four months, Union Minister Ajay Mishra's son Ashish Mishra was released from jail here on Tuesday evening after fulfilling bail conditions pronounced by the Allahabad High Court.

He has been released from jail after completion of bail formalities, Lakhimpur Kheri Jail Superintendent P P Singh told reporters.

Ashish Mishra had been lodged in the jail since October 10 last year in the case related to the killing of four farmers in the violence that had erupted in the course of farmers' agitation in Tikononia in the district.

The Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court had last week granted bail to Ashish Mishra in the case.

The discharge process started after an order from the district court here reached the Lakhimpur Kheri jail.

While a posse of media-persons and people gathered at the main gate of the jail, Ashish Mishra was taken out of the prison from a gate adjacent to jail superintendent's residence within the campus.

Union Minister of State for Home Ajay Mishra is present in the district but mediapersons, who visited his home in Lakhimpur town, could not meet him.

The Allahabad High Court had on Monday cor-

rected its order granting bail to Ashish Mishra.

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 the Indian Penal Code (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 had on February 10 granted bail to Ashish Mishra in the case. The court had passed the order on the correction application the previous day.

In the bail order passed on Thursday, sections 147, 148, 149, 307, 326, 427 read with section 34 of the 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.

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) had named Ashish Mishra as the main accused in the knocking down of the farmers incident in its charge sheet submitted to the court.

Farmers were staging protest in Tikononia viage on October 3 last year against the visit of deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya to Ajay Mishra's native Banbir village when four of the agitating farmers were crushed under the wheels of a convoy of cars. In the subsequent violence, four others comprising two BJP workers, driver and a journalist were killed.

Voting will take place in eight assembly segments in Lakhimpur Kheri in the fourth phase on February 23.

Earlier in the day, reacting to the bail granted to Ashish Mishra, Rakesh Tikait, a prominent face of the farmers' stir and the national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), said, "The whole country and whole world watched the most infamous Lakhimpur Kheri episode of Ajay Mishra and Ashish Mishra, who despite having committed a heinous crime gets bail within three months. Everybody is seeing that and he will walk out of jail today."

"So is such dictatorial government needed, or this type of system needed in which someone who mows down people under a vehicle walks out of jail within three months. How will they behave with the public in times to come?" **PTI**

Will approach SC: Rakesh Tikait on bail to Min's son

Lakhimpur Kheri: Farmer leader Rakesh Tikait on Tuesday said the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) will approach the Supreme Court over the Lakhimpur Kheri violence episode in which eight people, including four farmers, were killed.

Ashish Mishra, the son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra 'Teni', is a key accused in the case and the Allahabad High Court granted him bail on February 10. Ashish was expected to walk out of the jail on Tuesday.

Tikait, a prominent face of the farmers' stir and the national spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), which is part of the SKM, also hit out at the BJP amid ongoing assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh.

"The whole country and whole world watched the most infamous Lakhimpur Kheri episode of Ajay Teni and Ashish Teni, who despite having committed a heinous crime gets bail within three months. Everybody is seeing that and he will walk out of jail today," Tikait told reporters, adding the SKM would approach the

Supreme Court.

"So is such dictatorial government needed, or this type of system needed in which someone who mows down people under a vehicle walks out of jail within three months. How will they behave with the public in times to come? These are our issues that people need to understand," the farmer leader said.

He claimed there was a power outage during the online court hearing in the case when the prosecution was making its point but the whole point could not be kept before the court.

He further hit out at the BJP-led Centre and the UP government over issues related to the farming community and the youth while also slamming the saffron party for fighting the elections on communal agendas instead of working for development.

Lakhimpur Kheri, known for its sugarcane farming, has eight Assembly constituencies of Gola Gokranath, Dhaurahra, Sri Nagar, Lakhimpur, Mohammdi, Kasta, Palia and Nighasan. All eight Assembly seats, which were won by BJP candidates in 2017, will go to polls on February 23. **PTI**

K'taka Govt committed to implementing HC interim order on hijab, Min tells House

Bengaluru: The Karnataka government on Tuesday asserted that it was committed to implementing the High Court's interim order on the Hijab row.

This was in response to the issue raised by Congress MLA and its deputy leader in the legislative assembly, U T Khader, during the zero hour, expressing concern over "confusion and interpretation" of the court order, during its implementation on ground.

"The Education Minister will give reply to the issue raised by Khader, but I want to assure that the government is committed to implement the

court order," Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said on behalf of the government.

Raising the issue, Khader citing Hijab controversy said the situation at educational institutions these days is "painful", and as the matter is before the court, he would not like to go into detail.

He said, "but what makes me raise the issue, is after the court order (interim order), we have seen media reports that in some schools in Shivamogga district students were not allowed to write the class 10 preparatory exam (for wearing Hijab)."

Noting that there is confu-

Burqa-clad girl boycotts exam after being asked to remove headscarf

Bengaluru: The Hijab row continued to simmer in Karnataka on Tuesday over alleged denial of entry for girl students into schools with their headscarves on in some places, as one such girl announced boycotting her exam in response to the dikat.

Scenes of angry parents of such children arguing with police and school authorities and an instance of a student trying to flaunt a saffron scarf as an apparent retaliation were

also reported.

The Karnataka High Court, in its interim order last week restrained all the students from wearing saffron shawls, scarves, hijab and any religious flag within the classroom.

High schools were reopened across the state on Monday, even as there were instances of students turning up in Hijab and burqa then, only to be denied entry or asked by officials to remove

them, citing the High Court order.

On Tuesday, at a school in the district headquarters town of Shivamogga, a Burqa-wearing girl refused to write her exam when the school authorities asked her to remove her Hijab first.

"We have grown up wearing Hijab since our childhood and we cannot give it up. I will not write the exam and I will go home," the girl told reporters. **PTI**

sion among people about the court order and what is being implemented on ground, the MLA citing the interim order said, "when the court order is regarding the colleges, it is being implemented at schools, even at the primary school level, so a confusion has been created."

He also said that, while the order is regarding students' dress code, it is being wrongly interpreted and even teachers and staff are not being permitted to wear headscarfs, creating a confusion.

"The duty of the government is to provide education, and not to create hindrance in

providing education. The Court order has to clearly be implemented at the ground level and it is the responsibility of the government to create a conducive environment for students to get education by clearing the confusion," he said, adding that, regarding the issues between constitutional rights, discipline and rules- the court will decide.

As some Congress legislators wanted to speak on the issue, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri did not allow them, stating that it cannot be permitted, as the issue was raised during the zero hour.

As protests for and against

the hijab intensified in different parts of Karnataka and turned violent in some places, the government had declared a holiday for all high schools and colleges in the state for three days, from February 9, and it was subsequently extended up to February 16.

However, the Karnataka High Court, in its interim order pending consideration of all petitions related to the hijab row, last week had requested the state government to reopen educational institutions and restrained all the students from wearing saffron shawls, scarves, hijab and any religious flag within the classroom. **PTI**

HC quashes I-T notice to Tata Sons to reopen tax assessment for 2003-04

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court has quashed a notice issued by the Income Tax department to Tata Sons Ltd to reopen its IT assessment for 2003-04, after holding that "the reasons recorded for the proposed reopening are conspicuously silent" and the department's assertion that the company suppressed facts "is singularly lacking".

"It is imperative to note that the reasons recorded for the proposed reopening are conspicuously silent on the aspect that the income escaped assessment on account of failure to make full and true disclosure of all material facts relevant for the assessment, by the assessee. An assertion that the petitioner suppressed facts is singularly lacking," a HC division bench of Justices KR Shriram and NJ Jamdar said in a recent judgement.

Ending a decade-old case in which Tata Sons had challenged notice dated March 31, 2010 seeking to reopen the assessment for the assessment year 2003-04 and rejecting the objections raised by the firm, the HC bench debunked the IT department's notice saying that it "erodes the legality of the exercise of power under section 147 of the Act, 1961".

"What accentuates the situation is the fact that after initial scrutiny assessment under section 143(3) of the Act, 1961, the petitioner preferred an appeal before CIT [A] and thereafter pursuant to the order passed by CIT [A], the assessment was finalised on 26th April 2007. In this context, the assertion of the petitioner that it had furnished an explanation and submitted documents in response to the multiple notices at the stage of initial assessment could not be controverted," the Judges observed.

"To add to this, in the reasons for the proposed reopening, there is not a whisper about the non-disclosure on the part of the petitioner. Since

the assessment order was sought to be reopened beyond four years and post-assessment under section 143(3) of the Act, 1961, failure to demonstrate that there was a failure on the part of the petitioner to make a true and full disclosure of all material facts, erodes the legality of the exercise of power under section 147 of the Act, 1961," the Judges noted.

The Judges took exception to a remark made by the Assessing Officer made at the beginning of the recording of reasons that "'On perusal of records, it is seen that 10% of the eligible profits under section 10A were not fully taxed and yet, set off of the losses of local units to the extent of Rs.54,27,79,336/- was allowed and this resulted in short levy of tax".

"Evidently, this assessment of the Assessing Officer betrays intent to question the original assessment on the strength of very same material, by substituting his view for the conclusion recorded by the Assessing Officer at the time of initial assessment," the Judges noted.

"The alleged escapement of the income articulated under the second head "Correct computation of Business Income" also suffers from the same vice of mere change of opinion. The third head under which the income allegedly escaped assessment, under the caption, 'Excess DIT Relief' stands on a much weaker foundation," the Judges said.

Holding that the notice issued by the IT department "failed" to satisfy the twin tests that it was legally sustainable, the HC bench noted: "Firstly, there is no assertion, much less material to indicate, that the income escaped assessment on account of failure on the part of the petitioner to disclose fully and truly all material facts necessary for the assessment, and, secondly, the reasons recorded by the Assessing Officer should not fall within the ambit of 'mere change of opinion' on the very same material".



Lok Janshakti Party (Ramvilas) chief Chirag Paswan with supporters during their Bihar Bachao protest march towards Rajbhawan, in Patna on Tuesday **PTI**

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that an one male person was found Unconscious Condition was found at Mini Market, Nanakpura, Moti Bagh-II, Near Sulabh Sochalay, New Delhi. He was admitted in Safdarjung Hospital MLC No. 39127/22. During the treatment he was declared brought dead by doctor on dt. 11.02.2022 . In this regard **DD No. 48A, dated 11.02.2022** has been lodged at **P.S. South Campus, New Delhi**. The description of the dead body is given as under **Name: Naresh, S/o: Raju, R/o-Unknown, Age: 45 years, Complexion-Sallow, Height: 5'6", Face: Long, Build: Thin, Eye-Black, Wearing-Red colour T-Shirt & Purple colour Jacket, Blue Jeans and barefooted..**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the dead person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned. **SHO P.S. South Campus, New Delhi DP/1046/SW/2022 Ph. : 011-26177179, 26177178, 7065036223**



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Earnest money to be deposited	₹12,24,800.00
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DELHI DIVISION, NORTHERN RAILWAY INVITES EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GATI SHAKTI MULTI MODAL CARGO TERMINAL (GCT)

Delhi Division, Northern Railway invites EOI from interested investors, logistic services providers, Container operators, Industrial units etc for constructing Gati Shakti Multi Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) in the jurisdiction of Delhi Division, Northern Railway.

Stations	Salient features:
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sakhoti TandaPabli KhasInchhapuriPataudi RoadPalhawasGurugramDighalMachhrauliQasimpur KheriKhekra	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The investor may opt to set up cargo terminals at or near any of the above stations.The cargo terminal may be set up fully on Railway land.The developer/ investor may also set up terminal partially on Railway land and partially on private land.The Gati-Shakti cargo terminal may also be set up on private land and connectivity may be taken from any of the railway station falling in the jurisdiction of Delhi Division.



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COURTS CAN PRONOUNCE ONLY REASONED ORDERS

It is always better to have a judgment reasoning why it has been made



S KALYANASUNDARAM

Lavanya, a seventeen-year-old girl committed suicide in Thanjavur and following allegations that the case was not properly investigated by the police, the Madurai branch of the Madras High Court ordered the case's transfer to the CBI. The judge passed the orders after hearing the plea of Lavanya's father seeking a CB-CID inquiry into his daughter's death. The court pulled up the Tamil Nadu police for 'jumping to conclusions' along with politicians. The Supreme Court backed the High Court order.

The FIR described that Lavanya attempted suicide owing to physical abuse and exploitative work forced out of her by her hostel warden Sagaya Mary. Someone has recorded a video wherein Lavanya said that one of the nuns at the school, Raquel Mary, had asked her to convert to Christianity two years back, in the presence of her par-



ents. She also said that her refusal to convert may be the reason why she was abused.

The judge observed that while the statements of the girl point towards the unfair treatment of the hostel warden Sagaya Mary, there was also an attempt at conversion to Christianity and that 'a counter narrative is being built as if the father and the step mother of the child are responsible for the suicide.' The information circulating on social media regarding her calls to child line, 'dent the credibility of the investigation' he said.

The order also heavily criticised Thanjavur SP Ravali Priya for holding a press conference, stating that the SP 'probably forgot the virtues of silence'. He further added that she had stated that the conversion angle was not made out, adding that such a statement was unwarranted. He also added that 'by stating that the conversion angle stood ruled out, the SP had brushed aside the petitioner's complaint made in writing and backed by the video of the child'. He asserted that the petitioner was justified in thinking that the investigation will be biased if it is continued by the district police.

Now when the case has been ordered to be handed over to the CBI, another round of criticism of the judgement has emerged. Some people felt offended by the harsh criticism of the judge on the functioning of the state government. Some feel that his comments appear to be a direction to the CBI as to how their course of inquiry should be.

But if one looks dispassionately, it will be clear that the comments on the judgement are unwarranted.

Generally, a judgement can be an analytic judgement where the subject matter is abstract or conceptual. Or it can be a synthetic judgement where the judgement reaches out to the real world, employing concepts to make a statement about how things are as a matter of fact. An evaluative judgement takes one further step. Beyond description of how the world is, an evaluative judgment expresses an attitude toward that world. So, it is always better to have a judgement with all the reasoning why such a judgement has been made.

Even Section 354 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (1973) stipulates that every judgement referred to in Section 353 shall be written in the language of the court and also shall contain the point or points for determination, the decision thereon and the reasons for the decision. There are number of cases in which the Supreme Court has prescribed that the judgements should be with proper reasoning.

In the present case, the judgement cogently describes all the reasons for making a conclusion and the society must welcome such reasoned judgements.

(The writer is a retired banker. The views expressed are personal.)

Reforming for a qualitative democracy

To avoid delay in approving poll reforms by Parliament, the EC should be empowered to implement the reforms by giving one-year notice to it



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CORRUPTION-GENERATING MPLADS SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. PENSIONS TO MPs AND MLAs HAVE NO LOGIC WHEN IT HAS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH GOVERNMENT SERVANTS. PERSONS WITH MORE THAN TWO CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTEST ELECTIONS. IT SHOULD BE COMPULSORY FOR EVERY POLITICAL PARTY TO GIVE AT LEAST ONE-THIRD PARTY TICKETS TO WOMEN

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im Vice President may be elected by MPs only.

To avoid delay in approving poll-reforms by Parliament, Election Commission should be empowered to implement poll-reforms by giving one-year notice to Parliament. If Parliament does not disapprove reforms proposed by Election Commission within stipulated one year, these should be taken as approved by Parliament. Election Commissioners should be selected by a 3-member committee also consisting of Prime Minister and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha.

Immunity to elected representatives should be withdrawn even from legislative proceedings because in the infamous JMM-bribery case even the Apex Court expressed its inability to act against guilty ones because their bribed act to vote for the Narsimha Raogovernment was considered to be immunised being under Parliamentary proceedings. Since usually Chairpersons of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha/ Parliamentary-committees are ultra-soft on impropriety of Parliamentarians, Lokpal should look into improper acts of Parliamentarians. Lok Sabha mildly punished its member Rajesh Manjhi taking his lady-friend as his wife on foreign-trip at government-expense by just barring him from few sittings of Lok Sabha even though such an act was not even immunised under Parliamentary proceedings. Presence of an absconding Parliamentarian from court-summons or warrants at Sansad Bhawan even for attending the session, should be immediately informed to concerned police-authorities. Absconding members must not be allowed to leave Sansad Bhawan till execution of summons/warrants is complete.

Parliamentarians and legislatures with attendance less than say 75-percent in the House should not be allowed to contest any elections for next six years. Curious case of George Fernandez having been elected to Rajya Sabha despite having lost all his memory, even calls for some minimum medical-fitness certificate before allowing contesting elections. An RTI response reveals that even oath for being member of Rajya Sabha was read by party-colleague of George Fernandes.

Parliamentarians should be required to compulsory fill all their particulars in their bio-data including details of their assets, name of spouse/s etc to be put on public domain of websites of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. This can check several malpractices like hiding name of additional (more than one spouse) like was done by Dharmendra when he did not disclose name of Hema Malini also as his wife. Salaries/perks of MPs can be withheld till they provide all these particulars. Rules of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha should be re-written in a stringent manner by encoding fixed punishments for Parliamentarians for not following rules and norms, snatching discretionary powers of Chairpersons and Parliamentary committees.

Rules should be to make all deductions of government-dues like of water, electricity, telephone, rent or any other from salary/perks/pensions etc payable to them. Likewise pensions and other payables should be held till former Parliamentarians/Ministers do not vacate government-accommodations. Defaulters should be barred from contesting any next elections or holding any official post till all dues are cleared against

them, and non-entitled government-accommodations are vacated. It is shame on Indian system that even persons posted as Prime Minister had been defaulters of dues for use of Indian Air Force (IAF) aircrafts for non-official purposes. Either the Prime Minister or political party sponsoring that Prime Minister on post may be asked to deposit advance-money for use of IAF aircrafts for non-official use. Since political parties are not complying with CIC-verdict bringing these under purview of RTI Act, all direct/indirect government-funding including tax-exemptions, subsidized land or leased government-accommodations, free voters' list and free Doordarshan/ Radio timings etc should be abolished. Political parties not having contested any election in last five years should be de-recognised.

Live TV-debates between prominent leaders and Prime-Ministerial/Chief-Ministerial candidates can replace mega-budgeted rallies for which huge money is spent by political parties. Since even Election Commission opposed opaque Electoral Bonds, these must be totally transparent to avoid these becoming a tool to get favours from the concerned governments. Data reveals majority funding through Electoral Funds goes to ruling parties.

Sections 13A, 80GGB and 80GGC of Income Tax Act on contributions received by and made to political parties should be totally abolished to prevent whitening of black money by political parties getting themselves registered but not contesting elections. Our ultra-rich and affording political parties do not require such tax-exemptions.

POINT COUNTERPOINT

DID THE BJP EVER DEMAND PROOF OF HIM (RAHUL) BEING THE SON OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI? —ASSAM CHIEF MINISTER HIMANTA BISWA SARMA



THE CM'S DISTASTEFUL STATEMENT REFLECTS THE CULTURE OF THE BJP AND THE RASHTRIYA SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH. —MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS CHIEF NANA PATOLE

The word is already out on Wordle

The game's social aspect allows you to share your score, making it a great way to start conversations and connect

The Covid pandemic has posed a challenge to many people feeling isolated. We are amid the third wave Omicron. People look to new games during the pandemic. For the past two years, I too got clued into New York Times crossword puzzle, mini crossword, Sudoku, letterboxed, etc. All these are brain games and keep your mind sharp when physical movement is restricted.

Recently, the internet world has gone viral with the word game "Wordle", and it is catching up like wildfire with senior citizens and the younger lot. The simple game is just one word, six tries, six squares, once a day. And if you haven't heard of Wordle yet, you will soon.

So popular did the game grow that the New York Times bought it last week for an



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unspecified sum in lower seven figures'. The acquisition will help the newspaper broaden its digital content as it has set a goal of 10 million subscribers by 2025. According to the paper, while 90 people played the game on November 1, on January 2, 2022, over 3 lakh people played it."

Wordle is a remarkable story of the pandemic. That is also a love story because the founder of the game Josh Wardle, an engineer in Brooklyn, created it for his partner Palak Shah (there comes the Indian connection). "The goal was to make a game that my partner would enjoy playing," he revealed in an interview recently. He then shared it with his family and extended family. Soon it got the attention of the netizens, and today it is a craze.



The once-a-day online game gives a player six chances to figure out the day's five-letter word. You have six tries to guess that day's "Wordle." If you think it rightly, the letter turns green. If the letter is correct but in the wrong place, it turns yellow, and it remains black when it is wrong. The difficulty lies in that no clues are given, but you shoot in the dark.

The game is available in several languages, including French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish, German, and Norwegian. A Tamil version of the Wordle also has come out, but the Tamil script is syllabic. It was my daughter who got me interested in the game last month. Now it has become a family game. Every morning we send cryptic messages to each

other about how we fared. Not since Scrabble has a word game become so popular. It is a single-player puzzle that combines elements of several games, including the good old Scrabble and Battleship. It is free, and one can play from any smartphone, desktop computer or tablet.

Wordle has a lot of political patrons now. Pakistan President Arif Alvi was playing wordle amidst the crisis in Balochistan recently. His tweet came when the Pakistan Army faced the Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA). Pakistan public criticized him for it.

In India, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi led the game and shared a manufactured screenshot with words like "JUMLA", "TAXES", "HUMDO", "JHOLA", "SNOOP" and "PHOTO". Accompanying the tweet, he

wrote the caption: "Guess who?" Another caption, "Wordle 056 6/6" - is a reference to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "56-inch chest" image. Former Minister Shashi Tharoor is another politician who plays the game regularly. There are many others.

The game's social aspect allows you to share your score, making it a great way to start conversations and connect. India has seen a 48 percent growth in the daily twitter conversation of Wordle.

There are other games like crossword, which is very popular. On the eve of the first world war, Arthur Wynne, a New York Times editor, found the game for the paper's fun section. The Newspaper has also come out with a new game called Letterboxed, where you

spell words by connecting letters in the box. It was introduced in 2019 and is very popular among mind game players.

Then there is SUDOKU which dates back to the 18th century. According to Economist, a Swiss mathematician invented the game "Latin squares". A freelance puzzler Howard Games from Indiana invented the modern SUDOKU.

Going back to reading the classics and playing mind games will not only keep your mind healthy and also probably be a preventive cure for depression and other such problems one facing the pandemic. While the doctors say 'we have to live with Covid games like wordle and other word games keep your mind sharp and occupied.

Putin: Russia ready to discuss confidence-building measures

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday that Moscow is ready for talks with U.S. and NATO on limits for missile deployments and military transparency, in a new sign of easing East-West tensions.

The statement came after Russia announced it is pulling back some troops from exercises that have raised fears of a potential invasion of Ukraine. Speaking after talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Putin said U.S. and NATO rejected Moscow's

demand to keep Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations out of NATO, halt weapons deployments near Russian borders and roll back alliance forces from Eastern Europe. But U.S. and NATO have agreed to discuss a range of security measures that Russia previously proposed.

Putin said Russia is ready to engage in talks on limiting deployment of intermediate range missiles in Europe, transparency of drills and other confidence-building measures but emphasized need for West to heed Russia's main demands.

Australia urges China to denounce Russia over Ukraine

CANBERRA, Australia: Australia's prime minister on Tuesday urged China to denounce Russian threats against Ukraine, as crisis between U.S.-led allies and Moscow raises specter of a broader conflict. Scott Morrison noted that Beijing and Moscow announced they were pursuing closer relations since more than 100,000 Russian troops were sent to Ukrainian border. AP

Israel PM meets Bahrain crown prince in push to tighten ties

AP ■ MANAMA (BAHRAIN)

Israel's prime minister met with Bahrain's crown prince on Tuesday as new allies sought to nurture closer cooperation and present a united front to their shared nemesis Iran.

Prime Minister Naftali Bennett was making a one-day visit to Gulf island kingdom, first by an Israeli leader, less than two years after countries established formal diplomatic relations as part of US-brokered 'Abraham Accords.'

Bennett was greeted by Crown Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, who also serves as kingdom's prime minister, and a military colour guard at Manama's Gudaibiya Palace. He told crown prince that he

came "with a spirit of goodwill, of cooperation, of standing together against mutual challenges." Bennett also met with several government ministers and discussed need for greater economic cooperation.

"We must do more to get to know one another and build upon Abraham Accords, which have been such a historic agreement," the crown prince said. In recent months, as tensions with Iran have soared, the two countries have intensified military cooperation. Early this month, they signed a defence pact, and last week, Bahrain announced that an Israeli naval officer would be stationed in Manama, which is also home to US Navy's 5th Fleet.

The Israeli military confirmed it will have a naval representative attached to 5th fleet. Bennett met with fleet commander, Vice Adm. Brad Cooper, during his stop in Manama. Bennett's office said fleet "is a significant element in maintaining regional stability in face of various security threats." It did not mention Iran specifically. But Israel has made no secret of its concerns about Iranian naval activities across region. Israel has stepped up its naval presence in Red Sea after a series of attacks on commercial ships with links to Israel, which it blamed on Iran.

Kremlin critic Navalny stands new trial in jail

AP ■ MOSCOW

A new trial against Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny opened Tuesday at penal colony where he faces another lengthy prison term, a further step in a yearlong, multi-pronged crackdown on Russia's most ardent Kremlin critic, his allies and other dissenting voices.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's longtime foe, is charged with fraud and contempt of court. His allies denounced case as an effort by Kremlin to keep politician in prison for as long as possible.

Authorities moved trial to prison colony hours away from Moscow, where Navalny is serving a sentence for parole violations. The move received criticism for limiting access to proceedings for media and supporters. Navalny, 45, appeared in the make-shift courtroom on Tuesday wearing a prison uniform. "It is just that these people, who ordered this trial, are really scared," he said during the hearing. ("Scared" of what I say during this trial, of people seeing that the case is obviously fabricated."

The unusual trial got underway as world leaders are preoccupied with another round of tensions between Russia and the West fueled by fears that Russia plans to invade its ex-Soviet neighbor.

Navalny can receive up to 15 years in prison, if convicted, his allies have said, on top of the time he was ordered to serve last year.

Navalny was arrested in January 2021 upon his return from Germany, where he spent five months recovering from a nerve agent poisoning he blames on the Kremlin, accusations officials denied.

Shortly after the arrest, a court sentenced him to 2 1/2 years in prison over the parole violations stemming from a 2014 suspended sentence in a fraud case Navalny insists was politically motivated.

Following Navalny's imprisonment, authorities unleashed a sweeping crackdown on his associates and supporters. His closest allies have left Russia after facing multiple criminal charges, and his Foundation for Fighting Corruption and a network of nearly 40 regional offices were outlawed as extremist — a designation that exposes people involved to prosecution.

Earlier this month, Russian officials added Navalny and a number of his associates to a state registry of extremists and terrorists. Several criminal cases have been launched against Navalny individually, leading his associates to suggest the Kremlin intends to keep the politician behind bars for as long as possible.

Pakistan letting India deliver wheat to hungry Afghanistan

AP ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan is allowing nuclear rival India to deliver tons of wheat to Afghans struggling through intensifying food shortages, two Foreign Ministry officials said Monday.

Under a deal with New Delhi, dozens of trucks from Afghanistan will be allowed to collect wheat from India by way of Pakistan's Wagha border near the city of Lahore, beginning Feb. 21.

The trucks filled with wheat will then head back to Afghanistan's Jalalabad city via Pakistan's Torkham border the next day, the officials said.

They spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media on the record. The arrangement comes more than three months after India announced it would deliver 50,000 metric tons of wheat and life-saving medicine to Afghanistan.

Pakistan said at time it would allow Indian aid to pass through its territory en route to Afghanistan, but New Delhi could not finalize modalities until last week, said officials. Pakistan and India have a history of bitter relations. Ties between them were further strained after deadly attacks in India's section of disputed territory of Kashmir three years

ago. More than 40 Indian soldiers were killed. New Delhi blamed Pakistan-based militants for the attack in Indian-controlled Kashmir, a charge Pakistan denied, demanding evidence.

Pakistan suspended trade with India in 2019 after New Delhi stripped the Indian-controlled section of Kashmir of its statehood and special constitutional status. Since then, normal diplomatic and trade ties between them have not resumed.

Pakistan now says it is allowing India to deliver food to Kabul through its territory under a special arrangement. Afghanistan's economy is teetering on brink of collapse in wake of Taliban takeover in August.

Also on Monday, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in a meeting with visiting Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi stressed need for urgent action by the international community "to prevent a humanitarian crisis and economic meltdown in Afghanistan," according to a government statement.

Recently, United Nations made a \$5 billion appeal for Afghanistan. The U.N. warns that 1 million children are in danger of starving and 90% of Afghans live below the poverty level of just \$1.90 a day.

Greek parliament considers major arms deals with France

AP ■ ATHENS, GREECE

Greece's government is seeking parliamentary approval Tuesday for a 3 billion euro (\$3.4 billion) agreement for three new French-made frigates that defense officials say are vital for addressing ongoing tensions with neighboring Turkey.

Lawmakers are also debating whether to add six new Rafale fighter jets to an existing order for 18 planes - six of them newly built and 12 that were previously in service in the French air force.

NATO members Greece and Turkey remain at odds over maritime boundaries and mineral exploitation rights in the Aegean Sea and the eastern Mediterranean. A Turkish oil and gas survey in 2020 resulted in a tense naval standoff between the two countries.

Defence Minister Nikos Panagiotopoulos said the Greek military needs to modernize following repeated funding cuts during the country's acute 2010-18 financial crisis. "There is no armament program that is 'slightly necessary' or 'somewhat neces-

sary," Panagiotopoulos told lawmakers Monday during a committee-level debate in parliament. "All of the armament programs that we have submitted for approval, in one way or another, are absolutely necessary for the armed forces - extremely necessary, urgently necessary."

Greece's center-right government has 157 lawmakers in the 300-seat parliament, and the proposed purchases are expected to be approved without dissent within the ruling party. The left-wing main-opposition party opposes the additional purchase of French fighter jets.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis and French President Emmanuel Macron finalized the frigate deal last year along with an enhanced defense cooperation agreement between their countries.

Mitsotakis denied claims by political opponents that the purchases could rattle the Greek economy, which is already saddled with high deficits due to pandemic spending and a huge national debt worth more than twice the country's annual output.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021									
(Amount in ` lakh)									
Sr No.	Particulars	Standalone				Nine Months Ended			
		31.12.2021	30.09.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
1.	Total Income from operations	61.00	53.85	8.45	143.49	18.27			
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	39.88	(170.39)	(29.07)	(122.97)	(38.10)			
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	1,273.79	1,038.02	(29.07)	4,528.25	(37.12)			
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	1,170.62	733.31	(10.00)	3,594.35	(34.66)			
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	1,170.79	733.48	(7.01)	3,594.88	(30.20)			
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00			
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 5/- each)(Not Annualised)								
	Basic	10.84	6.79	(0.09)	33.29	(0.32)			
	Diluted	10.84	6.79	(0.09)	33.29	(0.32)			
(Amount in ` lakh)									
Sr No.	Particulars	Consolidated				Nine Months Ended			
		31.12.2021	30.09.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
1.	Total Income from operations	64.25	57.03	14.95	153.23	28.33			
2.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and exceptional items)	43.06	(167.19)	(22.64)	(113.36)	(28.49)			
3.	Net Profit for the period (before Tax, after exceptional items)	1,276.97	1,041.22	(22.64)	4,537.86	(27.52)			
4.	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after exceptional items)	1,173.54	736.25	(3.57)	3,603.17	(25.05)			
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the Period after Tax and Other Comprehensive Income after Tax)	1,173.71	736.42	(0.59)	3,603.68	(20.59)			
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value Rs 5/- each)	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00	540.00			
7.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs 5/- each)(Not Annualised)								
	Basic	11.23	7.51	(0.02)	34.41	(0.21)			
	Diluted	11.23	7.51	(0.02)	34.41	(0.21)			
Notes :-									
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/annual financial results filed with the stock exchanges under regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly/annual financial results are available on the websites of the stock exchange. (URL:-www.bseindia.com).									
2. The above results were reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on February 14, 2022. The financial results for the quarter and Nine Months ended December 31, 2021 have been limited reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.									
3. There is no change(s) in accounting policies which have impact on net profit / loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).									
4. Exceptional items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind-AS Rules.									
For and on behalf of Directors									
ADDI Industries Limited									
Sd/-									
C. L. Jain									
Managing Director; DIN: 00022903									
Place : New Delhi									
Date : February 14, 2022									

RATHI BARS LIMITED

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CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781

Statement of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter /Nine Months ended 31st Dec., 2021

(Rs. In Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended			Year Ended
	12/31/2021	9/30/2021	12/31/2020	12/31/2021	12/31/2020	3/31/2021	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)	
1 Total Revenue From operations	11,267.94	13,953.84	8,450.60	35,605.24	22,104.60	32,410.41	
2 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (Before Tax)	72.91	105.46	115.11	222.56	242.09	303.48	
3 Net Profit/Loss for the Period (After Tax)						231.10	
4 Total Comprehensive Income	72.91	105.46	115.11	222.56	242.09	231.10	
5 Equity Share Capital	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	1,633.04	
6 Reserves(Excluding Revaluation Reserves)						6,859.62	
7 Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10 Each)							
	Basic :	0.45	0.65	0.70	1.36	1.48	1.42
	Diluted :	0.45	0.65	0.70	1.36	1.48	1.42

* Not Annualised

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange's websites i.e. 'www.bseindia.com' and also at the website of the Company at www.rathisteels.com.
- The Company does not have any Exceptional and Extraordinary item to report during the above periods.
- The Company has not discontinued any of its operations during the above periods.
- Tax expenses / Provision for Taxation has been made on annual basis only.
- The figures of previous year / Quarters have been re-arranged/re-grouped wherever felt necessary.

By order of the Board
For RATHI BARS LIMITED

Anurag Rathi
(Managing Director)
DIN : 00063345

Place: New Delhi
Date : 14/02/2022

COSCO (INDIA) LIMITED							
CIN : L25199DL1980PLC010173							
Regd. Office : 2/8, Roop Nagar, Delhi-110 007							
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Tel. : 91-11-23843000 Fax : 91-11-23846000							
EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021							
(₹ in lacs)							
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Nine Months Ended		Year Ended
		31.12.2021	30.09.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2021	31.12.2020	31.03.2021
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from operations	3,460.82	3,317.99	3,985.87	9,489.45	10,049.95	14,690.68
2	Net Profit for the period before Tax	104.73	37.29	177.92	151.64	330.28	632.02
3	Net Profit for the period after tax	64.60	31.74	149.90	95.69	251.08	450.80
4	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	64.07	31.85	149.90	95.37	251.08	451.24
5	Equity Share Capital	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10	416.10
6	Other Equity						3,956.08
7	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10 each)						
(a)	Basic (₹)	1.55	0.76	3.60	2.30	6.03	10.83
(b)	Diluted (₹)	1.55	0.76	3.60	2.30	6.03	10.83

Notes :-

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

2 The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meeting held on February 14, 2022.

By Order of the Board
for Cosco (India) Limited

Devinder Kumar Jain
Managing Director and CEO
DIN : 00191539

Place : Delhi
Date : 14.02.2022

INDUSTRY WELCOMES SEBI'S DECISION

Separation of chairperson, MD positions voluntary

New Delhi: Industry bodies on Tuesday welcomed Sebi's decision to make it voluntary for listed firms to separate the positions of Chairperson and MD/CEO, stressing that leadership arrangements are best left to the discretion of boards and the shareholders. Capital markets regulator Sebi on Tuesday said the requirement to split Chairperson and Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer positions at listed companies will not be mandatory and will be implemented on a voluntary basis. The listed entities were required to split the roles before April 2022. "CII had submitted that the amendment with regard to separation of roles of Non-Executive Chairperson and MD/CEO could lead to over-regulation and act as an impediment to a conducive business environment," CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee said. "The provision that Chairman and

MD/CEO should not be related, could be onerous and may not be required, especially in the light of sufficient checks and balances present in the existing regulations to counter any potential ill-effects of such a situation," he added. Banerjee observed that the decision may be left to the discretion of boards and to the will of shareholders and it is important that Indian entrepreneurs are not placed at a disadvantage by imposing such requirements. FICCI Director General Arun Chawla said, "FICCI is grateful to the Regulator for appreciating industry's issues with mandatory separation of Chairman and MD/CEO position and addressing the concerns of industry especially India's invaluable family businesses." He further said the leadership arrangements that would drive business excellence are best left to the judgement of the shareholders.

Earlier this month, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the regulator should hear if Indian companies have a view on the matter even as she made it clear that she was not "giving a diktat".

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform public in general that Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd has organized an auction in below mention respect of Vehicles, VEHICLES FOR SALE

1) MAHINDRA BLAZO40 FBT TIPPER TRAILER REG. NO. HR38W1377\HR38W1805\HR38W1930\ HR38W2004\HR38W2054\HR38W2125\HR38W3109\HR38W3140\HR38W3284\HR38W3309\HR38W4657\HR38W6149\HR38W6353\HR38W7125\HR38W7812\HR38W9093\HR38X1868\HR38X5010\HR38X6527\HR38X6996\HR38X8545\HR38W0458\HR38W1442\HR38W2031\HR38W3380\HR38W6160\HR38W7067\HR38W8950\HR38X8295\HR38W3319\HR38X2952\HR38X9608\HR38W3853\ HR38W6023 YOM -2017

2) CONCRETE MIXER - AJAX FIORI ENGINEERING (I) PVT LTD - CB_ARGO 4000 MOB CONCRETE MIXER CHASSIS. AF1ARG405LJ006945-YOM -2018

3) SONALIKA-TRACTORS REG. NO. UP17AT3287-YOM -2018

4) MAHINDRA BOLERO PIK-UP- REG. NO. UP16GT0293-YOM-2019

UNDER HYPOTHECATION WITH M/S KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IS UNDER SALE IN ITS "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" INTERESTED PARTIES CAN GIVE THEIR QUOTATIONS WITH IN 7 DAYS AT BRANCH ADDRESS: KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK 3RD FLOOR, PLOT NO 7, SECTOR 125, NOIDA-201313 OR CONTACT : RAJESH ANTIL KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD. CONTACT NO. 9711173320

Public Notice

General Public is informed that Mrs. Shipra Jain, Wife of Mr. Yogesh Kumar Jain, R/o Flat No-B-4, S.Floor, E.W.S. Ramprestha Colony, Ghaziabad, had advised a loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. against mortgage of Flat-No-B-4, Second Floor with roof rights, E.W.S. Ramprestha Colony, Ghaziabad vide loan account no. LBDEL00001168245. Original chain of documents of this property (General Power of Attorney No.50, Deed of Will, Agreement to Sell, Affidavit, Possession Letter, Receipt of documents dated 14-10-1999 and executed by Smt. Neelam Bhutani W/o Shri Manohar Bhutani in favour of Smt. Santwana Kansal W/o Shri Subhash Chandra Kansal dated 14-10-1999 pertaining to the said floor has been misplaced at Delhi/New Delhi and is not traceable till date. If these documents are found by anybody, then the same should be returned and deposited with us on the below given address. General public is cautioned that use of these documents by any person other than Mrs. Shipra Jain shall be illegal, fraudulent & void.

Prashant Sharma, Credit Operations Manager ICICI Bank Ltd. The Business Hub, Plot No-02, Sector-14, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, U.P.

MY MONEY SECURITIES LTD.

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Extract of the Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2021

S. No.	Particulars	(Rs. In Lacs)					
		Quarter Ended 31.12.2021	Quarter Ended 30.09.2021	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2021	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2020	Year Ended 31.03.2021
1	Total Income from operations (net)	61.11	56.74	30.48	178.56	58.98	69.30
2	Net Profit/(Loss) from Ordinary Activities after tax	38.35	25.36	11.29	88.94	6.88	4.93
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	38.35	25.36	11.29	88.94	6.88	4.93
4	Total comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit/ (loss) for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax	38.35	25.36	11.29	88.94	6.88	4.93
5	Equity Share Capital	1350.03	1000.03	1000.03	1350.03	1000.03	1000.03
6	Earning per share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)	0.284	0.254	0.113	0.659	0.069	0.049
	Basic	0.284	0.254	0.113	0.659	0.069	0.049
	Diluted	0.228	0.254	0.113	0.529	0.069	0.049
7	Earning per share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each)	0.284	0.254	0.113	0.659	0.069	0.049
	Basic	0.284	0.254	0.113	0.659	0.069	0.049
	Diluted	0.228	0.254	0.113	0.529	0.069	0.049

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

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Sd/-
Sanjay Seth
Whole Time Director
DIN : 00383194

New prudential norms: NBFCs get some leeway on bad loans classification

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank on Tuesday allowed some relaxation in the stricter prudential norms announced for all lenders, including shadow banks, last November by extending the time till September 2022 to implement the guidelines regarding upgrading an NPA account as standard but upon clearing all dues. In a circular issued on November 12, 2021, the monetary authority had given time till December 31, 2021 to implement all the stricter prudential norms.

Following representation from NBFCs, in a revised circular issued on Tuesday, the central bank said "the new circular does not, in any way, interfere with the extant guidelines on the implementation of Ind-AS by NBFCs... Loan accounts classified as NPAs may be upgraded as 'standard' asset only if the entire arrears of interest and principal are paid by the borrower. (Also), NBFCs shall have time till September 30, 2022 to put in place the necessary systems to implement this provision."

The November 12, 2021 circular was an improvement on its October 1, 2021 circular on the prudential norms on income recognition, asset classification and provisioning pertaining to advances, wherein the RBI had prevented all types of lenders from upgrading an NPA account after getting only interest dues cleared.

Sensex claws back lost ground with 1,736-pt leap

Mumbai: Equity indices staged a stellar comeback on Tuesday after suffering their worst losses in a year in the previous session as bargain hunters piled into energy, finance and IT stocks amid signs of easing Russia-Ukraine tensions.

The retail inflation rate breached the 6 per cent upper tolerance limit of the RBI for the first time in seven months in January, while the wholesale price index stayed in double-digits for the 10th month in a row, as per official data released after market hours on Monday.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said, "Markets have been witnessing a roller-coaster ride and we expect the same to continue in near future. In absence of any major domestic event, updates related to Russia-Ukraine tension and its impact on global markets will be on the radar."

In line with the benchmark, all 19 BSE sectoral indices logged significant gains. Auto, banking, tech, realty and IT indices were the top performers, climbing up to 3.87 per cent. Broader BSE large-cap, midcap and smallcap indices rose as much as 2.94 per cent.

Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Seoul closed in the red, while Shanghai finished higher. Markets in Europe were trading in the positive zone in the afternoon session.

"India's CPI inflation for January rose to 6.01 per cent, breaching RBI's tolerance level

Rupee surges 28 paise to close at 75.32 against US dollar

Mumbai: Snapping its five-session losing streak, the rupee surged 28 paise to close at 75.32 against the US dollar on Tuesday amid signs of easing Russia-Ukraine tensions.

A recovery in domestic equities and weakness of the greenback overseas further helped the domestic currency, analysts said. At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened on a weak note at 75.60 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 75.31 and a low of 75.72. It finally settled at 75.32, a rise of 28 paise over its previous close.

On Monday, the rupee had slumped by 24 paise to close at an over nine-week low of 75.60. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, fell 0.37 per cent to 96.01. On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 1,736.21 points or 3.08 per cent higher at 58,142.05, while the broader NSE Nifty jumped 509.65 points or 3.03 per cent to 17,352.45.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, was trading 2.76 per cent lower at USD 93.82 per barrel.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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 (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Shafkat Ahmed Qadri/ Atfa Qadri/ LBDEL00001056903	Flat No. II- F- /95, Second Floor, Lajpat Nagar-2, Delhi/ February 10, 2022	July 06, 2021/ Rs.18,62,664/-	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 16, 2022
Place: Delhi/ NCR
Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

RATHI STEEL AND POWER LTD.

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CIN-L27109DL1971PLC005905

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Extract of Unaudited Statement of Financial Results for the quarter and Nine Months ended 31st December 2021
(In Lacs)

S/N\Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine Months ended		(In Laes)
	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	30.09.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	31.12.2021 (Unaudited)	31.12.2020 (Unaudited)	Pr. Year 31.03.2021 (Audited)
1	Total income from operations (net)	17,794.95	18,377.81	18,545.76	44,655.92	26,210.21
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and / or extraordinary item.	88.68	28.00	687.86	(55.04)	(440.85)
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (before Extraordinary items)	88.68	28.00	687.86	(55.04)	(35.74)
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items)	88.68	28.00	687.86	(55.04)	(35.74)
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	90.39	53.54	694.44	(27.79)	(18.90)
6	Equity Share Capital	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81	3,130.81
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	--	--	--	--	--
8	Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs.10/- each)					
a) Basic :	0.28	0.09	2.20	(0.18)	(1.41)	(0.11)
b) Diluted:	0.28	0.09	2.20	(0.18)	(1.41)	(0.11)

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and Nine Months ended on 31st December 2021 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Statement of standalone Audited Financial Results are available on the websites of the BSE Limited (www.bseindia.com).

The above financial results were reviewed by the audit committee and approved by Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on 14-02-2022
Date:-14-02-2022
Place: New Delhi
Sd/- (PRATHM NARAIN VARSHNEY) MANAGING DIRECTOR, DIN: 00012709

LOGIX BUILDTECH PRIVATE LIMITED

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ANNEXURE-I

(Regulation 52(8), read with Regulation 52(4), of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015

Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and nine months ended December 31, 2021
(All amounts in INR lakhs, unless otherwise stated)

S. No	Particulars	Quarter ended		Nine months ended		Year ended
		31.12.2021	30.09.2021	31.12.2020	31.12.2020	31.03.2021
		Unaudited/ Reviewed	Unaudited/ Reviewed	Unaudited/ Reviewed	Unaudited/ Reviewed	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	3,044	1,401	5,412	9,273	12,986
2	Profit / (Loss) before tax, exceptional items	(5,350)	(4,725)	(14,736)	(4,022)	(8,110)
3	Profit / (Loss) before tax & after exceptional items	(5,350)	(4,725)	(14,736)	(4,022)	(8,110)
4	Profit / (Loss) after tax, exceptional items	(5,333)	(3,586)	(12,441)	(2,525)	(6,114)
5	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year (net of tax)	(5,332)	(3,586)	(12,440)	(2,524)	(6,112)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	2,055	2,055	2,055	2,055	2,055
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	18,122	23,455	23,455	34,151	30,562
8	Net Worth	20,177	25,510	25,510	36,206	32,617
9	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	5.95	4.70	4.70	3.31	3.68
12	Earnings per equity share					
	(i) Basic (in INR)	(25.95)	(17.45)	(60.55)	(12.29)	(29.76)
	(ii) Diluted (in INR)	(25.95)	(17.45)	(60.55)	(12.29)	(29.76)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio			(0.07)		(0.44)
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.17)	(0.02)	(0.07)	0.56	0.43

Notes:-
a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of annual financial results filed with the Stock exchange under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the annual financial results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.bseindia.com) and the listed entity (www.logixgroup.in).
b) For the items referred in Regulation 52(4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015,the pertinent disclosures have been made to the Stock exchange (BSE India) and can be accessed on the URL (www.bseindia.com) and website (www.logixgroup.in)

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Shakti Nath
Director
Place: Noida
Date: 14/02/2022
DIN: 00017090

Emaar India Limited				
(formerly known as Emaar MGF Land Limited)				
CIN-U45201DL2005PLC133161				
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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021				
(Rs. in million)				
S. No.	Particulars	Nine months ended 31 December 2021	Nine months ended 31 December 2020	Year ended 31 March 2021
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	19,111.26	14,177.34	19,441.41
2	Net profit/(loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	76.67	(2,399.12)	(3,334.08)
3	Net profit/(loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	76.67	(1,525.17)	(2,293.06)
4	Net profit/(loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	76.67	(1,525.17)	(2,293.06)
5	Total Comprehensive income/(loss) for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period/year (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	84.37	(1,520.61)	(2,282.41)
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,693.87	1,693.87	1,693.87
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(37,474.78)	(36,797.35)	(37,559.15)
8	Net Worth	(35,780.91)	(35,103.48)	(35,865.28)
9	Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	67,066.34	68,149.84	67,869.43
10	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-
11	Debt Equity Ratio	(1.79)	(1.87)	(1.85)
12	Earning / (Loss) Per Share (in Rupees) (Basic & Diluted)	0.45	(9.98)	(14.64)
13	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-
14	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	738.13	738.13	738.13
15	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.40	0.27	0.27
16	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.03	0.70	0.66
Notes:				
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with stock exchange under regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full formats of financial results are available of the website of the stock exchange www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.emaar-india.com.				
2. For the other line items referred in regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulation, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the Bombay Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the website of stock exchange www.bseindia.com.				
3. The above financial results have been made by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on February 14, 2022.				
For and on behalf of Board of Directors of Emaar India Limited				
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Hadi Mohd Taher Badri				
Director				
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Extract of Statement of Un-Audited Results for the Quarter Ended 31.12.2021					
(Amount in lakhs)					
S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended			Year ended
		31.12.2021 Un-Audited	30.09.2021 Un-Audited	31.12.2020 Un-Audited	31.03.2021 (Audited)
1.	Total Income from Operations	27.13	26.82	76.83	160.96
2.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	15.46	20.12	69.58	134.13
3.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	15.46	20.12	69.58	134.13
4.	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	15.46	20.12	69.58	134.14
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income(after tax)]	15.46	20.12	69.58	134.14
6.	Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- per share)	1,056.00	1,056.00	1,056.00	1,056.00
7.	Reserve (exculding revaluation reserves as shown in the balance sheet of previous year)		-	-	(69.95)
8.	Earning Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) Basic & Diluted	0.15	0.19	0.66	1.27
Notes :-					
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Un-Audited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 14 th February, 2022. format of the Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange at www.bseindia.com and on Company's website at www.integratelesoftware.com					
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THE OFFLINE-ONLINE CONUNDRUM

According to data, India is set to have the largest workforce in the world by the year 2027, with the youth front-lining as the key player of change. MANOJ CHAWLA tells us more

Here is a statement that we have heard time and again- Technology has changed the way we look at the world. Technology has seeped into our lives on microscopic levels and has surpassed being just a tool for communication. Now, the way we use technology is responsible for the seismic shift of the global industry and is bringing forth a new industrial revolution. It has transformed into a tool for change and advocacy by being the instrument that enables small businesses to bring forth a new era of business and operations. Most important is its contribution to changing the norms of education and rebuilding it to promote accessibility and connectivity.

Education is at the forefront of all big and small changes across the globe, and it only makes sense that every year, several families move across the country to give their children access to the best education possible. The Census of India 2001 recorded that approximately 2.9 million people migrated to other parts of the country solely for education purposes. Subsequently, the 2011 census showed that 13.9 million people had migrated for education purposes with Delhi and Mumbai being the most densely populated by migrants.

All this data points to a trend, India more than ever is growing increasingly aware of the ecosystem

of education and that people are willing to move mountains to provide the best education for the generations to come.

But what happens for the students who do not have the luxury and resources to move to a tier-1 city? This is where major ed-tech companies of the country are taking strides to make education accessible to all. And their main weapon- The internet.

Confronting the digital divide

The fourth industrial revolution is upon us. But are the students ready for the changes that this new era will bring upon us? Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Augmented Reality, and Blockchain are words we see all over the internet but are students ready to see past the use of these terminologies as mere buzzwords and embrace the changes that they will bring forth in the years to come? These concepts have already made their way to the students of Tier-1 cities but might not be as accessible to students from tier-2 and tier-3 cities.

According to data, India is set to have the largest workforce in the world by the year 2027, with the youth front-lining as the key player of change. To ensure the students are ready for the industry, the education playing field needs to be levelled out. However, the digital divide widens the gaps and makes it harder for tier-2 and tier-3 cities to have an equal



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playing field. The Azim Premji institute recorded that approximately 60 per cent of the Indian population doesn't have equal access to online modes of education.

It is important to acknowledge that e-learning isn't always accessible to all because of various reasons like connectivity, speed, access to quality devices, income levels, as well as understanding in English (the predominant language used by EdTech). Hence, it is important to address the challenges of the masses, by exploring the possibilities by providing an interactive multi-lingual learning environment, which provides the same learning experience across devices with or without connectivity on all types of learning material. Such technology should cater to the need for learning with a mixed blend of Self-paced, Live classes, eBooks, Assignments, as well as Assessments.

Leveraging Education technology for equal opportunity

Often, catching up to the technology of the future is a privilege one cannot afford when the current technology is failing them. Providing solutions where content can be distributed on an encrypted Memory Card/USB drive or providing the option to securely download content for offline viewing is one way that major EdTech companies are tackling this issue.

Learning Management Systems (LMS), hosted on the cloud, provide

for multi-device support, especially when some schools have only one computer and several students have access to limited infrastructure, and one tablet/phone at home with synchronisation across multiple devices.

The videos are transcoded (a process by which the same content is available in multiple resolutions), and the system detects the appropriate quality based on bandwidth at the student's end, thus avoiding video buffering.

The credibility of online assessments is now possible by enabling a recent innovation of the Aeroplane mode of assessments. A more advanced method is to have integrated Artificial Intelligence (AI) enabled proctoring software.

And with the diverse languages that are spoken across India, a one-click switch over to the language of choice is much sought now.

The recent pandemic has stimulated unprecedented innovation within the education sector. There is a newfound appreciation for digital education, which has accelerated the paradigm shift in the way of learning. We've now taken steps to reach the 'New Normal'. In such a Mobile First and Always Connected world, it is equally critical to ensure that we address the challenges of a vast and diverse country like India and provide equal learning opportunities to all.


The writer is Chief Business Officer at Tribyte Technologies

QUOTE OF THE DAY

When you educate one person you can change a life, when you educate many you can change the world

— Shai Reshef

PGD IN MANAGEMENT - ENTREPRENEURSHIP



The PGDM-E two-year, full-time programme at the EDII, now in its 25th batch of delivering entrepreneurship education, has been designed specifically for entrepreneurs and entrepreneurial managers to encourage critical and lateral thinking, nurture their ambitions, and enable new ventures through an academically rigorous, directly relevant and highly practical learning experience. The course is offered through six trimesters over two years.

The PGDM-E offers an innovative milestone-based learning initiative whereby every student can build their new enterprise step by step while studying at EDII itself. During this course, learning is also imparted on leveraging the strengths of family business management and successfully implementing practices that drive high performance, shareholder loyalty and healthy family relationships. EDII also provides seed funding to successful milestone bonus point achievers for setting up their new venture.

The applications for the next batch are on. Graduates with 50% marks

and with a valid CAT/MAT/CMAT/ATMA/XAT score are eligible to apply for this programme.

UG, PG AND DIPLOMA IN FASHION STUDIES

The Indian Institute of Art and Design (IIAD) in collaboration with Kingston School of Art, London offers undergraduate programmes in Fashion Design, Fashion Business Management, Communication Design and Interior Architecture & Design. It also offers postgraduate programmes in Fashion Design and Fashion Business Management.

Website: www.iiad.edu.in

Admissions Process: IIAD Entrance Test Last date to apply: 14th April, 2022 Date: 24th April 2022(Online), 23rd and 24th April 2022 (Online and Offline)

VMC starts CUCET preparations

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With the inclusion of DU and JNU in CUCET, admission to most of the central universities via a common entrance exam appears to be a reality. A uniform entry for all universities will put an end to ever-increasing cut-offs (like DU) and may increase the chances of regional language applicants, as it will be conducted in at least 13 scheduled languages. The goal of a common undergraduate entrance exam is to move the focus away from rote learning and toward enhancing students' critical thinking abilities.

The entrance exam, such as

the CUCET, will provide not only an equal opportunity to all students, but also an opportunity for universities to assess the students' ability levels.

CUCET will also provide a single-window platform for admissions, making the process more efficient and student-friendly by eliminating entrance tests for a variety of colleges with differing degrees of difficulty. Candidates will also save time, effort, and money by not having to pay several entrance exam fees.

VMC has aided students in achieving their goal of admission to the country's medical and engineering colleges/universities.

Communication design in contemporary societies

Modern problems require modern solutions, and as such modern-day communication design specialists have a wide range of tools at their disposal to cater to the problems, opportunities and needs of contemporary societies, says SHAAZ AHMED

Communication design is the process of successfully delivering a message to a target audience using multiple medias of audio and visual resources to motivate them to act on the desired action, such as spreading awareness about an issue or product, making an informed decision or instilling an attitude. Unlike Art, which is subjective as an individual expression and allows for interpretation, communication design requires the Designer to strategically engage the spectator via creative narrative to establish a link between the artwork and the viewer. As a result, the responsibility of the communication designer extends beyond generating attractive visuals to utilising the power of design methodology and strategy to transmit a clear, crisp message engagingly.

We live in an era of information technology marked by a proliferation of visual vocabulary and shrinking viewer attention spans. In today's society, a good communication design gives clarity, effectiveness, and aesthetics to the information hierarchy. Design is the new Art. To break the visual clutter in society, every

piece of communication design should have clarity of form and content and a deep understanding of its target audience. The tools that the designer plays with are form, colour, composition, text, sometimes sound and animation and using information hierarchy to deliver a desired piece of communication. In today's world which is evolving at a breakneck speed, one of the most important functions of communication design is to handle the layers of complexity in terms of information and the assimilation of the same. The communication design expert must first identify the problem/opportunity he or she is attempting to solve, as this has ramifications for the goal of his design.

Communication design has evolved from pigeons delivering messages, to drummers drumming and announcing messages on the streets to inform the public, to now becoming a global movement around the early twentieth century and today a sought-after career option. As the saying goes, modern problems require modern solutions, and as such modern-day communication design

specialists have a wide range of tools at their disposal to cater to the problems, opportunities and needs of contemporary societies. Communication design specialists are effectively combining conventional design abilities with cutting-edge technology to create distinctive and inventive solutions that will usher in a design-driven ecosystem and help New India achieve its goals.

Communication design, however, was not strongly established as a career until the rise of technological revolution and the advent of Design as a discipline. The internet transformed visual information into a much more accessible and consumable product. Having good strategies of communication design became an important need for companies and advertisers. Due to the ever evolving development of technology and media, this demand will only grow with time with newer dimensions added periodically.

Communication design is a field with several possible pathways.

Perhaps the most popular one is advertising, which includes copywriting, media

design, video production, and now moving into the experience meta space. Digital Design is also a part of our lives nowadays, focused on the user interface and user experience, which makes companies engage the user and understand them better for providing better services with ease and practicality to the online consumer. Another huge opportunity is in the area of identity design and branding, which is to develop the visual identity of an organisation, as the business and their identity becomes paramount. Each brand needs to be individual and unique — even an individual as a brand so, they can establish clearly what their unique identities are.

In a somewhat recent development, social marketing has furthered the traditional domain of communication design. While there have been communicators with good intentions for years, communications aiming to address social problems were generally conceived with a great deal of naivety - producing ideas with little or no change heralding impact. However, over time, there has been a gradual adoption and adaptation of the experience

of commercial advertising, and that has been effectively put in the service of the public good via socially aware communications.

All societies develop, evolve and transform within a permanent flow of information exchange. The urban environment, the public transportation system and the mass media ecology are vital sources of information that both express and build culture in myriad ways. For eg, Advertising seeds cultural models of behaviour and appearance, and in turn promotes lifestyles, choices and cultural values. As can be seen, design as a profession has great responsibilities. The aim of communication design is to affect the behaviour, knowledge and attitudes of people — something that occurs after the communication takes place. Visual communication design, variously reflects how social roles get defined, how a cultural language is constructed within a society. Professionals in this discipline have successfully meshed the traditional design skills with the new-age technological tools.

The writer is Associate Professor, Communication Design, IIAD

Creative Peripherals, one of India's Brand Licensee and Market Entry Specialist (NSE:Creative), is on a huge transformation journey. The Mumbai-based listed player recently changed its name to Creative Newtech and also realigned its business under four units – FMSG (fast moving social goods), FMCT (fast moving consumer technology), FMEG (fast moving electrical gadgets) and EB (enterprise business). The new branding and business unit alignment is to gear it up for the changed consumer behaviour/demand post pandemic. The NSE-listed company reported is also significantly reshuffling its current portfolio of 22 brands. Creative Newtech is expecting its digital e-commerce B2B platform – Ckart to grow rapidly in the years ahead.

On top of that, it is looking at significant growth from new introductions and increased overseas footprint.

“Being close to the ground and actively listening to our partners and end consumers, we realised there is huge disruption ahead with the growth of d2c brands and increased e-commerce adaptation across India across consumer categories. The new name and business units are part of a well thought through strategy to reshape the entire organisation to be lean and fit for the digital future. The new structure with sharpened focus, will help us deliver a better experience. We are actively reshuffling our portfolio keeping only those that are resonating with Indian consumers and generating certain volumes for us while seeking to add others that fit the above criteria,” says Ketan



Ketan Patel
Chairman and Managing Director, Creative Newtech

Patel, Chairman and Managing Director, Creative Newtech.

Currently Creative Newtech distributes products from Disney+Marvel Reconnect, EPSON, Philips, Samsung, Transcend, ViewSonic, Zeiss, BaByliss, BPL, Cooler Master, Colorful, Insta360, edelkrone, InVue, MSI, Olympus, PNY, Printronix, Rapoo and Thermaltake among others. It employs over 200 professionals and has an omni-channel network that spans online, offline and retail trade channels.

“We are one of the few national players who provide end-to-end solution from contract manufacturing to retail distribution and brand licensing which makes us really attractive as a go to partner for global brands looking at the Indian market,” he further adds.

AI-driven platform to develop competency-based learning

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While the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the dire need for the education sector to embrace the use of Artificial Intelligence, the advent of the latest technology with the online platforms has not only helped the students with a better education module but also assisted the educators in providing the best opportunities for the stu-

dents learning.

AI Testified, a startup incubated at IIT Kanpur is a unique platform that blends Artificial Intelligence into the school education systems, UPSC and State PSC, and other competitive examinations. Being India's pioneering AI-driven test platform, it is highly beneficial in understanding and filling the learning deficit among the school-going students and aspirants of

various competitive examinations.

AI Testified uses Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning to identify the conceptual strength and weakness of each student, with the belief that each student is unique with a different learning curve. The tests are customised according to the needs of individual students. Video lectures and notes on different concepts are also provided to

fill in the identified knowledge gap. Also, students are given the choice to use elimination and the 50-50 technique to mark the most appropriate answers. This helps the students to know the accuracy of their concepts and develop their critical thinking ability. AI Testified has recently implemented this AI-based platform in 10 Delhi Government schools as a part of CSR activity.

Great Learning, one of country's edtech companies for professional and higher education has announced that it will be hosting a Masterclass on Machine Learning for Beginners on February 17, 2022. The one-hour-long live session is free of cost and can be attended by those who want to understand the concept of Machine Learning, its scope, and influence across diverse domains, various relevant

programs, curriculum, and delivery.

The live session will be conducted by Arun K Sharma, an Engineering Analyst, Inventor, Technology Enthusiast, and ML Practitioner with 15 years of industry experience. The speaker aims to throw light on the popular buzzword Machine Learning and its actual meaning, scope, and its influence across domains. The speaker will also address some doubts and questions by the end of the masterclass.

Great Learning offers comprehensive, industry-relevant programs across various cutting-edge Technology, Data, and Business domains. Great Learning's programs are developed in collaboration with the world's foremost academic institutions like Stanford University, MIT, The University of Texas at Austin, National University Singapore, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Roorkee, IIIT-Delhi, Shiv Nadar University, and Great Lakes Institute of Management

and are constantly reimaged and revamped to address the dynamic needs of the industry. It is the only ed-tech company to provide these programs in a blended mode, classroom mode, and purely online mode, relying on its vast network of expert mentors and highly qualified faculty to deliver an unmatched learning experience for learners in India and the world over.

It have impacted over 1.5 million learners from over 170 countries.

Masterclass on Machine Learning for beginners

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Programmatic Job Advertsing has become an essential tool to target and engage the right candidates, maximise ROI, enhance diversity and ultimately onboard top talents that perfectly fit the role in an organisation, says AMITT SHARMA

COVID-19 has caused severe financial disruptions in terms of layoffs and down-sizings, resulting in record unemployment rates in India and across the globe. However, as the economy rebounded on the back of nationwide vaccination programmes and other safety initiatives, the world started witnessing an impressive uptick in job openings. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, this figure touched the 11 million mark in June 2021 compared to 6.7 million in December 2020, a more than 50 per cent jump.

With organisations adopting flexible concepts like WFH and hybrid working, more and more professionals are now looking for jobs that offer these alternatives. Around 55 per cent of working professionals in the US are likely to look for a new job in the next 12 months. Nearly 40 per cent of people have cited remote work, career advancement, and flexibility as their primary reasons to change jobs. In this era dubbed as The Great Resignation, employers are facing a shortage of talented

professionals across industries, pushing them to offer higher salaries, generous perks, and more flexibility.

Companies now have no choice but to acclimatise to modern recruitment strategies and practices like Programmatic Job Advertising to target, attract, and onboard the right set of candidates and overcome challenges like submission of wrong applications and rising recruiting costs.

Delving deeper

Programmatic Job Advertising is a process of buying, placing, and optimising job ads using data, analytics, AI, and ML. It helps employers place the right jobs before the target audience, set goals, and have technology work towards them.

Today's job landscape is brimming with potential candidates. As a result, connecting and engaging with each of them manually would be very difficult and time-consuming for HR teams. This is why they need Programmatic Job Advertising platforms to do this job on their behalf.

With this, they can automate

As the world advances, the future of job advertising will be led by Programmatic Job Ad platforms. It will radically revolutionise the hiring process and prepare employers to tackle uncertainties with more confidence and innovation

the entire hiring process, including tasks like scheduling interviews, addressing their job-related queries, and making candidates feel more valued at every point possible. It will help HRs prevent slip-ups and give them more time to spend on other critical activities while also cutting down their overall hiring costs without affecting the key hiring goals. This way, they can make the entire hiring process simple, quick, quality-oriented, and cost-effective.

Makes hiring accurate and affordable

As an employer, when you adapt to a digital hiring strategy, you expand your talent pool by inviting candidates from anywhere and everywhere. This increases your advertising costs. However, by leveraging Programmatic Job Advertising, you can automatically manage spending using predictive data and intelligent algorithms. This technology optimises how jobs are delivered in sync with job ad metrics like cost per apply, cost per source, hire per source, etc, across the ecosystem. Eventually, this process helps you

secure the best ROI. Moreover, you can see and evaluate your performance in real-time and thus make better and more informed decisions when recruiting the right talents.

Remote hiring calls for scouting candidates across several states and cities in a country. As a result, managing job postings and following up with candidates can be highly taxing for a small team of recruiters if they are doing it manually. This is where Programmatic Job Advertising works wonders. It automates the entire hiring process and enables recruiters to utilise this time on other critical tasks like engaging with talent on social media, responding to employee reviews, creating virtual job previews — all of which help improve your reputation as an employer. When job seekers see relevant content, they naturally engage with the advertisement to explore the opportunity. Due to these features, it has recorded an 8 per cent spike in candidates reaching the final hiring stag compared to conventional job boards.

The writer is Founder and CEO, Receptix

‘Online learning has become a primary choice’

Regularly upskill and reskill yourselves to stay in sync with the changing trends and adapt to the new-age business environment, says ANISH SRIKRISHNA

■How higher and executive education has evolved since the pandemic hit?

The pandemic has accelerated the pace of digital learning and brought in a revolution in the education sector at all levels. Business schools, universities, and professional learning institutions have introduced several technological interventions to impart learning through online mechanisms to boost accessibility and affordability and create a vast pool of opportunities for learners. Executive education has transformed rapidly to create future-ready business leaders to face a plethora of challenges such as climate change, economic volatility, geopolitical crisis, among others.

■What are emerging trends in the higher/executive domain and the future outlook?

As industries and businesses adopt technology-based applications such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analytics, higher and executive education institutes will have to develop innovative pedagogy and curriculums to meet industry requirements. Universities and institutes have been updating curriculums to offer in-depth instruction in foundational concepts in AI, ML, VR, blockchain and big data that will see an uptick in the adoption of immersive learning methodologies.

■What is the impact of digitalisation on the edtech domain and the way forward?

The learners have benefitted from the deep penetration of internet services along with the wide availability of digital devices to access online education. Online learning has transformed education from being a supplementary option to a primary choice. Personalised learning experiences, content-rich syllabuses, interactive learning activities, chatbot (live) assistance will drive future learning to be learner-centric and friendly. There will be higher adoption of vocational education, skilling programmes, and corporate training through digital platforms to boost the quality of leadership in India.

■How will NEP 2022 shape the future of Indian education?

The New Education Policy will transform traditional characteristics such as rote learning and theoretical knowledge



Anish Srikrishna
CEO, Times Professional Learning

to a practical and experiential-based learning system by providing a future-ready approach to Indian youth. Its focus on multi-disciplinary learning will empower students in higher education with options for exit and re-entry with opportunities to blend vocational training with theoretical subjects. Also, the introduction of coding from Class 6 will ensure students get introduced to technology, and develop expertise at an early age to help them integrate into our workforce.

■How has upskilling become imperative for a working professional?

The pandemic-induced job redundancies have exacerbated several challenges and led professionals to build competencies that industry today demands. They are expected to regularly upskill and reskill themselves to stay in sync with the changing trends and adapt to the new-age business environment. Employers prefer candidates who continuously update themselves to be future ready.

■How will NEP 2022 shape the future of Indian education?

Considering we are nearing two years of the covid-19 pandemic, hiring trends have seen several changes. For bridging the skill gap, recruiters are opting to leverage the on-demand workforce that enables companies to tap into skill sets that their employees do not possess without fully absorbing them into the organisation. Companies are also tapping into internal talent networks and engaging with potential candidates, employees, and alumni.

Self-empowerment should come from within. We all have these triggers within us, but often succumb to external factors and consciously silence the inner voice. This is the worst thing we can do to ourselves.

Throughout the course of our existence, nature has bestowed upon us unmatched powers and powers of inner strength. In order to discover our own legend, we simply need to engage in introspection.

With the power of the three A's, one doesn't have to wait for an external trigger to experience empowerment. One can experience empowerment

from the inside-out if one uses the Three A's - Accept, Analyse, and Adapt. We all have multiple influencing layers on our true selves. These layers affect our beliefs and our subsequent actions. You need to identify these layers in order to reach their core, and then empower it further.

Accept:

The process of removing oneself from one's own belief system requires a great deal of determination. The first step toward empowerment is acceptance. Acknowledge your need for self-exploration, acknowledge the multiple external influences on you that need to be managed, and acknowledge the

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power within you to bring the best out of you. A series of little acceptances coupled with a persistent process of mindfulness will begin a journey of self-discovery. Make sure you pay attention to what your real self is telling you. If you are ready to examine yourself and your surrounding environment, only then can you listen to it. Without question, you cannot accept. Your journey to empowerment hinges on accepting your present circumstances.

Analyse:

In the next part of your journey, you will decide what to do and what not to do. Using your intellect to identify and weigh the pros and cons of your decisions is an important part of your journey. Identify the YOU within you. In order to find out, you must identify and analyze your feelings to various experiences and circumstances. There are multiple layers in your belief system that prevent you from taking action. You should

engage with these layers to take action. Analyzing these layers is never easy. If your beliefs continue to influence your decisions, your journey to the core will be equally challenging. While you do this analysis, you should have a flexible mindset. Flexible thinking will help you to think more pragmatically and deal more effectively with your influencing layers. You should listen to your heart, and feelings are the language of your heart. Don't ignore your feelings, analyze them.

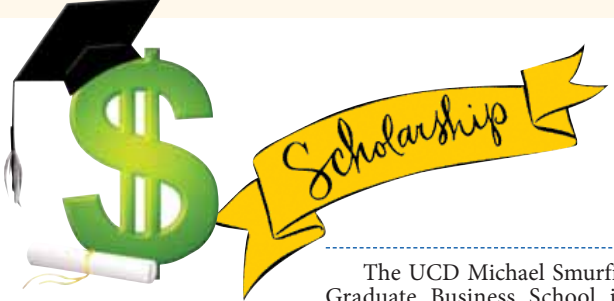
Adapt:

Adapt, the third 'A', is one of the most important, since it lies in the action zone and

requires you to take action. You will need lots of resolve, willpower, and focus to accomplish this. Because a resolution remains weak if it is not backed up by will power and focus. All you need to do is take the first step, focused, confident, and full of will power. For zealous success, you must identify gaps in your resolution, assess your lack of willpower and focus, and explain your lack of focus to adapt to changes.

To mobilise the power within you, you must first be aware of this fact and follow logical, pragmatic steps to bring it to life.

The writer is Govind Bhadu, Inspirational Speaker & Entrepreneur



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Supporting documents: Conditional or Formal Offer of Place from the University of Waikato

Admission requirements: the applicants must be applying to enroll for the first time in either an undergraduate or post-graduate degree at the University of Waikato

Language requirement: Students need to demonstrate that they have a good level of written and spoken English.

How to apply: To apply, the applicants must submit an online application through the link: <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/application-forms> university-of-waikato-international-excellence-scholarship

Application deadline: Applications for 2022 can be submitted at any time

The UCD International Cormac Costelloe Dell Financial Services Scholarships in Ireland, 2022

The UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School is attracting students towards the International Cormac Costelloe Dell Financial Services Scholarships.

The scholarship is available to students from both EU and non-EU countries.

Awards: Covers 100 per cent tuition fees

Course Level: MSc

Supporting documents: All candidates must have to submit their official transcripts, updated CV and two references, preferably one academic and one professional.

Admission requirements: To become a part of the program, applicants will need to check out the entry requirements for master admission to Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School

Language requirements: Students need to demonstrate that they have a good level of written and spoken English.

How to apply: candidates first have to take admission in an MSC degree program in Finance at University. Those applicants who hold a Full or Conditional Offer and who have accepted that offer for the full-time MSc Finance are automatically considered for the scholarship. After that, they have to submit a complete application directly to UCD Smurfit School.

Application deadline: accepted only through August 1, 2022.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (SALES) AT CLEAN WATER SOLUTIONS

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹5,000-7,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/b61d89

Deadline – February 24, 2022

CONTENT WRITING AT INTERVISE

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹10,000-15,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/c2fc10

Deadline – February 24, 2022

UI/UX DESIGN AT JETHITECH SOLUTIONS

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹10,000-15,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/1c5c9c

Deadline – February 24, 2022

VIDEO MAKING/EDITING AT UNACADEMY

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹30,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/ab3e05

Deadline – February 24, 2022

WEB DEVELOPMENT AT LISTIEE

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹6,000-9,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/12a3a7

Deadline – February 24, 2022

PROOFREADING AT DIGIBULLS

Location – Work From Home

Stipend – ₹10,000-8,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/de937c

Deadline – February 24, 2022

PERSONAL ASSISTANCE AT CORPMADE SOLUTIONS

Location – Delhi

Stipend – ₹10,000/Month

Link – internshala.com/i/c545b6

Deadline – February 24, 2022

INBRIEF

CU OF WINNIPEG AND LPU SIGNED MOUS

Canada's University of Winnipeg (UW) and Lovely Professional University (LPU) have signed varied Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for semester exchange and subject articulation programmes, particularly in mathematics.

Known for academic excellence, indigenous scholarship, environmental commitment, small class sizes and campus diversity; the roots of University of Winnipeg date back more than 145 years. On behalf of the UW, its Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr James Currie & Interim Provost and Vice-

President (Academic) Dr Jan Stewart; and from LPU, its Registrar & Senior Dean, Dr Monica Gulati and LPU's Vice President Mr Aman Mittal signed the MoUs.

While being adhered to Government of India's National Education Policy (NEP)-2020, the target here is to internationalize education at LPU campus. In fact, internationalisation is a very important element in the growth and development of a university, as well as its contribution to the country. And, LPU is one of the leading universities of the country that has embraced internationalisation in both letter and spirit. Currently, an increasing number of LPU students are achieving success in their careers.

MUSL ORGANISES A POST BUDGET EVENT

Mahindra University School of Law organised an analytical discussion on the Budget-2022 and highlighted the need for better strategy

in spending the money rather than increased allocations. The Budget meet was attended by a large number of academicians, lawyers and scholars of Mahindra University. Speaking on Tax on digital assets, Professor Shruti Kakkar highlighted that taxation precedes policy in the category.

ITEC PROGRAMME FOR CANDIDATES

Lovely Professional University (LPU) has commenced 'Ministry of External Affairs' year-long ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) programmes on Digital & Social Media Marketing for Organisation Growth; and,

Effective English Communication for Business & Office Purpose at its campus. 30 Afghan Military candidates, who are undergoing training at Indian Military Academy, are to learn on these two programs physically in two groups at the Campus.

AI TOOLS TO STUDY PRODUCTION OF FUEL FROM BIOMASS

Indian Institute of Technology Madras Researchers are using Artificial Intelligence tools to study the processes involved in conversion of biomass to gaseous fuel. Gaining such understanding through hands-on experiments is time-consuming and expensive.

Computer simulations and modelling studies can provide quicker insights that can be used to build

the processes and plants for biomass processing. With increasing environmental concerns associated with petroleum-derived fuels, biomass is a practical solution, not in the conventional sense of directly burning wood, cow dung cakes, and coal, but as a source of energy-dense fuel.

Researchers all over the world are finding methods to extract fuel from biomass such as

wood, grass, and even waste organic matter. Explaining the importance of such studies, Dr Himanshu Goyal, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Madras, said, "Understanding the complex mechanisms involved in the conversion of raw biomass into fuel is important for designing the processes and optimizing reactors for the purpose."

LPU'S MBA PROGRAMME RANKED NUMBER ONE IN PUNJAB

Mittal School of Business (MSoB) at Lovely Professional University has been ranked number 1 in the Punjab State. The prestigious ranking is as per the Open-Kantar B-School survey, which has ranked premier institutes of management at private universities across India.

With overall 649.5 scores on various ranking parameters; LPU's MSoB has

excelled in the most of the listed top institutes of India and is also ranked among the top 6 in North India. LPU is also among the selected list of institutions that have featured in this ranking, which are not from the metro region. This clearly identifies the efforts being put by the faculty teaching MBA programmes, that these are tremendous one.

ABWA'S ULTIMATE MATH CHAMPIONSHIP

Aditya Birla World Academy (ABWA), India's leading International School, in association with BITS Pilani conducted Infinity 2022- The Ultimate Math Championship to foster the love for mathematics among young geniuses. The championship attracted 930 students from 123 schools across the regions, including 195 teams from the senior group (grades 9

and 10) and 109 teams from the advanced group (grades 11 and 12). Infinity 2022 saw a remarkable increase in participation from 567 to 930 students and 189 to 304 teams as compared to last year. Young talent from Dubai, Doha, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Bhutan, and India completed in Infinity 2022. The championship was organised with an aim to enhance students' mathe-

matical skills by providing them with a forum to compete against students from all around India and Asia. The preliminary event of Infinity was conducted on 8th January 2022. The Guests of Honour for the championship were Dr James Tanton (Mathematician at Mathematical Association of America) & Dr Souvik Bhattacharyya (Vice-Chancellor, BITS Pilani).

INDIA SUFFER 3-WICKET DEFEAT TO NZ

PTI ■ QUEENSTOWN

India felt the absence of experienced pacer Jhulan Goswami as they failed to defend an imposing 270 to go down by three wickets in the second women's ODI against New Zealand here on Tuesday. The loss meant that the visitors have now conceded a 0-2 lead in the five-match series. Deepti Sharma took 4 for 52 while her spin colleagues Poonam Yadav, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, and Harmanpreet Kaur took a wicket apiece. But India failed in the pace department with Pooja Vastrakar and debutant Simran Bahadur leaking runs without taking any wickets. The presence of Goswami, rested from this game to try out new talent, could have made the difference after Indian batters rose to the occasion to set a stiff target of 271 for New Zealand despite the continued absence of star opener Smriti Mandhana, who inexplicably remains in extended quarantine. But Amelia Kerr made the difference with her unbeaten 119 off 135 balls with the help of seven fours as New Zealand surpassed the target with one over to spare by reaching 273 for 7.

The Indian bowlers lost the plot in the middle overs when they allowed Amelia Kerr and Maddy Green (52) to stitch a 128-run stand from 24.4 overs for the fourth wicket.

Green was dropped by Taniya Bhatia when on 23 while Kerr survived a few half chances towards the end of



New Zealand run chase.

New Zealand did not have the best of starts as they were 55 for 3 in the ninth over.

Sophie Devine (33), first match centurion Suzie Bates (16) and captain Amy Satterthwaite (0) returned to the dressing room before the 10th over.

But they found their saviours in

Kerr and Green as the duo lifted the home side with a 128-run stand from 24.4 overs for the fourth wicket to give them well on course for a victory.

That stand changed the complexion of the game as New Zealand needed just 88 runs from 16.3 overs for a win. They were 213 for 5 at the end of the 40th over and needed 58 runs from

60 balls which they eventually succeeded in knocking off.

Earlier, captain Mithali Raj continued her fine form with an unbeaten 66 while Richa Gosh also struck a half century as India posted 270 for 6.

Raj, who had scored 59 in a losing cause in the first ODI on Saturday, remained unbeaten on 66 off 81 balls

to play sheet anchor.

Young wicketkeeper-batter Gosh, however, outshone her captain as she slammed 65 off 64 balls with the help of six fours and a six in a brilliant performance.

Gosh and Raj shared 108 runs in 17.4 overs for the fifth wicket to help India set a stiff target for the home side. In the later part of her innings, Gosh struggled while running for quick runs. Raj's unbeaten knock had three fours in it.

Sabbhineni Meghana also made a significant contribution with a 50-ball 49 which was studded with seven fours to stitch 61 runs for the opening wicket with Shafali Varma (24), who, however, failed to convert a good start yet again.

Yastika Bhatia, who had made 41 in the first match, contributed 31 from 38 balls this time as the Indian top-order, except for vice-captain Harmanpreet Kaur, gave a good account of itself.

Star batter Smriti Mandhana on Tuesday completed her extended stay in quarantine here and left for Queenstown to join the Indian women's cricket team for the remainder of the five-match ODI series against New Zealand. Mandhana had missed the one-off T20 International and the two ODIs against New Zealand as she was in extended Managed Isolation and Quarantine (MIQ) along with two other players -- pacers Meghna Singh and Renuka Singh.



India start WT20 preps with WI series

With Men's T20 World Cup in mind, Rohit & Co look to get combination right

DRITI ATRI ■ NEW DELHI

At Eden Gardens in Kolkata on Wednesday, Rohit Asharma-led India will take on Kieron Pollard's Windies side in the first game of the three-match T20I series.

Coming into this series, India's morale will be high after they whitewashed the Men in Maroon in the preceding three-match One-Day International series.

With the T20 World Cup scheduled to take place in Australia later this year, the T20I matches become all the more important for the Men in Blue, and they would like to stamp their authority over the two-time World Champions by winning the series and chalking out important plans for the megaevent.

The West Indies defeated 2019 World Cup winners England 3-2 in the five-match series they played before coming to India and would like to pose a tough challenge for the Indian team.

The shorter format suits them better and they have n number of match-winners in their side.

They will be bolstered by the return of T20 legend and captain Kieron Pollard, who missed the second and third ODIs because of an injury.

For India, they will be without the services of KL Rahul, Axar Patel and Washington Sundar, after the trio was ruled out because of injuries.

In KL Rahul's absence and Shikhar Dhawan's not being included in the side, Ishan Kishan is expected to bat at the top with skipper Rohit Sharma, unless the team management gives Rituraj Gaikwad his international debut.

The Chennai Super Kings opener was the leading run getter in the 2021 IPL as well as in the 2021-22 Vijay Hazare Trophy, where he scored four hundreds while representing Maharashtra.

Former Indian captain Virat Kohli is expected to bat three and will be eager to get some runs under his belt after a disappointing ODI series.

Rishabh Pant, Shreyas Iyer, and Suryakumar Yadav would also be looking to leave a mark.

It will be interesting to see if Kolkata Knight Riders' all-rounder Venkatesh Iyer finds a place in the eleven.

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The Madhya Pradesh player was dropped from the ODI team and, with the rise of Deepak Chahar and Shardul Thakur as handy batters down the order, it would be difficult to adjust him.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar will lead the pace attack and will have Mohammad Siraj for support, who is likely to get the nod ahead of 2021 IPL heroes Harshal Patel and Avesh Khan, who were sold for more than INR 10 crore in the recently held 2022 IPL auctions.

Rohit will have to choose from Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, and the young Ravi Bishnoi, who will be spinning options for him.

As for the Windies, Rovman Powell, Nicholas Pooran, and Jason Holder's performances will be key.

SQUADS

India: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Ishan Kishan, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, Surya Kumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wk), Venkatesh Iyer, Deepak Chahar, Shardul Thakur, Ravi Bishnoi, Yuzvendra Chahal, Mohd Siraj, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Avesh Khan, Harshal Patel, Rituraj Gaikwad, Deepak Hooda, Kuldeep Yadav.

West Indies: Darren Bravo, Brandon King, Rovman Powell, Kieran Pollard (Captain), Fabian Allen, Kyle Mayers, Jason Holder, Nicholas Pooran, Shai Hope, Sheldon Cottrell, Dominic Drakes, Akeal Hosein, Romario Shepherd, Odean Smith, Hayden Walsh.

PTI ■ KOLKATA

In no mood to talk about the prolonged lean patch that Virat Kohli is enduring, India captain Rohit Sharma on Tuesday said "everything will fall in place" if the chatter around him stops.

Ahead of the T20 series against the West Indies starting Wednesday, media queries were once again focussed on Kohli's batting form and Rohit wasn't pleased.

"I think it starts from you guys," Rohit was curt in his first response. "If you guys (media) can keep quiet for a while, everything will be alright. If talking from your side stops, everything will be taken care of," he added, in support of his predecessor. Rohit said Kohli is not under any pressure and will come good soon.

"He is in a very good space and he has been part of international team for more than a decade. He has spent so much time in international cricket that he knows how to handle

Leave Virat alone: Rohit



pressure situations," Rohit said, not amused at repeated queries on Kohli's form.

"So I think everything starts from you guys. If you guys can keep it quiet for a bit every-

thing will fall in place," he added. Kohli has not scored a hundred for more than two years in international cricket. In ODIs, it has been three years since his last century.

He has 44 hundreds in the format overall.

But Kohli has scored a lot of half centuries which is an indication that he is not exactly in wretched form.

England women to host India for white-ball series in September

PTI ■ LONDON

England women will host India for a white-ball series comprising three ODIs and as many T20Is in September, the ECB announced on Tuesday.

The two teams will play three T20s on September 10, 13 and 15 in Durham, Derby and Bristol, respectively.

The T20 series will be followed by the ODIs on September 18, 21 and 24 with the final match slated to be played at the iconic Lord's cricket ground.

England will also host South Africa for a multi-format series, starting on June 27 in Taunton.

Apart from the Test, the two sides will play three ODIs and three T20s. "We're absolutely thrilled to have scheduled two series against two of the best