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# At 1.17L, Covid daily cases 6-month high

Massive surge in all States; Delhi registers 17,335 infections, nine deaths, positivity shoots to 17.73%

PNS NEW DELHI/MUMBAI

India's daily Covid count scaled a new peak on Friday, with more than 1 lakh cases reported for the first time this year. The case count of 1,17,000 is the highest since early June

Almost all the States led by Maharashtra witnessed a massive surge, but most of the cases are asymptomatic. Many States have now imposed a weekend lockdown to restrict the movement of the public

After sweeping Delhi and Mumbai, Covid-19 is now surging in Karnataka. The State on Friday registered a steep rise recording 8,449 new infections in the past 24 hours, ANI reported. The new cases were 67.93 per cent higher than Thursday's count of 5,031 cases. Four people died due to the disease in the past 24 hours, and the case fatality rate in the State is currently 0.04 per cent.



A massive crowd in a market in Mumbai on Friday

A total of 3,007 cases of Omicron variant of coronavirus have been detected across 23 States and Union Territories so far, out of which 1,199 have recovered or migrated. Maharashtra recorded the maximum number of 876 cases followed by Delhi at 465, Karnataka 333, Rajasthan 291, Kerala 284 and Gujarat 204.

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

on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19. India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on 1ay 4 and 3 crore on June 23.

The single-day rise in coronavirus infections was recorded above one lakh after 214 days, taking India's total tally of Covid-19 cases to 3,52,26,386 which includes 3,007 cases of Omicron reported across 27 States and UTs," according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Friday. The country saw a single-day rise of 1,17,100 new coronavirus infections, while the active cases increased to 3,71,363, the highest in around 120 days, according to the data updated at 8 am.

#### **Jagannath temple** closed till Jan 31

Puri: The famed Jagannath temple in Odisha's Puri will remain closed from January 10 till month end in view of the increasing CovidD-19 cases, a senior official said on Friday.

The death toll climbed to 4,83,178 with 302 fresh fatalities, the data stated. The country last reported over one lakh cases on June 7 last year when 1,00,636 infections were recorded, said an official from the Union Health Ministry.

On Friday, Delhi recorded 17,335 fresh Covid-19 infections and nine deaths.

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## 7-day home quarantine for international fliers to India from Jan 11

Beginning January 11, all international travellers both from at-risk or "not at risk" countries — will have to undergo home quarantine for seven days and will be required to undertake RT-PCR test on the eighth day of arrival in India amid the rising cases of

Covid-19 and Omicron scare. This comes a day after 125 passengers arriving from Italy at Amritsar on chartered flights tested positive.

The Centre on Friday revised the norms for international passengers coming to India and also updated its list of "at-risk" countries which includes countries in Europe including the UK, South Africa, Brazil, Botswana, China, Ghana, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Hong Kong, Israel, Congo, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia, and Zambia. The countries added to the list include Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Tunisia, Zambia, and Kazakhstan.

As per the new norms, international passengers will have to submit a self-declaration form on the online Air Suvidha portal before their

scheduled travel, including travel details of the last 14 days. As per the revised guide-

lines issued for international passengers, travellers shall also be required to upload results of repeat RT-PCR test for Covid-19 done on eight day on Air Suvidha portal (to be monitored by the respective States/UTs). If report is negative, they will further selfmonitor their health for next seven days. However, if such travellers are tested positive, their samples should be further sent for genomic testing at INSACOG laboratory network. These norms will remain effective till further orders.

Previously, travellers coming from countries specified as 'at risk" had to submit sample for Covid testing post-arrival and were required to wait for their results at the airport before leaving or taking a connecting flight.

The test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey. Each passenger shall also submit a declaration with respect to the authenticity of the report and will be liable for criminal prosecution if found

Continued on Page 2 | industries.

# Indian economy to grow by 9.2%, fastest in world

my remains on track to regain its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy after official estimates on Friday put the GDP expansion at a tempered 9.2 per cent this fiscal amid concerns over the impact of a resurgent virus on

the fragile recovery.

The growth in the gross domestic product (GDP) of 9.2 per cent in April 2021 to March 2022 fiscal (FY 2021-22) given by the National Statistical Office (NSO) in its first advance estimate compares with 9.5 per cent expansion forecast by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last month. The economy had con-

tracted by 7.3 per cent in the previous financial year.

With one quarter still left in the fiscal year, there has been a surge in daily Covid-19 cases in recent days driven by the Omicron variant which is set to overtake Delta as the dominant strain.

This has prompted fresh restrictions in several parts of the country, threatening the fragile economic recovery.

Risks to the economy stem from an Omicron-led third wave which may upend growth revival across sectors, specially the contact-intensive services



manufacturing sectors.

"Real GDP or GDP (gross domestic product) at Constant Prices (2011-12) in the year 2021-22 is estimated at Rs 147.54 lakh crore, as against the Provisional Estimate of GDP for the year 2020-21 of Rs 135.13 lakh crore, released on

mance by farm, mining and

May 31, 2021.
"The growth in real GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 9.2 per cent as compared to the contraction of 7.3 per cent in 2020-21," as per a statement by the NSO.

The projection is less than the 9.5 per cent forecast by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and S&P, while Moody's Investors Service had in recent weeks put India's growth forecast at 9.3 per cent. Fitch Ratings has projected an 8.7 per cent expansion.

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# Shops allowed to open on odd-even basis in Capital

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELH

On the eve of the weekend curfew in the national Capital, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Friday allowed the shops, dealing with non-essenplexes and malls to remain open between 10 am and 8 pm on an odd-even basis. Delhi's daily Covid cases on Friday shot up by 15 per cent after 17.335 fresh cases were reported in 24 hours. Nine deaths were also reported.

"Shops in markets/complexes and malls dealing with non-essential goods shall be allowed to open on an oddeven basis between 10 am and 8 pm. Only one authorised weekly market (up to 50 per cent limit of allowed vendors at normal time) per day zone shall be allowed," the DDMA order stated.

The DDMA also directed all district magistrates to number shops under their jurisdictions by Saturday to deal with violations of the odd-even formula for the opening of shops dealing in nonessential items.

"The DMs and officials have been asked to ensure that



allowed to open in a municipal zone following all Covid protocols," an official said.

shops and establishments dealing in non-essential goods and kets would be allowed to open on alternate days as per odd-even system depending on

"It has been observed that the aforesaid instructions are not being properly followed by the shops, malls and weekly markets and (it has been) found that shops are open without following the oddeven system," said the order.

Visitors flout Covid-appropriate behaviour as they walk through the market area of Chandni Chowk in New Delhi on Friday

only one weekly market is In its earlier order, the authority had directed that

services, malls and weekly martheir numbers.

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# breach report to Centre

### **State police book 150** protesters

PNS/PTI ■ CHANDIGARH/ **NEW DELHI** 

Even as the Punjab Government has maintained that there was no security lapse during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the State, the Punjab Police registered an FIR in Ferozepur against nearly 150 unidentified protesters who blocked the cavalcade on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the State Government had announced a two-member panel to investigate the matter and had asked it to submit its report in three days.

Puniab's Chief Secretary Anirudh Tewari has written to the Union Home Ministry regarding the security breach, informing that an FIR has been lodged in the incident.



BJP MPs protest over Ferozepur incident in front of Mahatma Gandhi statue at

He mentioned that the State Government has formed its own two-member panel to investigate the alleged lapses.

Sources in Punjab said the Union Ministry of Home Affairs has sent show-cause notices to some police officials in the State.

The Chief Secretary is learnt to have shared details pertaining to the sequence of events that unfolded on Wednesday, sources maintained. The Union Home

Ministry had directed the State Government to file an immediate report, saying it did not ensure the required deployment.

The incident triggered a major political row with the BJP alleging that the ruling Congress in Punjab "tried to physically harm" the Prime Minister, while other parties too attacked the State Government over the law and

# Punjab submits PM security | Secure records of arrangement: **SC** to **HC** on **PM** security breach

PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the Registrar General of the Punjab & Haryana High Court to secure the records about secu-Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent Punjab visit from the State Government, its

police, and Central agencies. A bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana also asked the counsel representing Punjab and the Central Governments to ask the committees set up by them separately to probe the lapses during the visit of the Prime Minister to "hold their hands till Monday" when it will hear

the plea next.
"Heard counsel for parties. Taking into consideration the arguments advanced, keeping in view that it pertained to the security of the Prime Minister and other issues... As first step, we deem it appropriate to direct Registrar General of Punjab and Haryana High Court to secure records forthwith," the bench, also com-Continued on Page 2 | prising justices Surya Kant and

Hima Kohli, said in the order. The apex court also directed the Punjab Government, its police authorities and other

Central and State agencies to cooperate and provide the entire relevant records imme-The bench has now posted the case for further hearing on January 10. The top court was hearing

the plea of organisation "Lawyer's Voice" seeking a thorough investigation into the breach in Prime Minister's security in Punjab and ensuring no such event happens in the future. The petition has sought

preservation of evidence on security arrangements, courtmonitored probe and action against "erring" officials of the Punjab Government responsible for the alleged lapse.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh, appearing for the petitioner, said the incident was not "merely a law and order problem" but rather a national security issue, which is covered under the Special Protection Group Act. Opposing the enquiry by Punjab, he said an

order has been issued by the State Government forming a committee to enquire into the incident and having regard to the statutory scheme, it cannot be done as it was not the law and order issue alone.

Mehta, appearing for the Centre, termed the case of security breach "the rarest of the rare issues which had potential of causing international embarrassment" and appreciated the bench for taking cognizance of the plea. Whenever the Prime Minister's cavalcade moves, the DGP of the State concerned is consulted first and only when he clears the cavalcade moves. Here the green signal was given and he did not say there was a blockage," the

law officer said. The local police were very much enjoying the tea and they did not even inform the "warning car" which moves ahead of the protectee, he said, adding that serious mishap could have happened and this would have led to "international embarrassment".

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# SC OK's NEET-PG admissions on existing EWS,OBC quotas

PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{
m he}$  Supreme Court on Friday paved the way for starting the stalled NEET-PG 2021 counselling process based on the existing 27 per cent OBC and 10 per cent EWS reservations in the All India Quota seats, saying there is an "urgent need" to begin the admission process. The order will bring relief to several doctors waiting for admissions to postgraduate courses.

A bench of justices DY Chandrachud and AS Bopanna, which had for two consecutive days heard the matter on applicability of Rs 8 lakh annual income criteria for determination of economically weaker section (EWS), passed an interim order, saying "there is an urgent need to commence the process of counselling".

It said it is passing operative directions while the detailed reasons would follow

"Counselling on the basis of NEET-PG 2021 and NEET- UG 2021 shall be con-



as provided by the notice dated July 29, 2021, including the 27 per cent reservation for the OBC (other backward class) category and 10 per cent reservation for EWS category in the AIQ (All India Quota) seats," the bench said.

The apex court passed the interim order on a batch of pleas filed by doctors challenging a July 29, 2021, notice of the Centre and the Medical Counselling

Committee (MCC) providing 27 per cent reservation for OBC and 10 per cent for EWS in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-PG) admissions for medical courses for the academic year 2021-22. The top court, which passed five operative directions, said that the criteria

for the determination of EWS notified by the office memorandum (OM) 2019, including ₹8 lakh annual income criterion, will be used for identifying the EWS category for candidates, who appeared for the NEET-PG 2021 and NEET-UG (Under Graduate) 2021 examinations However, the bench said the validity

of the criteria determined by the Pandey Committee for identification of EWS would prospectively for the future be subject to the final result of the petitions. "The petitions shall be listed for final hearing on the validity of the EWS criteria as recommended by the Pandey Committee in the third week of March 2022," the bench said.

# **EC** proceeds with UP polls plan, provides 150 CAPF companies

PREETAM SRIVASTAVA LUCKNOW

To ensure free and fair elections in Uttar Pradesh, Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday provided 150 companies of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) to assist the local police in maintaining law and order. Prashant Kumar, ADG law

and order, said the above force was sanctioned by the Central Government in the first phase so that adequate deployment could be immediately made for managing law and order in the He claimed that among

the above 150 companies of

CAPF, 50 companies are of the

Central Reserve Police Force

(CRPF), 30 companies each are

of the Border Security Force

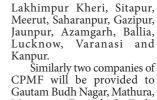
(BSF) and the Shashatra Seema



are of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). He claimed that the Central forces will assist the local police in all kinds of law and order duties, besides taking out flag march, etc. Kumar said the maximum

of four companies of CAPF will be provided to Prayagraj, while three companies of CAPF will be provided to Agra, Aligarh,

Pratapgarh, Bareilly, Moradabad, Gorakhpur,



Mainpuri, Ferojabad, Etah, Fatehpur, Badaun, Sahajahanpur, Bijnor, Rampur, Deoria, Basti, Kushinagar, Maharajganj, Siddharthnagar, Bahraich, Gonda, Etawah, Kannauj, Jhansi, Hardoi, Raebareli, Unnao, Ayodhya, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Ambedkarnagar, Ghaziabad, Bulundshahr, Baghpat, Muzaffarnagar, Chandauli, Mau, Mirzapur, and Sonebhadra. The remaining

districts will be provided one company each. Continued on Page 2

## **CAPSULE**

**HC FROWNS OVER** 'SUMMONING' GOD Chennai: Wondering if God can

be summoned by a court to be produced for inspection, the Madras High Court has pulled up a lower court for ordering the authorities of a temple in Tirupur district to produce the 'Moolavar' (presiding deity) idol which had been stolen, traced and installed at the shrine after following the rituals and 'Agama' rules, for verification

#### COMPLAINT AGAINST HAIR STYLIST JAWED Jainur: Former Jainur Mayor and Congress leader Jvoti

Khandelwal on Friday registered a complaint against renowned hair stylist Jawed Habib for insulting women by allegedly spitting on a woman's hair while styling it. A video of the incident, which took place at a workshop held in Muzaffarnagar of Uttar Pradesh on January 3, had gone viral on social media on Thursday.

# BBSR land use system wins nat'l award 'Lift ban on scribes' entry to Lokseva Bhawan'

Citizens can use the app to report Govt land encroachment

PNS BHUBANESWAR

 $oldsymbol{A}$  Bhubaneswar Land Use Intelligence System (BLUIS), a 5T project launched by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on July 8, 2020 and implemented by the General Administration and Public Grievance Department in collaboration with BDA, BMC and ORSAC, was conferred with the National e-Governance Gold Category Award by Union Minister of Personnel Dr Jitendra Singh in the 24th National Conference on e-Governance



organised by the Government of India at Hyderabad on Friday.

The award was received by Additional Chief Secretary and Agriculture Production Commissioner

Sanjeev Chopra along with ORSAC Chief Executive Officer Prafulla Mallik, Odisha Adarsh Vidyalaya CEO Prem Chandra Chaudhury and Director of Estates Sushanta Kumar Mohanty. The project uses cutting edge technology including satellite imagery and Artificial Intelligence to safeguard Government land in the capital city. Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra advised to have more of the innovative technological applications for supporting quick and informed decision making. He also directed to replicate the application in other municipal corporations. Additional CS Chopra said, "The app has userfriendly interface for citizens and

licable features and key information at fingertip on a dashboard. Citizens can use the app to report any suspected encroachment of the Government land." ORSAC CEO Mallick said, "A significant feature of BLUIS is that it enables crowdsourcing cases unauthorised land use".

As of now, 826 encroachment cases have been detected in the city and 484 cases resoled through application of this technology. The app has also facilitated early grounding of developmental projects. Director of Estates Mohanty said the Governments of Jharkhand and Assam have sought Odisha's support for implementing similar systems in Ranchi and Guwahati, respectively.

# Bikash Parishad

writes to Prez, PM for intervention KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA

**BRAHMAPUR** 

he Odisha unit of Bharatiya Bikash Parishad led by its president Surendra Panigrahi submitted a memorandum to the President and the Prime Minister demanding immediate withdrawal of restrictions imposed on the entry of working journalists to the Odisha Secretariat (Lokseva Bhawan) for collection of news.

The Parishad described the decision of the State Govern-

ment not only unfortunate, but also sheer murder of the 4th pillar of democracy by the ruling BJD regime. It is unfortunate that the journalists who hold high esteem in the society are not allowed to enter into the Lokseva Bhawan for last about two years in the State, on the sheer pretext of Covid-19 pandemic. If the journalists do not get access to the Secretariat and are prevented from taking opinions from the Ministers and Secretaries, how the accountability of the Government will be fixed, the memorandum questioned. The Parishad further alleged that, the Government does not want to share information with the journalists on gross misappropriation of public funds such as NDRF, SDRF, etc by some bureaucrats and Ministers during first wave of Covid-19 pandemic for which such restrictions have deliberately been imposed. Imposing restrictions on the entry of working journalists to any Government Department or refusing access to Government records is unconstitutional and undemocratic, the memorandum added.

On the other hand, persons like Govinda Sahu allegedly involved in the murder of Mamita Meher are given a free passage to the Secretariat along with ruling BJD workers, the Parishad alleged.

Rajendra classes suspended for 2 days

PNS SAMBALPUR/BALANGIR All offline examinations and

physical classes were suspended at the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) after many students were infected with Covid-19 at the campus.

The Sambalpur district administration sent the students to their houses as at least 22 students tested positive for the virus in last three days, informed Vice-Chancellor Prof Bansidhar Majhi. All offline examinations had been scheduled to begin from Thursday. The infected students have been put under isolation at a hostel in the university premises. The district administration has made arrangements to keep these students under isolation at the Angira hostel, a VSSUT official stated. Meanwhile, the university authorities have decided to conduct online classes from January 10. Physical classes were suspended for

a period of two days at the Rajendra

University here after detection of a Covid-19 case in a hostel.

officials. It has also scalable and rep-

"No physical class will be held at the Rajendra University for two days after a student staying in PG hostel tested positive for Covid-19. The infected is in home isolation. The swab samples of other students have been collected and sent for Covid test," informed Vice-Chancellor Sanjay Kumar Satapathy on Friday. During suspension of the classes, the entire campus will be sanitised to prevent further spread

# No VSSUT offline exams, classes now Manipur inks pact with KIIT for tech hub

he Manipur Department of Information Technology (DIT) signed an agreement with the KIIT-Technology Business Incubator (KIIT-TBI) on January 5 to establish a Manipur Technology Innovation Hub (MTI-Hub) with KIIT-TBI on PPP model to promote entrepreneurship in Manipur.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid foundation stone of the MTI-Hub virtually in the presence of Manipur Chief Minister N Biren



Singh. As per the agreement, the Manipur Government will pro-

vide furnished 10,000-sqft built-

cost. To further strengthen the ecosystem development, both Manipur Government and KIIT-TBI will reach out to Government of India funding agencies such as DST, MeiTY, MSME, and BIRAC-DBT. The KIIT-TBI is one of the most vibrant technology business incubators in India. It is a centre of excellence, now reaching out to the East and Northeast regions of India and helping various stakeholders establish sustainable incubation platforms. This is an important achievement of KIIT-TBI, said KIIT & KISS founder Dr Achyuta Samanta while congratulating the KIIT-TBI team for attaining the milestone.

400 Covid cases in BBSR

State Capital city Bhubaneswar reg-

istered 400 Covid-19 positive cases

on Thursday, surging its total tally to

124,854. The active cases were 1,334.

Out of the new cases, 38 were from

quarantine and 362 local contacts.

However, 93 patients recovered, in-

creasing the total recoveries to

1,22,387. So far, 1,103 persons have

succumbed to the disease in the city.

BHUBANESWAR

# Silicon students protest offline classes



BHUBANESWAR

l ension ran high at the Silicon Institute of Technology here dents gathered at the campus to protest over offline classes and examinations at a time when the State is witnessing a sudden rise in daily Covid-19 cases.

Wearing masks, the agitating students blocked the entrance of the college and shouted slogans demanding conduct of online classes and examinations. "Despite the State Government's restrictions, the college authorities are conducting offline classes.

We have no option but to go to the college to attend classes and appear in offline exams," said a student. The Bhubaneswar Muon Friday when hundreds of stu-nicipal Corporation (BMC) should consider the matter seriously and take action accord-

ingly for the safety of students,

he added.

Notably, earlier on January 5, the Government, while issuing fresh Covid guidelines for this month, directed schools and colleges to conduct online classes up to Class-XII. The guidelines that came into effect from 5 a of January 7 will remain force till 5 am of February 1.

### Cuttack school sealed as 15 students +ve

PNS CUTTACK

The Cuttack Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Friday sealed the Signal Headquarters Training School at Tulasipur in the city after its 15 students tested Covid-19 positive.

The school is to remain closed till January 14. The CMC Deputy Commissioner has written a letter to the school authorities in this regard. "It came to our notice that as many as 15 trainees out of the 56 were found Covid-19 positive, for which contact tracing as well as sample testing of remaining trainees and their family members are quite necessary" the letter stated

"I am directed to instruct you to close your institute till January 14 till completion of contract tracing and sample testing," the letter added.

### Health Min tests +ve

PNS BHUBANESWAR

Health & Family Welfare Minister Naba Kisore Das has tested positive for Covid-19. He informed this on his official Twitter handle on Friday and urging the people who have come in physical contact with him recently to undergo Covid test.

# Tapaswini now settles in hubby's house

BRAHMAPUR

 ${f A}$ fter a long battle of 48 days, Brahmapur doctor Sumit's wife Tapaswini entered her in-laws' house at Brahma Nagar here on Thursday on a court's order.

But her in-laws had argued that the court has not permitted her to stay in their house. Only on the intervention of her advocates Deepak Patnaik and Pradeep Behera and High Court lawyer Manas Chand and in the presence of Additional SP Asim Panda, District Women Cell Officer Sangita Patro, Tehsildar Rabi Mohapatra that she could en-



that too after a long bargain of allotting a room for her.

The District Sessions Court in

its interim order on January 4 had asked Sumit to pay Rs 17,000 per month to Tapaswini and allow her to stay in his house.

### Rs 14L drug seized; 5 held in Puri

Crime Branch on Friday seized 140 grams of brown sugar from near the Mata Math under the Baseli Sahi police station in Puri. The STF team also arrested five persons in this connection and seized cash of more than Rs 50,000, two two-wheelers and five mobile phones from their possession. The market value of the seized contraband is around 14 lakh. Earlier, the agency had received inputs about a large quantity of drugs being stockpiled for trafficking, following which they carried out a raid along with the Baseli Sahi police. Of late, there have been many reports of the pilgrim city turning into a

# Defer panchayat polls: Mishra

#### Cites rising Covid cases

PNS BALANGIRI

In view of the rising number of Covid-19 positive cases in the State and the country and the discon-

tentment among tribals and OBCs over the deletion of their reservation quotas in the panchayat elections, the polls to the three-tier panchayat bodies should be postponed, said Balangir MLA and Congress Legislature Party Leader Narasingha Mishra here on Friday. He was speaking to mediapersons



after laying foundation for beautification of the Maharani Sagar in Balangir town. "I am going to write

Cuttack rly station's 2nd entry foundation laid

a letter in this regard to the State Election Commission soon," said Mishra further.

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m he}$  Special Task Force (STF) of safe haven for the drug mafia.

# Vaishnaw unveils GIMSAR mobile hosp



ATHAGARH

Railway and Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday unveiled a Hospital on Wheels in the campus of the Gopabandhu Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (GIMSAR) at Madhapur, seven km from Athagarh town.

He said the mobile hospital would move to remote villages in and around Athagarh to provide health services for the vulnerable sections of the society. The vehicle in which the mobile hospital has been developed was donated by the Brahmani River Pellets Limited, said GIMSAR chairman Niranjan Rath.

Vaishnaw assured the gathering that a railway underpass would be constructed soon at the Ghantikhal railway crossing to avoid traffic congestion in the Athagarh-Cuttack route.

#### Vaishnaw also unveils new facilities in B'swar

CUTTACK/BALESWAR

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw laid foundation for development of the second entry and circulating area of the Cuttack railway station on Friday.

The development works for this entry include facilities like parking for two/three/fourwheelers, pickup and drop point, parking for ambulance, VIP vehicles, etc., and a wider approach



road. The function was attended by Cuttack MP Bhartruhari Mahtab via videoconferencing

and Cuttack Sadar MLA Souvic Biswal. Vaishnaw informed that the Railways is committed to de-

velopment of the Cuttack station, for which funds would never be a constraint. He directed officials to speed up the ongoing construction works to complete them at the earliest. He later inspected the railway station and took stock of the developmental works and amenities provided at the station. East Coast and South Eastern Railway General Manager Archana Joshi highlighted the performance of the ECoR. Vaishnaw on the day also unveiled an extension of a passenger MEMU (08411) train up to Baleswar which was running between Bhadrak and Bhubaneswar. He also laid foundation-stone for

of a railway station at Gopinathpur to facilitate running of a passenger train between Baleswar and Nilgiri. Vaishnaw said sooner the proposal of a train to Nilgiri came to PM Modi's knowledge, he asked him to act on it without delay. Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti Bisweswar Tudu, Baleswar MP Pratap Sarangi, Sadar MLA Swarup Das and SE Railway GM Archana Joshi were present.

Later, Vaishnaw inaugurated a new station building and a third rail line between Kharagpur and Bhadrak at the Basta station and laid foundation for a new building at the Jaleswar station.

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# 150 rare Shelducks sighted in Talseri

Bird of Euro-Siberian origin hardly seen in Odisha

**UBACHAK MOHANTY** ■ BALESWAR

Here is a good news for nature as well as bird lovers as a rare migratory bird in large numbers was seen near Talseri during the bird census which was conducted here along with 15 other sites.

Sources said as many as 150 common Shelducks were sighted by the experts. According to them the bird of Euro-Siberian origin is hardly seen in Odisha and it is a rare sighting to spot a folk of about 150. "A couple of years back, only two of the bird species were seen in Bhitarkanika during the census and about 50 in Talseri in 2017. Although they are known as Common Shelduck yet they are uncommon in India, particularly in Odisha," claimed Ashish Jena who is a senior bureaucrat as well as or-



# 9,700 more birds in Ganjam than last yr

PNS BRAHMAPUR

 $T_{
m he\ annual\ bird\ count\ con-}$ ducted by the Brahmapur Forest Division showed a net increase of 9,700 birds in comparison with the previous year. According to the census figures, a total of 33,998 birds of 102 species were found this

nithologist who was part of a fourmember team of the bird census. "Bichitrapur (Talseri) under Bhograi block close to Digha beach of West

year and the maximum number of birds were spotted in Bahuda backwaters (13,999) in Ganjam district.

The other places with high density of birds were found in Potagada (Ganjam block) with 3,095, Tampara (Chhatrapur block) 2,880, Humma Salt Pan(Ganjam block) and Badabandha

Bengal is known for its serenity, ecological richness and biodiversity. A beautiful lazy beach alongside the meandering Subarnarekha river is

Cattle Egret, Lesser Whistling Duck, Bar Headed Goose, Northern Pintail, Gadwall, Red Crested Poachard, Brown Headed Gull, Caspian Tern and Black Winged Stilt.

Kolathigaon (Rangelunda block)

with 2,230 birds. The highest bird

populations were of the species

Little Cormorant, Little Egret,

known for its tranquility having the second largest mangrove vegetation region in its proximity. The conducive climate as well as serene environment attracted the bird here," said Jena, adding "The Common Shelduck (Tadorna tadorna) is a waterfowl species of the shelduck genus. It is widespread and common in the Euro-Siberian region of the Palearctic, mainly breeding in temperate and wintering subtropical regions." The midwinter waterfowl survey this year was conducted by a team led by Ashish Kumar Jena and Gahar Abedin with two others including Baranyendu Mohanty and Kranti Mahapatra. Abedin who is an academicians and naturalist said that the Bichitrapur Mangroves is emerging as a 'Birding Hotspot' for all birders, bird watchers, ornithologists and wildlife photographers across the country and the world.

It may be noted the district Wildlife department has undertaken the bird census exercise in 16 sites including Chandipur, Kuldiha, Nisarg(a wetland inside the campus of Integrated Test

#### **JAGA Mission**

# BeMC team visits wards to see slum conditions

MLA Panda leads campaign

KRUSHNA CHANDRA PANDA **BRAHMAPUR** 

The Jaga Mission, a unique model for providing land rights to slum dwellers, has started through a campaign led by Brahmapur MLA Bikram Kumar Panda here on Tuesday.

A BeMC team is visiting ward to ward to take stock of the situation in different slums. The team takes stock of their existing habitable condition and establishes personal rapport with the slum dwellers to address their difficulties. On Wednesday, the Jaga Mission Abhijan was organised by former BeMC Mayor K Madhabi in Khallasi Street (Ward No.16) in which Brahmapur MLA Bikram Panda graced the event as chief guest, while the group organiser/coordinator Jayashree Panigrahi coordinated the event. The slum dwellers conveyed their sincere gratitude to Chief



Minister Naveen Patnaik for such pro-poor and people-friendly mission that will meet their basic need like shelter and land rights.

Mention may be made that, though late, the State Government has realized the difficulties in the implementation of the property rights to slum dwellers in the Corporation and NAC areas and ensure their land tenure security and housing assistance under PMAY (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana). The Government had recently approved a decision in its Cabinet to confer land rights on the slum households of Municipal Corporations in the line of the land rights conferred upon the households of the Municipalities and NACs by effecting necessary amendments in the Odisha Municipal Corporation Act, 2003.

# 'PCPIR, ESSAR public hearings illegal, hold them afresh'

Bodies lodge plaints before JSpur DM

KAHNU NANDA ■ JAGATSINGHPUR

The Navanirman Krushak Sangathan [NNKS] and a tribal group of Kujang have fumed against the manner in which public hearings were held for the proposed Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region [PCPIR] and Essar backed greenfield pellet plant in Paradip.

Both organisations have petitioned to the Jagatsinghpur district Collector on Wednesday, seeking to cancel the public hearings conducted by the Odisha Pollution Control Board (OSPCB) and the civil administration jointly which deliberately left out the affected villagers, farmers and local PRI members to participate. They alleged that the hearings had not been done in the affected project site villages which is mandatory according to the laws. On the contrary, the public hearing meetings were conducted at Paradip, 20 km away from the affected villages. NNKS supporters have threatened to

launch an agitation opposing the discrepancy adopted by the SPCB and the Paradip civil administration ignoring the villagers. NNKS Kujanga block coordinator Bishnu Charan Swain said that a public hearing is the environmental clearance process in which stakeholders can interact directly with the SPCB, civil administration and project sympathisers about the concerns regarding the upcoming project. "But ironically the PCPIR and Essar pellet plant public hearings were organised at Paradip. So we approached the Collector seeking intervention and conducting both public hearings at Kujanga again afresh," Swain informed. Convener of Adivasi bodies Pitambar Tarai said that the affected villagers were deliberately ignored in both public hearings. "We will take recourse in judicial process to press our demands and if needed, we would file a complaint before the Collector,' Tarai told.

Meanwhile, ADM Paradip Kanhu charan Dhir informed that legal formalities under the Environmental Protection Act have not been flouted.

# Wildlife racket

Leopard skin, ivory

PNS DEOGARH

The Special Task Force (STF) of Crime Branch on Friday busted a wildlife smuggling racket by arresting a person in Deogarh district. The smuggler was identified as Madan Kumar Jayapura. Acting on inputs, a STF team conducted a raid in Telibani village under Deopgarh police station in the district and Jayapura. During search, a leopard skin, an elephant tusk and pangolin scales (1.77 kg,) and other incriminating articles were recovered from his possession, The accused person could not produce any authority in support of the possession of the wildlife trophies, for which he was arrested and was handed over to Deogarh forest officials for legal action at their end. The seized materials would be sent to the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun for chemical examination. Further Investigation of the matter was underway", said the STF.

#### Tube-wells, shops banned for them

RAJESH BEHERA ■ KENDRAPADA

Life has become miserable for the family members of sexagenarian Babuli Sahu of Taripatana village under the Aul police station for more than a month as they have been virtually ostracised from the village.

According to sources, a quarrel HAD erupted between Sahu and a neighbour about a month back. Some fellow villagers interfered in the issue. Later, they organised a Kangaroo court and imposed social boycott on the family. "The villagers have decided that if anybody is found talking with us, he is liable to



K'pada village family faces social boycott

pay fine. The village shops have been banned for us to give us grocery and other items. You can't imagine how miserably we have been living for last one month," said Sahu. "Besides, our road has been blocked. The villagers have set up a concrete boundary wall on the road as it passes through a temple premises. When-

ever we are required to move outside, we jump over the wall," Sahu told, adding, "Earlier our predecessors donated the land to the village temple." Sahu's family members were also denied to collect water from village tubewells for which they are forced to use unhygienic water. Even their cattle are not allowed to go outside for grazing, Mamata Sahu, wife of Sahu, alleged. "We have knocked the doors of the local tehsildar of Aul several times to take steps but in vain," Sahu told.

According to tehsildar Senapati, he is aware about the matter. He said he had visited the spot and discussed with the locals. Besides, he had taken steps to provide an alternative road to the victim family, he added.

# CUO holds meet to counter Omicron spread

Various steps discussed

PNS **KORAPUT** 

 ${f A}$  mid a growing spread of the Omicron variant, an emergency meeting of the Covid-19 Protocol Management and Vigilance Committee of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, was held January 5.

VC Prof SK Palita presided. As per the decisions taken in the meeting, all academic blocks, libraries, guest house, hostels, and offices will be sanitised at the earliest. All the emergency items like thermal scanners, hand sanitizer liquid, hand wash liquid, masks, hot water machines, and emergency medicines will be procured on an emergency basis and will be put to use. In view of the alarming situation, during the vacation from January 12 onwards all boarders of the hostels have been informed to vacate the rooms. Further, return of the students to



the campus will be informed in due course of time taking stock of the situation. Covid-19 appropriate behaviour in the campus must be followed strictly. All HoD(s) and Section Head(s) will see that Covid-19 appropriate behaviour is maintained in their respective departments/sections. All students, faculty members, non-teaching staff must be vaccinated and submit their vaccination certificates to their respective HoD(s)/Section Head(s). All HoD(s) and Section Head(s) are to submit these certificates to Nodal Officer. Enough awareness

will be created to follow the Covid-19 appropriate behaviours in the campus. In this regard banners will be displayed at prominent places in the campus. E-Posters will be displayed in the website and sent to all members of the CUO family to create awareness including social media platforms.

Steps for Quarantine Centres in the campus will be established in consultation with the district administration in due course of time. For Covid19 Management in the campus periodic review will be

# busted in Deogarh

seized; 1 held

# **In Nabarangpur**

# GST raids on trading firms for tax evasion

PNS ■ NABRANGPUR

The GST enforcement wing of Cuttack led by Assistant Commissioner Samir Majhi conducted simultaneous raids on different business establishments in Nabarangpur district on Thursday.

Acting on inputs on evasion of GST, the officials conducted the raids at Nabarangpur, Umarkote and Raighar. They seized various documents of the firms. The proprietors of some firms were served summons to appear before the CT and GST enforcement unit. Physical stocktaking was going on at the business establishments and at their secret godowns till the last

reports came in. Initial reports said most of the traders were found to have been paying insignificant amount of tax in cash. A senior GST official said that based on extensive data analysis and intelligence collected from various sources, simultaneous raids were conducted on several wholesalers involved in purchasing and selling of goods out of account without tax invoices.

"During inspection, huge quantities of high-value goods are found to have been stockpiled for clandestine trade. The stocktaking process is expected to continue due to large volumes of materials and goods," he added..

The district administration was time

and again instructed by the higher

### Boy denies being negotiator in love affair, threatened

■ KENDRAPADA

Denying to a proposal of a youth to settle his love affair with a neighbour girl cost dear for a Class-X minor boy.

a private school under the Kendrapada Town police limits, has not filed a complaint against the youth out of fear of the accused. According to sources, recently the victim was directed by a local youth to become a negotiator between him and a girl, who is also a classmate and a good friend of the minor boy. But when the minor boy denied, he was threatened to face dire consequences. And, recently, his photo was morphed with body of a nude woman and posted in social media by opening fake IDs. When the victim brought the matter before the notice of his family members, the accused youth started threatening them too.

When contacted, Kendrapada Town police station IIC Gouranga Charan Prusty said the if the family members of the victim minor boy lodge a complaint, then the police would take action and nab the accused.

#### Lakhanpur holds small savings camp

camp on small savings was

PNS ■ Jharsuguda

organised at Panchayat Samiti office, Lakhanpur on Thursday being chaired by BDO Sanjib Patel. Guests at the meeting stressed the need of importance of small savings and urged the participants to have secure banking in Government-owned post offices or nationalised banks and contribute to development of the country. Among others, ABDO Gopal Krushna Mishra, banker Sanjay Lakra, SBI branch manager Tanmaya Mishra, Postal Overseer Harish Chandra Satpathy, Block Social Security Officer Rajendra Kisan, District Small savings Officer Ranjita Panda and Anganwadi Supervisor Santosini Mohapatra spoke at the awareness camp.

# Threatened, Jajpur lovebirds end life

Accused held as deceased leave behind video message

AKSHAY ROUT JAJPUR

Police on Friday arrested a 20year-old youth in Jajpur district for allegedly blackmailing and threatening a Dalit youth and his minor girlfriend, who later committed suicide leaving behind a video message blaming the accused.

Police had recovered on Sunday the bodies of Pratap Das (21), a Dalit, and his girlfriend Lipika Baral (17) of Aradula village after they were found hanging from a banyan tree at

the village under the Mangalpur police station. During investigation, the police came to know that they had committed suicide due to blackmailing by a youth of the village, Pradeep Das, who many times threatened the deceased of revealing their love affair before their family members. The accused also threatened to circulate intimate pictures of the duo on messaging platforms. Before ending their lives both sent a video message through WhatsApp and blamed the accused for harassing them. Mangalpur PS IIC Enamul

Haque informed that the accused was produced in the District Sessions Judge Court on Friday. The court rejected his bail application and remanded him in jail custody.

# R'gada PwDs' problems not reaching me: Commissioner Centre(DDRC), which is a long due.

BADAL TAH ■ RAYAGADA

Grievances from persons with disabilities(PwDs) from Rayagada hardly come to the Disability Commissioner's office. It may be due to the ignorance of the PwDs," said State Commissioner for Persons With Disabilities, Sulochana Das during a visit to Rayagada to sensitise the Government officials on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act, 2016). She further said, "Let's not be

complacent that all the intended services meant for PwDs are reaching them. Nevertheless, the administrators and we all need to empathise with the needs of the Dibyangs, as it is difficult to come to district and block headquarters to place their grievances before concerned authorities. A tiny push will



further encourage the Dibyangs to excel in their fields of expertise." The PwDs must not be misbehaved during their visits to govt offices, which should be PwD friendly, she told. Through a power point presentation, district Collector Saroj Kumar Mishra elaborated with the services provided to the Dibyangs. Rakesh Himirika from Rayagada Bikalanga Manch and Amarnath from

Mahasangha expressed their anguish over non-availability of travel concession in private buses and difficulty in availing DRI loans from banks. Das instructed the lead bank manager to look into the issue and appealed the PwDs to repay the loans in time. "It is high time the administration needed to establish a District Disability Rehabilitation

authorities of the State for a DDRC in the district but in vain. In the year 2019, the Department of SSEPD has conceptualized Integrated Infrastructure Complex(IIC) meant to accommodate 200 persons including the senior citizens, destitute and mentally ill persons. The IIC covering 25 acres of land will have a dairy unit, poultry unit, horticulture farm and skill development training centres for the target population of the Department," Das informed.

The sensitization workshop was attended by District Social Security Officer Victoria Kullu, Basanta Pradhan, PD, DRDA, Rabinarayan Tripathy, ADM Dharmananda Behera, Sub-Collector Pratap Pradhan and other district level officers.

## RISEINCOVIDCASES -

# **Ensure oxygen equipment working: Centre to States**

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

s the Covid cases fueled by A Omicron surge across the country, the Centre on Friday underlined the challenge posed by the rising infections and emphasised that it is the primary responsibility of the States to ensure that all the oxygen equipment at all the health facilities are tested and kept in a functional state to meet any emergent situation.

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan chaired a highlevel meeting with representatives from the states and Union territories through a videoconference on Friday to review the preparedness status of the entire spectrum of oxygen equipment, including ventilators, PSA and oxygen plants, oxygen concen-

After cancelling its public rallies on grounds, the

Congress is all set to launch its

digital rallies or virtual elec-

tion campaign in Uttar

Pradesh on Saturday followed

by Uttarakhand and Goa dur-

ing the next couple of days.

Facebook Live session will be held where the Congress gen-

eral secretary in-charge for UP, Priyanka Gandhi, will interact

with people on the online

platform named — "Priyanka

Ke Saath Live" in a 30-minute

session. This will be followed

by a virtual town hall.

AICC sources said a

a timely and effective management of the Covid-19 pandemic, according to a statement issued by the health ministry.

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The States were urged to ensure full and optimal utili-sation of the ECRP-II funds through daily reviews and to upload the expenditure on the dedicated NHM-PMS portal so that they are eligible to receive further funds to strengthen the healthcare facilities up to the sub-district level.

Under ECRP-II, funds are also made available for installing liquid medical oxygen (LMO) tanks and medical gas pipeline systems (MGPS). The states are required to make these facilities operational and secure an approval from the Petroleum and Explosives

Cong to launch digital rallies in UP "In this live session, people can ask Priyankaji questions directly on Facebook Live. It is for the first time in an Assembly election that a full virtual campaign will be launched. We are going to

organise a series of virtual interactions of party leaders in Uttar Pradesh from tomorrow," said a Uttar Pradesh Congress source. Due to a massive surge in

Covid cases, Priyanka Gandhi, after discussion with leaders from the Uttar Pradesh Congress, had put a hold on physical mega-rallies, Town Halls, Samvads, marathons in the poll-bound State.



Safety Organisation (PESO) in respect of the LMO tanks, the statement said.

Bhushan urged the States to commission the PSA plants being set up from the states' funds and CSR funds on a warfooting. The States were also requested to ensure that a mock drill of the PSA plants is carried out to ensure that the oxygen flow at the patients' bedside adheres to adequate purity and the recommended outlet pressure with no leakages.

In addition, the flow meters must remain in a functional state, they were told. The states were also exhorted to monitor the installation of PSA plants at private as well as medical college hospitals.

The Union health secretary emphasised that the states need to ensure that the delivered ventilators are quickly installed and commissioned at the designated field health facilities, the statement said.

They were urged to address the large gaps that continue to exist between the numbers of delivered and installed ventilators, provide the consignee details of hospitals for the requirement of additional ventilators and expedite the issuance

of final acceptance certificates for the installed ventilators.

The States were further reminded to expedite the process of finalising the maintenance contracts with the manufacturers. They were also advised to lodge any complaint related to ventilators in the online complaint management system, which was launched on August 30 last year, the statement said.

It was pointed out that the Union health ministry has started the National Oxygen Stewardship programme from December 22. The states need to ensure that the technical training of the operators is completed. More than 1,600 candidates joined the training programme covering 738 districts. An online PSA training programme is also being carried out by the Directorate General of Training through 24 regional centres across the country, said the statement.

The States were also urged to ensure an adequate buffer stock of drugs and update the buffer stock details of government hospitals and medical colleges on the Drugs and Vaccine Distribution Management System (DVDMS) portal.

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continuing its special relationship with the

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providing them

humanitarian assistance'

# New IHU variant in France not circulating widely: WHO

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Much to the relief of the world battering Omicron and Delta variant of the Covid-19, the World Health Organization (WHO) has said the new Covid-19 variant called B.1.640, which was detected by French researchers and is probably of Cameroonian origin, is not "circulating widely at the moment" and has so far been identified in less than 1 per cent of the samples sequenced in France.

The strain is also known as the IHU variant because it was first identified by academics at the IHU Mediterranee Infection institute in Marseille, France, as per a news agency.

At a Press briefing on Thursday, Maria van Kerkhove, technical lead for the WHO`s Health Emergencies Program,

detected in September 2021 in a number of countries.

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Following internal discussions, the WHO classified it as a "variant under monitoring" (VUM) in November 2021. According to the WHO's definition, a VUM is a SARS-CoV-2 variant with genetic changes that are suspected to affect virus characteristics, which may pose a future risk, but evidence of phenotypic or epidemiological impact is currently unclear, thus requiring enhanced monitoring and repeat assessment pending new evidence.

Van Kerkhove explained that since the B.1.640 variant has many mutations, the WHO classified it as a VUM is to raise the public awareness.

She reiterated that current Covid-19 vaccines do work against all variants that are cir-

culating and are highly effective against preventing severe diseases and death. "I think that's really important for the public to

know ... when it is your turn,

get vaccinated because it's

really critical," she said, as per

Katherine O'Brien, director of the WHO's Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals Department, said B.1.640 is not a variant that is increasing in prevalence but is a small fraction of the strains that

### Accept documents available in DigiLocker as valid: UGC to edu institutions

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

n view of the Covid-19 pandemic causling widespread scare with its new Omicron variant, the University Grants Commission, (UGC) has issued a circular requesting all educational institutions to accept marksheets, degrees and other documents available in the DigiLocker account as valid documents or certificates.

"All academic institutions are requested to accept Degree, mark-sheets and other documents available in issued documents in DigiLocker account as valid documents to enhance the reach of the

National Academic Depository programme," read a letter from UGC secretary Rajnish Jain.

"As you are aware, NAD is an online storehouse of academic awards (degrees, mark-sheets, etc.) lodged by academic institutions in a digital format. It facilitates students to get authentic documents/certificates in digital format directly from their original issuers anytime, anywhere without any physical interference," the official letter marked to all institutions across the country.

The Ministry of Education (MoE), has designated the UGC as an authorised body to implement NAD as a permanent scheme without levy of any user charges in co-operation with the DigiLocker as a single NAD depository. Explaining further in the letter, the UGC Secretary Rajneesh Jain conveyed to the academic institutions that they can register themselves on NAD and further upload academic awards of their institutions on NAD via the NAD portal.

The UGC further stated, "NAD platform by the original issuer. These electronic records available on the DigiLocker platform are valid documents as per the provisions of the Information Technology

# India delivers 2 tonnes of life-saving medicines to Af

PNS NEW DELHI

 $H_{ ext{to provide humanitarian}}^{ ext{onouring its commitment}}$ aid, India on Friday delivered two tonnes of life-saving medicines to Afghanistan as part of humanitarian to the war-torn country. The supplies were handed over to the Indira Gandhi Hospital in Kabul.

Giving details here, the Ministry of External Affairs said, "As part of our ongoing humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people, India supplied the third batch of medical assistance consisting of two tonnes of essential life-saving medi-

It said India stands committed to continuing its special relationship with the people of Afghanistan and providing them humanitarian assistance. "In this endeavour, we had

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Following correction/amendment is carried

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Published e-Auction dates: 11, 19

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& 29 January-2022

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recently supplied 5,00,000 doses of Covid vaccine and 1.6 tonnes of medical assistance to Afghanistan through World Health Organization (WHO)," the Ministry said in a statement, adding, "In coming weeks, we would be supplying more batch-NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY es of humanitarian assistance

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consisting of medicines and foodgrains to Afghanistan."

On January 1, India had supplied 5 lakh doses of the vaccine to Afghanistan and announced that an equal number of jabs will be sent in the coming weeks. In December, India sent

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1.6 metric tonnes of life-saving medicines to that country.

India on Thursday said it was in touch with Pakistani authorities to finalise the modalities for transportation land route of 50,000 tonnes of wheat to Afghanistan through Pakistan.

## India remains committed to strive for global nuclear disarmament, says Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Tndia remains committed to strive for global nuclear disarmament and on Friday welcomed a joint statement by five nuclear weapon states earlier this week on preventing a nuclear war. Making this assertion, the

Ministry of External Affairs said here India will continue to contribute further to the global nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation agenda. India remains committed

to the goal of universal, nondiscriminatory and verifiable annual resolution at the United Nations General Assembly on 'Reducing Nuclear Danger' calls for steps to reduce the risk of unintentional or accidental use of nuclear weapons, it said.

"We welcome Joint Statement (on Preventing Nuclear War and Avoiding

Arms Races), which reaffirms the importance of addressing nuclear threats and underscores desire to work towards creating a security environment more conducive," ministry spokesperspon Arindam Bagchi said.

This reiteration came after leaders of China, France, Russia, UK and the US for the first time on Monday issued a joint statement on preventing nuclear war and avoiding an arms race while not aiming nuclear devices at each other or at any other state. Bagchi said, "As a responsible nuclear trine of maintaining a credible minimum deterrence based on a No First Use posture and non-use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear-weapon states. India remains committed to the goal of universal, non-discriminatory, and verifiable nuclear disarmament."

# India, China to hold 14th round of military level talks on Jan 12

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $A s stand-offs persist at some \\ friction points at the Line \\ of Actual Control (LAC) in$ Eastern Ladakh, India and China will hold the 14th round of military level talks on January 12 to speed up the process of disengagement of troops.

The talks come in the backdrop of both the countries reiterating time and again that dialogue at the military and diplomatic levels is only way out to reduce tension at the LAC ersisting years now. The last round of talks between the Corps Commanders of the two armies was held on October 10 last year. The Indian delegation will be led by the newly appointed 14th Corps commander Lt General Anindiya Sen.

The latest round of talks come at a time when more than 50,000 troops each from both the sides are facing each other at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh leading to tension.

While the troops from both the sides returned to their bases after nearly one half years in February last year from the Pangong Tso (lake), face-offs are still on at more than three places including

the Hot Springs.
India has all along maintained that complete withdrawal from all the friction points and status quo ante restored as it existed before May 2020 is a prerequisite before ties are normalised between the two countries.

China, however, has dilly dallied so far on some pretext or the other thereby prolonging tension

The Indian Government after the 13th round of military level talks had said during the meeting the discussions between the two sides focused on resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC in Eastern Ladakh.

The Indian side pointed out that the situation along the LAC had been caused by unilateral attempts of Chinese side to alter the status quo and in violation of the bilateral

agreements. It was, therefore, necessary that the Chinese side take appropriate steps in the

remaining areas so as to restore peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector. This would also be in accord with the guidance provided by the two Foreign

Ministers in their recent meet-

ing in Dushanbe where they

had agreed that the two sides

should resolve the remaining issues at the earliest.

The Indian side emphasised such resolution of the remaining areas would facilitate progress in the bilateral relations. During the meeting, the Indian side therefore made constructive suggestions for resolving the remaining areas but the Chinese side was not agreeable and also could not provide any forward-looking proposals. The meeting thus did not result in resolution of

the remaining areas. The two sides have agreed and also to maintain stability on the ground. It is our expec tation that the Chinese side will take into account the overall perspective of bilateral relations and will work towards early resolution of the remaining issues while fully abiding by bilater-

al agreements and protocols. However, China then said "Instead of misjudging the situation, the Indian side should cherish the hard-won situation in China-India border areas." These remarks were made by Senior Colonel Long Shaohua, spokesperson for the Western

Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army (PLĀ). The spokesperson made the remarks in a statement talking about the 13th round of China-India

Commander Level Meeting. According to him, the meeting was held on October 10 at the Moldo-Chushul border meeting point on the Chinese side.

The spokesperson said during the meeting, the Chinese side made great efforts to promote the easing and cooling of the border situation and fully demonstrated China's sincerity of maintaining overall interests of bilateral military relations.

However, the Indian side still persisted in its unreasonable and unrealistic demands, which added difficulties to the negotiations. The spokesperson pointed

out that China is firm in its resolve to safeguard national sovereignty. He hoped that the Indian

side should avoid misjudging the situation and cherish the hard-won situation in the China-India border areas.

The Indian side should abide by the relevant agreements and consensus reached between the two countries and two militaries, show sincerity and take concrete actions to jointly safeguard peace and stability in the border areas with China, the spokesperson added.

## **PM's security lapse: BJP** protests in Parliament Congress hand behind the

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m row\ over\ Prime\ Minister}^{
m ot\ allowing\ the\ political}$ Narendra Modi's "security lapse" during his Punjab visit to die-down, the BJP which held protest in Parliament on Friday has decided to continue it across the different States in coming days.

The decision was taken at

the level of the Central leadership where 13 points were decided to target the Congress and "bring out its collusion with the anti-India forces," according to BJP leaders.

Further, the BJP leaders are to go to Rai Bhavans across the country and submit protest memorandum on the "corrupt mindset" of the Congress.

They will also "expose" the Prime Minister.

alleged security lapse. The party will target Congress leadership and its alleged design to prevent Prime Minister from going to Ferozepur.

Several top BJP leaders. including Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, are already chanting religious 'mantras' to secure the

# Decline in wheat, rice and pulses during rabi season

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Government's expectation of a good rabi crop season has received a setback with a lower acreage in wheat, rice and pulses in the ongoing winter season. The data from the Ministry of Agriculture showed that sowing area of wheat was down by 5.84 lakh hectare; pulses by 1.52 lakh hectare and rice by 2.25 lakh hectare so far in the ongoing 2021-22 rabi season.

The data showed that wheat has been sown was down by 1.71 per cent at 333.97 lakh hectares as compared to sown in 339.81 lakh hectare last year, a decline of 1.71 per cent so far as there was less coverage in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh.

As per the data, area sown to wheat was less by 3.11 lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh, 1.35 lakh hectares in Haryana, 1.20 lakh hectares in Maharashtra and 1.14 lakh hectares in Madhya Pradesh. Coverage of wheat was lower in

Gujarat, Karnataka, West Bengal, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand and Uttarakhand as well in the said period. However, higher area under wheat was

reported from Rajasthan (1.96 lakh hectares), Bihar (0.68 lakh hectares), Chhattisgarh (0.09 lakh hectares and Assam (0.01 lakh hectares) in the same period, the data showed. Officials said delayed monsoon withdraw-

al and shifting of crops by farmers may be the reason behind less sowing area of wheat and other rabi crops.

Sowing of rabi (winter) crops like wheat begins in October and harvesting from April

onwards. Much of the wheat sowing has been completed so far.

In case of pulses, coverage remained flat at 156.23 lakh hectares so far this rabi season as against 157.75 lakh hectares in the year-ago period. Out of which gram coverage along stood at 109.44 lakh hectares in the said period.

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# Didi slams PM, Guv at hospital launch event

Says campus was opened by her; derides Guv for interference in State's business

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

In a show of aggression Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday not only reminded Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a virtual event - where the duo had joined to inaugurate a second campus of a cancer hospital in Kolkata — that she had already inaugurated the Hospital which was partly funded by the State Government but also used the public forum to lodge a verbal complaint against Governor JagdeepDhankhar for his 'unduly interfering' with the affairs of governance.

Banerjee had been invited in the virtual programme where the Prime Minister was to inaugurate the second campus of the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital. Informing the Prime Minister that the State Government too had contributed funds and provided the land for the Hospital Banerjee said, "The Prime Minister will be happy to know



that we are also contributing 25 per cent of the cost from the State's fund," adding, "I want to tell him for his knowledge that we have already inaugurated this (second campus of CNCI). How did we do that?When there was Covid and we needed a Covid care center, and I saw the Chittaranjan hospital was attached with the State Government, and weconverted it to a Covid-care center and it helped us a lot."

Saying that she participated in the programme because she was twice invited to do so and because "the Prime Minister himself took interest in this program," Banerjee referred to the alleged non-cooperation on the part of the State Governor. Referring to the new appointments of the doctors during corona times, Banerjee said, "the Governor is raising various questions ... asking for reports on doctors' questions ... he doesn't even know that we are doing it at the instance of the

Centre's guidelines in 99 percent of cases ... there may be political differences but in the case of running administration we always follow the Prime Minister's directive ... the Governor does not even know that, and asks various questions as 'to why did you do this .. show this ... show that."

Soon BJP resorted to a counterattack with its leader Amit Malavyasaying "Mamata Banerjee is incorrigible... Notwithstanding the fact thatshe is on path of constant needless confrontation, she must realize that inaugurating a building as Covid facility is not the same as inaugurating a Cancer facility in a hospital. Imagine what Bengal has to suf-

State BJP president Sikanto Majumdar too attacked the Chief Minister for "refusing understand the importance of situations. He said "the Chief Minister today created a history in the field of political decorum ... never in the history Independent India any Chief Ministerhas in a public forum complained against a Governor who is the guardian of the Constitution like this ... it is for the people to understand how constitutional propriety is maintained in Bengal."

# Three terrorists gunned down in Budgam

J&K sees no let-up in encounters as 11 ultras, including 6 mercenaries, killed in one week

**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

The security forces seem to be upping the ante against the terrorist commanders in the Kashmir valley. After eliminating 44 top commanders in 2021, there has been no let up since the beginning of year 2022. So far 11 terrorists including 6 foreigners hailing from Pakistan have been gunned down in six different encounters across Kashmir valley.

Three terrorists were gunned down on Friday in Chadoora area of Budgam, police spokesman said in a written statement.

In all these anti terrorist

operations no major collateral damage was suffered by the security forces.

The operations were launched in the specific locations after receiving pin pointed human intelligence. Ever since local policemen were targeted by the 'hybrid' terrorists the flow of information has led to sustained operations.

The security forces have also recovered large quantities of arms and ammunition including AK rifles and US made M4 carbines.

Among the prize catch, the security forces eliminated down top LeT commander Mohd Saleem Parray along with his

foreign aide Hafiz alias Hamza. Parray was a dreaded terrorist involved in incidents of throat slitting of civilians in 2016. The security forces had received a tip off while Parray was roaming around in Shalimar garden of

Three terrorists of Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) including a local were killed in an encounter in Chandgam area of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on January 5. Sharing details of the anti

Srinagar.

terrorist operation conducted in Chadoora area of Budgam on Friday the police spokesman said one of the killed terrorist has been identified as Waseem

Mir son of Ghulam Qadir Mir resident of Nowgam Srinagar. Waseem was active since December 2020.

During the operations the security forces had to evacuate the civilians trapped around the encounter site. In order to avoid any collateral damage due to darkness, the operation was suspended during night hours and in the wee hours the operation resumed, resulting in the elimination of three terrorists linked with proscribed terror outfit JeM. During encounter one Army Officer received minor splinter injury, the police spokesman added.

As per police records, the

categorized terrorist and part of group involved in several terror crime cases including attacks on security forces and civilian atrocities. Several terror crime cases were registered against him. Terrorist Waseem was involved in killing of Inspector Parvaiz Ahmad on 22-06-2021. He was also involved in grenade attack on CRPF Bunker near Aali Masjid Chowk at Eidgah Srinagar in which 01 civilian and 01 police personnel were injured. Besides other terror crimes, he was also involved in brainwashing and motivating the youth of Central Kashmir to join terror outfits.

Workers refill oxygen cylinders as coronavirus cases rise across the country during
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# Calcutta HC allows 'Mela' under stringent Covid-19 protocols

PNS ■ KOLKATA

With corona infections witnessing a sharp rise infecting a number of senior judicial officers the Calcutta High Court on Friday gave a conditional permission to organize the Ganga Sagar Mela directing the State Government to strictly follow the guidelines putting the Government under the tight scanner of a three-member committee constituting Bengal

Opposition Leader, representative of the HumanRights Commission and the State Chief

The Committee thus constituted will inspect the preparations and measures taken by the Government, petitioners' advocates said.

Besides, the State Home Secretary was also directed to run advertisements in various media asking people to refrain from coming to the grand Fare

total contributions declared

amounted to ₹62,85,92,429

at the confluence of Ganges and sea. Meanwhile, even as the State Government further tightened the pandemic rules suspending all surgical operations --- save most urgent ones ---in Government hospitals in Kolkata a number of civic boards including the Dum Dum Municipality ordered closure of the markets and malls for four days in a week.

open on --- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdayonly, sources said.

The markets would remain

## DMK welcomes SC order to uphold validity of OBC quota in med admissions

Chennai: DMK president and Chief Minister M K Stalin on Friday welcomed the Supreme Court order upholding the validity of 27 per cent OBC quota in admissions to medical courses.

Lauding the order, Stalin said due to the continuous struggle of his party over the past several years in both the political and judicial fronts, reservation for OBCs would be implemented for the first time and from this year in admissions to All India Quota seats."This is a very important victory for the DMK, wedded to social justice and for the Tamil Nadu people. This is a key milestone in the history of social justice," Stalin said in a statement.

Considering the welfare of people belonging to the backward classes across the nation, the DMK impleaded in the matter in Supreme Court and argued and won, Stalin said and expressed joy over his party's initiatives in this respect.

The party fought and won legal battles in the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court as well, he said.

The contributions of both Tamil Nadu, a pioneering state

committed to social justice and that of the DMK would find a place in history for sure, the Dravidian party chief said.

Through legal initiatives, the DMK would also emerge victorious in its fight against the 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker Sections. The EWS quota is against the Constitution, he said. "Social justice is a long journey. A continuous run."

The Supreme Court on Friday, in an interim order, allowed resumption of medical counselling for NEET-PG admissions for the year 2021-22 and upheld the validity of 27 per cent OBC "Counselling on the basis of NEET-PG 2021 and NEET-UG 2021 shall be conducted by giving effect to the reservation as provided in the notice dated July 29, 2021 including the 27 per cent reservation for the OBC category and 10 per cent reservation for EWS category in the All India Quota seats".

# Docs warn of Covid surge in Kerala

KOCHI: Veteran doctors in Kerala warn that the State is in for another crisis induced by Covid-19 as the number of persons diagnosed with the pandemic shot up to 5,296 in the last 24 hours that ended on Friday evening. Though the State administration is leaving no stones unturned to portray an all is well sign in Kerala, doctors in Government and private sectors are forecasting another spell of

Meanwhile, it was announced officially that Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who is ailing for some time is leaving for United States for treatment. He will be away for a week for medical tests and this is being seen as a follow up of the three-weeks long treatment he underwent in that country in 2018 September.

The State administration, according to health minister Veena George tested 64,577 samples on Friday, out of which 5,296 new cases were diagnosed with Covid-19.

"Hospital across the State are speeding all over. What does this indicate?" asked a senior functionary of the Kerala Government Medical Officers

Association who did not want his

name to be quoted. Minister Veena George in her daily media release said that till Friday evening, 49,305 persons have succumbed to the pandemic across the State. Even as the State is reeling under the onslaught of the pandemic, there has been no let up in the month long agitation launched by the Kerala Government Medical Officers Association.

A statement by Dr G S Vijayaprishnan (president) and Dr T N Suresh (general secretary) on Friday said that all government doctors would avail a day's casual leave on January 18 to make the State administration understand the seriousness of the situation. The doctors are agitating demanding the appointment of 1,000 government doctors at least on temporary basis to handle the present crisis.

The decision of the Kerala Government to scrap the special allowances of doctors and refusal to appoint temporary hands to tide over the pandemic has lances blaring their sirens are among medical fraternity, said Dr Rajiv Pillai, a doctor with more than two decades experience in treating contagious dis-

multi-headed attack in the form of Covid-19 and Omicron," said Dr Pillai.

Though neighbouring Tamil Nadu has decided to shut down all educational institutions in the face of increasing number of covid-19 cases (6,983 cases till Thursday), it has not lowered its guard in the number of samples being tested, On Thursday, the State tested 1.28 lakh persons using RT-PCR method.

#### No lockdown needed now in **Mumbai: Municipal** Commissioner

Mumbai: There is no immediate need for imposing lockdown or additional restrictions in Mumbai as the bed occupancy rate, oxygen requirement and number of municipal commissioner Iqbal Chahal said on Friday

During the first and second wave the decision to impose lockdown was taken on the basis of case positivity rate, but this criterion cannot be applied for the third wave which started from December 21, 2021, Chahal told a Marathi news

and second wave was the positivity rate. But in this wave of Omicron variant of the virus. two new criteria should be occupancy of hospital beds and oxygen requirement," Chahal said.

schools in the city, he said.

tested positive for coronavirus in Mumbai on Thursday, only 1,180 were hospitalised and 110 were on oxygen support, the

# Dip in non-corporate donations: Shiv Sena's report to EC

A contribution report submitted by the Shiv Sena to the Election Commission showed that it has witnessed a significant dip in its non-corporate donations which amounted to just about ₹68,93,974 in 2020-21. The report makes no men-

tion of corporate donations. Shiv Sena Secretary and Rajya Sabha member Anil Desai súbmitted the contribution report to the poll panel last month.

The report has a list of 49 donors who made donations to the party in excess of ₹20,000.

For the financial year 2019-20, the Shiv Sena had declared ₹44,24,35,996 as contributions from corporate donors and ₹18,61,56,433 from "other than

(₹62.85 crore)In 2018-19, the had received 98,08,13,601 from corporate donors and electoral bonds and ₹32,55,16,204 from "other than corporate donors". The social media on Thursday. total contributions amounted to ₹130,63,29,805 (₹Rs 130.63 crore).In 2018-19, the Shiv The FIR was lodged at the Sena was a junior partner in the BIP-led Maharashtra Government.After

Assembly polls in October 2019, Sena supremo Uddhav Thackeray became the chief minister with support from the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and the Congress after his party walked out of its alliance with the BJP, which had emerged as the single-

#### Hairstylist Jawed Habib booked for spitting on woman's hair

**Muzaffarnagar:** The police in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar have lodged an FIR against famous hairstylist Jawed Habib for spitting on a woman's hair while styling it, officials said on Friday. A purported video of the incident, which took place during a hair-styling workshop held here on January 3, went viral on

In the video, Habib is heard telling the audience, "If there is a shortage of water, use saliva."

Mansurpur police station here on a complaint filed by Pooja Gupta, a resident of Baraut town, on whose hair Habib spat during the workshop, the police said. Habib has been booked under Section 355 (assault or criminal force with intent to dishonour person, otherwise than on grave provocation) of the Indian Penal Code and the Epidemic Diseases

# POLITICAL SLUGFEST IN MAHA ON PM'S SECURITY BREACH Protest before Shah: Patole to BJP workers

BJP seeks action against Maha Cong chief for suspecting Union HM

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major political slugfest Abroke out in Maharashtra on Friday over the security breach involving Prime Minister Narendra Modi during visit to Punjab, as Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole asked the BIP workers to stage a protest outside Amit Shah's residence in New Delhi and the Opposition BJP retaliated by demanding that an offence be registered against Patole for turning needle of suspicion towards the Union Home Minister and trying to influence the ongoing probe into the security breach.

Away from the national capital, a fierce war of words erupted between the ruling Congress and the Opposition, as Patole - two days after he created a sensation by charging that Modi was reaping what he sowed when his government "inflicted" a lot of atrocities on the farmers last year -upped the ante by charging that the BJP had "pre-planned" the incident of security breach to "improve" Modi's image which got tarnished during the farmers' protests last year.

Talking to media persons at the state party headquarters "Tilak Bhavan" here, Patole "The security lapse involving Modi was a pre-planned move. Why did the Prime Minister change his journey plan suddenly? What was the motive behind it? The Prime Minister's "I made it back safely" statement, a series

of statements made by the BJP leaders subsequently and the PM's meeting with the President, all these make it very clear that the BJP had preplanned the whole thing to improve Modi's image that got tarnished during the farmers' protests. But, the BJP has backfired on itself". Shortly after Patole spoke

to the media, State BJP president Chandrakant Patil charged that at a time when the security breach involving the Prime Minister was being investigated, Patole had - by way of expressing his suspicion about the Union Home Minister's role in the incident -had tried to interfere and influence the ongoing probe. "Keeping Patole's unwarranted act in mind, we demand that an offence be registered against him. I have asked the BJP workers to register complaints against Patole for misleading the people on the issue of national security," Patil said. Earlier, Patole said that the

Prime Minister belonged to the country and his security was of utmost importance. "There should be no compromise on his safety. Punjab Chief Minister Channi has spoken in detail on the incident but the BJP is deliberately trying to defame the Congress by giving it political colour. The BJP has also made this incident into an event".

Exhorting the BJP workers to stage a protest in front of the Union Home Minister's residence and demand his explanation over the incident, Patole

said: "The security of the Prime Minister is with the SPG and many important central agencies are involved in it and the BIP workers should protest outside union home minister Amit Shah's house and seek his reply in the incident. Yesterday, even we had demanded that Amit Shah should make a statement in this regard, but Shah and the Home Ministry are still silent on the issue".

The people who went near Prime Minister Narendra Modi's convoy were Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) activists, videos of which have been shown by the media. Announcements of Narendra Modi Zindabad can be clearly heard in the videos. The statement made by a Union Minister that a stone was thrown at the Prime Minister's convoy is ridiculous," the State Congress chief said.

In his interaction with the media, State BJP president Patil alleged that the security breach was of serious nature since it happened near the border of Pakistan. "From the looks of it, there appears to be a plot to assassinate the Prime Minister. Given the national security, the incident is being investigated at the top-most level. That being the case, Patole is trying to mislead the people. The fact that he has alleged the Union Home Minister has a hand in the security breach incident. This kind of an allegation seeks to

influence and derail the ongo-I condemn the efforts by Patole to influence and derail the ongoing probe into the Prime Minister's security breach. I demand that action be taken against Patole. The police should also probe if Patole has any information about the assassination attempt on the Prime Minister," the state BJP president added.

Patole, it may be recalled had on Wednesday slammed the BJP for giving a "political twist" to the incidents of farmers blocking Narendra Modi's convoy during his visit to Punjab and said that the Prime Minister was reaping what he sowed last year when his government "inflicted" a lot of atrocities on the farmers by among other things "laying nails on their route and beating them mercilessly".

In a statement issued here over the BJP's reaction over what he called the BJP's attempts to politicise the issue of farmers blocking the Prime Minister's convoy to "misguide" the people on the issue of security in an effort to "gain sympathy" ahead of the Punjab Assembly polls, Patole had said: "The atrocities have not been forgotten by the farmers in Puniab and across the country. Modiji, you are reaping what you have sown". "The Prime Minister has

SPG security. There is no question of compromising his security. He was scheduled to reach the rally spot by helicopter, but suddenly he changed his route and took the road to reach the location," Patole had said.

No further restrictions were needed to be imposed on travel by local trains as only fully vaccinated people are being allowed to board the trains, he said. "The criterion in the first

The administration has so far imposed only a few restrictions such as ban on assembly of five or more persons during night time and shutting of

Of over 20,000 people who



Lal Chowk area during snowfall, in Srinagar. Meteorological Department issued an advisory for both Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh regarding impact on weather due to Western disturbances

## Chargesheet against UP cops in businessman killing case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed a chargesheet against six accused UP police Pradesh). personnel including then SHO/Inspector; then three Sub-Inspectors; a Head Constable and a Constable under Indian Penal Code Sections relating to murder, criminal intimidation, voluntarily causing hurt, public servant willfully framing incorrect record to cause loss or injury to the public or any person and causing disappearance of evidence of an offence before the Court of Special Judicial Magistrate, Lucknow (Uttar

death of Manish Gupta (private person and a businessman), resident of Kanpur (Uttar

Pradesh) in a case related to

The CBI had registered a case on November 2, 2021 on the request of Uttar Pradesh Government and further notification from the Centre and took over the investigation of Case Crime No. 391/2021 dated September 29, 2021, earlier registered under IPC Section 302 at Police Station-Ramgarh Tal, Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) against three Police Officials including the SHO and two Sub-Inspectors and unknown police officials

on complaint from the wife of Gupta pertaining to death of her husband on September 27, 2021, the CBI said in a state-It was alleged that Manish

Gupta checked in a room of a Hotel at Gorakhpur on September 27, 2021, falling under the jurisdiction of Ramgarh Tal police station. It was further alleged that in the intervening night of September 27/28, 2021 at about 12 AM., the SHO along with two Sub-Inspectors and three other police personnel entered into the room of said hotel and started misbehaving with

protest of Gupta, they started beating him, resulting in griev-ous injuries to him. Following this, Gupta died on the spot. After investigation, the CBI filed a chargesheet against the six police officials. The chargesheeted accused

It was also alleged that on

in the case are Jagat Narayan Singh, then SHO/Inspector; Akshay Kumar Mishra, then Sub-Inspector; Vijay Yadav, then Sub-Inspector; Rahul Dubey, then Sub-Inspector; Kamlesh Singh Yadav, then Head Constable and Prashant Kumar, then Constable.[9:02 PM, 1/7/2022] Devika: So, total 2 copiesOkay. No prob.

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# Virus of bigotry

Young minds are exposed daily to fake news, propaganda and permissive social networks

virus more dangerous than COVID-19 is on the prowl for easy prey. Bigotry. It works on a fast transmissible platform. Social media. It infects the country's source of future wealth: Youth. The 'Bulli Bai' app that represents a depraved mindset is a case in point. The web-based app hosted morphed photographs and objectionable statements hurting Muslim women. The police have arrested four youngsters so far. Neeraj Bishnoi allegedly created the app. He is an engineering student. Shweta Singh is only 19 and reportedly posted extreme content. Mayank Rawat, 21, allegedly shared links of extreme posts. Vishal Kumar Jha, also 21, allegedly used multiple Twitter handles to post objectionable content against Muslim women. They come from different States, different backgrounds, different career objectives. The social media world connects them. A twisted mindset plagued by communal hatred binds them. They are bright, have a grasp of current affairs, and had targets to achieve in life. Deep inside, however, lay trapped a sinister personality that surfaced whenever they entered the dark world of the web. The fate that now awaits them should send shudders down



the spine of other youth who might see no harm in spreading communal poison. The families of the four youth will forever be stigmatised. They will watch media trials of their children. The neighbours might shun them. The universities might expel them. Their college life is ruined and their dreams might die in a cold cell of a prison. Is it worth it?

Worse, the four youth would not have known anything about Muslim women in general, let alone about the women whose character they assassinated in public. The youth and adolescents of the country are most vulnerable today to online radi-

calisation. The word is used not just in the context of terrorism but applies to all antisocial actions. In these days of unfettered access of the youth to the web and social media, they need not make a special effort to get acquainted with obscene campaigns or divisive politics. Rather, these distortions find their way to them. It is up to a vulnerable, immature or unthinking mind to lap it all up, get carried away and join the mob. The impressionable minds are exposed daily to fake news, doctored facts, propaganda politics and permissive social networks where women are the natural subjects for abuse and trolling. Much of it is highly sexualised, coloured by communal innuendo. They continuously receive threats of rape, death, acid attacks and, the latest, auctions. Sexual bullying of women in the public sphere is now an international phenomenon with the selection of victims according to their religion being a sought-after operation. Here is a thought for the country's youth: Bigotry and communal hatred lurks in the underbelly of social media, championed by sick minds intent on destroying society's sanity. They brainwash unsuspecting youth and applaud them till the latter self-destruct. They will then go in search of another family.



abourers work at a brick kiln on a cold winter morning, in Birbhum

# **Ready or not?**

The Government must translate its assurances into action in the fight against Omicron

he Capital has plummeted to another dubious landmark while matching wits with the latest mutant of the Coronavirus, Omicron, which is said to be clinically less severe but several times more transmissible; and the mandatory seven-day quarantine for all passengers coming in from abroad is a welcome decision. On Friday, the city crossed the 17,000-mark after registering 15,097 fresh COVID-19 cases (with six deaths) on Thursday, with the positivity rate jumping to 15.34 per cent. With the infection toll rising to 25,127 in Delhi, it was a 41 per cent jump in fresh cases over the previous day's figures. According to a study by the Indian Institute of Technology, Mandi,



the Capital is one of the hotspots for the prevalent COVID-19 pandemic in India, the others being Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. All these States are seeing a significant surge in Coronavirus infections by the new variant. With experts pointing out that migration is a major factor for spread of the infection in all these States, it is incumbent upon the Governments to meticulously monitor travel to and from these States. Now the important question is how prepared the Capital is to counter the spread of the latest variant. By all accounts, it appears, hardly.

The Government machinery, of course, is making the right sounds, issuing advisories left, right and centre and airing bombastic plans on how well prepared it is in terms of medical manpower, hospital beds, oxygen supply and suchlike necessary items to contain the spread of the infection. However, the ground reality is an entirely different story; the advisories and orders notwithstanding, but there is hardly any implementation. People roam around maskless, sanitisers are evaporating from the reception areas of commercial and industrial establishments, COVID-appropriate behaviour is being flouted with impunity. Similar was the scene at the height of the second COVID wave last year, when the Government's tall claims about its medical preparedness were bitterly exposed, unfortunately at the cost of hundreds of innocent lives. The only silver lining this time round is that the eligible children are showing no hesitancy in taking the jab. The AAP Government must ensure that all arrangements are in battle-ready state; maybe it can have a dry run to assess its state of preparedness before, god forbid, the floodgates open. Less talk and more work, must be its motto.

# Will the Taliban leaders grow apart? HIRANMAY KARLEKAR



Unless the glue of power keeps it together, there is a distinct possibility of the Islamist militia falling apart, given its internal differences

ver since the Taliban established their sway over Afghanistan in 1996, Ithe question that has remained a persistent background whisper is whether their regime would last, and for how long. The speculation has been whether their Government would implode from with in, or would be undermined by violent opposition by organisations like the Islamic State of Khorasan or would collapse thanks to both.

As to the first, it has been known for a little over two decades that the Taliban, formed in April 1994 in southern Afghanistan, has had internal differences and contending factions. Steve Coll, in *Directorate S:* The CIA and America's Secret Wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 2001-2016, cites CIA deputy director John McLaughlin as saying the organisation's analysts had reported to President George Bush Jr's cabinet in 2001 that the "Taliban is not a monolithic organisation". Their assessment was, "There are ideological adherents but many others are with them because it is how you get money and guns." Coll goes on to say, that it followed logically from this conclusion that there had "to be a way to drive wedges in the organisation".

The CIA, according to Coll, had identified individuals in the Taliban leadership who claimed that they disagreed with the Taliban's supreme commander Mullah Mohammad Omar's provision of sanctuary to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda because harbouring terrorists deprived the fundamentalist Islamist militia of international recognition. If, however, there was dissent within the Taliban, it did not lead to any breach even after the USled war that began on October 7, 2001, led to their ouster from Afghanistan by mid-December.

That there was factional tension, was indicated by the idea of there being "good" and "bad" Taliban, the former being people with whom the US and other countries could fruitfully engage in talks. The first proponent of the idea was clearly Pakistan which sought to sell it to January 2010 and interroga-President George Bush Jr's administration in the aftermath subsequently, Americans, put

of the September 11, 2001, terror attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon's E-Wing. It did not have any practical consequences. Mullah Mohammad Omar, the first Ameer-ul-Momineen (translated as Supreme Commander of the Faithful) of the Taliban, refused to hand over Osama bin Laden and his associates and evict al-Qaeda from Afghanistan.

The idea, however, continued to circulate and had subscribers like Hamid Afghanistan's Karzai, President from December 22, 2001, to September 20, 2014. A section of the Taliban, including Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, a co-founder of the Islamist militia, and now one of the three Deputy Prime Ministers in the Taliban Government, was viewed as one of them. Nothing came of it as the Bush administration rejected the idea. Karzai, however, continued reaching out to the Taliban with Mullah Abdul Salam Zaeef, former Taliban Foreign Minister, leading efforts on his behalf to persuade the Taliban to negotiate an end to the war. His brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai. also had indirect contacts with Mullah Baradar.

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THAT THERE WAS FACTIONAL TENSION, WAS INDICATED BY THE **IDEA OF THERE** BEING 'GOOD' AND 'BAD' TALIBAN, THE FORMER **BEING PEOPLE** WITH WHOM THE **US AND OTHER COUNTRIES** COULD **FRUITFULLY ENGAGE IN TALKS** 

paid to the backchannel talks the Americans and Karzai's Government were having with a section of the Taliban. Indeed, the arrest was clearly a result of Islamabad's move to scuttle the talks, particularly those between the US and the Taliban, which were being conducted without it being kept in the loop, a fact it deeply resented.

In a report datelined February 16, 2010, and titled 'Taliban Arrest May be Crucial for Pakistanis", in The New York Times, Carlotta Gall and Souad Mekhennet say that Baradar's arrest came at a delicate time when the Taliban were in a fierce internal debate about whether to negotiate for peace or fight on as the US prepared to send 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan as a part of President Barack Obama's strategy of launching a new offensive later in the year. It cited a member of the Kandahar provincial council, Haji Muhammad Ehsan, saying that while some hardliners argued in favour of continuing the fight, the balance had been shifting increasingly in favour of negotiated peace.

The differences within the Taliban continued with strategic differences intertwined with ethnic and regional aliegiances and personal ambitions. The factional contestations emerged in sharp focus

known that Mullah Omar had died on April 13, 2013, but the fact was kept a secret and Mullah Akhtar Mansour ran the organisation in his name. Mansour, who became the successor in July 2015, was killed by a US drone strike on May 21, 2016, following which Sheikh Haibatullah Akhaundzada became the Ameer-ul-Momineen.

The continuing factional tussles intensified sharply during the exercise in Government formation that followed the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan. The country's capital, Kabul, fell to them on August 15, 2021. It took them three weeks thereafter to announce the first list of interim — not permanent — Ministers. The composition of the Ministry and the subsequent expansions clearly reflect an effort to reconcile conflicting claims for ministerial berths. With the passing of time, issues like those of human rights, particularly those of women, and inclusive Government, on which sharp differences exist, will further aggravate matters. Will the Taliban Government implode? It is difficult to tell.

polar opposites together. (The author is Consulting Editor, The Pioneer. The views expressed are personal.)

Power is a glue that can stick

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### THIRD WAVE UP, GDP DOWN

Sir — The Omicron-induced lockdowns. among other factors such as an increase in raw prices, may pull down GDP growth this fiscal as per India Ratings and Research. Although Omicron cases are spreading much faster than the earlier Coronavirus variants, there are indications that the infection is milder and mostly not life-threatening. Also, the earlier two waves have made both the Governments and business establishments better equipped to deal with the current situation. Consequently, the impact of COV 3.0 on the economy will be lower than COV 1.0 and 2.0. Once the infection subsides, the economy is expected to bounce back quickly.

But all this would not be possible without policy support. According to experts, this support would be critical as long as the pandemic threat continues and the economy reaches the stage of sustained growth trajectory. It is expected that the negative impact may be limited to just one quarter due to better preparedness this time round to face such circumstances. A surge in infections could trigger stricter restrictions on people's movement, which could dent the nascent revival in sectors such as travel, tourism and hospitality. It is everybody's duty to support the Government in this fight. Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

**MORE THAN WHAT MEETS THE EYE** 

Sir — All security measures were taken as per the 'blue book' when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Punjab but due to a communication gap on the sudden change in his itinerary, the unfortunate incident occurred, says Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi. The Samyukt Kisan Morcha chief, however, confessed that the police machinery had informed him of this alternative route (the overbridge). The Punjab Chief Minister's explanation, therefore, doesn't hold water. At the peak of farmers' agitation calling to repeal the three controversial farm laws. Delhi's borders and Lakhimpur Kheri were beset with violence and arson when the police allegedly deliberately allowed a

### In the name of god, stop!



n poll-bound Uttar Pradesh, barefaced invocations of god have become the new practice. In the battle for ballots, the BJP seemed to have replaced lord Rama with lord Krishna, or rather added another dimension. In fact, it gels with its calls for the reclamation of Krishna Janmabhoomi. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said lord Krishna "must be cursing" those who did nothing for Mathura and Vrindavan when in power. Not to be left behind, former Chief Minister and Samajwadi

Minister's son's vehicle to crash into the protesting farmers, resulting in several deaths and chaotic disturbance.

So it would seem a logical corollary that the farmers, still angry with the Prime Minister for having allowed the agitation to linger on for more than a year and not taking swift action against the erring son's father, wanted to prove their mettle in their own backyard. It is possible that the State police, some of whose family members must also be in the profession of farming, covertly shared sensitive information about the Prime Minister's travel plans with them. Seetharambasaani | Hanakonda

**JOURNALIST DEATHS DUE TO COVID-19** Sir — Nearly 2,000 journalists have died of COVID-19 in 94 countries since March 2020. Last year, at least 1,400 media workers succumbed to the virus, which averages to 116 per month or four a day, according to the Press Emblem Campaign

Party chief Akhilesh Yadav retorted that lord Krishna came in his dreams and told him that he was going to form the next government. Cabinet Minister Chaudhary Laxmi Narayan Singh posed a vanilla question, if lord

Krishna's temple was not constructed in

Mathura, would it be in Lahore or Rawalpindi? And BJP's Rajya Sabha member Harnath Singh Yadav quipped that lord Krishna had "inspired" him to urge his party president to make Adityanath the saffron party's candidate from Mathura. The cacophony over gods' perceived wills and wishes will only become shriller in the run-up to the election. In UP, the discourse has devolved from mediocre to ridiculous, with the bread-andbutter issues of poverty, unemployment, health, education and housing quietly pushed to the margins. Omicron, the more infectious variant of the SARS-COV-2, is spreading across the country with fury. However, UP demonstrates callous intransigence in the face of the pandemic.

Haridasan Rajan | Kozhikode

(PEC). No continent has been spared by the pandemic. Of the 1,940 journalist deaths registered by the PEC since March 1, 2020, Latin America leads with half of the victims, or 955 deaths. Asia follows with 556 dead, ahead of Europe 263, Africa 98 and North America 68. More than 50 casualties are still under investigation.

The actual number is certainly higher, as the cause of journalists' deaths is sometimes not specified or their deaths not announced. In some countries, there is no reliable information. According to PEC's India representative, the vast south Asian country might have lost over 400 media workers to the pandemic, but nearly 100 of them are yet to be authenticated. The PEC expresses the hope that all media workers would take the necessary precautions, including the booster vaccine.

T Navajyoti | Geneva

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The MHA is looking into it (PM's security breach).... Big and tough decisions will be taken

> **Union Minister** —Anurag Thakur



I will allow no one to place a dagger at the throat of democracy. I will stand in this breach.

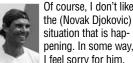
If I'd love to do a biopic...? It would be of Virat Kohli



**US President** 

Joe Biden

- Kartik Aaryan



the (Novak Djokovic) situation that is happening. In some way, I feel sorry for him.

> Tennis player Rafael Nadal

Take proper care...Try to use gloves, cover your head using a cap and maintain hygiene.



**West Bengal Chief Minister** -Mamata Banerjee

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## **N-POWER: MISSING** PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

Renewable energy will replace nuclear power; coal and gas will still keep burning



**GWYNNE DYER** 

nermany's remaining nuclear power stations have closed down, leaving only three plants left operating in the country. They too will close down in 2022. Germans will no longer have to live with the fear of a nuclear (power) holocaust. What's more, all the lost energy from the nuclear plants will be "compensated for by the expansion of renewable energies." promises the German Institute for Economic Research. An elegant solution, but there is a catch. Most of the wind and solar power that Germany is building will go to replace its nuclear power plants, not to eliminate the coal and gas that it is still burning in huge amounts to generate electricity. So, Germany will go on burning coal until 2038 (France is out now, the UK by 2024), and it also imports big volumes of gas from Russia (at great geopolitical cost). Just one day ahead of Germany, Belgium announced on 30 December that it will shut all of the country's nuclear power plants



by 2025. It too promises to replace the lost electricity with power from renewable sources eventually, but it will just burn more coal and gas in the meantime. And when the European Commission proposed a new law the other day that recognises nuclear power as 'green' (provided that the plants have strict plans for the disposal of nuclear waste), there was an outcry all across the European Union. German Environment Minister Steffi Lemke condemned the proposal as simply "wrong."

This is the triumph of fear over common sense. To advocate abandoning nuclear power when the great threat is carbon dioxide emissions (and we are losing the race to decarbonise) is folly. There are currently 441 commercial nuclear reactors in the world, supplying about 10 per cent of the world's electricity. There could have been three or four times as much nuclear power by now if the Green movement had not exploited a couple of accidents in the 1970s and 80s to cripple it. There is reason to suspect that the original Green hostility to nuclear power was encouraged and subsidised by the US fossil fuel industry, which has always been quick to spot emerging potential rivals and sabotage them. But the hostility is self-sustaining now, fed by fantasy statistics and deliberate scare-mongering. There have actually been just three major accidents in some sixty years of operation by hundreds of nuclear power plants, only one of which caused human casualties: Chernobyl in 1986, where 28 plant workers were killed and 15 other people subsequently died of thyroid cancer. But nobody at all died at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in 2011 (although 20,000 died as a result of the magnitude 9.0 sub-sea quake and the tsunami that devastated the city). Many more people die from coal pollution each and every day than have died from nuclear power accidents in the entire past half-century. Yet a vocal minority of Europeans are terrified of the technology, and they are so well organised that most European countries have banned nuclear power or are shutting it down now. We can forgive the Europeans for their anti-nuclear foolishness, because in most other respects they lead the world in cutting emissions. And outside Europe, the only noteworthy countries that ban nuclear power are Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan and the Philippines. There are currently new 52 nuclear reactors under construction, most of them in Asia. A new generation of compact modular reactors that can be assembled in factories and cannot melt down will be on the market in less than five years. The missing piece of the post-fossilfuel puzzle has been found - and the Europeans can sleep in peace.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The

views expressed are personal.)

# A prudent heritage-CSR partnership is needed



Unlike many 'geopolitical' countries, India stands out as a 'geo-cultural' civilisation with a glorious legacy of thousands of years

rom the astonishing Martanda Sun Temple in Kashmir to the ■ Temple III Rasillini
Mahabalipuram wonders in Tamil Nadu and from the gigantic forts in Maharashtra to the vibrant city of Sibasagar in Assam, the jaw-dropping heritage of India spread in all four directions is a timeless classic. This is primarily because unlike many 'geopolitical' countries, India stands out as a 'geo-cultural' civilization with a

glorious legacy of thousands of years.

The cultural richness is evident through the availability of the built heritage despite many destructive attempts of invaders. Conserving this heritage for future generations so as to continue the storytelling of India's legacy is one humongous task where a range of stakeholders from government to society have a signif-

icant role to play.

This task, has been carefully laid down by our forefathers in the Constitution of India through Article 49, Article 51 A (f). Be it the various regulations passed in early 1800s or the recent constitutional provisions towards regularizing heritage conservation, India has a well-sought legal framework for protecting the monuments, symbols and sites of cultural importance.

Apart from a prudent legal framework, champions like Ahilyadevi Holkar, who were phenomenal in conservation and restoration of heritage sites, show that India has a different history of historic conservations itself. The constitutional articles and historic figures are a constant reminder for an efficient and effective heritage conservation, that will not only ensure cultural integration but will also contribute to economy and welfare in contemporary

Given such a vast background of heritage, the current government's efforts such as announcing the establishment of Indian Institute of Heritage and Conservation through budget 2020, the HRIDAY scheme, the Kashi Corridor development and bringing back the stolen ancient artefacts are truly appreciable.

However, despite these constructive steps, the built-heritage in India still suffers from under-funding. The Archeological Survey of India that looks after close to 3700 monuments has spent approximately ₹301.3 crore in 2016-17, ₹410.8 crore in 2017-18 and ₹405 crore in 2018-19, as per the data of Ministry of outture. This expenditure, it seen as per capita cost, ,is only ₹8 lakh per annum per monument.

The story at the level of state governments is just the same, indicating how heritage is inadequately financed. Along with financial interventions towards heritage conservation, some city administrations, Mumbai and Pune in particularhave attempted to encourage restoration practices by incentivizing FSI, granting the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) and similar provisions in respective Development Control Regulations



IT IS **NOTEWORTHY** THAT COMPANIES LIKE INFOSYS HAVE BEEN **ALREADY** SPENDING THEIR **CSR FUNDS ON TEMPLE** RESTORATION PROJECTS LIKE SOMNATHESHWARA COMPLEX, THE LAKSHMESHWARA **TEMPLE AND ALLIED** ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, THE

OVERALL CSR **EXPENDITURE** INCURRED IN HERITAGE **ACTIVITIES HAS** BEEN ON A **DECLINE SINCE** THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016

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sites,etc. have their own successes

and limitations, as the heritage conservation and maintenance are

complex tasks which put restric-

tions on government institutions to

finance it with efficacy.

The requirement of skilled human resource against its limited availability which is required for accurate restoration, the availability of apt construction materials and the extent of sensitivity slows down the pace of the entire process. This reduces the viability and increases the risks involved in financing the heritage conservation projects. As a result, banks and financial insti-tutions are reluctant in lending monetary support to such projects.

This entire scenario has been pushing the conservation sector to look for state-of-art financing solutions. One such solution lies in the benevolence of private sector. A fact that the companies that profit due to the society and the country, owe some share of their profit back for the welfare of society and country gave rise to devising the CSR mandate. As heritage conservation is also a kind of service to the society and its cultural, economic and social development, the CSR fund could be a pathbreaking tool to finance heritage conservation projects. Recently, a private member bill tabled by Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe (President, Indian Council for Cultural

Relations and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha) that sought an amendment in the companies act for making it mandatory to the companies to dedicate minimum 25 per cent of their CSR funds compulsorily for heritage conservation and restoration. This amendment or a provision on the similar lines can be a rich nutrition for the heritage sector that is suffering from malnutrition at present. Such a provision enabling a portion of CSR to be spent (mandatorily) on heritage conservation will unleash the potential of Public-Private Partnership in India's cultural, tourism and heritage sector. Further, properly financed conservation projects will attract more tourist footfall upon completion, thereby benefitting the portion of society economically dependent on heritage sites.

Today, the conservation sector
has been subjected to state-of-art

technologies like Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR) and other similar 'proptech' solutions. Utilising these technologies, with the due encouragement of public participation is extremely difficult for the bureaucratic nature of government sector. Such rigidity can very well be removed through ensuring a certain stakeof corporate sector which is much more flexible, open to accommodating ideas and competitive. Hence, CSR funding can prove to be an avenue that induces a sense of collective ownership of monuments while resonating with the modern-day technologies involved in conservation sector.

It is noteworthy that companies like Infosys have been already

spending their CSR funds on temple restoration projects like the Somnatheshwaracomplex, the Lakshmeshwara temple and allied activities. However, the overall CSR expenditure incurred in heritage activities has been on a decline since the financial year 2016. This again underlines the fact that CSR funds, by making suitable amendments should be reserved for heritage conservation so as to ensure a constant stream of financial support is available for heritage projects.

Moreover, India's built heritage

is predominantly falling under the jurisdictions of urban areas being governed by respective urban local bodies. Given the trend of urbanization and densification of oururban areas, restoring and protecting heritage sites is bound become an even more complicated task, putting a massive pressure on government to finance it adequately. Easing off this pressure the fact that monuments have to be conserved This adequacy, to some extent, could be attained through mandatory CSR allocation in synergy with the amendment proposed by Dr. sanasrabudane.

In the spirit of 'Sabka Vikas' that needs 'Sabka Prayaas', many appreciable restoration steps undertaken by the government like conserving the Samadhi of the great warrior Bajirao Peshve in Raverkhedi, Madhya Pradesh definitely require a substantial contribution from the private sector. Such public-private resonance shall go a long way in protecting India's unique identity and ensuring betterment of the society on the move.

SECURITY IS DELIBERATELY BEING MADE AN ISSUE TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE FACT THAT CHAIRS WERE VACANT AT THE PM'S MEETING VENUE. —PUNJAB CONGRESS CHIEF **NAVJOT SINGH SIDHU** 





WE WOULD LIKE TO WARN THAT REPETITION OF SUCH AN INCIDENT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY BJP WORKERS AND THE NATION'S PEOPLE. —ASSAM CHIEF MINISTER HIMANTA BISWA SARMA

# Artists of the blackboard

#### The National Education Policy envisions that only the finest and brightest should enter the teaching profession

That the teacher is, is more important than what he teaches". Teacher education was founded on the belief that teachers are created, not born. However, in a country like India, teacher education is like a big ship - it is hard to turn by design alone; persistence matters the most. Thus, it is widely acknowledged that becoming a school teacher is not an aspiration that is shared

be changed, and if yes what? Can entry into a Bachelor's in Education course be both glamorous and exclusive? Degree courses that make entrance exclusive, offer lucrative job prospects, and are admired and sought after. Thus, on similar lines, a pro-

by either students or parents.

So, does something needs to



SARANGI PACHORI

fessional course on Integrated Teacher Education has been conceived to develop teachers, for the future. Teachers, proficient in the art of teaching will not just facilitate learning but inspire students as well.

National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) seeks to revise and restructure all facets of the education system to establish a framework that is consistent with the 21st-century while preserving India's heritage and value systems. It recognises the importance of developing cognitive abilities among students, along with social, eth-

ical, and emotional abilities. The NEP emphasises particularly that the teacher must be at the forefront of major changes. educational Additionally, NEP envisions that the finest and brightest offering B.A. B.Ed./B. Sc. B.



should enter the teaching profession. Teacher preparation is a multidisciplinary endeavour to develop teachers who are competent, motivated, confident and compassionate; who have content and pedagogical expertise and are able to engage students inclusively as well as

reflect on their own practice. The four-year Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP), a dual-major holistic bachelor's degree programme Ed. and B.Com. B.Ed. will first be offered on pilot mode in a few interdisciplinary Higher Education Institutions.

It would enable a studentteacher to earn both an education degree and a degree in a speciality topic such as history, mathematics, the arts, economics, or business. Bachelors of Inclusive & Special Education, Bachelors of Creative Arts Education and BPEd are also being prepared to be offered in order to fill the gap in availability of skilled and specialized professionals in these fields.

In-classroom training and internships will also form an essential part of the program. The four-year ITEP will be available to all students who want to pursue a career in teaching after senior sec- methods, art integration and

ondary school. This integrated course will benefit students since they will save one year by completing it in four years rather than the usual five years required in the current B.Ed. program. The participants will also have the option to pursue post-graduation courses in their respective disciplines.

Nonetheless, the overall curriculum of the course will be crucial for the success of the program. Considering the duration of the course, the curriculum is being designed to comprehensively engage the participants for four years and introduce the aspiring student teachers to aspects of new pedagogy, use of technology in education, competence-based assessment

sports integration, etc. Creative tools like theatrics in classroom can also be an essential aspect of the profession, making the classroom practice more engrossing for teachers and students alike.

Although the program will initially be offered in multidisciplinary institutes, capacity building of these institutes along with attracting talented participants in the initial years will be a challenge. It is expected that over time, Institutes of repute like IITs and IIMs will be able to design Integrated Teacher Education Programmes and offer state-ofthe-art courses so that students are encouraged to apply for this

tiative gains momentum.

William Arthur Ward very aptly wrote:

the citizens of tomorrow.

'The mediocre teacher tells The good teacher explains The superior teacher

effective and worthwhile

course. The child of future is

going to expect more. It should

be a curriculum where

thoughts within the head con-

verge with the feelings in the

heart. The curriculum also

needs to be abreast with the lat-

est innovations and develop-

ments in the field of education,

pedagogy, technology etc. The

teacherswho are revered as

"gurus" will be the "mentors"

for innovation and inspira-

tion. It must be remembered

that teachers are truly the artists

of the blackboard who shape

Additional Secretary and Rahul Pachori is Deputy Secretary in the Department of School Education ಆ Literacy, Ministry of Education. The views expressed are personal.)

Santosh Kumar Sarangi is

innovative program and the ini-The curriculum design will demonstrates be the key to implementing an

The great teacher inspires".

# **Global Covid caseload** tops 300 million

resurgence across the world, the global coronavirus caseload has surpassed the grim milestone of 300 million, while the deaths have surged to more than 5.47 million and vaccinations to over 9.33 billion, according to Johns Hopkins University.

In its latest update on Friday morning, the University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) revealed that the cur-

#### Oz reports record number of Covid cases for 5th straight day

Canberra: For a fifth consecutive day, Australia on Friday reported a record number of daily Covid-19 cases amid an unabated resurgence fuelled by the Omicron variant, according to health authori-

With more than 78,000 Covid cases, the country's overall infection tally increased to 762,458, reports Xinhua news agency.

Six of Australia's eight states and territories reported record numbers of infections on Friday, with Victoria and Western Australia the only exceptions.

New South Wales led all jurisdictions with a record high of 38,625 cases, while for the first time the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) recorded a four-digit increase

A total of 1,246 new cases of Covid-19 were reported in the ACT on Friday.

The Northern Territory (NT), which entered a snap lockout on Thursday whereby unvaccinated people are subject to strict lockdown rules, reported 412 new cases on Friday, setting a new record for the third consecutive day. The country's death toll

death toll stood at 300,095,481 and 5,472,039, respectively, while the total number of vaccine doses administered has increased to 9,336,622,344.

The US continues to be the worst-hit country with the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 58,487,665 and 833,987, according to the CSSE.

The second worst hit country in terms of cases is India (35,109,286 infections and 482,876 deaths), followed by Brazil (22,328,252 infections and 619,654 deaths).

The other countries with over 5 million cases are the UK (14,100,303),

Russia Turkey (9,789,244),Germany (7,399,015), Italy (6,975,465), Spain (6,922,466), Iran (6,203,046), Argentina (6,025,303) and Colombia (5,242,672), the CSSE figures

The nations with a death toll of over 100,000 are Russia (307,488), Mexico (299,842), Peru (202,904), the UK (149,993), Indonesia (144,116), Italy (138,474), Iran (131,802), Colombia (130,191), France (126,001), Argentina (117,386), Germany (113,446) and Ukraine (103,225).

#### Aus state to reintroduce curbs

**Sydney:** As the Australian state of New South Wales (NSW) is battling the latest Covid-19 outbreak, authorities on Friday reintroduced restrictions.

NSW, the current epicentre of the pandemic, reported 38,625 new cases and 11 deaths and there were 1,738 people in hospitals, 134 in intensive care, reports Xinhua news agency.

In response to surging Covid-19 cases and hospitalisations, some restrictions will be re-imposed in the state from Saturday.

NSW Premier Dominic Perrottet labelled the changes as "minor" and "proportionate" which would "alleviate pressure clubs.

through assessment of health authorities.

Non-urgent surgeries will be suspended until mid-February to ease pressure on the health system.

"The transmission is happening in a variety of settings, obviously in those household and social gatherings that people are having, and also in places like pubs, clubs, night-

# New Covid variant detected in France not a threat yet: WHO

classified it as a VUM is to raise

Covid-19 vaccines do work

against all variants that are cir-

She reiterated that current

"I think that's really impor-

tant for the public to know ..

when it is your turn, get vacci-

nated because it's really criti-

of the WHO's Immunization,

Vaccines and Biologicals

Department, said that B.1.640

is not a variant that is increas-

fraction of the strains that are

**Tokyo:** Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will

place three prefectures under a

quasi-state of emergency on Friday amid a spike in Covid

cases stemming from American military personnel based in the prefectures spread-

to the vast majority of US

bases in Japan, is expected to be

fully put under a quasi-state of

emergency, following a record 981 new daily Covid-19 cases

being reported on Thursday,

The prefectures of

reports Xinhua news agency.

Yamaguchi and Hiroshima,

meanwhile, will likely see the

mandate only applied to certain

towns and cities there, with the

tougher measures coming into

effect from Sunday through

January 31. Under the quasi-

serving alcoholic beverages.

vene on Friday to hear why the

more antiviral measures are nec-

Okinawa prefecture, host

ing the virus.

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eases and death.

cal," she said.

circulating.

Geneva: The new Covid-19 variant called B.1.640, which was detected by French researchers and is probably of Cameroonian origin, is not "circulating widely at the moment" and has so far been identified in less than 1 per cent of the samples sequenced in France, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

The strain is also known as the 'IHU' variant because it was first identified by academics at the IHU Mediterranee Infection institute in Marseille, France, reports Xinhua news

At a press briefing on THursday, Maria van Kerkhove, technical lead for the WHO's Health Emergencies Program, said that the variant was first detected in September

evidence.

Van Kerkhove explained that since the B.1.640 variant has many mutations, the WHO

# Taliban ban women from coffee shops

**New Delhi:** Women and girls He emphasised any decree on without a close male relative accompanying them were banned from entering coffee shops in Afghanistan's Herat province, Raha Press reported.

culating and are highly effective Sheikh Azizi ur Rahman against preventing severe dis-Al-Mohajer, the head of virtue and vice of the Taliban office in Herat, said from now on playing music and women and girls without a 'mahram' (relative) are forbidden, the report Katherine O'Brien, director

He said criminals are also not allowed in coffee shops. According to him, most insecurities, kidnappings, robberies and destructive actions can be ing in prevalence but is a small planned in such coffee shops.

"The coffee shop owners are warned if any instruction violations are reported, they will be faced with legal actions, Al-Mohajer said, adding that coffee shops can be remain open till 9.30 p.m.

According to him, these coffee shops serve as a convenient place for most of the moral corruption something has misled the youths in Herat.

Washington: President Joe

Biden forcefully blamed Donald Trump and his sup-porters Thursday for holding a

'dagger at the throat of democ-

Biden warns of US peril from

Trump's 'dagger' at democracy

closing all coffee shops in Herat can be issued from Kabul.

This comes as recently after all mannequins were beheaded as they resembled idols, an instruction from the Taliban government that caused lot of public opposition.

Nearly five months after regaining power, the Taliban's Ministry for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice has reclaimed its role as the enforcer of the group's radical interpretation of Islamic law, RFE/RL reported.

In a spate of decrees issued in recent weeks, the Ministry has imposed restrictions on the behaviour, movement, and appearances of residents, particularly those of women and girls. While the militants have claimed the decrees are only recommendations, Taliban religious police have enforced the new laws, sometimes violently, in many areas.

Many Afghans have voiced their anger at the Taliban's religious policing, saying it is a

and controlling every aspect of their lives.

For Afghans, the decrees are reminiscent of the draconian rules the Taliban imposed during its brutal rule from

1996 to 2001. Obaidullah Baheer, a Kabul-based academic, said by forcing its own interpretation of Sharia law upon Afghans, the Taliban is "locking out the population from decision-making" and exposing its "tyrannical tendencies", the report

Baheer said the Taliban views "any challenge to (its) policies as a challenge to the faith itself".

Last month, the Taliban ordered shop owners in the western city of Herat to cut off the heads of mannequins, insisting they were un-Islamic.

The order angered local shopkeepers, who are already reeling from an economic crisis triggered by the Taliban takeover and the sudden halt in international assistance. IANS

#### Japan to declare 2021 in a number of countries. Following internal discussions, the WHO classified it as Covid quasi-state Under the new rules, singing and dancing in pubs "variant under monitoring" of emergency in and nightclubs is banned and (VUM) in November 2021. According to the WHO's definition, a VUM is SARSmajor events scheduled for three regions coming weeks have to go

CoV-2 variant with genetic changes that are suspected to affect virus characteristics, which may pose a future risk, but evidence of phenotypic or epidemiological impact is currently unclear, thus requiring enhanced monitoring and repeat assessment pending new

# **Italy's daily Covid cases** top 200,000 for 1st time

the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020, Italy registered over 200,000 daily cases amid an ongoing resurgence fuelled by the highly-transmissible Omicron variant, according to health authorities.

In the last 24 hours, the country logged 219,441 cases, which increased the overall infection tally as of Friday morning to 6,975,465.

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Tender No 25e/EE(G)/CPH/2021-22 for "SITC of Mulsifier System with all

Date of availability of bid document on website:-10.01.2022 from

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NOTICE

(For the attention of Shareholders of Superior Finlease Limited)
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and

Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with Rule 10 of the Companies

(Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and the approval of the Members of th

Company at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on December 29, 2021, the Compan

has fixed Saturday, January 15, 2022 as the "Record Date" for determining the eligible

shareholders of the Company, who will be entitled for the equity shares of the company in

the pre decided split ratio i.e. One (1) equity share of face value of Rs. 10/- each will be

Upon Subdivision of Equity Shares, in case the Equity Shares are held in physical form, the

old share certificate(s) of face value of Rs. 10/- each will stand cancelled on the record date

and the Members are requested to Dematerialize their Shareholding in order to clain

shares on the Record date in proportion to their existing shareholding i.e. before subdivisio

to their demat account directly. In case the Equity Shares are held in dematerialized form

the sub-divided Equity Shares will be directly credited to the shareholder's demat accoun

The above mentioned information will also be available on the Company's website http://www.superiorfinlease.com// and also on the website of BSE Limited at

nttps://www.bseindia.com/ and Metropolitan Stock Exchange of India Limited a

subdivided/split into Ten (10) equity shares of face value of Rs. 1/- each.

on the record date in lieu of their existing Equity Shares.

Date : January 07, 2022

nttps://www.msei.in/ where the shares of the company are listed

Last date for submission of bids on website:-01.02.2022 up to 16:00 Hrs.

accessories including dismantling at Chibro Power House.

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The country had never recorded more than 100,000 new cases in a single day until December 30, 2021. But the situation had gotten worse almost every day since then.

The Ministry of Health also announced 198 coronavirus deaths in the same 24 hour period, down from 231 a day earlier. The death toll now stands at 138,474.

Though the deaths from the latest wave of the pandemic is on the rise, it remains well below the all-time one-day

750 in late March and early April of 2020, and again between late November to mid-December 2020.

The number of patients in intensive care units in Italy have also continued to spike, reaching 1,467 on Thursday, an increase of 39 over the previous

But even so, the number of

# peaks that regularly topped

intensive-care-unit patients remained below all-time highs from 2020.



Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Corporate Identity Number U40109PB2010SGC033813 Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact Number: 96461-18774) Tender Enquiry No. MQP-194/2021-22/PO(M)

Chief Engineer/ Metering, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala, invites E-Analysis and 1 year O&M of 114 no. Power Quality Meters complying to IEC 61000-4-30 class A. For detailed NIT and tender specification Please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07-01-2022 from

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Website: www.pspcl.in (Mobile: 96461-07205) E-Tender Eng. No. 353/P-1/ EMP-W-11901 Dated: 05-01-2022

Dv. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP. Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2022 POWER 81238 1 for Disposal of 06 LMTPA of Wet Ash (Pond Ash only) at GGSSTP, Ropar, For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 07-01-2022 onwards.

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NALCO Bhawan, Plot No-P/1, Nayapall Bhubaneswar-751013. Odisha (CIN: L27203OR1981GOI000920) A NAVRATNA COMPANY

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#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS TRANSFER OF EQUITY SHARES TO

This Notice is published pursuant to Sec. 124(6) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the ivestor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("the Rules"), notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, effective September, 2016, as amended from time to time

**INVESTOR EDUCATION & PROTECTION FUND** 

The Rules, inter-alia, provide for transfer of all shares in respect of which dividend has no been paid or claimed by the shareholders for seven consecutive years, to the Investo Education and Protection Fund (IEPF), set up by the Central Government. The Company is in the process of sending individual communications to those shareholders whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF under the said Rules at their latest available addresses. The Company has uploaded the details of such shareholders and shares due for transfer to IEPF on its website at www.nalcoindia.com. Shareholders are requested to refer to the Investor Services page on the website to verify the details of the shares

Registrar (Ms. KFin Technologies Private Limited) by 18.04.2022 with a request to claim their unpaid Interim Dividend for the year 2014-15 onwards so that the shares are not transferred to the IEPF. It may please be noted that if no claim is made by 18.04.2022, the Company will be compelled to transter the shares to the IEPF, without any further notice. It may also be noted that the shares transferred to IEPF, including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, can be claimed back from the IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed under the Rules. For any clarification on the matter, please contac he Company's Registrar and Transfer Agents: Shri G.Ramdas, Manager, M/s. KFir Technologies Private Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31-32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500032; Toll Free No.-18003094001

email: einward.ris@kfintech.com; website; https://www.kfintech.com For National Aluminium Company Limited (N.K. MOHANTY) Date: 07/01/2022 **GGM & COMPANY SECRETARY** davp 26111/12/002/2122

#### state of emergency, prefecturhours of January 6, 2021, when al officials are empowered to the Trump mob laid siege to the further enhance antiviral mea-Capitol and rioters tried to stop sures, including asking eateries the routine, ceremonial certito close earlier and bars and fication of election results.

nder urgent threat.

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makers recalling the terrifying

Notably, almost no restaurants to refrain from Republicans joined Biden and Caps on the number of peothe Democrats in what some ple attending large-scale public events can also be imposed by hoped would be a day of reconciliation. Instead, it was a the Governments, under the fresh and jarring display of a nation still deeply torn by the quasi-state of emergency. lies that led to the riot, by its Following consultations with health experts by Government personnel, Parliament will conunsettled aftermath and Trump's persisting grip on a

large swath of the country. "For the first time in our history, a president not just lost

an election, he tried to prevent the peaceful transfer of power as a violent mob breached the Capitol," Biden said. "You can't love your country only when

racy" with election lies that you win.' sparked last year's deadly assault on the US Capitol, Biden's criticism of the defeated president was rife using the anniversary of the with condemnation for the attack to warn that America's assault that has fundamentalsystem of Government remains ly changed Congress and the nation, and has raised global The president set the tone concerns about the future of on a day of remembrance that American democracy. brought fiery speeches, His voice booming at

times, reverberating in the ornate Statuary Hall where rioters had laid siege, the president called on Americans to remember what they saw January 6 with their own eyes: the mob attacking police and breaking windows, a Confederate flag inside the Capitol, gallows erected outside amid calls to hang the vice president - all while Trump sat at the White House watching on TV. "The former president's supporters are trying to rewrite history," Biden said, incredulous. "They want you to see Election Day as the day of insurrection and the riot that took place here on January 6". *AP* 

#### **Iran displays** missiles amid **N** talks with world powers

**Dubai:** Iran put three ballistic missiles on display at an outdoor prayer esplanade in central Tehran on Friday, as talks in Vienna aimed at reviving Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers flounder.

The missiles, known as Dezful, Qiam and Zolfaghar and with official ranges of up to 1000-km (620 miles), were already-known models, the paramilitary Revolutionary Guard said.

Diplomats from countries that remain in the 2015 nuclear deal - Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China are working with Tehran to revive the accord, which had sought to limit Iran's nuclear ambitions in exchange for trade.

American diplomats are present in Vienna but they are not in direct talks with Iranians. The accord collapsed in 2018 when then-President Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the U.S. And re-imposed sanctions on Iran.

# APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Mala Ram @ Maliya S/o Veera Ram R/o H.No. B-3/780, (12.5 Yards), Raghubir Nagar, Delhi has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 600/14, U/S 354A IPC and 12 POCSO Act, P.S. Khyala Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arres thereupon issued that the said Mala Ram @ Maliya cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Mala Ram @ Maliya have absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mala Ram @ Maliya of FIR No. 600/14, U/S 354A IPC and 12 POCSO Act, P.S. Khyala, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before By Order

The Project is proposed to be funded by Asian Development Bank

For further details, please visit the website www.uktenders.gov.in

No.: 30/EE(CM)/UPCL/A-2 Dated: 06.01.2022

Ms. Neha Paliwal Addl. Session Judge-01, (West) POCSO (FTSC), Room No. 113, First Floor, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi DP/684/WD/2022(Court Matter)

## Pak NSA to visit Kabul after border tension

New Delhi: Moeed Yusuf, the National Security Advisor (NSA) of Pakistan, will visit Kabul soon as tensions have risen along the Durand Line,

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** During Transit by office representative on

02<sup>nd</sup>July 2021, few property document were lost in Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006. One of the documents is GPA dated 28.06.1999 executed by Smt. Maya Saraswat & Smt. Kanta Oza ir favour of Sh. Mahesh Chand Sharma. Seema Gupta

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER CORPORATE (C&P-I)

two countries, Tolo News reported.

It was decided during a high-level meeting in Islamabad on Thursday that NSA Yusuf would visit Afghanistan amid tensions along the Durand Line.

A meeting of the Afghanistan Inter-Ministerial Coordination Cell (AICC), presided over by Pakistan National Assembly Speaker Asad Qaiser, took the decision, according to an official statement, the report said. IANS

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is to inform to the public at large that **Sipali W/o Mr. Virender Singh** who is purchasing
the **Third Floor, With Roof Rights, Built on** Property No.1559, Back Side Portion, Out of Khasra No.93, Gali No.13, Situated at Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 from Mrs. Rimal Jit Kaur W/o Mr. Jagmohan Singh and Mrs. Veena Rani alias Veena Thakral W/o Mr. Parshotam Thakral who was owner through Sale Deed dated 27.05.2019, Doc. No. 2932 and same to be finance & mortgage by Vastu Housing Finance Corporation Ltd. If any Person having any type claim/right/title/ interest over the said property, may inform in writing, at the address entioned below, about his objections, within 7 days from today, failing which it shall be presumed that the said property is free from all type of Encumbrances, lien etc. Lucem Legal LLF

Office No.G-03, at Ground Floor, on Plot No.D-61, Sector-2, Noida, UP-201301 Contact # 0120-4130438

My client Mr. ManojNagi and Smt. ShailjaNag had entered into Agreement for purchase of Freehold builtup Property bearing No. 41, area measuring 150 Sq.Yards, out of Khasra No. 574, situated in the area of Village Tihar Colony known as Gopal Nagar, Fateh Nagar New Delhi from Mr. Kanwaljit Singh Sethi and Original Sale Deed dated 28.11.1984 in favour of Mr. ShriKuljit Singh Sethi has been lost/misplaced and my client is mortgaging the said property with LIC Housing Finance Ltd. If anybody including Bank, Financial Institutions, persons, relative has any claim, right, interest whatsoever in the said property shall also inform within 15 days to the undersigned with documentary evidence. In undersigned with obcurrentary evidence, then our client shall precure that title of the said property is unencumbered and clear. Karnail Singh, Advocate, K-8, Basement, Jungpure Extension New Delhi Contact

No. 9811163363 & 9953683363

# Notice is hereby given to all such shareholders to make application to the Company's

### UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED E-TENDER NOTICE (Tender Specification No. CCP-I/56/2021-2022)

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., Dehradun invites e-tender for Works under Uttarakhand Transmission

SI. No.	Component Description	Package	Lot	Cost of Work Including GST & Labour Cess (in ₹ Cr.)	Minimum average annual Turn Over (MAAT) for best three years out of last five financial years (in ₹ Cr.)	Earnest Money (in ₹ Cr.)	Cost of Tender Document Including GST (in₹)	Last Date & Time of Online request for Tender and Submission of tender in Online & Offline mode	Date of Opening of bid Part-I in Online and Offline mode
1.	Underground Cabling and Strengthening of Electrical Distribution Network in Dehradun City.	Α	1	221.04	221.04	2.22	29.500.00	26.2.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.	26.2.2022 at 15:30 Hrs
			2	184.34	184.34	1.85	29.500.00	26.2.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.	26.2.2022 at 15:45 Hrs
			3	148.45	148.45	1.49	29.500.00	26.2.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.	26.2.2022 at 16:00 Hrs
2.	Construction of New Sub- Stations and their associated lines and augmentation of capacity of existing 33/11 KV Sub-Stations under Garhwal Region.	В	4	30.86	30.86	0.31	29.500.00	26.2.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.	26.2.2022 at 16:15 Hrs
	Construction of New Sub- Stations and their associated lines and augmentation of capacity of existing 33/11 KV Sub-Stations under Kumaon Region.		5	20.36	20.36	0.21	29.500.00	26.2.2022 upto 11:00 Hrs.	26.2.2022 at 16:30 Hr

# **FM reviews PSBs' readiness** to tackle disruption

#### Asks banks to support Covid-affected sectors

Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday chaired a meeting with chiefs of public sector banks and assessed their readiness to tackle any possible disruptions due to the Omicron variant.

The Finance Ministry said during the meeting with bank CMDs/MDs, held through virtual mode, the minister also asked lenders to support sectors, besides farm, retail and MSMEs, that face interruption due to COVID.

Sitharaman also reviewed various steps taken by PSBs in implementing pandemic-related measures initiated by the government and RBI.

"During the review meeting, Smt. Sitharaman assessed various steps taken by PSBs in implementing pandemic-related measures initiated by Government of India and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and readiness to tackle possible future disruptions that may occur due to the ongoing variant of the COVID-19 pandemic," the Ministry said in a

The ongoing third wave of the highly infectious Omicron variant of coronavirus has led to various domestic rating agencies lowering India's growth forecast for the current fiscal. India Ratings and Research cut its forecast to 9.3 per cent, from 9.4 per cent earlier, while Brickwork Ratings has revised its estimates to 8.5-9 per cent from 10 per cent.

While appreciating the success of ECLGS, the Finance Minister said it is not time yet to rest on our achievements, and that our collective efforts must strive towards supporting sectors that face interruption

due to the continued onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic. Sitharaman also conveyed to

the bankers to continue supporting the agriculture sector, farmers, retail sector and MSMEs, according to the state-

Sitharaman noted that business outlook is progressively improving despite the headwinds from global development and Omicron spread. The Finance Minister

underlined that contact inten-

sive sectors may require more

support to help them fight against the pandemic. She also said that credit demand is expected to pick up on account of growth in retail segments, improvement in macroeconomic prospects and improving financial health of borrowers, as per

the statement.

# Markets return to winning ways, post weekly gains

found firmer ground on Friday as investors accumulated energy, infra and IT stocks amid a mixed trend in overseas mar-

Clawing back some lost ground after the previous session's heavy sell-off, the 30share BSE Sensex ended 142.81 points or 0.24 per cent higher at 59,744.65. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 66.80 points or 0.38 per cent to close at 17,812.70. Asian Paints was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, climbing 1.79 per cent, followed by TCS, Nestle India, Ultratech Cement, ICICI Bank, **HUL** and Reliance Industries.

On the other hand, Bajaj Finserv, M&M, L&T, Baja Finance, HDFC, Titan and Bharti Airtel were among the laggards, shedding up to 1.39 per cent. "Domestic indices erased early gains following weak cues from global peers as markets globally await the Eurozone inflation rate and US payroll data due later today. Strong appetite for healthcare and consumer durable stocks aided the markets in closing flat with a positive bias.

"Although rising Omicron cases and hawkish stance by the US Fed is keeping the market volatile, hopes of favourable earnings season and FIIs switching to net buyers is pumping in optimism into the market," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial On a weekly basis, the

Sensex advanced 1,490.83

points or 2.55 per cent, while the Nifty gained 458.65 points or 2.64 per cent. Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking, said markets are likely to consolidate after the recent surge and it would be healthy. Volatility is likely to remain high, citing mixed global cues and COVID-related updates. Besides, upcoming macroeconomic data (IIP, CPI, and WPI) and the beginning of the earnings season could further add to the choppiness.

## Rupee gains 8 **74.34** against US dollar

Mumbai: The Indian rupee eked out 8 paise gains to close at 74.34 against the US dollar on Friday, helped by weaker greenback against key rivals and positive domestic equities.

At the interbank forex market, the local unit opened at 74.41 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.25 and finally ended the day at 74.34, registering a gain of 8 paise from its previous close of 74.42.

On a weekly basis, the rupee depreciated 5 paise against the American curren-

"Rupee traded strong as capital market gains, mainly financial sector performance, helped rupee appreciation. Dollar traded weak, keeping less pressure on rupee as rupee digested the strong banking rally. Range for rupee can be seen between 74.20-74.60," said Jateen Trivedi, Senior Research

#### Assam Govt, NDDB signs MoU paise to close at | for holistic diary development

**New Delhi:** With the vision of transforming the rural landscape of Assam through dairy farming, Government of Assam National Development Board (NDDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for creation of a joint venture for the dairy sector's holistic development on Friday at Srimanta Sankardeva International Auditorium in Guwahati. The foundation stone of Purabi Dairy expansion project was also laid.

The MoU was signed by Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB and Maninder Singh, Additional Chief Secretary, Dept. of Cooperation, of Assam in presence of Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma, and Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Parshottam Rupala. The event was also attended by many senior Government officials, concerned agencies and dairy

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Sarma said that the target of Analyst at LKP Securities. PTI | this joint venture will be to cre-

ate milk processing capacities to handle and add value to over 10 lakh litres of milk every day. This will not only help more than 1.75 lakh farmers to alleviate their incomes but will also create huge employment at various levels of the milk value chain. The joint venture will setup six dairy processing facilities across Assam, wherein milk from more than 4100 Dairy Cooperative Societies shall be processed, packed and marketed.

Rupala mentioned that the new initiative will lead to higher returns for the local dairy farmers, which is a step towards the aim of "Doubling Farmers' Income" envisioned by the Prime Minister. He further said, as part of this dairy development project, more than 15000 high milk-yielding Gir cows will be inducted into Assam to ensure higher returns to the state's dairy farmers. The plan also envisages setting up infrastructure for Cattle Feed and Silage manufacturing within Assam. He stressed on the need for breed improvement of cattle through technology.

## TCS Board to consider buyback proposal on Jan 12

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's largest IT firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday said its Board will consider a buyback proposal on January 12.

'...The Board of Directors will consider a proposal for buyback of equity shares of the company, at its meeting to be held on January 12, 2022," a regulatory filing said.

No other details of the buyback proposal were dis-The Board of the Mumbai-based company is scheduled to meet on January 12 to approve and take on record the financial results of the company for the third quarter and nine months ending December 31, 2021.

At the end of the September 2021 quarter, TCS had cash and cash equivalents of Rs 51,950

On Friday, TCS shares closed 1.26 per cent higher at ₹3,854.85 on BSE.

offer of around ₹16,000 crore January last year.

had opened on December 18 2020, and closed on January 1, 2021. Over 5.33 crore equity shares were bought back under the offer for ₹ 3,000

In 2018, TCS had undertaken a share buyback programme worth up to ₹ 16,000 crore. The buyback, at ₹ 2,100 per equity share, had entailed up to 7.61 crore shares. In 2017 too, TCS had taken a similar share purchase programme.

Smaller peers like Infosys and Wipro have also undertaken buyback programmes to return surplus cash on their books to shareholders.

In September last year, Infosys had said it has bought back over 5.58 crore equity shares as part of its about ₹ 9,200 crore buyback offer. The process - conducted via open market through Indian stock exchanges - saw shares being bought back in the range of ₹1,538.10 and ₹ 1,750.

Wipro had also completed TCS' previous buyback a ₹9,500 crore buyback in

#### ICICI Bank now facilitates online payment of

customs duty New Delhi: Private sector lender ICICI Bank on Friday

said it now facilitates online payment of customs duty, to benefit both retail and corporate customers. Corporate customers can pay customs duty through the bank's corporate internet banking (CIB) and mobile banking app InstaBIZ, while retail customers can do so through the bank's retail internet banking

Customers can make online payment by selecting ICICI Bank from the list of banks on the website of the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE), it said in a state-Expressing gratitude to the Central Board of Indirect

and Customs to enable digital payments of customs duty for its customers, ICICI Bank Head (Transaction Banking) Hitesh Sethia said: "This facilityenables millions of ICICI Bank customers to conveniently pay customs duty digitally through ICEGATE website.

### Sitharaman reviews progress | Forex reserves down by USD on planned mega LIC IPO

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday reviewed the progress of the planned disinvestment of the country's largest insurer LIC.

The initial public offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), touted to be the biggest ever in the country's history, is expected to hit the markets by March. "Union Finance Minister

Smt. @nsitharaman reviewed progress of the LIC IPO in New Delhi today in presence of @SecyDIPAM; Secretary @DFS\_India and Senior Officials @LICIndiaForever and @FinMinIndia via VC," the finance ministry tweeted.

LIC IPO is crucial for meeting the ₹1.75-lakh crore disinvestment target set for current fiscal (April-March). So far this fiscal, ₹9,330 crore has been mopped up through PSU disinvestment. The government in September last year appointed 10 merchant bankers, including Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Pvt Ltd, Citigroup Global Markets India Pvt Ltd and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Pvt Ltd to manage the mega IPO of the country's largest insurer LIC.

Other selected bankers include SBI Capital Market Ltd, JM Financial Ltd, Axis Capital Ltd, BofA Securities, J.P. Morgan India Pvt Ltd, ICICI Securities Ltd, and Kotak Mahindra Capital Co Ltd.

Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas has been appointed as legal advisor for the IPO. The Government is in the process of deciding the quantum of government stake that will be divested through the IPO.PTI

# 1.466 bn to USD 633.614 bn

Mumbai: The country's foreign exchange reserves declined by USD 1.466 billion to USD 633.614 billion in the week ended December 31, RBI data showed.

In the previous week ended December 24, the reserves dipped by USD 587 million to USD 635.08 billion. It touched a life-time high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 3, 2021.

During the reporting week ended December 31, the decline in foreign exchange reserves was on account of a fall in foreign currency assets (FCA), a major component of the overall reserves, Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly data released on Friday showed. FCA declined by USD 1.48 billion to USD 569.889 billion in the reporting week, the RBI data showed. Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves rose by USD 14 million to USD 39.405 billion in the reporting

The special drawing rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) remained unchanged at USD 19.114 billion in the reporting week, the RBI said.

The country's reserve position with the IMF was also unchanged at USD 5.207 billion in the reporting week, the

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#### RBI OK's Anup Bagchi's re-appointment as ICICI Bank Executive Director PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The RBI has approved the reappointment of Anup Bagchi as the Executive Director of ICICI Bank for three years, even as the bank had cleared the term for five The Reserve Bank vide its let-

ter dated January 6, 2022, has approved the re-appointment of Anup Bagchi as an Executive Director of the bank for three years with effect from February 1, 2022, ICICI Bank said in a regulatory filing on Friday. The shareholders of the bank at

its Annual General Meeting in August last year had approved Bagchi's re-appointment for five years effective February 1, 2022.

ICICI Bank has two more executive directors -- Sandeep Batra and

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2	12850598		19/10/2020	35681	Delhi NCR-Burari
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5	12191419		18/08/2020	33910	Delhi-Anand Parba
6	13340268	Jaswant Singh	24/11/2020	47663	Delhi-Anand Parba
7	12579638		24/09/2020	6278	Delhi-Badarpur
8	7082830	Pushpa Devi	30/03/2019	7663	Delhi-Bhajanpura
9	12521263	Yogesh Ramesh	18/09/2020	221190	Delhi-Chandni Chov
10	11712096	Rahul Kumar	28/06/2020	5885	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
11	12294135	Neetu Rameshwar Tiwari	28/08/2020	12202	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
12	12392632	Vikas Chauhan	08/09/2020	98455	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
13	9751842	Virender Pal	21/11/2019	8373	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
14	13017848		02/11/2020	6501	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
15	13664367	Liyakat Anwar	26/12/2020	11312	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
16	14790819	Govind Pandey	26/03/2021	18720	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
17	2822550	Jagannath Kaushal	12/07/2017	12717.4	Delhi-Dilshad Garde
18	14648186		17/03/2021	12550	Delhi-Hari Nagar
19	15831604	Pankaj Kumar Jain	29/06/2021	41360	Delhi-Jagatpuri
20	12495593		16/09/2020	18720	Delhi-Kailash Naga
21	14055805	Rashid Khan	27/01/2021	27420	Delhi-Kailash Naga
22	12270555	Pramod Kumar Gupta	26/08/2020	137700	Delhi-Karol Bagh
23	13151595	Abhishek Chaturvedi	13/11/2020	6092	Delhi-Karol Bagh
24	12609646	Mohd Asad	28/09/2020	27713	Delhi-Kashmiri Gat
25	14272126	Raj Kumar	16/02/2021	12724	Delhi-Kashmiri Gat
26	8104426	Lokender Sharma	03/07/2019	25260	Delhi-Keshavpuran
27	13508297	Nadeem Alam Khan	10/12/2020	13800	Delhi-Lajpat Nagar
28	13505458	Madan Bhardwaj	10/12/2020	6780	Delhi-Madipur
29	12054683		06/08/2020	14110	Delhi-Malviya Naga
30	12156607	Mukul Ishwar	14/08/2020	45884	Delhi-Malviya Naga
31	11876633	Renu Ram Dass	16/07/2020	4868	Delhi-Mayapuri
32	4137777	P C Rana	31/03/2018	3096	Delhi-Nai Sadak
33	11496621	Amit Kumar	05/06/2020	12655	Delhi-Nai Sadak
34	12468359	Anil Kumar	15/09/2020	5948	Delhi-Nai Sadak
35	12736699		09/10/2020	6876	Delhi-Nai Sadak
36		Amit Kumar	09/03/2021	19345	Delhi-Nai Sadak
37	14550222		09/03/2021	12935	Delhi-Nai Sadak
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51	14402091		25/02/2021	13006	Delhi-Sadar
52	16301036		17/07/2021	26145	Delhi-Shahdara
53	12654927	Rita Chaudhary	08/10/2020	5495	Delhi-Shahdara
54	14210563		09/02/2021	6930	Delhi-Shahdara
55	13747704		31/12/2020	7674	Delhi-Tilak Nagar
56	10188191		31/12/2019	40656	Delhi-Uttam Naga
57		Ashutosh Kumar	10/02/2020	20429	Delhi-Uttam Naga
58	14086996		30/01/2021	11809	Delhi-Uttam Naga
59	14087853	Sunil Kumar	31/01/2021	49694	Delhi-Uttam Naga
60	14192603	Kumod Laxmi	10/02/2021	6475	Delhi-Uttam Naga
61	14799849	Vijay Gupta	27/03/2021	6848	Delhi-Uttam Nagar

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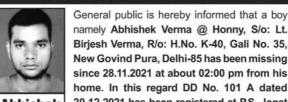
For and on behalf of President of India, Dy Chief Electrical Engineer, Carriage Repai Workshop, Harnaut invites open e-tender for the following work as detailed:-

1. Name of the work with its location Overhauling and Repairing of Roof Mount Package Unit LHB AC coaches, Qty.: 70 coaches (i.e. 140 RMPUs) at Carriag Repair Workshop, Harnaut. 2. Estimated cost of the work: Rs. 1,56,51,811.83 (Rupees One Crore fifty six lakh fifty one thousand eight hundred eleven and eight three paise only). 3. Earnest Money: Rs 3,13,100.00 (Rupees Three lakh thirteer thousand one hundred only) 4. Date & Tim for submission of tender and opening o Tender: The tender has to be submitted online on <u>http://www.ireps.gov.in</u> up to 12.00 hrs. 28.01.2022 and it will be opened on the same day at 12.30 hrs. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria, etc could be viewed on http://www.ireps.gov. in & offer to be made through same website Full details of notice can be seen on notice board of Chief Workshop Manager Administrative Building, Carriage Repai Workshop, Harnaut, Nalanda, Bihar 803110. Any corrigendum will be uploaded

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on the same website if required.

#### SEARCH FOR MISSING



Verma @ Honny

home. In this regard DD No. 101 A dated 20.12.2021 has been registered at P.S. Jagat Puri, Delhi. The description of missing boy is as Name: Abhishek Verma, Age: 24 Years, Height: 5'8", Built: Normal, Face: Long, Complexion:

General public is hereby informed that a boy

namely Abhishek Verma @ Honny, S/o: Lt.

New Govind Pura, Delhi-85 has been missing

since 28.11.2021 at about 02:00 pm from his

Wheatish, Wearing: Blue Sweater Grey Pajama and Orange Shoes in Feet, ID Mark: Mind Abnormal. If anyone have any information about this missing boy please inform

P.S. Jagat Puri, Delhi.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

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General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Khushi D/o Narender Kumar R/o E-17, Bharat Vihar, Near Bhram Shakti School, Begumpur, Delhi. Age 15 years, Height 4'8", Complexion Shallow, Round Face, Wearing Black Colour Suit-Salwar has been missing/kidnapped since 27.11.2021 from the area of PS Begumpur,

Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl, but no clue has come to light so far. In this regard a FIR No. 599/21 dated 22.12.2021 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at PS Begumpur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following Website: http://cbi.nic.in Email: cic@cbi.gov.in

**SEARCH FOR MISSING** 



Fax: 011-23011334

DP/1235/RD/2021

Ph: 011-23014046, 23015218

General public is here by informed that this boy (depicted in the photo) namely: Prince S/o Firoz R/o Urdu Park, Meena Bazaar, Jama Masjid, Delhi, has been missing/ kidnapped from his house from regard FIR No. 344/21 u/s 363 IPC has Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the boy but no clue has come to light so far. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: 14 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow,

Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: White Colour T-Shirt, Black colour Jeans

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Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ P.S. Jama Masjid, Delhi

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PS Begumpur, Delhi

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Sr. Asst. Secretary

PPT/PR/137/21-22

Dt. 06.01.2022 SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Santosh, S/o: Ram Het Verma, R/o: H.No. 379 VPO Begumpur, Delhi, Age: 31 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Hair: Black, Wearing: White Colour Shirt, Khaki Colour Pant has been missing since 15.10.2021 from the area of P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 52A, Dated 22.12.2021, has been registered at

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P.S. Begumpur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing person but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing person please

inform to the following:-Web-site: http://cbi.nic.in E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-23011334 DP/1245/RD/2021

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**REGIONAL HEAD** 

Date: 08.01.2022

# A PASSION PURSUIT

From the beginning of her career to her experience in the industry till date, Inside Edge actress HIMANSHI CHOUDHRY gets candid with HARLEEN KAUR

Actress Himanshi Choudhry, who has appeared in about 20 Himanshi notable television shows including Kutumb, Kareena Kareena, Dil Ki Baatein Dil Hi Jaane, Tu Aashiqui and so on, recently appeared in Inside Edge Season 3. Choudhry's projects have been well received by the audience. Moreover, she is all set to appear in Tigmanshu Dhulia's forthcoming Six Suspects and Anurag Kashyap's Dobaaraa.

Choudhary shares about the time she got interested in the pursuit of acting, "This was a long time back... I have been acting professionally since 2000 but I had studied musical theatre in America, in college. I had the plan to study theatre but I had never thought that I would be an actor because I used to be very shy. There was a class that I had to take in my course which pushed me to memorise monologues and I had to score well in that class, otherwise my grade point average would have dropped. So, I worked very hard and. My professor was extremely kind, I don't know whether I was good or not but he was extremely positive. My classmates too were very positive. In the feedback, my professor gave me an 'A' for the performance, that keeda of acting came from him and from there.

Further, on talking about life as an actor, she says, "My life as an actor has been good. I don't know any other life, so I don't know what to compare it with. I know that life as an actor is not really meant to be extremely cushy or that's not the kind of job I have signed up for. I have been very lucky to have opportunities earlier on my career which helped me sustain myself financially and emotionally. I started getting more involved in understanding how the Indian film industry



works, how the TV industry works. I don't think I will ever change my profession. I can't see myself not wanting to act in

On talking about her role in Inside Edge, the actress expresses, "Nobody was sure of how Inside Edge would turn out to be. I got the opportunity to do this web show because Gurmeet Singh was one of the associate directors. I had worked with him on a show which was on Epic channel. He knew that I fit the part in *Inside*Edge because he had worked with me and he told me, 'I know it is not a very big part for you in the first season, but you are the only one I can see for this part and we really want to cast you'. I was very keen to work with him again. I didn't think too much about it. I didn't know it would be

Talking about her most favourite season, she shares, "Very honestly, the third season is my favourite, but I like all the seasons of Inside Edge. I really had fun during the second season. But as an audience, I feel that characters have evolved, so I think that in the third one, every one got more involved, in comparison to the



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Choudhry has worked both in TV shows and OTT. On the same, she says, "In TV shows, everything is going at such a fast pace that you don't really have time. Nothing is easy in TV, you have to be in character, no mat-

ter how tired you are. Also, I feel that roles in TV are hard to play. In OTT, I have had the time and space to get into the characters' shoes and feel their emotions. We don't really speed in 10 scenes a day in a web series. You have time to prepare for it but in TV, it doesn't work like that. So, it works for some people, sometimes it does not work for some people but I like taking an adequate time in preparing. I think web shows do better for me."

Additionally, the actress discussed about how entertainment had changed during the pandemic. On this, Choudhry adds, "Entertainment has not changed, people have changed. Firstly, entertainment, in this context 'content,' is changed 10 times more than it used to be before Covid happened. Because we all know, ultimately, we all had too much time in our hands and once you get involved in the liking of a specific type of a show or film, you start exploring more. So, what it has done is, it has actually encouraged the audience to be a little more aware of their likes and dislikes. Everyone has Netflix and Amazon so they have a lot of choices to select from. Earlier, people did not really have time to pay attention either. So, I would like to say that audience is more evolved post-Covid, which is a

great thing for all of us."

She continued, "Also, the demand for quality content has become more. Now we can't put out average or even semi-average content out there, for people. The content has to be good because the audience has become smarter.

I think it's a good thing that everyone is aware of the stuff they watch."

While conversing about work-life balance, she shares, "I do not mix my personal and professional life too much. As an actor, your personal life starts gets involved with work. For me, I'm not just an actor, I more than that. I do other things in my life as well. I see that for a normal person, it is very easy to get carried away. To balance life, I indulge in my hobbies — I like colouring a lot, I think colours, sort of, bring out a lot of things which are in my head. I like other languages and I have been learning Spanish for a while. Also, I have been working in hospitality. I'm more than an actor, I'm a PERSON. In terms of balancing life, I believe that most of the time I succeed and sometimes I get worked up."

The actress was also a part of the Mumbai Film Festival (MAMI). Choudhry expressed, It was great to be a part of MAMI Film Festival. That's where I worked with hospitality. I worked as an International jury manager. I had a six members' team that I was leading. I loved every day of this festival and got to meet very good people. Film is what I love, my intention is always to be a part of independent cinema and to be a part of MAMI in that way was really special."

About her forthcoming projects, the actress explains, "To my fans, I would just like to ask them to keep watching whatever I do and I love feedbacks. I'm enjoying the kind of projects that are coming my way now. I would request everyone to support and watch as much as they can. Hopefully, these projects will be

(Inside Edge Season 3 started streaming on Amazon Prime



# Pandemic ready

The film industry is now better prepared to deal with the new variant, says veteran producer, ANAND PANDIT, at the outset of the third wave. By TEAM VIVA

Tust as the industry was celebrating the return of audiences to theatres to watch big-ticket films and rejoicing at the prospect of brisk business in overseas territories, the Omicron variant has upset the best-laid plans.

The veteran producer, Anand Pandit, ruminates, "We are facing a third wave considering the surge in cases and it is a matter of grave concern, not just for business but for the entire nation. There could be setbacks in the exhibition sector once again but let us remember that the industry has survived an extended lockdown, massive loss of revenue, production hindrances, and release delays. We have survived to tell the tale and there is no reason why we cannot deal with the latest challenge. I feel we are better prepared today than we were when the pandemic first took us by surprise. From not knowing what to do next, we are now shooting films in bio-bubbles, managing pre and post-production, and even traveling. The show will go on with utmost caution, of

He believes that the overseas markets may be affected also and forthcoming releases like SS Rajamouli's RRR, Prabhas-starrer Radhe Shyam may have to wait out this phase. Pandit adds, "Certain territories have been affected more than the others in the pandemic and overseas distributors have been in distress but this time will pass too. We may have to be satisfied with less screen count but let us remember that compared to where we were two years ago, every small step forward indicates that we have made progress. For now, the biggest priority is to stay safe and be as responsible as possible to ensure that the virus is con-



### Celebrating achievements

Television stars ARJUN BIJLANI and RITHVIK DHANJANI will host the Zee Rishtey Awards this year. By TEAM VIVA

It's that time of the year when Zee TV acknowledges the contributions of innumerable actors, directors, producers, creative teams, and technicians who work round the clock, to bring to the audience daily primetime shows, with the celebration of the Zee Rishtey Awards.

This year as well, the award show will be celebrated with full gusto, but there's an element of surprise for one and all. *Rishton Ka Tyohaar*, this year, will be a mega spectacle that will celebrate the deeply, cherished relation deeply cherished relationships that viewers share with their favourite characters and they, in turn, share with their respective reel families.

While the audience will have a gala time seeing their favourite stars come together under one roof during the main event, hosts of the show Arjun Bijlani and Rithvik Dhanjani will set the tone and keep the spirit alive with their ever-so-loved 'dostana'! Bijlani will be attending the award show for the very first time.

He expressed, "It's an honour to be a part of the Zee Rishtey Awards and this being my first ever appearance on Zee TV makes it all the more special for me. I'm so excited to meet my friends from the industry and have a great time with all of them. Hosting becomes a lot easier when you have a partner who is just as energetic as you, so both Rithvik and I are going to have a ball and will surely make it worth watching for our audi-

Dhanjani added, "It's always fun to have a coanchor who also happens to be a friend. Both of us are equally thrilled about the Awards and we will have a lot of fun banter with all our friends from the industry. It's an event we wait for the whole year and now that it's here, I can't keep calm?

(To know who amongst your favourite actors and shows bagged the nominations to the prestigious awards and to witness all the electrifying acts, tune into Zee Rishtey Awards and its exciting curtain-raiser properties, coming soon, only on Zee TV.)

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m hushan}$  Kumar, Krishan Kumar and Nidhi Parmar Hiranandani are set to bring audiences a compelling story of Srikanth Bolla. Starring Rajkummar Rao and directed by Tushar Hiranandani, Srikanth Bolla is a biopic of an industrialist who didn't let his visual impairment come in the way of his vision and founded Bollant Industries spear headed by Ravi Kanth Mantha. This inspiring tale is penned by Sumit Purohit and Jagdeep Sidhu, and the

Hailing from a small, non-descript village in rural Andhra Pradesh, Bolla has faced adversities and overcome challenges. Born blind to poor, uneducated parents, he has faced immense opposition and struggle early in life right from his birth to fighting a long-standing legal battle with state after class 10 to opt for man of T-Series says, "Srikanth

## Acing against the odds Director BHUSHAN KUMAR produces a biopic on visually impaired industrialist Srikanth Bolla, along with producer NIDHI PARMAR HIRANANDANI starring RAJKUMMAR RAO. By TEAM VIVA science stream. However, Bolla

always had bigger dreams, he not only cleared his 10th and 12th standard exams with flying colours but also managed to be the first shoot on this film will com- international blind student to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. A strong, trailblazing visionary as he firmly believes that vision is much

> do more with the mind. Talking about such an amazing persona with an inspir-

more than eyesight, and has to



Bolla's story testifies the very proverb of acing against the odds. Having faced so many challenges since birth, yet not letting anything hamper his dreams — his journey is truly privilege to be associated with a person like him. The personality of this character is such that only an actor of a caliber like Rajkummar Rao can justify it and we are happy to have such a fine actor on board. Tushar Hiranandani's vision to showcase this captivating story is very peculiar. As we are thrilled to this compelling project.

make this film, we are equally excited for the audiences to witness this compelling story!"

Nidhi Parmar and Tushar share, "The minute we learnt about Sri's story we decided that this inspiring story needs to reach the masses and what can be a better medium than cinema. We are truly blessed to be working with such powerhouses like Rajkummar Rao and Bhushanji for this project. We really hope that Sri's journey really tugs the heart strings of the audiences just like it did for all of us."

Rao adds, "Srikanth Bolla is an inspiration. It's indeed a privilege to play such an inspiring persona who has been through a lot of hardships and despite that has risen like a phoenix. I am really looking forward to playing Srikant. I'm happy to collaborate with Bhushan sir yet again on

# A sneak peak

A fine blend of a fresh storyline and unique characters, Sab Satrangi will take the viewers on a journey through the picturesque city of Lucknow. By Team Viva

 $T^{
m here}$  are families, and then there's a Satrangi family, signifying uniqueness, and diversity like each of the colours in the rainbow in its true sense. This Satrangi family is all set to entertain the audience soon on Sony SAB in the forthcoming show, Sab Satrangi. With a fine blend of fresh story-line and unique characters, Sab Satrangi will take the viewers to the picturesque city of Lucknow, to the Maurya household, an unconventional family who share their joys, sorrows, dreams, and despite the differences, they hold on to each other and stay

show revolves around, Mankameshwar or Manu, played by actor Mohit Kumar. Manu is one of the most kind-hearted hardworking and resilient men, who believes that good things happen to good people and that if you don't harm or have bad intentions towards anyone, bad things won't happen to you. Manu is his Daadi's laadla, the head of the Maurya family. Played by Joyoshree Arora, she is not your typical Daadi, she's bold and a cool award-winning life insurance agent, who is determined to not let her age affect her

Adding drama and colour to the Satrangi family will be Manu's father, Shyam Babu played by Dayashakar Pandey, who's trying to fulfill his dream of entertaining the world through this magic tricks. Moving ahead, actor Puru Chibber plays Deepu Bhaiyya, Manu's brother and Satyajit Sharma plays Daddy Khushwa, the local don of Lucknow. What are the dynamics between these characters and how would it affect Manu and is family is some-



The Maurya household, a Satrangi family, is unconventional. They share their joys, sorrows, dreams and despite the differences, hold onto each other.

thing we will have to wait andwatch. Ōther talented actors such as Hima

Singh, Deepak Kumar Bandhu, and Samridhi Singh are also part of the cast

(More information about the characters in the show and how their lives collide will be revealed soon only on Sony SAB's Sab

# The ultimate li'l master

The OG judge of Dance India Dance, REMO D'SOUZA, makes a comeback on DID Li'l Masters Season 5. By TEAM VIVA

A fter receiving an overwhelming response to the previous four seasons that introduced audiences to some exceptional young dancers, the channel is all set to take the show to a new level with the launch of *DID* Li'l Masters Season 5. The excitement for viewers has

hit the roof this season as the OG judge of Dance India Dance, the renowned choreographer, Remo D'Souza, is back on the show. He is the first to have been roped in onto the panel of judges and is ready to groom the raw talent of the nation. While D'Souza has occupied the first seat, all eyes are on who will be the other judges this season.

In the meantime, D'Souza is ecstatic about judging the show once again, as he shares, "DID Li'l Masters not only provides a national platform for the youngest talent in our country to showcase their dancing skills but also further polishes their skills and helps them grow as performing artists. It's an honour and absolute pleasure to be a part of this show because these young kids truly inspire me to the core. I remember making my debut with Dance India Dance Season 1 and being a mentor to the talent of this iconic show for several years. Now, coming back for the fifth season is surreal and I can't wait to start shooting. I want all the contestants to dance their hearts out because it is their passion for dance that will help them make a place for themselves in the industry.



The audition for DID Li'l Masters Season 5 starts in January and will take place in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Jaipur, Indore, Guwahati, Vadodara, and Pune. Participants between the age group of three to 13 years will compete against each other to become the ultimate Li'l

Master. In their journey, each contestant will be guided by four skippers, who will go the extra mile to help these young dancing sensations learn, grow and impress the audi-

> (To know more, stay tuned for Dance India Dance Li'l Masters Season 5, on Zee TV.)

**AP** SYDNEY

brave century by Jonny Bairstow and a half-century for Ben Stokes helped England claw its way back to 258-7 after a terrible start to the third day of the fourth Ashes test Friday at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Bairstow scored the tourists' first century in its seventh innings this series to headline a day where England had slumped to 36-4 by lunch before its middle order counterattacked to help England get back into the match on another rainaffected day at the SCG.

In clear pain after being struck on the thumb by a Pat Cummins delivery and with partners running out, Bairstow began attacking at nearly every ball and brought up a deserved century from 138 balls with 12 boundaries and three sixes moments before stumps by slashing a Cummins delivery for four.

Bairstow celebrated his seventh test century by running halfway towards the England team dressing room with arms aloft, where his teammates had gathered to acknowledge a vital innings in the context of the match which had earlier looked to be slipping away.

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Earlier, Ben Stokes made a typically swashbuckling 66 of 91 balls, including nine fours and a towering six over cover, as part of a 128-run partnership with Bairstow which steadied England's innings after its early collapse.

Nathan Lyon eventually ended the 128-run partnership by trapping

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Stokes lbw with a ball that kept lower than the allrounder expected.

He was perhaps fortunate to get that far having before tea survived a sharp missed caught-and-bowled chance off Pat Cummins and then successfully reviewing an on-field lbw out' decision where the ball had in fact missed the pad and flicked

the off stump but not dislodged the bail.

Shortly after raising his halfcentury off 80 balls, Bairstow was struck by a ball from Cummins that reared up off the pitch and struck the batsman on the thumb. Bairstow received treatment on the ground for several minutes before resuming

his innings, but was visibly in discomfort holding the bat.

Jos Buttler became the second duck off the innings chipping to Khawaja at cover off Cummins (2-68) to reduce England to 173-6 and in danger of not avoiding the followon target of 218.

But Bairstow and Mark Wood

combined for an unbroken 72-run partnership to reduce the visitors nerves before Cummins eventually had Wood caught by Lyon for 39 off 41 balls going for one big shot too

Before lunch, England's batting frailties again were exposed by Australia's pace attack after it

resumed at 13 without loss in a rain delayed session.

Haseeb Hameed was dropped on two by wicketkeeper Alex Carey in Mitchell Starc's second over, but the reprieve only cost four runs as Starc (1-49) bowled the opener for six in his next over.Zak Crawley, who survived being caught off a no-ball from Starc late on day two, took a blow on the hand by the left-arm quick before Boland found a way through his defences and hit the top

of off-stump when on 18.
Scott Boland (2-25) then had Root caught at slip for a duck in his next over with the England skipper again playing away from his body and edging behind to Steve Smith

at second slip.
Dawid Malan (3) was dismissed in the over before lunch, caught by Usman Khawaja at slip off Green's bowling, leaving England in tatters at the break.

Boland was taken for a precautionary scan tumbling in his follow through with the final ball before tea. Australia team management later said the 32-year-old, who made a sensational debut in Melbourne to help Australia retain the Ashes, had "been cleared of any damage" and later returned to the

The inclement weather early Friday didn't dampen the 'Pink Test' fundraising efforts of the McGrath Foundation, chaired by former test paceman Glenn McGrath, which for the past 14 years has been a feature on day three of the Sydney test.

Most of the 28,415 crowd wore pink clothing and one of the stands at the Sydney Cricket Ground was covered in pink bunting to celebrate the charity's work.

# 'Bowled' that was not to be: Tendulkar-Warne have fun discussion on Stokes' lucky survival



**PTI** SYDNEY

Green ball hit his stumps but he survived as the in and left-handed Stokes had shouldered arms, Warne and Sachin Tendulkar to discuss intro-

duction of a possible new law.

The incident happened on the third day of England batter Ben Stokes had luckiest of the fourth Ashes Test on Friday when Australian all-rounder Green bowled one that was angled

But it came back enough to kiss the offstump. The bail started getting out of the groove but eventually settled down.

The on-field umpires asked for a referral but since the bails didn't completely get out of the groove, Stokes was adjudged not out. He went onto make a crucial 66.

"Should a law be introduced called 'hitting the stumps' after the ball has hit them but not dislodged the bails? What do you think guys? Let's be fair to bowlers," tweeted Tendulkar tag-

ging Warne.

The iconic leg-spinner Warner said in jest that the point needs to be debated.

"Interesting point & one to debate my friend. I will take this to the world cricket committee for discussion & come back to you.

Never seen anything like that today Greene's delivery was 142kph and hit the stump hard," Warne replied.

However another stylish Aussie batter of yesteryears Damien Martyn had a straight "No" to Tendulkar's proposal.

However the freakish nature of the survival did surprise one and all including former

Australian captain Ricky Ponting.
"I've not seen one with a ball like that,"

Ponting said on Channel 7. "It's actually just made the stump move side-

# Slow overrate will lead to a fielder less outside 30 yard circle: ICC

The ICC on Friday announced that slow overrate in T20 The ICC on Friday announced that show or create in Internationals will result in a fielder less outside of the 30-yard circle for the remaining overs of the innings, start-

The governing body also introduced an optional drinks interval midway through the innings in bilateral T20 international cricket as part of its updated playing

The in-match penalties are in addition to the sanctions for slow over rate outlined in Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel. "The over rate regulations are captured in clause 13.8 of the playing conditions, which stipulate that a fielding side must be in position to bowl the first ball of the final over of the innings by the scheduled or rescheduled time for the end of the innings," the ICC stated.

"If they are not in such a position, one fewer fielder will be permitted outside of the 30-yard circle for the remaining overs of the innings."

The change was recommended by the ICC Cricket Committee, which regularly discusses ways to improve the pace of play in all formats, after considering reports on the effectiveness of a similar regulation that was included in the playing conditions for the Hundred competition conducted by the ECB.

In another change, an optional drinks break of two minutes and thirty seconds may be taken at the mid-point ally stayed exactly in the groove of the stump." | at the start of each series.



The first men's match to be played under the new playing conditions will be the one-off tie between the West Indies and Ireland at the Sabina Park in Jamaica on January 16. The first T20I of the three-match series between South Africa and the West Indies in Centurion on January 18

# Dravid hints at 'conversations' with Pant over timing of his shots



**PTI** JOHANNESBURG

India head coach Rahul Dravid has hinted at having a conversation with wicketkeeper batter Rishabh Pant over the timing of his shots, including the wild slog that led innings of the lost second Test against South Africa here.

Speaking to media after

to his dismissal in the second

Thursday, Dravid said he would always want Pant to play positive cricket but at times, the shot selection can be different. "We know Rishabh plays

India's seven-wicket defeat on

positively and he plays in a particular manner and that has got him a little bit of success. But of course there are times when we are going to have to have some sort of level of conversations

...It is just little bit or may be selection of the time to play that (shot)," Dravid added at the virtual post-match press confer-

Pant tried to smash Kagiso Rabada out of the ground on the third ball of his innings but ended up edging it to the wick-etkeeper, drawing sharp criticism from all quarters.

"No one is going to ever tell Rishabh (Pant) not to be a positive player or not to be an aggressive player but sometimes it is just the question of picking and choosing the time to do that," Dravid said when specifically asked whether he was upset with Pant's shot.

Dravid, himself a veteran of 164 Tests, also said that Pant can change the course of the game

"...Maybe giving yourself a little more time might be a little bit more advisable but look I mean in the end, we know what we are getting with Rishabh," he explained. "He is a really positive

player, he is someone who can change the course of the game very quickly for us, so naturally we won't take that away from him and ask him to become something very different.

"But sometimes, it is just about figuring out what is the right time to maybe attack and play out (a) slightly difficult period that sets the game up for you or sets your innings up. So, I mean he (Pant) is learning.

"He plays in a particular way, so it's always something that he is going to keep learning, keep improving and keep getting better," elaborated

# SLC lifts suspensions on Niroshan Dickwella, Kusal Mendis and Danushka Gunathilaka

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) has lifted the one-year suspensions of its three senior cricketers -- Danushka Gunathilaka, Kusal Mendis and Niroshan Dickwella -- five months after they were sanctioned for a bio-security breach during the national team's tour of England last year.

"Sri Lanka Cricket has decided to lift the one-year suspension imposed on the three players from playing International Cricket, across all three formats, with immediate effect," SLC stated in a press

It was during the tour that the trio went on a night out in Bristol and were caught on camera outside the confines of bio-security bubble in the midst of COVID-19 pandemic in UK last year.



"The latest decision was taken following a request made by the three players to Sri

imposed on them, pursuant to the conclusion of the LPL 2021. Based on such request, SLC obtained a report from the Doctor to provide counseling for the 3 players during their period of suspension.

'Upon consideration of the said report submitted by the Doctor, the Executive Committee of the SLC decided at a meeting held on Friday to remove the suspension of the said three players," the statement added.

The remaining period (7 months) will remain suspended for a period of two years, during which the three players' conduct will be closely monitored by the SLC.

Accordingly, the trio will be able to play domestic cricket with immediate effect and will also be available for national selection, subject to complying with mandatory fitness standards. All three are set to be selected during Sri Lanka's tour of India starting late next

### Kaif, Binny added to Indian team for LLC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Mohammed Kaif and Stuart Binny have been added to India Maharajas squad for the Howzat Legends League Cricket starting in Muscat from January 20. Shastri, Ravi

Commissioner of the tournament, said, "Mohammad Kaif and Stuart Binny's contribution to the Indian cricket is huge and likewise I feel they will also have an immense role to play in league as well."

The first season of Howzat LLC will have former cricketers from India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia, England, among other cricket nations divided into 3 teams representing India, Asia and Rest of the World.

## Sometimes we can be a little bit hard on senior players; Pujara, Rahane repaid faith: Gavaskar

**PTI** ■ JOHANNESBURG

The legendary Sunil Gavaskar feels Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane repaid the trust that was shown in them, adding it is easy to get excited by young talents but the team should continue showing faith in its senior players as long as they are "not getting out badly.

After a string of poor performances, the under-fire duo of Pujara and Rahane came good with the bat, scoring half-centuries in India's second innings of the second Test. The team has backed

them because of the experience and what they have done in the past. They had the belief that they will come good and they did," Gavaskar said on 'Star Sports.' "Sometimes we can be a lit-

tle bit hard on some of our senior players because you have these exciting young players waiting in the wings and we all want to see them get a bit of

"But as long as these senior players are playing well and not getting out badly, then I think we should show faith in them, he added.

India was without the ser-



vices of regular skipper Virat Kohli who was ruled out of the

Test minutes before the toss due to a lower back spasm.

"It is amazing, this is the first time that India have lost a Test match in which Virat Kohli has not played. They drew once in Sydney but oth-

drew once in Sydney but otherwise they have always won.

Despite Rahane and Pujara's knocks India was not able to contain the South African batters, specially skipper Dean Elgar, who stitched crucial partnerships to lead the hosts to series-levelling 1-1 win here on Thursday.

win here on Thursday. Gavaskar was impressed by stand-in skipper KL Rahul's field placements. He

was also critical of the Indian

fielding.
"I thought giving Dean Elgar those singles at the start of the innings was making life a little bit easier for him.

"Elgar is not a hooker of the ball so to have two men in the deep did not make any sense. He was taking the singles

quite comfortably.

"The Indian fielding could have been just that little bit

But otherwise, it was the South Africans who won the game. I don't think the Indians

lost it, the South Africans who won this game," said Gavaskar.



### Bopanna-Ramkumar enter semis, Sania-Kichenok knocked out in Adelaide

**PTI** ■ ADELAIDE

India's Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar Ramanathan registered a resounding straight-set win to cruise into the semifinals but it was the end of the road for compatriot Sania Mirza in their respective ATP and WTA tournaments here on Friday.

Bopanna and Ramkumar trounced the French-Monegasque duo of Benjamin Bonzi and Hugo Nys 6-1 6-3 in the doubles quarterfinals of the Adelaide International 1 ATP 250 men's

However, Sania and her Ukrainian partner Nadiia Kichenok endured a bad day in the office as the two failed to make the summit clash of the Adelaide International 1 WTA event.

The duo put up a fiery fight

but eventually lost their doubles semifinal tie 1-6 6-2 8-10 against local favourites Ashleigh Barty and Storm Sanders in one hour five minutes.

The unseeded Indian pair of veteran Bopanna and Ramkumar will now clash with the fourth seeded Bosnian-Mexican duo of Tomislav Brkic and Santiago Gonzalez for a spot in the final.

The two Indians are pairing up for the first time on the ATP

Should Bopanna and Ramkumar continue their good show the two may pair up for India's Davis Cup tie against Denmark scheduled to be played in New Delhi in March.

The two Adelaide events are tune up tournaments for the Australian Open, starting January 17 in Melbourne

DJOKOVIC SPENDS RELIGIOUS DAY IN DETENTION

egardless of who made an error on the visa or the vaccination waiver or whatever, the reality Friday for tennis No. 1 Novak Djokovic was spending one of his important religious holidays in an Australian detention hotel working on his challenge against deportation.

Djokovic has been receiving calls from Serbia, including from his parents and the president, hoping to boost his spirits. A priest from the Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church in Melhaurne cought promission from Melbourne sought permission from immigration authorities to visit the nine-time Australian Open champion to celebrate the Orthodox Christmas

"Our Christmas is rich in many customs and it is so important that a priest visits him," the church's dean, Milorad Locard, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. "The whole thing around this event is appalling. That he has to spend Christmas in detention ... It is unthinkable."

Djoković's supporters gathered outside the Park Hotel, used to house refugees and asylum seekers near downtown Melbourne, waving flags and banners.

They mixed with human rights advocates who were there more to highlight the plight of other longerterm people in detention, many who have long complained about their living conditions and exposure to the coronavirus in the pandemic.

A day after both the prime minister and the home affairs minister said

it was the responsibility of the individual to have their visa documents in order, it seemed to dawn on people locally that whatever mistakes happened in the process, one of the high-

est-profile athletes in the world was in

Djokovic flew to Australia confident he had everything he needed to compete, given he had been approved by Victoria state government for a medical exemption.

That same evidence didn't comply with the Australian government's regulations.

So, instead of preparing to defend his Australian Open title, and bid to

win a men's-record 21st major title, he's preparing to go to the Federal Circuit Court on Monday to challenge his visa cancellation and deportation.

Attention is moving away from Djokovic's vaccination status atouchy topic in a city where people spent so long in lockdown and were subject to harsh travel restrictions and onto questions about how the nine-time Australian Open champion could have wound up in this situ-

Even some who have been critical of Djokovic in the past are now in

"Look, I definitely believe in tak-

down and find gratitude (and understanding) in this moment for all that is happening."
Critics of the medical exemptions

have said if there were no loopholes, then nobody would be in Djokovic's position right now. And while players have sympathized with Djokovic's situation, some have said getting vac-cinated would have prevented the

Djokovic has been a vaccine skep-tic, and has declined to acknowledge if he's had shots for COVID-19, but there can't be any doubt he traveled to Australia believing his paperwork was all in order.

The medical-exemption applications from players, their teams and tennis officials were vetted by two independent panels of medical experts at the state level. Djokovic had an approved exemption allowing him into e tournament.

But when he landed at the airport, the Australian government's Border Force canceled Djokovic's visa, saying he "failed to provide appropriate evidence to meet the entry require-

Australia's strict COVID-19 laws dictate that incoming travelers must have had two shots of an approved vaccine, or must have an exemption with a genuine medical reason, such as an acute condition, to avoid quar-

Tennis Australia said Djokovic's request for an exemption "was granted following a rigorous review

# Kashyap out for 6 weeks due to calf muscle injury



 $F^{ormer\ Commonwealth\ Games}_{champion\ shuttler\ Parupalli}$ Kashyap says he will have to "reassess his training" after being ruled out for six weeks due to a recent calf muscle injury.

A former world no six, Kashyap sustained a grade 1 calf muscle pull during the All India Senior Ranking tournament in Hyderabad (December 24-30) last month.

"I played Hyderabad Open, and I got injured in the first round, just when I was feeling really good but it seems I wasn't good enough for the match," a disappointed Kashyap

"I am not sure why it happened, probably it is the age...Now I think I have to reassess what is happen-

ing in training.
"I am thinking I am fit but probably I am not. My stamina for the calf muscles was not enough, the strength endurance for the calf muscle to last the entire match was not enough," he added. Kashyap, 35, has been troubled

by frequent injuries and fitness issues ever since his Commonwealth Games gold in 2014. After enduring another tough

year, the shuttler was looking for good outings at the two All India senior ranking tournaments at Chennai and Hyderabad.

## Olympic medallists Bajrang and Ravi choose to train with Indian coaches till Paris Olympics

PTI ■ NEW DELH

Not willing to spend a considerable time abroad under a foreign coach, Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Bajrang Punia has decided to train with an Indian coach in the country to prepare for the 2024 Paris Games.

Not only Bajrang but Ravi Dahiya, the Tokyo Games silver medallist, has also conveyed to the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) that he will prefer to train under Indian coaches instead of hiring a personal coach from abroad. Bajrang had trained with Georgian Shako Bentinidis while Ravi had Russian Kamal Malikov to help him along with a set of Indian coaches at Chhatrasal stadium.

Bajrang has been trying to hire a foreign coach since his association ended with Bentinidis but his search did not bear any fruit.



Even during his ongoing training camp in Russia, he looked for a coach but noone is willing to come to India, according to the 27-year-old.

'These coaches want me to spend at least 80 percent of the season in their country, a condition which is not acceptable to me. I am willing to spend half the time outside but no one is willing to come to India, so I have decided to train with an Indian coach," Bajrang told PTI from Moscow.

Bajrang did not elaborate why the foreign coaches are unwilling to come

to India. "I don't understand what their issue is in comig to India?"

Asked who he wants to train with, the two-time World medallist said he is yet to finalise a name.

The 27-year-old Bajrang is employed with the Indian Railways and it is expected that he will hire someone

Ravi Dahiya recently began his training at his training centre, where his long time friend and sparring partner Arun Kumar is helping him out. Mahabali Satpal, who has played a key role in shaping his career, is keeping an eye on his training schedule in the morning sessions at Chhatrasal stadium. "All Ravi wants is one more training partner. We will identify one for him in his category during the Ranking Series event in Gonda," said WFI Secretary Assistant

### PSG relying on Mbappe's scoring ahead of Lyon game

AP PARIS

THE PLAN

ing action, I got vaccinated because of

others and for my mums health, but

how we are handling Novak's situation is bad, really bad," Nick Kyrgios, an

Australian player and outspoken crit-

ic of some of Djokovic's opinions on

ons but at the end of the day, he is

media to thank her husband's support-

around the world for using your voice to send love to my husband," she

This is one of our great champi-

Jelena Djokovic posted on social

"Thank you dear people, all

vaccinations, posted on Twitter.

human. Do better.'

Paris Saint-Germain's reliance on Kylian Mbappe keeps growing as he keeps scoring.

That was illustrated again when he grabbed a hat trick in the French Cup on Monday night. It was against modest amateur

side Vannes, but the quality of his

finishing stood out regardless and took his overall tally this season to 18 goals in 25 games. The trip to Lyon on Sunday in the league may prove more difficult for Mbappe, given how hard it was to beat Lyon in September.

Icardi in the final seconds of stoppage time in that meeting. Lyon dominated for spells and often gives PSG a hard game at home. Lyon sits in a lowly 13th place, but PSG's form has been

PSG needed a header from Mauro

For although Mauricio

Pochettino's side reached the midseason break with a 13-point lead it was far tougher than it looks. PSG won just two of its last

five games and needed last-gasp equalizers against Lens and 19thplace Lorient heading into the winter break. In 19 matches, PSG has scored 12 times after the 80th minute to underline how individual talent — allied to a strong bench that includes Icardi and Copa America winner Angel Di Maria — made the difference more than impressive teamwork.

With Neymar out injured with a sprained ankle and record seven-time Ballon d'Or winner Lionel Messi surprisingly netting iust once in 11 league games, coach Mauricio Pochettino needs Mbappe at his very best.

Superintending Engineer RW Division, Rourkela

# Bolstered by Valskis return, Chennaiyin look to sail past Goa

PTI RAMBOLIM

 $B^{\rm olstered\ by\ the\ return\ of}_{\rm forward\ Nerijus\ Valskis,}$ Chennaiyin FC will be eager to build on the winning momentum and break into the top four when they take on FC Goa in the Indian Super League here on Saturday.

Chennaiyin snapped a two-game losing run to script a win over Jamshedpur FC, riding on luck at times. The former champions were bolstered by return of Valskis from Jamshedpur. Lithuanian forward Valskis

had donned Chennaiyin colours in his first season in India. He scored 15 goals for the club in the 2019-20 season. winning the ISL Golden Boot and reaching the final.

"Valskis will be available and Ariel Borysiuk will skip this game. He is feeling much better so we will see what will happen in the next few days and decide about the game on thirteenth," said head coach Bozidar Bandovic

Placed sixth in the points table, Chennaiyin have 14 points in their kitty from nine games and with a win on Saturday, they can end the first

▼ose Mourinho was left gesticulating in apparent disap-

proval after two grievous errors

from his Roma players handed AC Milan a 3-1 win in Serie A.

Abraham stuck out his arm to

block a shot that resulted in a penalty for Milan, then defend-

er Roger Ibañez made an errant

back pass that was intercepted

by Olivier Giroud, which led to

the Rossoneri's second goal

just 17 minutes in. Giroud

converted the penalty and

Junior Messias scored Milan's

second on a rebound after

Giroud's effort hit the post.

Abraham then pulled one back

for Roma with a deflection but

Milan goalkeeper Mike

First, striker Tammy

**AP** ■ ROME

Roma errors hand AC Milan a 3-1 win in Serie A

half of the season inside the top-four.

Chennaiyin have benefited from Vladimir Koman's passing and vision and that was evident in the last game when Koman set up Lukasz Gikiewicz for his

Koman has become the club's midfield orchestrator since his arrival this season.

Apart from scoring twice and setting up once, he has created 15 goalscoring chances, the highest among Chennaiyin players this season.

For FC Goa, their performance against Kerala Blasters showed character and head coach Derrick Pereira can draw

Maignan maintained the

Rossoneri's advantage with a

series of difficult saves. Milan

also hit the goalframe twice,

while Roma finished with nine

men when Rick Karsdorp and Gianluca Mancini each picked

up their second yellow cards —

which will mean they'll be suspended for Sunday's game

against Juventus. With Roma

down to 10 men, Rafael Leão

restored Milan's two-goal

advantage after being set up

with a chested pass from fellow substitute Zlatan Ibrahimovic

to sprint in alone toward goal.

Ibrahimovic then had a penal-

ty attempt saved by Rui

Patrício. Mourinho questioned

decisions by referee Daniele

Chiffi and VAR official

Gianluca Aureliano



the Gaurs draw 2-2 against Kerala Blasters.

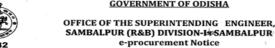
Edu Bedia who scored a wonderful goal to help

He has 10 goals and 12 assists in 79 Hero ISL appearances. What he brings to the Goa team is his ability to control games, dictate the tempo and offer passing options to teammates. 'We have a good side. I think we don't need

any more reinforcements. We just need to back our players. We have

enough players to go to the next stage of the league," Pereira said when asked if there would be any incoming in the current window to bolster the squad.

#### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA



e-procurement Notice
BID IDENTIFICATION No: SE/R&B/SBP/35/2021-22 E-mail - exeengsbp@rediffmail.com Phone/Fax-0663-2548013 No. 8685 / Dated. 3 1-12-2021

1. The Superintending Engineer, Sambalpur (R&B) Division No-I, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Single Cover System in ONLINE MODE for construction of Civil/ Electrical Work as detailed in the DTCN from the eligible Class of

Contractors. No. of works

: 06 (Six) : Rs.6,000/- (On Line)

**Tender Cost** 

Class of Contractor : "D" & "C" Class Contractor & C' & B' Class Contractor .

Date and time Available in Web site & receipt of Bids: 16.00 Hrs 08.01.2022 to 17:00 Hrs of 14.01.2022.

Date of Opening of Tender: 15.01.2022 at 11:30 Hrs. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the

Any Corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in

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Superintending Engineer Sambalpur (R&B) Division No.I



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER P.H. DIVISION, BALASORE Phone: 9437086137, e-mail-eephbls@gmail.com NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement (O Bid-Identification No.EEPHBLS-52 of 2021-22 dt.05.01.2022

The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites Percentage Rate bids in Double

cov	er system in ONLINE mod	e only.			,			
SI. No	Name of the Work	Bid- Identification	Value of Work (Rs.Lakh)	Period of Completion	Availability of for online		Last date and time of	Date & Time of opening of technical bid
		No.	, ,		From	To	seeking clarification	
1	Shifting of Water Supply Pipeline from the Seragarh-Nilagiri- Jharanaghati PWD road from 5/00 KM to 11/00 KM within Municipal limit of	EEPHBLS-52 dt.05.01.2022	87.55	06 (Six) calendar month	11:00 Hrs. of dt.10.01.202 2	17:00 Hrs. of dt.25.01.202 2	17:00 Hrs. Of 21.01.2022	11:00 Hrs. Of 27.01.2022

The bidders shall have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: http://tendersodisha.gov.in Name and Address of the officer inviting bid :- The Executive Engineer, P.H. Division

alasore, At-Samalpur, Post-Balia, Dist-Balasore, Pin-756056, Odisha, Phone: 9437086137

Executive Engineer, P.H. Division, Balasore.

#### E-810 OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, Rourkela Govt. Hospital, Rourkela Notice No-

TENDER CALL NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from intending agency/firms /Suppliers through Speed Post / Register Post / Courier for supply of Computer, Laptop, Photo copier machine for different programme for the year 2021-22. The willing reputed agency/firms /Suppliers are requested to submit sealed tenders to the office of the undersigned on or before till 5 P.M. Tender documents can be downloaded/ obtained from the district website www.sundergarh.nic.in. This office will not entertain any tender after the due date/time fixed for at any circumstances. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or whole tender without assigning any reason thereof.

-Sd-

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HDB SERVICES

Director, Rourkela Govt. Hospital, Rourkela

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA E.Mail - rw\_rourkela@yahoo.co.in OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION, ROURKELA 0-1666

Bridge Work Name of the Work Total No. of works 1 (One) No. Rs.11.98 Lakhs

"D" & "C" Class 02 (Two) Calendar Months Period of completion 5.

Single Cover Type of Tender

Other details

Procurement Officer Bid Identification No 10.01.2022 15.01.2022 Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Division, Rourkela Online-SERKL-27 of 2021-22 10.00 A.M

Further details can be seen from the OIPR-25067/11/0032/2122

> Ground Floor, Zenith House, Keshavrao Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai -400034 Tel No.: +91 22 49116300 FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS

The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded /complied with the communication, and notice send by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreeement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in excercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on 13-01-2022 at the below mentioned local branch of HDB nancial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table;

S. No.	Loan No	Customer Name	Date of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name		
1	14038835	Raj Kishore Naik	25-01-2021	12178	Angul		
2	12292784	Md Tawseef Azmi	28-08-2020	16859	Bhubaneswar		
3	8677212	Mohamad Tawseef Azmi	27-08-2019	6912	Bhubaneswar		
4	13255278	Rabindra Kumar Sahoo	18-11-2020	23797	Bhubaneswar		
5	14666144	Bichitra Kumar Pradhan	17-03-2021	31554	Bhubaneswar		
6	12361121	Akshya Kumar Mohanty	04-09-2020	143775	Bhubaneshwar-Samantarapur		
7	12128115	Praphul Rout	12-08-2020	12635	Cuttack		
8	15882969	Madhusmita Priyadarsini Pradhan	29-06-2021	26140	Cuttack		
9	5354034	Mir Imtiaz Ali	22-09-2018	5728	Cuttack		
10	4137327	Md Alamgir Khan	31-03-2018	10212	Rourkela		
11	4399547	Madhusudan Das	10-05-2018	28562.12	Rourkela		
12	5720918	Malla Nageshwar Rao	06-11-2018	39091	Rourkela		
13	6347964	Santosh Sahoo	11-01-2019	63316	Rourkela		
14	15083830	Karan Agarwal	22-04-2021	32343	Sambalpur		
15	15204649	Karan Agarwal	03-05-2021	34948	Sambalpur		
The auct	The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make an						

epresentation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and ibsolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company hay deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms nd condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose. f the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan accoun

without further notice. Please note the it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same. **Authorised Office** 

n full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction

Place : ORISSA Date: 08-01-2022 (HDB Financial Services Ltd)

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