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703 die, 3.5L infected in a day as corona marches on

Kerala positivity rate soars to 43%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Friday recorded 3,47,254 new cases of Covid-19, including 9,692 cases of the new Omicron variant, while 703 fatalities were reported in the last 24 hours. The active cases have increased to 20,18,825, the highest in 235 days, the Union Health Ministry data showed. The active cases comprise 5.23 per cent of the total infections.

The Test Positivity Rate surged to 43.76 per cent in Kerala, painting a gloomy picture about the Covid-19 situation in the State which recorded 41,668 fresh cases during the last 24 hours on Friday. The samples tested on Friday stood at 95,218.

By far this is the highest positivity rate recorded by any State in India ever since Covid-19 spread in the country. Positivity rate is the percentage of people who test positive of those overall who have been tested.

The Kerala Government suffered a setback on Friday as a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court asked the Kasaragod district adminis-



A student stands for verification as a health worker administers a Covid-19 vaccine to another at a private school in Kolkata on Friday, India, Friday

The Government on Friday increased the limit of registering the number of people on Co-WIN using one mobile number from four to six to cover maximum number of beneficiaries

tration not to allow any public meetings attended by more than 50 persons. Though the District Disaster Management Authority had issued an order limiting the number of persons that could assemble for any meeting to 50, the district collector reportedly under polit-

ical pressure issued a new order stating that the number of persons that could be allowed to attend public meetings should be decided based on the Test Positivity Rate as well as the number of beds available in the district.

Neighbouring Karnataka too is battling massive surge in Covid-19 cases.

The State reported 48,049 new Covid-19 cases along with 22 deaths and 18,115 recoveries on Friday. Bengaluru registered 29,068 infections and six

deaths.

Karnataka Government on Friday decided to lift the weekend curfew that was in place with an aim to control the spread of Covid-19 infections. However, the night curfew hours between 10 pm and 5 am everyday will continue. This comes as Karnataka registered a steep spike in Covid-19 cases on Thursday. Meanwhile, Delhi reported 10,756 new Covid-19 cases, 17,494 recoveries and 38 deaths in the last 24 hours.

Amar Jawan Jyoti merger stirs row; India Gate to get Bose's statue

Rahul raps Govt for moving flame to War Memorial

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Amar Jawan Jyoti on Friday was merged with the eternal flame at the newly constructed National War Memorial (NWM) here. Some veterans and political leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, however, criticised the move and said it was an insult to the fallen soldiers.

In a short military ceremony, the flame at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the India Gate was taken and merged with the War Memorial about 400 metres away in the afternoon. Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Marshal BR Krishna presided over the ceremony that included a parade and salute.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, meanwhile, announced that a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be installed at India Gate as a symbol of India's indebtedness to him. This announcement came ahead of Bose's 125th birth anniversary.

Until the installation is completed, a hologram of Netaji will be projected at the site of the statue, the Prime Minister said. "I will unveil the



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's statue (that is yet to be installed) at India Gate area in New Delhi, to mark his 125th birth anniversary



hologram statue on 23rd January, Netaji's birth anniversary," he tweeted.

"At a time when the entire nation is marking the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I am glad to share that his grand statue, made of granite, will be installed at India Gate," Modi tweeted on Friday. "This would be a symbol of India's indebtedness to him."

The statue will be installed under the grand canopy near which the Amar Jawan Jyoti flickers.

The canopy, which was built along with the rest of the grand monument in the 1930s by Sir Edwin Lutyens, once housed a statue of the former king of England George V. The statue was later moved to Coronation Park in Central Delhi in the mid-1960s.

The National War Memorial, built in 2019, will now be the single point for military ceremonies and tributes to fallen soldiers.

Parrikar's son quits BJP to fight as independent Panjim

PTI ■ PANJI

Denied ticket from Panaji, his late father's constituency, former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal Parrikar on Friday quit the BJP.

He would contest the February 14 Assembly elections in the State from Panaji as independent, he announced here.

The day before, the ruling BJP nominated from Panaji — which Manohar Parrikar had represented for over two decades — its sitting MLA Atanasio Monserrate, one of ten legislators who had joined the saffron party in July 2019 after quitting Congress.

"I was left with no other choice. I have resigned from the party and I would be contesting as an independent from Panaji," Utpal Parrikar told reporters.

He also said that resignation was a formality but the BJP will "always remain in my heart."

"It is a difficult choice for me, I am doing it for the people of Goa. No one should be worried about my political future, people of Goa will do it," he said.

The BJP had offered him "other options" (constituencies other than Panaji), Parrikar said.

"I am fighting for the values which I believe in. Let people of Panaji decide. I cannot negotiate with my party," he added.

Asked whether he would seek support of other political parties, he said the only platform for him was the BJP.

"If not BJP, then I would go for (contesting as) independent. I will not go for any other political party," Parrikar said.

On Thursday, the BJP's Goa in-charge Devendra Fadnavis had said while releasing its first list of candidates that the party offered some other seats to Utpal, but he was not willing to contest from any of them.

Earlier in the day, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut said his party, which had formed a tie-up with the NCP for Goa elections, would support Parrikar if he promised not to back the BJP post elections.

On Thursday, Aam Aadmi Party leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had slammed the BJP for adopting "use and throw" policy regarding the Parrikar family, and invited Utpal to join his party.

Priyanka pitches herself as CM candidate in UP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi on Friday pitched herself as the party's Chief Ministerial face in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls as she released a "youth manifesto" for the State, along with her brother Rahul Gandhi.

Priyanka, who has been leading from the front in the crucial poll-bound State, however, evaded queries on whether she would contest the Assembly polls. At the same time, she said the Congress would be open to a post-poll alliance if the need arose.

Rahul on his part chose to attack the BJP alleging that those preaching Hindutva are spreading hatred in the cyber world.

"Do you see any other face from the Congress party," Priyanka said when asked who would be the party's Chief Ministerial candidate in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls. "You are seeing my face everywhere," the Priyanka added while addressing the joint Press conference with Rahul to



Congress party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra speaks during the release of the Congress party's manifesto for the upcoming State election in Uttar Pradesh, in New Delhi, on Friday

release the "Bharti Vidhan" (recruitment document) manifesto that promises a new vision for youth in the State and the creation of 20 lakh jobs, including eight lakh for women.

To a question on whether she would herself contest the Assembly polls, Priyanka said, "We have not yet decided." She said it would be known once that is decided.

Aditi Singh in BJP's 3rd list of 85 names for UP elections

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP on Friday announced its third list of 85 candidates for the upcoming Uttar Pradesh elections that includes Aditi Singh — who recently quit the Congress — fielded from Rae Bareilly.

The BJP has also given ticket to Asim Arun, who recently resigned from the IPS, in its third list of candidates.

The list also includes incumbent MLA Hariom Yadav, a relative of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav. Hariom Yadav had quit the Opposition party recently and crossed over to the BJP.

The BJP has named both Aditi Singh and Yadav from their current seats of Rae Bareilly and Sirsaganj respectively, while Arun, a Dalit, will contest from Kannauj, a reserved seat.

The Rae Bareilly Assembly seat is part of the Rae Bareilly Lok Sabha constituency which is represented by Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Uttar Pradesh Assembly Deputy Speaker Nitin Aggarwal, who had also left the SP to join the BJP, will fight

from Hardoi.

Other key candidates include former BSP leader Ramveer Upadhyay from Sadabad, Archana Pandey from Chhibramau, and Satish Mahana from Mahrajpur.

Riya Shakya, daughter of Bidhuna MLA Vinay Shakya who joined the SP, has also got a ticket to contest from her father's seat.

With the fresh list of candidates, which includes 15 women, the total number of names announced by the party for the seven-phase election to the 403-member assembly has reached 195.

Last week, the BJP had released its first list of candidates for the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly election. It was announced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will contest the polls from the Gorakhpur seat and Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya from Sirathu.

Uttar Pradesh elections for the 403 Assembly constituencies are slated to be held in seven phases starting from February 10. The counting of votes will take place on March 10.

LG rejects Govt's proposal to reduce Covid restrictions

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal on Friday rejected Delhi Government's recommendations on the lifting of weekend curfew and reducing Covid-related restrictions. The Kejriwal Government proposed relaxation in curbs as the positivity rate has come down from 31 per cent to 17 per cent.

The Delhi administration had also proposed the removal of odd-even restrictions imposed on shops and other commercial establishments in the city.

Bajjal clarified that existing restrictions should remain in force until the Covid-19 situation further improves.

He, however, allowed Delhi Government's proposal that private offices should operate at 50 per cent capacity.

"A status quo remains with regards to the opening of markets as the case positivity rate of Delhi is still above 21 per cent and the number of daily coronavirus cases being reported is over 12,000," the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) noted.

What DDMA order says

- Restaurants and bars will remain closed across Delhi. Online delivery has been permitted
- Private offices have been allowed to function at 50 per cent capacity, however offices must be situated outside the containment zone
- Cinemas, theatres, spas, and gyms will continue to be shut
- All educational institutions, including schools, colleges, and

- universities, will remain closed till further orders
- Shops in markets, market complexes, and malls are allowed to run on an odd-even basis between 10am and 8pm. Only one authorised weekly market can function with an upper limit of 50 per cent vendors at a time.
- Delhi Metro and buses can continue to run only at full seating capacity with no standing passenger

Domestic fliers can't carry more than one hand baggage

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Domestic air passengers will no longer be allowed to carry more than one hand baggage. In a bid to reduce congestion at airports, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) has asked the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) to strictly implement the rule which mandates that only one handbag is allowed per passenger.

The CISF has said flyers with more than one cabin handbag are choking the security check-in counters at airports as well as causing delays, congestion and inconvenience to passengers. CISF guards all



key airports in India.

Interestingly, BCAS's own rules allow passengers to carry one hand baggage, the existing rules permit a passenger to carry one laptop bag, one ladies' handbag, and one blanket, gift item purchased from duty-free shop, umbrella, and a reasonable amount of reading material on board an aircraft.

In a letter to Director General, BCAS, the CISF's IG/Airport Sector Vijay Prakash pointed out that it has been seen that passenger on

average carries two to three handbags to the screening point.

This has led to increased clearance time as well as delays, congestion in PESC points, and inconvenience to passengers.

"As per BCAS AVSEC Circular Nos. 06/2000 & Lt12000, no passenger should be permitted to carry more than one handbag other than those items already listed in the circular including lady's bag," the CISF said, adding, "All airlines and airport operators may be instructed to take steps to implement 'One Hand Bag rule' meticulously on the ground to ease the congestion

Harak Rawat joins Congress

PNS ■ DEHRADUN/NEW DELHI

Expelled BJP leader and former Uttarakhand Minister Harak Singh Rawat on Friday joined the Congress in Delhi along with his daughter-in-law Anukriti Gusain in the presence of party campaign head for Uttarakhand Harish Rawat, PCC president Ganesh Godiyal, Leader of Opposition in Uttarakhand Assembly Pritam Singh.

Harak, who represented the Kotdwara seat in the Uttarakhand Assembly, was among the 10 MLAs who had rebelled against the then Chief Minister Harish Rawat-led State Government in 2016 and joined the BJP.

Harak was expelled from the BJP five days back.

35 YouTube, 2 Twitter accounts blocked for anti-India canards

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Acting on intelligence inputs, the Government has blocked 35 YouTube channels, two Twitter accounts, two Instagram accounts, two websites, and a Facebook account for spreading anti-India propaganda and spreading fake news in a "coordinated manner" on the Internet from Pakistan.

Talking to the media, Apurva Chandra, secretary Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry, said these YouTube accounts had a total subscriber base of over 1.20 crore, and their videos had over 130 crore views. The Government last month had



blocked 20 YouTube channels and two websites for spreading anti-India fake and divisive news and other content.

According to Chandra, the 35 YouTube accounts blocked by the Ministry were all operating from Pakistan and were identified to be part of four coordinated disinformation networks.

These include Faisal Tarar Speaks, Apni Duniya TV, Haqeeqat ki Dunia, Shahzad

Abbas, Mera Pakistan with Shahab, Khabar with Ahmed, HR tv, Sabee Kazmi, Such tv network, Saqib Speaks, and Salman Haider Officials.

The Apni Duniya Network operates 14 YouTube channels, and Talha Films Network operates 13 YouTube channels. A set of four channels and a set of two other channels were also found to be acting in synchronisation with each other.

The channels were used to post divisive content in a coordinated manner on topics like Kashmir, Indian Army, minority communities in India, Ram Mandir, General Bipin Rawat, etc. One of the groups identified on YouTube was "Naya Pakistan".

CAPSULE

CLUBHOUSE APP CHAT CASE: 3 ARRESTED

Mumbai: The Mumbai Police has arrested three persons from Haryana in connection with the chat on Clubhouse app, in which obscene comments were allegedly made against Muslim women, an official said on Friday. In a tweet posted early on Friday morning, Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi praised the city police for the arrests in the case.

R-DAY REHEARSAL: TRAVEL ADVISORY ISSUED

New Delhi: The Delhi Traffic Police on Friday issued an advisory on the arrangements and traffic restrictions in place for the smooth conduct of full dress rehearsal in national Capital on January 23 for the Republic Day parade.

Classifieds

LOST AND FOUND

I, Aakanksha D/o Rakesh Pathania R/o Pathania Mansion Ishwar Nagar Dalhousie Road Near Dr.Ajay Mahajan Hospital Pathankot. My +2 Certificate And Marksheet Roll No-2716419 (CBSE) Have been Actually Lost, If Somebody Finds Please Contact The Below Address or 7087202055, 9417737482.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Madan Singh S/o Sh. Hari Singh R/o H No. 6748/A, Sector 56, Chandigarh declare that my daughter Mamta Negi is out of my control I Disown her from my movable immovable property anybody deal with her at their own risk.

We, Surender Kumar Nanda S/o Babu Ram & Kiran Nanda W/o Surender Kumar Nanda R/o #205, Hamirlap Nagar, Baltana, Zirakpur, Mohali (Punjab) declare that our son Ashish Nanda & his wife Kavita Nanda are out of our control. So, We disown them from our all movable/immovable properties. If anybody deals with them shall do their own risk in future.

I, Busra Saifi D/o Mohd Azam Saifi R/o Maqsood all Chowk Bagpat gate, Meerut City (Uttar Pradesh) declare that have converted my religion from Muslim to Hindu and my name from Busra Saifi to Ritika.

I, Rattandeep Kaur Randhawa W/o Sh. Gurinder Singh Randhawa, R/O #86 Sector 18A Chandigarh declare on Oath that my correct name is Rattandeep Kaur Randhawa instead of Rattandeep Mann and both names are of same and one person.

I, Surender Kumar Dhawan S/o Hans Raj Dhawan r/o H.No. 643 Sector 13, Kurukshetra, have disowned my son Sumit Dhawan from all my movable immovable properties, as he is out of my control. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Shashi Dhawan W/o Surender Kumar Dhawan r/o H.No. 643 Sector 13, Kurukshetra, have disowned my son Sumit Dhawan from all my movable immovable properties, as he is out of my control. Anybody dealing with him at their own risk.

I, Jeet Singh S/o Hem Ram R/o Village Bhiwaur, P.O. Thandog Morni Hills Tehsil & Distt. Panchkula, Haryana my son Naveen Thakur are out of my control. I disown him from my moveable/immovable properties Anybody dealing with him at his/her own risk.

I, Krishna Devi W/o Sh. Late Satpal Singh R/o 220.village Palsora, Chandigarh disown my Grandson Bhupinder Singh (S/o late Sh. Surmukh Singh & Late Smt. Paramjit Kaur) alongwith his wife Inpreet Kaur from his moveable & immovable properties. Anybody who deals with him shall do it at their own risk.

We, Jaswant Singh S/o Inder Singh, Ramrati W/o Jaswant Singh R/o Sec.6P, Tehsil Hansi, Distt. Hisar declares that our daughter Renu is not in our control. We evict her from our moveable or immovable properties. In future we will not be responsible for her any transaction or behaviour, she will be responsible.

We Amrik Singh S/o Kulwant Singh and Malkheet Kaur W/o Amrik Singh Village Patto Post office Manoli Mohali SAS Nagar Our son Rupinder Singh, his wife Bhavandeep Kaur out of our control. We disown them from our moveable/immovable Properties. Anybody deal with them at their own Risk./cost.

We Narinder Kumar S/o Piara Lal and Charanjit Kaur w/o Narinder Kumar, House 328/2, sector 41-A, Chandigarh. Our Son Sushil out of our control we disown him from our moveable/immovable properties.

I, Sushil Kumar S/O Late Kashmiri Lal R/O #J-928, Ward No.9 Now Ward No. 10 Patti Distt Tarn Taran Declared My Son Kapil Abbi And His Wife Akanksha And Their Children's Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown All From My Moveable/Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With All On Their Own Risk.

I, Balbir Singh S/O Bachan Singh R/O Gobindpura Alias Jangpura Sub Tehsil Banur Distt Sas Nagar Declared My Son Harpreet Singh And His Wife Satvir Kaur & Grand Daughter's Harsirat Kaur & Nimrat Kaur Are Out Of My Control. So I Disown All From My Moveable And Immovable Properties. Anybody Dealing With All On Their Own Risk.

We Jaya Sharma W/O Naveen Sharma D/O Dev Parkash Bhardwaj R/O #1547 Sector-15 Panchkula & Niren Bhardwaj S/O Dev Parkash Bhardwaj R/O Flat No.3 Kiran Villa & Peer Muchalla Zirakpur Declared That Our Brother Dipen Bhardwaj And His Wife Vandana Are Out Of Our Control. Anybody Dealing With Them At So Own Risk.

I, Samar Partap Mor S/O Late Vikas Mor, R/O #30/7 Mor Vahli Wali Gali, Gohana, Tehsil Gohana, Distt Sonapat Declared I have Wrongly Written As Vikas And Mother Name As Nisha. My Father Correct Name Is Vikas Mor & Mother Name Is Nisha Mor. Please Correct It.

I, Pratima Yadav Spouse of No 4484735Y NK Shailendra Nath Yadav Resident of VPO Bhagata Tehsil Kharullabad, District Sant Kabir Nagar (UP) Have changed my DOB from 01 May 1985 To 01 July 1989 All Please note.

I, Dileep Singh resident of Village Dabbi, Po.Govindi, Tehsil Nawacity, District Nagour (Rajasthan) in my service record my Father name wrongly recorded as SH Madan instead of Madan Singh vide affidavit No AL499967 dated 19 Jan 2022 before notary public pathankot.

I, Bishu Das Father of No 15623764P NK Bikram Das resident of Village 485/3, Kankpul, Po Kalyangarh, Tehsil Ashoke Nagar, District North 24 PGS (West Bengal) in my Son service record my name wrongly recorded as Bishu Das instead of Bisu Das vide affidavit No AL499970 dated 20 Jan 2022 before notary public pathankot.

I, Mamata Das Mother of No 15623764P NK Bikram Das resident of Village 485/3, Kankpul, Po Kalyangarh, Tehsil Ashoke Nagar, District North 24 PGS (West Bengal) in my Son service record my name wrongly recorded as Mamata Das instead of Mamta Das vide affidavit No AL499969 dated 20 Jan 2022 before notary public pathankot.

मैं मोहन राम पुत्र चुन्नी लाल कद मेरी पत्नी कुलजिंदर कुमारी पत्नी मोहनलाल बिस्मिी मोहनरा इन्द्रा तदसीत व जिला पालनकोट मेरा पुत्र नमनदीप, उसकी पत्नी सुष्मा पटियार खडिया मेरे कपडे मे जूडी है इसलिए मैं उन्हें अपनी वत्त-वत्त जावदगि से बेदखल करते है। उनसे लेन-देन कहे कहे वत्त सुड डिमेन्डर खेमा इमेरे इन्द्र बेदखली जोरिड पर खरे जमत करे।

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Naresh Kumar (JC No. 773562M) S/O Sh Lakhmi Ram R/O Village Buchi Kailthal Haryana Declare That My Wife Is Neelam Correct Date Of Birth Is 05.10.1984, But Wrong Mention In My Documents Pleases Correction.

I, Harpreet D/o S. Jagir Singh R/O Village Alipur Arian, Distt. Patiala, Punjab, Pin-147001 has changed my name to Harpreet Kaur. All concerned please note.

I, Navdeep Neha W/o Sh Gurpinder Singh Deol R/O H No. 27-A, New Police Line, Sector 26, Chandigarh have changed my name from Navdeep Neha to Navdeep Kaur Deol.

I, Amandeep Singh S/O Surinder Singh R/O Village Kharkan, Tehsil Guhla District Kailthal, Haryana (India) declares that in my passport my father's name is written as Surrender Singh, that is wrong. My father's correct name is Surinder Singh. All concerned please note.

I, Surinder Kumar Dhalialw W/O Gurcharan Singh R/o #365/G, M/S Enclave, Dhakoli, Zirakpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Surinder Kaur Dhalialw to Surinder Kaur.

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Ram Lal Khurana R/O Flat No. 601, Tower-E, Sushma Elite Cross Society, Gazipur, Zirakpur (Punjab) have changed my name from Sunil Kumar to Sunil Khurana.

I, Pawan Kumar S/o Balbir Singh R/O H.No- 1705 Ruhani Satsang Bhawan Thakara Road, Ismailabad Tehsil Pehowa Distt Kurukshetra have changed my Name from Balwant Kour to Balwant Kaur.

I, Lavika W/o Jaspreet Chugh R/O H. No 600-L, Model Town Panipat declared that i have changed my name from Lavika Kakkar to Lavika after marriage and both are same person.

I, Meena w/o Rajender Kumar R/O 222/6, Gyan Nagar, declare that my all documents is my name are wrongly written Meena Kumari, Meenu Kumari but my correct name is Meena and correct D.O.B. 11.08.1975 for all future purposes.

Gurinder Singh S/O Balwant Singh R/O V.P.O Jartauli District Ludhiana Declare that My Mother's Name Gurmit Kaur And Gurmeeet Kaur One And The Same Person.

I, Harpreet Kaur D/O Balwant Singh R/O V.P.O Jartauli District Ludhiana Declare that My Mother's Name Gurmit Kaur And Gurmeeet Kaur One And The Same Person.

I, Upendra Ray s/o Shri Ganesh Rai #c Radaur Road, Camp, Yamunanagar Tehsil Jagadhri declare that Upendra Rai and Upendra Kumar Yadav both are my names, in future I should be known by both names.

I, Sakshi, D/O No 14604247-F Rank Ex Sep, Late Vyas Lalit Kumar Prabhu Lal resident of H. NO. 22 Kismet Nagar, Babyal, Teh Ambala Cantt, Distt – Ambala (Haryana) have changed my name from Sakshi to Kumari Sakshi (Proposed/ adopted new name) Date of Birth 25-07-1994 vide Affidavit dated 21.01.2022 before Ambala.

I, Kishore Kumar Arora S/O. Kuldeep Rai R/O. #724, Phase-6, Mohali Punjab Declare That I Have Changed My Name From Kishore Kumar Arora To Kishore Kumar.

I, Davinder Singh S/o Jai Singh R/o H.No. F-23, Type-4, Rajpura Colony, Patiala, Punjab have changed my name from Davinder Singh to Devinder Singh.

I, Lakhbir Kaur alias Lakhwinder Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh R/o Village Ladeph P.O.Sehnsra, Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar have changed my name from Lakhbir Kaur alias Lakhwinder Kaur to Lakhwinder Kaur.

I, Neelam W/O Dinesh Kumar R/O H.No.181 Diamond Avenue Majitha Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Neelam Sharma.

I, Abhijeet S/o Sh. Kabal Singh R/o H.No. 565, Village Kariwala, Tehsil Rania, Distt. Sirsa have changed my name to Abhijeet Singh. Concerned note.

I, Virender Singh S/O Harbhajan Singh R/O Near HDFC Bank, Preet Nagar, Tehsil Barara (Ambala) Haryana have changed my name Virender Singh to Varinder Singh.

I, Saurabh Kumar S/o Ramesh Kumar, House No 162, Village Kot, Distt. And Tehsil Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Saurabh for all purposes. Both Saurabh Kumar and Saurabh same and one person only.

I, Ramesh Chand S/o Babu Ram, House No 162, Village Kot, Distt. And Tehsil Panchkula Haryana have changed my name to Ramesh Kumar for all purposes. Both Ramesh Chand and Ramesh Kumar are same and one person only.

I, Vinkal Devi D/O Sh. Surinder R/O Village Rampur, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, Haryana-1340203 Have Changed My Name From Vinkal Devi To Vinkal.

I, Surinder S/o Sh. Jora Singh R/o village Rampur, tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, Haryana-1340203 have changed my name from Sushma to Sushma Devi.

I, Sushma W/o Sh. Surinder R/o village Rampur, Tehsil Naraingarh, Distt. Ambala, Haryana-1340203 have changed my name from Sushma to Sushma Devi.

I, No 2800949N Ex.Rect. Rajender Singh S/O Bhana Ram, Village Morkhi Tehsil Safiddo Distt Jind Haryana inform that in my Army service record my son name wrongly recorded Tejvir and DOB 20.07.2004. My son correct name Tejvir and DOB 12.08.2004.

I, Neerja Sharma W/o Ajay Kumar Sharma # 53, Sector 38-A, Chandigarh have changed my name to Neerja Kumari Sharma.

I, Randhir S/o Narata Ram R/O Vpo Badsoi Teh Guhla, Kailthal, have changed my name to Randhir Singh.

I, Jasbir Singh S/O Late Major Sant Singh, Flat No. 113, Tower C, Orvis Grand (GVT), Opp. Delhi World Public School, Dhakoli , Zirakpur (SAS Nagar), changed name to Col. Jasbir Singh.

I, Kulharsh Kaur D/o Navdeep Singh Ghuman R/o, House No 1245/46 , Haibowal Khurd, Ludhiana have changed my name from Kulharsh Kaur Ghuman to Kulharsh Kaur.

I, Udita Jindal W/O Daksh Gupta R/O F-204 Sector-66a, Mohali Have Changed My Name To Udita Gupta.

I, Seeta Devi W/O Deepak, R/O 90, Nai Mohalla, Jundla, Tehsil Karnal, District Karnal have changed my name from Pooja to Seeta Devi for all future purposes.

I, Rajveer Kaur W/o Harmesh Kumar R/O Opp. Grid Colony Cantt Road Nabha Patiala (Punjab) have changed my name to Rimple Dhiman.

I, Narendra Chaudhary son of Bacchu Singh resident of Village Nagala Gulab Singh, Po Khair, Tehsil Khair, Distt. Aligarh (UP) inform that my minor daughter Deepka's date of birth is wrongly recorded in my service records as 12-09-2007. Her correctly date of birth is 27-06-2008.

I, Karamjit Kaur wife of S. Kanwarjit Singh Sivia resident of Guru Anand Dev Nagar Street No. 6 Sri Muktsar Sahib declare That my name is Karamjit Kaur and my name is also Karmjit Kaur but my correct name is Karamjit Kaur.

I, Naresh W/o Sh. Gautam Katoch D/O Maj. Jagdish Singh R/O #88, Sector 2-B, Chandigarh have changed my name to Vijay Katoch.

I, Surjit Kaur W/o Tarlochen Singh R/O V.P.O. Adhi, Distt. Jalandhar declare that Given name as Surjit and Surname as Kaur.

I, Surjit Kaur W/o Tarlochen Singh R/O V.P.O. Adhi, Distt. Jalandhar declare that my minor son Given name as Gurkirat and Surname as Singh.

I, Parshotam S/o Satpal R/O Vill. Raowali, Distt.Jalandhar, Punjab have changed my name to Parshotam Klair.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Jodh Singh R/O Near Bus Stand, Barta, Kailthal, Haryana-136027, India, have changed my name spelling to Kuldeep Singh (Same Person)

I, Sameer Birah S/o Jaswinder Pal R/O Vill. Indna Kalaske, Po. Dosanjh Kalan, Teh.Phillaur, Jalandhar-144502, Punjab have changed my name to Sameer Birha.

I, JC405497A Sub/DBR Vijay Kumar Unit 11 Guards R/O V.P.O. Badla, Teh. Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Daughter's Name From Jagrati To Jagrity Concerned Note

I, JC405497A Sub/DBR Vijay Kumar Unit 11 Guards R/O V.P.O. Badla, Teh. Dasuya, Distt. Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Son's Name From Prajabal To Prajwal Rana Concerned Note

I, Rajni Bala W/o Sub Vijay Kumar R/O V.P.O Badla, Teh.Dasuya, Distt.Hoshiarpur Have Changed My Name From Rajani Bala To Rajni Bala Concerned Note.

Davinder Singh Babbar S/O Darshan Singh Babbar R/O H.No.1372, Moni Chowk, Bazar Abbalwahian Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Davinder Singh.

I Manjeet Kaur W/O Mehar Singh R/O Village Buh Gujran P.O Fatehgarh Panjtoor Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Navjeet Kaur.

I Vivek Bajaj S/O Dev Raj R/O H.No.102 Subash Colony Zira Distt. Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Vivek Dev Bajaj.

I Jhirmal Gill S/O Kripa Gill R/O Ward No.12 G.T. Road, Talwandi Bhai Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Jhirmal Singh Gill

I Major Singh Virk S/O Jit Singh R/O Village Fateh Ullah Shahwala Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Major Singh.

I Baljit Kaur W/O Balwinder Singh R/O Mangat Patti, Tarsikka Tehsil Baba Bakala District Amritsar Punjab India Have Changed My Name From Daljit Kaur To Baljit Kaur.

I Mahi D/O Shailesh Rajaram Ghadge R/O Village Raigaon Tehsil Kadegaon District Sangli State Maharashtra Pin 415305, Have Changed My Name From Mahi To Mahi Shailesh Ghadge Vide Affidavit No.YZ-657709, Dated 03-Dec-2021.

I Rahul S/O Sukhwinder Masih R/O Ward No.6, Vpo. Raja Sansi Tehsil Ajnala District Amritsar Declare That In My Passport My Father's Name's Incorrect Spelling Is Mentioned As Sukhwinder Singh. But Correct Spelling Of My Father's Name Is Sukhwinder Singh.

I Thepusano W/O Harjit Singh R/O H.No.331, Street No.2, Nanakpur, Miller Ganj Ludhiana Have Changed My Name To Thepusano Koza.

I Surjit Singh S/O Gura Singh R/O Vpo. Kalie Wala, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Surjit Singh Sran.

I Mandeep Kaur W/O Surjit Singh Sran R/O Vpo. Kalie Wala, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur Sran.

I Mandeep Kaur W/O Lovejinder Singh Sandhu R/O Vill. Umariana, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Mandeep Kaur Sandhu After Marriage.

I, Jit Singh S/O Ram Singh R/O H.No.78, Street No.1, Near Spring Dale Public School, Anand Nagar-A (Extn.), Tripuri, Patiala have changed my name to Jeet Singh.

I Jasvir Singh S/O Natha Singh R/O Village Wakilan Wala, Teh. Zira, (Ferozepur) Have Changed Name Of Jasbir Singh.

I Sweety W/O Maninder Singh Kalsi R/O Ferozepur Road, Adarsh Nagar, Zira, Teh. Zira, (Ferozepur) Have Changed Name Of Sweety Kalsi.

I Jassa Singh S/O Santokh Singh Village Minawind Teh. Khadur Sahib District Tarn Taran Have Changed My Name Jassa Singh And Jaswinder Singh Is The Same And One Person I.e Myself.

I, Suresh Kumar alias Suresh Bansal S/O Rudlu Ram R/O Ferozepur Road Zira (Ferozepur) both names are mine.

I, Shashi Kiran alias Shashi W/O Suresh Kumar R/O Ferozepur Road Zira (Ferozepur) both names are mine.

I, Jatinder Singh S/O Gurnam Singh Vpo Mari Megha Teh Patti Distt Tarn Taran Changed My Given Name Jatinder & Surname Singh.

I, Satinderpal Singh S/O Harjinder Singh R/O Vill: Kalsian (Ludhiana) changed my name to Satinderpal Singh Simak.

I, Sarbjit Jaur W/O Jagdev Singh R/O Village Bhutta (Distt. Ludhiana) Changed My Name To Sarbjit Kaur.

I Satveer Sharma W/o Rakesh Kumar R/o Jaitu (Faridkot) have changed my name to Satvir Sharma.

I Jaswinder Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Gobindgarh (Faridkot) have changed my name to Sukhveer Singh Dhillon.

I Sukhveer Singh S/O Gurcharan Singh R/O Gobindgarh (Faridkot) have changed my name to Ravideep Kaur Dhillon after marriage.

I, Navjit Kaur W/o Manpreet Bansal R/o Vpo. Apra Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Navjit Kaur Bansal.

I, Dalvir S/O Nasib Chand R/O Vpo. Darapur Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Dalvir Ram.

I Ashwinder Singh Brar S/O Sukhjit Singh R/O H.No.-85, Street No- 1ward No-3 Bharat Nagar Ferozepur City District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name to Ashwinder Singh.

I Ajit Singh Son Of Kashmir Singh Resident Of Village Kandhawali, Khai PHEME Ki, District Ferozepur Have Changed My Name To Surjeet Singh.

I, Balwant Kaur Dhillon W/O Pal Singh R/O Golden Avenue Goindwal Road (Tarn Taran) changed my name to Balwant Kaur.

I, Viney Vohra S/o Sh.Keshav Kumar Vohra, R/O 59, Baba Enclave, Malwal Road, Ferozpur City, Punjab has changed my name from Viney Vohra to Viney Kumar Vohra.

I service no. 15346244X Rank HAV Name Samay Lal Singh SM S/O Sarvendra Singh R/O 65 ENG.G. C/o 56 APO Ambala Cantt that in my service record my daughter Anshika Singh DOB is wrongly entered as 01-12-2011 but her actual DOB is 19-12-2011 . Concerned note

I, Maninder Kaur Virk W/O Tarjinder Singh Virk R/O V.P.O Nag Kalan, Tehsil Majitha, District Amritsar Have Changed My Name From Maninder Kaur Virk To Maninder Kaur.

I, Gursimran Singh Panesar S/O Rajinder Pal Singh R/O 107-A, Punjabi Bagh, Distt. Patiala, have changed my name from Gursimran Singh Panesar to Gursimran Singh.

नगर निगम रोहताक

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्लाट/ मकान नं. 476 खोल नं. 14 रोड नं 127 कनिका खंडीट कालोनी, रोहताक जो कि नगर मुख्यालय के विकास क्षेत्र में श्री कृष्णवीर पुरा श्री सुप्रींदर सहज के नाम से दाई है। अब श्री कृष्णवीर के लक्ष्मी श्री नारायण देवी के विरुद्ध श्रीमती रमा देवी के उपरोक्त मकान की सेलडी अपने सस-ससुर की वसीयत अनुसार अपने नाम करवाने के लिए इस मकानव्य मे आंदोलन किया है। अगर उपरोक्त बात किसी की व्यक्ति को कोई भी आपत्ति हो तो वह एक मही के अन्दर-अन्दर नगर निगम, रोहताक की भूमि-शाखा नजदीक मानसरोवर पार्क, कर्ण होटल वाली गली में पेदा होकर लिखित रूप से अपनी आपत्ति दर्ज करवा सकता है। **कैप्टीन करणाम अधिकारी, नगर निगम रोहताक**

BEFORE THE MARRIAGE OFFICER-CUM-DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, YAMUNA NAGAR (HARYANA). Whereas, Jaspreet Singh S/o Sh. Satbir Singh R/o H. No. 188, Gali no. 06, Vishkarna Mohalla, Yamuna Nagar, Tehsil Jagadhri, Distt. Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, India and Simran Kaur D/o Sh. Darshan Singh R/o WZ-31, Plot No. 28, Navvib Bgud, Vishnu Nagar, West Delhi-110018, India have served notice to Solemnize their marriage u/s 6 of Special Marriage Act, 1954. In view of above, it is notified as to invite objection, if there is any to any one for the same and be presented before the undersigned within 30 days, otherwise marriage shall be Solemnize accordingly.

Memo No. 1300/HRA Dated 07.01.2022
For Marriage Officer cum Deputy Commissioner, Yamunanagar

THE MUNDI CO-OPRATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD MOHALI. (PB) PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby for the information of the public that Sh. Gurpreet Singh Sani S/O Sh. Charan Singh Sani (L-Genze No SO 188-30887-0008) / C/o Sh. Charan Singh Sani (Aadhaar No 994138486567) R/o 2413 B Mundi Complex Sector 70 S.A.S. Nagar Mohali - 160071 -Owner of #2413-2nd floor Mundi Complex Sector 70 Mohali. Membership no 583. Allotment letter no MCHB/MH/2901 dated 06.10.2001, Share Certificate no 141, has approached the above stated Society for the transfer of his Share / Flat to Sh. Navneet Singh / Aadhaar 550405625375810 S/O SH: Bachan Singh R/o 685-a - block-a - Punjab School Education Board Residential Complex. SECTOR- 68 S.A.S Nagar MOHALI PUNJAB. 160002 Whereas if any Loans agency/ or Bank etc, or any other person have any objection regarding enclosure litigation, claim, charges, sale, transfer etc, should submit his/her objection in writing within 15 days from the date of publication otherwise Transfer will be made and there will be no responsibility of the Society. Dated : 21.01.2022 Secretary

Public Notice
I, Ramkali w/o Kuldeep Kumar r/o Village Budhara PO Budhana Distt Karnal, declare that we have lost our Conveyance Deed No. 6937/1 dated 04.12.2009 in favour of Mohan Lal s/o Jalpal. Re-allotment No. 9166 dated 20.06.2007 in favour of Mohan Lal. Allotment Letter No. 4563 dated 07.05.1994 in favour of Mohan Lal s/o Badri Parsad, In Sector 30, Kurukshetra on dated 08.11.2021. Anybody finds it returnatouraddress.

LOST & FOUND

I, Neeraj Kamboj S/o Sh. Ramesh Kumar, R/o #118, Khushal Enclave, Bhabat, Zirakpur, hereby declares that Registry Paper No. 3922 dated 12.08.2005 of #118, Khushal Enclave, Bhabat, Zirakpur, has been Lost / Misplaced somewhere. If found please Contact 9465218660.

Lost & Found

I, Chaman Lal S/o Sh. Sadhu Ram R/O Jasbir Colony, Noonwala, Panipat declare that has lost my original Vashika no 7774 date14.02.1990 on near by Railway Road Panipat, I lodged D.D. applications no.132340252200269 on dated 20-01-2022. If anybody found please contact above address.

-:Deponent

Public Notice
I, Anguri Devi w/o Charan Dass r/o Village Hinga Kheri Tehsil Thanesar District Kurukshetra, declares that our sale Deed No. 2157 dtd. 29.07.1999 of Plot No. 55, Gurdev Nagar, Kurukshetra (In the name of Ranjeet Kaur w/o Salvinder Singh) , has been lost somewhere, on Railway Road, Kurukshetra on dated 18.12.2021, whose DDR No. 132320732200091 has been lodged. If someone found please return it at our above mentioned address.

Public Notice

I, No.3169430M Ex NK Kalam Ram S/o Bhim Singh R/o VPO Mokhra Khars, Tehsil Meham Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) have changed my son name from AJIT KUMAR MALIK to AJIT. His correct date DOB is 15.02.1989 instead of 06.05.1989 (As per my son official documents) In future my son shall may be known/written & called as AJIT (DOB : 15.02.1989) for all work purposes, concerned note please make it correct in my Army records. Vide Affidavit dated 21 Jan 2022 before Notary Rohtak.

नगर निगम, रोहताक

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि नगर निगम रोहताक को हर साख के सम्यक्तिक के रिकर्ड में प्रोपर्टी आई. डी. नं. 224सी33उप387, वार्ड नं 17, श्रीमती चन्द्रमा पुत्र तुलसीराम के नाम से दाई है। अब नगर निगम के रिकर्ड में इस आईडी नं. में प्रार्थी ब्रिखराम नाम लेम वत्त, विष्णु दत्त पुत्र चन्द्रमान अपने नाम तबदील करवाना चाहते है, यदि किसी भी जन्मसाधारण को इनके नाम तबदील करने मे कोई भी आपत्ति हो तो 30 दिन के अन्दर-2 नगर निगम कार्यालय मे आपत्ति दर्ज करवाये अन्यथा यह सत्यकित उनके नाम पर ही जायेगी। जिसके लिए नगर निगम रोहताक कोई उत्तरवली नहीं लेगा।

क्रमांक MCRZ/TO/77, दिनांक 21.01.2022 कैप्टीन करणाम अधिकारी नगर निगम, रोहताक

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Haryana, Himachal Govts sign MoU for dam construction

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh on Friday for the construction of Adi Badri Dam with an estimated cost of Rs 215.35 crore.

The dam would be built on 31.66 hectares of land in Himachal Pradesh and will store 224.58 hectare meters of water every year, of which Himachal will get 61.88 hectare meters of water and Haryana will get the remaining 162 hectare meters of water. This water will flow into Saraswati river in Haryana.

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and his Himachal counterpart Jai Ram Thakur were present on the occasion at Panchkula. The Chief Secretaries of both states signed the MoU.

Khattar said that the



Saraswati river, which has been extinct for many years, will be rejuvenated with the construction of Adi Badri dam. From time immemorial, religious beliefs will also be revived with the rejuvenation of Saraswati river, along with this

the area will also be developed as a pilgrimage site.

Due to the construction of Adi Badri dam, 20 cusecs of water will flow continuously in the Saraswati river. With this, water will flow in Saraswati throughout the year, he said.

The Chief Minister said that there is not only a religious belief regarding the flow of Saraswati river, but its presence underground has also been proved through satellite. For conducting research on Saraswati river, a chair has

been set up in Kurukshetra University, besides Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board has also been established, he said.

Haryana Government has notified an area of 200 km from Adi Badri to Ghaggar river via Kaithal for Saraswati river. A mention of the same can also be found in the revenue records, he added.

It was informed that the width of this dam will be 101.06 meters and the height will be 20.5 meters.

Khattar said that the objective of this project is to revive the Saraswati river as well as increasing the ground water level. With the commissioning of the dam, the flood situation arising out of excessive rainfall during the rainy days will also be dealt with. The lake being built near it will also promote tourism.

He said that the area from Kalka to Kalesar is very impor-

tant from the tourism point of view. Many religious and tourist places come in this area including Adi Badri, Lohagarh, Kapal Mochan, Mata Mantra Devi. With the development of Lake along with the dam, many tourists will come here, which will benefit both the states, he said.

The Chief Minister further said that several projects would be worked out in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh, including the construction of a dam at the Hathnikund barrage. Along with generating electricity from this dam, the continuous flow of clean water will also become possible in the Yamuna river. In this dam, the water flowing from the mountains to the Hathnikund barrage will be stored, so that the crops will also be saved from flood-like situations. NOC has been sought for this dam and

survey work will start soon, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that Adi Badri Dam would meet the requirement of irrigation and drinking water for both states. Due to the flow of water in the Saraswati river, this area will be developed from the point of view of religion and tourism.

Thakur said that in the coming days, the foundation stone of this dam will be laid after completing all the formalities related to this project.

He said that the project would also be of immense useful for Himachal Pradesh as 3.92 hectare metre water per annum would be earmarked for the hilly state for drinking water requirement and 57.96 hectare metre for irrigation water demand of the project affected habitations.

He said that the entire funding of the project would

be arranged by the Haryana Government. Both the State Governments would be free to prepare the tourism projects as well as any other infrastructure facilities which may be required for welfare and development of local people from their own resources, without compromising primary objectives of the project, Thakur added. HP Chief Minister informed that only 21 families of the state would be displaced and they would be properly rehabilitated. The cost of rehabilitation package for oustees and environmental protection package in accordance with prevalent policies of Himachal Pradesh as well as any other prevalent laws or any other unforeseen cost in regard to Adi Badri gam in future would be borne by Haryana Government and no liability on this account would be passed on to Himachal Pradesh, he said.

Punjab Police seizes grenade launcher, 3.79 kg RDX; one arrested

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH ■ GURDASPUR

Punjab Police, thwarting a possible terrorist attack around the Republic Day, recovered 40 mm Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) with two 40 mm compatible grenades, 3.79 kg RDX, nine electrical detonators, and two sets of timer devices for IEDs from Gurdaspur on Friday.

UBGL, as per the information, is a short range grenade launching area weapon with an effective range of 150 meters and could be detrimental to the VVIP security as well.

Sharing the details, Inspector General of Police

(IGP) Border Range Mohinish Chawla said that the recovery was made on the disclosure of one Malkeet Singh, a resident of Gazikot village in Gurdaspur, who was arrested by the Gurdaspur Police on Thursday, based on secret information.

"The police have also booked co-conspirators of Malkeet, identified as Sukhpreet Singh alias Sukh Ghuman, Tharanjit Singh alias Thanna, and Sukhmeetpal Singh alias Sukh Bikhariwal; all residents of Gurdaspur, besides, Pakistan-based International Sikh Youth Federation (ISYF) chief Lakhbir Singh Rode and fugitive gangster Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dalla," said IG Chawla.

FIRs registered in 1,872 complaints received on women's helpline in Haryana, says DGP

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

1872 out of more than 77,000 calls received on women helpline number 1091 in Haryana were converted into FIRs during last year.

Director General of Police, PK Agrawal on Friday said that well-trained women police personnel deputed to attend the calls on the helpline are not only ensuring their safety and security, but also instilling confidence and courage among the women residing, working, and commuting in the state.

FIRs have been registered in 1872 complaints received on women helpline last year, the DGP said. The trust in the digital initiative of the Police - Durga Shakti Mobile app has also increased, as 13327 new users were added to this app during last year taking the total count to more than 2.31 lakhs. On the complaints received through this app, Police has lodged 48 FIRs, taken preventive action in 34 instances, and 1583 matters were resolved amicably, he

said. He further said that the primary objective of Haryana Police in the field of women safety is to sensitize the women about the need for reporting the crime and helping the Police in booking the offenders. Agrawal informed that Haryana Police has launched various social awareness initiatives, including its exemplary one-month-long 'Jagriti Yatra' cycle expedition in which a team of 16 Police Women cyclists covered a distance of 1400 kms while heading towards 23 Police districts across the state.

As a result of coordinated and continuous efforts, Haryana Police also performing very well on the ITSSO dashboard, which is an online module available to law enforcement agencies at all levels that allow the state police to undertake real-time monitoring and management for completion of investigation in rape cases. Haryana Police is currently at sixth position in India with a compliance rate of 56.7 percent, the DGP said.

BJP ally SAD (SANYUKT) announces 12 candidates

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One of the allies of BJP, Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt), on Friday released a list of 12 candidates for the upcoming Punjab Assembly polls, fielding the Punjab's former Finance Minister and sitting MLA Parminder Singh Dhindsa from Lehragaga assembly constituency. Parminder Dhindsa defeated the former Chief Minister and the then sitting MLA from Congress Rajinder Kaur Bhattal from Lehra Gaga in 2017 polls. He had contested from SAD, led by the Badals. Led by Rajiya Sabha MP Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, SAD (Sanyukt) is contesting the state polls in alliance with the BJP and former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress.

SAD Sanyukt has fielded former Akali MP from Faridkot Paramjit Kaur Gulshan from Jaitu. The party will field either former Akali Minister Sarwan Singh Phillaur or his son Damanvir Singh from Phillaur.

Sarwan and his son recently joined the SAD (Sanyukt) after quitting the Congress. Besides, Soma Singh will contest from Dirba; Harpreet Singh Garcha from Sahnewal; Sukhwinder Singh Tibba from Mehal Kalan; Jagtar Singh from Bagha Purana; Sanmukh Singh from Sunam; Manjit Singh from Urmur Tanda; Jugrajpal Singh from Sultanpur Lodhi; Daljit Singh Gill from Khemkaran; and Johar Singh from Qadian.

WITH 12TH LIST, AAP ANNOUNCES CANDIDATES FROM ALL 117 SEATS

Aam Aadmi Party has announced all 117 candidates for the 2022 Punjab Assembly elections. On Friday, the party released the twelfth and final list with the names of its remaining four candidates, bringing the number of AAP's declared candidates to 117. The party has fielded KNS Kang, an educationist and chairman-cum-director general of PCTE Group of Institutes, from Dakha.

Channi to file defamation case against Kejriwal for 'dishonest man' swipe

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH ■ CHAMKAUR SAHIB

Lashing out at his Delhi Counterpart and Aam Aadmi Party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal for dubbing him as a "dishonest man" after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted raids at several places, including Channi's nephew Bhupinder Singh Honey, Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Friday declared that he would be filing a defamation case against AAP leader for his remarks. Claiming that it was Kejriwal's habit to level accusations against others to malign their image, Channi said that in the past, AAP supreme had to even apologise to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders Nitin Gadkari, late Arun Jaitley, and even SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia.

"I will file a defamation case against Kejriwal and have requested my party to give permission to do so. I am compelled to do this...He is dubbing me as dishonest and he has put that on his Twitter handle," said Channi, adding that Kejriwal has crossed all limits. Kejriwal, a day before, took to Twitter to target Channi's "common man" image, saying that Punjab Chief Minister was not an "aam aadmi" but "baiman aadmi" (dishonest man).

Intensifying his attack against Channi on Friday, Kejriwal cited party's survey to claim that Channi will be defeated from his own seat — Chamkaur Sahib constituency — in the ensuing elections. "People are in shock on seeing ED officers counting big wads of notes on TV," added Kejriwal. Retorting, Channi said that Kejriwal is "tampering" his image by showing "bundles of notes (seized during ED raids)" with his photo over social media though the raids were conducted on and money was seized from "someone else".

"Why photos of bundles of notes with my photos on social media accounts. Which money came to me, what is my fault in this? Why are you dragging me into this?...Had money been

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seized from me, ED would have conducted raids at my house, arrested me, questioned me," asked Channi.

"I can only be held responsible if money was seized from my house or from my sons or wife," he said while declaring that he would not contest the election "if I am found guilty or money is seized from my house". Notably, ED on Wednesday carried out raids in as many as 10 locations in Punjab, including Channi's nephew and six mining contractors, among others, in the illegal sand mining case. The central agency also recovered Rs 10 crore from Bhupinder and his partner Sandeep Kumar along with gold worth Rs 21 lakh during the raids. Currently, the ED is investigating the source of the unaccounted case seized from Channi's nephew and Sandeep.

The federal agency is reportedly investigating the case based on a first information report registered in 2018 by the Punjab Police against one Kudrat Deep Singh, who owns a quarry in Nawanshahr town of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar district. Honey is reportedly a director at one of the companies formed by Singh.

Channi, however, has accused the BJP-led Centre of trying to frame him in order to avenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security breach fiasco in Ferozepur earlier this month. Punjab Chief Minister said that Bhupinder was tortured by the central agency and even lured to name him in the case as part of a larger conspiracy to attack the Congress and spoil the party's chances in the forthcoming Punjab elections.

Punjab reports 28 deaths, 7,792 Covid cases

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Punjab on Friday reported 28 fatalities and 7792 COVID cases taking the state's death toll to 16913 and total cases to 700222. According to the state's health bulletin, five deaths were reported in Ludhiana, four deaths in Amritsar, three each in Patiala and Jalandhar, two each in SAS Nagar, Sangrur and Faridkot, one each in Ferozepur, Pathankot, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda. The daily positivity rate in the state stood at 17.95 percent. SAS Nagar reported the highest 1313 fresh cases at the high positivity rate of 47.28 percent.

12 deaths, 9655 cases reported in Haryana

12 more deaths were reported in Haryana as the state logged 9655 fresh COVID-19 cases on Friday. With this, the death toll has reached 10154 and the cumulative case tally has reached 892550 in the state. Four deaths were reported in Yamunanagar, three in Gurugram, two in Nuh and one each in Faridabad, Karnal and Panipat, the state's bulletin stated. The worst affected Gurugram district reported 3509 fresh infections.

Himachal reports nine deaths, 2940 fresh cases

Nine deaths due to COVID-19 and 2940 fresh infections were reported in Himachal on Friday. Three deaths were reported in Kangra, two in Sirmour and one each in Mandi, Solan, Shimla and Una districts, stated the state's health bulletin.

A highest number of 438 infections were reported in Solan district followed by 396 cases in Kangra and 350 cases in Mandi, the bulletin said.

Chandigarh sees 1172 fresh Covid-19 cases, 2 deaths

Chandigarh on Friday logged 1172 fresh Covid-19 cases and two deaths. The positivity rate stood at 17.06 per cent. sted positive for Covid-19.

PUNJAB POLL BUZZ

₹60.75 CR VALUABLES SEIZED AFTER MODEL CODE ENFORCEMENT

Various enforcement teams have seized valuables worth Rs 60.75 crores in violation of code till January 20 (Thursday) in Punjab after the Model Code of Conduct came into force in the state for February 20 Vidhan Sabha elections. Giving details, the state Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Dr S Karuna Raju on Friday said that surveillance teams have seized 10.33 lakh litres of liquor worth Rs three crore, while enforcement wings have recovered psychotropic substances amounting to Rs 44.57 crores besides confiscating unaccounted cash of Rs 12.32 crore.

CHANNI LOOTED HUNDREDS OF CRORES BY ENGAGING IN CORRUPT DEALS: SUKHBIR

SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Friday said that Rs 11 crore recovery from the residence of Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's nephew by ED was just the tip of the iceberg "and Channi has looted hundreds of crores by engaging in corrupt deals". Sukhbir, addressing small gatherings in support of party candidate Hardeep Singh Dhillon, said: "It is shameful that Chief Minister is crying wolf and trying to paint himself as a victim of a political witch-hunt after his nephew was caught red handed with huge sums of money and gold". He said Punjabis would hold Channi accountable for his corrupt deals and that the next SAD- BSP government would take him to task.

DEMOCRATIC BHARATIYA LOK DAL EXTENDS SUPPORT TO SAD

SAD on Friday received a further boost, particularly in Malwa region, with the Democratic Bharatiya Lok Dal extending its support. Dal president Gurmukh Singh Khosla and general secretary Gurdev Malri said that they were convinced that SAD alone could lead the State at this crucial juncture. Asserting that SAD was already proceeding towards a complete majority, SAD president Sukhbir Badal said: "Now all genuine opinion makers are convinced that it is the SAD-BSP alliance which will form the government in Punjab." Hundreds of Congress and AAP workers, including senior Congress leader, former municipal councillor, and ex-president Gidderbaha Truck Union Kulwant Singh Mann joined the SAD, and Sukhbir assured him all of due respect and responsibilities in the SAD.

CONG MANIFESTO TO ADDRESS EXPECTATIONS OF ALL SECTIONS: BAJWA

Punjab Congress Manifesto Committee chairman Partap Singh Bajwa on Friday declared that the party would consider expectations of all sections of the society while preparing the party's manifesto for the upcoming assembly elections. Accompanied by AAP's former MLA Aadarsh Shastri, Bajwa put special emphasis on agriculture and farm distress. "Congress party will focus on the needs of agriculture sector while drafting the manifesto, and the farmers will be encouraged for diversification," he said adding that there was a need to bring the second green revolution in the state and come out of wheat-paddy cycle. Besides, Bajwa said, the party's second-biggest priority will be giving employment to the youth, besides giving concessions to industry, developing infrastructure in urban and rural areas; and emphasis will also be laid on sports and cultural development in the State.

CHANNI GOVT STAGE-MANAGED BLOCKADE THAT LED TO PM'S SECURITY BREACH: AMARINDER

Former Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Friday launched a scathing attack on his successor Charanjit Singh Channi while accusing him and his Government of "clearly stage-managing" the blockade that had led to the serious security lapse on the Prime Minister's route. "I had earlier passed the bridge, where the Prime Minister had been stuck for a long duration, and there was no blockade there...Clearly, the Channi government had instructed the police to not remove the farmers who were stopping BJP buses from reaching the spot," said Capt Amarinder, who has floated a new political outfit Punjab Lok Congress. Describing the incident as a major security lapse which no constitutional head should ever have to face and which could easily have become a threat to the Prime Minister's life given the proximity to the international border, the former Chief Minister said that instead of taking a defiant stand, Channi should have issued an unequivocal apology. "We are sensitive border state and Pak ISI is always looking to create trouble here," he pointed out, asserting that "one cannot ever take any chances". Dubbing Channi as an unreliable and untrustworthy person who had made transfers and postings an industry in Punjab in the past three months, Capt Amarinder said that the incumbent government had been exposed as a 'suitcase di sarkar' after the recent ED raids that had unearthed crores of rupees from the Chief Minister's kin.

KEJRIWAL MAKING FAKE PROMISES IN PUNJAB: EX-AAP MLA SHASTRI

Exposing Delhi's Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's tall claims, AAP's former MLA Aadarsh Shastri on Friday said that Kejriwal has not fulfilled the promises he made with the people of Delhi and now he is announcing fake guarantees in Punjab. "There was a surplus of Rs 60,000 crores in the budget during Sheila Dikshit's government; and today, despite surplus in the budget, the Kejriwal Government has failed to give allowance of Rs 100 to the Delhi-based women and here he is making fake promise to give Rs 1000 to women in Punjab," he said. Commenting on selecting Bhagwant Mann as CM face for AAP, Shastri said that the decision has been taken to run Punjab as been done to run the government of Punjab through remote control from Delhi. He also asked Kejriwal to clear his stand on the issue of SYL.

BEWARE OF TURNCOATS: SIDHU URGES MOHALI ELECTORS

Sitting MLA and Congress candidate from Mohali Balbir Singh Sidhu on Friday continued his whirlwind tours of surrounding villages and held election meetings in ten villages, while making an appeal to the villagers to beware of turncoats, in direct reference to AAP's candidate Kulwant Singh and SAD nominee Parvinder Singh Sohana. Sidhu urged the villagers to not to fall for their fake claims.

BJP's first list of 34 out, Punjab BJP chief's name missing

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Friday widened its political horizon in Punjab by announcing candidates for the February 20 assembly polls from all segments of voters, including farmers, Scheduled Castes and the Sikhs. The party, in the process, apparently made attempts at diminishing the competitive advantage its rivals gained by banking on the farmers' issues, tying up with the BSP or projecting Dalit or Sikh leaders as the Chief Minister's face.

Releasing its first list of candidates, the saffron party announced 34 names, of the total 65 seats it is expected to contest in alliance with the former Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh-led Punjab Lok Congress, and Rajya Sabha MP Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa-led SAD Sanyukt).

"Out of 34 candidates in the first list, 12 are from farmer families, eight from the Scheduled Caste category, and 13 are from the Sikh community...The list has doctors, lawyers, sportspersons, farmers, youth, women, and former IAS," said BJP's national general secretary Tarun Chugh, while addressing the media along with party's general secretary in-charge for Punjab Dushyant Kumar Gautam and Union Minister and party's co-in-charge for assembly elections Hardeep Singh Puri.

Interestingly, the first list of party candidates does not include the name of Punjab BJP president Ashwani Sharma, who is expected to

be fielded from Pathankot. On the other hand, the party has allotted tickets to the leaders from other parties who joined BJP recently — former Minister and sitting MLA from Guru Har Sahai Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi has been fielded from Ferozepur City, former MLA Arvind Khanna from Sangrur, former Congress leader and Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi's close aide Nimisha Mehta from Garhshankar, and former Akali MLA Didar Singh Bhatti from Fatehgarh Sahib, among others.

The party has also fielded its two sitting MLAs — former Deputy Speaker Dinesh Babu from Sujampur and first-time MLA Arun Narang from Abohar — to seek re-election from their respective seats. Besides, the saffron party has decided to lay its bet on tried and tested soldiers, including former Ministers — Manoranjan Kalia from Jalandhar Central, Surjit Kumar Jiyani from Fazilka, and Tikshan Sud from Hoshiarpur. Besides, former

chief parliamentary secretary Krishan Dev Bhandari has been fielded from Jalandhar North and Mohan Lal from Banga.

Senior party leaders Mahendra Pal Bhagat and Raghunath Rana will contest from Jalandhar West and Dasuya respectively.

Kanwar Vir Singh Tohra from the family of Gurcharan Singh Tohra, who joined the saffron brigade only recently, has been fielded from Amloh. In an interesting development, BJP has allotted ticket to a former bureaucrat SR Ladhar, who had organized protest rallies against the Central Government during the farmers' agitation against the farm laws. In fact, the former IAS officer later had also floated his own political outfit for the farmers. Ladhar will be contesting as BJP candidate from Gill assembly segment. Puran Chand will contest from Jalalabad against Shiromani Akali Dal president Sukhbir Singh Badal. Highlighting the steps taken by the Centre for

Punjab, Punjab BJP in-charge Dushyant Gautam said that the elections will throw up surprising results in the state.

"The people of Punjab are suffering from misgovernance. Years ago, drug addiction, corruption and many other problems had cropped up in the State, unfortunately even today, those problems remain the same. No progress has been made in Punjab under the previous government," said Gautam, clearly spelling out that the BJP would work towards solving these problems. SITTING MLAs: MLA Dinesh Babu from Sujampur; MLA Arun Narang from Abohar; MLA Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi from Ferozepur City (former Minister, former Congressman, Guru Har Sahai MLA)

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Fatehgarh Sahib; Arvind Khanna from Sangrur

OTHERS: Garshankar: Namisha Mehta; Amloh: Kanwar Vir Singh Tohra from the family of Gurcharan Singh Tohra; Gill: SR Laddar, retired IAS; Kapurthala: Ranjit Singh Khojewal, a Kabaddi player; Jalandhar West: Mahendra Pal Bhagat; Mukerian: Jangi Lal Mahajan; Dasuya: Raghunath Rana; Dinanagar: Renu Kashyap; Sri Hargobindpur (SC): Baljinder Singh Dakoha; Amritsar North: Sukhwinder Singh Pintu; Tarn Taran: Navreet Singh Safipur; Chabewal (SC): Dr Dilbagh Rai; Balachaur: Ashok Baath; Khanna: Gurmurt Singh Bhatti; Ludhiana Central: Gurdev Sharma; Ludhiana West: Advocate Vikram Singh Sidhu; Jagraon: Kanwar Narinder Singh; Jalalabad: Puran Chand; Mukhtsar: Rajesh Bathela; Faridkot: Gaurav Kakkar; Bhuchomandi: Rupinder Singh Sidhu; Talwandi Sabo: Ravi Preet Singh Sidhu; Sardulgarh: Jagjit Singh Milkha; Dera Bassi: Sanjiv Khanna

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Masks not for children below 5 years: Revised guidelines

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

In what should come as a huge relief for both parents and children, wearing of masks is not recommended for children aged 5 years or below according to the revised Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Union Health Ministry. Those aged 6-11 years may wear it depending on the ability of the child to use a mask safely and appropriately under direct supervision of parents. Ensuring that the kid masks up properly has been of much concern to parents while masking up didn't go too well with children who felt suffo-

cated. As per the 'Revised Comprehensive Guidelines for Management of COVID-19 in Children and Adolescents (below 18 years)', those aged 12 and above should wear a mask under the same conditions as adults, the guidelines said. It also said that use of antivirals or monoclonal antibodies is not recommended for those less than 18 years of age, irrespective of severity of Covid infection, and if steroids are used, they should be tapered over 10 to 14 days, subject to clinical improvement. The guidelines were reviewed by a group of experts in view of the current surge that

is mainly attributed to the Omicron variant of the coronavirus, which is also a variant of concern. The available data from other countries suggests that the disease caused by the Omicron variant is less severe. However, there is a need for a careful watch, as the current wave evolves, the ministry said. It categorized cases as asymptomatic, mild, moderate and severe. According to the guidelines, COVID-19 is a viral infection and antimicrobials have no role in the management of uncomplicated COVID-19 infection. In asymptomatic and mild

cases, antimicrobials are not recommended for therapy or prophylaxis while in moderate and severe cases, antimicrobials should not be prescribed unless there is clinical suspicion of a superadded infection. In case of septic shock, empirical antimicrobials, according to body weight, are frequently added to cover all likely pathogens based on clinical judgement, patient host factors, local epidemiology and antimicrobial policy of the hospital, it said. The guidelines stated that steroids are not indicated and are harmful in asymptomatic and mild cases of COVID-19.

They are indicated only in hospitalised severe and critically ill COVID-19 cases under strict supervision, the guidelines said. Steroids should be used at the right time, in the right dose and for the right duration, they stated. Steroids should be avoided in the first three to five days since onset of symptoms as it prolongs viral shedding, the guidelines stated. Anticoagulants are not indicated routinely and all hospitalised children should be evaluated for risk of developing thrombosis and monitored for development of thrombosis, the ministry said.

As far post-COVID-19 care is concerned, the guidelines stated that children with asymptomatic infection or mild disease should receive routine childcare, appropriate vaccination (if eligible), nutrition counselling, and psychological support on follow up. In addition to the above, parents or caregivers of children, who suffered moderate to severe Covid, during discharge from hospital should be counselled regarding monitoring for persistence or worsening respiratory difficulty and explained the indications for bringing the child back to the facility, the guidelines stated.



MHA to allow arms manufacturers to enhance weapon production

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Friday amended the rules to enable arms manufacturing companies to enhance their production of firearms and ammunition. Under the Arms (Amendment) Rules, 2022, the arms manufacturers, however, will have to submit online every month details of the firearms manufactured, sold or transferred or consumed for the month.

"The manufacturer who has been issued licence in Form VII under these rules shall be permitted to have enhanced annual production of firearms or ammunition or caliber wise revision of his licensed capacity by giving intimation to the licensing authority and also to the State Government concerned within ninety days from the end of the financial year and for which no further endorsement on the licence as to capacity shall be required," the MHA notification said.

While applying, the manufacturer has to submit a detailed proposal for enhancement of manufacturing capacity or caliber wise revision of licenced capacity, project outlays, means of finance and justification for economic viability and market demand projections, duly certified by the authorised signatory of the company. Monthly online returns, detailing the produc-



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tion, sold, transfer and consumed shall be submitted by the manufacturer by close of business hours of the last day of the month, the notification said.

Prior approval of the licensing authority will be mandatory for any change in control, either directly or indirectly, of the company or in case of any change in shareholding or beneficial interest in the shareholding, resulting into

dilution of promoters shareholding below 10 per cent.

However, prior approval will not be required if there is increase in shareholding of a shareholder, who held less than 10 per cent in the share capital of the company, to 10 per cent or more provided that for transfer of share holding between the two promoters which is already approved by the licensing authority.

AG OK's contempt proceedings against Yati

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Attorney General KK Venugopal on Friday granted consent to activist Shachi Nelli for initiation of criminal contempt of court proceedings against controversial Yati Narsinghanand over his recent derogatory remarks against the Supreme Court. The AG found that Narsinghanand's statement "those who believe in this system, these politicians, in the Supreme Court, and in the Army will all die the death of a dog", was a direct attempt to lower the authority of the Supreme Court in the minds of the general public.

As per Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, the consent of Attorney General is required before the Supreme Court can hear a criminal contempt of court petition filed by a private individual. The complainant Nelli wrote to the AG seeking his consent for the same.

In her letter seeking consent, Nelli had stated that in an interview given by Narsinghanand which went viral on social media was total-



ly contempt for the Supreme Court and the Constitution of India clear by saying, "We have no trust in the Supreme Court of India and the Constitution. The Constitution will consume the 100 crore Hindus of this country. Those who believe in this Constitution will be killed. Those who believe in this system, in these politicians, in the Supreme Court, and in the Army will all die the death of a dog."

Narsinghanand's statements were made in response to questions posed about the court proceedings in the Haridwar hate speech cases. He was arrested for the vitriolic speeches at Haridwar Dharam Sansad.

SC refuses to entertain plea to censor Kangana posts

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking censorship of actress Kangana Ranaut's all future statements on social media, clubbing multiple FIRs lodged against her for remarks against the Sikh community and investigation by Mumbai police.

It asked the petitioner either to ignore the utterances made by her or avail remedy under law.

The top court also said that the petitioner, a member of the Sikh Community, as a public cannot seek clubbing of multiple FIRs, and only the accused or informant can seek such remedy.

A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Bela Trivedi told petitioner Sardar Charanjeet Singh Chanderpal, an advocate, appearing in person that remedy which he was seeking cannot be granted under Article 32 petition and he has to pursue relief under the criminal law. "There are two possible solutions. Either you ignore the utterances made by her or avail remedy under law. We respect the communi-



ty. We respect your faith...By speaking these utterances you are doing more disservice to the cause. Don't try to prejudice the mind of the court. Don't politicise it. We have read these utterances in your file. You don't need to speak up", the bench told Chanderpal, when he tried to read the remarks which Ranaut had made on social media. Chanderpal said that he has filed an intervention application in the FIR quashing petition of Ranaut and is pursuing it.

The bench then ordered, "As regards to first relief is concerned, the petitioner-in-person states that he has already adopted proceedings for the

purpose of availing of his remedies in accordance with law by instituting a private complaint. In view of the invocation of the remedy by the petitioner in person, we, therefore, request this court to treat the petition in so far prayer A (censoring social media posts) is concerned as being disposed of without being expressed any opinion by this court at the present stage". Chanderpal said that the actress is going on and on with her "outrageous" and "defamatory" statements that "Sikh Farmers were Khalistani Terrorists" and tried to portray the community as "anti-national".

PTI

'Goof up by bank led to wrongful deposit': SC sets aside National Consumer Commission order

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission order, in a matter connected with wrong deposit and withdrawal, from an account at State Bank of India.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Bela M. Trivedi said that calling for the report by the National Commission on its own from the officer of the bank was absolutely unwarranted. "Be that as it may, the impugned order passed by the National Commission solely relying upon the suo moto report called for from the respondent-bank during the pendency of the revision application, being highly erroneous, deserves to be set aside and is accordingly set aside. The order passed by the State Commission is restored," it said.

The matter is connected with the withdrawal of Rs 3 Lakh from petitioner Sunil Kumar Maity's account at State Bank of India. Maity found that the money, which was deposited through cheque, was withdrawn from the account. Later, it was found the bank had given him the account number of another person by name of Sunil Maity, which led to this goof-up. The bank refused to address Maity's grievance. He moved the district consumer forum, which allowed his complaint. The West Bengal State Commission noted the bank should have accepted its mistake, by crediting the cheque amount to the account of Sunil Maity, who had the account at the same branch.

The top court noted: "There was no way that the appellant would have known that the second respondent namely Sunil Maity had an account in the same branch. No sane person would deposit cash or cheque meant to be



deposited in his account in an account number belonging to another person with similar name."

It pointed out that the National Commission exceeded its revisional jurisdiction by calling for the report from the bank and made it the basis to conclude that the two fora below had erred in not undertaking the requisite in-depth appraisal of the case.

The top court said the report that tries to absolve the bank of its liability is based on surmises and conjectures, as it holds that bank has every reason to believe that wrong account number was intentionally inserted by the petitioner himself for reasons best known to him or on account of negligence by him by not keeping the passbook in proper custody. "The suppositions are contradictory as well as incredulous and fanciful," said the bench.

The National Commission, allowing a revision petition by the bank, said the complainant can move the competent civil court under the law.

The petitioner submitted before the top court that he did not know Sunil Maity, the second respondent, and would not have known his account number unless it was given by a bank officer.

IANS

194 schools registered for affiliation with Sainik School Society

New Delhi: A total 194 schools have been registered till now for affiliation with the Sainik School Society and application process is underway, the Ministry of Defence said on Friday.

The Ministry said that marching ahead in tune with National Education Policy (NEP), the government has decided to provide an increasing focus on value-based education enabling children to develop pride in the rich culture and heritage of this nation, effective leadership with character, discipline, sense of national duty and patriotism.

In a paradigm shift to the existing pattern of Sainik Schools, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in its meeting has approved the proposal for launching of affiliated Sainik Schools under Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence.

These schools will function as an exclusive vertical which will be distinct and different from existing Sainik Schools of MoD.

In the first phase, 100 affiliate partners are proposed to be drawn from states, NGOs and private partners.

Scheme is aimed at providing Sainik School pattern of education to a larger cross section of aspiring students all over the nation.

Sainik Schools Society has forwarded application forms to all such applicant Schools which have registered themselves upto January 15, 2022.

The application forms are required to be filled up and submitted back to Sainik Schools Society through online mode by January 12, 2022.

IANS

Backlash forces Nestle to discontinue KitKat bars with Hindu deities on wrappers

New Delhi: A furious backlash in India has forced Nestle to discontinue a range of KitKat bars covered by wrappers with images of Hindu gods on them, the Daily Mail reported.

The range has sparked worries that the chocolate bars adorned with the images of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Mata Subhadra would inevitably be thrown away in bins and on the streets, the report said.

It is only recently that the KitKat wrapper with a picture of Lord Jagannath came into the spotlight, sparking reactions on social media.

"Kindly remove the pictures...they might even get stepped on unintentionally," one Twitter user posted.

Another Twitter user commented that it is an honour to have "Odisha culture and Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra on KitKat, but throwing the wrappers in dustbin or stepping on them accidentally would be an insult to the deities."

The bars were introduced to "celebrate the culture", according to Nestle. The company has since issued an apology, and withdrawn the bar range.

A Nestle spokesperson said: "We do understand the sensitivity of the matter and regret if we have inadvertently hurt anyone's sentiment. We had already withdrawn these packs from the market last year. We thank you for your understanding and support."

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Ventura case: ED attaches assets worth ₹2 crore

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 2.37 crore of Jeevendra Poddar and Shipra Singh under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the offence of money laundering initiated against Ameet Savant and others. The attached assets are in the form of a flat in Goa, Office Space in Gera Imperium Grand in Goa and BMW cars among others.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs dated August 21, 2019 and December 12, 2019 registered by Goa Police under various sections of IPC and Goa Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 against Ameet Savant, Jeevendra Poddar, Shipra Singh, and others for duping of investors to the tune of approximately Rs 21.38 crore by promising fixed returns of 2 to 5 percent per month.

Investigation by ED revealed that Ameet Savant, as Authorized Representative (AP) of Ventura Securities Ltd. had collected money to the tune of Rs 21.38 crore from the complainants between 2015 and 2019. Instead of depositing the same in the demat accounts of investors maintained with Ventura Securities Ltd., had misappropriated the same by depositing in the accounts of his own similarly named proprietorship firm, VENTURA, the agency said in a statement.

Savant had further laundered the money received from complainants for gambling/speculation in the securities market and lost money to the tune of Rs 9.86 crore approximately between 2016 and 2018, it further said. Further, Savant had transferred Proceeds of Crime (POC) to the tune of Rs 5.45 crore in the bank accounts of Jeevendra Poddar and Shipra Singh as commission/brokerage for sourcing clients for him, it added.

Investigation further revealed that Lalit Goyal is "settler and named beneficiary" of an overseas Trust which owns and controls entities holding assets outside India. Recent Pandora Papers Leak has also named four entities (which are beneficially owned by Lalit Goyal) which are holding assets of more than USD 77.73 million (Rs. 575 crore approximately) overseas, it said.

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GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX

J&K first UT to have GGI

Union HM Amit Shah to release index for 20 districts today

PNS ■ JAMMU

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir is set to witness cut throat competition among different district headquarters as the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is set to release the District Good Governance Index for 20 Districts on Saturday.

The exercise on formulation of District Good Governance Index was set in motion in July, 2021 which has now been completed and Jammu & Kashmir will become the first Union Territory in the country to have Good Governance Index.

The index of Good governance has been prepared after assessing the different aspects of development and district administration in sectors such as agriculture, commerce and industry, human resource development, public health, public infrastructure and util-

ities, economic governance, welfare and development, public safety, judiciary, and citizen-centric governance.

The maiden event is being organized jointly by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), GOI and Jammu & Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development in association with the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad.

Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir and Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions are also expected to address the event.

The District Good Governance Index of Jammu and Kashmir was prepared by DARPG in collaboration with Government of Jammu and Kashmir in pursuance of the announcements made in the “Behtar e-Hukumat – Kashmir

Aelamia” resolution adopted on July 2, 2021 in the Regional Conference on Replication of Good Governance Practices held at Srinagar.

The District Good Governance Index of Government of Jammu and Kashmir represents a major administrative reform in benchmarking good governance at District level and a significant step for timely collation and publication of statistics at State/ District level. The District Good Governance Index is a milestone and it is expected that it will provide a robust framework for evidence based assessment of the performance of all the districts in Jammu & Kashmir.

The Chief Secretary Government of Jammu & Kashmir Arun Kumar Mehta and V. Srinivas, Secretary DARPG, Government of India will also be addressing the event. The event will be attended by Senior Officials of

Government of Jammu and Kashmir, District Collectors and Chief Planning Officers of Districts. Secretaries of Planning and Secretaries of Administrative Reforms of all State/ UT governments and District Collectors of non-election bound States have also been invited to participate in the event by video conferencing.

During the occasion, a presentation on formulation of District Good Governance Index will be made by Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad. This will be followed by district presentations by selected 12 District Development Commissioners, who will be showcasing achievements of various sectors. Thereafter a panel discussion will be held on DGGI-A Way Forward for futuristic 2.0 version of DGGI for measuring and benchmarking performance and improvement of Districts in future as well.

‘Netaji statue a damage control exercise’

TMC not happy with Centre’s move to erect statue at India Gate

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress continued to attack the Narendra Modi Government for ‘ignoring Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose’ even after the Centre’s decision to install a granite statue of the legendary freedom fighter at the iconic India Gate in the national Capital.

When asked to comment on the latest development senior TMC leader and MP Saugato Roy said, “today they are installing Netaji’s statue ... if they have so much of respect for him then why they did not allow the Bengal Government to prepare a tableau on him to commemorate his 125th birth anniversary,” adding the belated decision (to install his statue) had been taken as a damage control exercise.

Similarly Forward Bloc leader Naren De said ‘simple installation of Netaji’s statues will not suffice ... you have to follow his principles and ideas ... otherwise there are thousands of statues of this great

It’s a nice gesture, better late than never: Bose’s daughter

Kolkata: The daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Anita Bose-Pfaff, on Friday hailed as "a nice gesture" Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s announcement about installing a statue of the iconic freedom fighter at India Gate, and hoped it will put to rest the controversy over rejection of West Bengal’s tableau for the Republic Day parade.

Welcoming the decision as "better late than never", Bose-Pfaff said the announcement took her by surprise.

"I am very happy about the decision. It is very good location. I am certainly glad that his

statue would be put up at such a prominent place. What surprises me is it came all of a sudden now. One might have prepared a bit earlier, but better late than never, I must say. I hope that the controversy about the tableau can also be put to rest in a satisfactory manner," Bose-Pfaff told PTI over the telephone from Germany, where she lives.

When asked if she thinks that the decision was taken to end the tableau controversy, she said she is not in a position to comment on it.

"I don’t know. Let’s put it that way", she said. **PTI**

ing the Congress.

Congress leader of Lok Sabha Adhir Chowdhury too attacked the Centre for politicizing the Netaji issue. "Why have they announced the decision to install the statue of Netaji now a day before his

birth anniversary ... why was it not installed earlier ... they are doing it as a face saving exercise," he said.

Chowdhury would not spare the Trinamool Congress either. He attacked the Bengal ruling out fit on different issue --- for destroying the anti-BJP forum led by the Congress in India.

"Everyone knows that only Congress can take on the BJP with the kindout outreach it has through the length and breadth of the country ... TMC cannot do a fraction of what the Congress can do to dislodge the BJP ... yet they are trying to harm the Congress by entering the States like Goa, Meghalaya where the Congress has a good support base ... The TMC is doing this to weaken the Congress and strengthen the BJP".

On the TMC keenness to ally with the Congress in Goa Chowdhury who is also the Bengal Pradesh Congress president said "today they are talking of alliance when they know that they will be rejected by the people of Goa".

BULLI BAI APP CASE

3 accused denied bail; court says their acts defamed womanhood

Mumbai: A court in Mumbai denied bail to three students arrested in the Bulli Bai app case by stating that the trio had committed serious acts of "defaming womanhood" and, therefore, in the larger interest of society the personal liberty of the accused can be curtailed.

The Bulli Bai app had made public the details of several Muslim women in a bid to malign them, allowing users to participate in their 'auction'.

Vishal Kumar Jha, Shweta Singh and Mayak Rawat were denied bail by Bandra Metropolitan Court Magistrate Komalsingh Raj on January 20, but a detailed cop of the order was made available on Friday.

While Singh and Rawat were arrested by the Mumbai police's cyber cell from Uttarakhand on January 5, Jha was nabbed from Bengaluru on

January 4.

"No doubt accused persons are students of tender age and they have fundamental right to life and liberty, but those rights are subject to reasonable restrictions. They were arrested for collection of evidence relating to non-bailable offence and, hence, their arrest is not in violation of any law," the magistrate said in the order.

"They were found to have committed serious acts defaming womanhood. The larger interest of society is at stake. Therefore, their personal liberty can be said to be curtailed following due process of law," the magistrate said.

The court also noted there was "some ill-intention" on part of the creator and followers of the app as well as persons propagating and disseminating information about women of a

particular religion.

Stating that, prima facie, the involvement in of the accused is noticed, the court said, "The disputed fact is only in respect of exact role played by them. It is contended on behalf of the applicants that they are just followers and disseminated the information containing its link. Even if it is presumed they are just followers/subscribers of the application, at this stage it cannot be said they are innocent."

The court further said records showed their 'active involvement' in propagating and disseminating the information/data relating to the women.

Meanwhile, accused Vishal Kumar Jha has moved sessions court for bail, and his plea is likely to be heard on Monday.

In the bail application, moved through his lawyer

Clubhouse App chat case: Mumbai Police arrests three from Haryana

Mumbai: Mumbai police have arrested three persons from Haryana in connection with the chat on Clubhouse app, in which obscene comments were allegedly made against Muslim women, an official said on Friday. Personnel of the cyber police station of the Mumbai crime branch made the arrests late on Thursday night, he said.Two of the accused will be produced in a local court later in the day, the official said.In a tweet posted early this morning, Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi praised the city police for the arrests in the case. "Kudos @MumbaiPolice, they have got cracking on the Clubhouse chats too and some arrests have been made. Say no to hate. #Clubhouse," she said in the tweet. On Wednesday, the Delhi police had written to the Clubhouse app and search engine Google, seeking details about the organiser of the alleged audio group chat in which "obscene comments were made against Muslim women". **PTI**

Shivam Deshmukh, the accused claimed he had been "falsely implicated in this case".

"The accused hails from a respectable family hav-

ing deep roots in the eyes of society and any such act as alleged by the present complainant is beyond imagination," Jha's plea said. **PTI**

Security situation in J&K reviewed ahead of R-Day

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Ahead of the Republic day celebrations a Core Group consisting of top officials of Civil Administration, Intelligence Agencies and security forces Friday reviewed the security situation in Kashmir at Badami Bagh Cantonment. The meeting was co-chaired by the General Officer Commanding, Chinara Corps, Lt Gen DP Pandey and Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh.

The core group discussed fresh strategies of the terrorist organizations and their handlers including use of Hybrid terrorist and targeting of soft targets. 15 terrorists killed in 2021 were fresh names not on the security forces radar.

The officials stated that the ceasefire has improved the security situation along the border, however, intelligence inputs of terrorist launch pads

and terrorist training activities in Pakistan indicate the need to be alert along the Line of Control. On the Line of Control, late snow has kept the infiltration routes open for a longer time, however effective domination has ensured decrease in overall infiltration including those from South of Pir Panjal. The vigil on the Line of Control against infiltration of men, drugs and weapons is continuing.

According to a Defence spokesman the officials shared the challenge of propaganda of the nexus through internet and social media. Sadly, these efforts include propaganda to legitimize killing of Kashmiri civilians by the terrorists. "Deliberations were also focused on the use of social media to spread disinformation. The officials present in the meeting observed joint efforts were needed to counter it by exposing fake news, booking of



radicals trying to foment unrest and proactive sharing of information by state agencies.

The spokesman said, "The setting up of the State Investigative Agency and the increased booking by NIA is showing the impact of focused intelligence and investigation efforts. These efforts have been effective in targeting drug, hawala and the OGWs networks. Legal action on those willfully harbouring terrorists is being increased as the harbourers have direct involve-

ment in terror activities.

The DGP and the Corps Commander commended the officials present on improved security indicators. They appreciated that post the abrogation of Article 370, certain benchmarks were set which have been achieved successfully for the restoration of peace and prosperity in the region. The DGP stated that reduction in local terrorist recruitment is one parameter that all must approach with continued focus. A special mention was made

on the measures taken to minimize the collateral damage in operations despite risk to own soldiers. He recommended continued efforts to give chance of surrenders to local terrorists to give them a second chance at living a fruitful life. The Corps Commander called upon all to treat 2022 as a transformative year where common man used to zero civilian casualties in 2021 should see 2022 as the year when things turned for good for the long term. He cautioned the trend of the terrorists to use urban areas with thick built up area for operations as they provide more avenues to hide or escape and puts higher onus in security forces to exercise restraint to avoid collateral damage. He called for continued efforts along with the civil society to counter the separatist propaganda and break the cycle of violence for long term peace in Kashmir.



An artist prepares a sculpture of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ahead of his 125th birth anniversary, in Kolkata on Friday **PTI**

COVID BULLETIN

Covid-19 cases continue to rise in Kerala, over 41K logged in 24 hrs

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Though Kerala's Department of Health brought down the number of samples tested on Friday to 95,218, the Covid-19 cases continued to remain unabated in the State. A total of 41, 668 persons were diagnosed with the pandemic during the last 24 hours and the Test Positivity Rate surged to 43.76 per cent. A total of 51, 607 persons succumbed to the pandemic in the State till Friday evening, according to a release issued by Veena George, minister of health.

The Government of Kerala suffered a setback on Friday as a Division Bench of the Kerala High Court asked the Kasaragod district administration not to allow any public meetings attended by more than 50 persons. Though the

District Disaster Management Authority had issued an order limiting the number of persons that could assemble for any meeting to 50, the district collector reportedly under political pressure issued a new order stating that the number of persons that could be allowed to attend public meetings should be decided based on the Test Positivity Rate as well as the number of beds available in the district.

A Public Interest Litigation filed in the High Court on Thursday had pointed out the restrictions were compromised possibly to facilitate CPI(M) district meetings. It has been argued by the petitioner that the Chairperson of the Disaster Management Authority can only amend his orders on certain new circumstances for the purpose of prevention of dis-

asters or their mitigation.

The Kasaragod district meeting of the CPI(M) was underway at Kasaragod in violation of all safety protocols when the High Court delivered its interim order. "What is so special about the political party meetings? The number of persons who could attend the Republic Day itself has been restricted to 50," said the Division Bench.

Taken aback by the High Court order, the State leadership of the CPI(M) decided to hold the Thrissur district committee meeting which began on Friday. Though Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was scheduled to be present in Thrissur for the three day event, his hospitalization in USA has led to the cancellation of the public meetings which were to be held on Friday and Sunday.

Meghalaya CM tests +ve day after meeting Amit Shah

Shillong: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Friday tested positive for COVID-19, a day after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Delhi.Sangma urged everyone who has come in contact with him to isolate themselves and get tested if necessary.

"I have tested positive for COVID-19. I am isolating myself for the required time. I have mild symptoms. All those who came into contact with me last few days are requested to observe their symptoms and test if necessary," he tweeted.

Sangma and Sarma had met Shah on Thursday to submit reports on the amicable resolution of dispute in a few areas along the Meghalaya-Assam inter-state boundary. **PTI**

Daily Covid positivity rate shoots up to 30% in AP as over 13,000 test +ve in 24 hours

Amaravati: The daily infection positivity rate shot up to 30 per cent as 44,516 tests turned out 13,212 Covid-19 positive cases in Andhra Pradesh in the 24 hours ending 9 am on Friday. Consequently, the number of active cases climbed to 64,136.

The state reported five fresh Covid-19 fatalities and 2,942 recoveries in 24 hours, the latest bulletin said.

The cumulative case count is now 21,53,268, recoveries 20,74,600 and deaths 14,532, the bulletin added.

Visakhapatnam district reported the highest of 2,244 fresh coronavirus cases and three deaths in 24 hours.

Chittoor district registered 1,585 more cases and one death.

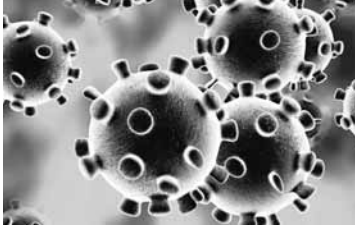
Anantapuram added 1,235, Srikakulam 1,230, Guntur 1,054 and SPS Nellore 1,051 new cases.SPS Nellore also reported one death in a day. Kurnool logged 961, East Godavari 816, Prakasam 772, Vizianagaram 681, Kadapa 649, West Godavari 596 and Krishna 338 fresh positives. **PTI**

Curbs imposed amid case surge in Valley

Srinagar: Authorities on Friday afternoon imposed restrictions on the non-essential movement of people across Kashmir as a 64-hour lockdown began in the union territory in view of an exponential rise in the number of coronavirus cases since the beginning of the new year, officials said.

Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday recorded 5992 fresh cases of coronavirus -- the highest single day spike since the pandemic began. There are 31,044 active cases in the UT. Police vehicles fitted with public address systems announced the restrictions at several places across the valley in the afternoon after the government ordered complete restriction on non-essential movement during from 2 pm on Friday till 6 am on Monday in the entire Jammu and Kashmir, the officials said.

Shops and other business establishments in the city and elsewhere in the valley – which had opened this morning – were forced by police to shut in view of the restrictions, they



said.

The police closed the markets and asked people to return to their homes. After the movement of people early in the morning, the police erected barricades at several places in the city here and other areas of the valley and the movement of public was restricted, the officials said.

They said only employees and emergency cases were allowed to move and all other non-essential movement was restricted.

The district authorities appealed to the people to cooperate with the administration and curtail their movement in view of the rising cases. **PTI**



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PAPER WITH PASSION

The medium

To teach in English or in mother tongue?
A multilingual approach is the answer

The Telangana Government has decided to introduce English as a medium of instruction in Government schools from the next academic year. The State language, Telugu, will be parallelly available as the other medium of instruction. On the face of it, there is a readymade explanation for the change. More and more parents of children in Government schools of Telangana feel the kids, when they reach the college level, fail to catch up with the standards of English-medium students. Secondly, private schools, hitherto limited to the urban centres with their English-medium education, have of late mushroomed across rural Telangana offering education in the English medium. That has led to a near-exodus from Telugu-medium Government schools, many of which have either closed down or merged with bigger schools, or relocated for want of students. The Government in any case runs a few residential schools with English medium and thinks offering English medium across the State would not be much of an issue. The problem the Government faces is finding teachers who can teach in English. They are scarce. The majority of the teachers is proficient in Telugu. The Government has to re-train these teachers — a tough task — and encourage prospective teachers to take up B Ed courses in English. But by and large, not many eyebrows are being raised as the English medium creeps into the Government school system in Telangana where 'going to America' is a popular cry and Telugu-medium students shell out big money to enrol in private English-language courses.

The issue, however, points to a disturbing fact. Even after 75 years of Independence, we are stuck with basic stuff, like what should be the medium of education in our schools. We are still debating whether children should be taught in English or their mother tongue. We

are also not sure whether mother tongue constitutes languages or dialects, too. For instance, millions speak Bhojpuri but it is considered a dialect of Hindi. Only last year, a Minister in Bihar mooted the idea of making the "mother tongue of the region" the medium of teaching. It just shows India never had an exhaustive debate on the subject. Linguists backing cognitive education insist that children learn skills in their mother tongue, a language they grow up with. The aspirational, social-empowering, rights-based argument favours English because it is the language that works in the world. Thus, the medium of instruction carries the baggage of ideology and elitism in the world's largest multi-lingual federation that is India. In contrast to parents' eagerness for their children to be taught in English, the Centre's National Education Policy (NEP) largely prefers the mother tongue. The answer is a bilingual or, preferably, a multilingual approach. Technology makes it possible. In a country where most children live their lives in two or three languages, multilingual teaching methods provide a level playing field for diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds while reconciling the desires of both parents and the NEP.

PICTALK



A troupe of folk singers during a rehearsal on the Red Road for upcoming R-Day function, in Kolkata

PTI

Ill at ease

As Kerala grapples with rising COVID cases, its 'immaculate health care' balloon has burst

As the number of daily COVID-19 cases soared to 46,487 on Thursday, Kerala's boast of being a role model for health care came crashing down like a pack of cards. The death toll in the State till Thursday stood at 51,501. Kerala has not been free from the pandemic's onslaught since India's first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in the State in early 2020. However, the State administration-sponsored media blitzkrieg portrayed an "all is well" image. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who is currently recuperating in a US hospital, had addressed the media daily to tell the world that Kerala was the only State taking on the pandemic by the horns. The daily briefings, which were telecast by all satellite news channels, were used by Vijayan to campaign for the 2021 Assembly election. He claimed that Kerala was receiving global acclaim for its health care system and other countries were emulating its example. But after the LDF retained power following the 2021 Assembly election, he discontinued the practice of addressing the media daily; the opportunist in Vijayan the politician chose to ignore people as the next major election is due only in 2024.

When the cases of COVID-19 surged, the Government turned to blaming people for the transmission of the virus. The truth, however, is that no worthwhile efforts were made to study the pattern in the spread of the disease. The State Government continued to tom-tom and live by its past laurels, when some agencies had praised the Kerala model of health care. The health department was complacent throughout this period, and manipulated figures failed to cover up the administration's malpractices. A 600-bed COVID hospital at Kasaragod, built by the Tatas and handed over to the Government in early 2021, is yet to become fully operational. The Government doctors were on a path of agitation for the last one year, demanding restoration of allowances which were cancelled citing financial crunch. The much-touted Kerala model was virtually a red herring spawned by friendly media. EMS Namboodiripad and C Achutha Menon, the Communist Chief Ministers of the State, used to fly to Romania and East Germany for medical treatment while Vijayan and his conscience-keeper Kodiyyer Balakrishnan prefer the "imperialist" US as their medical caretaker. It's time for the Comrades to see the writing on the wall, isn't it already?

Afghan women's rights are still far

The Taliban's recent announcements fail to inspire confidence and don't go far enough to impress the international community



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

Two news items, published in newspapers on January 20, 2022, merit attention. The first by *AFP*, carried in the Delhi edition of a leading daily, is about Acting Afghan Prime Minister Mohammad Hassan Akhund's appeal on January 19 to Muslim countries "to take the lead and recognise us officially". He was speaking at a conference to address Afghanistan's massive economic problems. The second, by *PTI*, featured in the Delhi edition of *The Pioneer*. It cited Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Xiao Lijian as saying at a media briefing on January 18 that he hoped that the Afghan side would respond further to the international community's expectations that it would "establish an open and inclusive political architecture, adopt moderate and prudent domestic and foreign policies, firmly combat all sorts of terrorist forces" and be "on friendly terms with other countries, especially its neighbours and integrate into [the] international family at an early date".

The statement, made following a mention of the Taliban seeking China's help to get global diplomatic recognition, clearly indicated that the world did not think that they had established an "inclusive" Government or that their policies towards women would not be a repeat of the horribly repressive ones that marked their earlier stint in power from 1996 to 2001. And this, when they had promised that women would enjoy all the rights to education and work available under Sharia law.

In fact, the UN and its bodies have, on several occasions, asked the Taliban to implement their promises and made critical observations about their actions. Its secretary-general, Antonio Guterres, told reporters on October 7 last year, "I am particularly alarmed to see promises made to Afghan women and girls by the Taliban being broken." He added, "I strongly appeal to the Taliban to keep their promises to women and girls and fulfil their obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law." Speaking at the Human Rights Council, an inter-govern-



mental body within the UN system responsible for promoting and safeguarding human rights, Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, said on September 13, 2021, "My office has received credible allegations of reprisal killings of a number of former ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces) personnel, and reports of officials, who worked for previous administrations, and their family members being arbitrarily detained.... In some cases, the officials were released and, in others, they were found dead." Bachelet also highlighted "deeply troubling information" about Taliban raids on offices of some advocacy groups.

The UN bodies have acted. On September 17, the Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution asking the Taliban to establish an inclusive Government that has "the full, equal and meaningful participation of women" and upholds human rights. The Human Rights Council adopted a resolution on October 7 to have, from March 2022, a special rapporteur, supported by UN experts, on the ground to monitor the human rights situation in Afghanistan.

There are some indications

“THE FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT DOESN'T MENTION THE PRECISE DATE WHEN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES WILL REOPEN, NOR DOES IT MENTION WOMEN'S RIGHT TO WORK. CLEARLY, NEITHER ANNOUNCEMENT MEANS MUCH

that the Taliban are reacting. Abdul Baqi Haqqani, Minister for Higher Education, announced at a press conference in Kabul on January 12 that the Government would soon reopen public universities for male and female students. He also announced that these students would be segregated and cited Afghanistan's economic crisis and the lack of separated classes for male and female students, as reasons for the delay.

Earlier, in a decree on December 3 in the name of the Acting PM, the Taliban had stated that a "woman is not a property, but a noble and free human being; no one can give her to anyone in exchange for peace...or to end animosity". Both women and men, it had added, "should be equal" and that "no one can force women to marry by coercion or pressure". The decree also enabled a widow to re-marry 17 weeks after her husband's death — against the longstanding Afghan tribal custom of her marrying one of her husband's brothers or relatives after his death. Further, the Taliban leadership has reportedly ordered Afghan courts to treat women fairly, especially in cases of widows seeking inheritance as next of kin. The announcement also cites the

Taliban as saying they had asked their Ministers to spread awareness about women's rights across the population.

Significantly, the first announcement does not mention the precise date when public universities will reopen. Nor does it mention women's right to work. The third *sura* of the *Koran* (ayats 193 and 194) forbids the wasting of anyone's — whether a man or woman's — labour. The fourth *sura* (ayats 36 and 37) says, "To the men a share of what they have earned,/ and to the women a share of what they have earned..." (translation from *The Koran Interpreted* by Arthur J Arberry). The second announcement says nothing about women's right to education and work, which are crucial issues with the international community. Also, the rights the decree announces regarding marriage have all been enshrined in Islamic jurisprudence since the time of Prophet Mohammad. Clearly, neither announcement means much and is unlikely to impress the international community sufficiently for the purse strings to be loosened generously or recognition to be forthcoming soon.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAJOR MIDAIR COLLISION AVERTED

Sir — A major midair collision was averted earlier this month in Bengaluru's skies as two aircraft of the same airline, which had taken off almost simultaneously from the city's Kempegowda International Airport, almost brushed against each other. While one of the planes was headed for Kolkata, the other aircraft was flying passengers to Bhubaneswar. It was a really shocking incident as to how the two aircraft were allowed to take off at the same time. It is a matter of grave concern as to how the planes were in this dangerous situation; besides, the air traffic control (ATC) didn't even report this incident nor made a record of it in the log book.

Luckily, an alert radar controller spotted the potentially grave error and immediately alerted both the pilots, thus saving hundreds of lives. In recognition of his presence of mind, both the radar controller and his swift action should be applauded and he should be suitably rewarded, too. The Government should order a thorough probe into this matter and ask the DGCA to conduct an in-depth investigation, which should be followed by taking necessary action in what could easily have been one of the biggest air safety lapses at the Bengaluru airport and in the country in recent history.

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru

ANOTHER BLOW TO SPIRIT OF FEDERALISM

Sir — It appears that the BJP Government at the Centre is determined to curtail the powers of the States by introducing controversial Acts and amendments to the Constitution and other existing regulations, despite protests from the States concerned. Before the din on the undemocratic denial of the participation of the tableaux from non-BJP ruled States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala and West Bengal in the upcoming Republic Day parade on flimsy grounds could die down, the Centre has now proposed changes to the IAS cadre rules which, when implemented, would remove power from the States and their rights as far as transfer/deputation of the

Respect history, and monuments



I'm not at all surprised to hear that after burning for five decades, the Amar Jawan Jyoti will be put out at India Gate, and merged with the National War Memorial 400 metres away. The Jyoti has a cenotaph and a monument to honour our fallen soldiers, on a marble pedestal, with a rifle and a soldier's helmet on it. The flame, lit to pay tributes to the soldiers martyred in the 1971 war, was inaugurated by then Prime Minister

Indira Gandhi on the Republic Day of 1972. Actually, one can learn from PM Narendra Modi how to kill two birds with one stone. Just as the nation commemorated 50 years of the 1971 war, the Defence Ministry announced that the Jyoti will be put out.

Similarly, in August 2021, Modi suddenly renamed the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna. All this is nothing but an attempt at "freeing" India of the Gandhi-Nehru name and legacy while, at the same time, rewriting history in favour of Modi by decisions such as building the Central Vista. Sadly, the Modi Government seems to have forgotten that respecting history involves conservation of the old while building new institutions. Hence, instead of extinguishing one memorial after the other, the Government will do better to make sincere and concrete attempts to spark the fire of patriotism among all countrymen.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

IAS cadres to the Centre are concerned.

This amendment would entail the Union Government to transfer IAS officers without the consent of the States, which is clearly against the spirit of cooperative federalism. Though many Chief Ministers have raised their voice against this amendment and termed it draconian, it is alleged that the BJP Government, as usual, is going to implement the amendment unmindful of the objections. This amendment, if implemented, will be another blow to the democratic norms and cooperative federalism the country has been cherishing all these years.

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

OBC QUOTA IN NEET UPHELD

Sir — The Supreme Court has upheld the constitutional validity of reservation for OBC candidates and it is a right step in the right direction. While upholding the constitutional validity of reservation for OBCs in AIQ seats, the court elaborated on the concept of merit and

observed that it is not of one's own making. It noted that "reservation is not at odds with merit" in open competitive exams. While open examinations present equal opportunity to candidates, reservation ensures distribution of such opportunities, the court said.

It added that privileges of forward classes include not just having access to quality schooling and good coaching centres but also social networks and cultural communication, including good speaking skills, accent and academic accomplishments. All these ensure that children from forward classes take up jobs commensurate with the family's standing whereas first-generation learners from Other Backward Classes, who lack these, are placed at a disadvantage. Marks alone are not an indicator of merit, but also the resilience required to uplift oneself from the conditions of deprivation.

MR Jayanthi | Mumbai

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SOUNDBITE

An agreement on extending a \$190 mn Line of Credit from India to Mauritius will be exchanged.

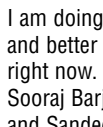


Prime Minister —Narendra Modi



I think Vladimir Putin will move in on Ukraine but (he) does not want a full-blown war.

US President —Joe Biden



I am doing bigger and better projects right now. I have a Sooraj Barjatya film and Sandeep Vanga's next with Ranbir Kapoor.

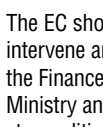


Actor — Parineeti Chopra



Only the captain has the answer as to why Venkatesh wasn't bowled even once.

Former India captain —Sunil Gavaskar



The EC should intervene and direct the Finance Ministry and ED to stop politically motivated raids (on Punjab CM's relatives).



Congress leader —Randeep Surjewala

FIRST COLUMN

QUICK COMMERCE: A NEW RETAIL MANTRA

Essentially large warehouses, dark stores enable fast delivery of goods in localities



MICHAEL CHANDA

UTTAM CHAKRABORTY

A wise person can create ‘The Advantage of Adversity’. And you can very much learn this from retail marketers at this crucial juncture. Coping with the crucial situations of COVID-19, retail marketing is scaling newer heights. Business climate for retail marketing is getting conducive as there is a win-win situation for both the marketers and the clients. Today, retail industries are resorting to varied strategies to meet up consumers’ demands. Moreover, the modus operandi of delivering the goods and services is becoming digitalized and even fast-paced. Consequently, understanding and innovating the retail has become a new business mantra. So much so Amazon, Flipkart, Ola, Uber, Zepto, Blinkit, Swiggy, Dunzo, Bigbasket and other business units are surprisingly found to be engaged with quick commerce companies. Owing to fasten the business, dark stores have been founded in the local area for treading



purposes. Essentially, dark stores are large warehouses that are the central points of retail distribution. They cater exclusively to local needs through online shopping. Quick commerce is indeed the next generation of e-commerce. It is an international business process that caters to the wishes of the consumers to bring instant delivery of goods. It provides instant support to the modern communities which are in dire need. Groceries, stationaries hygiene products etc., are coming under the ambit of quick commerce activities. Quick commerce websites are used to provide an online platform for various trading in the country. However, this business method helps the online shoppers to make safe purchases for their stores. Such a business model wants to be the biggest kirana store in the urban colony. It should be expressed that a dark store hits a frequency of more than 200 orders per day. The unit economics depends on the fact that there is a mixture of perishable and non-perishable in transaction. Tellingly, quick commerce remains a new and evolving business management with the effective inclusion of information technology. Many e-commerce companies are turning to social media channels such as Facebook and Instagram to showcase their vast array of products. Customization is the key of this trade. It will facilitate speed and efficiency. Quick commerce addresses are meaningful. The customers can use their mobile devices for shopping. However, quick commerce can invite online fraudulent activities. Credit card frauds are persistent in online businesses. It is apparent that quick commerce or electronic commerce is above all a commercial transaction over the Internet. It is a space mainly to watch out for logistics and e-commerce players. The expectations are likely to settle in at a sweet spot of thirty minutes’ delivery or so. According to industry players, ten minutes’ delivery model will see rationalization over time. Subscription-based e-commerce is another new venue that is being explored. It customers to subscribe to a product on a recurring basis depending on their need. However, the local kirana stores in the local area lose business due to the rise of dark stores that modernises the trading process. The local businessmen cannot afford to make big capital for having dark stores. These stores are losing customers due to the higher discount offerings of the companies. The companies have appointed a number of bikers and cyclists to deliver the commodities to the customers from dark stores. The corporate giants should pay minimum heed to the interest and survival of owners of kirana stores.

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Cinema ticket pricing vs bloated film costs

The Andhra Govt has issued an order fixing slabs for tickets in cinema halls in municipal corporations, municipalities, *nagar panchayats* and village *panchayats*

Two controversial Government Orders issued by the Andhra Pradesh Government related to entertainment and culture have created a lot of heat. The first GO issued in April 2021 was aimed at regulating film industry. The second one was recently issued banning a popular and message-oriented stage play ‘Chintamani’. Both the issues could have been dealt with skilfully had the Government consulted the stakeholders before taking the decisions.

The Government of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy which has been dabbling in controversies of all kinds has added two more, involving the film industry and stage plays.

About 170 of the 950-odd theatres in Andhra Pradesh have been closed since the GO was issued. The exhibitors say they lost hugely due to Covid during 2021 when the theatres were completely shut. They were reopened with 50 per cent occupancy on July 31, 2021. Even before that, the State Government issued GO 35 fixing slabs for tickets in cinema halls in municipal corporations, municipalities, nagar panchayats and village panchayats under economy, deluxe and premium classes for multiplex, AC theatres and non-AC theatres.

Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma met AP Information, public relations and cinematography minister Perni Venkataramaiah (Nani) and told him that the Government has no business to intervene in this issue. It is for the exhibitors and audience to decide the price of tickets. Pawan Kalyan, film hero-cum-politician (president of Jan Sena which has alliance with the BJP) was rather aggressive in his criticism. He said since the Government has no money, it is indulging in online ticketing and fixing ticket prices. Minister Nani asked the actor why would the government which has no money would reduce the ticket price instead of increasing. Senior actor, Pawan Kalyan’s elder brother and former union minister Chiranjeevi tried to break the ice when he travelled to Amaravati to meet Jagan Mohan Reddy over lunch on last Thursday. Some news channels and newspaper said Chiranjeevi was offered a Rajya Sabha seat by the YSRCP chief which was promptly and curtly denied by the mega star. He said the problem would be resolved soon.

What is the problem? Is it peculiar to Tollywood? So, it appears. The problems in the industry started with stardom. At least six stars today charge a fee of ₹45 crore each for a movie. Heroines also are paid in crores, though their remuneration is nowhere near the actors’. Directors donot take all the remuneration by cheque or cash but ask for share in the revenue area wise. Together they eat away three-fourth of the budget.

Persons working in 24 crafts in films get a pittance. The presence of Chiranjeevi, Prabhas, Mahesh, Pawan Kalyan, NTR (Jr) and Ram Charan Teja makes the budget



THE PRESENCE OF CHIRANJEEVI, PRABHAS, MAHESH, PAWAN KALYAN, NTR (JR) AND RAM CHARAN TEJA MAKES THE BUDGET OF ANY FILM CROSS ₹100 CRORE. IN ORDER TO EARN THAT KIND OF MONEY, THE EXHIBITORS ORGANISE BENEFIT SHOWS AND EXTRA SHOWS TO COLLECT MORE. FOR BENEFIT SHOWS, THE PRICE OF THE TICKET WOULD BE ABOVE ₹1,000 FOR BIG-TICKET MOVIES

(The writer is Editor, Primepost, the news website based out of Hyderabad. The views expressed are personal.)



of any film cross ₹100 crore. Each actor acts in one movie in one or two years.

In order to earn that kind of huge money the exhibitors organize benefit shows and extra shows to collect more. For benefit shows, the price of the ticket would be above ₹1000 for big-ticket movies in which one of these stars acts.

If you have two stars like NTR (Jr) and Ram Charan Teja and a star director such as Rajamouli of Bahubali fame, as in RRR (Raudram, Ranam and Rudhiram), the budget would be around ₹300 crore. The film RRR was supposed to be released on January 7 after three postponements. Some other films slated to be released on Sankranti postponed their dates thinking that RRR would be released by then. The release of SarkaruvariPaata (featuring Mahesh Babu) was put off till April 1 and BhimlaNayak (Pawan Kalyan, Rana) till February 25. It happened because when a big budget film, such as RRR, is released, it is exhibited in most of the theatres for one week with special shows and higher ticket prices to earn back the huge investment. The poor and the middleclass among the audience are made to pay through their noses to pay to the stars. During that week no theatres would be available for other films.

Small cinema which used to flourish earlier has been thoroughly discouraged. Small producers have to depend on OTT platforms or sale of the cyber rights. The remuneration for artists is far less in Kannada, Malayalam and

Marathi movies.

Once late Raj Kumar, the Kannada Kanteerava, invited all Kannada producers, directors and exhibitors to his residence, gave them sumptuous dinner and politely asked them permission to raise his remuneration by ₹25,000 since he has a number of children. The guests were stunned and told him he could enhance his fee by lakhs.

The late NTR acted for twenty years for less than a lakh of rupees for a film. The days of NTR, ANR, Sobhan Babu and Krishna were golden for Tollywood. Beside the heroes, actors, directors, technicians and other craftsmen used to live happily. If the prices of tickets are low, small movies can get theatres and reasonable revenue. Some exhibitors went to AP High Court which asked the government to appoint a committee to study the issue. In the absence of compliance, the HC has stayed the operation of the GO. Then the government organized raids on theatres which were running without proper license and selling refreshments at higher prices. The result is bad blood between the government and the industry.

Meanwhile, the Telangana Government has agreed to the demand of the film industry and allowed fixing of ticket prices by the producers and exhibitors. Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao did not want any trouble on this count. The ideal solution would be for both the chief ministers of Telugu States to sit with the important persons from Tollywood to sort out the matter once for all. The remuneration of the stars, the stranglehold of four families on hundreds of theatres in both the States (Families headed by Dil Raj, Allu Aravind, Daggubati Suresh and Sunil Narang) and the unethical exploitation of the film lovers, scope for small budget film producers to survive and the welfare of technicians and others (estimated to be more than 50 thousand) have to be discussed threadbare to arrive at a comprehensive and amicable solution. Sooner it is done the better for both government and film industry.

The ban on Chintamani, the popular stage play, imposed by Rajat Bhargava, the Principal Secretary through a GO, was not warranted although the complaint of a community is genuine. The original play written by social reformer, writer and poet Kallakuri Narayana Rao, exactly one hundred years ago, was sophisticated and enlightening. It was a critique of the Devadasi system. Subbi Shetty, a character in the play, is a vaisya (bania), who loses his wealth to Chintamani and his character is used to engage the audience through his teasing chat with Chintamani’s mother Srihari and sister Chitra. It is true that some actors introduced vulgarity and obscene dialogues between Subbi Shetty, Chitra and Srihari, hurting the sentiments of a community.

The Andhra government should have allowed the play to run with a condition that vulgar characters and dialogues are removed. Even today, the play has great relevance. The AP Government’s decision needs to be revised.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE DOUBLE-ENGINE GOVT PEOPLE ARE DISMANTLING EACH OTHER’S WHEELS. THE DELHI CAMP HAS SHUNTED THE CM TO GORAKHPUR. —SAMAJWADI PARTY CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV



THOSE NOT GETTING TICKETS TO RIDE THE DOUBLE ENGINE ARE BUYING TICKETS IN BLACK TO RIDE THE BICYCLE. —UP BJP CHIEF SWATANTRA DEV SINGH

Will Russia play the ‘Cuban card’?

But Russia stopped being Communist 30 years ago

After a week of intense discussions about ‘security’ between Russia and the NATO countries, this is the week when the Western allies will send their written replies to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Various pundits, some of whom have actually been to Russia, warn us that there will be ‘War in Europe’ if Putin’s demands are not met.

(You there, at the back. Stop giggling! This is no laughing matter! Peace is hanging by a thread!)

Historians keen for a moment in the limelight are being wheeled out to draw parallels with past diplomatic disasters like the Munich conference of 1938 (appeasement of Hitler) and Yalta in 1945 (carving up Europe and giving Stalin the eastern half in 1945).



GWYNNE DYER

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

And this just in! Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, just back in Moscow from the talks, told Russian television that if the talks failed, he could “neither confirm nor exclude” that Russia would send “military assets” to Cuba and Venezuela.

Wow! A dagger - no, two daggers - pointed at the heart of America (although they’ll have to work on the length of the Venezuelan dagger, since it’s 2,000 km. from Caracas to Miami). If that does not force the Americans to give in, what will?

I’m sorry. That’s enough sarcasm. It’s just that all this prancing around and mugging for the camera gets tiresome. This is a minor diplomatic spat that has been deliberately inflated far beyond its merit, and it is being taken much too seriously. Let’s start with Russia play-



ing the ‘Cuban card’. Cuba is still a Communist country, and Maduro’s regime in Venezuela also has aspirations in that direction - but Russia, in case you’ve forgotten, stopped being Communist thirty years ago.

Putin’s regime in Moscow is nationalist-populist, and Cuba has absolutely no motive to host Russian troops and risk triggering a confrontation with the United States. In any case

Russian troops in Cuba would pose no military threat to the United States. What are they going to do? Invade Florida?

Ryabkov’s intention was obviously to do a “How would you like it if...?” on American diplomats. How would like it if there were Russian troops ‘90 miles from Florida’ (as people used to say during the Cuban crisis of 1962), and not NATO troops 450 km. from Moscow

(which is where they are now).

The grown-up American answer to that would be “Who cares?” In real life, there are a number of troglodytes in the US Congress who would work themselves up into a lather about Russian troops in Cuba - but since the Cubans would not agree to it in the first place, it’s really quite irrelevant.

Well, then, what about the alleged historical precedents: Munich and Yalta? They were both about granting a ‘sphere of influence’ in Europe to a great power (Germany in 1938, the Soviet Union in 1945) that could easily enforce its wishes on the ground.

Russia is effectively demanding a comparable sphere of influence in its old ‘satellite’ countries, which would not be allowed to have friendly foreign troops on

their soil even though they are NATO members, but it’s a complete non-starter. Russia lacks the military capacity to enforce its will on the ground.

So will there be ‘War in Europe’, as the feverish headlines suggest? Not in the sense they imply: massive armoured forces rolling across whole countries, with the threat of nuclear war looming in the background. But there might be some shooting on or just inside Ukraine’s border with Russia.

Of course, there’s already a little bit of shooting along that border, in the Russian-backed breakaway provinces of Donetsk and Luhansk. As Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said on Friday, Putin may now be planning to cause a little more.

Kirby warned that Russia “has pre-positioned a group of

operatives to conduct what we call a false-flag operation, an operation designed to look like an attack on them or on Russian-speaking people in Ukraine, as an excuse to go in.” He may be right - and he may be wrong. The satellites can see their location, but not their intentions.

Something has got into Putin, and he’s seeking concessions that he should know he cannot extract, with threats that he cannot enforce.

It is possible that he could blunder into a local clash that would bring harsh sanctions down on Russia.

It is extremely unlikely that he would try to conquer all or even half of Ukraine.

It is almost inconceivable that this will end up with Second World War-style battles between large armoured forces.

AP ■ BEIJING

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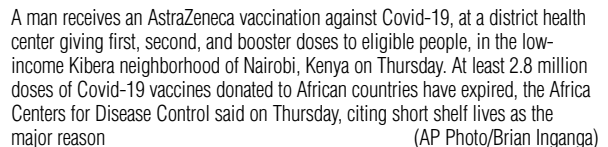
AP ■ WASHINGTON

Biden faced criticism from Republicans and Ukrainian officials that he invited a limited Russian invasion by suggesting in comments to reporters on Wednesday that US Would react with a measured response if there was only a "minor incursion" of Ukrainian territory. Administration officials sought to clarify his remarks late

Voloshyin has worked with Russia's FSB to undermine Ukrainian government officials, Treasury says. Treasury officials say Voloshyin also worked with Konstantin Kilimnik, a Russian national who was previously sanctioned for allegedly attempting to influence 2016 presidential election and passing on information to Russian intelligence. Treasury also sanctioned Ukraine's former deputy secretary for national security and defense councils, Vladimir Sivkovich.

AP ■ ABUJA

Just over 10 per cent of Africa's population of 1.3 billion people are fully vaccinated, he said. The continent's 54 countries have confirmed 10.4 million COVID-19 cases and 235,000 deaths. The continent's omicron wave appears to be receding, with new confirmed cases down by 20 per cent from the previous week and deaths dropping by 8 per cent, the World Health Organization's Africa office announced Thursday. More




"We've seen remarkable uptake of vaccines in settings where we engage the community ... and religious leaders," Nkengasong said, urging countries to use innovative ways to "bring vaccines to the population and not only require that the populations should go to where the vaccines are." In Nigeria, for instance, an increasing number of vaccination centers are being set at public facilities such as markets and motor parks and health authorities are collaborating

"The deep inequity that left Africa at the back of the queue for vaccines must not be repeated with life-saving treatments." In 2022, more testing is needed to fight the pandemic, said Harley Feldbaum of the Global Fund. "We need to bring testing and treatment together in a much more rapid fashion," said Feldbaum.

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एवंद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि, दन्तेवाड़ा वनमण्डल के अन्तर्गत वित्तीय वर्ष 2021-22 में प्राकृतिक चिकित्सा केन्द्र के निर्वर्तन, निर्माण, सहकार एवं मार्केटिंग, एफ.आर.ए. कलस्टर संयंत्र निर्माण एवं रख-रखाव, पारिस्थितिकी पर्यटन विकास, मार्ग, कुटीर, मार्केटिंग, सोमाचक गतिविधियों के सुरुआ, मैनेजमेन्ट, रख-रखाव बनाने में सहयोग एवं मार्केटिंग, तथा अन्य कार्य सामग्री सहित रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति आमंत्रित की जाती है। रुचि की अभिव्यक्ति से संबंधित निविदा प्रपत्र एवं विस्तृत शर्तों कार्यालयीन दिवस में अचोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में राशि रुपये 1,000/- का डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट / बैंकर्स चैक को दन्तेवाड़ा, वनमण्डल के नाम से देय हो जमा कर प्राप्त कर सकते है।

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दन्तेवाड़ा वनमण्डल, दन्तेवाड़ा

AP ■ KATHMANDU

All public gatherings and meetings will be banned and cinemas and theaters will be closed. Gymnasiums, pools and other sporting venues will also be shut. No public religious festivals or events will be allowed, the notice said. It did not say how long restrictions would last. Authorities also halted in-person classes at all schools and indefinitely postponed university examinations. Wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing in public will be mandatory.

AP ■ CANBERRA

In a late-night news conference on Thursday, McGowan said reopening the state as planned would be "reckless and irresponsible," given the large number of COVID-19 cases in other states. No new date has been set for when the state might relax its border closure. The border decision means neither Prime Minister Scott Morrison nor opposition leader Anthony

PTI ■ TORONTO/NEW YORK

"At this very early stage of the investigation, it appears that they all died due to exposure to the cold weather," MacLatchy said, adding RCMP believe the four people are connected to the group that was apprehended on the U.S. Side of the border. She said all four were located within 9-12 metres of the border. MacLatchy said that the group was "on their own in the middle of a blizzard" and

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota issued a release late Thursday afternoon and said 47-year-old Steve Shand of Florida had been arrested and charged with human smuggling in connection with the incident. Shand was driving with two passengers determined to be undocumented foreign nationals from India, according to the release.

PTI ■ LONDON

"China and Russia have spotted an ideological vacuum and they're rushing to fill it. They are emboldened in a way we haven't seen since the Cold War. As freedom-loving democracies we must rise up to face down these threats. As well as NATO we are working with partners like Australia, India, Japan, Indonesia and Israel to build a global network of lib-

Together with our allies, we will continue to stand with Ukraine and urge Russia to de-escalate. What happens in Eastern Europe matters for the world," she added. Russia denies it is planning an invasion but has moved around 100,000 troops near its border with Ukraine.

AP ■ COPENHAGEN

Norwegian Foreign Minister Anniken Huitfeldt said that "we are extremely concerned about the serious situation in Afghanistan." She said there is "a full-scale humanitarian catastrophe for

It said that earlier this week, a Norwegian delegation visited Kabul for talks on the precarious humanitarian situation in the country.

Vilnius: Interior ministers from European Union nations experiencing pressure from unauthorised migration asked Friday for more action to strengthen and protect the bloc's external borders. Ministers from countries that included Greece, Poland, Italy, Austria and France, which currently holds the EU's rotating presidency, participated in a border security security conference in Lithuania's capital along with European Home Affairs Commissioner Ylva Johansson. They said that reinforcing the EU's borders and cracking down on people smugglers would protect EU citizens and the lives of migrants and refugees from the Middle East and Africa who undertake hazardous journeys to reach Europe. "We must protect our borders from aggression, and we need to protect our people," Johansson told conference participants. *AP*

AP ■ BAGHDAD

The prison break in Syria is believed to be the largest since the militants lost their final sliver of territory they held nearly three years ago. In recent months, IS sleeper cells have become more active in both countries, claiming attacks that killed scores of Iraqis and Syrians. In Iraq, IS gunmen attacked an army barracks in a mountainous area north of Baghdad early Friday, killing 11 soldiers as they slept, the Iraqi military and security officials said. The officials said the attack occurred in the Al-Azim district, an open area north of the city of Baquba in Diyala province. The circumstances of

Spectacular prison breaks are a hallmark of militant attacks. IS militants launched multiple prison breaks during their surge in 2014 before swarming territory in Iraq and Syria. In Syria, more than 100 IS fighters using heavy machine guns and vehicles rigged with explosives attacked the Gweiran Prison in the northeastern city of Hassakeh where

"The prisoners include commanders and are among the most dangerous." The complex attack was mounted on Thursday evening and aimed to free fighters from the group incarcerated there. Syrian Kurdish-led forces who control the Gweiran Prison said prisoners inside the facility rioted simultaneously and tried to escape while a car bomb went off outside prison and gunmen clashed with security forces.

New Delhi: Investors have become poorer by over ₹ 10.36 lakh crore in the last four trading sessions as the domestic equity benchmarks extended their losses amid weak global trends.

Barring FMCG, all BSE sectoral indices closed in the red on Friday, led by telecom, consumer durables, realty, capital goods and industrials, which shed as much as 3.03 per cent. "Indian equity markets corrected this week in

of fall in crude oil prices, corporate dollar inflows along with exporters dollar selling and debt raising helped the rupee in trimming weekly losses," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

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Suggestions/ views were given by the officers to make the portal more user-friendly, it said. **PTI**

The launch of the course was announced at AIMA's 11th MSME Convention, which is

being held online. Addressing the Convention, AIMA President C K Ranganathan appreciated the Centre's support to the MSME sector during the COVID-19 crisis. He said that the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for the MSMEs has saved 13.5 lakh firms from going bankrupt and saved 15 crore jobs. The scheme was the biggest component of the ₹ 20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat package of the government to help the Indian economy recover and rebuild.

The healthcare services now include the provision of conducting various medical tests at home, along with doctor consultations and medicine delivery. "We hope our high-quality medical amenities reach more Indians at the comfort of their homes," said Satish Kannan, co-founder and CEO, MediBuddy.

New Delhi: With a focus on innovating products that improve patients' lives, Novo Nordisk India launched the world's first and only "peptide in a pill", oral semaglutide, a gamechanger in diabetes management. "We are extremely proud and elated to launch oral semaglutide in India. Semaglutide in oral form will transform the management of diabetes," said Vikrant Shrotriya, corporate vice president and MD, Novo Nordisk India.

This is for notice of the general public that a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of **RAJYA SWARAJ PARTY**. (name of the party). The office of the party is located at **931, Indira Nagar, Dehradun - 248006 (Uttarakhand)** (give full address). This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under

If any one has any objection to the registration of **RAJYA SWARAJ PARTY** (name of the proposed Party) they may send their Objection with reasons thereof, to the Secretary (Political Party) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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Sixteen per cent of the respondents felt the Budget


ment reducing the headline corporate tax rate for domes-

"A majority of respondents believe there is a need to reduce the rate applicable to Indian branches in line with the 2019 rate cuts, in order for India to remain a globally competitive investment jurisdiction," the survey added. **PTI**

leading source of startups, worldwide. About 50 per cent of India-domiciled startups, the report said, have gained in cumulative funding in 2021, with an estimated 10 per cent of startups demonstrating the ability to fund their ecosystem's future looks even brighter going ahead in 2022.

"When compared to the UK, US, Israel, and China, 2021 has been an outstanding year for the Indian startup ecosystem, with the highest growth rate in terms of deals, both in seed stage and late-stage funding, and number of startups," Zinnov CEO Pari Natarajan said.

fact that Indian startups are digitally native serves as an excellent model for digital native enterprises throughout the world. I believe that Indian startup ecosystem is just getting started. **PTI**

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<div> <div>MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS</div> <div>NOTIFICATION</div> <div>New Delhi, the 12th January, 2022</div> </div>								
<p>S.O. 159(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule for Construction of Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link- Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km. 23.100 to Km. 31.195 in the District of GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.</p>								
<p>Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.</p>								
<p>Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Additional District Magistrate, (LA) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.</p>								
<p>Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.</p>								
<p>The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.</p>								
<div> <div>SCHEDULE</div> <div>Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link-Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km. 23.100 to Km. 31.195 in the District of GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.</div> </div>								
State: UTTAR PRADESH		District: GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR						
S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)			
Taluk: Jewar								
Village: Amarpur Palaka								
1	1	Government	River	0.8822000 (Hectare)	0.8822000			
2	1	Government	River	0.8822000 (Hectare)	0.8822000			
3	337	Private	Agriculture	0.3030000 (Hectare)	0.3030000			
4	339	Private	Agriculture	0.0164000 (Hectare)	0.0164000			
5	340	Private	Agriculture	0.5513000 (Hectare)	0.5513000			
6	341	Private	Agriculture	0.7118000 (Hectare)	0.7118000			
7	342	Private	Agriculture	0.5617000 (Hectare)	0.5617000			
8	344	Private	Agriculture	0.1063000 (Hectare)	0.1063000			
9	345	Private	Agriculture	0.0299000 (Hectare)	0.0299000			
10	346	Government	Banjar	0.0299000 (Hectare)	0.0299000			
11	345	Private	Agriculture	0.9237000 (Hectare)	0.9237000			
12	346	Private	Agriculture	0.9237000 (Hectare)	0.9237000			
13	347	Private	Agriculture	0.6718000 (Hectare)	0.6718000			
14	348	Private	Agriculture	0.0416000 (Hectare)	0.0416000			
15	349	Private	Agriculture	0.1292000 (Hectare)	0.1292000			
16	350	Government	Navin Parti	0.0636000 (Hectare)	0.0636000			
17	351	Private	Agriculture	0.3532000 (Hectare)	0.3532000			
18	352	Private	Agriculture	0.7137000 (Hectare)	0.7137000			
19	353	Private	Agriculture	0.4445000 (Hectare)	0.4445000			
20	354	Private	Agriculture	0.0226000 (Hectare)	0.0226000			
21	355	Private	Agriculture	0.0606000 (Hectare)	0.0606000			
Village: Falaida Khadar								
1	327	Private	Agriculture	0.3572000 (Hectare)	0.3572000			
Total				8.7801	8.7801			
[F. No. NHA/CMU/MTR/DND/JewarInternationalAirport/2021/D-3A2]								
RAJESH GUPTA, Director								





Sindhu will face fifth-seeded Russian Evgeniya Kosetskaya in the semifinals.

PTI ■ LUCKNOW

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu rallied from a game down to eke out a hard-fought win over Thailand's Supanida Katething to enter the semifinals of the Syed Modi International Super 300 tournament here on Friday.

The top-seeded Indian beat her Thai rival, seeded sixth in the tournament, 11-21 21-12 21-17 in a quarterfinal match that lasted one hour and five minutes.

Sindhu will face fifth-seeded Russian Evgeniya Kosetskaya in the semifinals.

In the men's singles, however, HS Prannoy crashed out of the tournament with a straight-game defeat to Arnaud Merkle of France in the quarterfinals.

The fifth-seeded Indian, a former top 10 player, lost 19-21 16-21 to his French opponent

in a 59-minute quarterfinal match.

Mithun Manjunath, however, advanced to the semifinals after beating Sergey Sirant of Russia 11-21 21-12 21-18 in a quarterfinal match that lasted one hour and one minute.

Manjunath will face Merkle in the semifinals.

In the mixed doubles event, the Indian pair of MR Arjun and Treasa Jolly beat the eight-seeded French duo of William Vileger and Anne Tran 24-22 21-17 in the quarterfinal match that lasted 42 minutes.

Arjun and Jolly will face compatriots and seventh-seeded pair of Ishaan Bhatnagar and Tanisha Crasto in the semifinals.

In the women's doubles quarterfinals, India's Ramya Venkatesh Chickmenahalli and Apeksha Nayak conceded a walkover to eight-seeded Malaysian pair of Anna Ching Yik Cheong and Teoh Mei Xing.

Milan, Juventus return to San Siro after recent losses

AP ■ MILAN

Both AC Milan and Juventus have recent bad memories of San Siro ahead of their eagerly-anticipated Serie A match at the iconic stadium on Sunday.

Juventus lost the Italian Super Cup to Inter Milan last week, when Alexis Sánchez scored the winner with the last kick of the match at the end of extra time.

Milan's last match at its home stadium was on Monday when a refereeing error cost it dearly in a dispiriting 2-1 loss to relegation-threatened Spezia.

"It's hard to lose like that. It's a missed chance that no one wanted, we've missed an opportunity," Milan coach Stefano Pioli said.

"Unfortunately we didn't manage to bring home the win, but now we'll think of the next matches."

"The season is still long, everyone can have an off day. It's good for us that now we have two difficult matches because that will give us great motivation and we'll find the strength to bounce back."

Milan could have moved above league leader Inter Milan with a win but Spezia scored in stoppage-time shortly after a potential winner from Junior Messias was disallowed for Milan because the referee whistled a foul on Rossoneri forward Ante Rebic in the buildup, just as Rebic was passing the ball to Messias. Referee Marco Serra apologized.

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now finds itself two points behind Inter, which it plays the following weekend. Defeat to Juventus could see Milan head into the derby five points behind its bitter rival and having played a match more. Inter hosts relegation-threatened Venezia this Saturday.

Napoli is also only two points behind Milan and plays last-placed Salernitana. Pioli will be hoping Milan recovers its attacking prowess after uncharacteristically stuttering against Spezia. The Rossoneri missed several opportunities to put the game to



bed long before the controversial finale.

Milan has the second best attack in Serie A, having netted 47 times this campaign. Juventus has scored only 34 goals – fewer than any of the top 10 teams in the Italian league, apart from Torino – but there are signs the Bianconeri are beginning to get into their stride after struggling at the beginning of the season under returning coach Massimiliano Allegri.

In the top five European leagues, only Real Madrid has scored as many goals as

Juventus in 2022 (12) and Allegri's last loss in the league was back in November, against Atalanta.

That left Juventus seventh in the league, seven points behind fourth-placed Atalanta and the final Champions League spot. It has now moved to within one point of Atalanta.

"We are doing well and we have achieved many good results," Juventus forward Paulo Dybala said.

Simeone losing magic touch in his 10th year at Atlético

AP ■ BARCELONA

This season was supposed to be Diego Simeone's chance to firmly establish Atlético Madrid as Spain's top team and cap his incredibly successful decade as its coach.

While Barcelona lost Lionel Messi and Real Madrid had to replace coach Zinedine Zidane, Atlético strengthened its championship squad with the return of Antoine Griezmann and the signing of attacking players Rodrigo de Paul and Mathieu Cunha.

It looked like the perfect scenario to repeat as Spanish league champions for the first time since 1950 and maybe even win the Champions League title which Simeone has twice come oh-so-close to grasping. It hasn't gone Atlético's way. Atlético hosts Valencia on Saturday in fourth place in the league, trailing Madrid by 16 points with one more game to play. It is also out of the Copa del Rey and barely advanced from the



Champions League group phase. Atlético has lost six of its last 10 games across all competitions.

It was dumped from the Copa del Rey's round-of-16 in a 2-0 loss at Real Sociedad on Wednesday, following a 2-1 loss to Athletic Bilbao last week in the Spanish Super Cup played in Saudi Arabia.

In December, it lost four in a row in the Spanish league, falling to Mallorca, Madrid, Sevilla and Granada. Previously, Atlético had never lost more than two consecutive league matches since Simeone became its coach in December 2011.

"Last season was magnificent and this one is proving to

be very difficult," said Simeone, who has led Atlético to two Spanish league titles, one Copa del Rey, two Europa League titles, and two Champions League final appearances.

"We still have opportunities in the league and the Champions League."

I am not going to just sit still. I can promise you that."

Most surprisingly, Atlético has lost its formidable defense. Loyal to Simeone's vision of building a team on a strong defense, it is accustomed to leading the league in fewest goals allowed.

This season, eight league teams have allowed fewer goals than the 24 conceded by Atlético. Atlético has also faltered up front. Except for a goal against a third-tier opponent in the Copa del Rey, Luis Suárez hasn't scored since a 3-3 draw at Valencia on Nov. 7. Griezmann was playing well enough until a muscle injury sidelined him for all of but one match since mid-December.

NCAA adopts new policy for transgender athletes



AP ■ INDIANAPOLIS

The NCAA has adopted a sport-by-sport approach for transgender athletes, bringing the organization in line with the U.S. And International Olympic Committees. Under the new guidelines, approved by the NCAA Board of Governors on Wednesday, transgender participation for each sport will be determined by the policy for the sport's national governing body, subject to review and recommendation by an NCAA committee to the Board of Governors. When there is no national governing body, that

sport's international federation policy would be in place. If there is no international federation policy, previously established IOC criteria would take over. "Approximately 80% of U.S. Olympians are either current or former college athletes," NCAA President Mark Emmert said in a release. "This policy alignment provides consistency and further strengthens the relationship between college sports and the U.S. Olympics." The NCAA policy is effective immediately, beginning with the 2022 winter championships. NCAA rules on transgender athletes returned to the forefront when Penn swimmer Lia Thomas started smashing records this year. She was on the men's team her first three years, but she is competing for the women this season after transitioning.



Terrific attack has Strasbourg in rare air in French league

AP ■ PARIS

As Paris Saint-Germain waits for the trio of Lionel Messi, Neymar and Kylian Mbappé to reach its full potential, another combination is taking the spotlight in the French league.

Ludovic Ajorque, Habib Diallo and Kevin Gameiro aren't global names but together with midfielder Adrien Thomasson — whose clinical efficiency has bagged seven goals and four assists — they have made Strasbourg one of the most potent teams in Europe this season.

The Alsatian quartet has 31 goals out of the team's total of 41 in 21 matches. Only PSG has done better, with a total of 42 goals.

This attacking verve has brought dividends, with Strasbourg sitting in fourth place after winning at Clermont 2-0 in a rescheduled match midweek.



Medvedev withstands Kyrgios, crowd to advance in Australia

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Daniil Medvedev faced a hostile crowd and a full array of Nick Kyrgios' outbursts and tricks, and still remained calm for long enough to reach the third round at the Australian Open.

The 115th-ranked Kyrgios worked up the crowd, hit 'teeners and drop shots, mixed up the pace of his groundstrokes and tossed in an under-arm serve in a bid to ruffle the second-ranked Russian.

Medvedev kept his composure, taking a quick trip to the locker room after losing the third set and recovering to win 7-6 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 Thursday on a rowdy Rod Laver Arena.

In an on-court TV interview with former champion Jim Courier, Medvedev was asked how he managed to stay so composed.

"That's the only choice when you get booed between first and second serve," he said, triggering some boos from the crowd. "It's not easy."

Kyrgios usually likes to play on John Cain Arena, known locally as the People's Court because fans with ground passes can get in and the singing and chanting is always less restrained than the two main show courts.

He managed to turn the all-ticketed stadium court into something more akin to a soccer stadium.

In the seventh game of the third set, Kyrgios got two break-point chances when he bunted away a backhand from Medvedev directed at his body and then took off on a circular run behind the baseline to celebrate like he had scored a goal.

When he converted the break, he danced in the change-over and worked up the crowd. Medvedev managed to lower the volume with two service breaks in the fourth set.

It was Medvedev's first win over Kyrgios following two losses in 2019. And there were cheers later when Courier suggested a new crowd favorite for the rest of the tournament. Medvedev was the runner-up last year but avenged that loss by beating Novak Djokovic in the U.S. Open final.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED (Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred upon me under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the respective notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned as below.

The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AAVAS FINANCIERS LIMITED (Formerly known as "AU HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED") for an amount mentioned as below and further interest thereon.

Name of the Borrower	Date & Amount of Demand Notice	Description of Property	Date & Type of Possession
REMAN, Mr. Shishpal Guarantor : Mr. Satbir (A/c No.) LNRK002218-190091879	15 Apr 21 Rs. 1241547/- Dues as on 7 Apr 21	HOUSE AT VILLAGE- BALOCHPURA, TH. PEHOWA, NEAR SANDHU PETROL PUMP, KURUKSHETRA ROAD, NH-8, PEHOWA, HARYANA, 136128 Admeasuring 1100 Sq. Ft.	Symbolic Possession. Taken on 19/Jan/22

Place : Jaipur Date: 22-1-2022 Authorised Officer Aavas Financiers Limited

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector- 9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160017

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Vijay Garg (Borrower), Harish Garg (Co-Applicant), Reshma Rani (Co-Applicant)- LBPNC00002428466	office Suite/Unit No-107, Unicity Business Park, near Hotel Marc Royal, Zirakpur Kalka High way Zirakpur Punjab Area of Property- 1997 Sq. Feet. Property Type- Commercial	Rs. 84, 24,110/- as on 13 January 2022	Rs. 81,00,000/- Rs. 8,10,000/-	January 29, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	February 14, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalhub.com>) of our auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited**. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **February 11, 2022 before 5:00 P.M** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) **ICICI Bank Limited, Ambala-Chandigarh Highway, Near NK Sharma Office, Zirakpur-140603** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **February 11, 2022 before 05:00 P.M** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted **ICICI Bank Limited, Ambala-Chandigarh Highway, Near NK Sharma Office, Zirakpur-140603** on or before **February 11, 2022 before 05:00 P.M**. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Zirakpur**. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited on 7304914763/ 9878003727** or **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/ 9810029926/ 01244233933**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augeo Asset Management Pvt Ltd** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s.

Date: January 21, 2022
Place: Zirakpur

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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PRESS NIT NO. 47/EE(TJM-7) (2021-22)

S. No.	Description	Amount put to tender	Tender Fee	Earnest Money	Date of release of tender in E-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement
1.	Replacement of MS container into stainless Steel water container of 3 KL for Karala water emergency in Mundka AC-08 under AEE(M)08.	Item Rate	Rs. 500/-	Rs. 73,000/-	20.01.2021 I.D. No 2022_DJB_215066_1	31.01.2022 at 3:00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

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(SATISH KUMAR GUPTA)
Ex. Engineer(TENDERING)M-7

HP JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG TENDER

SHORT TERMS NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed item rate tenders for the following works are hereby invited on form PW 6 and 8 by the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Shillai on behalf of Governor of H.P. from the approved contractors registered in the Jal Shakti Vibhag in the appropriate class. The application for purchase of tender documents shall be entertained up to **3:00 PM on dated 28.01.2022** on payment non-refundable in cash or by money order as per cost shown below. The tender forms shall be issued in the office of the Executive Engineer up to **4:00 PM on dated 28.01.2022**. The earnest money as shown below shall be accompanied with tender in the shape of FDR / Deposit at Call from any nationalized bank duly pledged in the name of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Shillai. The contractors who do not deposit the earnest money in the prescribed manner at the time of tender Submission, their offer shall be summarily rejected and the tender offers received will be processed on the basis of eligibility criteria prescribed for the work that has been tendered for. The draft Short Notice Inviting Tender can also be downloaded from the departmental website www.hp.jh.org. The conditional offer shall be out rightly rejected. The offer shall be kept open for **120 days**. The Executive Engineer reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. The tenders shall be received up to **12:00 (Noon) on 29.01.2022** & opened on same day at **12:30 PM** in the presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives, who may wish to be present. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the tender will be open on next working day at the same time.

S. No	Description	E/ Cost	E/Money	Time	Cost of Form
1	Name of Work: -Aug & Imp of LWSS Kandi Sundrari, Naya, Kulant in GP Shillai Tehsil Shillai, District Simour (HP) (SH: - C/O Retaining Wall/Breast Wall to protect the storage tank of 250 KL Cap) JUM.	426417/-	8530/-	Three (3) months	250/-
2	Name of Work: -R/M of LWSS Kando Bhatnol in GP Kando Bhatnol in Tehsil Shillai District Simour (SH: -P/F of Star Delta Starter 125 HP and allied accessories) at 2 nd Stage.	262320/-	5250/-	One (1) months	250/-
3	Name of Work: -CAD work to LIS Matiyana in GP Gawali in Tehsil Shillai District Simour (HP) (Laying, Jointing and testing of HDPE pipe of various dia and Providing / Fixing of HDPE fitting and C/O Storage Tank 20000 ltrs at Chak No II Rising Main Phase 2 nd) Job No. 3	223984/-	4500/-	Three (3) months	250/-
4	Name of Work: -Aug. of GWSS Kiani Ghundah in Tehsil Shillai District Simour (HP) (SH: - C/O Intake and Storage Tank of 81500 Ltrs cap & 5000 Ltrs Cap) under NABARD.	451532/-	9050/-	Three (3) months	250/-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

- The cost of form is non refundable and no claim of refund shall be entertained. The Tender received without Earnest Money, Copy of Registration/ G.S.T/ E.P.F./PAN will not be acceptable.
- EMD is required to be deposited by the contractor in shape of Bank FDR duly pledged in favour of "Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Shillai" at the time of applying for tender form.
- For Job No. mentioned at Sr. No. 2 bidder should contain all the tender documents alongwith authorization / Dealership offered starter.
- The tenders of the Contractor /Firms who fails to fulfill the eligibility information will be summarily rejected.

Executive Engineer,
Jal Shakti Division, Shillai (H.P.)
Phone No. 01704-278555
HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

RO NO. 6439/21-22 Dt. 21-01-2022

SOUTH AFRICA HAND 'OUT OF SYNC' INDIA SERIES DEFEAT



PTI ■ PAARL

A young South Africa punished a jaded Indian team for its outdated approach, handing it one of the most comprehensive series defeats in recent times with an easy seven-wicket victory in the second ODI here on Friday.

A target of 288 was below-par on a flat track and the seasoned Quinton de Kock (78 off 66 balls) in the company of rising sensation Janneman Malan (91 off 108 balls) added 132 for a match-deciding opening stand.

The home team eventually reached the target in 48.1 overs to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-game series.

KL Rahul's captaincy ambitions and head coach Rahul Dravid's wish to see him being anointed in the long run, however, suffered a rude jolt following back-to-back defeats in 50-over games on a track, which was

more Indian than South African in nature.

India's archaic approach, a very '90s safety first mind-set, hurt the team as has been the case for a while now in the white-ball format.

A tour that started with a great Test win at the Centurion is now in tatters and the Indian contingent would be looking to board the charter flight back home on Monday after the inconsequential third ODI at the Newlands, which would be a spicier track compared to the one at Boland Park.

The batting, save Rishabh Pant's cavalier style, was too defensive starting with skipper Rahul, whose 55 off 79 balls was an innings of bygone era, which cannot align with the fear-less cricket that teams want to associate with now.

The match slipped away from India's grip during their innings once Pant was gone as the others simply failed to get going when the

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ball didn't come on to the bat and it was not a track that offered firm and even bounce.

It's not a new malaise to plague Indian cricket but what should be worrying is that nothing has been done to address the issues.

A veteran like Bhuvneshwar Kumar (8-0-67-0) was swept as well as pulled for sixes by De Kock while Malan would come down the track to hit him through the covers signalling that his early 130 kmph speed, with lack of variations, was simply not working.

For Shardul Thakur (40 not out and 5.1-0-36-0), the quality batting show won't save him if he doesn't curtail the number of bad balls that he is bowling per spell.

And Ravichandran Ashwin (10-1-68-0)'s second coming in white ball cricket might end in a whimper even before it gathers enough wind to sail through.

Yuzvendra Chahal (10-0-47-1) tried his best but his confidence, after being unceremoniously dumped from the T20 World up final squad, has been in tatters.

Venkatesh Iyer (22 off 33 balls and 5-0-28-0) is still

a work in progress and his fast-tracking in the limited overs set-up is less of pragmatism and more desperation to find a fresh version of injury-plagued Hardik Pandya.

Iyer might develop into a good cricketer but he is a far from finished product and may be some time away from being a success at the international level in all conditions. As of now, he is not a natural No.6, who can be a finisher like Pandya was in his best days before injury.

Had Pant not played the role of an enforcer to perfection, even a target of 288 wouldn't have been possible. And this was after it seemed India would score close to 315 when he was having a steady stand of 115 with his skipper.

But there dismissals in quick succession saw Proteas make a comeback on a Boland Park strip where stroke-making wasn't an easy proposition for a new batter.

India to open T20 WC campaign against Pakistan

PTI ■ DUBAI

In a blockbuster T20 World Cup opener for India, the team was on Friday drawn to clash with arch-rivals Pakistan on October 23 at the iconic MCG as the International Cricket Council (ICC) released the fixtures.

India had lost to Pakistan for the first time in an ICC tournament when the teams clashed in last year's T20 World Cup in Dubai.

India's second Super 12 match in Group 2 will



will begin on October 22 with hosts and defending champions Australia playing New Zealand at the SCG on October 22 in a re-match of last year's men's T20 World Cup final. The Black Caps will also face England at the Gabba on November 1 in a re-match of their epic semi-final encounter at the 2021 event. In Super 12s, Australia are in Group 1 with world number one England, New Zealand, Afghanistan plus the winner of Group A and the runner-up in Group B from the first round.

AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED

(A SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL BANK)

Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleswar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur - 302001 (CIN:136911R1996PLC011381)

APPENDIX IV [SEE RULE 8(I)] POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) under the "Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act, 2002 (54 of 2002)] and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the date as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice as per the details given in below table:

Name of Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Mortgage/Guarantor / Loan A/c No.	13(2) Notice Date & Amount	Description of Mortgaged Property	Date of Possession Taken
(A/C No.) 19001060715523295 UMESH SINGH (Borrower), Raman Devi (Co-Borrower)	16-Sep-21 Rs. 1929013/- Rs. Nineteen Lac Twenty-Nine Thousand Thirteen only as on 14-Sep-21	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated at Freehold - Within Municipal Limit Plot No 25 Kharsa No 11/7, 14 Nangla Gujran Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 100 Sqyds	17-Jan-22
(A/C No.) 19001061123458300 UMESH SINGH (Borrower), Raman Devi (Co-Borrower)	16-Sep-21 Rs. 350049/- Rs. Three Lac Fifty Thousand Forty-Nine only as on 14-Sep-21	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property Situated at Freehold - Municipal Limit Metro And Urban Plot No 25 Kharsa No 11 7 25 Nangla Gujran Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 100 Sqyds	17-Jan-22
(A/C No.) 19001061018382593 Ved Educational And Cultural Society (Borrower), Ved Ram Saini (Co-Borrower), Darshan Saini (Co-Borrower), Mahinder Singh Saini (Co-Borrower)	13-Oct-21 Rs. 447108/- Rs. Four Lac Forty Seven Thousand One Hundred Eight only as on 13-Oct-21	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property situated at Faridabad Haryana 121002 Admeasuring 3250 Sq.Ft.	17-Jan-22
(A/C No.) 19001061121166349 Ved Educational And Cultural Society (Borrower), Darshan Saini (Co-Borrower), Ved Ram Saini (Co-Borrower), Moolchand Saini (Co-Borrower), Mahinder Singh Saini (Co-Borrower)	13-Oct-21 Rs. 1373797/- Rs. Thirteen Lac Seventy-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven only as on 13-Oct-21	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property situated at Freehold - Municipal Limit Metro And Urban 10 357/133 Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 3250 Sqyds	17-Jan-22
(A/C No.) 19001060713784569 Ved Educational And Cultural Society (Borrower), Darshan Saini (Co-Borrower), Mahinder Singh Saini (Co-Borrower), Ved Ram Saini (Co-Borrower), Moolchand Saini (Co-Borrower)	13-Oct-21 Rs. 7300743/- Rs. Seventy-Three Lac Seven Hundred Forty-Three only as on 13-Oct-21	All that part and parcel of residential/commercial property Land/ Building/ Structure and fixtures Property situated at Municipal Corporation Hno2142Indra Complex Nehar Paar Kheri Kalan Faridabad, Haryana Admeasuring 3250 SqFt	17-Jan-22

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, therefore notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein above mentioned table in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said (Act-2002) read with Rule 8 of the said rule on the date mentioned in the above table. "The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets." The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the AU Small Finance Bank Limited (A Scheduled Commercial Bank) for the amount and interest thereon mentioned in the above table.

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Place: Haryana Date: 21-Jan-2022
Authorised Officer AU Small Finance Bank Limited

IDBI BANK LTD.

NMG CHANDIGARH, SCO 72-73, BANK SQUARE, SECTOR 17B, CHANDIGARH - 160017

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

(1) M/s ESS ESS Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., SCO 31, 2nd Floor, Sector 31-D, Chandigarh - 160030 (2) Shri Ankush Sood (Director), House No. 1427, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh - 160022 (3) M/s Ess ESS Techno Consult Pvt. Ltd., House No. 1680, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh - 160022 (4) Smt. Saloni Sood (Director), House No. 1680, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh - 160022 (5) Shri Ankush Sood (Director), House No. 1680, Sector 33-D, Chandigarh - 160022 (6) Smt. Saloni Sood (Director), House No. 1427, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh - 160022.

Sir/ Madam,

PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES & PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILFUL DEFAULTER

Please refer to our notice dated 27.08.2020 (SCN) and as per RBI Master Circular on Wilful Defaulters dated July 1, 2015, you have been declared as wilful defaulter by our Bank and the same has been reported to RBI/CIC. Further, RBI has vide its circular dated September 29, 2016, has outlined that Bank as a penal measure against the borrowers declared as Wilful Defaulters may publish names and photographs of the Wilful Defaulters in the newspapers/ magazines.

Despite repeated requests, reminders and regular follow up, you have failed to pay the amount of Rs. 86.42 crore as on 01.12.2021, which is due and payable by you. We, therefore, call upon you to pay the entire outstanding amount of Rs. 86.42 crore together with interest accrued thereon within a period of 15 days, from the date of receipt of this letter, failing which, IDBI Bank shall in public interest proceed to publish your name and photograph giving other details, in the newspaper/ magazines.

Please also take notice that IDBI Bank shall not be responsible for any consequential or resultant loss of reputation or damages, which may accrue to you as a result of such publication in newspapers/ magazines.

Sd/-
Date: 21.01.2022
Place: Chandigarh

(Authorised Signatory)
IDBI Bank Ltd. (NPA Management Group)

DELHI JAL BOARD

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENGINEER (M)-11
TENDER DIVISION (M)-11
ROOM NO. 102, JAL SADAN, SHIV MANDIR MARG
LAJPAT NAGAR, NEW DELHI- 110024
EMAIL : ACE.M11.DJB@GMAIL.COM PH. 011-29810956
Press N.I.T. No 49(2021-22)

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
1	Replacement of water line for removing contamination through 300,200,150 & 100 mm dia DI water line at Block No. 5(Upper portion) Dakshinpur Extn. under EE(M)-47.	57,38,003/-	2022_DJB_215150_1 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
2	Replacement of old damaged water line 350mm dia, 150mm dia & 100mm dia at F-6 to F-13, B- 206 to B-216 and D 8 to fire station Okhla Phase-I at Tughlakabad Constituency under EE(M)-52.	33,08,397/-	2022_DJB_215150_2 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
3	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of badly silted up and damaged sewer line from H.No. 400 to 437, 443 to 512, 513 to 590, 595 to 616 in K Block Dakshinpur in Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Constituency under EE(M)-48.	40,90,339/-	2022_DJB_215150_3 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
4	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of badly silted up and damaged sewer line from H.No. 120 to 125, 115 to 117 in Khanpur Village in Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Constituency under EE(M)-48.	28,40,676/-	2022_DJB_215150_4 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
5	Improvement of sewerage system by replacement of badly silted up and damaged sewer line from H.No.90 to 106,107, 70 to 72, 109 to 110 and 132 in Khanpur village in Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Constituency under EE(M)-48.	43,24,938/-	2022_DJB_215150_5 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
6	Providing & Laying of sewer lines for trapping sewerage of Nardan Camp Sangam Vihar under EE(M)-49 (AC-49).	35,22,004/-	2022_DJB_215150_6 20.01.2022	01.02.2022 Up to 3.00 pm

N.I.T. No. 51 (2021-22)

1	Refurbishment of UGR's using injection system & technologies at badar pur village UGR , & DDA Janta flat UGR at Badar pur constituency AC 53 under EE(S) IV/ EE(M)- 53 (Re-invited).	26,38,512/-	2022_DJB_215176_1 21.01.2022	02.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm
2	Refurbishment of UGR's using injection system & technologies at Molar band village BPS , shamshan ghat BPS & Jalpur village bps at Badar pur constituency under EE(S) IV/ EE(M)-53 (Re-invited).	41,89,822/-	2022_DJB_215176_2 21.01.2022	02.02.2022 up to 3.00 pm

Further details in this regard may be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>)

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1036 (2021-22)

"STOP CORONA, Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene"

Sd/-
(Arif Hussain) AEE(T)M-11

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 132, 133, 134, Sector-9C, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh - 160017

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(i)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" as per the brief particulars given hereunder.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mrs. Seema Bagga (Borrower), Davinder Kumar (Co-Aplicant)- BKLN00003611874	House No 6/10-11, Ram Nagar, Karnal Haryana area of Property- 952.74 Sq. Feet. Property Type- Residential.	Rs. 63,27, 922.51/- as on 10th January	Rs. 46,00, 000/- From Rs.4,60, 000/-	February 05, 2022 From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon	February 14, 2022 From: 1:00 PM to: 2:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-<https://disposalsbhub.com>) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till February 11, 2022 before 5:00 P.M else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 255, 256 City Centre Branch Sector 12, Karnal- 132001 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before February 11, 2022 before 05:00 P.M along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted ICICI Bank Limited, SCO 255, 256 City Centre Branch Sector 12, Karnal- 132001 or before February 11, 2022 before 05:00 P.M. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Karnal.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 7304914763/ 9878003727 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on 9710029933/ 9810029926/ 01244233933

Please note that Marketing agencies 1.M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited 2. Augoe Asset Management Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date: January 21, 2022
Place: Karnal

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

PRESS NOTICE

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division No.1, Chandigarh invites online the percentage rate tender on behalf of the President of India from OEM/ their authorized dealer/ Class "A & B" Electrical contractors/firms who fulfill the criteria and registered with Chandigarh Administration, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh, CPVWD, State PWDs of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal and their boards and Corporations and having valid Electrical Contractor License issued by any Govt. Deptt. Of States / Centre for execution of below mentioned works, the bids for which to be downloaded from the site <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in>

Tender Ref. No.	Description of work	Estimated tender Amt.	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Last date of Submission of e-tender	Date of opening of tender
E1/M-250	MODERNIZATION AND UP GRADATION OF OLD DG SETS IN GMSH, SECTOR - 16, CHANDIGARH.	Rs. 25,28,489/-	As per condition 2 (i)	2 (Two) Months	28.01.2022 Upto 03:00 PM	28.01.2022 At 03:30 PM

The DNIT with detailed terms and conditions can be downloaded/ uploaded by the bidders from the website at <http://www.etenders.chd.nic.in>.

Executive Engineer,

Electrical Division No.1, Additional Deluxe Building, 2nd Floor, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
Office Ph. No. 0172-2740307 Email: eeel1@chd.nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH.

Subject:- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 100% share in respect of House No. 1295, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh (RPD-14061) in the name of Smt. Sarla Soni W/o. Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni on the basis of Registered Will dated 08.06.2016 executed by Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni who expired on 26.08.2021 (Life time interest).

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office, the ownership of the property known as House No. 1295, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh bearing file No. RPD-14061 to the extent of 100% share stands in the name of Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni.

It has been intimated by Smt. Sarla Soni W/o. Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni that Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni who was the owner of the property/house has expired/died on 26.08.2021. It has further been intimated that Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni has left behind the following legal heirs:-

Name of the legal heirs & relation with deceased :- 1. Sarla Soni - Wife, 2. Bhavna Soni Shivpuri-Daughter

Now, Smt. Sarla Soni W/o. Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni has applied to this office for the transfer of ownership rights of 100% share o the above said Plot/House in her name on the basis of Registered Will dated 08.06.2016 executed by Late Sh. Parshotam Singh Soni who expired on 26.08.2021.

If anybody has any information about any legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated in writing to the Estate Officer, Sector 17, Chandigarh immediately.

If anybody have any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicants then he/she may may furnish the same in writing alongwith supporting documents in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be mutated accordingly and no and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE HARJEET SINGH SANDHU, PCS, ASSISTANT ESTATE OFFICER, EXERCISING THE POWERS OF THE ESTATE OFFICER, U.T. CHANDIGARH.

Subject:- Transfer of ownership rights to the extent of 100% share in respect of House No. 2096, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh (RP-11997) in the name of Sh. Ashu Batta S/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta, on the basis of Registered Will dated 23.11.2015 executed by Late Mrs. Shakuntla Batta W/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta.

It is notified for the information of general public and all concerned that as per record of this office, the ownership of the property known as House No.2096, Sector 15-C, Chandigarh bearing file No. RP-11997 to the extent of 100% share stands in the name of Mrs. Shakuntla Batta W/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta.

It has been intimated by Sh. Ashu Batta S/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta that Late Mrs. Shakuntla Batta W/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta who was the owner of the property/house has expired/died on 08.07.2021. It has further been intimated that Late Mrs. Shakuntla Batta W/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta has left behind the following legal heirs:-

Sr. No.	Name of the Legal Heirs	Relation with Deceased
1.	Sh. Roshan Lal Batta	(Husband)
2.	Mrs. Anjana Chahar	(Daughter)
3.	Sh. Ashu Batta	(Son)

Now, Sh. Ashu Batta S/o Sh. Roshan Lal Batta has applied to this office for the transfer of ownership rights of 100% share of the above said Plot/House in their name on the basis of Registered Will of Late Mrs. Shakuntla Batta Dated 23.11.2015. If anybody has any information about any legal heirs of the deceased owner other than mentioned above, the same may be intimated in writing to the Estate Officer, Sector 17, Chandigarh immediately.

If anybody have any objection upon the mutation of the said property in favour of the above named applicants then he/she may furnish the same in writing alongwith supporting documents in the office of the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which this property shall be mutated accordingly and no and no further claim whatsoever shall be entertained later on.

Harjeet Singh Sandhu, PCS, Assistant Estate Officer, Exercising the Powers of the Estate Officer, U.T. Chandigarh.