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PNS ■ NEW DELHI

On the eve of Republic Day, the Centre bestowed the Padma Vibhushan award, India's second-highest civilian award, on the country's first Chief of Defence staff, late General Bipin Rawat, and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister late Kalyan Singh. The other two Padma Vibhushan awardees are noted musician Prabha Atre and Gita Press Chairman Radheshyam Khemka (posthumously).

Among the 17 Padma Bhushan awardees, two political leaders from the Congress and the CPI(M) — Ghulam Nabi Azad and former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee figured in the prestigious award list. However, Buddhadeb refused to accept the award. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Tuesday came out with a list of 128 distinguished personalities from different fields for Padma Awards.

The list comprises four Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan, and 107 Padma Shri Awards. Out of 128 awardees, 34 are women and the list includes 10 persons from the



category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 13 posthumous awardees. Padma Awards are conferred in three categories: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. Padma Vibhushan is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; Padma Bhushan for distinguished service of high order and Padma Shri for distinguished service in any field.

The Centre also awarded Padma Bhushan to the country's two Covid vaccine makers Serum Institute's founder Cyrus Poonawala and jointly honoured Bharat Biotech promoters Dr Krishna Ella and wife Suchitra Ella. Indian origin CEO of Google Satya Nadella

and Microsoft CEO Sundar Pichai have been awarded Padma Bhushan. Former Home Secretary and CAG Rajiv Mehrishi, actor Victor Banerjee and Gujarati writer and preacher Swami Sachidanad got Padma Bhushan.

Among the 107 Padma Shri awardees Olympic Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra, late IAS officer and Airports Authority Chairman Chairman Guruprasad Mohapatra, noted singer Sonu Nigam figured in the list.

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, who died last year, has been awarded Padma Vibhushan for Public Affairs, while late CDS



General Bipin Rawat got the same honour for Civil Service. Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad will be honored with Padma Bhushan for Public Affairs. Rawat hails from Uttarakhand and Kalyan from Uttar Pradesh, the two States which are headed for Assembly polls. The political significance of the Centre's decision to handpick Azad for giving the Padma award is not lost. Azad comes from Jammu & Kashmir, a Union territory, where the Centre is trying its best to win over the masses through the political process. Azad has been of late sidelined in the Congress and has also been in the news for repeatedly praising PM Narendra Modi.

Himachal 52nd Statehood
Day: CM announces 31%
DA to State employees

PNS ■ SHIMLA

Himachal Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Tuesday announced 31 per cent DA to all the employees of the State at par with the Central Government employees. He said that this would provide financial benefits of Rs 500 crore to the employees of the State Government. The Chief Minister made this announcement while addressing the state level function of 52nd Statehood Day in Solan. He said that the state has recently implemented new pay scales for employees of the State Government ensuring benefits of about Rs 6000 crore to about 2.25 lakh employees. He said that it was felt that few disparities existed in the new pay scales of few categories. Now, the employees would be given a third option besides two options already given to them, he added.

Thakur also announced that pensioners of the State Government would also be given pension as per the new pay scales of Punjab government. This would benefit about 1.75 lakh pensioners by providing financial benefits of about Rs 2000 crore.

He further announced an increase in annual income for availing the benefits of various welfare schemes and pensions for the weaker sections of the society from existing Rs 35,000 to Rs 50,000. The benefits of

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higher scales would be provided immediately to all those constables who were eligible for higher scales, he said.

The Chief Minister announced that the domestic consumers of the state whose electricity consumption is up to 60 units per month would not be charged any fee per electricity unit. They would incur zero cost per unit of electricity consumed. With this decision, domestic consumers whose electricity consumption is up to 125 units, would be charged only one rupee per unit cost. Over 11 lakh domestic consumers would be benefited from this decision and the State government would incur an additional expenditure of Rs 60 crore on providing this relief.

Channi 'Thor', Rahul 'Hulk'
take on 'aliens' in Punjab

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

With the political parties fighting the ballot-battle in the virtual arena amidst restrictions on physical roadshows and rallies for February 20 Punjab polls, Punjab Congress has come up with a latest campaign video - inspired by 2018's Hollywood superhero movie "Avengers" - featuring Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi as the mighty god of thunder "Thor" and Rahul Gandhi as "Bruce Banner".

Through the 34 seconds video, the Congress has virtually declared war against its rival political parties. Sharing it on its social media handles, the party captioned, "We will do whatever it takes to redeem

our beloved State from the clutches of evil forces working against the interest of Punjab and its people".

In the video, Channi can be seen as "Thor" carrying the Stormbreaker, Rahul Gandhi as "Bruce Banner" wearing the Hulkbuster, Punjab Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu as 'Captain America', and senior party leader Sunil Kumar Jakhar as "Groot".

The video, which starts with Hulk-Rahul Gandhi announcing "Koi na bachna tussi" (you can no longer be saved) in a warning to the opponents, also portrays Channi in the lead role - in an indication to be the party's choice of CM candidate.



Schools for Classes X to XII to
reopen in Haryana from Feb 1

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With the cases of COVID-19 declining in the state, Haryana Government on Tuesday decided to reopen the schools for classes X to XII from February 1 onwards. However, the students who want to continue with online classes would be allowed to do so. At present, the students are attending online classes in the state.

Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar said that after reviewing the situation, it has been decided to reopen the

schools for classes X, XI and XII from February 1. Instructions in this regard have been issued to district education officers and others. They have been directed to ensure strict compliance of COVID-19 appropriate behavior, he said. He said 75 percent children (15-18 years) have been given the first dose of COVID vaccination in the state and it has been decided to reopen the schools for students of class X-XII. The decision for other classes will be taken later after reviewing the situation again, he said.





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PUBLIC NOTICE

Smt. Geeta W/o Sh. Harvinder Kumar, r/o H. No. 514, Phase -6 S.A.S Nagar, (Mohali) has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate copy of Allotment letter, in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 3046, Sector- 41-D, Chandigarh due to loss of this document. They have also furnished L.A.R No.2022/001649 registered with Police Unit: 39, Chandigarh on dated 18-01-2022, regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of duplicate copy of Allotment letter, in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit to the said Smt. Geeta W/o Sh. Harvinder Kumar, he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued Further, in case original documents as mentioned above are found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh.

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| 1. | Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bhagat (Borrower), Ajay Bhagat (Co-Applcant), Dutchply Industries Limited (Co-Applcant)- LBCHD00001880720 | House No-319, (Basement and Ground Floor) Sector- 37A, R/o- 20520, Chandigarh Ut. Admeasuring an area - 343.905 Sq. Yards. Property Type- Residential | February 11, 2022 From- 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM |

Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Chandigarh

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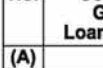
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| 1. | Mr. Sneha Mahajan/ Sanjeev Kumar/ Amit Mahajan/ Nangli Metal Industries (LAN No. LBAMT00002141244, LBAMT00002141245) | Plot No 195, Kharsa No 38/21/2, Min, Khevat Khatori No 252/298, Vakia Rakba Khanokt Abadi, Garden Enclave, Tehsil, Distt Amritsar, Punjab. Ad measuring 200 Sq. yard | February 10, 2022 From- 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM |

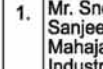
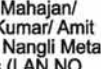
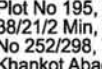

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Subject - Transfer/Mutation of 50% Share of Allotment/Registration D.U.No. 2822 of Category-1BR, Sector -49, Chandigarh in the names of (i) Sh. Manpreet Vj D/o Sh. Manjit Singh (having 50% share) (ii) Ms. Manpreet Vj D/o Sh. Manjit Singh (iii) Sh. Harmanpreet Singh S/o Sh. Manjit Singh on the Intestate Demise of allottee/Co-transferee Smt. Rupinder Kaur W/o Sh. Manjit Singh (having 50% share).

It is hereby notified for the information of the General Public and all concerned that Late Smt. Rupinder Kaur W/o Sh. Manjit Singh (having 50% share) owner of Dwelling Unit No. 2822 of Category -1BR, Sector-49, Chandigarh expired on 17-11-2021 at Chandigarh as informed by her legal heirs. (i) Sh. Manjit Singh S/o Sh. Balwant Singh (having 50% share) (ii) Ms. Manpreet Vj D/o Sh. Manjit Singh (iii) Sh. Harmanpreet Singh S/o Sh. Manjit Singh have requested for transfer of ownership of Dwelling Unit No. 2822 of Category-1BR Sector-49, Chandigarh in their names on the basis of Intestate demise of Smt. Rupinder Kaur W/o Sh. Manjit Singh (having 50% share). They have further stated that no other legal heir has been left out and they are the only legal heirs of deceased owner of the above said Dwelling Unit.

In case anybody has any objection regarding the claim/right/Interest in the dwelling unit which is proposed to be transferred by the Chandigarh Housing Board in favour of (i) Sh. Manjit Singh (Husband) (ii) Ms. Manpreet Vj (Daughter) (iii) Sh. Harmanpreet Singh (Son), he/she may submit the objection in writing to the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the registration and allotment of the said dwelling unit shall be transferred in favour of the above claimant's.



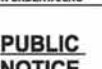

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Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Punjab

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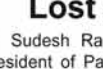
NOTICE is hereby given that one Smt. Raj Baldev W/o Sh. Rohitash S/o Sh. Ran Singh (hereinafter referred to as the said Mortgage/Purchaser) has agreed to create mortgage in respect of the Flat/Property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written from my client LIC Housing Finance Limited (Branch Address Sonapat) (Which Smt. Raj Baldev W/o Sh. Rohitash S/o Sh. Ran Singh purchased the said property from Balkar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh S/o Sh. Desh Raj through Regd. Sale Deed No. 9733 Dated 15.03.2021) According to the said Mortgage/ borrower she themselves and/or their vendor above named has lost/imposed the Original Transfer Deed No. 7456 Dated 15.10.2015 entered into between (Smt. Suran W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh and Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh S/o Sh. Deshraj measuring 7 Marla i.e. 220 Sq.Yds) in respect of the property described herein. All persons having any claim against or in respect of the said Flat/Property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/registered or otherwise), Gift, trust, inheritance, family arrangement, maintenance, bequest, partnership, possession/lease, sublease, tenancy/lease, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise whatsoever are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to me/us with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned herein below within 14 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or person will be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned and my client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan and creation of mortgage in respect thereof.



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CORRIGENDUM

Consequent upon the fresh guidelines issued by the Central Waqf Council, New Delhi in reference to appointment of the posts of (i) Legal Support Officer (ii) Accountant and (iii) Assistant Programmer under the scheme named, Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme, the Walk-in-Interview scheduled to be held on 27-01-2022 (Thursday) is hereby cancelled. Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer



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Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Zirakpur

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| 1. | Mrs. Seema Bagga (Borrower), Davinder Kumar (Co-Applcant)- LBKLN00003611874 | House No 6/10-11, Ram Nagar, Kamal Haryana Area of Property- 952.74 Sq. Feet. Property Type- Residential | February 14, 2022 from- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM |

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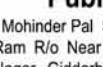
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I, Rajat S/o Sh. Vijay Sharma R/o H.No. 4, Navratna Gali, Chokhani Colony, Distt. Bhiwani, Haryana declare that my Plot No. 315, Sector 23, Bhiwani's Farm C no. 9378 Dt. 3.9.2003, Conveyance Deed No. 2677 Dt. 29.6.2005 & Possession Certificate etc. document lost Near Sec. 13 Mkt., Bhiwani and not found anywhere after searching. If anybody found may Contact PNB Bank Bhiwani Ashok Kumar Advocate Hisar 72060 09029. - DEPONET



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Sh. Ravinder Singh Gujral S/o Sh. Harbhajan Singh Gujral, owner of the Dwelling unit No. 3A, AWHO Gurjinder Vihar Pocket-5, Sector-CH1-1, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, has approached to the Chandigarh Housing Board for the issuance of Duplicate Copy of Allotment letter, in respect of Dwelling Unit No. 106/2, Sector 45-A, Chandigarh due to loss of these documents. She has furnished the DDR registered with Police Station, Beta-2, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh G.D.No. 053 on dated.18.01.2022, regarding the loss of above said document. Any person having any objection, against the issuance of duplicate copy of Allotment letter, in respect of the above said Dwelling Unit to the said Sh. Ravinder Singh Gujral S/o Sh. Harbhajan Singh Gujral, he/she should file the objection before the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the publication of this notice, failing which the documents shall be issued. Further, in case original documents as mentioned above are found by anyone, the same should be submitted in the above noted Police Station or in the office of the undersigned.

Secretary,
Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh.

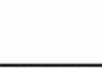
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Haryana Waqf Board
(Established by Administration of Justice Deptt., Government of Haryana) 50, Sardar Patel Marg, Ambala Cantt. - 133001

CORRIGENDUM

Consequent upon the fresh guidelines issued by the Central Waqf Council, New Delhi in reference to appointment of the posts of (i) Legal Support Officer (ii) Accountant and (iii) Assistant Programmer under the scheme named, Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme, the Walk-in-Interview scheduled to be held on 27-01-2022 (Thursday) is hereby cancelled. Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer



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

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| (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) |
| 1. | Mr. Vijay Garg (Borrower), Harish Garg (Co-Applcant), Reshma Rani (Co-Applcant)- LBPNC0000248466 | 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 | February 14, 2022 from- 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon |

Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Zirakpur

Authorized Officer
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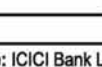
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| 1. | Mrs. Seema Bagga (Borrower), Davinder Kumar (Co-Applcant)- LBKLN00003611874 | House No 6/10-11, Ram Nagar, Kamal Haryana Area of Property- 952.74 Sq. Feet. Property Type- Residential | February 14, 2022 from- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM |

Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Karnal

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited



Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, First Floor 361 M.C. International, The Mall Amritsar- 143001

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| 1. | Baba Beer Singh Enterprises, Sukhwinder Singh, Sukhraj Kaur (LAN No. 006605007251) | Shop No.152 Situated at Grain Market, Bhagatwala, Tehsil Distt Amritsar, Punjab- 143001. Area- 825 Sq.Ft Property Type- Commercial | February 02, 2022 From- 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM |

Date: January 25, 2022
Place: Punjab

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited





PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Gurbanash Singh Babehali S/o S. Mahinder Singh r/o VPO Babehali Distt Gurdaspur declare that I am going to contest assembly elections 2022 from Gurdaspur constituency as Shiromani Akali Dal candidate. A case No 0260 dated 18.12.18 was registered in City Police Station, Gurdaspur against me Under section 403, 404, 406, 402, 465, 467, 468, 471, 120-B of IPC (Co-operative Society Act 1961). This case is now lying pending in the court of honorable ACJM, Gurdaspur Sh Madan Lal. Another case No. 0131 dated 07.06.2021 has also been registered against me in Police Station, Maltara under section 188, 269, 270 of IPC 1960 and under section 51-a of disaster management act. Concerned note.





PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to General Public that Axis Bank, Rohitash S/o Sh. Ran Singh (hereinafter referred to as the said Mortgage/Purchaser) has agreed to create mortgage in respect of the Flat/Property more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written from my client LIC Housing Finance Limited (Branch Address Sonapat) (Which Smt. Raj Baldev W/o Sh. Rohitash S/o Sh. Ran Singh purchased the said property from Balkar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh S/o Sh. Desh Raj through Regd. Sale Deed No. 9733 Dated 15.03.2021) According to the said Mortgage/ borrower she themselves and/or their vendor above named has lost/imposed the Original Transfer Deed No. 7456 Dated 15.10.2015 entered into between (Smt. Suran W/o Sh. Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh and Rakesh Kumar S/o Sh. Narayan Singh S/o Sh. Deshraj

Rahul to virtually address Punjab Fateh Rally on Jan 27

He will also pay obeisance with all 117 nominees at Golden Temple

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

To give the much-needed boost to the ruling Congress party ahead of the February 20 polls, Congress' vice-president Rahul Gandhi will visit Punjab on Thursday, and virtually address "Punjab Fateh Rally" on January 27 from Jalandhar.

Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by all the 117 party nominees, will start his tour by paying obeisance at the Golden Temple in Amritsar in the morning, and partake langar with all the party candidates. After that, they will also visit Durgiana Temple and Bhagwan Valmiki Tirath Sthal at Ram Tirath.

This will be Rahul Gandhi's first visit to the poll-bound state. Earlier, Rahul was scheduled to launch the party's poll campaign with a public meeting at Moga on January 3.

The party's state unit was also gearing up for the mega event,

which was cancelled later on as Rahul went to Italy on a personal visit.

As of now, the Congress has announced its candidates for 86 of the 117 assembly seats in the state. The names of candidates for the remaining 31 seats, which have got delayed due to lack of consensus among the state leaders on half of them, are expected to be announced by Wednesday.

That is also evident from the itinerary of Rahul Gandhi's visit which says that all the 117 party nominees will accompany the Gandhi scion during his visit to the Golden Temple.

With the filing of nominations already in the process, Rahul Gandhi will officially sound the poll bugle for the Congress and his visit is expected to give the much-needed push to the party's campaign in the state, especially in Jalandhar and Majha region — from where BJP is eyeing to gain major seats.

Amidst the Election Commission's ban on physical rallies and roadshows till January 31, Rahul would be holding a virtual rally on January 27 at 4 pm.

For the same, part from the state party unit, the Congress

candidates are also preparing for live telecast of the digital rally in their respective constituencies.

As of now, marred by severe infighting, the ruling Congress is fighting a battle of survival in Punjab — all set to witness a five-cornered contest for the first time in the recallable past.

As per the itinerary shared by Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) president Navjot Singh Sidhu over his social media handles, Rahul Gandhi is scheduled to reach the holy city by air from New Delhi at 9 am, from where he will first go to the Golden Temple and spend around 45 minutes there.

He will then go to Durgiana Temple and visit Ram Tirath.

After reaching Jalandhar by road, Rahul Gandhi will address 'Punjab Fateh virtual rally', which will be telecasted live on all social media platforms.

The state unit and its social media cell are making arrangements with two-way link in all 22 districts for the party workers and leaders to view his address. Later, he will fly back to New Delhi in the evening from the nearby Adampur airport.

Haryana fixes mobile handset cost for Ministers, senior officers

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

All Cabinet Ministers and Principal Secretary to Chief Minister in Haryana have been entitled to reimbursement for one mobile handset costing not more than Rs 25000 while the limit of Rs 20000 has been fixed for senior bureaucrats. The State Government, in an order issued, has revised the cost of mobile phones entitled to government functionaries.

While there will be no call ceiling for all Ministers, Chief Parliamentary Secretaries, PSCM, the mobile phone cost has been fixed at Rs 25000. The cost of mobile phones for the officers attached with CM (except PSCM) have been fixed at Rs 20000.

Similarly for all administrative secretaries, officers in super time scale of IAS, IPS and HODs, Joint Secretaries, all other officers who are entitled to have mobile phone handset i.e. protocol officers and assistance RVA branch, the handset cost has been fixed at Rs 20000, the order stated.

CEO Punjab hands over voter ID cards to Sohna-Mohna



PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

With Amritsar based conjoined twins Sohan Singh and Mohan Singh, fondly known as Sohna-Mohna, turning 18 last year, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Punjab S Karuna Raju on Tuesday handed over two separate Electoral Photo Identity Cards to both of them to mark

the 12th National Voters' Day. Special arrangements will be made for Sohna and Mohna, so that both can vote separately, while ensuring that their privacy could be maintained, the CEO said. The ECI had considered Sohna and Mohna as separate voters and decided to give individual voting rights to both of them.

Majithia gets three-day protection from arrest

May move SC, file nomination on Thursday

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

In a respite to senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Bikram Singh Majithia, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has given the sitting Majithia legislator three-day protection from the arrest — giving enough time to file his nomination papers for February 20 polls and move the Supreme Court.

With January 26 (Wednesday) being a national holiday, it is expected that Majithia would file his nomination paper as Akali Dal-BSP nominee from Majithia assembly segment on Thursday, as his protection would continue till January 27.

Booked in a drugs case, Majithia's anticipatory bail plea was rejected by the High Court a day before, following which, the Punjab police's crime branch team conducted raids at six locations, including his Chandigarh and Amritsar residence, to nab Majithia.

Sources maintained that the entire operation was kept confidential and even the local police were not informed about the operation. However, the teams failed to make any breakthrough.

To arrest Majithia, the Mohali Crime Police formed

six teams, keeping the operation completely under cover. The crime branch raided a total of six places in Chandigarh, Haryana and Himachal in addition to Amritsar in Punjab on Tuesday morning.

Notably, on December 20 last year, a case was registered against Majithia in Mohali under the NDPS Act. Citing political vendetta, Majithia had moved the High Court after the anticipatory bail plea was rejected in the Mohali Court apprehending arrest. The High Court had, on January 10, granted him interim anticipatory bail, and the same was extended twice.

Now, Majithia is left with the options of either moving the Supreme Court or surrender. Following the dismissal of his bail plea, Majithia has again gone underground.

Justice Lisa Gill, in the order released on Tuesday, has granted "three days protection against arrest" to Majithia for enabling him to approach the Supreme Court for challenging the order dismissing his plea. The protection would remain in force only for three days from January 24, till January 27, and was being granted keeping in view the peculiar circumstances of this case. Notably, Majithia's counsel had sought a week's time in view of the elections, which the Bench had said that it would consider.

"In case an effort is now being made by the State to break the nexus between the



State machinery and the drug traffickers, I find no ground to scuttle the same at this stage...It is further relevant to note that in this political slugfest, a complete and thorough investigation should not be the casualty, especially keeping in view the grave and serious charges levelled under the NDPS Act," noted the Bench. Justice Gill also observed the counsel's submission that the petitioner gave evasive replies by terming the question as outrageous and claiming some matters to be personal.

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IT Dept sets up control room to check use of black money in Punjab polls

PNS ■ JALANDHAR

To curb the use of black money in February 20 Punjab Assembly elections, the Income Tax Department's Directorate of Investigation has set up a control room with a toll-free number 1800-345-1545, inviting information or complaints. Elaborate arrangements have been made by the IT Department to check use of black money under the mandate of the Election Commission of

India.

The control room established by the Department was function round the clock, and the people can call on the toll free helpline number to furnish specific information relating to cash or other valuable suspected to be used for unduly influencing the election process, said an official spokesperson of the IT Department, adding that callers' identities would be kept confidential.

Spokesperson said that the teams

of officers and inspectors had also been deputed in each district to take prompt actions on the complaints in their respective districts. "Based on the authenticity of information and after due enquiry, appropriate action for seizing the cash etc would be initiated as per law," added the spokesperson.

For this purpose, the Department has already deputed 80 officers and inspectors, who will act in close coordination with the District Control

Room of the District Election Officer as well as other agencies. A close surveillance was also being maintained over persons, places and activities likely to be involved in handling of unaccounted cash during the election process.

Spokesperson added that air intelligence units (AIUs) had also been made functional at all airports in the state as well as airports having commercial flights to the State, which were keeping a strict vigil over movement of cash by air. Similarly, movement of cash etc through railways is also being monitored in coordination with the railway authorities.

Punjab Government extends heartiest greetings to people on

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Department of Information and Public Relations, Punjab

Celebrate Indian-ness this Republic Day: Prez to people

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday said India has shown an unmatched resolve in the face of the extraordinary challenge to humankind posed by the Covid-19 pandemic. A strong and sensitive India is now emerging, he pointed out even as he asked people to celebrate "Indian-ness" this Republic Day.

Day, Kovind noted that democracy, justice, liberty, equality and fraternity form the bedrock of India and stressed that the observance of Fundamental Duties mentioned in the Constitution creates the proper environment for the enjoyment of Fundamental Rights. This year's celebrations may be muted due to the pandemic, but the spirit is as strong as ever, Kovind said. Doctors, nurses and paramedics have risen to the chal-



lenge, working long hours in difficult conditions even at the risk of their lives to attend to patients. Others have kept the

nation moving, managing supply chains and utilities, he said. Hailing the timely interventions by the leadership, policy-makers, administrators and others at the central and state levels during coronavirus pandemic, Kovind said it is a testimony to India's spirit in the face of adversity that the economy is on the move again and is projected to grow at an impressive rate in this fiscal, after going through contraction last year.

"The impressive economic performance is made possible due to improvement in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. I am happy to note that our farmers, especially young farmers with small holdings, are enthusiastically adopting natural farming," the President said. As the supreme commander of the Armed Forces, Kovind said he was glad to note that it has been a watershed year for women empowerment

in the armed forces. "Our daughters have broken a glass ceiling, and the permanent commission has now been allowed for women officers in new areas," he said, adding that "consequently, our armed forces will benefit from better gender balance." Also, the talent pipeline for the forces will be strengthened with women coming through Sainik Schools and the prestigious National Defence Academy, the President said.

"I am confident that India is better placed today to meet the challenges of the future," Kovind said, adding that new opportunities await the next generation. Invoking Mahatma Gandhi, Kovind said he would have liked us to celebrate Republic Day by striving to become better human beings and contributing towards the making of a better India and a better world. "Two days ago, on 23rd

January, all of us observed the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who had adopted the energising salutation of 'Jai-Hind'. His quest for independence and his ambition to make India proud inspire all of us," the President said. Referring to a visit to his village in Kanpur, he also urged the people to remember their roots and work for the development of their native village, city and country.

Neeraj awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Twelve security forces personnel from the Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were awarded Shaurya Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind on the eve of Republic Day on Tuesday. Olympic javelin gold medal winner in the Tokyo Games Neeraj Chopra was awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM).



He is a Subedar in the Rajputana Rifles. This gallantry medal is the third-highest during peacetime. Five of the six awardees of the Army this year were conferred the medal posthumously. Most of them sacrificed their lives fighting militants in Jammu & Kashmir. Similarly, four of the six CRPF personnel were also awarded the medal posthumously.

approved awards of 384 Gallantry and other Defence decorations to Armed Forces personnel and others on the eve of 73rd Republic Day celebrations.

These include 12 Shaurya Chakras, 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medals (PVSM), 04 Uttam Yudh Seva Medals, 53 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (AVSM), 13 Yudh Seva Medals, 03 Bar to Vishisht Seva Medals, 122 Vishisht Seva Medals (VSM), 03 Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (Gallantry), 02 Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 40 Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty), 08 Nao Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty), and 14 Vayu Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty).

939 service medals announced on eve of R-Day

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday announced a total of 939 service medals, including 189 for gallantry, for personnel of various Central and State police forces on the eve of Republic Day. However, no one has been awarded the topmost president's police medal for gallantry (PPMG) this time.



Among the 189 gallantry awards, 134 personnel are being awarded for their gallant action in the Jammu and Kashmir region, 47 for their bravery in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and one personnel for similar conduct in the north-east region. The highest number of bravery medals, 115, have been awarded to the Jammu and Kashmir Police, followed by 30 to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 10 to the Chhattisgarh Police, nine to the Odisha Police, seven to the Maharashtra Police, three each to the border guarding forces of Indo-Tibetan Border Police

Sanjeev Kumar Yadav IPS of Delhi Police Cell is among the Gallantry Medal winners. 53 personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF) have been decorated with various police service medals including gallantry decorations. Constables Anand Oraon and Sunder Singh have been awarded the PMG for thwarting smuggling bids by armed smugglers along the India-Bangladesh international border in West Bengal.

18 personnel of the India-China LAC guarding force Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) have been decorated with various police service medals including gallantry decorations. The PMG has been given to the team of Assistant Commandant Ashok Kumar, Inspectors Suresh Lal and Neela Singh for neutralising two wanted Maoists during a fierce encounter in the left wing extremism-affected area of Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district in February, 2018. A huge assortment of arms and ammunition was also recovered after the operation.

75% ICU Covid survivors grapple with health problems

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

At least 75 per cent of the Covid-19 survivors, who were treated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), experience physical, mental and/or cognitive problems one-year post ICU, according to a large-scale MONITOR-IC study published in the journal JAMA.

The study was led by Radboud university medical center, in which the health status of ICU survivors is monitored with questionnaires up to five years after ICU admission. The study regarding long-term health problems was conducted among 246 Covid-19 patients (176 men/70 women) who were treated in the intensive care unit (ICU) in the Netherlands. Their mean age was 61 years. Using questionnaires, they were asked how they were doing one-year post ICU. Worldwide, this is the first scientific research regarding long-term problems among Covid-19 ICU survivors. Patients in this study were admitted to the ICU during the first Covid-19 surge between March and July 2020.

Extended FCRA registration of 11,594 NGOs which applied within cut-off date, Govt tells SC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registrations of 11,594 NGOs, which applied within the cut-off date, have already been extended. Taking note of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's submission, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar refused to pass an interim direction that FCRA registrations of all organisations that were valid as on September 30 last year ought to be continued until further orders.

The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, said the petitioners are free to make representation to the concerned authorities which may be considered on its merits in accordance with law. The FCRA registration is mandatory for any association and NGO to receive foreign funding. Mehta told the top court that 11,594 NGOs had applied within the cut-off date and their registrations have been extended for the time being.

The apex court, which is seized of a plea filed by a US-based NGO seeking quashing of the Centre's alleged decision by which 5,789 entities lost their FCRA registration, was dealing with arguments regarding interim relief in the matter. While referring to Mehta's submission, the top court said that in light of the stand taken by the authorities, it doesn't intend to pass such interim direction as prayed. The bench said the petition would be listed after the

judgement is pronounced on a batch of pleas, including those which have raised issues concerning the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the US based NGO said they have the information which is available in public domain as per which there are around 6,000 NGOs whose registrations have not been extended for whatever reasons. The bench told Hegde that the Solicitor General has submitted that those who have applied, their registration has been extended. "If those 6,000 NGOs have chosen not to apply for registration, that means they do not want to continue in the present regime," the bench observed.

There were 22,762 FCRA-registered organisations till December 31, 2021. On January 1, the number came down to 16,829. These are considered "live" organisations. The officials had said the FCRA licences of 18,778 organisations were expiring between September 29, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Out of them, as many as 12,989 organisations have applied for renewal of the FCRA licence between September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Since 5,789 organisations did not apply for the renewal of the FCRA licence, they were deemed to have ceased to be registered organisations, an official had said. In addition to them, renewal application of 179 organisations were also rejected by the Home Ministry due to different reasons.

As home isolation cases up, Mandaviya tells States, UTs to bolster teleconsultations

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As the majority of Covid-19 patients recuperate in home isolation, the Union Health Ministry is banking on teleconsultation services to provide timely care to them. On Tuesday, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya asked states to adopt the hub and spoke model and open additional teleconsultation centres.

"This will enable beneficiaries to access advice from experts stationed at district hubs," it said. He said the government's e-Sanjeevani telemedicine system has provided services to more than 2.6 crore beneficiaries where people can seek medical advice from the confines of their homes," he said during an interaction with health ministers, senior bureaucrats and administrators of nine states and union territories.

These were Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, Ladakh and Uttar Pradesh, according to a statement from the health ministry. Mandaviya also urged the health ministers and state authorities to plug the existing gaps by efficiently utilizing the amount sanctioned for various infra projects. On the importance of teleconsultation services, Mandaviya urged them "This will prove to be a game-changer and will be of immense value and importance for the hard-to-reach and far-flung areas, and especially in the northern regions in the current winter season," he highlighted.

He advised the states and union territories to ensure that those in home isolation are efficiently monitored in line with the national guidelines. This will ensure that the vulnerable categories of active cases in home isolation get the required medical help in a timely manner, the statement said. The virtual meeting was held to review public health preparedness for containment and management of Covid and the progress of the national Covid 9 vaccination campaign.

UP ELECTIONS

Star campaigner RPN's exit a massive blow to Congress

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

Former Union Minister and a Congress leader for over three decades, RPN Singh's exit from the party has come as a massive blow for the grand old party just few days before the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections and just a day after he was named a star campaigner of the party.



A section of the party leaders felt that the exit of Singh, who was incharge of party affairs in Jharkhand, is 'good riddance' since he was allegedly working against the Congress-JMM combine in the State. However, another section termed it as yet another alarm bell for the party leadership to wake up from slumber to put the house in order.

The Congress late in the evening appointed Avinash Pandey as the AICC general secretary incharge in place of Singh.

Singh, a key Kurmi OBC leader from eastern UP, is the second big exit for the Congress in the state after Jitin Prasada, who is now a minister in the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in UP.

He had been giving enough indications to leave the Congress since the run up to 2019 General Elections.

AICC sources said he had not been attending the party meetings in the last several months though he was full time incharge for the Jharkhand Congress. Soon after Singh announced his resignation from the party, Jharkhand Barkagaon MLA Amba Prasad alleged that Singh had since several months been attempting to dislodge the Congress-JMM coalition government and that there were reports about him being in touch with BJP leaders.

"The party leadership had been cautioned on several occasions about his anti-party activities. Every true member of Congress is happy with him (RPN) going to BJP," Amba Prasad tweeted.

RPN posted his resignation letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, "Today, at a time, we are celebrating the formation of our great Republic, I begin a new chapter in my political journey. Jai Hind."

Kunwar Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh, popularly known as Raja Sahab of Padrauna, was a former Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs in Congress-led UPA government.

Jyotiraditya Scindia's exit was among the triggers for a big churn in the party that led to 23 leaders writing to Sonia Gandhi asking for 'visible and full-time' leadership and collective decision-making.

Scindia, Prasada, and Singh, all Doon school pals, were Rahul Gandhi aides and were in the Council of Ministers of the Manmohan Singh Congress led UPA governments.

As the media was abuzz with RPN switching over to BJP, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinath at a Press conference quoted Priyanka Gandhi as saying that the "battle which Congress party is fighting can be fought only with bravery" and "cowards can't fight it".

Law Minister slams 'elements' trying to 'discredit' EC

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday called for increasing the voter turnout

to at least 75 per cent in the next Lok Sabha elections while Union Minister for Law and Justice, Kiren Rijiju said "elements" trying to discredit the

Election Commission (EC) were actually trying to discredit the democratic process of the country. The minister also said the courts have a right to make observations on the Commission but the judges will also have to think about the language being used.

In his message at an event on the occasion of the 12th National Voters Day, Naidu said as a nation we must think and arrive at a consensus to have simultaneous elections to all the three tiers of federal set up and move towards better governance by focusing on all-round development of our people. Naidu was the chief guest at the event but could not attend the function as he is in home isolation in Hyderabad after testing positive for COVID-19.

The event was also attended by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey and representatives of recognised polit-



ical parties, including Trinamool Congress, BSP, BJP, CPI, Congress and National People's Party.

Naidu's message was read out in Hindi and English. The vice president said the country has come a long way from the first general elections of 1952 when only 44.87 per cent of the eligible voters turned up to vote. In the last general elections in 2019, 67.40 per cent or more than two-third of the eligible voters exercised their franchise, he noted.

Rijiju said, people who want to challenge democracy have found a way of doing so by challenging the poll panel. The minister said the way EC has handled challenges from time to time, there is little scope to criticise it. He, however, did

not name the "elements" he was referring to. In a democracy, people are free to criticise the EC, but the criticism should be based on logic, he said, adding that the language used should be within civic norms.

"If the courts says on EC, it can. Courts have a right. But the judges will have to think about what language they are using. Under what circumstances EC is working has to be understood," he said.

Referring to the recent passage of a bill on electoral reforms, the minister said due to "ruckus" in the House he felt "handicapped" as he could not explain in detail the reforms being ushered in.

CEC Chandra said the Commission has made arrangements for holding "Covid-safe" elections in the five states going to Assembly polls. The Commission conferred national awards for the best electoral practices to officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections in different spheres.

Govt imposes curbs on export of human hair

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Amid a sharp rise in instances of hair smuggling to China that has squeezed raw material supplies for Indian exporters of hair products, the government on Tuesday put restrictions on the export of human hair.

Earlier, hair exports were allowed without any restriction. As per the new norms, now an exporter would have to seek permission or licence from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce to ship hair outside India.

Last year, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence busted a scam involving Chinese nationals in exporting human hairs from Bengaluru to China via Myanmar. Bangladesh has now emerged as the new transit hub for human hair smugglers. While high quality locks go for anywhere between Rs. 4,000 to

Rs. 15,000 per kg, the lower quality human hair 'waste' starts at a comparatively measly Rs. 4 per kg. In a notification, the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Kumar Sarangi on Tuesday said, the export policy of human hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair or any other form of raw human hair...Has been put under restricted category, with immediate effect.

The hair export market in India is worth Rs 6,000-8000 crore — 5 per cent of the hair comes from donations at temples and rest through collection of comb waste across villages. China, Hong Kong, Brazil and Italy are among the top five markets for India, when it comes to human hair exports. It is used for making wigs, false beards, eyebrows, extensions and also in extraction of a protein used in the baking

industry. It's used to make calligraphy brushes, wig making, cloth making, soy sauce, suit linings, and furniture. It's enlisted to clean up oil spills. It's even a part of the bagel-making process at Dunkin' Donuts.

A large chunk of the hair exported comes from the ritual of hair tonsuring at the famous Tirumala Venkateswara Temple in Andhra Pradesh where thousands of devotees offer their hair to Lord Venkateshwara every day. It is estimated that over a ton of hair is collected at the temple on a daily basis.

Welcoming the move, member of Human Hair and Hair Products Manufacturers and Exporters Association of India Sunil Eamani said that it was their long-pending demand. "Now with this restriction, only genuine exporters will be able to export the product," he said.



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PAPER WITH PASSION

Life before death

The vaccination drive in terror-hit regions hasn't run into any problem, which is a good sign

On June 8 last year, Weyan, a tiny hamlet in Kashmir's Bandipora district, became India's first village to vaccinate its entire adult population against COVID-19. In a few days, Jammu and Kashmir will become India's second State, after Himachal Pradesh, to vaccinate all those over 18. The achievements are noteworthy considering health workers had to brave inaccessible terrain, non-existent communication facilities, terrible weather and terrorism to complete the process of giving the first dose of the vaccine to all. The State's vaccination drive carried on in the face of frequent incidents of cross-border terrorism in one of the most hostile international border areas of the world. The drive stayed on course despite a wave of killings throughout October 2021 when terrorists targeted non-Kashmiris, members of minority communities and did not spare even daily wage labourers. The surge in violence left 33 dead. However, the health workers were welcomed wherever they went, especially in areas known for separatist sentiments. The presence of security forces accompanying the teams caused no reservation among the locals, who overcame their wariness to receive the doses. The possibility of some separatist elements or sympathisers surreptitiously getting a free dose by the State cannot be ruled out. For once, the fear of terror paled before the fear of the unseen virus. That brings us to the moot issue: Do anti-State elements, whether terrorists, militants, insurgents, Naxalites or Maoists have a right to COVID-19 vaccines?



Under international humanitarian law, in situations of conflict, the wounded and sick are entitled to medical care. During the pandemic that we currently face, such care can include a vaccine. The State, which alone can acquire the vaccine, arranges for it to reach across the country. It will respect its human rights duties towards the population living in the conflict areas. The resistance groups have the primary responsibility for the wellbeing of those living in their area of influence. Whether in J&K that witnesses terror attacks, the 'Red Corridor' districts in central India that brave Maoist attacks, or the deep interiors of some States in the Northeast which have a brush with insurgency, the issue must have cropped up when security agencies were preparing for the vaccination drive. In Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, there were reports of the virus infecting Maoist cadres deep inside forests. Many may have succumbed for lack of medical care. The lockdowns or movement restrictions prevented couriers and sympathisers from reaching medicine or oxygen cylinders to them. What we do know is that the vaccination drives were never disturbed. In the Northeast, too, the drives never met with harm. The insurgents, like the Maoists, must have realised the danger of the virus spreading in their areas. The States did offer anti-COVID treatment and vaccine doses to those who surrendered. It is not known how many acceded to the call. Parliament must debate the issue and give shape to a protocol for the future.

PICTALK



People walk past a sand sculpture on the theme of the 73rd Republic Day, in Puri

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Happy R-Day

But it's time for agencies to work professionally and to let the suffocating security cover go

As India celebrates its 73rd Republic Day today, there is a multi-layered security ring enveloping the Capital. Of course, the pandemic is a hindrance to the grandiosity of celebrations for a couple of years now. But, that apart, is there really a need to insulate the normal, common Indians from their national celebration? Why shouldn't they be allowed to be part of the joy, pride and festivities as those who claim to be the top layer among equals, that too in the name of protecting the latter? And from whom; one's own countrymen? Of course one remembers what happened at the Red Fort this day last year. But one also distinctly remembers that when former US President Bill Clinton visited India towards the turn of last century, there was minimal inconvenience caused by the Secret Service people. They would diligently check all equipment besides mandatorily body-checking all incoming persons but they would never be overly intrusive. Why can't our security agencies be as professional? The only reason, it appears, is that they are still unsure of their own abilities; therefore, they'd rather issue advisories banning all sorts of items to a VVIP venue.

There is no denying that any untoward incident on such a momentous occasion would come as a major embarrassment for the Government and the security establishment but another way of looking at it is, as some politicians have said in the past, women shouldn't venture out of their homes late at night because rapists are on the prowl. Well, rather than advising a well-meaning, perhaps late-working, woman to stay indoors, shouldn't the police rather focus on increasing its presence on the streets and aim for crime prevention rather than trying to solve it after their laxity has allowed it to be executed? Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana has informed that more than 27,000 personnel of the force have been deployed for security duty and anti-terror measures have also been intensified. Delhi Police is also getting assistance from 65 companies of the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF). Anti-terror measures are intensified comprising of the checking of hotels, vehicles, blockades of several locations, among others. All of this is good, but the moot point is: Don't victimise innocent citizens. May hope and peace always be in the country! Happy Republic Day.

The eternal flame can't be partial to our soldiers



ASHOK K MEHTA

The 'othering' of Indian soldiers in colonial times was the biggest disservice to the collective memory of the armed forces; it must be rectified now

In his book *Surrender at Dacca: Birth of a Nation*, Lt Gen JFR Jacob utilised one page to state: "The rifle and helmet that forms the centrepiece of the Amar Jawan War Memorial at India Gate once belonged to a soldier unknown to history who died on the battlefield on the outskirts of Jessore. There is no inscription on this monument." Then he recalls the legendary inscription at Kohima which, he says, is "appropriate for our jawans who laid down their lives in the rice paddies of Bangladesh: Let us not forget them."

India Gate and, under its canopy, the statue of the Unknown Soldier of 1971 war — called the Amar Jawan Jyoti — have become enduring symbols of nation's gratitude to the armed forces. Inside the India Gate arch are etched names of some Indian soldiers who fought in World War I and Third Afghan war — not the complete lineup of Indians who fought colonial wars of pre-Independence India. The National War Memorial that came up in 2019 recorded the names of all martyrs in wars, and internal stability operations after Independence. The 'othering' of soldiers in colonial times was the biggest disservice to the collective memory of the armed forces. The discrimination between British Indian Army and the Indian Army should have been challenged by Service Chiefs when Governments would ignore commemoration of battles fought by Indian troops abroad. Even now, the NWM has no place for the 'others' as India Gate was never an inclusive salute as it excluded those who fell in pre-Independence wars.

Thousands are buried across Europe, Middle East, SE Asia and N Africa. India's contribution to the Great Wars and other campaigns was outstanding. Field Marshal Claude Auchinleck said that Britain would not have won the wars without Indian Army's contribution. Even Prime Minister Winston Churchill praised the unsurpassed bravery of Indian troops. Of the 1.4mn Indians in World War I, 74,000 were killed and 64,350 wounded. About 2,200 decorations were



won by Indian soldiers. In World War II, 2.5mn took part; 87,000 were killed with 34,354 wounded. Including 18 Victoria Crosses, 4,000 decorations were awarded.

According to an Army source, the fusion of two flames and shifting the India Gate flame to NWM does not mean that the four urns surrounding the Unknown Soldier will be extinguished. One will continue to glow eternally, celebrating India's only military victory in 1,000 years. But there will be one NWM, not two. That still leaves several questions. Will one of the four urns continue to burn; will the tri-service guard remain under India Gate; will the statue of the Unknown Soldier be ultimately shifted to NWM? And who will occupy the vacated space. When the NWM was inaugurated, Government said the sanctity of the eternal flame will be maintained at India Gate. We are not sure. Last Sunday, the hologram of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was installed in the empty canopy near India Gate which once contained King George V's statue. Once his granite statue is sculpted, he will become the top contender for the space under India Gate. Prime Minister Modi said: "The heroes whose mem-

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ory was being erased post-Independence are now being revived. The country is correcting its mistakes." One hopes he will rectify the omission of the British Indian Army martyrs from the NWM.

Almost 90 per cent of military traditions and regimental ethos, ethics and values are drawn from pre-Independence period, including Beating Retreat, colour presentations, gallantry awards and battle honours. Nearly 80 per cent of our regiments were raised 150-200 years ago. Almost everything in the military is carry-over of British relics and traditions; we must accept it unhesitatingly. Regiments still celebrate battle honours and gallantry awards that were won in the Great Wars. But we are still arguing about renaming Aurangzeb Roads and railway stations. Britain ruled for more than a century and created an empire that stretched from Belize to Hong Kong, surpassing the conquest of even the Mongols.

Today, Britain's tiny military has lost none of its sheen though its empire is gone. The entire British Army has dwindled to smaller than our 43 Gorkha battalions. Still, the glory lingers on and will never extinguish due to

embedded traditions. India has a lot to learn from its military history. India this year will surpass Britain's GDP to become the fourth biggest economy. The process of Indianisation has been extremely slow and in the wrong areas.

Beating Retreat is a very solemn ceremony. Introducing Indian instruments and theatrics ill-fit this grand and somber ritual. Dropping the hymn *Abide With Me* with lyrics composed in the aftermath of India's humiliating defeat in 1962 is not an enthusiastic end to the ceremony.

In erasing the past, the Government is committing the mistake of compartmentalising military history; then and now, theirs and ours. The merging of flames and transferring it to NWM is 'othering' the sacrifices of the pre-Independence era soldiers. Their valour must not only be acknowledged but a suitable memorial be added to the NWM by the next Republic Day to honour them.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BUDGET FOR EQUITABLE ECONOMY

Sir — Never before has a Budget demanded greater insight, acumen and earnest pragmatism. This one must go far beyond juggling the ledger and marquee headings to invite kudos from the Dalal Street. It ought to be all about restoring lost employment in the middle, lower middle classes and daily wagers, besides creating fresh avenues. This economy was already on jobless growth for four years. From a pandemic peak in unemployment of near 14 per cent, we are at 7.9 per cent in December 2021. Compare this with 2017-2018, at 4.7 per cent. Between 2019-20 and December 2021, the manufacturing sector lost 9.8 million jobs, services sector 1.8 million.

But most worrisome should be the drop in salaried jobs, which points to an unstable economy starved of investment. Without new investments, India will not be able to generate the kind of employment it needs. Rising interest rates and a depreciating currency make it worse. The Budget needs to focus on these issues. These sectors are in dire straits; earlier due to demonetisation, now pulverised by COVID. One of the key objectives of this year's Budget ought to be on employment returning to the class that needs to reclaim its lost purchasing power.

R Narayanan | Navi Mumbai

CONG'S DOWNSIDE CONTINUES

Sir — In yet another severe setback to the Congress, which is struggling to keep its house in order ahead of the Assembly election in five States, Congress heavyweight and former Minister RPN Singh quit the party and joined the BJP. The resignation comes a day after the Congress named him among its list of star campaigners for the Uttar Pradesh polls. This is a body blow to Priyanka Vadra, leading the party from the front in UP. It is pathetic that party has remained clueless about internal bickering; it is completely out of sync with ground realities.

The party's central command, especially Gandhi scions Rahul and Priyanka,

The eternal flame of patriotism



The recent merging of Amar Jawan Jyoti with the newly instituted flame in the imposing National War Memorial (NWM), which was dedicated to the nation on February 25, 2019, must not be seen through a political lens. In fact, it has given a definite shape to our independent existence where the sacrifice of every soldier is recognised. Covering an area of over 40 acres with names of more than 26,000 fallen heroes

etched in granite invokes deep memories that should serve as inspiration. History is replete with examples of countries erecting war memorials, thereby remembering the supreme sacrifices made by their jawans. They continually remind us that we exist as a free nation because of the sacrifices of these brave soldiers.

Considering that a memorial was constructed in 1921 by Edward Lutyens in the memory of soldiers who lost their lives in World War I and the Third Anglo-Afghan war, the names of a few British officers and soldiers also find mention there. It does not represent the sacrifices made by soldiers either during World War II or the wars fought by India since 1947. This anomaly was removed by setting up the NWM and now Amar Jawan Jyoti will serve as an integral part of it. The new memorial will infuse new vigour in all Indians and keep the fire of patriotism burning.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

are incapable of leading the party in situations that demand tactical strategies and smart moves. At the 2019 Congress Working Committee meeting, RPN Singh was the only Team Rahul member to point out that personal attacks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi had boomeranged. But instead of evaluating the point, the Gandhis began distancing him. It only implies that the party brass needs only yes-men around them. The murky state of affairs suggests its downfall is getting accelerated by the day.

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

ACCOLADES FOR SMRITI MANDHANA

Sir — Cricket is a game of luck, so winning an award in a calendar year solely depends on lady luck. India women's cricket star Smriti Mandhana won the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year in style despite stiff competition. Pakistan dominated the men's awards with two coveted prizes. However, it was Joe Root, despite his side not faring well at

the international level, who bagged the Men's Cricketer of the Year award. Mandhana, who also made it to the ICC T20 Women's Team of the Year, piped fellow nominees Tanmay Beaumont and others in a tight contest.

The southpaw had won the award in 2018 as well when she was also named Women's ODI Cricketer of the Year, making her only the second women's player to win the highest individual distinction in the overall category. Virat 'King' Kohli was nowhere near the top in the charts this time. The Indian team lost to Pakistan and New Zealand and the captain wanted to save his neck and preferred Ashwin to win the next three games. Anyway, it was a solace that Smriti Mandhana got the better of the other competitors and kept the Indian flag flying at the international level.

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Prime Minister
— Narendra Modi



I congratulate Justice Ayesha Malik on becoming the first woman judge of the Supreme Court.

Pakistan PM
— Imran Khan

I have not really been impressed by any political party, that they have an ideology I can blindly follow.



Actor
— Raveena Tandon



I am truly honoured to receive the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2021.

Indian opener
— Smriti Mandhana

I am in touch with every caste and community. They want us to defeat the BJP...change is inevitable.



Samajwadi Party chief
— Akhilesh Yadav

FIRST COLUMN

ADULT MARRIAGE ISN'T THE GOVT'S BUSINESS

How will increasing the marriageable age empower women or make them self-reliant?



S KALYANASUNDARAM

The Government is considering to change the eligibility of Indian girls getting married from 18 to 21. The intent of the Bill isto “make them self-reliant and to enable them to take decisions themselves”. An amendment seeks to define a child as a male or female who has not completed 21 years of age. How will increasing the marriageable age empower women or make them self-reliant? Gender equality per se is achieved with 21 becoming the marriageable age o men and women. But this stipulation for men itself is totally arbitrary and to make gender equality, men’s marriageable age should have been brought down to 18. Parity does not mean taking away the right or privilege from one group. When the government wants to decide the minimum age for marriage, strangely it claims that it is going to empower girls to decide on their own. As per Indian Majority Act, 1875 18 is the age for attaining majority. But,as per the same Act, a child appoint-



ed with a guardian by the court attains majority after completion of 21 years. Through Indian Majority (Amendment) Act 1999, Section 3 has been replaced with the following: “Age of majority of persons domiciled in India. — (1) every person domiciled in India shall attain the age of majority on his completing the age of eighteen years and not before.” So, whoever completes the age of 18 years the person is a major and cannot be treated as a child. Hence the proposed amendment with the nomenclature Prohibition of ‘child’ marriage act is a misnomer. Our law permits 18-year-olds, without representation by a guardian,to enter into any contract, own properties, pursue jobs, drive heavy vehicles in most states,and vote in elections. But the government wants to prescribe an age limit for marriage that too by branding the persons attaining majority as children. While introducing the Constitution (Sixty first Amendment) Act, 1988, the government stated as follows: ‘The present-day youth are literate and enlightened and the lowering of the voting age would provide to the unrepresented youth of the country an opportunity to give vent to their feelings and help them become a part of the political process. The present-day youth are very much politically conscious. It is, therefore, proposed to reduce the voting age from 21 years to 18 years.’ Is it not ridiculous to suddenly change the gear and say that girls of 18 years cannot decide on their own and hence should not marry?

UNICEF, also known as the United Nations Children’s Fund, is a United Nations agency responsible for providing humanitarian and developmental aid to children worldwide. Even UNICEF regards only the marriage of a minor (a person below the adult age) as child marriage and a violation of rights. It is a different matter that most of the girls and boys are not getting married even after they are eligible as per the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. As per a survey conducted with a sample of 10,005 respondents by YouGov-Mint-CPR Millennial Survey, one in four young adults in India do not want to marry. As norms and values around marriage and family life change, the Indian youth too are being influenced by recent trends. Compared to a decade ago, youth are now marrying later in life. This has been again brought out by Lokniti-CSDS Youth Studies in 2016 and 2007 which show the proportion of married youth decreased by eight percentage points from 55 per cent in 2007 to 47 per cent in 2016. The government must drop this amendment bill which is retrograde.

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The US is in the grip of inflation

The American policy makers are diverting attention from the real cause of inflation — excessive expansion of money supply

Although inflation is a common phenomenon in most countries of the world including India, many past generations of Americans have never suffered the brunt of inflation. But in the last one year, the rate of inflation in America has reached around seven percent, and that has started affecting the lives of ordinary Americans. Ruling Democrats are fearing the consequences of the same in the 2022 mid-term elections. On the one hand, Covid-19, which has destroyed the jobs of 22 million Americans, has also caused a 30 percent drop in annual production, while on the other, Americans are facing further hardships due to rising inflation.

The question is, how America was saved from inflation in the past, and how it will come out of the grip of current. Inflation has been registered in almost every item of daily needs — eight percent increase in the price of eggs, 58 percent in the price of petrol, 14 percent increase in the prices of other groceries. Some American economists believe that due to US Government’s bailout packages to revive the economy from the effects of COVID-19, there was an unprecedented increase in demand in the country. However, due to supply disruptions, the prices of goods are increasing fast. Economists believe that due to rising inflation, wage rates are also increasing, which may lead to a spiral effect on inflation. Experts believe that the pent-up demand of the Covid-19 period is also retuning back now.

During the pandemic period many people with permanent income also could not spend their incomes fully. Now, with return of normalcy, they are spending more on tourism, fuel, food items, restaurants, entertainment, etc. It is believed that as supply conditions improve, it will be possible to control inflation. But there is almost a consensus that there is no immediate relief from it.

US policy makers are trying to blame this record inflation on supply chain problems and shortage of raw materials, but most economists are citing the rising money supply as the main reason. It is true that the sudden spurt in consumer demand after the temporary relief from COVID-19 has led to a shortage of goods, but this is not the main reason for inflation in America.

Many policy makers in the US are saying that due to the shortage of goods, sellers have started raising prices. Therefore, inflation can also be curbed by price controls. But we must understand that one of the disadvantages of price control is that it reduces the incentive of producers to produce more. There is an apprehension that due to this (price control), the consumers may face shortage of goods.

But one area where price controls



AMERICAN POLICY MAKERS ALSO RECOGNISE THAT THEIR PEOPLE HAVE HUGE SAVINGS AND THEY WANT TO MAKE UP FOR THE GOODS AND SERVICES WHICH THEY COULD NOT ENJOY DURING COVID-19. BUT IT HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REAL REASON FOR THE SURPLUS FUNDS LEFT WITH PEOPLE IS THE DISTRIBUTION OF HUGE AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL BAILOUT PACKAGES BY THE US ADMINISTRATION

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can play an effective role is the pharmaceutical sector. It is well known that American pharmaceutical companies charge high prices for drugs in the name of reward for intellectual property. Controlling drug prices can certainly give a huge relief to the consumers.

American policy makers are trying to cover up their past mistakes with a variety of arguments to divert attention from the real causes of inflation; and that mistake is the excessive expansion of money supply. It is a historical fact that the main reason for inflation all over the globe had been the expansion of money supply.

Irving Fisher’s quantity theory of money has been used for centuries to explain the phenomenon of inflation. According to modified version of this theory, if the total output of goods and services or ‘the volume of transactions’ in the economy remains the same, then the price level increases in proportion to the increase in the quantity of money. It is worth noting that first in the name of ‘quantitative easing’ (QEs) for a huge bailout package to overcome the financial crisis starting from 2007-08 and to compensate for the impact of the decline in the economy due to COVID-19 in the last almost two

years, the US Administration has been expanding quantity of money. Many economists believe that due to this huge increase in the quantity of money, inflation is now becoming uncontrollable.

American policy makers also recognize that people in America have huge savings with them and they want to make up for the goods and services, which they could not enjoy during Covid-19. But it has to be understood that the real reason for the surplus funds left with the people is the distribution of huge amounts of financial bailout packages by the US administration. Due to the limited income of the government due to the pandemic, the increase in inflation has become inevitable due to printing of the amount of currency in circulation by the Government and consequently a large increase in the money supply. Significantly, between November 2020 and November 2021, the total currency with the public in USA increased by \$1.56 trillion, i.e., an increase of 7.6 percent. But the increase in the supply of M1 money was even more, that is, 15.7 percent.

Bailout package by the US government to create additional currency is nothing new; however, in recent times there has been some decline in the popularity of

the dollar as global currency, which is being fast replaced by the Chinese currency yuan. Further, in order to give boost to US manufacturing, the US administration has been becoming more and more protective, resulting in fall in export of dollars. In such a situation, the supply of dollars outside the US is decreasing, due to which the fear of inflation in the US have increased due to increasing amounts of dollars with the public in US. It seems that if this trend continues in the future, then the increasing money supply in the US will continue to cause inflation in the future as well.

Manufacturing output in the US had been declining for a long time and most of the GDP in the US is derived from services. In that too, a large part of America’s GDP is the income earned abroad by American companies, due to which America has been receiving a huge amount of taxation. But for some time now, American companies have been trying to avoid this taxation in various ways. These companies are mostly e-commerce and tech companies. For this reason, the US government may have to resort to the creation of additional currency to meet its expenses in the future also, which may lead to further inflation.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THIEVES DON'T LIKE A MOONLIT NIGHT. THOSE WHO ARE PROMISING FREE ELECTRICITY KEPT PEOPLE IN DARKNESS FOR YEARS. —UP CHIEF MINISTER YOGI ADITYANATH



WHAT DOES THE CHIEF MINISTER KNOW ABOUT ELECTRICITY FACTORS? THERE IS NO BIGGER A LIAR THAN THE CM. —SAMAJWADI PARTY CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV

Tableau politics mars Republic Day preparations

The Centre and the States should together evolve a fair tableaux selection process without any heartburn to any stakeholder

Petty politics ought not to ruin the solemn atmosphere in celebrating the Republic Day or Independence Day. Unfortunately, more avoidable controversies arise between the ruling party and the opposition. For instance, while there is a well-established system for selecting the tableaux, the process always becomes a flashpoint for regional politics. This year too, there is furore in the opposition-ruled states as the Centre rejected the tableaux of West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, among others. Chief Ministers like Mamata Banerjee and M.K. Stalin have written to the Prime Minister to reconsider the decision but in vain.

Only 12 states eventually made it to the list, including



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poll-bound states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Goa. The selection criteria was that the R-Day parade must reflect the cultural diversity of India and the role of various communities in building modern India. Why shouldnot every State get an opportunity to display things it wants to? This year Republic Day is important because the theme is India@75 and getting a place in the parade is a matter of prestige for the states. It is also amidst the Covid pandemic which has shattered the globe.

On the 75th Republic Day on Friday, one must recall the first Republic Day in 1950. It was a simple affair. The then last Governor-General of India, C. Rajagopalachari, read out the proclamation of the new Republic and the election

of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, as the first President of India, at 10.18 AM on a chilly Thursday morning.

The Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution of India on November 26, 1949, and came into effect on January 26, 1950. Historically it was on January 26, 1930, Congress committed the nationalist movement to Purna Swaraj (total independence). Delhi held the first

Republic Day at the Irwin Amphitheatre (now Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium). There were no performances and floats. It was a simple function with the Army band, flag hoisting, and national anthem. The tradition of a parade began only from the next Republic Day. It is the main attraction of India’s Republic Day celebrations, which last for three days since then.

The Parade is primarily a military affair. The might of our defence services, including the latest tanks, missiles, radar systems, air force planes, defence communications systems, etc., mounted on trucks, are paraded, followed by a cultural pageant comprising tableaux. It is here that the participant states showcase their

unique culture and achievements to the nation. The selection depends on a combination of factors, including visual appeal, idea, theme, music, and micro detailing.

From 1950 and 1954, the parades were held at the Red Fort, National stadium, Kingsway Camp, and the Ramlila ground. It was from 1955 that Rajpath became the regular venue. It was discontinued in 1963 when the country was engaged in war with China, and was replaced by a procession of leaders led by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, his cabinet members, political representatives from states, students and teachers from Delhi University, etc. The Parade was restored the following year.

Although they were disap-

pointed with the Centre’s rejection of tableau, the concerned opposition chief ministers have gone to the media to showcase their themes in their states. They feel the Centre was playing politics in the selection. Mamata Banerjee raised a point that their tableau commemorated the contributions of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his 125th birth anniversary and carried portraits of other leaders like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. She has decided to come out with the same tableau during the Republic Day parade on Red Road in Kolkata.

Tamil Nadu’s Stalin also proposes showcasing the rejected tableau in Chennai in the Republic Day parade and also taking it to other districts in Tamil Nadu.

It does not behove to follow petty politics. While it is true that the sombre ceremony should not be disturbed by this kind of petty politics, one option could be to give a chance to all states. India is, after all, a Union of States. If there is a time constraint for some reason, the authorities could adopt the lottery system. The other option for the rejected states is to follow Mamata and Stalin to show off in the state R-Day celebrations.

The display of the unique culture of each state brought to Delhi parade with their floats and dances might create the sense of the new nation in the Union of States. It is time that the Centre and the states come together and evolve a good selection process without any heartburn.

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IMF cuts economy growth forecast to 9% in FY22

Washington: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut India's economic growth forecast to 9 per cent for the current fiscal year ending March 31, joining a host of agencies which have downgraded their projections on concerns over the impact of a spread of new variant of coronavirus on business activity and mobility.

In its latest update of World Economic Outlook on Tuesday, the Washington-based international financial institution, which had in October last year projected a 9.5 per cent GDP growth for India, put the forecast for the next fiscal FY23 (April 2022 to March 2023) at 7.1 per cent.

The Indian economy had contracted by 7.3 per cent in the 2020-21 fiscal year. The IMF's forecast for the current financial year is less than 9.2 per cent that the government's Central Statistics Office has predicted and 9.5 per cent that the Reserve Bank of India has estimated. Its forecast is lower than the 9.5 per cent projection by S&P and 9.3 per cent by Moody's but more than the

8.3 per cent projection by the World Bank and 8.4 per cent by Fitch.

According to the IMF, India's prospects for 2023 are marked up on expected improvements to credit growth and, subsequently, investment and consumption, building on better-than-anticipated performance of the financial sector.

The IMF said that global growth is expected to moderate from 5.9 in 2021 to 4.4 per cent in 2022, half a percentage point lower for 2022 than in the October WEO, largely reflecting forecast markdwns in the two largest economies -- the US and China. A revised assumption removing the Build Back Better fiscal policy package from the baseline, earlier withdrawal of monetary accommodation, and continued supply shortages produced a downward 1.2 percentage-point revision for the United States, it said.

In China, pandemic-induced disruptions related to the zero-tolerance COVID-19 policy and protracted financial stress among property developers have induced a 0.8 percentage-point downgrade.

The global growth is expected to slow to 3.8 per cent in 2023. "Although this is 0.2 percentage point higher than in the previous forecast, the upgrade largely reflects a mechanical pickup after current drags on growth dissipate in the second half of 2022. The forecast is conditional on adverse health outcomes declining to low levels in most countries by end-2022, assuming vaccination rates improve worldwide and therapies become more effective," said the report.

In a blog post, IMF's chief economist Gita Gopinath wrote that the continuing global recovery faces multiple challenges as the pandemic enters its third year. The rapid spread of the Omicron variant has led to renewed mobility restrictions in many countries and increased labour shortages, she said.

Supply disruptions still weigh on activity and are contributing to higher inflation, adding to pressures from strong demand and elevated food and energy prices, Gopinath wrote. **PTI**

RAI says there is need for Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for biz establishments

New Delhi: Retailer's body RAI on Tuesday said there is a need for the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for business establishments of the sector, which have been impacted by COVID-19-related restrictions.

In its Budget wish list, the Retailers Association of India (RAI) also said more money needs to be put in the hands of the poor and the salaried as two years of the pandemic have impacted many in the poorer section of the population.

"ECLGS for finance in retail needs to be announced as most of the lockdowns impact high contact sectors like restaurants, shops, salons, etc," RAI Chief Executive Officer Kumar Rajagopalan said in a statement.

While the retail sector recently got included in priority lending guidelines under MSME, he said, "It is important for the sector to get all support that MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) policies accord as more than 90 per cent of retail can be classified and MSME."

Calling for support to retail with policy around digi-

tisation, Rajagopalan said retailers need to get themselves digitised faster and need to get e-commerce ready.

"Financial support for digitisation can help better boost the sector. Also, a directional focus to enable retailers through the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) will give a big boost to the sector," he added.

Seeking a better direction for the implementation of goods and services tax (GST), RAI said any increase in GST on clothing, food and housing creates a direct impact on consumption.

"A direction for a more predictable GST regime will be welcome. Similarly, many clauses around carry forward and refund of GST needs clarification," Rajagopalan said, adding that directional support to the creation of a nation-level policy for retail and internal trade will help.

Asking for more money in the hands of the poor and the salaried, RAI said the two years of the coronavirus pandemic have impacted many in the poorer section of the population. **PTI**

Rupee slides to 1-month low against dollar on forex outflows

Mumbai: The rupee on Tuesday depreciated by 18 paise to close at a nearly one-month low of 74.78 against the US dollar due to month-end dollar demand from oil importers, forex outflows and a stronger dollar in overseas markets.

Investors' weak appetite for riskier assets also weighed on the rupee. Moreover, market participants are now eyeing the US Fed's meeting outcome for further cues.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 74.60 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.57 and a low of 74.80 during the session.

The rupee finally settled at 74.78, down by 18 paise over its previous close of 74.60. This is the second straight session of loss for the local unit and the lowest closing level since December 27, 2021. The rupee has declined by 33 paise against the American currency in two days.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.22 per cent up at 96.12. **PTI**

Benchmarks halt 5-day rout as bargain hunters move in; Maruti spurts

Mumbai: Market benchmarks managed closed in the green on Tuesday after five sessions of steep losses as investors accumulated recently-battered banking, auto and FMCG counters amid a supportive trend in European equities.

However, traders said the overall sentiment remains cautious ahead of a crucial two-day meeting of the US Federal Reserve where it will take a call on its rate hike trajectory.

Russia-Ukraine tensions, stubborn inflation and unabated selling by foreign funds are the other risk factors in the near-term, they added.

After plunging below the 57,000-level in opening trade, the 30-share BSE Sensex gained momentum as the session progressed to finish 366.64 points or 0.64 per cent higher at 57,858.15.

Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 128.85 points or 0.75 per cent to close at 17,277.95.

Maruti topped the Sensex gainers' chart with a jump of 6.88 per cent after the country's largest carmaker posted a consolidated net profit at Rs 1,041.8 crore for the December quarter -- down 48 per cent y-o-y but well above analyst estimates.

Axis Bank, SBI, IndusInd Bank, Bharti Airtel, PowerGrid and NTPC were among the other prominent gainers, spurring as much as 6.76 per cent.

In contrast, Wipro, Bajaj Finserv, Titan, Infosys, Tech Mahindra and UltraTech Cement led the laggards list, shedding up to 1.75 per cent.

"After a week-long consolidation, domestic indices took a breather supported by low-level buying. Western markets also supported, staging recovery following correction in oil markets, and as uncertainties over Fed policy and geopolitical tensions eased."

"However, volatility is expected to linger as investors await the Fed's final policy statement, providing clarity on the timeline of rate hikes," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said, "Markets will react to the Fed meeting outcome in early trade on Thursday and we expect volatility to remain high, thanks to the scheduled monthly expiry. Keeping in mind the scenario, we reiterate our cautious view and suggest preferring hedged positions."

Barring IT and consumer durables, all BSE sectoral indices mustered gains. Telecom climbed 2.46 per cent, followed by utilities, power, auto, bankex and realty. In the broader markets, the BSE midcap and small cap indices advanced up to 1.03 per cent. **PTI**

Gold rises ₹86; silver tanks ₹522



New Delhi: Gold prices rose by ₹86 to ₹48,555 per 10 gram in the national capital on Tuesday on local demand and rupee depreciation, according to HDFC Securities.

In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at ₹48,469 per 10 gram. Silver declined by ₹ 522 to ₹ 63,907 per kg from ₹64,429 per kg in the previous trade.

The rupee declined by 16 paise to 74.67 against the US dollar on Tuesday.

In the international market, gold was trading lower at USD 1,841 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 23.78 per ounce.

"Gold prices traded weak with spot gold prices at COMEX trading marginally down at USD 1,841 per ounce on Tuesday," Tapan Patel, Senior Analyst (Commodities), HDFC securities said. **PTI**

Govt should consider categorising EVs in priority lending sector: Omega Seiki Mobility

Mumbai: Electric vehicle maker Omega Seiki Mobility (OSM) has said the government should consider categorising EVs in the priority lending sector to further strengthen the segment, besides export concessions, to help the manufacturers tap new markets.

In its pre-Budget expectations, OSM also expressed hope that the Union Budget includes announcements related to lowering of GST rates on raw materials, especially for the electric vehicle (EV) players.

This played a key role in the progress of electrification of the domestic automotive sector. However, the financial year 2022-23 is the time to start firing on all cylinders, Omega Seiki said.

"We are expecting Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to usher in good news for the EV sector. "To further strengthen the EV market, the government should consider categorising EVs in the priority lending sector. It will make EVs more affordable for the users and help in incentivising the whole transition," the company said.

It said that the revised guidelines issued by the power ministry to accelerate the e-mobility transition in the coun-

try show that the Government recognises the importance of the EV sector's growth.

The company added that the guidelines are already emphasising on enabling faster adoption of EVs, providing affordable tariffs and promoting energy security that finally aims at reducing the emission intensity in India.

"As part of India's growing EV industry, we hope that the Union Budget includes lowering of GST rates on raw materials, especially for the EV players.

"Support for R&D (research and development) and indigenous technology development while lowering of GST on auto components should be on the top of FM's agenda list," said Omega Seiki Mobility Chairman and founder Uday Narang.

He further said allocating funds for the clean air campaign could be brought under the Swachh Bharat Mission to create better awareness and improve the adoption of electric mobility.

Export concessions can also be looked at to support the Indian EV manufacturers like OSM, it said, so that such companies can tap new markets, making India not just 'Aatmanirbhar' but a global powerhouse. **PTI**

Shares in demat form must for processing investors' service requests: Sebi

New Delhi: With an aim to enhance ease of dealing in securities markets, Sebi on Tuesday said listed companies will issue the securities in dematerialised form only while processing the service request from investors.

Also, the regulator has put in place operational guidelines for dematerialisation of securities while processing investor's service request.

As an on-going measure to enhance ease of dealing in securities markets by investors, it has been decided that listed companies will henceforth issue the securities in dematerialised form only while processing certain service request, Sebi said in a circular.

These request from investors include issue of duplicate securities certificate, claim from unclaimed suspense account, renewal/exchange of securities certificate, endorsement, splitting of securities certificate, consolidation of securities certificates or folios, transmission and transposition. Sebi said that securities holder/claimant will have to submit a form -- to be hosted on the website of the issuer companies and the RTAs (Registrars to an issue and share Transfer Agents) -- as per the format specified by the regulator along with necessary documents. **PTI**

Sebi notifies stricter norms for appointment of managing director at listed cos

New Delhi: Putting in place stringent norms, Sebi has said that a person rejected by shareholders at a general meeting can be appointed or re-appointed as a managing director or whole time director or manager, only after providing detailed justifications and ensuring compliance with various conditions.

"The appointment or a re-appointment of a person, including as a Managing Director (MD) or a Whole Time Director (WTD) or a Manager, who was earlier rejected by the shareholders at a general meeting, shall be done only with the prior approval of the shareholders," Sebi said in a notification on Monday. For considering the appointment or re-appointment of such a person earlier rejected by the shareholders, there should be a detailed explanation and justification by the company's nomination and remuneration committee and the board of directors for recommending the person. **PTI**

CONSTRUCTION OF STATION BUILDING & OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS
Tender Notice No.: CON/2022/JAN/05; Dated: 20-01-2022. Open tender (through e-tendering system is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works:-
SN-1. Tender No. CE-CON-D-K-BLD-2022-01. Name of work: Construction of Moolm Station Building, Passenger Platform, CC Drain, Platform wall, P.P Shed, Over head Tank, Approach road, Development of Circulating area, staff quarters & other ancillary buildings etc. in connection with Dimapur - Kohima New Line Project.
Approx. value: ₹15,27,85,387.65. E-tender will be closed at 14:30 hrs. on 18-02-2022 and opened at 15:30 hrs. on 18-02-2022. For Details Please visit www.ireps.gov.in.
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e-tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:
S.No. 01, Name of the work with its location : Design, fabrication, supply, installation, erection, testing & commissioning of 3 Phase 11/0.433 KV power supply arrangement and associated electrical works at T-18 Depot at Shakurbasti in connection with Setting up maintenance Depot for Trainsets at Shakurbasti, Northern Railway. E-tender No. WP/Elect/Trainsets-SSB-WT-01(Open), SI No. 02, Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 63610352/-, S.No. 03
**Earnest money to be deposited : Rs. 468100/-, S.No. 04 Date and time for closing of tender: 03.03.2022 up to 13.00 hrs. S.No. 05 Website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Tender can be down loaded from IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in and detailed can be seen from the notice board at office of CAO/WP, Chamber Bhawan, J.C. Road, Patna-800001.
Any e-tenders which is sent by Post/Courier/Fax or by hand will not be accepted. All such manual submission of tender even if it is on firm's letter pad or received in time will not be accepted.
The above e-tender document along with full information is available on website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.
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Best Agrolife Q3 profit jumps to ₹15.5 cr; revenue at ₹232 cr

New Delhi: Agro-chemical firm Best Agrolife Ltd on Tuesday reported a sharp jump in its net profit to ₹15.5 crore for the quarter ended in December.

Its net profit stood at ₹ 2.7 crore in the year-ago period.

The company recorded revenue of ₹232.5 crore in the third quarter of this fiscal as against ₹56.8 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year, the company said in a statement.

Vimal Alawadhi, MD of Best Agrolife, said the performance is expected to be sustainable in Q4, FY22, as the production in newly set up formulation unit will commence.

During the coming quarters, he said the strategic entry in the international business will also open up a new profitable vertical for the company. **PTI**

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DL1LAC9430- YOM 2019
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 710000
2) MAHINDRA DI 3200
DL1LAC5034- YOM 2019
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 400000
3) CB ASHOK LEYLAND DOST
GOODS UP12BT4927- YOM-2020
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 250000
4) TATA 1412
DL1GC7975- YOM
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 850000
5) T INTRAV20
UP16HT1380- YOM 2021
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 415000
6) SM SAMRAT
UP14JT0863- YOM 2019
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 550000
7) EICHER 11.14
UP14GT2837- YOM 2017
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8) EICHR VECVEVP02049
DL1LA4221- YOM 2020
MINIMUM RESERVE PRICE 585000
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Future Retail in SC to avert defaulter tag; independent directors reject Amazon brought offer

New Delhi: Embattled retailer Future Retail Ltd (FRL) on Tuesday moved the Supreme Court to avert insolvency proceedings over missing a loan repayment deadline, even as its independent directors rejected an Amazon-supported offer to sell the company businesses at less than a third of what Mukesh Ambani's Reliance is offering.

India's second-largest retailer, which operates multi-brand retail chains such as Big Bazaar, Easyday and Heritage, failed to pay Rs 3,494.56 crore to lenders by the due date of December-end and sought a 30-day grace period to resolve the situation.

Unable to find money, it moved the apex court seeking to restrain its lenders from declaring the company a defaulter, which can invite initiation of insolvency proceedings.

In the petition, Future cited its dispute with partner Amazon, which has stalled its Rs 24,713 crore retail asset sale to Reliance, to seek a restraint on lenders from declaring it as a non-performing asset (NPA), court filings showed.

In the petition, which also contained a January 15 letter from the State Bank of India (SBI) warning it of the possibility of initiating insolvency proceedings if it did pay its dues, Future asked for more time for loan payment and requested the Supreme Court to "extend the timeline stipulated under the

Framework Agreement for monetization of the Small Format Stores."

Future "finds itself in a peculiar position where it wishes to comply" with its obligations to lenders, but "the litigation with Amazon is effectively preventing it from doing so", the filing said as it sought quashing of default notices from its lenders.

Amazon has opposed the Future-Reliance deal saying it violates a 2019 pact it had signed with the retailer when it invested USD 200 million in a Future unit.

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TIME FOR SUCCESS

Stepping into 2022, the role of HR professionals is more critical now than it was before. They are the ones who will reconsider the basic tenets of their company, says SONICA ARON



It wouldn't be wrong to say that companies, to a great extent, be it in any industry, have met or are gradually meeting the challenges of the current global health crisis situation. However, as we move towards the post-pandemic era, their strategies and policies of the past will no longer meet the needs of the evolving workforce.

The last two years have changed a lot. Not just the way we work, though it has become evident that remote and hybrid working models can be as effective as erstwhile physical/ in-person working models if managed effectively. The changes go deeper. People have changed in the way they think of work, work-life balance, their expectations from employers, their growth and job satisfaction.

Hence, organisations will need to evolve and adapt management styles that are flexible, responsive, and established around employee speak, including more connection, simplification and automation, demographic shifts, and much more.

Stepping into 2022, the role of HR professionals is critical than ever before as they are the ones who will reevaluate the basic tenets of their company in order to support the right shift, balancing between business growth needs, employee experience and retention.

Role of HR in organisational success

◆ **Establish a healthy culture:** It is one of the most important predictors of how effectively a company achieves its goals. Employees that are glad to come to work will be more driven to move the company forward in the long run. It's possible that a company's culture could use a makeover. Connecting with people to understand what they expect in today's times is key. Is it Real time communication? Is it transparency? Is it real time feedback? Is it about owning their own learning?

After determining the workforce expectations, it is important to act on it and ensure that everyone in the business is on the same page so that everyone can contribute to moving the new corporate culture forward. It will require a holistic approach and not just reprinting slogans. It will need changing processes, policies, ways of working and embedding key behaviours in day-to-day transactions.

It will require being receptive to new ideas and opinions, on how to do things differently, deploying new processes and practises.

◆ **Change with the times:** The world has changed and will continue to evolve over time. Employees' needs will also vary because of this. We will need to take chances and adapt – not be hesitant to implement new processes and solutions to fulfil

your employees' ever-changing demands. Offering customised perks and ways of working could be one way to meet such needs.

Depending on where they are in life, employees may seek different benefits and work arrangements. An employee who is responsible for a family of four will most likely want and desire a different benefits package and work environment than a recent college graduate who is just starting out in their profession. Before making any decisions, It would be critical to understand the demographic landscape of the organisation in detail and understand employee life stages and needs.

◆ **Map skill gaps:** Every company probably requires specific expertise as business models and markets have evolved. By speaking with several departments, one may get a good idea of which functional and behavioural competencies individuals, teams, managers, and leaders require right now and which they will require in the future. Then, to address those needs, plan the capability building agenda, and talent acquisition agenda accordingly.

◆ **Target employee retention:** We have all witnessed the big quit and we are all aware of the tangible and intangible costs associated with voluntary attrition. It is not always easy to find a replacement on time, leading to productivity loss; loss of tacit knowledge, experience, clients; added extra responsibilities for existing employees, resulting in overwork, burnout and more attrition. Creating a culture where employees feel valued, included, where their contribution is recognized and appreciated, where they feel happy and have fun is critical. A holistic approach to employee retention goes beyond fun Fridays, zero meeting hours and birthday celebrations. An employee experiences an organisation each day, each moment through their managers and their peers, and building psychologically safe team environments is key to retention. This would be a key role of the HR function in 2022, given that most businesses would be on an ambitious growth path, they should not lose sight of this goal.

◆ **Understand business strategy:** End of the day, People are the business's most important asset, and the HR function is the custodian of this asset. The deeper the HR function understands the company's business plan, the more effectively they can leverage the human potential in the organisation through the right policies, processes, structures, and culture.

HR function is like the arterial system that runs across the organisation, across C-suite leaders, departmental managers, and employees, disseminating the purpose, main objectives, and

cultural values of your company. Possessing sound knowledge of both business tasks and of employees' needs, expectations, skills, competencies, and aspirations, they have the lethal combination of making businesses succeed.

The world of HR is constantly changing, and new trends will emerge. HR will continue to be the driving force behind many new strategies and policies, as we have witnessed over the last two years, such as improving employee experience, develop-

ing new organisational models, creating a more flexible workforce, and much more. 2022 is going to be yet another exciting year for the HR function!

The writer is Founder and Managing Partner, Marching Sheep

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Real education should consist of drawing the goodness and the best out of our own students.

— Cesar Chavez

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College Board's UniTalk India

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UniTalk India, an event for the Indian students wishing to study in India or abroad, was held virtually on January 20, 2022. This special UniTalk helped with the needs of students during the pandemic. College Board brought together few of its top

member universities from India and the US. They provided insight into admissions processes and policies to facilitate student applications. Admissions professionals will talk about how undergraduate programs in India and the U.S. are changing, as well as the career opportunities these programmes lead to.




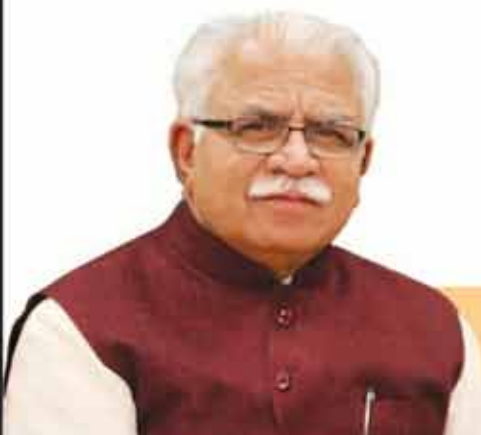
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January 26, 2022





India will always be grateful to such great personalities who laid down their lives while serving the nation. Their exemplary service and devotion for the country will always inspire the generations. We salute to such great personalities.



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Social campaigns to eliminate child labour

Awareness campaigns are most commonly used to create effective communication skills and listening skills. Being aware is extremely important and there are many methods to create awareness. You need to check your thoughts as well and see if they are positive or negative. Circulating positive thoughts is most important to grow in life. There are huge benefits of self-awareness, firstly developing empathy, better communication & listening skills, better leadership qualities, affluent decision-making skills, increased creativity and seeing the perspective of others. It also leads to better decision making.

Spreading the word about something important, Mohammed Rashid Khan has planned many such awareness campaigns. One of the things that need attention in India is child labour. This is a grave problem and causes a huge impact on the future of the nation.

Cryptork makes a mission to let people aware of child labour and this will help in leveraging the thoughts. In this, people have started many social media campaigns to make people aware of child labour and make all the people aware that children are meant to study and make the future. They are not the tools for earning.

ENERGISE YOUR FUTURE

Renewable energy is booming. Wind farms, hydropower plants, solar panels or sustainable farming, there are hundreds of thousands of unique jobs in this sector, says DR MUKESH KWATRA



Energy is fundamental to development. It is critical for all future investments, innovations, industries that generate jobs and push economic growth. With the advent of new technologies in AI, Metaverse, Cryptocurrencies, Blockchain and NFTs, there is a dire need for alternative and renewable sources of energy as the fossil fuels are finite and are an environmental hazard when used for energy generation. Besides Climate Change caused mainly by greenhouse gas emissions is threatening the very existence of the world. India's economy is under huge pressure due to rising fuel prices, energy demand, and the climate change related problems. India has been on the forefront in adopting renewable energy. Projects like biomass, hydropower, geothermal, wind and solar energy generation are being developed in India. It aims to substitute the use

of coal, oil and wood for energy. We have already achieved its Nationally Determined Contributions target with total non-fossil based installed energy capacity of 157.32 gigawatts, which is 40.1 per cent of the total installed electricity capacity of 392.01 GW. There is a dire need for Government and businesses to invest heavily and provide green, clean and renewable energy. Renewable energy is a booming sector. Wind farms, hydropower plants, solar panels or sustainable farming, there are hundreds of thousands of unique jobs in renewable energy. There are institutes with courses for the skill development training programme on renewable energy. The aim's to develop skills of the participants to effectively use alternative sources.

PROSPECTS
There is a demand for equipment manufacturing in

this sector, due to which there is a rise in the requirement of skilled manpower. It is not only limited to the manufacturing sector but also in other areas like Installation, System Designing, Operations & Maintenance, Financing and Marketing. Biologists and ecologists are required for analyzing the effects of the wind farm on biodiversity. Architects to design buildings, fabricators, installation experts, skilled administrators, finance experts and managers are essential to successfully run the show.

ENGINEERS
For engineers, endless renewable energy applications exist, making engineering a big job prospect in this sector. For instance, engineers design hydroelectric dams, solar panels and batteries, wind turbines, the systems that carry the electricity from the wind farm, dam or solar field to the power plant. They help in generating

'Prepare for these questions thoroughly'

Interview questions that are generally put up to business management graduates in job interviews are mostly focused on the candidate's abilities to lead groups, work in a team, delegate tasks, and other management skills. Although one cannot prepare word by word for the interviews, there are a few questions that are repeated.

■ **Tell us something about yourself.**

This holds a lot of weightage for your final selection. It is important that you practice this question thoroughly. Prepare a short and crisp answer to this question, as being prepared will make sure you do not ramble on about yourself towards an awkward end. Your communication skills are mostly judged by the interviewer. Focus on the course you have completed and your accomplishments and try to relate them to the job description you are being interviewed for.

■ **Why are you interested in this job?**

You need to provide some tangible reasons for wanting the particular job and thus you must make sure that you know the job description well so that you can relate your answers accordingly. Remember one thing, recruiters definitely won't want someone who is just randomly coming for interviews hoping to get into any company.

■ **What are your strengths and weaknesses?**

List out strengths that you have that would benefit the job and the organisation as a whole. List out three strengths that you have that set you apart and which you can also relate to the job as well. While listing your weaknesses, never ever tell the recruiter any negative points about yourself. Always see to it that you relate your weaknesses to an aspect that is, in fact, good for the job.

■ **How would your friends and teachers describe you?**

Highlight your personal and professional attributes. It would be better if you don't make something up. Paint an accurate but attractive picture of what you are really like.

■ **What are your hobbies?**

Interviewers often ask such questions to get an insight into your personality and understand how you would fit in a workplace environment. Just make sure that you do not lie about what



you do as a hobby as the interviewer probably has years of experience in his or her field and will be quick to catch your lie.

■ **What are your short term and long term goals?**

Prepare the answer to this question well as it shows your clarity of thought. Your short-term goals should be practical, concrete and achievable while your long-term goals should reflect your ambitions, passion, and your personality.

■ **Why should we hire you for this job?**

Blowing one's own trumpet and doing it tactfully is not an easy feat but it has to be done. Do it as tactfully as you can and keep in mind that there are other students being interviewed for the same job with the same credentials as yours so make sure your answer highlights your skills as an individual that sets you apart from others.

■ **Do you have any questions for us?**

Most interviewers will ask this question at the end of the interview. Be prepared with some good questions to ask them. Some simple examples would be your growth prospects in the organisation and their performance management system.

The above are not an all-inclusive list. You may be asked different questions. The key is to be confident.

ethanol from corn, green fuel from biomass. They are also required in the field of equipment manufacturing to address the challenges of production, design and delivery in this sector. Engineering is not a quick-entry renewable-energy career, but it can be a long-lasting one.

OTHER FIELDS
Engineers and scientists used to dominate this sector. But now, graduates with commercial skills are welcome as well. There are job opportunities for physicists, geologists, ecologists, biologists, architectural and structural engineers,

planners and project managers to computer operators, communications professionals, business developers and logistic professionals. Besides academic qualifications, the skill set requirements vary as per the job. Basics are the

same as in other jobs. Focus on the work assigned, dedicated effort to achieve goals, handling pressure on and off work situations, and so on. For a specialised job requirement, the skills are essential as per the particular work.

The writer is Founder, Smiling Tree

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Bheem San S/o Ram Lal R/o B-2/165, Gandhi camp, Jalandhar, Punjab declare that my son Karan Kumar are out of my control. I disown my son karan kumar from my all moveable & immovable property. If Anybody deal with him. I shall not be responsible for any kind of act.

I, Yashpal Singh S/o Surat Singh R/o # 168, Advocate Society Sector 49-A, Chandigarh declare that my son Kapil Kundu is out of my control. So, I disown him from all my moveable / immoveable properties. If anybody deals with him will do so at their own risk.

I, Kamlesh Wd/o No.14400150-A Late GNR/CK/Mess Surrender Singh R/o VPO Ajaib Teh. Meham Distt. Rohtak (Haryana) declare that my daughter name Kavita and her DOB 21.06.1996 are wrongly mentioned in my husband Army record. But my daughter correct & actual name are Kavita Rani and her DOB is 25.06.1996. vide affidavit dated 19.01.2022 before Executive Magistrate Meham.

I, Desai Swapnil Balvant resident of VPO Rashiwade BK Tehsil Radhanagari, District Kolhapur (Maharashtra) in my service record my Mother name wrongly recorded as Chaya instead of Desai Chhaya Balvant vide affidavit No AL519117 dated 22 Jan 2022 before notary public pathankot.

I, Laisri Basumatary Mother of No 15623850A NK Akhil Basumatary resident of Village Khansaipara, Po Nimua, Tehsil Gobardhana, District Baksa (Assam) in my service record my name wrongly recorded as Laisri Basumatary instead of Laysri Basumatary vide affidavit No AL519119 dated 22 Jan 2022 before notary public pathankot.

I, Arun Kumar Sharma S/o Sushil Kumar R/o H.No.WP-86, Bara Bazar, Basti Sheikh, Jalandhar declare that name in my Passport No J 1849680 mentioned as Arun Kumar but in my Aadhar Card my name has been mentioned as Arun Kumar Sharma which is correct. That Arun Kumar and Arun Kumar Sharma is one and the same person.

I, Rani Devi w/o Late Raj Kumar R/O # 1471 Sector 45-Burai, Chandigarh hereby disown my son Paras Jallan from my all moveable/ immovable properties . He is out of my control. If anybody deal with him will do so at own risk . I shall not be responsible for his any deeds.

I, Mehar Chand Saini S/o Kundan Lal R/O 136A, Ward No. 10, Dayal Bagh, Mahesh Nagar, Ambala Cantt declare that my son Ashok Kumar is out of my Control. So I Disown from my all Movable Immovable Properties.

I, Jagdish Chand S/o Bir Singh r/o Village Dera Maliya Wala, Bir Amin, Tehsil Thanesar, District Kurukshetra, have disown my son Ramchander from all my moveable, immovable properties, as he is out of my control. Anybody dealing with Ramchander at their own risk.

I, Siddharth Trilokia S/O Satpal Trilokia R/O Village Nangal Awana, Bhangala, Tehsil Mukerian Hoshiarpur, Declared Siddharth Trilokia And Sidharth Trilokia Are Names Of One And Same Person. I Known With Both Names.

I, Gireesh Kumar P M S/O Sh. Sreedharan P M R/O Alumbil Meethal Pavandoor Kakkur Kozhikode Kerala 673613 Declared That In My Part I Order My Wife's Name And Dob Wrongly Mentioned As Lathika And Dob Is 17-10-1982. Where As Her Correct Name Is Lathika T V And Dob Is 10-05-1981.

I, Varsha Sanjay Deshmukh Legally Wedded Spouse Of No. 15489279w Rank Dfr Name Deshmukh Sanjay Haridas, Unit 12 Armd Regt., C/O 56 Apo, Have Changed My Name From Varsha Sanjay Deshmukh To Varsha Sanjay Deshmukh. That Both The Names Varsha Sanjay Deshmukh & Varsha Sanjay Deshmukh Pertain To One And The Same Person.

I, No. 15613472Y, Rank, Hav, Nirmal Singh s/Gurdial Singh r/o Vill Jethuwal PO Jethuwal District Amritsar presently serving in 1, guards (2 punjag) c/o 56 APO declare that in my Army service record my daughter's name is wrongly written as Rajvinder Kaur but her correct name is Rajvinder Kaur. Please make it correct.

I, Anita Rani @ Anita Singla @ Santosh Kumari W/o Late Bhim Sain R/o #B-XI/553, K.C. Road, Gali No.8, Barnala declare that my correct & actual name is Santosh Kumar.

I Joginder Balmiki S/o Soma Ram residing at Air Force Station Halwara (Ludhiana) have changed my name from Joginder Balmiki to Joginder Singh vide Affidavit No.5749 dated 24-01-2022 before Raikot.

I No 18006045L Rank Nk Manjit Singh S/O Sulakhan Singh Of Unit 235 Engr Regt C/O 56 Apo R/O Village Sakhira Teh & Distt Tarn Taran (Punjab) my father name record Sulkan Singh. But right name is Sulakhan Singh.

ਮੈਂ ਸੁਖਨ ਪਤਨੀ ਮਦਨ ਲਾਲ ਪਾਵਾ ਵਾਸੀ ਮਦਨ ਨੰਬਰ 4, ਗਲੀ ਨੰਬਰ 5, ਅੰਬਰਾਲ ਨਗਰ ਸਰਹਿੰਦ ਰੋਡ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਆਪਣੇ ਲੜਕੇ ਸਨੀ ਪਾਵਾ ਅਤੇ ਨੂੰਹੋ ਸਿਮਰਨ ਨੂੰ ਕਹਿੰਦੇ ਤੇ ਬਾਹਰ ਹੋਣੇ ਤੇ ਕਾਰਨ ਆਪਣੀ ਚੱਲ ਅਚੱਲ ਜਾਇਦਾਦ ਤੋਂ ਬੇਦਖਲ ਕਰਦੀ ਹਾਂ ਇਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਲੈਣ ਦੇਣ ਕਰਨ ਵਾਲਾ ਆਪ ਸਿਮਿਵਾਰ ਹੋਵੇਗਾ।

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No 15701369 L/Nk Gangadhar S/o Satnam Singh Village Fatehpur PO Bhatlan Tehsil Dasuya Distt Hoshiarpur (Pb) declare I have changed name of my son from Gaurav to Gaurav Jasrotia vide affidavit 24-01-2022 attested by Notary Hoshiarpur.

I, Simranjeet Kaur D/o Joga Singh R/O #301, Shri Sai CHS Ltd, Shanti Nagar, Raymond Showroom Ullhasnagar, Thane (Maharashtra) have changed my name from Simranjeet Kaur Joga Singh Saini to Simranjeet Kaur.

I, Tinku S/o Puran R/o H.No. 272 A, Small flats, Mauliagar, Chandigarh declare that I have changed my name to Karamjit Singh.

I, Heera Daughter of Veer Bahadur Singh Resident of H.No 613/B2, Bilna Road, Pinjore Tehsil kaika distt Panchkula Haryana have changed my name from Heera to Heer.

I, Darshana Devi W/O Late Sohan Lal #1100, Sector 21, Panchkula Have Changed My Name To Darshana Rani.

I, Beena Devi W/o Leela Ram R/o 257A, Sunder Nagar Tohana, Tehsil Tohana, Distt. Fatehabad declares that my son Rakesh Kumar who is Nayak in Indian Army (service no. 3008758H). In his service record my name spelling is wrongly mentioned as Veena Devi instead of Beena Devi and DOB 16.07.1956 instead of 01.01.1967. Affidavit no. 1963.

I, Leela Ram S/o Mange Ram R/O 257A/16, Damkora Road, Sunder Nagar Tohana, Tehsil Tohana, Distt. Fatehabad declares that my son Rakesh Kumar who is Nayak in Indian Army (service no. 3008758H). In his service record my name spelling is wrongly mentioned as Lila Ram instead of Leela Ram and DOB 15.03.1956 instead of 15.04.1956. Affidavit no. 1962.

I, Bharat Thukral S/o Late Baldev Raj Thukral R/O # 18, Shiv Shakti Colony, Pinjore Kalka Distt. Panchkula Haryana declare that Bharat Thukral and Bharat are one and same person.

I, Baljinder Kaur w/o Salwinder Singh r/o Village Natt PO Kandila Tehsil Batala Distt Gurdaspur declare that in Army Service record of my husband, name and date of birth of my daughter, are wrongly recorded as Simarjit Kaur and 10-05-2005. Her correct name and DOB are Simranjeet Kaur and 08-06-2005 respectively. Concerned note.

I, Balraj Kumar S/o Ram Lal R/O Sushma Chandigarh Grande, Block-H Flat No. 804, AD Joining Best Price CHD Ambala Highway, Zirakpur SAS Nagar Mohali PB have changed my minor daughter's name from Alisha to Alisha Garg.

I, Sapna Rani W/o Nikhal Narwal R/O H.No- 315 Model Town Parshu Ram Mandir Ambala City have changed my name from Sapna Narwal to Sapna Rani.

I, Army No. Jc-522694n Rank Sub, Name Suraj Kumar S/O. Sh. Tilak Raj R/O. Village Ramloo Brahmana P.O. Ramgarh, Tehsil Samba, District Samba, Jammu & Kashmir In My Army Service Record My Minor Daughter Name Wrongly Entered Diksha Instead Of Diksha Sharma & Her Date Of Birth Is 13.11.2004.

I, Kamlesh Rani W/O Krishan Kumar R/O Village Shekhpora Khadar Distt. Karnal I Have Changed My Minor Son Name Saurav To Sourav.

I, Hemant Jain S/o Mahavir Parshad Jain R/o C-1268, Ansai Sushant City, Panipat declare that I have changed my son Name from Yashasvi to Yashasvi Jain for all future purposes.

I, Hemant Jain S/o Mahavir Parshad Jain R/o C-1268, Ansai Sushant City, Panipat declare that I have changed my daughter Name from Yashika to Yashika Jain for all future purposes.

I, Kulwinder Kour Spouse of JC-501811A Subedar Sanjeeb Singh Resident of Village- Jadh, Post Office- Bhalwal Brahmana, Tehsil- Akhnoor, District- Jammu (J&K), PIN- 181202 have changed my name from Kulwinder Kour to Kulbinder Kour vide Affidavit No IN-JK30433371637800T dated 01 November 2021, before Judicial Magistrate 1st class, Akhnoor.

I, Sanjeev S/o Ram Bhaj R/o H.No-8 New Milap Nagar Ambala City have changed my name from Sanjiv Kumar to Sanjeev.

I, Katara Ram S/o Sh. Ramji Lal R/O Village Kailash Teh. and Distt. Karnal, have Changed my name from Kattar Singh to Katara Ram.

I hitherto known as Roshni alias Rubinder Kaur Sewak D/o Harjeet Singh W/O Kuljit Singh Sewak residing at Plot no 11 gali no 4 Shaheed udham singh nagar o/s chatiwind gate Amritsar 143001 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Roshni Sewak. It is certified that I have compiled with other legal requirements in this connection.

I, Jugraj Singh S/O Sharnjeet Singh R/O Village Janian Po Bundala Tehsil & Distt Amritsar Have Declare That Singh Is My Surname And Jugraj Is My Given Name.

I, Amarjit Kaur W/o S. Heera Singh Resident of Block Verka, Vallah, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Amarjeet Kaur to Amarjit Kaur.

I, Heera Singh S/o S. Gurdial Singh Resident of Block Verka, Vallah, Amritsar. I have changed my name from Hira Singh to Heera Singh.

I, Gourav Arora S/o Ram Lubhaya R/O H.No.6, Lane No.4, Firrnds View, Ram Tirath Road, Pultighar Amritsar have changed my name minor daughter's name from Ruhani to Ruhani Arora.

I, Sudesh W/o Harpreet Singh R/O VPO Chogawan, teh Ajnala, Amritsar have changed my name to Sudesh Rani.

I, Satinderpal Kaur and Satinder Kaur W/o Harjit Singh R/o H.No.L-13/1001, Gali No.3, Kot Baba Deep Singh, Sultanwind Road Amritsar have certified that above both name's are mine one and same person.

I, Raman Kumar S/o Balbir Singh r/o H.No. 1063 Sector 3, Urban Estate, Kurukshetra, have changed my name from Raman to Raman Kumar.

I, Mahadevi Rajmane Is Legally Wedded Spouse Of No 14655655a Rank Hav Name Rajmane Shivling Ramling Permanent Residing At Vill. Mandva Pathan Peth Gali Po Yelda Distt. Beed State Maharashtra, Pin-431517 At Present Residing At 77 Armd Wksp C/O 56 Apo Ambala Cantt Have Changed My Name From Mahadevi Rajmane To Mahadevi Shivling Rajmane Vide Affidavit Dated 25-01-2022.

I, S. No. 14655655A Rank Hav Name Rajmane Shivling Ramling Son of Sh. Ramling Rajmane Permanent resident of Vill. Mandva Patthan, Peth Gali, PO Yelda Distt. Beed State Maharashtra, Pin-431517 at present residing at 77 ARMD WKSP C/o 56 APO Ambala Cantt have changed my daughter's name from Shrivani to Shrivani Shivling Rajmane vide affidavit dated 25-01-2022.

I, S. No. 14655655A Rank Hav Name Rajmane Shivling Ramling Son of Sh. Ramling Rajmane Permanent resident of Vill. Mandva Patthan, Peth Gali, PO Yelda Distt. Beed State Maharashtra, Pin-431517 at present residing at 77 ARMD WKSP C/o 56 APO Ambala Cantt have changed my son's name from Tejas to Tejas Shivling Rajmane vide affidavit dated 25-01-2022.

I, Navraj Singh S/o Gurpreet Singh R/O Village Loharka Kalan, Tehsil & Distt. Amritsar have changed my name from Navraj Singh Gill to Navraj Singh.

I, Amita Bindra Alias Puja Trehan W/o Bharat Bhushan resident of Ward No.8, Fatehgarh Churian, Teh. Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur have changed my name from Amita Bindra Alias Puja Trehan to Amita Bindra. Concerned noted.

I, Diksha Kumari D/o No 10198241A Ex Hav Late. Satish Kumar R/o Vill- Antor, P.O- Narot Jaimal Singh , Teh & Distt.- Pathankot (PB), hereby declare in service record of my father my name is written as Dixa Kumari which is incorrect. My Correct name is Diksha Kumari, as per adhar card & Matric Certi., please correct it

I, Gurpreet Kaur W/O S. Mandeep Singh R/O H. No. 10031 Aaray Wali Gali Durga Puri Joshi Nagar Haibowal Kalan Ludhiana I Have Change My Name From Gurpreet Kaur To Gurpreet Kaur Sandhu.

I, Avtar Singh S/o Bant Singh, Vill Dhakansu Khurd, Teh Rajpura Distt Patiala, changed my name to Singh Avtar.

I, Durga Rani W/o Raj Singh Dult R/o Vill. Ratta Khera Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have change my name Durga Rani to Durga Rani Dult.

I, Raj Singh S/o Chhota Ram, Vill. Ratta Khera Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name Raj Singh to Raj Singh Dult.

I, Avinash Kaur D/o Mohan Singh, VPO. Akanwali Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name Avinash Kaur to Avinash Kaur Toor

I, Paramjeet Kour W/o Manjit Singh, VPO. Laloda Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name Paramjeet Kour to Paramjeet Kaur

I, Ankit S/o Rajesh Kumar, VPO Bass Badshahpur Tehsil Bass (Hisar), have changed my name Ankit to Ankit Bhorda.

I, Saranjit Kaur W/o Gurvinder Singh, Vill. Dher Tehsil Tohana (Fatehabad), have changed my name Saranjit Kaur to Sharanjeet Kaur

I, Virender Kumar S/o Om Parkash, Krishna Colony, Tohana (Fatehabad) have changed my name Virender Kumar to Virender Jain.

I, Phuli W/o Rishi Pal, Vill. Kutabpur Tehsil Kaithal (Kaithal), have changed name Phuli to Phuli Sandhu.

I, Kuldeep Singh S/o Kitab # 214/1, Small Flats, Maloya, Chandigarh, have changed my name to Kuldeep.

I, Mohammad Aazad S/o Mohammad Ilyas R/o # 677, Sector 45, Burali, Chandigarh. I have changed my name from Mohammad Aazad to Mohd. Aazad.

I, Service No.2487715k Ex Hav Jatinder Singh S/O Kaka Ram R/O Vill- Shamsheerpur, Po- Dorangla, Tehsil/Dist- Gurdaspur, Punjab, That I Declare Changed My Daughter Name From Bhumika Manhas To Bhumika In Army Record.

I, No.3972358n Ex Nk (Ts) Rumlal Singh S/O Sain Das R/O Village- Paharo Chak Post Office Dholowal Tehsil/Distt- Pathankot (Punjab), Declare That I Have Changed The Name Of My Daughter From Shiwani Saini To Shivani Saini Vide Affidavit Dated 24.01.2022 Before Executive Magistrate Pathankot.

I Simran W/O Rajinder Kumar R/O 146 Gali No.3 Vijay Nagar Batala Road Amritsar Have Changed My Name To Neelam Bala.

I Dhruv S/O Rajan Jain R/O Ward No- 07 Balachaur Distt. S.B.S. Nagar Have Changed My Name To Dhruv Jain.

I Iqbal Singh S/O Sarwan Singh R/O Vpo. Chhimna, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab, Have Changed My Name To Iqbal Singh Dhillon.

I, Chhinderpal Singh S/O Amar Singh R/O Basti Bazigar, Charik Road, Moga, Distt. Moga Have Changed My Name To Chhinderpal Singh Bukkan.

I, Gurdeep Kaur W/o Gurinder Singh R/o Street No. 2, Moti Bagh Colony, Nabha, Distt. Patiala have changed my name to Gurdip Kaur .

I, Jacky Kumar S/o Sh Pawan Kumar, R/o Flat no 103/2, Acme Heights-1, Sector 126, Mohali, is also known as J.K. Singla S/o Sh Pawan Kumar R/o Flat no 103/2, Acme Heights-1, Sector 126, Mohali. Both the names belongs to one and same person. Concerned note.

I, Kabir S/o Lokinder Singh R/o H.No. B-4-122 Sahnewal (Ludhiana) changed my name to Kabir Singh.

I, Mukesh Kumar S/o Atma Ram R/o Bariwala (Sri Muktsar Sahib) changed my name to Mukesh Kumar Garg.

I, Jaspreet Singh S/o Jugraj Singh R/O Wadda Agwar Kotha Guru (Bathinda) changed my name to Jaspreet Singh Khosa.

I Jagjeet Singh S/o Resham Singh R/o Village Hassan Bhatti (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jagjeet Singh Brar.

I Kuldeep Kaur w/o Jagjeet Singh Brar R/o Village Hassan Bhatti (Faridkot) have changed my name to Kuldeep Kaur Brar.

I Rajwinder Kaur D/o Jagjeet Singh Brar R/o Village Hassan Bhatti (Faridkot) have changed my name to Rajwinder Kaur Brar.

I Akashdeep Singh S/o Jaswinder Singh R/o Village Harie Wala (Faridkot) have changed my name to Akashdeep Singh Sekhon.

I Sheero w/o Bhag Singh R/o House No. 683, Moh: Kajjan Wala Kotkapura (Faridkot) have changed my name to Jasveer Kaur.

I, Narinder Pal Kaur W/o Jaswant Singh R/o Vpo. Talwan Teh-Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Narinder Kaur.

I, Neetu Keron W/o Michael Thaper R/o H.No. 102/03 Gopal Enclave G.T. Road Phillaur (Jalandhar) changed my name to Neetu Thaper.

I, Sushil Kumar S/o Ashok kumar R/o #2646 Near Arya Samaj Mandir Rajpura town (Patiala) Changed Name as Sushil Verma.

I, Dilabar S/o Darshan R/o Vill: Sajawalpur Po. Sanawa (SBS Nagar) changed my name to Dilawar Singh.

I, Dharamvir S/o Nirmal Das R/o Vill: Lodhipur Teh- Nawansahr (SBS Nagar) changed my name to Dharamvir Nigah.

I, Minakshi Sethi W/o Ravinder pal Sethi R/o H.no. 1752/1, Ward no. 3, Gandhi Nagar Jalalabad District Fazilka have changed my name to Minakshi Bajaj.

I, Kamal Kumar S/o Kulwant Kumar R/o Vpo. Ratainda Teh-Banga (SBS Nagar) changed my name from Kamal to Kamal Kumar.

I Surjeet Singh S/o Ujagar Singh R/O Village Bahman wala, Kotkapura (Faridkot) Have Changed my name to Surjit Singh.

I Gurpreet Singh S/o Sukhmander Singh R/O Village Dhab Guru Ki, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have Changed my name to Gurpreet Singh Dhillon.

I Nar Singh S/o Munsil Singh R/O Village Dhab Guru Ki, Kotkapura (Faridkot) have Changed my name to Nahar Singh.

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The list of auctions that are postponed are given hereunder;

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Rohit fit to lead India against WI

Bhuvneshwar and Ashwin, after their indifferent performance against SA in their 0-3 ODI series defeat, will come under scanner

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's white-ball captain Rohit Sharma is "fit" and ready to lead the side against the West Indies in a six-match white-ball series starting February 6 with the three ODIs in Ahmedabad. However, the team selection meeting, which is set to happen this week, will be an interesting one as some senior players like Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Ravichandran Ashwin, after their indifferent performance against South Africa in their 0-3 ODI series defeat, will come under the scanner.

But Rohit is ready to lead the side after a left hamstring injury ruled him out of the South Africa tour. The T20 matches against the Caribbean team are set to be held from February 16 to 20 in Kolkata.

"Rohit is fit and available for the series against the West Indies," a senior BCCI source told PTI on conditions of anonymity. "By the time, the West Indies series starts, it will be more than seven and half weeks of rehabilitation and recuperation for Rohit."

"He is already training in Mumbai and is expected to be in Bangalore for the fitness

test and get a formal okay from the National Cricket Academy," the source informed.

ROHIT SET TO BE NAMED TEST CAPTAIN TOO

It is almost certain that for the time being, Rohit will be named the Test captain although BCCI will be looking at other options considering his workload and the responsibility that comes with leading India in two back-to-back World Cups in 2022 and 2023. It is understood that KL Rahul's first stint as captain hasn't gone as per expectations and for now, he will have to remain an apprentice under Rohit till he is seen to be ready to lead the national team in near future. Under Rahul, India lost all four international games in South Africa and for men who matter in Indian cricket, he hasn't exactly come across as a proactive captain.

It is understood that Rahul's performance as Lucknow Super Giants captain will be keenly monitored during this edition of the IPL.

HARDIK PANDYA'S COMEBACK

Hardik Pandya has been bowling in the nets and even though it is not clear whether

he can bowl full tilt but Venkatesh Iyer's relative inexperience at No.6 and Rahul Dravid's admission that the colourful Baroda man was missed, can pave the way for his comeback against the West Indies.

"You have to remember after the T20 World Cup, Hardik was dropped and not rested because of his fitness. The selectors wanted to send him a message after his underwhelming show at World T20 but he is too good a player to be kept out for long."

"If not against West Indies, then he will surely be back against Sri Lanka," the source added.

Ravindra Jadeja also seems to be close to attaining full fitness and will play either against West Indies or in the next assignment against Sri Lanka.



GOVERNOR MESSAGE



BANWARILAL PUROHIT, GOVERNOR, PUNJAB

Dear Citizens,

On the auspicious occasion of 73rd Republic Day I extend my heartfelt greetings to all. Republic Day is precious and every day in the life of our Republic is precious. Yet this year is a little extra special. We are celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahautsav; on August 15 we will mark the 75th anniversary of our Independence. This will be a significant milestone in the journey of our Nation as we march together to build an inclusive society of new India. In recent years, a special emphasis has been laid at national and state level, on rapid and more inclusive growth, with the focus on bringing about social equality through the reduction of poverty and empowerment of

our people by adopting multi-pronged strategies. Being the world's largest democracy and one of the major players in the world map, today is an occasion for celebration & rejoicing. But, it is also an occasion for calm introspection about our successes and our failures in realizing the goals set in the Constitution. Our Republic has come a long way and we must appreciate how far successive generations have brought us. Equally, we must appreciate that our voyage is far from complete. There are still miles to go. We have to recalibrate our yardstick of achievement and success from quantity to quality; from a literate society to a knowledge society. We are grateful to our farmers, labourers, industrialists and traders for their unstinted support in taking the state to the path of progress and prosperity. We are also thankful to our health care workers, front line workers, the doctors, the administrators and the people from other walks of life who have made major contribution in COVID management. The unprecedented contribution of Punjab to the cause of Freedom of our country is unmatched

anywhere in the history of the world. The great martyrs Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh, Lala Lajpat Rai, Udhham Singh, Kartar Singh Sarabha, Dewan Singh Kalepani, and many more who shed every drop of their blood and had languished in jails, have left a rich legacy for all of us which demands unbounded love and respect of our motherland besides firm commitment to preserve India's glory. I am confident that the people of Punjab and Chandigarh, who have always been torchbearers in every movement for change, will emerge as role models for the rest of the Country. Let us renew our pledge, on this historic day, to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of nationalism and of patriotism and to work with commitment, dedication, faith and confidence to make Punjab, Chandigarh and the country strong and vibrant. May the principles of Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity always illuminate our path. Once again I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all. I also urge everyone to be vigilant against COVID, take necessary precautions and be vaccinated. May God bless you.

Jai Hind.



Made the announcement too soon: Sania Mirza on her retirement

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Indian tennis star Sania Mirza, who recently announced that 2022 would be her last season, says she had made the announcement too soon and was "regretting" it since she was being asked about it all the time.

Mirza's swansong appearance at the Australian Open ended with a quarterfinal loss to local pair Jaimee Fourlis and Jason Kubler in the mixed doubles event here.

"I am not actually thinking about that at every match to be honest very, I think that I made the announcement too soon to be very honest, I am kind of regretting it because that's all I am being asked right now," Mirza said when asked whether her outlook towards tennis and the Tour has changed considering it was her last season.

The 35-year-old, who is India's most accomplished woman tennis player, having won six Grand Slam titles, including three mixed doubles trophies, was speaking on "Extraa Serve" on Sony Sports Network.

Mirza, who hails from Hyderabad, maintained that she plays tennis to win matches.

"I am playing tennis to win matches and until I play, I am going to try and win every match I play, so it (retirement) is not something that is on my

mind constantly.

"I enjoy playing tennis, I have always enjoyed it, win or lose, and I still have the same outlook to it, I give my 100 (per cent), sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't but I am still in it 100 per cent for the rest of the year and I don't want to really think about what's going to happen at the end of the year....," elaborated Mirza.

On the game, which she and Ram lost, Sania said that it wasn't the best of their matches.

"It happens, you don't have a great day once in a while and it is unfortunate when it happens in a (Grand) Slam.

"But I guess we were not able to string it together, both of us and in the end, we were in it in the second set but we didn't take our chances and that's it, at least I could have played better, but that's how it goes, it happens sometimes," said Mirza.

Mirza on January 19 had announced that she will hang up her racquet at the end of 2022 season as her body was "wearing down" and the motivation and energy for everyday grind was not the same anymore.

She had made the retirement announcement after losing the Australian Open women's doubles first round with partner Nadia Kichenok. They lost to Slovenia's Tamara Zidansek and Kaja Juvan.



Shafali Verma regains top spot among batters in ICC T20 ranking

PTI ■ DUBAI

India's teen sensation Shafali Verma on Tuesday moved up one place to regain her position at the top of the ICC Women's T20I rankings for batters while her opening partner Smriti Mandhana dropped a spot to fourth.

The Australian duo of Beth Mooney and Meg Lanning occupied the second and third positions in the rankings respectively. Another Australian, Alyssa Healy, featured in the sixth place.


New Zealand also have two representatives in the top 10, with Sophie Devine and Suzie Bates managing to hold on to their fifth and seventh positions respectively.

Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu gained six positions to break into the top 10


after a superb performance in the Commonwealth Games Qualifiers, where she amassed 221 runs at an outstanding average and strike-rate of 55.25 and 185.71 respectively.


Athapaththu was sitting in eighth place in the rankings.

England's Danni Wyatt also rose three places to 13th after her superb knock of 70 against Australia in the first T20I of the Women's Ashes recently while Australia's Tahlia McGrath gained 29 places in the rankings to rise up to 28th.



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