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Cong poster girl, MSY's brother-in-law join BJP

'Ladki hun, lad sakti hun' face says Cong's slogan farce; MSY's brother-in-law claims 20 SP MLAs ready to shift loyalty to BJP

PNS LUCKNOW

Aday after Samajwadi Party founder Mulayam Singh daughter-in-law Aparna Yadav joined the BJP, Mulayam's brother-in-law and former party MLA Pramod Gupta and the former Congress leader and poster girl of the party "Ladki Hun, Lad Sakti Hun" campaign Priyanka Maurya joined the BJP.

Maurya was the face of the "Ladki Hun, Lad Sakti Hun" campaign spearheaded by Priyanka Gandhi Vadra in Uttar Pradesh.

"Congress slogan is just a farce. The party has no strategy to promote women. They have already decided whom they will give tickets and the rest is all a big drama," Maurya, told reporters after she joined the BJP.

Maurya had asked for a ticket from the Auraiya constituency but the Congress

didn't oblige her. Congress leaders claim that the party's internal survey showed that it

cannot win the election.

"The Congress used my face to launch the 'ladki' camin my face but now the leader-ship is saying that I cannot win the election," Maurya said.

Mulayam's brother-in-law

Pramod, who was the SP MLA from Auraiya in 2012, a folk singer from Ayodhya Vandana Mishra, and the BSP's candidate from Govind Nagar seat of Kanpur, Sunil Shukla, too joined the BJP in the presence of State BJP joining committee chairman Dr Laxmikant Bajpai

here at the State party head-quarters on Thursday.

After joining the BJP,
Pramod Gupta made very seri-ous charges against Akhilesh
Yadav alleging that Akhilesh
has taken Netaji (Mulayam)
hostage. "In the Samajwadi
Party, only goons call the shot." Party, only goons call the shot," Gupta said, adding Akhilesh is surrounded by sycophants.

"Mulayam has become old. Neither Ákhilesh nor party leaders listen to him. Today his condition is only because of Akhilesh," he said.

Pramod claimed that around 20 SP MLAs are ready to join the BJP if the party allows them to take them.



Ravan to challenge Yogi on his home turf

 $B_{\text{Chandrashekhar Azad,}}^{\text{him Army chief}}$ chief alias Ravan, has announced that he will challenge Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in his home turf — Gorakhpur Sadar constituency — in the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar

Azad Party's chief election in-charge Mohammad Aquib said in a statement that Azad

has decided to challenge the biggest Hindutava face in UP and would contest election

against Yogi.

The polling of Gorakhpur would be held in the second last phase on March 3 where nominations will commence from February 4. Gorakhpur is the home turf of Yogi and he was elected MP from this city five times in a row before he was made the CM in 2017.

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515 dists report over 5% +vity; Kerala, K'taka lead

3 lakh cases a day first time in 3rd wave of Covid-19

Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu saw a massive spike in Covid-19 cases during the last 24 hours on Thursday even as the situations seem to stabilise in Mumbai and Delhi. India logged more than 3 lakh cases for the first time during the third wave on Thursday.

The Union Health Ministry said that at least 515 districts in the country are reporting a positivity rate of over 5 per cent in the last one week, while Maharashtra, Karnataka, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh remain the "States of Concern" reporting high positivity rate.

Both Karnataka and Kerala reported a record surge in the last 24 hours. Kerala's count of 46,387 fresh cases on Thursday is the highest-ever single-day spike. During the peak of the second wave, Kerala reported

43,529 Covid cases in a day. Kerala Health Minister Veena George said both Delta and Omicron are responsible for the surge in the State.

Similarly, Karnataka too saw a huge surge Thursday recording 47,754 fresh cases. Out of these cases, 30,540 are



A medic walks inside the Shehnai Banquet Hall, a Covid-19 care centre, in New Delhi on Thursday

Delhi caps RT-PCR

New Delhi: The Delhi Government on Thursday

capped the maximum price for the RT-PCR Covid-19 test at

private laboratories at ₹300

amid rise in virus cases leading

to increased testing in the national Capital. Along with that, it also fixed ₹500 for RT-

PCR samples collected from home. The Rapid antigen test

"The rates for conventional RT-PCR and RAT test

for Covid-19 in Delhi by pri-

vate labs has been reduced. The

cap for the RT-PCR test has

been set at ₹300 and for the

home collection of samples

has been set at ₹500," said

Health Minister Satyendar Jain.

will now be done at ₹100.

test at ₹300 at lab

from Bengaluru.

Tamil Nadu on Thursday reported as many as 28,561 new Covid cases and 39 deaths.

While Delhi reported 12,3036 cases on Thursday, less than half it reported a week ago, the national Capital saw 43 Covid deaths, the highest number of deaths due to Covid-19 since June 10 last year when 44 people had died.

The positivity rate in Delhi has declined to 21.48 per cent from 23.8 per cent a day before. Continuing with its declin-

ing trend, Mumbai on Thursday reported 5,708 new Covid-19 cases and 12 deaths. Meanwhile, the State Government has decided to open schools across Maharashtra for all classes from January 24.

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BREATHER FOR MAMATA'S

CAPSULE

AGENT IN MURDER CASE New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday granted interim protection from arrest to . Trinamool Congress leader SK Supiyan, who was the election agent of Chief Minister Mamata

> Banerjee in Nandigram, in connection with a murder case

INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TEST-FIRES BRAHMOS

being investigated by the CBI.



Balasore: India successfully test-fired supersonic cruise missile Brahmos off the Odisha coast here on Thursday, DRDO

BHAGWANT MANN TO CONTEST FROM DHURI Chandigarh: Aam Aadmi Party's chief ministerial face Bhagwant Mann will contest the Puniab Assembly elections from the Dhuri Assembly seat in Sangrur

BHU OFFERS PG ON 'HINDU DHARMA' Varanasi: The Banaras Hindu University has started a postgraduate programme in 'Hindu Dharma' and according to the varsity, the course is the

first of its kind in the country.

Booster neutralises

Omicron: Lancet

Parrikar's son missing

Utpal insists on Panjim, party offers 2 options

The BJP on Thursday released its first list of 34 candidates for the upcoming Assembly elections in Goa. An important name missing from the list is that of former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal Parrikar.

Utpal wanted to contest from Panjim but the party has given him two other options. So far Utpal is insistent on contesting from Panjim itself.

Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday tweeted that Utpal is welcome to join and fight elections on a AÁP ticket. "Goans feel very sad that the BJP has adopted use and throw policy even with Parrikar family, I have always respected Manohar Parrikar. Utpal is welcome to join and fight elections on

AAP ticket," Kejriwal tweeted. People close to the Parrikar family told news agency ANI that it is unlikely that Utpal will budge and agree to contest from any other seat as it is more

The BJP has fielded Scheduled Tribe candidates from three general seats and one Scheduled Caste candidate from a general seat in the 40 strong Ğoa Assembly.

The party has fielded 11

Other Backward castes candidates and nine from the minority community

Six new faces have been included in the list.

Incumbent Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant would contest from Sankhli.

Jointly addressing a Press conference with BJP general secretary Arun Singh, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the BJP will return to power as it has brought "stability" and development in the State.

He said people will reject other competitors as Congress has "disgraced" the State by corruption and the new entrants TMC is trying to "buy" politicians and the cadre of the MGP with which it has struck an alliance are disenchanted

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BJP names 59 of 70 from Goa BJP first list | seats in Uttarakhand; | **Dhami from Khatima**



PNS NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he BJP on Thursday}}_{\text{announced the names of candidates for 59 out of the}}$ total 70 Assembly constituencies of Uttarakhand.

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has got the party ticket from Khatima constituency in the State

Out of the 59 names announced, five are women candidates, said Prahlad Joshi BJP's election in-charge of Uttarakhand, while addressing a Press conference.

Former Congress rebel like Umesh Sharma Kau has been fielded from his traditional seat of Raipur. He was earlier speculated to return to the Congress fold.

The name on the list, seen

as surprise, is Kunwaran Devyani Singh, the wife of four-time MLA Kunwar Pranav Singh "Champion". Devyani Singh has been named for the Khanpur, a constituency held

by her husband currently. Other major women can-didates include Sarita Arya who recently defected from the Congress after she was denied a ticket. She will fight

from the Nainital reserved seat Rekha Arya, the Woman and Child Development Minister, has been fielded from the Someshwar Assembly con stituency

ine polling Uttarakhand Acc Assembly Election will take place in a single phase on February 14. The counting of votes will take place on March 10.

27% OBC quota in

NEET is not at odds

First conviction in Delhi riots: Youth gets 5 years in jail

PNS NEW DELHI

Tn its first judgment in riots of 2020, a Delhi trial court on Thursday sentenced Dinesh Yadav to five years in jail for being part of a riotous mob that set on fire a 73year-old woman's house

in Gokalpuri. Last month, Additional Sessions Judge Virender Bhat had convicted him. Yadav has been directed to pay a fine of ₹12,000, said advocate Shikha Garg, who had represented him

during the trial. As per the prosecution, Yadav was an "active member of the riotous mob" and participated in vandalising and putting on fire the house of a woman named Manori on February 25 night.

Manori had alleged that a mob of around 150-200 rioters attacked her house when her family was not present and looted all the articles and even the buffalo.

The 25-year-old Yadav was arrested on June 8, 2020. The court framed charges against him on August 3, 2021, to which he pleaded not guilty and claimed trial. He was convicted on December 6. Communal clashes had broken out in northeast Delhi in February 2020, after the violence between the Citizenship (Amendment) Act supporters and its protesters spiraled out of control leaving at least 53 people dead and over 700



Biomedical Research Centre found that antibodies generated in people who had received only two doses of either the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine or the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine were less able to neutralise the Omicron variant as compared to the Alpha and Delta variants. They also found that anti-

body levels dropped off in the first three months following the second dose but that a third "booster" dose raised levels of antibodies that effectively neutralise the Omicron variant.

In people who had received the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for all three doses, antibody levels against Omicron after a third dose were similar to those previously reached against Delta after only two doses. Overall, antibody levels were nearly 2.5 times higher against Omicron after three doses compared to after two.

Army contacts PLA as Arunachal

Higher levels of antibodies against the Omicron variant were found in people who received two doses of either vaccine and also reported previously having Covid-19 symptoms, compared to those who

19 symptoms. Whilst levels of antibodies alone do not predict vaccine effectiveness, they are a very good indicator of protection against severe Covid-19. This study confirms that three doses of Covid-19 vaccine are essential to boost antibodies?to quantifiable levels and maximise the amount of protection against severe disease and hospitalisation.?

Researchers have submitted their findings to the Genotype-to-Phenotype National Virology Consortium (G2P-UK), the New and Emerging Respiratory Virus Threats Advisory Group (NERVTAG) and the Joint Committee on Vaccination and

Immunisation (JCVI). The researchers found Xevudy (sotrovimab), a recently-approved synthetic monoclonal antibody used to prevent and treat high risk Covid patients was able to neutralise the Omicron variant.

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Country creating system where discrimination has no place: PM

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said that the country is creating a system in which there is no place for discrimination and building a society that "stands firmly on the foundation of equality and social justice".

Delivering the keynote address at the national launch ceremony of "Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore", Modi also flagged off seven initiatives of Brahma Kumaris Lok Sabha Speaker Om

Minister Ashok Gehlot, Gujarat

Chief Minister Bhupendra



video conferencing, in New Delhi

Patel, Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy, Bhupender Yaday, Arjun Ram Meghwal, Parshottam Rupala, and Kailash Choudhary were among those present on the

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said the programme by Brahma Kumari Sanstha, in the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebration, exemplifies the feeling, spirit and inspiration for a golden

He said that there is no difference between personal aspirations and successes on the one hand and national aspirations and successes on the

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with merit, says SC PNS NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the Constitutional validity of providing twenty-seven per cent quota to OBC in NEET All India Quota seats for UG and PG medical courses, saying reservation is not at odds with merit." The bench led by Justice

DY Chandrachud observed that "merit" could not be narrowed to the limit of success in open competitive exams. The merit of a person was a sum

total of "lived experiences" and his or her struggle to overcome cultural and social setbacks. "Merit cannot be reduced

to narrow definitions of performance in an open competitive examination, which only provides formal equality of opportunities. Current competencies are assessed by competent examinations but are not reflective of excellence, capability and potential of an individual, which are also affected by lived experiences, individual character, etc," said the verdict.

youth lost in woods untraceable PNS NEW DELHI The Indian Army is in touch

with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China to find a missing youth from Arunachal Pradesh.

While some reports said the 17-year-old boy was abducted by the Chinese army, other versions indicated that the youth lost his way in the thick jungles and could not be located so far. "Regarding the incident of

the missing youth named Miram Taron from Arunachal Pradesh, it is informed that on receipt of the information, the Indian Army immediately contacted the PLA through estab-Continued on Page 2 | lished mechanism of hotline



who was collecting herbs and hunting, has lost his way and cannot be found. Assistance from the PLA has been seeking to locate the individual on their side and return him as per established protocol," sources in the defence establishment said here on Thursday

The teenager, a native of Zido village in the Upper Siang district, went missing on Tuesday. The district authori-

others were hunting in the border area. Earlier on Thursday, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

ties said the youth along with

targeted the Centre over the missing boy. "Just a few days before Republic Day, the future of India is kidnapped by China. We stand with the family of Miram Taroun and we will not give up hope, will not give up, won't accept defeat. PM's stupid silence is his statement - he doesn't care!" Gandhi tweeted. Incidentally, the PLA had

detained five youths in September 2020 from the Upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh and released them after a week.

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of a sentimental and emotional issue for him than a political one. In the last one month, several top leaders of the party, including Amit Shah and JP Nadda, tried to convince

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A bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao and B R Gavai was hearing an appeal filed by Supiyan challenging an order of the Calcutta High Court which rejected his anticipatory bail plea.

The apex court directed the West Bengal government to file statements recorded under Section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code

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plainant are permitted to file additional documents, if any, before the next date of hearing. List on January 31, 2022. There shall be a stay of the arrest of the petitioner in the meanwhile," the bench said while adding that no adjournment shall be granted and the special leave petition shall be heard finally on that Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that

the order rejecting his anticipatory bail was passed on November 29, 2021, and for two months Supiyan has managed not to be arrested.

Mehta said it is a very serious offence and the man is quite powerful.

'This will have its own repercussions," the solicitor general said.

The apex court, however, said," Please don't get politics into this". Senior advocate Kapil

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The CBI is probing the death of BJP worker Debabrata Maity, who was allegedly attacked in Nandigram, on an order of the high court, which directed the agency to investigate post-poll violence cases in

States on green approval speed

The Union Environment Ministry will rank States based on the time taken in granting environmental clearances to developmental projects to encourage "transparency, efficiency and accountability".

According to an office memorandum issued by the ministry on January 17, a meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary on November 13 last year on the action taken on "Ease of Doing Business" discussed the issue of "ranking of states based on the time taken in according clear-

"It has been decided to incentivise states through a starrating system, based on the efficiency and timeliness in grant of EC. This is intended as a mode of recognition and encouragement as well as for prompting improvements where needed, read the memo sent to state environment impact assessment authorities and expert appraisal committees.

It said the "rating system will

encourage transparency, efficiency and accountability".

According to the proposed ranking system, a state environment impact assessment authority (SEIAA) will get two marks for granting environmental clearance (EC) to projects in less than 80 days, one mark for less than or equal to 105 days, 0.5 for 105 to 120 days and zero for more than 120 days. SEIAAs will be given one mark for accepting a proposal for terms of reference (TOR) or environmental clearances within five days, 0.5 for five to seven days and zero for more than seven days.

According to the memorandum, one mark will be given if essential details are sought more than once in less than 10 per cent cases, 0.5 mark if it is 20 per cent and zero if it is 30 per cent or more.

One mark will be awarded if more than 90 per cent of the fresh proposals for environmental clearances and EC amendment proposals awaiting for over 105 days are 'WHY I KILLED GANDHI' ROW

NCP MP Amol who played Godse in film distances self from Gandhi's killer ideology

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

A head of the release of his controversial Hindi documentary film "Why I killed Gandhi", an anxious lead actor and NCP MP Amol Kolhe - who plays the role of Nathuram Godse - clarified on Thursday that he shot for the film before he entered politics and said that as an actor sometimes he had acted in film even though he did not agree with the ideology of the protagonist in the film.

Sensing that his documentary film "Why I killed Gandhi -- which will release on the OTT platforms on Martyr's day on January 30- will trigger a political controversy, Kolhe sought to distance himself from the Nathuram Godse's role he has played in the 45-minute documentary film. The film begins with a commentary based on the 12th chapter of the report submitted by the Kapur Commission of inquiry which went into the conspiracy behind the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi On January 30,

The promo of the controversial film has hit the OTT platform screens.

Dr Kolhe --- a prominent Marathi actor who did his MBBS from King Edward Memorial Hospital and Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College in Mumbai and later become an MP representing NCP – said that he had shot for "Why I killed Gandhi" in the role as Nathurao Godse two years before he was elected to Lok Sabha from Shirur constituency in Maharashtra in 2019.

entered active politics. When you take up a role in a film, it does not mean that you agree with the ideology of the protagonist or the character you play in the film. We do the roles even when you do not agree with the ideology of the character you are playing. As far as Nathuram Godse is concerned, I have not taken any public stand on the acts of Nazthuram Godse. It was just that I played his character in the film. That does not mean that I can be linked to that character played in the film," Dr Kolhe said.

Dr Kolhe - who is a popular face in Maharashtra after having portrayed the roles of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj in the television serials – said: "I accepted Natrhuram Godse's role by exercising my freedom of expression as an as actor. It is another matter that my political ideology is different. Hence, my stand on the issue is clear. I expect people not to link my choice as an actor and political ideology and image"..
The film "Why I killed Gandhi" is based on

the real life events and the Mahatma Gandhi assassination trial involving the assassin of the "When I shot for this film in 2017, I had not father of the Nation.

Booster...

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The Legacy team analysed 620 blood samples from 364 people who enrolled in the study. They used robust high through put viral neutralisation assays, developed at the Crick, to test the ability of antibodies to block entry of the virus into cells, so called "neutralising antibodies", against different variants of SARS-CoV-2, including

Leader of the Crick' RNA Virus Replication Laboratory and member of the G2P-UK Virology National Consortium, said: "While the Omicron variant has considerably more mutations than other recent variants, such as Alpha and Delta, our data show that the boosters push our immune system to make a broad response capable of tackling it."

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Kavan to...

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On January 16, the BJP had announced that Yogi will fight the upcoming election from Gorakhpur urban seat.

Earlier, Azad Samaj Party tried to join hands with the SP but it did not materialise. On January 18, Azad who is a staunch BJP critic said his political outfit - Azad Samaj Party - is open to stitching an alliance with others and maintained that his fight has always been with the ruling party and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh

Army contacts...

From page 1
The latest incident was flagged by Arunachal Pradesh's MP Tapir Gao on Wednesday. He had claimed the PLA had abducted a 17-year-old boy from inside the Indian territory in the State's Upper Siang

Gao said the incident took place near the place where the Tsangpo river enters India in Arunachal Pradesh. Tsangpo is called Siang in Arunachal Pradesh and Brahmaputra in

The MP also said he had informed the Union Minister of State for Home Nisith Pramanik about the incident and requested him to take necessary action in this regard.

The latest incident has taken place at a time when India and China are in a stand-off at various friction points at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh. The military commanders of both countries have held 14 rounds of talks to ease tension there. More than 50,000 troops each from both sides are deployed at the LAC there for the last two years since the situation flared up.

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Bhrgava, while briefing the

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DG-ICMR Dr Balram

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The Prime Minister

stressed that our progress lies in the progress of the nation. "The nation exists from us, and we exist through the nation. This realization is becoming the biggest strength of us Indians in the making of a new India. Everything the country is doing today includes 'Sabka Prayas", he said.

Country...

He added that "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas" is becoming the guiding motto of the country. Commenting on the innovative and progressive new thinking and new approach of the New India, the Prime Minister remarked that "today we are creating a system in which there is no place for discrimination, we are building a society that stands firmly on the foundation of equality and social justice".

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27% OBC...

From page 1 delivered by the bench of Justices Chandrachud and AS Bopanna, adding that exams did not reflect how social, economic and cultural advantages that accrued to certain classes contributed to their success in them. Reading out excerpts from

judgment, Justice Chandrachud said the power of the State Governments to provide reservations under Article 15 (4) and (5) of the Constitution was not an "exception" to Article 15 (1), which enshrines the mandate that "the State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them". Apex court held that the power of the State Government to craft reservations for the OBC amplified the principle of "substantive equality" manifested through Article 15 (1).

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Omicron. Nagar Nigam, Bhopal, invites proposals from prospective David LV Bauer, Group developers for Design, Engineering, Supply, Construction, Erec

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Parrikar's...

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While BJP dropped two Ministers - WRD minister Filipe Nery Rodrigues and PWD Minister Deepak Prabhu Pauskar -- it also announced candidature to Milind Naik from Mormugao who had resigned as Minister over the

515 dists report...

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Notwithstanding the drop in cases in the State Capital, Maharashtra recorded 43,697 cases with 20.66 per cent positivity rate. Meanwhile, the Union

Health Ministry on Thursday said that at least 515 districts in the country are reporting a positivity rate of over 5 per cent and the Central health teams have been sent to these States to monitor the situation. The Ministry, however, said that bed occupancy or hospitaliza-



General public is hereby informed that this person Named: Shankar, S/o: Dilip, R/o: Jhuggi No. C-73/2, Juggi Pir Bagichi Kishan Ganj, Delhi Age: About 40 Years, Sex: Male, Height: 5'5", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White

Foot Over Brige of Railway Station Kishan Ganj, Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi on dated 24.06.2020.

P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person may

P.S. Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



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3.	Approx. cost of work		Rs. 23.37 Lakhs		
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him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation,

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conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued

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As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that

the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on

Sr. No.	Co-horrowari	Description ofproperty/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
	Sunil Kumar (Borrower), Mrs Omwati (Co- Borrower), Mrs Rekha (Co- Borrower), LHDWJ00001299606	WO Roof Right Plot No 37C2 Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar 2nd Floor Delhi Delhi 110059. Bounded By-north: Other Property, South: Road 20ft, East: Plot No 37-B, West: Other Property./ Date of Possession- 19-Jan-2022	10-05-2021 Rs. 16,75,834/-	Delhi (Janak puri)-B

mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002

Date : January 21, 2022

Authorized Officer ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Name of work and POH (Periodic Overhaul) of VPR-59 machine at NR TrackMachine Workshop including mechanica

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Tender and opening

Date & Time for

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i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 28.01.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs. on 21.02.2022. Tender Bids may be uploaded from 07.02.2022 & upto 15:30 hrs on 21.02.2022 on IREPS web site. The tender will be opened soon after 15:30 hrs on 21.02.2022. The detailed tender document is available o

The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the

Tender document remain available on IREPS website

Detailed Tender Notice & Tender www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available fo online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.infrom07.02.2022 to 21.02.2022. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

> G(Short-term)(Fresh) e -NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2021-22 /296/e-tendering Dated:-17.01.2022

Telefax No.: 0194-2496089, Email Id:- xenmhchdk@yahoo.in

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from Authorized dealers of Suggested makes of Split ACs or Registered/ Reputed and experienced firms for the below mentioned work:-

Name of Work: Supply, Installation, Testing Commissioning of Hot cold (reversible acs) at Laser Centre of Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar. Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs) :- 3.75, Cost of T/Doc. (In rupees) :- 200, Time of completion (in days):-10, AAA:-51 80 MCSof 2021 Dt:-22.12.2021, TS.NO - MHCHD/TS/227 Dated 01/22, Position of Funds :- Available, EMD

Amount (Rs) :-7500/-1. The Tender document Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental **website**

www.jktenders.gov.in from17.01.2022(18.00 hrs). 2. The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site

from 18.01.2022 (18:00hrs) to 24.01.2022(14:00 hrs) in two (02) cover. 3. The bids uploaded on the website up to due date and time will be opened on 24.01.2022(16.00 hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

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Govt launches portal for promoting EV use in city

City Govt aims at giving info, user-friendly

experience

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Government on Thursday launched a onestop website for the promotion and adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the city.

Delhi Government aims to provide the ultimate userfriendly experience to the public along with giving all helpful information making it easier for the users to purchase an Electric vehicle.

"Under leadership of CM @ArvindKejriwal, glad to announce the launch of one-

http://ev.delhi.gov.in for promotion of EVs in Delhi. This will enable exploring EV variants and overall annual savings by adopting EVs.@rmi_india, @CEEWIndia @ICICIBank," Kailash Gahlot, Transport

"The website provides the consumer to explore the public charging stations currently active in the city. Till now, Delhi has 377 charging points across 170 locations. The website provides information with regards to location, type of the charger along with the charging points," Delhi government

As the charging stations are growing each day in Delhi, the website will provide real-time updated numbers to the users.

Besides that, the EV calculator will provide the visitor an estimate of the fuel savings on his choice of electric vehicle in comparison to an equivalent conventional vehicle.

"It enables the consumers to make a rational choice and identify the cost reduction that an EV can provide considering the maintenance and operation cost of an EV is far lesser than that of conventional vehicles," mentioned the press statement.

Along with these, the portal will help buyers to get informodels without running from pillar to post.

The EV Search function enables the visitor to explore various EV model variants available to them, which can be filtered according to their price, brand, and range in a single

Also, the website boasts of the Feedback and Grievance column where the page will provide a column for gathering feedback and registering any grievances or requests from various stakeholders impacted by the Policy.

Speaking at the launch event, the Transport Minister of Delhi, Kailash Gahlot said, 'Modernisation is important in every aspect. This new website will be able to provide all required information to potential EV consumers and keep up to date with sales and daily growing Charging infrastructure data too. I highly appreciate the work done by the team and urge everyone to explore the new EV website."

Over 12K Covid-19 cases, 43 deaths logged in Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi on Thursday reported 12,306 daily cases of Covid -19 and 43 deaths, according to the State Health Bulletin. The active cases were 68,730 while the test positivity rate in the national Capital was recorded at 21.48 per cent. Health Minister Satyendar Jain said it seems that the peak of the third Covid-19 wave has gone past in the national Capital.

Jain said that Delhi witnessed a record surge in the Covid cases recently with over 28,000 cases registered in a day and the positivity rate too had gone beyond 30 per cent.

"That spike which Delhi saw can be considered as the peak of the Covid wave and it seems that we are past the peak now, the number of daily cases has come down in the last few days. Over 13,000 cases were recorded yesterday with a positivity rate of close to 24 per cent,"he added.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, Delhi reported 13,785 fresh Covid-19 cases and 35 more

Govt caps RT-PCR test at private labs at ₹300

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Government on Thursday capped the maximum price for the RT-PCR Covid-19 test at private laboratories at ₹300 amid rise in virus cases leading to increased testing in the national Capital. Along with that, it also fixed ₹500 for RT-PCR samples collected from home. Moreover, the Rapid antigen test (RAT) for Covid-19 will now be done at ₹100.

The rates for conventional RT-PCR and RAT test for covid-19 in delhi by private labs has been reduced. The price cap for RT-PCR test have been set at ₹300 and the price for home collection of samples have been set at ₹500. Price for Rapid antigen test have been set at ₹100," Health Minister Satyendar Jain tweeted. "Private sector labs shall mandatorily collect the samples from the testing sites as requisitioned by Govt. team (District CDMO Office or Hospital). Further, all labs will ensure that samples are processed latest within 12 hours of being received in the lab with all positive results being updated on ICMR portal mandatorily within 30 minutes of samples being processed followed by updation of all negative results latest within 24 hours.

fatalities due to the infection while the positivity rate climbed to 23.86 per cent. In the last 24 hours, 57,290 Covid tests were conducted in Delhi out of which 43,447 were RT-PCR tests while 13,843 were antigen tests.

Jain earlier had said the positivity rate in the national capital is not low enough to lift the restrictions imposed to contain the spread of the infection and that the government will monitor the situation for three to four days.

Cong accuses MCDs of selling properties to mafia at throwaway prices

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Congress on Thursday accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ruled Municipal Corporations of selling properties at throwaway prices to builders and the land mafia anticipating defeat in upcoming municipal elections.

Delhi Congress Delhi unit president Anil Kumar said that after 15 years of corruption and misrule in the Municipal Corporations of Delhi, the BJP knows that it will be thrown out of the MCDs so it has started selling off prime MCD properties at throwaway prices to its crony builders and the land

Kumar said that Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta has grabbed MCD school land to setup his party office, and a probe should be ordered how he was allowed to trespass Government land for personal gains.

"It is shocking to understand that the BJP was selling off lands of two MCD schools and two schools would be demolished to create parking lots. These schools were built by the Congress Governments to provide school education to children from poor families, but the BJP had not only failed to establish any new school during its 15-year long tenure, but was now auctioning lands of four schools in North Delhi. In the process, the BJP leaders

will earn thousands of crores in corrupt deal," he said.

He said that the DDA allotted land to the MCDs to open schools, but the BJP was misusing the land use to indulge in correct deals. corrupt deals.

Kumar also said that the MCDs have been auctioning 125 community centres, 37 physical education centres and gyms, 23 senior citizens recreation centres, one Mahila Haat and a working women's hostel at throwaway prices, to benefit the land sharks.

"The North Municipal Corporation's budget for 2021-22 had set a target of Rs 600 crore from asset disposal, but the BJP Councillors increased it to ₹935

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Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana presents a trophy to the Crime Branch CCTNS team for securing the country's top rank for Delhi Police in the implementation

EDMC empanels agency for safe management of city waste

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to recycle and dispose of waste as per applicable rules, East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) has empanelled an agency for the work of collection, transportation and safe disposal of scrap materials in the jurisdiction of

Under this initiative, material collection facilities will be available in residential, commercial, institutional, industrial areas of East Delhi, a senior official said, adding that the EDMC also will be earning a fixed royalty in the process.

"There are various unorganized sectors, households etc. generating high volumes of scrap material in the EDMC jurisdiction and at the same time these are not under the ambit of any regulations for scientific disposal of scrap material. Therefore, it becomes essential to create an environment of scrap chain management through the association of different stakeholders," he said.

Doctors remove tumour double the size of

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A team of doctors saved the life Aof a three year-old kid, who was suffering from a brain tumor double the size of the cricket ball filling almost half of the

Doctors at Aakash Healthcare Super Speciality Hospital, Dwarka Asadbek, who came to the hospital from Uzbekistan, by performing a critical microscopic surgery that lasted for nine hours.

was a difficult and a challenging case because major brain arteries got involved in the tumor.

the remaining part of the brain. We had to preserve those arteries during the surgery so that the remaining portion of the brain continues to function.

cricket ball from Uzbek kid's head

Speaking about the case Dr Nagesh Chandra, senior consultant at the hospital said, "We performed the microscopic surgery. It

These arteries transfer blood to

The surgery was performed under the neuronavigation system, which keeps guiding the surgeons about these arteries

Water supply to be hit in parts of City today

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Water supply will be affected on Friday in parts of the national Capital due to the annual programme for flushing of underground reservoir and booster pumping stations.

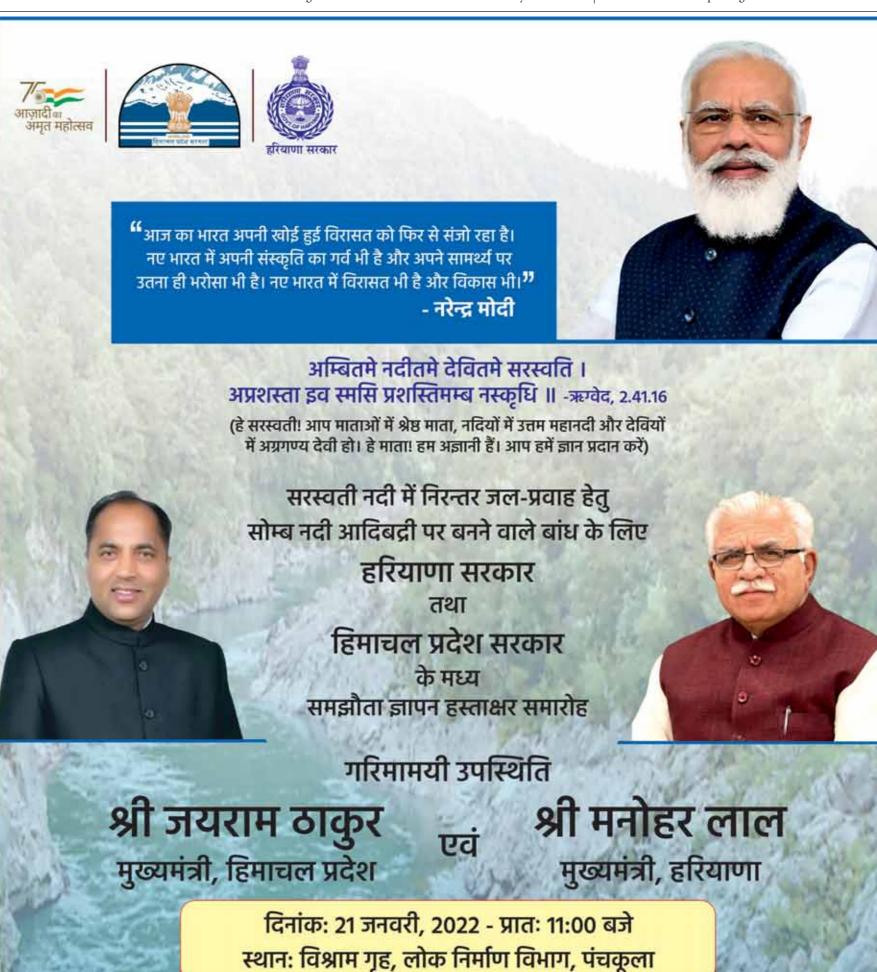
A senior DJB official said that the supply will be affected in the areas such as Babarpur, Balbir Nagar, Gorakh Park, Kabir Nagar, Jyoti Colony, Shivaji Park, Rohtash Nagar, Chander Lok, Gokulpur, Ashok Nagar, Meet Nagar, Gokalpuri, Durgapuri, New Modern Shahdara, Nathu Colony, Mansarover Park, Ram Nagar, Bhagwanpur Khera, 376 SFS House Mukharji Nagar, 468 (LIG) Madipur, Vipin Garden, Nawada housing complex, Vipin Garden Extn., Sidharth Enclave, Jain Road, Bhagwati Garden, Rama Park, Pipal Road, L Extension, MS Block, Laxmi Vihar, Sheesha Gowdam Road, DK Road, P Block, PU Block, S



Block, Sainik Enclave, Rekha Enclave etc. 760 LIG Pkt3, Sector -14, (360+864) Pkt-2, Sector - 14, DB- Block, LIG, Hari Nagar.

Hindu Rao Hospital, Civil Lines areas, Naya Bazaar, Naya Bans, Chandni Chowk, Lahori Gate, Pili Kothi, Kashmiri Gate, St. Stephen Hospital, Mori Gate, Tirath Ram Hospital, Rajpur Road, Banglow Road, Sarai Phoos, Sarai Kale Khan Village, Kilokari, Sidharth Extn and

adjoining areas.
The DJB has advised the residents are advised to store sufficient quantity of water in advance as per their requirement to avoid



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BHU to start first-ever **Hindu Dharma course**

In a first of its kind in the country, the Centre has given the go ahead for a two-year postgraduate programme in 'Hindu Dharma' to be taught at the famous Banaras Hindu University (BHU), which is a Central University.

"This programme will help in making the world aware of many unknown aspects of 'Hindu Dharma' and take its teachings to more and more people," BHU Rector Professor V K Shukla said after inaugurating the Hindu Dharma PG programme. He said that this would be the first such course in the country.

The course will be conducted in collaboration with the departments of philosophy and religion, Sanskrit and ancient Indian history, culture and archaeology of the faculty of arts of the 'Bharat Adhyayan

The programme was conceived right at the inception of the BHU but could not be initiated over the years, sources in the Ministry of Education said.

University sources said that so far 45 students including a foreign student, have expressed their interest to seek admission in the first session of the course. Sadashiv Kumar Divedi, the coordinator of the 'Bharat Adhyayan Kendra', said that this two-year course will have four semesters and 16 papers.

Director of the Varanasi Center of the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts Vijay Shankar Shukla said that the idea of starting such a course was first given by scholars Pandit Ganganath Jha and Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya but due to some reasons this course could not be started at

the world by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviyaji in 1904 at Varanasi. Thereafter Congress of Hindu Religion (Sanatan Dharma Mahasabha) met at Allahabad in January 1906, during the Kumbh fair, under the presidentship of Jagadguru Sri Sankaracharya of Govardhan Math and considered and approved the scheme.

objectives of University were formulated as to promote the study of the Hindu Shastras and of Sanskrit literature generally as a mean of preserving and popularizing for the benefit of the Hindus in particular and of the world at arge in general, the best thoughts and culture of the Hindus and all that was good and great in the ancient civilization of India besides keeping in mind other educations

Brahmos supersonic cruise missile new variant test-fired PIONEER NEWS SERVICE dollars by 2025 and making it

NEW DELHI

With the objective of constantly updating the indigenous missile systems, scientists on Thursday successfully conducted a test of the new variant of the Brahmos supersonic cruise missile. The latest test came days after the missile system was selected for induction into its navy by the Phillippines.

The Pioneer had reported about the first ever export order of a sophisticated weapon system on January 15. The government to government deal for three batteries of the Brahmos jointly designed and produced by India and Russia is worth over 375 million dollars. The contract is likely to be inked shortly.

The export will propel the Indian industry into the top league of nations having this capability. Moreover, India is aggressively pursuing the target of exporting weapon systems worth over five billion

an attractive manufacturing hub for defence systems.

Giving details of the latest test, officials said here the missile with increased indigenous content and improved performance was successfully testfired from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha at 1030 hrs. The launch was conducted

by Brahmos Aerospace in close coordination with the teams of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). In this text-book flight, the missile followed the predicted trajectory meeting all mission objectives.

The flight test is a major milestone in the way forward for BrahMos programme. The highly manouverable missile cruised at supersonic speed for its maximum range and all mission objectives were met.

The missile was equipped with the advanced indigenous technologies and followed a modified optimal trajectory for enhanced efficiency and

Citing Euromonitor

International data.

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market share of illicit cigarettes

in the country from 21.3 per

cent in 2015 to 27.6 per cent in

in shrinkage of FCV crop size

by a sharp 39 per cent from 316

million kg per annum to 194

million kg per annum between 2013-14 to 2021-22. "The FCV

cultivation acreage in India

has also witnessed a huge drop

from 2,21,385 hectares in 2013-

14 to 1,22,257 hectares in 2020-

21 leading to 35 million man-

days of employment loss,

FAIFA said.

"This increase has resulted

Citing Euromonitor

control goals," Rao added.

improved performance. The missile with the modified control system has been fine tuned

This flight test was monitored by all the sensors of the range instrumentation including telemetry, radar and electro-optical tracking systems deployed across the eastern coast and the down range ships.

to achieve an enhanced capa-

Teams from the DRDO and Russia participated in the test. BrahMos Aerospace has been continuously upgrading the powerful, highly versatile BrahMos to increase its effectiveness and lethality against sea and land targets. BrahMos is the potent missile weapon

system already inducted into

the Armed Forces.

India has inducted the land and sea version of the Brahmos into its security architecture. The supersonic cruise missile can be launched from submarines, ships, aircraft and land platforms. BrahMos missile flies at a speed of 2.8 Mach or almost three times the speed of sound. The Army and Navy

ED arrests one in ₹84 cr

have already inducted the highly versatile missile.

Given the effectiveness of the missile capable of hitting targets at a range of more than 350 kms, operational commanders have deployed the Brahmos at various critical points along the Line of Actual Control(LAC) facing China.

While the Philippines will acquire the Brahamos missile having a range of hitting a target at 290 kms, India has other variants of this missile also having a range of more than 400 kms. Incidentally, India had successfully test-fired a naval variant of the advanced supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy on January 11. The DRDO had said the missile hit the designated target "precisely".

"Advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was tested from INS Visakhapatnam today. Missile hit the designated target ship precisely," the DRDO

Air India's six Boeing 777 aircraft cleared to fly to US

fter keeping several hun-Adred passengers on tenterhook for two days, Air India on Thursday resumed six India-US flights on Boeing B777 aircraft on Thursday after Boeing gave the clearance to operate them.

The airline released a

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Date of Closing/Opening 11.02.2022

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the date of receipt of the said notice.

statement saying Boeing has issued a clearance to operate flights on its B777 aircraft. The airline also said all flights to the US will normalize from

The decision by Air India came after US aviation regula-tor Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) gave approval which includes most

NORTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. ELS_SRE_T-20 Dtd. 20.01.2022

Open tender through E-tendering are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRS, Electric Loco Shed, Khanalampura Yard, Northern Railway,

Saharanpur (Ambala Division) for and on behalf of the President of India from the

registered tenderer on web site www.ireps.gov.in for the following work upto 11:00 hrs on the date of closing shown against the work and will be opened thereafter:-

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1. Tenderer(s) should have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate to participate in

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The Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI) vide No.SSA/

MDM/NABL-Testing/332/2021/7726 Date: 03.12.2021 for Testing and

Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for testing of dry and cooked MDM

Notice Inviting e-Tender

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara,

Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Shiksha) invites tender through e-

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Distributor of the manufacturer of furniture for supply of Furniture. To

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their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with

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five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque

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Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/

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Date: 18.01.2022

Sd/-Mission Director

Date: 19.01.2022

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No. SSA/Esstt/KGBV-Furniture/371/2021/8581

Complete body cleaning, cyclonic filters cleaning in 3-phase locomotive and complete body cleaning, Mio filters cleaning in conventional locomotive in ELS/KJGY for period three years.

Boeing Co. and Airbus SE models, including Boeing 777, which was left off of the list on Sunday, saying radio altimeters fitted in certain types of aircraft, including B777, will not be affected by 5G services. Several foreign carriers had canceled flights to the U.S. on the 777 after Boeing issued a warning

> "Boeing has cleared Air India to operate in the USA on B777. Accordingly, first flight left this morning to JFK. Other flights leaving in the day are to Chicago & SFO Arrangements to carry stranded passengers are being worked out. Matter regarding B777 flying into the USA has been sorted," according to a statement issued by Air

Later during the day, Air India said on Twitter that while flight operations to and from destinations in the US were affected during last two days. normal flights operations will recommence to and from the US "effective 0001 hrs of January 21".

The Air India flights that have resumed their operations from Thursday are Delhi-New York, New York-Delhi, Delhi-Chicago, Chicago-Delhi, Delhi-San Francisco and San Francisco-Delhi. Along with these six flights, two other Newark-Mumbai — were cancelled by Air India on Wednesday.

Air India had cancelled eight flights on India-US routes on Wednesday due to deployment of 5G internet in North America which could interfere with aircraft's radio altime-

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Thursday

attacked Prime Minister

Narendra Modi over the report-

ed abduction of a teenager from

Arunachal Pradesh by China,

and said his silence shows he

does not care. Rahul Gandhi

said he is with the family of the

missing boy Miram Taron, and

will not lose hope. The party

also hit out at the BJP govern-

ment saying, "China's audacity

is increasing and so is BJP gov-

Rahul attacks Modi over

Arunachal youth by PLA

alleged abduction of

Bring price parity between cigarettes, other forms of tobacco: FAIFA to Govt

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The Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA), which claims to represent commercial crop farmers and farm workers across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka and Gujarat, on Thursday urged the Government to bring price parity between cigarettes and other forms of tobacco to check the illicit cigarettes market, which has hit the livelihoods of tobacco farmers.

The farmers' body said the consumption price of legal cigarettes in India has reached "the maximum limit to what the purchasing capacity of consumers can absorb against the backdrop of cheaper and fast growing illicit cigarettes and alternatives" "...Any further increase in

taxes would lead to a severe reduction in FCV (flue-cured Virginia tobacco) cultivation and impact the livelihoods of farmers," it said in a statement. The above situation is stressing the farm community as consumers shift to smuggled cigarettes that do not use domestic tobacco, FAIFA Vice President Gadde Seshagiri Rao

"Given that India has a dence on the tobacco crop for livelihood, the government must act reasonably and responsibly to bring price parity between cigarettes and other forms of tobacco to check the illicit cigarettes market which has grown exponentially at the cost of legal cigarettes jeopardizing tobacco farmer's inter-

ernment's shamelessness".

"A few days before

Republic Day, an Indian has

been kidnapped by China. We

are with the family of Miram

Taron and will not lose hope

will not give up. PM's coward-

ly silence is his statement - he

does not care," Rahul said in a

said on Wednesday that the China's People's Liberation

Army (PLA) has abducted a 17-

year-old boy from inside Indian

territory in Upper Siang district,

Congress chief spokesperson

Randeep Surjewala questioned

the prime minister as to how the

Chinese dared to transgress in

Indian territory and abduct its

citizen. "Dear PM, How dare

Chinese Army transgress into

Arunachal MP Tapir Gao

tweet message.

money laundering case Ahmed is a partner in two The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Enforcement cigarette volumes in

Thursday arrested Anas Ahmed in a money laundering case connected to fraud committed through Power Bank and other such fraud mobile applications and illegally collecting over Rs 84 crore from the gullible public.

Anas Ahmed has Chinese links and is suspected of being the mastermind of the whole racket. The ED had initiated money laundering investigation into the operations of accused entities that induced the public to invest a certain amount through Power Bank and other such fraudulent apps by assuring to remit interest on daily or weekly basis on the investments made, the ED said in a statement.

"The accused entities closed their purported business after collecting huge sums of money from gullible public and went incommunicado. The accused entities neither paid interest nor returned the principal amount to the public and withheld the investment made by the public which has resulted in commission of cheating,

accused firms - H & S Ventures Inc and Clifford Ventures. These two partnership firms are responsible for collection of approximately Rs 84 crore from the public.

"Ahmed indulged in corrupt and illegal activities through his partnership firms by deviating from the declared line of business/activity of gaming and has collected money from the public under the guise of investment schemes through fraudulent apps. The proceeds generated through criminal activities have been layered through a number of shell entities to remit out of India and also invest in crypto currencies," it said.

Presently, Anas Ahmed is in judicial custody and lodged in Puzhal Central Prison, Chennai, in the subject offence registered by Crime Branch Crime Investigation Department (CID), Chennai.

The Principal City Civil and Sessions and Special Judge for PMLA Cases, Bengaluru has granted 6-day of custody of Anas Ahmed to ED on Thursday for probe into the fraud committed.

The agency, in a separate case, carried out search oper-

laundering investigation into the operations of accused entities that induced the public to invest a certain amount through **Power Bank and other** such fraudulent app

ations on Monday at the residential and business premises and godown of Pawan Kumar Jajodia, Cuttack-based businessman under PMLA at three places in Cuttack, Odisha.

Documents related to land roperties and buildings worth Rs 23 crore have been seized.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the State Vigilance Cell and Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Odisha State under IPC sections relating to cheating and criminal conspiracy against Jajodia.

In the FIR, it was alleged that Jajodia has caused loss to Government exchequer to an extent of Rs 21.86 crore by using false billings, using nonexisting addresses for firms/companies under different names and style and also using fake and untraceable

IDs, it added.

Adhere to previous MCI norms, Centre directs NMC

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▼n a major relief to the com-■munity of 'non-medical' teachers with medical MSc/PhD qualifications, the Central Government has directed the National Medical Commission (NMC) to adhere to the previous Medical Council of India (MCI) norms regarding the percentage of the 'non-medical' teachers.

This is also likely to meet the shortage of health infrastructure in the backdrop of the

Covid-10 pandemic.
"The NMC may continue to adopt the old pattern of permissible percentage of non medical teachers for the time being, subject to the outcome of the pending court cases", said Union Health Minister in its order. However, the subject of reducing the percentage of non medical teachers in non-clinical departments of medical colleges is pending before the court.

As per the MCI's Teachers Eligibility and Qualifications guidelines, 'non-medical' teach-

M.Sc/Ph.D qualifications could be appointed to the extent of 30 per cent (50 per cent in Biochemistry) of the faculty positions in the five non-clinical departments of medical colleges. Meanwhile, when the MCI was replaced by the NMC, the same guidelines were incorporated in the draft document Amendment to Minimum Requirements for Annual MBBS admissions Regulations, 2020" released for public feedback on October 13, 2020.

However, in the final document on October 28, 2020, the permissible percentage of 'nonmedical' teachers were reduced from 50 per cent to 15 per cent in Biochemistry, from 30 per cent to 15 per cent in Anatomy and Physiology and completely abolished in Pharmacology and Microbiology. Availability of sufficient medical teachers and the introduction of the new competency based curriculum were the reasons attributed to this reduction.

However, the decision was opposed by National MSc Medical Teachers' Association (NMMTA). "This U-turn was a bolt from the blue for all of us," said Dr Sridhar Rao, President NMMTA.

"When the draft notification was published, the NMC was fully aware of the faculty shortages in medical colleges. In January 2020, the Board of Governors in supersession of the MCI had categorically stated that owing to continued shortage of medically qualified teachers, appointment of 'non-medical' teachers should not be stopped. Despite the fact that there has been an increase in the MD seats in the non-clinical subjects, 40-50 per cent of them remained vacant. Therefore, such faculty shortages would naturally continue in the future," he said.

The new competency based curriculum was introduced in 2019 by the MCI. When the NMC released the draft guidelines retaining the MCI's percentages, it was already aware of the faculty shortages and the new curriculum, therefore, it is obvious to us that these were never the actual reasons behind

the reduction in permissible percentages of 'non-medical' teachers but were mere afterthoughts put forth simply to justify its actions, Rao pointed

The NMMTA had filed an appeal on February 28, 2021 with the NMC under the provisions of the NMC Act, which was dismissed. Consequently, the association filed a second appeal on September 7, 2021 with the central government requesting to restore the previous MCI norms as far as 'nonmedical' teachers are concerned.

"This appeal was vital for our survival. Although it was stated that the new guidelines would not affect the existing 'non-medical' teachers, the contrary was happening on the

ground", said Dr Rao. "Not only did the new guidelines rendered several

existing faculties jobless, scores of students who had passed out from their medical M.Sc courses found themselves ineligible to apply for tutor posts", said Dr Arjun Maitra, General Secretary of NMMTA.

pandemic has taken a huge toll

North-eastern region get I-lab

The North-eastern region of the country which has been he North-eastern region of reeling under the Covid-19 since it swept the country has finally got a first of its kind mobile diagnostic laboratory (I-LAB) which is capable of performing both RT-PCR and ELISA for detecting the dead-

Mizoram has become the

Eastern region. He informed that tests like Mammography and Vision-testing can be added with the mobile laboratory and will prove hugely beneficial to the people of the

Zone) is credited to build this unique, innovative facility. The DBT has also established a manufacturing facility in AMTZ for indigenously manufacturing various healthcare technologies which are hugely imported.

Zoramthanga said that this will help bridge the gap in COVID testing in border districts and remote areas lacking in RT-PCR testing facility while Dr R. Lalthangliana, Health Minister of Mizoram said that

on health infrastructure, particularly in the North-Eastern States. He said, the I-LAB will go a long way in reaching out to people of difficult and inhospitable terrain for COVID test and cure. Dr Rajesh Gokhale,

Secretary DBT said that Mobile Diagnostic Laboratory (I-LAB) will remain relevant round the year even after COVID for testing of infectious diseases like Tuberculosis, HIV. MD, AMTZ, J.K. Sharma

said that within a year, the premier medical technology park has emerged as one of world's largest medical technology manufacturing cluster with over 100 companies working on research, development and production of life saving med-

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Why is Govt not listening to the earnest appeal of its own MP, he also asked.

"Please don't say again 'No one has come and no one has been abducted," he said using the hashtag 'China'.
The latest incident came at

a time when the Indian army continues to be engaged in a stand-off with the PLA in eastern Ladakh since April 2020. India shares a 3,400 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh.

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE that Mobile Lab Technology

our territory again? How can GOI permit abduction of our citizens," he asked on Twitter. "How can GOI remain mum?

> first State in the region to get the facility which was launched by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr Jitendra Singh while the State Chief Minister Pu Zoramthanga joined the ceremony online.

Dr Jitendra Singh informed

will be rolled out gradually in other States of North-East as the region has unique climatic and topographical condi-Developed with the sup-

port from the Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India, the lab has bio-safety facility and is capable of performing both RT-PCR and ELISA tests and can also be utilised for testing of other infectious diseases like TB, HIV, and therefore will remain relevant even post-COVID

Dr Jitendra Singh called for linking the I-LAB with a teleconsultation facility in accordance with disease profile of the population of the North-

A team from AMTZ (Andhra Pradesh MedTech

Speaking on the occasion,

IAS (CADRE) RULES AMENDMENT

Didi to PM: Rethink 'draconian' plan

 $B_{\text{Mamata Banerjee has}}^{\text{engal Chief Minister}}$ dashed off yet another letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi requesting him to reconsider the decision to amend the service rules of the Indian Administrative Services offi-

Claiming that the amendment to IAS (cadre) Rules, 1954 would "destroy"the federal fabric and basic structure of the Constitution by creatinga "fear psychosis" among the offices Banerjee wrote that the proposed amendment - seeking to pull out any IAS officer without one's consent and the "agreement of the State Government," putting both at the mercy of the Centre — was "draconian" in nature and hinted at "centralization of power.

"It is completely going to render them and the State Governments at the mercy of



the Central Governments since the all-India service serves as the backbone of a State's administrative machinery," Mamata said in her second such letter in a span of eight

The Centre earlier proosed an amendment to the IAS Rules, which would empower it to post IAS officers on Central deputation, ignoring reservations of State

Apprehending a drastic misuse of the proposed changes she further wrote "the proposed changes are very much

at the helm of governance in the country should not get misled by immediate gains which may sound tempting but have the potential of causing damage for all times to come... This will essentially nullify India's constitutional scheme in letter and spirit."

The issue started last year when BJP national president JP Nadda's convoy was attacked by alleged Trinamool Congress men in the Diamond Harbour area of South 24 Parganas.

Amid subsequent war of words between the State Government and the Centre over the issue ahead of the Assembly elections repeated attempts by the Union Home Ministry to summon the IPS officers responsible for Nadda's security was thwarted by the State Government.

In another incident the Centre had summoned then

Amendment will be another nail in coffin of Indian federal structure: Omar Abdullah

plan to appropriate powers of transferring IAS and IPS officers will be "another nail" in the coffin of the country's federal structure.

He was reacting to media reports that the Union Government is planning to acquire for itself overriding powers to transfer IAS and IPS officers through central depu-

Bandopadhyay to Delhi for failing to attend Prime Minister'smeeting at Kaalikunda. But the State Government

refused to releasehim. The BJP has been of the

Srinagar: National Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Thursday said the Centre's approval of the State Governments.

"This would be another nail in the coffin of India's federal structure. How would CM Modi react if PM Modi summarily removed his DG or CS? J&K lost all its powers of appointment in 2019, now it looks like the rest of India's states will go the same way,' Abdullah tweeted.

opinion that the tight stranglehold of MamataBanerjee Government on the IAS/ÍPS brass had made the babus partisantowards the ruling

PIL filed in Calcutta HC over dropping of Netaji's tableau from R-Day parade

PNS KOLKATA

A mid raging controversy over the Centre's Arefusal to accommodate Bengal's tableau themed upon Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Republic Day parade a Public Interest Litigation has been filed in the Calcutta High Court. Advocate Rama Prasad Sarkar filed a PIL in the Division Bench of the Chief Justice seeking to know why Netaji's tableau was dropped. The matter is likely to be heard on

Earlier clarifying the Centre's stance Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had written a letter to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee saying "this time the tribute is being paid on the occasion of the 125th. This is being done on behalf of the country. This is a special moment for each State. I hope."

Earlier the Chief Minister had written a protest letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi wondering why Netaji's tableau was

Incidentally the country has been celebrating Netaji's 125thanniversary and the country's 75th year of Independence.

Kejriwal invites Parrikar's son to join AAP in Goa

Panaji: After Utpal Parrikar, son of late Goa chief minister Manohar Parrikar, failed to make it to the BJP's list of candidates for the next month's Goa assembly polls, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday accused the saffron party of adopting a "use and throw policy even with the Parrikar family".

Kejriwal invited Utpal Parrikar to join the AAP and contest the assembly election on its ticket.

"Goans feel v sad that BJP has adopted use and throw policy even with Parrikar family. I have always respected Manohar Parrikar ji.

Utpal ji is welcome to join and fight elections on AAP ticket," the Delhi Chief Minister said in a tweet minutes after the saffron party announced the list of candidates.

Utpal Parrikar, who had been demanding the BJP's ticket from the Panaji seat, did not get the party's candidature as per its list of 34 candidates which it announced on Thursday.

Manohar Parrikar, who died in March 2019 while serving as the chief minister of the coastal state, had represented this constituency for more than two decades. While announcing the list of candidates for the February 14 Goa polls, BJP's state election in-charge Devendra Fadnavis said in Delhi that the party had given four other options to Utpal Parrikar, which he did not accept. PTI

Uproar over auction of farmers' lands in Raj; CM asks officials to stop it

Jaipur: BKU leader Rakesh Tikait on Thursday met in Rajasthan's Dausa farmers whose lands have been auctioned by commercial banks over the non-payment of loans, while peasants led by BJP MP Kirodi Lal Meena protested against the action outside the chief minister's residence.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asked officials to stop the auction of agricultural land of farmers.

Land attachment and auction is being undertaken by banks that are controlled by the Reserve Bank of India, he said, urging the Centre to waive farmers' loans. Notably, many instances of land auction notices being issued to farmers who have been unable to pay back their loans have come to the fore recently.

Tikait, who is the

spokesperson of the Bharatiya Kisan Union, met farmers in Ramgarh Pachwara in Dausa district whose lands were auctioned by banks after they failed to repay their loans.

Talking to reporters, Tikait said, "Why was the auction done? An investigation should be carried out against bank officials and a case registered. You cannot auction a farmer's entire land for a small loan. It was an illegal auction. The land mafia have their eyes on prime land.'

He claimed several farmers have received land auction notices."We will meet bank officials on the issue and decide the future course of action," the BKU leader said. Separately, a group of farmers from Dausa led by BJP MP Dr Kirodi Lal Meena managed to reach the high-security zone near Gehlot's residence. *PTI*

Maha Vikas Aghadi bags 75 out of 106 Nagar Panchayat seats

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

Though the Opposition BJP emerged as the single largest party in the Nagar Panchayat elections in Maharashtra by romping home in 25 urban local bodies and winning 419 seats, it is the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)—comprising Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress—gained control over a majority of nearly 75 out of the total 106 Nagar panchayats, for which full results were declared on Thursday.

In the wake of the Supreme Court's order asking the State Election Commission (SEC) to convert the OBC seats to open category seats, the elections to the 106 Nagar Panchayats in the state were held in two phases on December 21 and on January 19. On Wednesday, the SEC declared the results of the 97 Nagar Panchayats in 31 disIn the results for the nine

Nagar Panchayats in the remaining one district of Gadchiroli in eastern Maharashtra declared on Thursday, the Congress captured on its own in three urban local bodies - of Korchi, Chamroshi and Dhanora - out of the total nine bodies that went to polls in the naxalite-infested district. The BJP captured power in one urban panchayat of Kurkheda. In Etapalli Nagar Panchayat, the Congress and NCP are poised to come to power as an alliance.

Though the Panchayat elections were held on individual party lines, the MVA - as a collective entity and the ruling alliance in the state - has emerged stronger in the polls. In terms of seats, the NCP (381), Congress (344) and Shiv Sena (296) have collectively won 1021

Panchayat seats. In essence, the MVA has won 56.81 per cent of the total Nagar Panchayat seats that went to polls.

In terms of power captured urban local bodies, the Congress (17), NCP (16) and Shiv Sena (11) - have gained control over the 44 local bodies out of the total 106 Nagar Panchayats. As a ruling entity in the state, the MVA - which will cobble a post-poll alliance with its constituents -- is poised to capture in nearly 75 out of 106 urban self-local bodies that went to polls in 32 districts of the state in two phases.

On its part, the BJP - which has emerged as the single largest in the Nagar Panchayat polls in the State -has captured power in 25 urban self bodies, while it expects to capture power in six other Nagar Panchayats.

Govt's order to cancel title deeds triggers row in Kerala

Thiruvananthapuram/ Idukki: The Kerala Revenue Department's recent order to cancel title deeds, allegedly issued illegally in high range Idukki district, has triggered a political row with ruling CPI(M) strongman M M Mani openly expressing displeasure, even as Revenue Minister K Rajan justified it but assured that no one would be evicted from their land over the order.

Indicating that the department would go ahead with the cancellation move, the minister said the order was issued as part of continuation of procedures of a government decision taken in 2019 and its objective was to give authentic title deeds to deserved persons and to cancel those possessed by undeserving individuals.

CPI(M) state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan also came in support of the minister saying that no one would be evicted from their land and new title deeds would be issued after conducting a legal scruti-

Known as "Raveendran Pattayam" in general, the controversial title deeds, which the government has decided to cancel now, were allegedly issued illegally by M A Raveendran, the then Devikulam Taluk Additional Tahsildar, during the rule of the Left government in the 1990s.

The Raveendran title deeds have been at the centre of a political row here since then as critics allege that they have no legal validity as they had been issued flouting all legal norms. Justifying the decision to

cancel them, the minister said those title deeds were just "useless" as its holders were facing difficulty to avail loans over the land, sell it or remit tax as the deeds had been issued illegally.

In deep snow,

jawans patrol

forward areas to

check infiltration

Poonch: Back-deep into a tapes-

try of heavy snow, Indian jawans

inhospitable terrain to conduct

patrolling and keep a 'hawk's eye'

on infiltrating terrorists ready to

sneak into this side of the Line

of Control (LoC) in the Poonch

(named changed), walks through

deep snow daily to man the lis-

tening post in forward area at a

height of 7000 feet along LoC in

Poonch sector to keep vigil on

the movement of infiltrating

terrorists camped in launching

pads across the border ready to

sneak into this side, if they get

slightest opportunity on the surveillance front."Snowfall or no

snow---chilly winters or dangerous gorges--threat of attacks - our morale is high to keep

round the clock vigilance along LoC" a soldier said. *PTI*

LoC", a soldier said.

Sepoy Surinder Singh

Will restore old pension scheme if voted to power: Akhilesh

Lucknow: Making an important announcement, Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday said if his party comes to power in Uttar Pradesh, it will restore the old pension scheme, benefitting lakhs of State Government employees who have been agi-

tating for the same for long. With another relative of SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav joining the BJP after Aparna Yadav, Akhilesh Yadav took a swipe at the ruling party, thanking it for ending "parivarvaad" (dynastic politics) in his party.

'On coming to power, the Samajwadi Party will restore the old pension scheme, which will benefit the teachers, employees and officers of the state government. I have already held discussions with the employees and economic experts and have found out that we will be able to arrange funds for it by creating a cor-

pus," he told reporters here.
"We will seek the support of the state government employees in the upcoming Assembly election on the issue of pension," the SP chief said.

The leaders of the employees' union have met several times and made a demand to this effect. The BJP government had brought a new manual appointed after April 2005 were denied this support and security on retirement, Yadav said, adding that restoring the pension scheme will be part of his party's poll manifesto.

The employees have held agitations demanding the restoration of the old pension scheme. They have alleged that the new pension scheme depends on the share market and therefore, has uncertainty attached to it. According to Rajya Karamchari Sanyukt Parishad president J N Tiwari, the number of employees appointed after 2005 is around 10 lakh and most of them are teachers.

The SP president also said his party is against privatisa-

Textile printing mill catches fire in Gujarat, ten workers rescued; no casualty reported

were rescued after a threestorey textile dyeing and printing mill, located near Bardoli caught fire early on Thursday, officials said.

As the fire is still raging, nearly 100 firemen from Bardoli, Surat city and other nearby places are involved in the firefighting operation, but the blaze has gutted the entire building, Bardoli's chief fire officer P B Gadhvi said. "The fire broke out at the

dyeing and printing mill located in Palsana area around 3.30 am and it is still raging. It has engulfed all the three floors of the unit. While majority of the workers came out safely with the help of locals after the fire started spreading, firemen rescued around 10 workers who had got stuck in the rear part of the mill. But no one was injured in the incident," he said.



Since it is a major fire, nearly 15 firefighting vehicles, 100 firemen from Bardoli, Surat, Sachin, Vyara, Gandevi, Navsari, Bilimora and two private firms were pressed into service since early morning, he

"Locals claimed that a short circuit followed by blasts of gas cylinders were responsible for the fire at the mill. Fire spread quickly because of the highly flammable chemicals, dyes and yarns. A large quantity of the ready-made garments and raw material was also gutted in the fire," Gadhvi said, adding that efforts are on to douse the flames.



PTI | A tailor stitches national flags at his workshop-cum-shop ahead of the Republic Day celebration in Kolkata on Thursday

COVID BULLETIN

Kerala logs highest-ever daily Covid cases

46,000 out of 1L people test +ve for Covid-19 in 24 hrs

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala on Thursday recorded the highest ever daily Covid-19 cases as 46, 387 persons were diagnosed with the pandemic out of 1.15 lakh samples tested during the last 24 hours.

The State Government ordered the closure of all schools and asked the education department to opt for online classes but remained noncommittal with regard to colleges. A late evening release by the administration said heads of educational institutions were free to order the shut down taking into consideration the situation prevailing in the dis-

The next two Sundays

(January 23 and 30) will see a total lock-down like situation across the State as only essential services would be allowed to function on these days. A Review Meeting was

held at Thiruvananthapuram presided over by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who is undergoing treatment for a serious ailment in a US Hospital. It was decided to open a war room in the Government Secretariat to monitor the Covid-19 sitaution, according to health minister Veena George. The Test Positivity Rate in the State reached 40. 21 per cent as on Thursday evening, said George.

The review meeting accepted the fact that situation districts of the

Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode was grave and serious. A senior doctor, an authority on contagious diseases, told The Pioneer on condition of anonymity that the Government should



declare the State out of bounds for people from other States. "Situation in Kerala is dangerous as the figures which have been released by the Health Department are deceiving. There will be four times more Covid-19 patients than what has been disclosed officially," said the doctor who insisted that tourists and travelers should not be allowed in the State as they were vulnerable to get afflicted with the dis-

"There is no system to monitor whether the hotel employees are positive or not. Many persons afflicted with the pandemic are roaming free in the roads throwing the safety protocols to the winds. Why should we cover it up from the general public," asked the doc-K Sudhakaran, KPCC

President, issued a scathing letter to chief minister Vijayan lambasting the latter for the lopsided policies being followed by the administration which resulted in the shooting up of the Covid-19 situation. "The holding of the CPI(M) meetings across the State to sing peans to the chief minister has led to the present position. The KPCC president

begins with what was spoken

by Vijayan in Thursday's cabi-

net meeting. "I have been hospitalized and am fine," Sudhakaran quoted Vijayan as telling which proves that the proceedings of the cabinet meeting has reached the for-"Though you are happy and fine in the USA, dear

Vijayan, people in Kerala are suffering the worst and undergoing the hardest of times. The persons whom you have entrusted with the responsibility of running the administration and party, your son-in-law and Kodiyeri Balakrishnan, have proved their incapability and inefficiency. Those who attended the district meetings of the CPI(M) have been afflicted with Covid-19 despite the unanimous declaration passed in these meetings that they would tame the pandemic," said Sudhakaran in one of the harshest letters ever written by a KPCC president to the chief minister of the State.

Single day recoveries outnumber cases in Andaman & Nicobar

Port Blair: Single-day recoveries outnumbered new Covid-19 cases in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as 176 people were cured of the disease and 159 tested positive for the infection in the last 24 hours, a health department official said on Thursday.

The fresh cases raised the tally in the Union Territory to 8,938, while 8,366 people have recuperated from the disease so far, he said. Of the new patients, 43

have travel history and 116 were detected during contact tracing. Eighty-four fresh cases of the coronavirus infection were reported on Tuesday.

The death toll remained at 129 in the archipelago as no new fatality due to the disease was registered in the last 24 hours, the official said. The Union Territory now has 443 active cases. same kits helped save many

Telangana Govt to undertake door-to-door survey for fever

Hyderabad: The Telangana government would undertake a door-to-door fever survey in the State from Friday as part of measures to check the spread of COVID-19.

The survey would help in controlling the spread by identifying those suffering from fever and others, State Health Minister T Harish Rao told reporters here on Thursday.

Some people are asymptomatic despite testing positive for the infection, while some others are not getting themselves tested in spite of having symptoms like fever, he said.

The survey would help

address such issues. He said a home-isolation kit, comprising medicines and

others, would be provided to those with symptoms. Observing that a similar survey and the provision of the

lives during the second wave of COVID-19, he said this has received appreciation from the NITI Ayog.
The State Government is

geared up to deal with the third wave as Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao had ordered procuring two crore testing kits and one crore home-isolation kits, he

The Minister said 27,000 hospital beds have been provided with oxygen supply. Oxygen generation plants have been established in 76 hospitals and the generation capacity has increased to 340 MTs from about 130 MTs during the second wave. The capacity would be enhanced to 500 MTs, he

While 56,000 COVID beds are available in the State, the bed occupancy rate is below one per cent at present. PTI www.dailypioneer.com

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Cocktail of problems

Between the Govt selling and people consuming liquor, morals get pipped by the moolah involved

ihar has problems managing prohibition. The Patna High Court recently wondered if the State police and excise officials were "in connivance with liquor smugglers" Delhi, meanwhile, has its own set of issues. Its new excise policy is silent on the Government's grand announcement lowering the drinking age from 25 to 21. That is because the municipal elections are around the corner and the Opposition parties opposed the move. Madhya Pradesh has a new excise policy, too, allowing liquor sale in airports and select malls apart from granting home bar licences to those earning ₹1 crore or more annually. Liquor will also be in the news till February as police raids in election-bound States lead to the seizure of alcohol allegedly meant for luring voters. However, the crisis here is not about the illegal liquor business. It is about the morality versus revenue binary that has hijacked the debate on the sale of liquor in India. And money has always won over morals. India makes and consumes the maximum liquor in the world. The sales from around 10 million retail outlets and over five lakh bars and pubs bring in around ₹2.6 trillion in annual revenue. The States get roughly

the same amount in taxes. Around 600 million Indians are over the drinking age. Over 50 per cent of Indians fall in the 18-45 age group which the liquor industry targets. Rapid urbanisation and favourable demographics drive the trade today.

The rising purchasing power among the lower and upper middle classes is the biggest contributor. Modern trends and changing social norms have made liquor consumption acceptable even in family environments. More women consume liquor today. The industry targets Tier I and Tier II cities where the maximum demand is. The preference is shift-

ing to quality alcohol and demand is growing for premium and imported liquor. Beer and wine are necessary aperitifs and trendy drinks for young adults. The Indian irony is that the liquor business and moral pangs are ageing simultaneously. The Constitution asks the Government to "bring about prohibition" but the country's economy asks the Government to look the other way. Prohibition, therefore, is mostly in the mind than on paper, except in Gujarat and, more recently, in Bihar. The dichotomy makes our parties and leaders cringe from taking any clear stand. And we end up in bizarre situations. An 18-year-old can smoke and vote but cannot drink till 25. An addict in Bihar spends more money than before prohibition because he has to go all the way to the State's border to access liquor. The solution is not banning liquor but drinking responsibly. The question is who will determine it for the people? Do the States have the right to impinge on individual freedom on the ground of public health? Can they impose moral restrictions on drinking when they are highly dependent on the revenue the business brings in? Or do we simply evade the problem?



Belgian-British teenage pilot Zara Rutherford is escorted as she flies her Shark ultralight plane (C), in Belgium

Poll pot

Poaching of rival leaders and keeping one's stock safe are keeping parties busy

s the battle for ballot heats up in the nation's most populous and politically significant State of Uttar Pradesh, the big guns are spelling out poll promisles one after the other and lapping up leaders of any standing left, right and centre. After the Samajwadi Party managed to surprise the 'twin-engine' BJP Government by scooping up a host of saffron party leaders and MLAs in the State, including two Cabinet Ministers, the BJP pulled off a coup of sorts by recently drawing SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's daughter-in-law Aparna into its fold. Then, as the race at the hustings enters the last lap, it has moved quickly to retrieve the



ground lost on account of being deserted by 14 prominent OBC leaders. In the latest such move aimed at covering the ground thus ceded to the SP. the BJP has announced that it would contest the 403 State seats "jointly" with its allies Apna Dal and Nishad Party; thus using the occasion to burnish its pro-OBC credentials. The saffron party also paraded Apna Dal's Anupriya Patel and Nishad Party's Sanjay Nishad on the occasion, where the duo complimented the BJP Governments on the steps taken for the empowerment and uplift of the socially and economically marginalised communities.

Meanwhile, trouble seems to be brewing for the party in the Ghaziabad area, especially in the Sahibabad and Ghaziabad Assembly segments, where its cadre are reportedly unhappy with the leadership for having fielded all five incumbent MLAs. The undercurrent of opposition is largely centred among the Purvanchalis (people from eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar), who have a significant presence in these segments and are among the largest voter bases in the area. Also, making matters tougher for the ruling party, SP president Akhilesh Yadav has hinted that he may contest the Assembly election, the first time he will be doing so, though it is unlikely to be Azamgarh which got him elected to the Lok Sabha. Also, Bharatiya Kisan Union chief Naresh Tikait has reiterated that supporting the BJP in three previous elections (2014, 2019 Lok Sabha and 2017 Assembly elections) was "a big mistake". The farming community, especially in UP and Punjab, is miffed with the BJP for having given it short shrift during the farmers' agitation. With just about a couple of weeks more to go for voting, the battle is now in the do-or-die stage.

Adoption of Netaji's vision by New India-



Achieving economic prosperity and enhancing our defence capabilities are the two most vital pillars for attaining global respect

he Republic Day celebrations from this year will commence on January 23 to include and commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Celebrated as 'Parakram Diwas', or the Day of Valour, observance of such milestone dates as incorporated by the Modi Government accords legends of our freedom struggle their rightful place in the annals of history. The previous regimes made scant efforts to rectify and apportion credit to the valorous sacrifices of Bose and his Indian National Army.

This is because India is indeed a great civilisation, but sadly we have had a poor documentation of our authentic history. History, as is said, is written by the victors. While our forefathers and a collective civilisation were the victors of Independence from the British Raj, unfairly, the history written in the immediate aftermath of 1947 credited Gandhiji and Nehru, obfuscating and relegating to the archives the monumental contributions of protagonists like Sardar Patel and Netaji. It is to the Modi Sarkar's credit that the classified papers related to Bose were made public.

Bose is as relevant in 21st century India, so we need to mainstream his ideology into current day politics and governance. While a lot is known about Netaji's contribution to the freedom struggle, we need to revisit Netaji s roadmap in governance priorities for a Free India. And, how exactly does a New India under the Modi Sarkar converge and reflect Netaji's ideals?

Netaji had put forward a blueprint for the future of Free India in his famous Haripura address as president of the Indian National Congress in February 1938, and was known as the 'pioneer of Indian planning'. Netaji's roadmap comprised a rich legacy of ideas, ideals and dreams for a free India, and how the postcolonial nation should shape up socially, economically and in delivering governance. However, as the socio-economic and politicai order nas undergone tectonic shifts since 84 years, it is only provide employment to all, fair to say the incumbent and where the State fails to Government may not have con-



"The moment India is free, our immediate priority is to organise national defence so that we may produce the arms needed for self-defence."
We find echoes of this in the PM's Vijayadashami address last year wherein he proclaimed that the goal is to make India the world's largest and strongest military power through indigenous defence production. India is now poised to become a mega defence manufacturing hub that will not only Make in India, but also export to the world. Besides, as Netaji was greatly in favour of women in the armed forces, this is today reflected in women being involved in combat roles as they command air force and army units.

Netaji's priority after national security was alleviating poverty, unemployment and addressing agricultural indebtedness. As president of the All India Trade Union Congress in 1931, Netaji espoused the cause of labour, saying: It is the States duty to perform this duty, it should



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accept the responsibility of maintaining every citizen."

As Netaji was at the forefront of protecting labour rights and mitigating poverty, we see this reflected through the innumerable Yojnas, social sector and welfare schemes introduced by the Modi Sarkar that ensure that the unorganised labour, which comprises 84 per cent of the workforce, is assured a kind of Universal Basic Income and a basic Ease of Living. We do know that a lack of social security leaves the poor more vulnerable to economic shocks. Progress, therefore, implies that all sections of society must benefit equitably.

Netaji believed in egalitarianism and inclusive prosperity. In the true spirit of Sarvodaya and Antarodya, the PM targets to "achieve 100 per cent saturation in social sector schemes by 2024" so that lastmile delivery is achieved across Human Development Index indicators. Modi stated: "Every deci-

sion by Bose in his life was towards freeing the country of foreign dominance, and aimed at making the country truly Atmanirbhar." This ideal of Netaji finds reflection in the Government's commitment to attain self-sufficiency through measures like Make in India and the PLI schemes that are creating a favourable

ecosystem for manufacturing so as to make India the manufacturing hub of Asia. Whenever economic intensity increases in scale, it has multiplier effects in creating jobs and increasing prosperi-

ty, as a rising tide lifts all ships. Netaji reminded citizens to never lose faith in the destiny of India. He aspired to raise India's prestige to such an extent that a free India would be a force to reckon with in the global world order.

I will conclude by stating that achieving economic prosperity and enhancing our defence capabilities are the two most vital pillars for attaining global respect, which Netaji envisioned even before freedom was won.

India's story is being rescripted with an arduous zeal by the PM and his team. As a New India @75 emerges, we shall soldier on with singleminded focus inspired by Netaji's call to action: "Badayey jaa, badayey jaa, Kadam kadam badayey jaa..." in our onward march to economic prosperity, and deliver this through Modi's motto of "Sab ka saath, sab kaa vikas, sab ka prayaas".

Jai Bharat, Jai Hind. (The writer is the Chie Patron of the Netaji Bose INA Trust. The views expressed are personal).

LETTERS TO TH

DEFECTORS MAKE HAY IN ELECTIONS

Sir — Elections are an opportune time for defectors. The allegiance to parties is changed more for political and personal reasons than for ideological reasons. Several BJP leaders, including three OBC Ministers, have recently quit the party. Delighted at the defections, NCP president Sharad Pawar observed: "Not a single day passes when a BJP leader does not leave the party." But he has conveniently glossed over the leaders joining the BJP. Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's daughter-in-law Aparna Yadav has joined the saffron brigade, followed by SP leader Pramod Gupta. The poster girl for Priyanka Gandhi's flagship campaign, Priyanka

Maurya, is all set to join the BJP. SP leader Nitish Agarwal has resigned as an MLA and quit the party. Political observers are of the view that his resignation is merely a formality as he has already gone with the BJP. CDS Gen Bipin Rawat's brother Vijay Rawat has joined BJP. It is not just how many leaders left the party and how many leaders joined it, the leaders with large followings matter a lot. But it is naïve to think that all OBC voters would ditch a party just because their leaders have left a particular party. Performance rather than promise counts.

KV Seetharamaiah | Bengaluru

NEED TO THROTTLE HATE SPEECH Sir — Addressing an event at a law school, former Supreme Court judge Justice Rohinton Nariman expressed concern over increasing incidents of hate speech, and said it was a criminal act. He also suggested "strongly that Parliament amend these provisions to provide minimum sentences so there is deterrence". It's a pity that our youngsters, students, stand-up comedians and those critical of the Government are being booked under harsh laws, including under sedition. The bitter truth is that in the world's largest democracy, those exercising free speech are being booked under the stringent sedition law, while those making hate speeches are

Indian VIPs and their ivory towers



e have seen Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his family as well as Danish PM Matte Frederiksen walking freely on roads and shopping in malls; New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern driving her own vehicle to office and Dutch PM Mark Rutte riding his bicycle, all this without any posse of security guards or convoy of vehicles as security cordon. We have seen them waiting patiently in queues with the

change in his mode of travel acquired such

hype and the BJP milked it for political mileage is a case in point. It appears that unwarranted and unnecessary importance is given to these political leaders in the name of security and, that too, at the cost of huge burden to the nation's taxpayer. If a leader is really loved by people, s/he should be able to move around freely and mix with them without fearing for life. However, most of them think that they have descended from heaven. A nation will progress only when people elect the right people and not powerhungry hypocrites as their leaders.

common man for their turn to pay bills or

cast vote during elections. In this backdrop,

it is sickening to find our desi leaders mov-

ing around amid high-handed security with

all other traffic stalled, thereby inconvenienc-

Minister on a flyover due to the sudden

That a 20-minute wait by the Prime

Tharcius S Fernando | Chennai

not being dealt with by the authorities. Justice Nariman has shown us the cardinal value in our Constitution. It's the right time to take stringent action against all those who indulge in hate speeches, without any exception. For this, it's time to completely do away with sedition laws and allow free speech so long as it does not incite anybody to violence. But, like thousands of others, I doubt that anything will change in the current situation, and even in future those criticising the Government will be booked under harsh laws.

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

DON'T MASK THE REAL PROBLEM

Sir — The Omicron variant of the pandemic, which is a highly infectious strain, is infecting lakhs of people every day. This virus is stated to be highly contagious, much more than the previously dominant Delta variant. Please ensure that your masks fully cover your nose and mouth, without

any gap. With the rise in the number of infected individuals, many of whom remain asymptomatic, it is essential not just to wear a face mask but also to choose the right one. Disposable surgical masks are now more readily

available in the market. It is crucial to avoid reuse of these masks due to the extreme drop in efficacy after even single use; additionally, surgical masks can't be washed. Appropriate masking is the first step towards safeguarding oneself and those around. The N95 mask is the best protection against viruses of all hues. Given that there are different types of masks available in the market today, the debate has resurfaced: Which one offers the best protection? Simple answer: A face mask that fully covers the wearer's

nose and mouth. CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

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Had there been a probe, the world would have known those killed as terrorists (in Batla

given martyr status.

House encounter) should be

Ittihad-e-Millat Council chief —Maulana Taugeer Raza Khan



Separated for four years, I want to cherish the valuable time to reunite with family and back to a normal life with them.

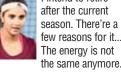
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- Vicky Kaushal

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BUDGET SHOULD FOCUS ON TRADE AGREEMENTS

Keep FTA in centre of budget theme to keep the money inflow intact



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

Then Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman presents the budget on February 1, she will have a tough balancing act to negotiate. First, she will be up against her previous year's 'dream' budget which was called reformist, bold and visionary by most economists. It maybe argued that given the pulls and pressures of a noisy democratic process and fatal impact of Covid waves, many of the proposed reforms remained in the budget document. Secondly, this year's budget will be presented on the eve of crucial state elections, including Uttar Pradesh, which will decide the contours of the Rajya Sabha, and therefore the government's ability to push through reformsin the coming months. Areformist policy document is not necessarily populist and therefore has little voter appeal. Thirdly, she will be speaking to a huge section of the population many of whom have lost their livelihoods due to the pandemic even as theybattle inflation driven by fuel prices and increased



spend on life-saving pandemic medicines. Against this backdrop are external trade relations, bilateral or free trade, that India has decisively steered towards, to keep the money inflow intact. India is currently trying to negotiate 16 free trade agreements while upgrading onsevenexisting ones, with trading blocs.

UK's international trade secretary Anne Marie Trevelyan was in India a few days ago when India and the UK announced the launch of free trade agreement negotiations. The target for completion is middle of next year. India wants removal of access restrictions on free movement of professionals between the two countries, reduction in visa fees, have guardrails for protecting India's agricultural interests and better access for its vaccines, pre-mixed tea and coffee, yarns, etc. The UK in return wants a significant strip down of the excruciating duties, imposed by India on British whiskies and cars. However, the trick lies in selling the benefits of such trade deals to domestic constituencies or voters. In the run up tothebudget, India has for the first time in several years shed its protectionists image and is willing to engage with powerful trading blocs for ensuring future prosperity. The NDA government had so far focused on domestic reforms such as uniform GST, insolvency and bankruptcycode, labour codes, etc., to bring a competitive edge for India, when it comes to external economic relations. However, the failure to rally all the constituents together on the potentialbenefits of the now-withdrawn farm sector reforms is a bellwether of what liesahead. If the finance minister has to unveil a future trade agreement friendly budget, she will have to open up locked doors on high customs duties andother taxes faced by many imported goods in India. These high duties or taxes on most imported products create a huge burden on domestic consumers or, they settle for many a times low quality domestically manufactured similar items. Most of this is done to protect the interest of the local manufacturers and businesses. Any move to open these doors, allowing free movement of certain goods and services from a robust economy at near zero input duties and taxes, whilehaving concurrent benefits in the partner country, is definitely nota populist move and can lead to a pushback. For instance, the attempt to privatize Centra Electronics Limited, announced in last year's budget and worth under ₹300crore has run into a legal challengeand the Government seems not in ahurry to push for a favorable verdict. The message, therefore, for the finance minister is to make way for enriching trade agreements silently, while making loud announcements on the populist measures.

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Final line-up of the CM faces in Punjab



Charanjit Channi, Bhagwant Mann, Sukhbir Badal and Capt Amarinder Singh: It is now almost certain that there would be no parachute candidate in Punjab

ith the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) naming comedian-turned-politician Bhagwant Mann as its chief ministerial candidate, the long-drawn suspense within the party and outside has ended and brought in a sense of closure for the swelling party cadres who are fighting with their tails up in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

As far as the chief ministerial faces of the rival parties are concerned, Congress so far seems to be indicating that it will settle for Charanjit Singh Channi, who made a mark for himself in his short tenure after being sworn in Chief Minister following the unceremonious ouster of long-serving Amarinder

Then comes the third serious angle in the Punjab polls-Shiromani Akali Dal where leadership has now become hereditary and has passed on to party President Sukhbir Singh Badal. His father, Parkash Singh Badal, five-time chief minister, is now in his 90s and despite his public appearances now and then in the last five years, has clearly paved the way for his son, who also served as Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister when the party was in power in alliance with the BJP from 2012 to 2017. SAD is in alliance with the Bahujan Samaj Party this time after breaking its over two-decade-old alliance with BJP on the controversial farm laws. BSP has already been offered the post of Deputy Chief Minister if the alliance is voted to power.

The Patiala royal Amarinder Singh

would obviously be the chief ministerial candidate of the Punjab Lok Congress-BJP alliance even though his new party would get a lesser number of seats than BJP in the seat-sharing pact. Of course, the alliance has hardly got much effect on the ground given that it has no traction in the rural areas. In urban pockets, BJP has some influence but overall, political analysts are almost certain that t will not cross into double figures. They have obviously written off the alliance as a serious contender for power despite some aggressive inductions from left, right and centre in recent days. They see the Patiala royal parting ways with Congress and deciding to fight elections more as an "ego trip of a dethroned at political resurrection.

As of now, it seems that the strategy of AAP in naming Mann, the popular face of the party after a tele-voting campaign, has helped get it traction with the voters. Publicizing a phone number for tele-voting, asking voters to give missed calls, SMS and WhatsApp, helped the party connect with the voters. All of this had an element of surprise and political freshness. This was obviously a new exercise of its kind and such novelty helps the party catch the imagination of



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the voters. Remember the days of the "Chai pe charcha" campaign of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 Lok Sabha polls and the "Coffee with Captain" campaign of Amarinder Singh in 2017 assembly poll which catapulted both of them to power. Of course, the man behind those popular slopes. gans-Prashant Kishor-is now on a sabbatical, not coining any new slogan for anyone after West Bengal where Mamata Banerjee emerged victorious. The "AAP da CM" tele-voting

exercise saw over 21 Lakh people expressing their opinion on the number released by AAP on January 13 for voting, and 93.3 percent voted for Bhagwant Mann as their choice to be Punjab's CM. Of course, there is many a slip between the cup and the lip and this is true in politics more than anything else, it is now certain that there would be no parachute candidate in Punjab now, as was believed by almost all the other Assembly polls in 2017, when AAP did reasonably well, getting the Leader of Opposition space by piping out the Akali Dal, it had not declared a CM face and obviously did not want to repeat the mistake in 2022

On the other hand, ruling Congress has so far not made any official announcement though in 2017 it had named Amarinder Singh as the CM face of the party days before the polls. As public

campaign is not allowed and no big rallies are being held due to Election Commission's COVID-19 guidelines, top leadership of Congress (read Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi) have not yet had the opportunity to go on stage with Channi or Sidhu so that any guesses could be made. However, Congress, on its

Twitter handle, indicated that Channi could be the candidate as it shared a video clip in which Bollywood actor-cum-philanthropist Sonu Sood is seen saying that people want a person from humble origins as the Chief Minister, indicating Channi. In the video, there are visuals of the incumbent Chief Minister, fuelling speculation that the high command has sort of endorsed the name. It is understood that Channi's logical and emotional stand on the recent controversy over Prime Minister Narendra Modi's security lapse in Ferozepur seems to have helped his cause. In manner cultivated the image of the 'aamaadmi' (common man) who has no pretensions to cut into the votes of the AAP.

The Congress high command knows it well that PCC chief Navjot Sidhu is not the one to accept anyone's name as the CM face except his own without any protest. So, it is perhaps buying peace as of now by not making any official announcement. "Collective leadership" is the term coined to

keep everyone happy till the crunch time comes. Sidhu has been urging the high command to name the CM face, going to the extent of saying, "dulhe bin baraat kaisi" (What is a wedding procession without a groom). Obviously, he was referring to the wedding procession as an election campaign and groom as the chief ministerial candidate. But given the compulsions of the top leadership in keeping everyone happy, it seems, there would be no "groom" in the "wedding procession" as of now from Congress and all it would do is keep indicating and suggesting Channi's name, without doing so.

Surprisingly, in the tele-voting campaign of the AAP, Sidhu was the second most-preferred CM candidate of the party getting a little over three percent of the votes. Many in Punjab had two interpretations or questions on this, one whether Sidhu would move to AAP and two, what kind of tele-voting where Sidhu too figured. But political speculations apart, as of now, Sidhu seems to be a few steps behind Channi as the CM face of the party in the eyes of party cadres as well as the central leadership.
So, the name of the captains of

the respective teams as of now are out-Bhagwant Mann, Charanjit Singh Channi, Sukhbir Singh Badal and Amarinder Singh. The results will flick the coin.

THE SAMAJWADI PARTY PATRIARCH'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW BELIEVES THE BJP'S **RULE IS SAFE FOR WOMEN.** —UNION MINISTER **ANURAG THAKUR**

value of premature death due to

the consumption of tobacco. It

accounts for more than one per

cent of India's GDP. Economic

burden due to bidi consumption

is also estimated to be ₹80,000





I AM HAPPY THAT OUR SOCIALIST IDEOLOGY IS **EXPANDING. IT WILL WORK TO SAVE THE** CONSTITUTION AND DEMOCRACY. -SAMAJWADI PARTY CHIEF

Raise tobacco tax to heal economy and people's health

Many tobacco users also favour tax hikes as they want to get rid of their habit

s it prepares for the next Budget, the Union Government will be looking for ways to generate more revenues to heal the economy battered by COVID-19. Butit must ensure that its moves do not add to the woes of the common man already reeling under Covid-induced health worries, inflation and skyrocketing prices of essential commodities in the face of salary cuts and widespread job losses.

In such a gloomy scenario, one of the areas which the Government can explore is enhancing tax on 'sin products' cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco churned out by the tobacco giants blatantly at the cost of lives of the youth. This also puts a burden

on the economy. The tobacco industry has



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been since 2017 — when GST came into effect - enjoying almost an extended tax-free season.Post GST, there has been no major hike in tax on any of the tobacco products for the last four years, making tobacco products in India more affordable to the common man.

In India, the tax burden on bidis, cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco, on an average, stands at 22 per cent, 53 per cent, and 64 per cent respectively in 2021, while the World Health Organization recommends a uniform tax of at least 75 per cent for each tobacco product. Clearly, we are much below the

WHO-recommended tax slab. Use of tobacco is known to be the cause of several non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and chronic



crore. This burden is likely to ly around 13 lakh deaths are increase enormously in the near attributable to tobacco confuture as tobacco consumers sumption. India also bears an have a higher risk of contracting annual economic cost of over ₹1,77,000 crore spent by people for treating diseases caused by tobacco as well as the monetary

Over 28 per cent of adults above 15 years and 8.5 per cent of students aged 13-15 years use tobacco in some form or the other which makes India the second largest consumer of tobacco in the world. Experts have confirmed that smokers are

more likely to develop severe multiple countries reveal that

symptoms or die from Covid infection, as it primarily attacks

Hence, if taxes are not hiked immediately and significantly, some of the hard-won gains in tobacco consumption reduction achieved in the past few years as reflected in the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) 2009-17, might reverse at the cost of the economy and public health. The GATS has shown 17 per cent reduction in tobacco consumption. If we donot increase the taxes significantly, use of tobacco products, espe-

cially by youths, will increase. So, there is a necessity for a stiff increase in tax on tobacco

products at the earliest so that we can discourage the youth from using products. Studies and surveys from

not anti-farmer too, as cultivators have little say in profits accrued from the sale of tobac-

many tobacco users also favour co products. For instance, out of tax hikes as they want to get rid ₹100 earned on tobacco prodof their habit adopted unwantucts, less than ₹3 goes to the edly or due to peer pressure. In farmers. In fact, when you the pandemic times when we increase taxes, decrease in conneed major revenue to spruce up sumption does not take place the health infrastructure, heavinstantly, it takes time. That winily taxing tobacco products is dow should be utilized by the ideal to discourage its con-Government to provide the tobacco growers and others to find alternative sources of livelihood in the short run. Notably,

sumption. Imposing tax on tobacco will rather present Government's image as 'pro-poor." For, in India, tobacco consumption is in general higher among the poor and middle-class people who are more prone to tobacco related diseases and can't afford the medical expenses. Imposing tax will help save the poor on tobac-

co items. Levying tax on tobacco is

workers in the country The Government has a plethora of tax options available. Like National Calamity Contingent Duty (NCCD), Compensation Cess and Excise Duty which was re-introduced for tobacco taxation two years ago. These can be exclusively used by the Government to raise prices of the tobacco prod-

there are about 48 lakh bidi

Russia accuses West of plotting 'provocations' in Ukraine

Russia accused the West on Thursday of plotting "provocations" in Ukraine even as it blames Moscow of planning aggressive military action in the neighbouring country. Russian Foreign Ministry

spokeswoman Maria Zakharova alleged that Ukrainian and Western claims of an imminent Russian attack on Ukraine were a "cover for staging large-scale provocations of their own, including those of military character."

"They may have extremely tragic consequences for the regional and global security," Zakharova said She pointed to the delivery

of weapons to Ukraine by British military transport planes in recent days, claiming that Ukraine perceives Western military assistance as a "carte blanche for a military operation in Donbas.

Donbas, located in eastern Ukraine, is under control of Russia-backed separatists who have fought Ukrainian forces for nearly eight years, a conflict that has killed more than 14,000 people.

Ukraine said earlier this week that it has taken the

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delivery of anti-tank missiles from the U.K. It has rejected Moscow's claims that it plans an offensive to reclaim control of separatist-held areas in the country's eastern industrial heartland.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's government, the U.S. And its NATO allies have expressed intensifying concerns in recent weeks over a Russian troop buildup near Ukraine.

The concentration of an estimated 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine has fueled Western fears that Moscow is poised to attack its neighbor. U.S. President Joe Biden said Wednesday he thinks Russia will invade Ukraine and warned President Vladimir Putin that his country would pay a "dear price" in lives lost and a possible cutoff from the global banking system if it does.

Moscow has repeatedly denied having plans to launch an offensive. But it has sought a set of security guarantees from the West that would exclude NATO's expansion to Ukraine and other ex-Soviet nations and the deployment of the alliance weapons there.

Washington and its allies firmly rejected Moscow's demands in security talks last

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weeks, but kept the door open to possible further talks on arms control and confidencebuilding measures to reduce the potential for hostilities.

Amid the tensions, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Ukraine Wednesday to reassure it of Western support. He travelled to Berlin on Thursday to meet with his British, French and German counterparts to discuss Ukraine and other security

Blinken is set to deliver a speech on the Ukraine crisis later Thursday in the German capital before flying on to Geneva, Switzerland, where he will meet Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is scheduled to arrive Thursday in Poland for two days of talks with his Polish counterpart. Poland, a European Union member state on Ukraine's western border, has long supported Ukraine's efforts to move closer to the democratic Western world.

Deputy Foreign Minister Marcin Przydacz said in a Thursday morning radio interview that Poland is offering its political and diplomatic support to Ukraine, but he would not say whether military aid would be extended amid the

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To be known to all that I, Hari Prasad Shah S/o. Sh. Ubin
Shah, Cont. 9810305164, Email: mukeshvarma56@
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within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice

& can personally contact- Deputy Director LAB(H) Janta, D-block, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

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HT Power Cable. The last date

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Sr.Dy.Materials Manager PPT/PR/141/21-22 Dt.20.01.2022

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Russian troop buildup.

"We are aware of how serious the situation is, hence our diplomatic activity," Przydacz said on Radio RMF FM from the southern Polish city of Wisla, where Zelenskyy will visit Poland's President Andrzej Duda through Friday.

U.S. President Joe Biden said Wednesday he thinks Russia will invade Ukraine and he warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that Russia would pay a "dear price" in lives lost and a possible cutoff from the global banking system if it does

The White House said Friday that U.S. Intelligence officials had concluded that Russia had already deployed operatives to rebel-controlled eastern Ukraine to carry out acts of sabotage there and blame them on Ukraine in a "false-flag operation" to create a pretext for possible invasion.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has dismissed the U.S. Claim as "total disinformation."

In a move that further beefs up forces near Ukraine, Russia has sent an unspecified number of troops from the country's far east to its ally Belarus, which shares a border with Ukraine, for major war games that run through

of chip production

European Commission President Ursula von der

Leyen on Thursday announced

a new policy to support a massive expansion of chip pro-

duction in the European Union

and said the European need for

chips will double in the next

World Economic Forum's

online Davos Agenda 2022

summit, she also expressed

concern over the Russia-

Ukraine situation and hoped

that there is no attack by the

troops on the Ukrainian bor-

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Top US, European diplomats hold talks on Ukraine crisis

op American and European diplomats are meeting in Berlin Top American and European uppoints are incessing in a northern to on Thursday as the allies seek to project a united front to Russia over concerns that it may be planning an invasion of Ukraine. Russia has massed an estimated 100,000 troops near

Ukraine, and US President Joe Biden said Wednesday he thinks Moscow will invade. He warned Russian President Vladimir Putin that his country would pay a "dear price" in lives lost and a possible cutoff from the global banking system if it does.

Against that backdrop, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken held talks Thursday with diplomats from Germany, France and Britain a so-called Quad meeting.

A day earlier, he met Ukraine's president in Kyiv to discuss the threat.

Russia has denied it is planning an invasion and has, in turn, accused the West of plotting "provocations" in Ukraine, citing the delivery of weapons to the country by British military transport planes in recent days.

The US and its NATO allies face a difficult task on the Ukraine crisis. Biden has said he is not planning to send combat troops in the case of a further Russian invasion. But he could pursue a range of less dramatic yet still risky military options, including supporting a post-invasion Ukrainian resistance.

The rationale for not directly joining a Russia-Ukraine war is simple. The United States has no treaty obligation to Ukraine, and war with Russia would be an enormous gamble.

But doing too little has its risks, too. The challenges of keeping the United States and its NATO allies united in their response to Russia were on display Wednesday, when Biden warned Russia against any invasion but also said a "minor incursion" would elicit a lesser

Kamala Harris will be his Commission running mate in 2024, announces new policy for expansion

US President Joe Biden has said that Vice President Kamala Harris would be his running mate if he stood for office again in 2024.

tion on Wednesday amid US media reports alleging dysfunction among her staff and doubt on her standing within the administration. Harris, 57, is the first woman and first Black and Asian American person ever sworn in as US vice president.

Harris was born at Oakland in California. Her mother Shyamala Gopalan migrated to the US from Tamil Nadu, while her father, Donald

Asked by a reporter whether Biden was satisfied with Harris work leading the voting rights effort for the White House and whether he will commit to putting her on the ticket once again, Biden replied directly. "Yes and yes," he said

says President Biden PTI WASHINGTON

President Biden made this emphatic asser-

J Harris, moved to the US from Jamaica.

during a press conference held at the White House to mark the first year of his presidency.

19-year-old woman sets record for solo global flight

This is to inform to all concern that we M/s Rajesh Electronics at B-40, Sec-14, Noida U.P through its partners Mr Rajeshwar Chohan & Mr Vijeshwar Chohan both S/o Sh. S.L Chohan both R/o B-40, Sec-14, Noida G.B. Nagar U.P. who is the original allottee of Plot No. B-44, Sec-23, Noida (U.P.) had sold the said Plot on General power of attorney basis to the following person(s). GFA was executed on in favour of Smt. Kalawati Devi W/o Late Bishambar Dutt R/o G-96, Neuroji Nagar, New Delhi. which is registered & the agreement to **AP** ■ KORTRIJK

The 19-year-old Belgian-British pilot Rutherford set a world record as the youngest woman to fly solo around the world, touching her small airplane down in western Belgium on Thursday — 155 ďays after she departed.

Rutherford will find herself in the Guinness World Records book after setting the mark that had been held by 30-year-old American aviator Waiz Shaesta since 2017

in blast at Lahore's Anarkali market

 $A {\it t least three people were killed and 20 others injured on Thursday in a powerful blast}$ at the Paan Mandi in Lahore's famous Anarkali market, where Indian commodities are sold,

Lahore police spokesperson Rana Arif confirmed the death of three persons in the blast that shattered windows of nearby shops and Dawn newspaper reported. According to police, the blast took place near the Paan Mandi, where Indian commodities are sold. No group has claimed

"We are ascertaining the nature of blast. Over 20 people have been injured in blast and shifted to hospitals," Deputy Inspector General Police Operation Dr Mohammad Abid told reporters at the site of the blast near Lahore's historic Walled City.

Pur Dasghara, Delhi-110012, are the owners of DDA Janta Flat No.66, First Floor, Todapur Dasghara, Delhi-110012 has applied conversion of aforesald property manufacturer of sanitary napkin for supply of Sanitary Napkin. 110012 has applied conversion of aforesaid property from lease hold to free hold in DDA. Original Demand cum Allotment Letter, Possession Letter, Site Possession Slip, NOC for water & electricity connection issued by DDA, of aforesaid property have been lost. An FLR to this effect has been lodged in police station on dated 17/01/2022. Any person(s) claiming any right, having any objection or found in possession of original document may write/contact with above named person at above address within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. To participate in this tender process through e-procurement document,

bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves. The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule.

Notice Inviting e-Tender

Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra

Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-

Tendering process from manufacturer/ Authorized Dealer of

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Sd/-Mission Director SSA, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

Notice Inviting e-Tender No.SSA/Pre-Primary/Procurement/Furniture/433/2021/8571

Date:18.01.2022 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara Guwahati-19, Assam (Samagra Shiksha) invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed Manufacturer/Authorized Dealer/ Distributor of manufacturer of plastic Moulded furniture for supply of Plastic Moulded Storage Cupboard

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Sd/-Mission Director SSA, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

(I) ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

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

This E-auction Sale notice for sale of Immovable assets is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	1. Mr. Subodh Choudhary (Borrower), Mrs. Sunita Devi (Co-Borrower) QZPTU00005064384 House No- E-1304 (Old No. 480- C), LHS 1st Floor With Roof, Khasra No-659 & 660, Basai Darapur, Sudershan F Delhi) Area: 522 Sq.Ft.		Rs. 28,28,699/- (as on January 08, 2022)	Rs. 17,00, 000/- Rs.1,70, 000/-	February 14, 2022, From 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM	February 28, 2022, From 11.00 AM Onwards

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till February 25, 2022 before 05:00 P.M else these secured assets will be sold as per schedule. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with the earnest money deposit (refer column E) in a sealed envelope that mentions "Offer for purchase of property" to ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh Delhi-110005 or to our marketing agent M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited at 203, 2nd Floor, Shree Shyam Palace, Railway Road, Sector: 4 & 5 Crossing, Gurugram Haryana 122006 on or before February 25, 2022, before 05:00 PM. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi. For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8657476284 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on

9710029933/9810029926/01244233933. Tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/e-auction vendor official and registered before the cut-off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction

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

Authorized Officer

Date: January 21, 2022 Place: Delhi NCR

PUBLIC NOTICE spect of Residential Plot bearing HIG, admeasuring around 127.48 Sq. Mt., situated at Sector 04, Vaishal haziabad, Uttar Pradesh

esident of P-19, Engineers Park, Sector Dinega -1, Greater Noida, Gautam Judh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh - 201310 WHEREAS Shashi Bala was the co mer of Residential Plot bearing no 63, HIG, admeasuring around 127.48 Sq. Mt., situated at Sector 04, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

WHEREAS the said Shashi Bala ha died on 23.04.2021.

WHEREAS Mr. Ram Pal Singh (Husband), Mr. Somil Yadav (Son) and

Mrs. Priyanka Yadav (Daughter), lega heirs of the said Late Shashi Bala intend to apply for the transfer of the said property in their favour being the only legal heirs of the said Shashi Bala. If any person is having any objection against the transfer of said property Residential Plot bearing no. 63, HIG admeasuring around 127.48 Sq. Mt. ituated at Sector 04, Vaishali Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh in favour o Mr. Ram Pal Singh (Husband), Mr. Somil Yadav (Son) and Mrs. Priyanka Yadav (Daughter), legal heirs of the said ate Shashi Bala, he/she /they can ubmit objection in writing to the office f the undersigned, along with upporting documents within 07 days rom the date of publication of this notice failing which the concerned Authority may sanction the mutation of the property as per the records & may entertain subsequent claim

Mr. Subash Bhat (Advocate Add: Trinity Legal Partners, C-401 The Courtvard, Nirvana Country Sector 50, Gurgaon, Haryana subash.bhat@trinitylegalpartners.com

3 killed, 20 injured

police said.

buildings, responsibility for the blast

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby notified that my clients (i) Kampesh Lata (20% Share), (ii) Madhu Lata (20% Share), (iii) Manju Duggal (20% Share) & (iv) Mahesh kumar Duggal (20% Share) all daughters & son of Late Rajinder Parkash Duggal alongwith Smt. Anita Duggal (10% Share) W/o Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar Duggal and Sh. Jalaj Duggal (10% Share) S/o Late Dinesh Kumar Duggal, represent himself as the owners and in possession of an inherited Freehold built-up Property No.B-162 (Plot No.162, in Block-B), Measuring Area 186.67 Sq.Yds. Situated in the Layout Plan of the Ministry of Works, Housing & Supply Co-operative House Building Society Ltd. Known as Nirman Vihar, Delhi-110092, after the death of Late Rajinder Parkash Duggal (Expired or 29.07.2016), and his one of the son Late Dinesh Kumar Duggal (Expired on 23.08.2018)

t is therefore notified that anybody claiming any rights, share, claim, title, nterest or lien over the aforesaid property may file such claim or objection to the undersigned within a period of 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice, otherwise it will be presumed that the said property is free from al he said property.

Sd/Rakesh N.D., Advocate #Office No.107, First Floor, M.S. Chamber, C-1/A, Vikas Marg, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi-110092

N Korea slams US, hints at resuming nuclear, ICBM tests

Accusing the United States of hostility and threats, North Korea on Thursday said it will consider restarting "all temporally-suspended activities" it had paused during its diplomacy with the Trump administration, in an apparent threat to resume testing of

nuclear explosives and longrange missiles. North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency said leader Kim Jong Un presided over a Politburo meeting of the ruling Workers' Party where officials set policy goals for "immediately bolstering" the North's military capabilities to counter the Americans' "hostile moves."

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, E.C. Railway, Samastipur for and on behalf of the president of India invites open e-tender on "Single packet system" only through IREPS (Indian Railway Web Portal) for awarding of contract for SLR in Train no. i.e. mention below for a period of Five (05) years from the date of commencement. E Tender Notice No | SLR | Scale Reserve Price for | Cost of Tender Form In

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1. Availability of Tender document: Tender document is available on the web site of Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System (IREPS): 2. Date and Time fixed for biding of e-tender: From 19.01.2022 to 08-02-2022 upto 15:00 hrs. 3. Date and time fixed for opening of e-tender: 08-02-2022 after 15:00 hrs. 4. Details of Website where e-tender is to be submitted : Tenders are to be submitted online only through IREPS. For details please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. No Mannual tender will be accepted. Divisional Railway Manager(C)/ PR/01527/SPJ/Comm./T/21-22/60 ECR/Samastipur

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(न्यायालय वरीय उप समाहर्त्ता-सह-प्रभारी पदाधिकारी, जिला आपदा शाखा)

बिहार मद्य निषेध एवं उत्पाद अधिनियम, 2016 एवं (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 2018 के अंतर्गत जब्त वाहनों के मालिकों के लिए नोटिस

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4		35/2016	बिहार सरकार बनाम संतोष कुमार	28/01/2022	Motorcycle BR-02P-2471	कृत यादव, पिता—बद्री यादव, सा0—कजरेली, धाना—बोधगया, जिला—गया
2.	264/19	293/2019	बिहार सरकार बनाम देवशरण विश्वकर्मा	28/01/2022	Motorcycle BR-02-7770	देवशरण विश्वकर्मा, पिता—वासुदेव विश्वकर्मा, सा0–छिकरी मलाठी, जिला—जहानाबाद।
3	220/19	294/2019	बिहार सरकार बनाम उदय यादव	28/01/2022	Motorcycle BR-02AK-4677	उदय यादव, पिता—गणेशी यादव, पता—दल्ली बिगहा, रौना, बेलागंज, जिला—गया
4	540/19	296/2019	बिहार सरकार बनाम हजरत अली खान	28/01/2022	Wagnor BR-01AQ-4444	हजरल अली खान, पिता-सदरुद्दीन खान, पता-C/O अनील कुगार, पलैट नं0-3E, तेज नारायण कॉम्पलेक्स, बी०एच० कॉलनी, पटना।
5	494/19	297/2019	विहार सरकार बनाम रोहित कुमार	28/01/2022	Motorcycle JH-09P-7192	रोहित कुमार, पिता—मंजीत लोहार उर्फ मंजित लोहरा, पता—विरसा चौकी डोरंडा, थाना—डोरंडा, जिला—रॉची (झारखण्ड)
6	658/19	343/2019	विहार सरकार बनाम अर्जुन कुमार	28/01/2022	Tempo BR-01GH-7422	अर्जुन कुमार , पिता–प्रमु राय, सा0–नवरतनपुर, पोस्ट–बड़ी खगील, थाना–खगील, जिला–पटना।
7	86 / 20	544 / 2020	विहार सरकार बनाम रुवी देवी	28/01/2022	Motorcycle Hero Splendor Plus Engine No HA11EVLHBA4592 Chesis No MBLHAW119LHB16 963	रूबी देवी, पति–अखिलेश यादय, ग्राम–बगेया, पोo–मलहारी, थाना–ड्रमामगंज, जिला–गया
8	286 / 18	548 / 2020	बिहार सरकार बनाम मिथलेश कुमार वगैरह	28/01/2022	Motorcycle BR-02E-7857	मिथिलेश कुमार, पिता—श्री देवकी प्रसाद, ग्राम—जमुहार लखैयपुर, थाना—कतेहपुर, जिला—गया।
			(5)		Motorcycle BR-02AK-5916	पिन्दु यादव, पिता—चन्देश्वर यादव, ग्राम—मंझला कला, थाना—फतेहपुर, जिला—गया।
9	339/20	645 / 2020	बिहार सरकार बनाम धिरेन्द्र कुमार	28/01/2022	Piaggio Ape Tempo BR-02A-4981	धिरेन्द्र कुमार, पिता–सुरेन्द्र प्रसाद, सा0–जमालपुर, पो0+धाना–परैया, जिला–गया।
10	329/20	650 / 2020	बिहार सरकार बनाम शकीला खातुन	28/01/2022	Passion Pro Motorcycle BR-025-3113	शकीला खातुन, पिता—औरगजेब अंसारी, सा0—छकरबंधा भंडार, रानीगंज इमामगंज, जिला—गया
11	353/19	05/2020	विहार सरकार बनाम ललन प्रसाद सिंह	28/01/2022	Motorcycle JH-10J-0792	ललन प्रसाद सिंह, पिता—स्व0 नन्द किशोर सिंह, पता—महुल बगान कॉलनी, राजपुरा मुगमा, धनबाद (झारखण्ड)
12	309/19	54 / 2020	बिहार सरकार बनाम कैलाश कुमार	28/01/2022	Wagnor JH-02Q-3522	कैलाश कुमार, पिता—बालेश्वर साव, सा0—धवईया डिह, कर्मा, माण्डु छोटकी डुण्डी, रामगढ़ (झारखंड)
13	172/19	55/2020	बिहार सरकार बनाम रवि कुमार	28/01/2022	Motorcycle JH-13D-7262	रवि कुमार, पिता-अर्जून यादव, सा0-नवाडिह, पो0-कंदलीकला, धाना-हटरगंज, जिला-चतरा

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Healthcare likely to receive top

priority in Budget: Assocham

Sensex skids for 3rd day to close below 60k

BSE benchmark Sensex spiralled lower for the third consecutive session on Thursday to finish below the 60,000-level, weighed by hectic selling in IT, energy and finance stocks amid a sell-off in European equities.

A depreciating rupee and continued selling by foreign investors also affected the market sentiment, traders said.

The 30-share BSE index ended 634.20 points or 1.06 per cent lower at 59,464.62. Similarly, the NSE Nifty plunged 181.40 points or 1.01 per cent to $17,7\overline{5}7$.

Bajaj Finserv was the top

laggard in the Sensex pack, shedding 4.57 per cent, fol-lowed by Infosys, TCS, Sun Pharma, HUL, HCL Tech, Dr Reddy's, HDFC and Reliance

On the other hand, PowerGrid, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, Maruti and UltraTech Cement were among the gainers, spurting up to 4.86 per cent.

The market breadth was negative, with 23 of the 30 Sensex counters closing in the red. "Persistent concern over global inflation and likely Fed rate hike acted as the major headwinds for the domestic market to tumble for the third consecutive day," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research



at Geoiit Financial Services.

"High volatility due to rising bond yields is pressuring foreign investors to pull out funds from highly valued markets like India.

As the recent earnings failed to excite the market, the on-going global volatility drained investor confidence,"

On the results front, Asian

fell 18.5 per cent to Rs 1,031.29 crore for the third quarter ended December 2021.

FMCG major Hindustan Unilever Ltd reported an 18.68 per cent increase in consolidated net profit to Rs 2,300 crore for the third quarter. Ajit Mishra, VP - Research,

Religare Broking Ltd, said the markets are currently facing global headwinds and there's no relief from the domestic front as well. "However, we feel it's a

healthy correction so far and expect Nifty to hold the 17,600 zone. For traders, the major challenge is to tackle the volatility amid the earnings season. positions and prefer a hedged approach until markets resume the uptrend," he noted.

Sector-wise, BSE IT, teck, energy, healthcare and FMCG shed as much as 1.69 per cent, while power, utilities, metal and realty posted gains. In the broader markets, the

BSE midcap index dipped 0.07 per cent, while the smallcap gauge inched up 0.05 per cent.

Asian markets ticked higher after China cut benchmark mortgage rates to support the embattled property sector. Bourses in Hong Kong, Seoul and Tokyo ended with gains, while Shanghai closed in the

> Besides, MSMEs, energy and infrastructure and technology were also on priority list as per the survey done among

care in the Budget.

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Thursday.

Healthcare sector is likely to receive the highest prior-

ity in the upcoming Union

Budget 2022-23 on account of

continuing challenges posed by

COVID-19 and the imperative

health infrastructure, an

Assocham survey said on

The industry chamber noted that 47 per cent of the respondents in its survey point-

ed towards Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman according

maximum attention to health-

400 respondents across 40 cities

from different sectors, it stated. While the government's proactive measures and the frontline workers' tireless efforts have helped tide over the uncertain situation, the pandemic also brought forth cerneed for scaling up public tain gaps in the public health-care system, Assocham said.

Besides, nearly 40 per cent of the Assocham survey respondents said the Finance Minister should reduce the income tax among other measures to boost private demand and consumption.

About 31 per cent said Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the poor households could be a demand driver at the bottom of the pyramid.

FinMin to release ₹47,541 cr advance installment of tax

devolution to States

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 $T^{\text{he Centre will release an}}_{\text{advance installment of tax}}$ devolution to the states amounting to ₹47,541 crore, the Finance Ministry said.

"Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has authorised the release of an advance installment of tax devolution to state governments amounting to ₹47,541 crore, here today. This is in addition to the regular devolution for the month of January 2022, also being released today," the ministry

said in a statement.

Thus, states would receive a total of ₹95,082 crore or double their respective entitlement during the month of January 2022, it added. Last year in November too.

the Centre had released the first advance installment of tax devolution amounting to ₹47,541 crore to states.

With the release of the second advance installment today, the states would have received an additional amount of ₹90,082 crore under tax devolution.

Re- Notice Inviting Expression of Interest (EOI)

No.SSA/MDM/NABL-Testing/332/2021/8559 Date: 18.01.2022 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara,

Guwahati-19, Assam invites re- Expression of Interest (EOI) through e-procurement process from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for testing of dry and cooked

To participate in this EOI through e-procurement, applicant should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves.

The applicants who have downloaded the EOI schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in. The EOI should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed schedule



Sd/-Mission Director SSA, Assam cum State Nodal Officer-MDM

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Sha Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh. Delhi-11000

PUBLIC NOTICE

Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank hereby inform that all scheduled auctions

to be held for the period between January 20, 2022 till February 28, 2022 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 stands postponed until further notice, due to unprecedented outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19).

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Scheduled Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1.	Mr. Sonu Kumar (Borrower), Mr. Shiv Kumar (Guarantor) Lan No LBNOD00002252451	G/Uh-801 8th Floor, Tower-G Urban Homes, Shahpur Bamhetta, NH-24 Ghaziabad, 201001 Super Area: 585 Sq. fts	January 27, 2022 from- 12:00 Noor to 01:00 PM
2.	Jitender Kumar Chhabra (Borrower)/ Ram Devi (Co Borrower) LBNOD00002116807	Flat No A-2002, Tower A, Springview Floors, Crescent Parc Township, NH- 24, Ghaziabad, UP Area: 1243 Sq. fts	January 28, 2022 from- 01:00PM to 02:00PM

PUBLIC NOTICE This is for notice of the general public that

a political party is proposed to be registered by the name of RAJYA SWARAJ PARTY. (name of the party). The office of the party is located at 931, Indira Nagar, Dehradun 248006 (Uttarakhand) (give full address). This Party has submitted application to the Election Commission of India, New Delhi for its registration as Political Party under Section 29A of the Representation of People Act, 1951- Names/address of the officebearers of the Party are as follows:

President/Chairman: Dr. Deveshwar Bhatt General Secretary/Secretary: Rameshwari

Treasurer: Satish Joshi

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

Covid, lockdowns may shave off 100 bps growth in toll collections: ICRA



The recent surge in fresh Covid infections as well as subsequent localised lockdowns emanating from Omicron spread are likely to shave off around 100 bps of growth in toll collections in fiscal year 2021-22, domestic rating agency ICRA on Wednesday said.

ICRA further said given that passenger vehicles (PV) category account for 20-25 per cent of overall traffic on toll projects, regional lockdowns imposed by state governments restricting people movement are expected to adversely impact the PV traffic as well as bus categories, as witnessed during the second wave of Covid-

The toll collections are, however, expected to be moderated by about 100 bps and will be supported by commercial vehicles as the manufacturing, construction activities and movement of goods are permitted, it added.

Giving more details, Vinay Kumar G, Sector Head, Corporate Ratings, ICRA, said the FastAG collections peaked at ₹3,679 crore for December 2021, a growth of 12 per cent on a month-on-month basis as compared to November 2021.

He said restricted people movement owing to the third wave of pandemic is likely to affect the toll collections in the range of 7.5 per cent and 23.5 per cent on month-on-month basis in January and February 2022, respectively and recover

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Thursday.

Delhi.

Humsafar India, an app-based doorstep diesel ser-

vices provider, is all set to make

a foray into the growing

Electric Vehicle (EV)-charging

and battery replacement busi-

ness and plans to set up its first

charging stations in Delhi and Noida, a release said on

The company plans to set up charging stations across

Delhi-NCR and other cities in

the country and is in talks with

oil marketing companies

(OMCs) to set up EV stations

in urban areas, starting from

which has tied up with OMCs-Oil India and BPCL--has set

up doorstep diesel delivery

service in 50 cities across 20

to make a foray into other

states and cities soon. With dif-

ferent parts of the country

witnessing a steady increase

towards EVs, the demand for

ancillary units and charging

the date of receipt of the said notice.

The company said it plans

At present, Humsafar,

Doorstep diesel services provider

in infrastructure, possibly

repurposing the existing net

work of fuel stations, building

up the ecosystem of partners

and stakeholders, including

the market to unfold very

quickly once the two-wheeler

market fully extends in the EV

space. We will try to reach for

avenues other than fuel retail

The company, he said, is

proposing a dealer-owned

dealer operated model where

Humsafar will act as a facilita-

tor for the setting up of facili-

ty and tech support post set-

up, including customer man-

outlets for EV charging," he

Humsafar to enter EV space

'Govt should abolish STT to encourage new investors to start trading

PTI NEW DELHI

Market experts on Thursday said the government should consider relieving traders of the Securities Transaction Tax on equity trade in the Union Budget, which will be presented by the finance minister on February 1.

The move is expected to boost the capital markets and encourage new investors to start trading, they

Securities Transaction Tax (STT) in 2004 on transactions in different types of securities. The rate presently varies from 0.025 per cent to 0.25 per cent depending upon the type of security traded and transaction whether sale or purchase.

"The investment industry will benefit if the Securities Transaction

Tax is abolished, as both longterm capital gains (LTCG) and short-term capital gains (STCG) are in place," Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of

Nonetheless, if the government

does not intervene with STT, it look at removing the tax on long-term capital gains, he

Puneet Maheshwari, Director, Upstox, said the government may consider relieving traders of the STT. By doing so, new investors would be encouraged to start trad-

"There needs to be more participation in indexes or exchange-

the government can encourage long-term savings in Nifty or Sensex," he A greater allocation by the government-owned provident funds and pension funds into equity mar-

traded funds. By offering a lock-in

and tax incentives on the lines of

equity-linked tax savings schemes,

kets could also help, he added.

Kamath believes that there is a strong case for easing the listing norms in India while tightening penalties for violation of laws.

NCLAT directs Jalan-Kalrock consortium to share

Retail inflation for farm, rural workers rise to 4.78 pc, 5.03 pc in December

 $R^{\rm etail}$ inflation for farm and rural workers rose to 4.78 per cent and 5.03 per cent respectively in December 2021, mainly due to higher price of certain food items, official data showed on Thursday.

"Point to point rate of inflation based on the CPI-AL (consumer price index for agricultural labour) and CPI-RL (rural labourers) stood at 4.78 per cent & 5.03 per cent in December, 2021 compared to 3.02 per cent & 3.38 per cent respectively in November, 2021 and 3.25 per cent and 3.34 per cent respectively during the corresponding month of the previous year (December 2020)," a labour ministry statement said.

Food inflation stood at 2.99 per cent (farm labour) and 3.17 per cent (rural labour) in December 2021, compared to 0.88 per cent and 1.07 per cent respectively in November 2021, and 2.97 per cent and 2.96 per cent during the corresponding month of 2020.

The All-India Consumer Price Index numbers for agricultural labourers and rural labourers for December 2021 increased by 5 points each to stand at 1,097 and 1,106 points respectively.

The CPI-AL and CPI-RL stood at 1,092 points and 1,101 points respectively in November 2021.

The major contribution towards the rise in general index of agricultural labourers and rural labourers came from 'fuel and light' and miscellaneous group to the extent of 1.72 and 1.58 points, and 1.02 and 1.06 points respectively, mainly due to rise in prices of firewood, kerosene oil, medicine, barber charges, bus fare, toilet soap, washing soap, etc.

The rise/fall in the index varied from state to state.

In case of agricultural labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 20 points in 11 states and a decrease of 1 to 12 points in 8 states, while it remained stationary for Odisha. Tamil Nadu with 1,290 points topped the index table, whereas Himachal Pradesh with 861 points stood at the bot-

In case of rural labourers, it recorded an increase of 1 to 20 points in 11 states and a decrease of 1 to 14 points in 8 states, while it remained stationary for Odisha. Tamil Nadu with 1,276 points topped the index table, whereas Himachal Pradesh with 915 points was at the bot-

resolution plan details with Jet Airways' workmen

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Thursday directed the Kalrock-Jalan consortium, the winning bidder for bankrupt Jet Airways, to share portions of the resolution plan pertaining to claims of employees with the air The Association of Aggrieved Workmen of Jet Airways

(India) Ltd had sought a copy of the approved resolution plan and the latest direction has come on a plea filed by the associ-

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male namely Vijay S/o S/o Unknown Unknown Unknown Age about 25 years, Height 5'7", Complexion Wheatish, Oval Face, Normal Built, Wearing White colour shirt, blue colour pant and grev colour jacket was admittet in AAAGH vide MLC No. 2762/21 for treatment.

Later on 26.12.2021 he was declared dead in RBTB Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 93-A dated 15.12.2021 U/S 174 Cr.PC has been lodged at PS Civil Lines, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in Subzi Mandi Mortuary Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this

deceased male may kindly inform to the following.

DP/1896/N/2022

PS: Civil Lines, Delhi Ph.: 011-23810638, 23815444

Notice Inviting e-Tender

No.SSA/Pre-Primary/Procurement/445/2020/8582 Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (Samagra Shiksha), Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam invites tender through e-Tendering process from reputed manufacturer of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM)/Authorised dealer of the manufacturer/Supplier of Teaching Learning Materials (TLM) for supply of Teaching Learning

To participate in the tender process through e-procurement document. bidder should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) and have to register in the portal https://assamtenders.gov.in by themselves. The Bidder who have downloaded the tender schedules containing the tender details, terms and conditions, from the website shall submit their tender on-line on the website https://assamtenders.gov.in, with proof of payment of non refundable bid processing fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only in the form of demand draft/Bankers Cheque drawn in favour of Mission Director, Axom Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission, Kahilipara, Guwahati-19, Assam, from any nationalized/ Scheduled Bank and payable at Guwahati. The tender should be submitted on-line as per date and time of submission as per prescribed

Sd/-Mission Director SSA, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

given in tender document. The detailed tende

notice also can be seen on the Notice Board o

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tender under Single Packet System for the following work:-

,	1			POH (Periodic Overhaul) of UNIMAT-8293
	1	1.	Name of work and	machine at NR Track Machine Workshop
	1	١	location	including mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic,
	1			electrical, cabin repair and other ancillary works.
Ή	1	2.	Completion period of	120 days
١	1	۷.	the work	
	1	3.	Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 25.87 Lakhs
	1	4.	Earnest Money amount	Rs. 51,800/-
2	1	4.	(to be deposited Online)	
H	1	5.	Cost of Tender Document	NIL
	1	ə .	(to be deposited Online)	
	1			Tender document remain available on IREPS
ЕΙ	1	6.		website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. from 28.01.2022
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	1		and opening of tender	upto 15.00 hrs. on 21.02.2022 on IREPS
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١	1			will be available for online submission of offer
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governmental policymakers, The Indian rupee weakened energy generation agencies, ■ by 7 paise to close at 74.51 OEMs and mobility solutions against the US dollar on providers, said Nishit Goel, Thursday as sustained foreign Founder Director of Humsafar fund outflows and rising crude oil prices hurt forex market

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Rupee slips 7

paise to end at

74.51 against

American dollar

"Humsafar will be develsentiment. Further, massive sell-offs in oping charging stations at its domestic equities for a third tech platform and create its session in a row on Thursday manufacturing consortia for standardized EV components too made investors more causuch as batteries, powertrain tious, analysts said. and charging equipment. Humsafar India is expecting At the interbank foreign

exchange market, the local currency opened at 74.43 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.29 and a low of 74.53 during the session.

The rupee finally settled at 74.51, down 7 paise over its previous close of 74.44.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.02 per cent up at 95.53.

Meanwhile, Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, rose 0.44 per cent to

stations is expected to rise agement, adding, this will be under the Humsafar platform EVs will require investing USD 88.11 per barrel.

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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RAISE A TOAST TO TE



⊣ea is one of the most loved beverages in India and across the world. People have enjoyed tea since time immemorial and consider it to be one of the most cherished parts of their native culture. Indians' love for this super beverage has given the tea industry a loyal customer base in the country, which has resulted in fast-paced growth.
According to expertmar-

ketresearch.com, the Indian tea industry is expected to grow at a CAGR of about 4.2 per cent in the 2021-26 period and reach an approximate valuation of 1.40 million tonnes by the end of this Some of the trends that

are dictating the landscape of the tea industry in India are as

Tea as a wellness superfood

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic situation, there is a huge resurgence of teas with proven health benefits. Immunity boosting teas and superfoods with Ayurvedic ingredients like turmeric, ashwagandha, moringa, tulsi etc are in big demand.

As per a study by Numr Research, about 443 million Indian millennials spend more than ₹4,000 on their health and wellness every month. Both established companies and start-ups have caught on



to this trend and have witnessed phenomenal growth.

Increasing customer preference for premium teas

With the advent of globalisation and increased internet penetration, there has been a substantial surge in the complexities of consumer demand. As the variety of teas available increased due to the removal of global barriers and the advent of e-commerce, discerning customers started seeking innovation and diversity in products being offered by tea brands.

In this scenario, the demand for premium teas has THE VARIETY OF **TEAS HAS INCREASED DUE** TO THE REMOVAL OF **GLOBAL**

increased. These premium teas include immunity-boosting, speciality and flavoured teas. The younger generation is lapping these up.

Eco-friendly and sustainable packaging

Tea packaging has come a long way over the years. Stand up pouches have become the preferred choice for many of today's top brands in the beverage market. Stand-up pouches for tea packaging keep the leaves fresh and protect against outside elements. Zipper pouch bags help maintain a longer shelf life of the natural leaves.

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recyclable, landfill friendly, and don't rip, tear, or break like traditional boxes or cartons. The wide face of standup pouches acts as the perfect surface for your company's branding and designs.

Growing brand conscious-

As gifting tea packages at corporate events and festivals has become a trend, brand consciousness comes into play. People are now progressively opting for branded labels instead of products from the unorganised sector. This has led to increased global investment in tea brands that have a compelling story to tell and with a scalable business model.

As per Nielsen's insights, Indian consumers these days look at food labels more than ever before and are willing to pay more for products that make the cut, especially those with added nutrients. They are also more loyal to trusted

The surge in brand preference has also come because of the inclination towards health and hygiene factors. Since people generally expect a product to be premium and reliable if it is branded.

Mushrooming of tea boutiques and cafes

Tea stalls are a common sight across India, but they are typically fragmented and unorganised. Tea café chains emerging across India are giving consumers a midway option between at-home consumption and the humble roadside stall. A number of companies with tea outlets similar to modern coffee chains have mushroomed, and are slowly revolutionising the tea industry in India. These companies are looking to appeal to young Indians by offering them an upgraded version of the tea dhabas and their efforts are paying off. Some of these start-ups are now national chains.

These tea chains are a much better alternative to the open-air tea vendors, offering consumers a more relaxed environment, with seating and

(The author is an expert tea taster and managing director of Golden Tips Tea.)



What's in a name?

The terms — vegan and plant-based — are often used interchangeably. AARTI GILL sets the record straight by pointing out the subtle differences

With veganism and plant-based living gaining increasing popularity across the globe there is still a lot of confusion around these two lifestyles. People tend to use them interchangeably due to the various similarities between them. But plant-based diets are not the same as vegan diets. Essentially speaking, a vegan diet will remove every animal product from the diet. On the other hand, a plant-based diet entirely or mostly comprises plant-based foods. Plant-based diets are touted as a healthier alternative by many experts as these focus on deriving maximum nutrition from eating plant-based foods like whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables while eliminating highly processed foods.

The term vegan was first coined in 1944 by Donald Watson, an animal rights advocate and founder of the Vegan Society. It means a person who avoids animals and animal-derived products for ethical reasons. Someone who follows a vegan diet more often than not eliminates animals and animal-derived products not just from their diet but also their daily lifestyle. A vegan diet consists only of plant-based foods and eliminates every animal product whether dairy, meat, poultry, fish, eggs and even honey. Most people who turn vegan usually convert due to ethical, social and environmental reasons. Most health nutritionists argue that just because something is labelled vegan, it doesn't straightaway imply it's healthy. The ever-growing popularity of vegan culture has also led to a whole new category of vegan fast-foods like vegan chips, vegan cookies and more. Vegan-based junk, like other types of junk food, has more calories and less nutri-

While the term plant-based is used usually in the context of a diet, an increasing number of people have begun to adopt other plant-based products in other facets of their life as these have several benefits while being environmentally

In a plant-based diet, the focus predominantly is on eating whole foods that have undergone zero or little processing. The food is in its nat-

ural and pristine state, as much as possible. These are better absorbed by the body and safe for longterm consumption due to the absence of harmful ingredients like additives. Plant-based diets include foods such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains (quinoa, farro, barley, oatmeal), plantbased oils (avocado, olive, canola), nuts and seeds.

Green vegetables and fresh fruits are best consumed in their original form as they contain a huge amount of essential nutrients like vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. Plant-based fats such as almonds and avocados are also excellent sources of healthy fat. If you have a family history of heart disease or you are receiving warning signals from the body, it is best to switch to a plant-based diet; simply owing to its countless

Whether you choose to go plant-based or vegan, two factors that one should keep in mind for a healthier body are:

Consuming a balanced diet with the right

amount of macros and micros Clean nutrition, without harmful chemicals, additives, artificial sweeteners

□Keeping track of these factors will ensure that you get the best out of your daily diets.

(The author is co-founder of OZiva)



TRIO HEIRLOOM TOMATO BURRATA WHAT YOU NEED

Assorted heirloom tomato:

- 200 gm
- Burrata cheese: 3 Yellow pear tomato: 6
- Red cherry blossom
- tomato: 6 Rucola: 1 cup
- Pinenuts: 2 tsp Garlic: 1/2 tsp
- Grana Padano: 3 tsp Salt: 1 tsp
- First-pressed olive oil:
- Pistachio: 2 tsp

PARATHA

For dough

WHAT YOU NEED

PANEER STUFFED RAGI

• Ragi flour (Finger millets): 30

Whole wheat flour: ¹/₃ tsp

Pomace olive oil: 1 tsp

For paneer stuffing

• Grated paneer: 30 gm

• Finely grated green chilli: 1

Few mint leaves, chopped

• Cumin powder: 1/4 tsp

Salt as per taste

Salt as per taste

METHOD

- Reserve the Rucola pistachio pesto. Dress heirloom tomatoes.
- To assemble; place the pistachio paste and tomatoes on the base of a serving dish.
- Place the burrata on top and then scatter the sundried tomatoes and halved well-seasoned heritage tomatoes. Drizzle with olive
- oil and top with basil leaves. Garnish and serve.

Courtesy: Ravish Mishra, executive chef at The Westin Goa

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(A sweet biscuit from Tawang and West Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh WHAT YOU NEED

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SITES

- Refined flour: 500 gm
- Refined oil / Ghee: 200
- Sugar: 100 gm
- Milk: 200 ml
- Breakfast sugar: 100
- Oil/ghee: For deep frying

METHOD

• Dissolve the sugar in warm milk

FRIED RICE

WHAT YOU NEED

• Carrot: 15 gm

• Green chilli: 2

Garlic: 10 gm

Boiled rice: 150 gm

• French beans 10 gm

Green capsicum: 15 gm

Schezwan sauce: 1 tbsp

BURNT GARLIC SCHEZWAN



- Cut the rolled-out dough into small
- Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thickness.
- rectangular strips.

in the middle continue for all the thin strips forming something like a shoelace pattern.

In each rectangular

strip make a slit in the

middle and also make

thin strips on both sides.

Pull one strip at a time

from each side and join

- Now heat oil/ghee in a pan and deep fat fry.
- Remove when golden brown and while hot sprinkle some breakfast sugar on top of each.

Courtesy: Chef Arvind Rai, executive chef at The Ashok, New Delhi



Add green chilli and saute for 20seconds before adding chopped carrot, beans and capsicum. Stir fry it on high flame. Add Schezwan sauce, soya sauce,

green chilli sauce, and toss for a minute. Add boiled rice and correct the seasoning. Toss on high flame. Garnish with chopped spring onions and serve with Del Monte Tomato Ketchup.

Courtesy: Del Monte



Green chilli sauce: 1/4 Tomato ketchup

Spring onion: 5 gm Refined oil: 10 ml **METHOD**

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in a wok, add chopped



For cooking

Pomace olive oil: 1.5 tsp

METHOD

- Start with kneading the dough by mixing ragi and wheat flour. Knead paratha dough for a couple of minutes until it gets smooth and elastic.
- Next, add a teaspoon of oil to coat the paratha dough and knead a little more. Cover the ragi paratha dough
- and allow it to rest until you get the filling ready.
- Make the paneer filling by combining the grated paneer, green chillies, mint leaves, salt, cumin powder and mix all the ingredients well.
- Divide the filling into equal portions.
- The next and final step is to stuff the filling into the ragi paratha dough.
- Dust the ragi paratha dough in flour, flatten it with your finger and place it on a flat surface. Roll it out thin.
- Take a portion of paneer filling



Coffee House, is expanding its footprint by launching its third outlet in Noida. With coffees sourced from coffee farms in India, the brand is known to deliver a first-of-its-kind experience by going from 'crop-to-cup' and offering single-state speciality



HARAJUKU TOKYO CAFE

Harajuku Tokyo Cafe, a Japanese street food-inspired QSR, is gearing up to launch its second outlet in the NCR at Ambience Mall, Gurugram. The brand first opened in Select CityWalk, Saket and is looking to expand further. Some favourites from Japan include boba tea, freshly baked Japanese Jiggly Cheesecake, exclusively-crafted Japanese desserts and breads, and made-on-order street food like takoyaki, chicken karaage and the twelve-inch-long Japanese fries; fun desserts like taiyaki, and the popular Harajuku crepes; ramen, chahan, sushi amongst other lip-smacking dishes. The new outlet in Gurgaon spread across 2,400 sq ft and seating of around 50 guests will feature an upgraded menu with new additions like Shrimp dynamite, Gyoza ramen,

and place it in the centre. Next,

gather the sides of the paratha

dough and bring all the sides

Remove the excess dough

Dust the paratha dough in

you get desired thickness.

dough and filling.

which pops out when you bring it

together. Press the dough down.

some flour and roll it gently until

Proceed the same way with the

remaining portions of paratha

Preheat the skillet on medium

heat and grease it with little oil.

together.





Lotus biscoff pancakes, Mochi doughnuts, new boba tea flavours and

Given the Covid protocol in Delhi, both outlets are open for delivery and

 Place the paratha on it and allow it to cook on medium heat for 30 to 45 seconds and flip

paratha and cook evenly on both

Spread a little oil over the

- Flip a few times to cook ensure both sides are properly browned and crisp evenly.
- Once the paratha is cooked, transfer it to a plate. Serve hot.
- Courtesy: Celebrity nutritionist, Nmami Agarwal in association with Oleev



SINDHU, PRANNOY ENTER SYED MODI QUARTERFINALS

▼wo-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu hardly broke any sweat but HS Prannoy had to toil hard as the two Indian shuttlers progressed to the women's and men's singles quarterfinals of the Syed Modi International Super 300

tournament here on Thursday.
Top seed Sindhu took just
33 minutes to get the better of
American Lauren Lam 21-16
21-13 in her second-round match, while fifth seed Prannoy staved off a stiff challenge from compatriot Priyanshu Rajawat before prevailing 21-11 16-21 21-18 at the BBD indoor stadi-

Sindhu, a former world champion, will take on sixthseeded Thai shuttler Supanida Katethong in the last-eight stage in a repeat of the India Open Super 500 semifinals.

The 26-year-old from Hyderabad will look to set the record straight against the lefthanded Thai, who had beaten the Indian last week.

Prannoy, a former top 10 player, will clash with France's Arnaud Merkle, who ended



India's Kartikey Gulshan Kumar's campaign with a 21-8 21-12 win in another second-

In other results, Aakarshi Kashyap and Malvika Bansod have set up an exciting quarterfinal clash against each other after notching up straight game wins over Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukka and Prerana Neeluri

While Aakarshi beat Sai 21-9 21-6, Malvika defeated Prerana 21-10 21-8 in two lop-

gles second round match, India's Samiya Imad Farooqui beat compatriot Kanika Kanwal 21-6 21-15 and will face Anupama Upadhyaya in another all-Indian clash.

Anupama beat Smit Toshniwal 21-12 21-19 in another match.

another match.

In the men's singles,
Mithun Manjunath fought for
an hour and 20 minutes before
prevailing 16-21 21-16 23-21
against Malaysia's Soong Joo
Ven but it was curtains for
Chirag Sen, Kaushal
Dharmamer and Raghu
Mariswamy. Mariswamy.

While Ŕussia's Sergey Sirant quelled Chirag's challenge 18-21 22-20 21-12, Kushal lost 16-21 13-21 to Cheam June Wei of Malaysia and Raghu went down 9-21 9-21 to Lucas Claerbout of France.

Manju will cross swords with Sergey next.

Fourth'seeded men's doubles pair of MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also reached the quarterfinals after getting a walkover from compatriots Ayush Makhija and Venkat Gaurav Prasad.



Australian Open mixed doubles second round

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Sania Mirza and her American partner Rajeev Ram moved into the mixed doubles second

Ram came out serving big and also stayed like a rock at the net as he anchored the 6-3 7-6(3) win in the opening round that lasted 69 minutes. Ram is a defending champion in the event. He had won the mixed title here with Czech part-

Mirza, who will retire after the 2022 season,

They had a chance to go up as early as in the

The team got another chance on the serve of Krunic but that chance also went abegging when Mirza could not finish the point with a volley.

Ram then served out the next game at love

Mirza too made a lot of first serves as the team cruised towards a first-set lead. Ram's solid serving and Mirza's smooth volleys sealed the set for

on a weak return from Cacic to earn the first break chance of the second set. But the Indian hit the forehand long on the deciding point.

earned the team two break points on Krunic's serve in the sixth game.

for a volley winner by Cacic. At 5-5, Krunic came out serving big for a cru-

sure to stretch it to a tie-breaker.

But the Indian made no mistake and served

Both Krunic and Cacic lost a point each on their serves to hand the Indo-American duo three match points. An error in return of serve by Cacic

doubles event. He has paired up with Croatia's

the end. We don't give up if we are down by a few goals. I feel these aspects will matter when

we play quality teams in an important tournament like this where qualification

for FIH Women's World Cup is at stake," Savita said. Going by form, India are expected to top their pool. The top two teams from

both the pools will qualify for the semifinals to be played on January 26 followed by the summit clash on January 28. Technically, the Indian women won't

be playing their first competition post the Tokyo Olympics as they had travelled to Donghae, Korea for the Asian Champions Trophy a couple of months ago but were forced to withdraw after just one match due to positive COVID positive cases in the squad.

From that point of view, the Asia Cup will be the first big assignment for new chief coach Janneke Schopman, who was the technical analyst with the side in Tokyo under Sjoerd Marijne.

The Asia Cup will also kick start a busy calendar for İndia in which they will feature in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, Asia Games in Hangzhou, China, which is a qualifying tournament for the 2024 Paris Olympics, besides making their debut in the FIH Pro League.

In the other match of Pool A on Friday, Japan will play Singapore while

Sania-Ram pair moves into

round of the Australian Open with a confident straight-set win over the Serbian team of Aleksandra Krunic and Nikola Cacic, here on

ner Barbora Krejcikova in 2021.

also served well in the contest.

second game but Mirza buried a forehand into the net on the deciding point.

However, they got the break on the deciding

for a 4-1 lead.

the Indo-American team. Mirza unleashed her big forehand to Krunic

A stunning cross court winner by Mirza

But the Serbians held the game as Krunic served wide and Mirza's return was dispatched

cial hold and now Mirza had to serve under pres-

out the game at love.

sealed it for Mirza and Ram.

Rohan Bopanna is also in fray in the mixed

Holders India look to continue momentum after Olympic high up' attitude in the players. "One of the good qualities of the team is that we have learnt to fight till

PTI MUSCAT

The Indian women's hockey team will look to carry on the momentum from the historic Tokyo Olympic campaign when it opens its title defence against Malaysia in the Asia Cup here on

The Indian women recorded their best-ever Olympic result after finishing fourth in Tokyo last year, narrowly missing out on a podium. The Savita Punia-led side, the most

experienced in the tournament, will now

be hoping to use that experience to good effect in its first major event after the Goalkeeper Savita will lead the side in the absence of Rani Rampal, who has been

rested to recover from a hamstring injury. Savita has admitted that India's experience will be key to the team's success at the prestigious quadrennial tournament, which is also a qualifying event for this year's FIH Women's World Cup, to be co-hosted by Spain and Netherlands.

"The best part about this team is that, many of us have been playing together for a long time and I feel this experience and team camaraderie will give us the edge over other teams.
"Our main priority will be to remain

focused on our game and ensure we execute the plans against each team without making errors," Savita said on the eve of

The defending champions are game on January 24.

The surprises started early at the

Australian Open on Day 4, with No

3 Garbiñe Muguruza becoming the highest-seeded player to exit the

women's draw just minutes after No 6

Not long after, No 2-seeded Aryna Sabalenka served a dozen double-faults

in the first set and appeared to be on the brink of a second-round defeat

before recovering to hold off 100thranked Wang Xinyu 1-6 6-4 6-2.

a single break point and made a whop-

ping 33 unforced errors, more than

twice her opponent's total, in a 6-3 6-

3 loss to Alize Cornet under a bright

blue and cloudless sky at Rod Laver

level. I am a little disappointed, too,"

said Muguruza, who won the season-

rate and precise. I feel, also, my aggres-

sive game wasn't that aggressive today."

was: Muguruza is a two-time Grand

Slam champion and a two-time major

runner-up, too, including making it to the final at the Australian Open in

appearing in her 63rd career major

tournament — and 60th in a row — but

never has been beyond the fourth

ending WTA Finals in 2021.

"A little bit surprised about my

"I feel like my shots weren't as accu-

Here's how unexpected that result

And the 61st-ranked Cornet? She's

Muguruza never managed to earn

Garbiñe: No 3 Muguruza

bows out at Australian Open

Malaysia and Singapore.

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Anett Kontaveit lost.

Arena on Thursday.



After Malaysia, the Indians will play against Japan on Sunday before squaring off against Singapore in their final pool

on the need to make a positive start to

the tournament.

"We have played Malaysia quite a few times in the past and they are a good side. Doing well against them will give us the

our own game and not worry too much about what the opponent team can or cannot do. We just want to play to our strength.'

As a team, we believe in focusing on instrumental in instilling a 'never-give-

Star archery couple Deepika, Atanu dropped from TOPS

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Ctar archer Deepika Kumari and her husband Atanu Das were on Thursday dropped from the Sports Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) due to their belowpar performances in the national ranking tourna-The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) last month

decided to review support for Deepika, a former world number one recurve archer, and Atanu after the National Ranking Archery Tournament in Hyderabad, where they cut a sorry fig-"Considering their below-par performances in the event, MOC decided to not include them in the TOPS list for now," Sports Ministry said in a statement. The archery couple was rated highly after their exploits in the different World Cups, but both Deepika and Atanu have



time and again failed to shine at the multi-sport events -- the latest being the Tokyo Olympics, where much was expected from them but they returned empty-handed. Their problems com-

pounded after they flopped at the World Cup Finals in Yankton, USA last October.

Aware of their immense contribution in raising the profile of archery in the country, the decision was conveyed to the duo by MOC members, SAI and Archery Association of India officials. Deepika said the TOPS

omission will only motivate her to comeback stronger. "I appreciate that SAI

officials informed me before the MOC meeting itself that there was a possibility of me being excluded from

Judges didn't consider "wisdom" of deporting Novak Djokovic

AP MELBOURNE

Three Australian Federal Court judges on Thursday revealed their reasons for backing a government order to deport tennis star Novak Djokovic, explaining they did not consider the "merits or wisdom of the decision.'

The judges on Sunday unanimously endorsed Immigration Minister Alex Hawke's decision to deport the 34-year-old Serb following an urgent court challenge on the eve of what was to be Djokovic's first match in defense of his Australian Open title. Djokovic accepted the verdict and flew from Melbourne to the United Arab Emirates hours later.

Chief Justice James Allsop and Justices James Besanko and David O'Callaghan on Thursday released a 27-page explanation of why they rejected Djokovic's challenge.

"The court does not consider the merits or wisdom of the decision," the judges said. "The task of the court is to rule upon the lawfulness or legality of the decision.'

"Another person in the position of the minister may have not cancelled Mr. Djokovic's visa. The minister did," they added. Djokovic had his visa revoked at Melbourne's airport on Jan. 6 hours after



arriving because he wasn't vaccinated against COVID-19.

A judge later found that the border officer's decision to cancel the visa was legally unreasonable and restored it.

But Hawke used his sweeping discretion under the Immigration Act to cancel the visa again on Friday on the broad ground of public interest.

Djokovic was a "high profile unvacci-nated individual" whose presence in Melbourne "may foster anti-vaccination sentiment" and increase pressure on the health system, Hawke said in his 10-page decision to revoke the visa.

Hawke had rejected Djokovic's arguments that his deportation would appear to be "politically motivated decision-making".

Man United beats Brentford 3-1 after 2nd-half turnaround

Manchester United staged a second-half turnaround as goals from Anthony Elanga, Mason Greenwood and Marcus Rashford earned a 3-1 win at Brentford to boost the team's top-four ambitions in the Premier League.

It was another less-than-convincing display from United on Wednesday, though, with Cristiano Ronaldo ostensibly far from impressed at being substituted with 20 min-

Elanga, a 19-year-old winger starting only his fourth Premier League match,



broke the deadlock in the 55th minute by latching onto Fred's pass behind Brentford's defense and then nodding the ball into the corner. Brentford, by then, had wasted a host

of chances to take the lead in the first half. Greenwood then notched his first Premier League goal since October, tapping in from Bruno Fernandes' pass, to make it 2-0 in the 62nd. Rashford climbed off the bench to add

the third — again off a pass from Fernandes in the 77th for a first league win of 2022. "First half was not good in all aspects

of the game," United manager Ralf Rangnick

"In the second half, we were more urgent, attacking higher up the pitch and taking the right decisions in the counterat-

It was incredibly hard on Brentford, which had dominated the first league meeting between these sides since 1946 but only had Ivan Toney's late scrambled consolation to show for it.
"Unbelievably proud of my team,"
Brentford manager Thomas Frank said.

"We are the smallest club in the Premier

League, Manchester United the biggest. We destroyed them in the first half. "They didn't have a sniff, three huge

chances and there could only have been one winner of this game. They are unbelievably tack and we scored, which is the big differ-

have left," Cornet said.

"Today was a perfect gift I could give myself and I really hope the jour-

ney's going to go even farther for me." Sam Stosur's 6-2 6-2 loss to No 10 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova ended the 2011 US Open champion's 20th, and

last, singles campaign at the Australian

nalist Danielle Collins. "It was more: I can win, but we'll see what happens." Cornet will get a chance to equal that showing when she plays Saturday, Sabalenka finished with 19 double-fau her 32nd birthday. She called herself "a little bit (of) a lts, including nine in her first two service games, in her win over Wang. She said she regained her composure dur-ing a quick trip to the locker room foldinosaur.' "I don't know how many years I

ving the first set. The US Open and Wimbledon semifinalist from last year said she had "a lot of experience of playing without the serve," and she'd reassured herself that she had enough other weapons to

win "even if you can't serve."

Open.
"I've done more than I ever thought

n't have asked for anything more,"

best physically and noted that the start

of this season was "kind of stressful,"

because COVID-19 spread through her

support team and she was apart from

in the title match at the WTA Finals,

was beaten 6-2 6-3 by 19-year-old Clara

could win, but it wasn't like I have to

win," said Tauson, who will make her

debut in the third round at a major against 2019 Australian Open semifi-

them for two weeks.

Tauson of Denmark.

Stosur told the crowd in Kia Arena.

possible. I dreamed of winning a

rand Slam (singles title), and I could-

Muguruza said she didn't feel at her

Kontaveit, who lost to Muguruza

"I just went in there believing I

India hope to make turnaround

With very little time to rest, India will be hoping to put up a better batting show and make a turnaround against South Africa in the second ODI at Boland Park on Friday

PTI ■ PAARL (SOUTH AFRICA)

L Rahul will have to show drastically improved leadership acumen when he leads India against a buoyant South African side in the second ODI on Thursday, with the three-match series and his long-term Test captaincy ambitions both at stake.

Rahul was at best mediocre in terms of "on-your-feet-thinking", something that's basic to art of captaincy, and also didn't look the part with the bat in a deflating 31-run defeat in the opening ODI where India were outplayed for the better part of the game.

The middle-order, which had been a problem since Virat Kohli's heady days as captain, is still sticking out like a sore thumb and no one knows what exactly the

Once again, it was a case of one opener -- Shikhar Dhawan on this occasion and the indomitable Kohli holding fort before the middle-order caved in on a slower pitch where there was turn and the

ball gripped, making a run-of-the-mill seamer Andile Phehlukwayo look formi-

South Africa crushed India both strategically as well as on skills and therein lay serious questions about Rahul's wares as captain.

The most dominant query was what exactly was Venkatesh Iyer doing in the team if he was not bowling at least four to five overs as the sixth bowler when Yuzvendra Chahal and Shardul Thakur were being taken to the cleaners by Rassie van der Dussen and Temba

If Venkatesh is playing as a specialist batter at No.6 then why not use Suryakumar Yadav, who is more experienced with a better range of strokes under pressure?

The next question that arose was whether Rahul spoke to Chahal or Ashwin when Van der Dussen and Bavuma started playing the sweep shots -- both conventional and reverse sweep on a good bat-

There wasn't a singular inspired bowling change unlike Proteas who introduced Aiden Markram's off-breaks first-up and bottled up the Indian skipper.

When India batted, the game was lost at the halfway stage once Dhawan and Kohli were out in quick succession following their 90-plus stand. Suddenly, the strip where batting looked easy became diffi-

Shreyas Iyer's well-documented strug-gles against the short ball were again exposed on the day and the Mumbaikar would know that a place in the Indian playing XI comes at a premium and he can't go on wasting chances like a million-

But going by Rahul Dravid's template, he would get his share of chances.

On a slow track, where rotating the strike is a must, the likes of Rishabh Pant and the two Iyers will have to play a big-

Similarly, Shardul Thakur, despite his fifty which came when the match as a contest was over and there was no pres-

sure of a target, will have to measure up as a bowler which is his primary skill.

Going for 70 plus runs in his 10-over spell with too many loose balls didn't help the team's cause and even Bhuvneshwar Kumar looked insipid on his return to the national playing eleven after the tour of Sri Lanka

The difference between the two sides was how the spinners fared -- Ashwin and Chahal in their combined 20 overs gave away 106 runs for a single wicket while Markram, Tabraiz Shamsi and Keshav Maharaj bowled 26 overs between them for 124 runs and snared four wickets between them.

"It was a sort of wicket that we get back home. It was not a typical South African wicket. There was turn (on offer) in the wicket, and the ball was also keeping straight, so it wasn't easy for the new batsmen to score runs," senior batter Dhawan had said after the match.

"The plan of the set batsmen was to take it deep, but unfortunately I got out on the ball which turned a lot and I did-

that, but ves that happens,"

he said. Test captaincy is a different ball-game compared to white ball but Rahul only knows too well that when it comes to decision-making, the top brass will fall back on references they

And a series defeat against South Africa isn't going to do his case any good unless the head coach is bent on trying to make a leader out

home, which they won 2-1, and

Tough times made me stronger but needed After T20s, no Indians in ICC ODI men's Team of The Year calm and clarity: Shikhar Dhawan

Shikhar Dhawan believes that every lean patch in his career has made him "stronger" but it is his clarity of mind and calmness that has enabled him to ride over the rough times.

The oldest player in the Indian ODI set-up, there were lot of talks about Dhawan's poor form in domestic cricket but as it has been with the 36-year-old, he was back with a bang in his favourite blue shirt with a topscore of 79 off 84 balls, albeit in a losing cause in the first ODI against South Africa. "I don't listen to the media or don't read newspapers or watch news, that way I don't take all that information," Dhawan said when asked how he keeps himself way from negativity.

For him, neither the bad patch has affected him for the first time nor is it going to be the last time but one needs to have the self belief in one's abilities.

"I have full confidence in myself



that what my game is and I have clarity on that and I stay quite calm. And this is part of life, this happens in life, everyone's life has ups and downs, so it is nothing new and happening for the first time or for the last time in my career or my life, so it is alright, that only makes me stronger," said Dhawan. Dhawan came into the series after a poor run of Vijay Hazare Trophy scores — 0, 12, 14, 18, 12 — in five List A games. But if one carefully looks at Dhawan's career, just when there have been calls to drop him, he has invariably responded with a big knock like he did in the first ODI, where he looked the best batter in his side.

"These talks (to drop him) always are there and I am used to it and I just know how to give my best and I always make sure that my preparation is quite good and process is good and then I "...And I know that with my expe-

rience and my self-confidence, I'll do good and I am happy that I did well today," the flamboyant opener quipped. His endeavour is to remain fit and

healthy for the last part of his career. "With my experience I'll keep scoring lots of runs and yeah till the time I keep playing cricket I stay healthy and happy and I score lot of runs," he said knowing well that he is

reaching the business end of his career. Dhawan's assessment of his team's 31-run defeat against South Africa was

its struggle to keep the scoreboard tick-

ing in the middle overs as the pitch got "We had a good start and I feel the wicket was slow, it was offering a bit of turn as well. So, when you are chasing (around) 300 runs, when the middle-order comes to bat, it is not

easy to play shots. "Our wickets fell in

a heap and that had an impact on us

as a batting unit," Dhawan reasoned. Dhawan also praised the South African duo of Temba Bavuma (110 off 143) and Rassie van der Dussen (129 not out off 96) for their well crafted hundreds that laid the platform for a convincing win. Dhawan believes that handling varied match situations comes with experience and the likes of Rishabh Pant, the two Iyers -- Shreyas and Venkatesh -- will understand better as they play more games.



PTI DUBAI

 $A^{\text{fter going unrepresented in}}_{\text{the ICC's men's T20 Team of}}$ the Year' due to a disastrous World Cup campaign in the UAE, no Indian player featured in the global body's 'ODI Team of the Year' which features two players from minnows Ireland.

Incidentally, the team also doesn't have any Australia, English, New Zealand or West Indies players. The team, which has Pakistan's Babar Azam as its

captain, has two Pakistanis including Fakhar Zaman. South Africans Janneman Malan and Rassie van der Dussen, Bangladeshis Shakib Al Hasan, Mustafizur Rahaman and Mushfiqur Rahim, who is also also didn't play all the six games. the designated wicketkeeper, Sri Lankans Wanindu Hasaranga and Dishmantha Chameera along with Irishmen Paul Stirling and Simi Singh form the rest of the squad. India, in the year 2021, played six ODIs and won four losing two.

The two 50-over series that they

played were against England at

the other was an away clash against Sri Lanka in the island nation which was also won by an identical margin.

The problem with non-selection of an Indian player in the XI is more to do with lack of match-

es rather than poor show since they have won both the series that they played in 2021. The only Indian player, who has played all the ODI matches in 2021 is veteran opener Shikhar Dhawan, who had 297 runs from

The likes of Virat Kohli, KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma only played three ODIs in 2021 and ditto for premier bowlers, who

Buvneshwar Kumar was there in five of those six games with his tally of wickets not in double digits (9 from 5 matches).

In order to make it to the team of the year, there have to be enough impactful performances to earn points which Indians didn't

India veterans Raj, Goswami feature in ICC Women's 'ODI Team of the Year'



7eteran India players Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami featured in the ICC 'ODÍ Team of the Year' for women after they extended their consistent run in internation-

The ICC Team of the Year recognises the achievements of exceptional players who impressed with their on-field exploits in a calendar vear.

The 39-year-old Raj, the veteran India batter and captain, amassed the same number of runs as England opener Tammy Beaumont and at exactly the same average.

But her 503 runs came when the Indian team struggled as a unit, making her contribution even more important. She didn't score any century this year but made a total of six half-centuries.

Long-time pace spearhead Goswami,

who is also 39, is still proving herself to be a force to reckon with.

She claimed a total of 15 wickets in 2021 and maintained an excellent economy rate of 3.77 as well.

runs in check, and pick up wickets at the same time, Goswami is an asset for any side, the ICC said in its appreciation for the With 340 ODI scalps, Jhulan, who is also

ner, leads the tally for most wickets in the international arena. Raj and Goswami are the only two

an ICC Women's Cricket of the Award win-

Indian players to have featured in the side captained by England skipper Heather The team has three players from South

Africa, two each from England and West Indies and one from Australia. Biopics are being made on both Raj and

Goswami. The two seasoned cricketers are now looking forward to this year's upcoming ODI World Cup in New Zealand.

Knight, the England captain has been a vital cog of their middle-order for a number of years now and she was one of the top performers in that role once again in 2021.

Knight accumulated a total of 423 runs this year, at an average of 42.30, including one century and three fifties. She also played a key role with the ball, chipping in with five wickets at an average of 19.80.

Tried reverse sweeps to put pressure back on Indian spinners: Van Der Dussen



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South African batter Rassie van der Dussen was satisfied that he could execute his sweep shots to perfection against the Indian spinners which unsettled them during his team's 31-run win over the visitors in the first ODI here.

Van der Dussen's 129 not out off 96 balls and his 204-run stand with skipper and fellow centurion Temba Bavuma formed the cornerstone of an easy victory for the Proteas.

"Yeah, I think it was 68 for 3 when I came in. It was taking a bit of turn, so I knew I had to get my sweeps out. Generally, the wicket is quite slow here. I tried reverse sweeps, a few of them came off, got off to a flyer. I tried to put pressure back on the them (Indian spinners), Van der Dussen said at the online media interaction after the opening ODI here on Wednesday. Van der Dussen was involved in two high pressure chases in

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the Test victories recently and that certainly increased his confidence in the first ODI where he took the Indian attack to iwo nigh pressure run cha in the Tests meant we were quite confident as a unit. All in all, a good day for the batters." he added.

Van der Dussen swept really well against Yuzvendra Chahal and Ravichandran Ashwin, something he works hard on during net sessions against quality slow bowlers.

"Conditions in Paarl generally suit spinners and slower bowlers.

The way we upskilled ourselves...Starting from the T20s in West Indies, then the series in Sri Lanka and the T20 World Cup.

"Up-skilling our batters against spin.. Making sure that we can dominate spin. In the past SA batters were known to dominate against the seamers, now with the work put in by the coaching unit against spin bowling has helped a lot," he added. Van der Dussen, was all praise for his skipper Bavuma, who anchored the innings well.

"Ōbviously, played with Temba for long in my career. It was very hot out there today and when he got to 70 or 80, he felt the heat a bit and he reminded me to remind him to keep the intensity.

Zimbabwe's Chirwa suspended from bowling in international cricket

PTI ■ DUBAI **L**Victor Chirwa has been from bowlinternational cricket with immediate effect after the Event Panel of the ICC U-19 World Cup confirmed that he uses an illegal

action The Event Panel comprised members of the ICC Panel of Human Movement Specialists.

Chirwa was reported by the match officials during Zimbabwe's match against Papua New Guinea on Saturday. Video footage of him bowling in the event was shared with the Event Panel for review.

The Event Panel concluded that Chirwa employed an illegal bowling action and, as such, in accordance with Article 6.7 of the regulations, he is immediately suspended from bowling in international cricket, the ICC said in a

media release.

Parakh, and Siddharth Yadav also

PTI ■ TAROUBA (TRINIDAD)

R ecord four-time champions and title contenders India stormed into the Super League quarterfinals of the U-19 World Cup after thrashing minnows Ireland by a whopping 174 runs in a league game here, in which they barely managed to field a playing XI.

India started their campaign on a winning note, beating South Africa by 45 runs on last Saturday and the win on Wednesday by such a huge margin is significant as the team fielded only the available 11 players after six members of the side were forced into isolation after testing COVID positive.

Put into bat at the picturesque Brian Lara stadium, India first rode on Harnoor Singh's brisk 88, which was well complimented by a run-a-ball 79 by his opening partner Angkrish Raghuvanshi, to post a challenging 307 for five.

The Hrishikesh Kanitkarcoached side then bundled out the opposition for meagre 133 in 39 overs to register a comfortable win.

Skipper Yash Dhull and his deputy Sheikh Rasheed were among

COVID-hit India stroll into QFs after beating Ireland; Australia win too

those isolated after testing positive as Nishant Sindhu led the side.

Left-handed Harnoor and Angriksh stitched a 164-run stand at the top to ensure Indian bowlers had a decent total to defend.

Harnoor hit 12 fours in his 101ball knock while Angriksh found 10 boundaries and two sixes.

Stand-in skipper Nishant Sindhu (36 off 34; 5x4s) and Raj Bawa (42 off 64; 2x4s; 1x6) shared a 64-run stand for the third wicket, ensuring that the platform created by the openers was well-utilised to set a big score.
Just when it seemed India lacked

enough firepower towards the end as big hits had dried up, Rajvardhan Hangargekar hit five sixes, including a hat-trick of maximums in the last over, in his fiery 17-ball 39-run unbeaten cameo that took India past the 300-run mark.

Harnoor, who has been in sparkling form, drove the ball elegant-



Jalandhar flicked it exquisitely. The ones pitched up on the off-side were

In contrast, Angriksh chose to

muscle the ball around. He cut, pulled and also drove in an aggresdriven in the cover region as Harnoor sive manner as none of the Ireland bowlers could trouble the Indian

The 16-year-old from Delhi pulled left-arm spinner Matthew Humphreys (1/69) over deep midwicket for a six to raise his half-cen-

It was the same bowler who trapped him leg before later. Angkrish was dismissed by spin-

ner Jamie Forbes (1/38). Chasing 308, Ireland was teeter-

ing at 17 for three after losing both openers Liam Doherty (7), David Vincent (8) and one-down Jack Dickson (0) cheaply inside the first seven overs. Ireland never recovered from the

early blows as right-arm medium pacer Garv Sangwan (2/23) sent back skipper Tim Tector (15) in the 15th over, to leave the side reeling at

Wicket-keeper Joshua Cox (28 46 balls) tried to take the game deep, but it was too little and too late. Sangwan struck again, this time

removing Cox, who was caught by Dinesh Bana in the 21st over as Ireland lost half its side for 66. Scott Macbeth (32) only delayed

the inevitable but from here on, it was just a matter of time and India folded up Ireland's innings for just 133 with left-arm orthodox spinner Aneeshwar Gautam (2/11) and offspinner Kaushal Tambe (2/8) cleaning up the lower middle order and tail-enders.

For India, Sangwan, Gautam and Tambe picked two wickets each while Rajvardhan Hangargekar (1/17), Ravi Kumar (1/11) and spinner Vicky Ostwal (1/22) too played

their parts to perfection. India now need to have enough players for their last Group B game against Uganda on Saturday as besides Dhull and Rasheed, batter Aaradhya Yadav, Vasu Vats, Manav

tested positive for the virus.

AUSTRALIA BEAT SCOTLAND IN BASSETERRE IN GROUP D

In a Group D match in Basseterre, Australia defeated Scotland by seven wickets.

Put into bat, Scotland rode on Charlie Tear (54), Thomas Mackintosh (54) and Oliver Davidson's (33) to post a respectable 236 for eight.

Australia sent Scotland in to bat first at the Conaree Cricket Centre, a decision that looked like it might backfire when Scotland's openers made a positive start with Tear and Davidson sharing 88 runs for the first

and William Salzmann (2/38) picked up two wickets apiece. Chasing, Australia started well, with run-machine Teague Wyllie

For Australia, Aiden Cahill (2/33)

and Campbell Kellaway attacking in the powerplay. The pair stuck 100 on the score-

board without loss, before Kellaway (47) departed just shy of a half-cen-