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

Kerala positivity
rate soars to 43%

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Neighbouring Karnataka too is battling massive surge in Covid-19 cases. The State reported 48,049 new Covid-19 cases along with 22 deaths and 18,115 recoveries on Friday. Bengaluru registered 29,068 infections and six deaths.

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

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

Rahul raps Govt
for moving flame
to War Memorial

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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Parrikar's son quits BJP to fight as independent from coveted Panjim

PTI ■ PANJI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Priyanka pitches herself as CM candidate in UP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

Priyanka, who has been leading from the front in the crucial poll-bound State, however, evaded queries on whether she would contest the Assembly polls. At the same time, she said the Congress would be open to a post-poll alliance if the need arose. Rahul on his part chose to attack the BJP alleging that those preaching Hindutva are spreading hatred in the cyber world.

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



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

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

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

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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

from Hardoi.

Other key candidates include former BSP leader Ramveer Upadhyay from Sadabad, Archana Pandey from Chhibramau, and Satish Mahana from Mahrajpur. Riya Shakya, daughter of Bidhuna MLA Vinay Shakya who joined the SP, has also got a ticket to contest from her father's seat.

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

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

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

LG rejects Govt's proposal to reduce Covid restrictions

SAPNA SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

Bajjal clarified that existing restrictions should remain in force until the Covid-19 situation further improves. He, however, allowed Delhi Government's proposal that private offices should operate at 50 per cent capacity.

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

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What DDMA order says

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

universities, will remain closed till further orders

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

Domestic fliers can't carry more than one hand baggage

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



key airports in India.

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

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

average carries two to three handbags to the screening point. This has led to increased clearance time as well as delays, congestion in PESC points, and inconvenience to passengers. "As per BCAS AVSEC Circular Nos. 06/2000 & Lt12000, no passenger should be permitted to carry more than one handbag other than those items already listed in the circular including lady's bag," the CISF said, adding, "All airlines and airport operators may be instructed to take steps to implement 'One Hand Bag rule' meticulously on the ground to ease the congestion and other security concerns."

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Harak Rawat joins Congress

PNS ■ DEHRADUN/NEW DELHI

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

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

Harak was expelled from the BJP five days back.

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

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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

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



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

According to Chandra, the 35 YouTube accounts blocked by the Ministry were all operating from Pakistan and were identified to be part of four coordinated disinformation networks. These include Faisal Tarar Speaks, Apni Dunya TV, Haqeeqat ki Dunia, Shahzad Abbas, Mera Pakistan with

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

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

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

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CLUBHOUSE APP CHAT CASE: 3 ARRESTED

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

R-DAY REHEARSAL: TRAVEL ADVISORY ISSUED

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

20 omicron cases detected at Tata Main Hospital

Positivity rate and admissions on the decline

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

Tata Main Hospital (TMH) has detected 20 positive cases for the omicron variant of Covid-19. Out of 180 samples sent on January 3, Bhubaneswar-based Institute of Life Sciences (ILS) confirmed the existence of the variant among 20 patients after conducting the genome sequencing of the samples. Another 160 were detected to be sub lineages of the Delta variant.

Tata Steel takes ‘first-of-its-kind in the world’ initiative to reduce emissions

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

As part of its continuous efforts to move toward sustainable steel production, Tata Steel has initiated the trial for continuous injection of coal bed methane (CBM) gas in one of the Blast Furnaces (E Blast Furnace) at its Jamshedpur Works, making it the first such instance in the world where a steel company has used CBM as injectant. This process is expected to reduce coke rate by 10 kg/thm, which will be equivalent to reducing 33 kg of CO2 per tonne of crude steel. The trial will take place over the next few weeks. The technology, design, and development of the entire system at E Blast Furnace for facilitating CBM injection has been done by the in-house team of Tata Steel.



Debashish Bhattacharjee, vice president, technology & new materials business, Tata Steel, said: “The conversations around climate change have gained unprecedented momentum in recent years. Given this imperative, the steel industry, also considered hard to abate, too will need to urgently explore sustainable options to mitigate its environmental footprint. At Tata Steel, we are on a journey to decarbonise and this initiative is yet another step towards this objective. We will continue to innovate

and make investments to transition towards sustainable manufacturing.” Uttam Singh, vice president, iron making, Tata Steel, said: “Technologies to decarbonise steel at scale are not ready yet. Tata Steel has undertaken various technology initiatives including pilots and trials to explore new and scalable solutions for decarbonisation. This initiative of CBM injection in blast furnaces will provide us with useful insights into Blast Furnace operation with hydrogen based in-

jectants and help reduce emissions. We are on a mission to bring down the CO2 emissions to 1.8 tonnes of CO2 per tonne of crude steel by 2030.” This trial will help in quantification of the reduction in coke rate used in the blast furnace, its impact on productivity and will provide useful insights regarding operation of blast furnaces with hydrogen-based injectants. These insights will be used to design a framework for future sustainable operations of blast furnaces with greener fuels containing more hydrogen. CBM primarily contains 98% of methane along with trace amounts of other gases, extracted from underground coal reservoirs. India is blessed with abundant resources of CBM with the eastern region of the country being the major source.

duce significantly,” he noted. The advisor also said that TMH is also focusing on the post Covid19 care clinic at its OPD. Sensing the need of those patients who recovered from coronavirus, the hospital will focus on post Covid care. “The impact of the virus is reducing but we need to be careful. We should celebrate the festival with family and friends but we must avoid crowding. Masks are a must and we must keep a distance of 6 feet. We must adhere to social distancing and avoid crowding. If we remain serious about the protocols the virus will further reduce significantly,” he noted.

Spl attention should be given to children's education : Jayant Sinha

PNS ■ Ranchi

The meeting of the District Development Coordination and Evaluation Committee (DISHA) in Collectorate Auditorium was held on Thursday under the chairmanship of MP Jayant Sinha. During the meeting, the MP discussed the education of children during the Corona period. It was told how the gap that has come due to Corona will be filled. The MP said that for this, emphasis should be given on tola education and online education. Identify weak children and pay special attention to them. The MP directed the officials of the concerned executive department and agencies to get the roads repaired and follow the quality, including investigating the issue of quality of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

Cath lab facility started at HZB Arogyam Hospital

AVINASH ANJAN HAZARIBAG



HZB Arogyam Superspeciality Hospital & Trauma Center set a new record by moving towards Super Speciality Hospital in just a five and half years journey. On Wednesday, The Director of the hospital, Harsh Ajmera, organized a press-conference and said that now the cath lab facility has been started in Hazaribag Arogyam Hospital for heart patients like metropolitan cities, in which Dr. Mrinal Kunj, experienced and best DM Cardiologist from Meditrina Group of Hospitals Kerala, will give his service. With him in his cardiology team, Dr. Ravirajan, Dr. Swastika Gupta and Dr. Nilashish Dey will draw on their experience and potential. Harsh Ajmera informed that the Complete Cardiology Department has been established in the second floor of

the new building of the hospital. Where the Advance and Model Cath Lab of Zee Company has been established with 10 bedded CCU, many types of heart related treatment facilities will be available to the people here at an affordable rate as compared to metros. People will get facilities for heart related coronary angiography, coronary angioplasty peripheral, angiography and angioplasty, pacemaker and ICD implantation, balloon valvuloplasty, ASD/PDA device closure and pediatric cardiac surgery. The cardiology department of the hospital has also been enlisted under Ayushman Bharat scheme so that poor patients can get relief in the treatment of heart related problems.

DPS Chas organises felicitation ceremony ‘Abhyuday’

PNS Bokaro



Around 72 students of DPS Chas were awarded gold medals, blue blazer, scholar badges, proficiency prizes, and special prestigious awards in a felicitation ceremony—“Abhyuday” on Friday. At the felicitation ceremony, the best house trophy was won by Chenab House. Atharv Akshat of Class VII and Tiara of Class III were declared the ‘School Toppers’ and received the Chairman’s Gold Medal for the ‘Best Scholar’ and Chairman’s Gold Medal for the Best Achiever, respectively. Srejan Sinha of Class XI was awarded the Pro-Vice Chairman’s Gold Medal for Head Boy, while Pragya Pushkar of Class XI got Principal’s Gold Medal for Head Girl. Dr. Hemlata S Mohan Trophy for All all-round student was conferred upon Aalaa Gorai of Class IV in the Junior Group and APJ Abdul Kalam

Trophy for All round best student was bestowed on Srejan Sinha in the Senior Group. To acknowledge and applaud the school students’ achievements who excelled in academics and brought laurels to the school at the state and national level, DPS Chas organized a felicitation ceremony with zeal, enthusiasm, and vitality on the virtual platform, informed a school authority. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Mentor, Dr. Hemlata S Mohan congratulated the students for their meticulous performance and motivated them with her words of wis-

dom and blessings. She was the chief guest of the programme. She guided the students to tread on the path of sincerity and perseverance. She said, “Every child is blessed with a unique talent and they can change the world. Undoubtedly, we are very fortunate to have a team of dedicated teachers who contribute to shaping the leaders of tomorrow”. Officiating Principal Deepali Bhushkute, DPS Chas appreciated the diligence and dedication of students and acknowledged the parents’ support and hand holding.

Nudging out of extreme poverty: The Graduation Approach

By Srikanta Routa

I met Ramdhari Didi while I was on field in Gumla, Jharkhand. She lived with her husband and belonged to a ‘Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group’. The longer I spoke with her, the more I understood her story about living in extreme poverty. Initially, her crop production was under-sized and unassured. She had no savings. Food for her family was hard-earned, only to kill the hunger and stay alive for tomorrow. Ramdhari Didi, along with the rest of the poorest of the poor, didn’t think about the long-term and survived for tomorrow. It was very hard for these families to maintain ‘consumption smoothing’- maintaining a similar level of consumption over a significant period. This smoothing is dependent on the level of variation in production and savings, which is where these households fell short. Since their consumption pattern wasn’t stable, it hurt all important events of their lives and didn’t allow them to live securely. Poverty killed their capacity to realize their capabilities to the fullest potential. However, this changed when she was able to earn more than Rs.18000, with grant investment of Rs.2700, from tomato farming on 1/10th of an acre of land. The profit she made from selling tomatoes enabled her to purchase a new water-pumping machine for cultivation. She is now leasing it out to other families and for the first time, the entire village has a water-pumping machine. Not only did she purchase a new machine for herself, but she has introduced a new source of irrigation for others in the village as well.



How did this happen? Ramdhari Didi was introduced to the ‘graduation approach’. Tight handholding support and continued coaching by the well-trained and dedicated field staff of an agency, like TheNudge Foundation, helped her to get good productivity and access to the local market. She was also supported with livelihood grants to start two types of diversified livelihood activities. She chose small-scale animal husbandry and vegetable cultivation. At present, the value of productive assets is more than Rs.50,000 (in baseline, the asset was less than Rs.6000). She has also been linked to social protection government schemes like PVTG pension ensuring a standard monthly liquid cash inflow and is also supported with a consumption support grant ensuring her food security when she was busy receiving livelihood development training. With the confidence of owning productive assets and income from own land, Didi now has small savings in a Self-Help Group. The support in the ‘graduation approach’, which organizations like BRAC and Ford Foundation etc. are

also implementing, includes access to grants, rights and entitlements, formal financial services and local markets, along with life skills coaching and simplified technical training. This leads to improved and diversified livelihoods for the ultra-poor. Cash or asset transfer will not reach its real potential if it is not supplemented by proper and timely handholding support from the civil society organization. It includes the confidence that comes from regular coaching, peer support and the knowledge that the organization is here to work with them, walk with them and face every challenge together. After their food security is ensured, the agency needs to stand by these households and encourage them to take the risk to shift to mainstream livelihood from traditional distress-based livelihood activities. Later on, the maintenance can be handed over to community institutions like Self Help Groups to take care of these most vulnerable households. The shift to mainstream livelihood activities will not only help them ensure a steady income but also secure them from distress mi-

gration. This is also important to protect and strengthen the local village-level economy. The four pillars of the ‘Graduation Approach’- social development, social protection, economic development through asset/cash transfer and access to rights and entitlements through handholding support- need to be the base of every development program that targets the poorest of the poor. The ultra-poor consists of the bottom 10% of our population who are missing both government and market/private interventions. It is crucial to target these households carefully and work with them for at least 36 months to bring them to a better position where they have the confidence to question privilege and fight for their share. This confidence only comes from ‘consumption smoothing’ security, dignified livelihood, ownership over productive assets, having access to government welfare schemes, and their inclusion into community institutions. Thanks to the graduation approach, Ramdhari Didi is now confident of a quality future. She and other Didis like her have mobilized into a small group that meets every week to discuss their challenges and decide solutions for themselves. After getting vegetables from a small patch of land, having a direct interaction with the local market, seeing cash in her hand for the very first time, and now owning a water-pumping machine (the productive asset) from her own income, the confidence she has is priceless and that confidence is motivating her to fight her way out of extreme poverty. The writer is Head of Operations, UltraPoor Program, TheNudge Foundation.

Giridih MP, villagers stop 15 trucks loaded with illegal coal in Bermo

SURESH NIKHAR ■ BERMO



As many as 15 coal-laden trucks were on Thursday night intercepted by the Member of Parliament, Giridih Chandra Prakash Chaudhary along with local villagers during a check at Pichhari area under Paterwar police station. The check was conducted amid the reports of unabated rise in illegal coal transportation cases. Illegal coal mining and its transportation have been going on in Bokaro and the district police administration as well Jharkhand government is not taking any action to prevent such activities, the Member of parliament Chandra Prakash Chaudhary said on Friday. “Incidents of illegal mining and transportation of coal are taking place and the district administration is aware of it, added the MP. According to reports the MP

along with his supporters stopped 15 trucks carrying illegal coal on the night of 20 January and accused the administration of being involved in this black business in collaboration with the coal mafia. While talking to the Pioneer MP Chandra Prakash Chaudhary said that after getting the information, he along with his supporters suddenly reached the spot and then they not only seized many vehicles laden with illegal coal, but their supporters also stopped them everywhere by taking out the air of the vehicles.

During the surprise raid of the MP, several vehicles laden with illegal coal started running away, which his supporters chased to seize it. The MP alleged that the local police administration are directly involved in the loot of Jharkhand’s property and are also part of illegal earnings. The MP said in a threatening tone that he would not allow any kind of illegal work to be done in his Lok Sabha constituency. He himself will bust the illegal business by conducting raids along with his supporters.

Ruckus over attempt to manage tender at Dhanbad building division

Pankaj Kumar ■ Dhanbad

All is not well in different construction related departments here in Dhanbad. After getting patch work for over Rs 43 crores on roads built at similar cost now attempts to manage tender at Dhanbad building division were on on Thursday till late evening. This all happened when the registered contractors of the departments created ruckus and came to know that attempts to manage tenders were being made and new contractors were not being allowed to drop tender papers. This all happened in knowledge of the executive engineer but refused to comment directly saying that he is not aware of the issue as he is out of office, said contractors. All started when tenders for works done about two years ago by some pet contractors of the department were done at the office of the deputy commissioner, New circuit

House and some works at SNMMCH. The total value of work was over Rs two crores. The engineers though got works done without calling for tenders then now when funds were released called for tenders. Representatives of different firms had heated exchange of words as a section wanted that since work has already been done only those who worked should be allowed to drop tender papers. Executive Engineer RK Rana said, “I am not aware what happened during the tender.” He refused to comment when was asked why earlier the works were ordered without calling tender then. However, since the dispute the tender has been cancelled. One of the contractors said, work up to Rs 25 lakhs can be done in case of emergence as per departmental rule but in all cases the works were of much higher value and were awarded to contractors who were in the good books of departmental engineers.

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Canara Bank (erstwhile Syndicate Bank), Adityapur Branch, Jamshedpur Vs M/s Corporate Service & Others		
To, 1. M/s Corporate Service, Proprietor Sri Manoj Kumar, At Byahut Bhawan, Road no. 8, Adityapur -2, P.O. Adityapur, P.S. RIT, District – Seraikela – Kharsawan – 831013 2. Sri Manoj Kumar, S/o Chhati Lal Prasad, R/o H.no. 281/2-1, Road no. 9, Adityapur -2, P.O. Adityapur, P.S. RIT, District – Seraikela – Kharsawan – 831013 3. Sri Chhati Lal Prasad, S/o Sri Raghu Banish Prasad, R/o H.no. 281/2-1, Road no. 9, Adityapur -2, P.O. Adityapur, P.S. RIT, District – Seraikela – Kharsawan – 831013		
1. Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of Rs. 17,12,298.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only) payable by you in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. Case No. 542 of 2017 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi along with the interest and costs payable, as per the certificate. 2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the attached property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate. 3. And whereas as on the 24.12.2021 there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 17,12,298.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Only) along with pendente lite and future interest 10% per annum simple from 01.06.2015 till full and final realization of the claim besides cost of Rs. 22,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Thousand Only), as per the certificate. 4. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through “Online Electronic Bidding” through the website https://drt.auctiontiger.net of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. on 11.03.2022 between 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with extension of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon if required. For further detail contact: Office of the Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi, Contact No. 0651-2214021, Mobile no. 9431106777 and for property inspection contact Branch Manager, Canara Bank, Adityapur Branch, Jamshedpur		
4.1 The sale will be of the property of the certificate debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot. 4.2 The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the Officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned. 4.3 No Officer of other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second schedule of the Income Tax Act. 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions. 4.4 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 5. (a) The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is as per details		
Details of the Properties	Reserve Price	EMD
All that a Residential House, being Block/ Holding no. 281/2-1, measuring an Area – 1053 sq.ft., situated at Adityapur House Colony, P.O. Adityapur, P.S. Adityapur, District Sub –Registry Office, District – Seraikela – Kharsawan, butted and bounded as follows – North – Boards Land, South – Road, East – 281/2-3, West – Boards land	Rs. 20,50,000.00	Rs. 2,05,000.00
6. The interested bidders are required to deposit EMD not below the Reserve Price along with documents PAN Card, Identity Proof, Address Proof etc. and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the Board Members of the Company or any other documents claiming representation/ attorney of the company also, latest by 09.03.2022 before 4:00 PM in the office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi and thereafter they shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 11.03.2022. In case, bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. 7. The EMD shall be deposited in terms of Demand Draft only favouring “Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi”, before the Office of the Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, 5th Floor, RRDA Building, Kutchery Chowk, Ranchi 8. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs. 1,00,000/- in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction. 9. The unsuccessful bidder shall take EMD directly from the Office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceeds. 10. The successful/ highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/ Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount after adjusting the EMD, favouring “ Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi ” or through RTGS to Current Account of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi, No. 31598921087, State Bank Of India, Indrapuri Branch, Ranchi , in R.P. No. 560 of 2019, by next bank working day i.e. by 04:00 PM with this Tribunal failing which the EMD shall be forfeited. 11. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit through Demand Draft/ Pay Order favouring “ Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi ” or through RTGS to Current Account of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi, No. 31598921087, State Bank Of India, Indrapuri Branch, Ranchi , in R.P. No. 560 of 2019, the balance 75% of the sale proceed before the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property exclusive of such day or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day along with poundage @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000/- and @1% on the excess of such amount over Rs. 1,000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT, Ranchi . (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post, the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). 12. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh Proclamation of Sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeited all claims to the property of to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold. 13. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the Reserve Price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/ acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. 14. The property is being sold on “AS IS WHERE IS BASIS”. 15. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at anytime without assigning any reason. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Ranchi on this 24th day of December, 2021.		
(KANHAIA KUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER		

Naxal commander Maharaj Pramanik surrenders

The Maoists was wanted in 119 cases

PNS ■ Ranchi

The dreaded Naxal of the CPI (Maoist), Maharaj Pramanik on Friday formally surrendered before Jharkhand Police in the presence of IG (Operation) AV Homkar and Ranchi zonal IG Pankaj Kamboj. Wanted in 119 cases of Naxal violence, Pramanik is the Zonal Commander of South Chhotanagpur of CPI (Maoist), who carried a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh on his head. He is wanted by the National Investigation Agency in the terror funding case. He surrendered before the police along with two AK 47 rifles, 150 live bullets, and two wireless sets. Pramanik said that the phi-



CPI Maoists Zonal Commander Maharaj Pramanik alias Raj alias Bablu alias Ashok surrendered before IG (Operations) AV Homkar, IG Ranchi Pankaj Kamboj and other senior officials, under Nayi Disha a new initiative under the surrender and complete housing policy of the State Government, in Ranchi on Friday.

losophy of Maoism had left him disillusioned and people are exploited in the name of revolution, be-

sides, women are exploited in the organization. The surrender has come as a big jolt for the CPI (Maoist) as Pramanik along with Patiram Manjhi was the backbone of Naxal activities. Police said that Pramanik has shared many vital inputs about the Naxal movements in Jharkhand and the police are acting on this. But the CPI (Maoist) said that Pramanik committed a breach of trust and deserted the organization. The (Maoist) said that Pramanik was in touch with the police and on 14 August last year, he fled away along with Rs 40 lakh cash, besides weapons. Maoist alleged that Pramanik last year thrice took leave from the organization in the name of treatment. But he was negotiating with the police about his surrender. Pramanik was the mastermind behind many attacks

on the security forces. For instance, on June 14, 2019, he ambushed five police personnel at Kukruhat in the Saraikela-Kharsawan district. Similarly, in March last year, he ambushed three police personnel at Lanji. A native of Daruda village under the Ichagadh police station of Saraikela-Kharsawan district, Pramanik was a petty criminal who became a dreaded left-wing extremist to mint money. In April 2009, Saraikela-Kharsawan police arrested him for looting a mobile and Rs 5000 cash from a person. He decided to join the CPI (Maoist) so that he could extort levy from companies, contractors, and businessmen. He met Kundan Pahan of the CPI (Maoist) and dreamed of earning money like him. Pahan introduced him to the CPI (Maoist) and trained him to handle weapons and explosives.

State records 2449 fresh corona cases, 10 deaths

Cases of heart and brain stroke multiply

PNS ■ Ranchi

The Covid-19 surge in Jharkhand continues, with the state recording 2449 new cases in the last 24 hours, while at the same time state recorded 4283 recoveries from infection. As per the bulletin released by the health department on Thursday late night, the state recorded 2449 fresh cases with the total cases figure jumping to 415388. Out of a total 415388 cases, 384575 people have won the battle against the virus. The health bulletin released by the department also figures ten deaths on Thursday with East Singhbhum accounting for maximum deaths. In East Singhbhum, five persons died fighting infection, followed by two deaths in Dhanbad, while one person



A medic collects swab samples from a woman for COVID-19 test, in Ranchi.

each died at Gumla, Jamtara and West Singhbhum respectively. On Thursday, there was a corona death in the State Capital, but Ranchi accounted for maximum cases. At Ranchi in the past 24 hours, 757 cases were reported, at the same time 1210 recoveries from infection. Meanwhile, experts have cautioned people about health risks due to fall in

temperature and infection. Experts said that along with corona infection, cold is also making people ill. Cases of heart attack and brain stroke cases have increased in the past one month due to fall in temperature. Cases of both the diseases have gone up as compared to normal days. Dr Prakash Kumar, HOD of Cardiology Department of RIMS said that on normal days 12 to 14 patients with heart problems used to visit

RIMS on daily basis, however, during winter the number has doubled to 25 to 30. He said that corona is also a reason behind the increase in the number, because after Covid, there was a complaint of thickening of the blood of the patients. At the same time, in the cold, the blood vessels start shrinking and due to the thickening of the blood, it does not flow properly in the body. It is also the main cause of heart attack. Dr Prakash also said that cases of heart attack have increased by 60 percent. On an average, 39 patients are reaching the hospital daily for brain stroke. More than 50 patients of heart-related disease are admitted in the cardiology department of RIMS. Of these, about 85 percent have a complaint of heart attack. Cases of brain stroke too have gone up in the past few days due to corona infection and drop in temperature.

Model School principals, teachers get lessons to make students Smart

PNS ■ Ranchi

The vision of Chief Minister, Hemant Soren to improve the level of education in Jharkhand will soon take shape. On the instructions of the CM, the construction work of model school at the Panchayat level has started so that the children of poor, farmers, deprived and backward should also get good and quality education. Presently the construction work of about 80 model schools is in progress. The Chief Minister himself is monitoring the construction of the model school, so that the children of Jharkhand can be covered with quality education at the earliest. Work is in progress to train the Principals to develop their leadership skills to lead the school operations.

Brother files petition to seek CBI inquiry on death of SI

PNS ■ Ranchi

A petition has been filed before the Jharkhand High Court to seek CBI inquiry into the death of suspended Sub-Inspector Lalji Yadav. Yadav posted at Nawabazar police station of Palamu district allegedly committed suicide on January 11 at the police station. His brother Sanjeet Kumar Yadav, who filed the criminal writ petition through advocate Vijay Ranjan Sinha, has alleged involvement of the sand and stone crusher mafias behind the death of Lalji. The petitioner said that these mafias have the patronage of top police officials and politicians hence Jharkhand Police can't fairly investigate the case. Yadav said that his brother was put under suspension by Palamu SP Chandan Kumar

Sinha on January 6 to pressurize him for his action against mafias. He said that the SP demanded a heavy amount to revoke his suspension. The petition sought proper security for him and his family members. He alleged that his brother became the victim of the powerful lobby. He has mentioned Palamu SP, District Transport Officer (DTO) Anwar Hussain, DSP Surjeet Kumar, and other officials as the party in this case. The controversy started following a dispute between the Palamu district transport officer and the deceased officer on the issue of seizure of some trucks. The DTO alleged Yadav misbehaved with him. On this, the SP put him under suspension. The CID has taken up an investigation and the investigation team visited the crime scene also.

JAC starts preparation for Class X, XII board exam

PNS ■ Ranchi

With the appointment of Jharkhand Academic Council, new Chairman Dr. Anil Kumar Mahto and Vice-Chairman Vinod Singh examination process being conducted by council will gain momentum. After the appointment of two heads, it is expected that a decision will be taken soon regarding the Xth and XIIth board examinations. A final decision is likely to be taken by next week. The Department of School Education and Literacy will be informed in this regard on behalf of Council. Mahto and Singh after assuming charge has expedited the examination process. JAC Chairman Dr. Anil Kumar Mahto held a meeting with JAC officials on Thursday.



Ranchi DC Chhavi Ranjan and SSP Surendra Kumar Jha inspect preparations work for Republic Day, at Morhabadi ground in Ranchi on Friday.

RSCC holds presentation with Invest India Grid

Open Data Day celebrated in Smart Cities

PNS ■ Ranchi

The State Government and Ranchi Smart City Corporation (RSCC) are constantly making efforts to attract investors in the Ranchi Smart City area. In this sequence, during the first and second phase of e-auction, investors' meet has also been organized in many cities of the country and till now e-auction of total 10 plots has been done successfully. Presentation of RSCC held along with Invest India Grid to attract investors in Smart City. In order to make the national and international level investors cooperative in the development taking place in this sector, the State Government officials invited the investors to invest in Jharkhand. Representatives of more than 4 dozen different industrial houses of the Country along with Invest India Grid participated in the online conclave organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. On this oc-

casion, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary, Government of India Manoj Joshi, Joint Secretary Kunal Kumar and many other officials were associated. RSCC General Manager (Technical), Rakesh Kumar Nandkoyliar on behalf of RSCC through a powerpoint presentation, highlighted the specialties of Ranchi Smart City and the possibilities available here. Invest India is a National Investment Promotion and Paisalization Agency developed by the Ministry of Commerce and Industries, Government of India. Under this program, investment cooperation and positive counseling are given to companies wishing to invest in various sectors of the Country. The Urban Development Department hopes that RSCC will get the benefit of joining Invest India's campaign before the third phase of e-auction. Meanwhile, on the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, Open Data Day was organized in all smart cities of the country on the initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. A

webinar was also organized by RSCC and Ranchi Municipal Corporation on Friday at the end of the week-long Open Data Week. In this webinar, experts gave their opinion on the source of open data, its importance, its availability and others. RSCC GM, Nandkoyliar welcomed the guests and said that Smart City Mission is continuously working on data compilation and data availability to the people in all cities. On this occasion, Assistant Professor Xavier Institute of Social Services Ranchi, Bhabani Prasad Mohapatra as a keynote speaker, highlighted the importance of data from the definition of data to its collection, its use and especially in the direction of smart city. He said that during the Corona period, open data has made it very easy for various agencies to reach out to the people and provide them relief. He said that whether it is Central Government agencies or State Government agencies, data is available on many platforms for citizens, but it is necessary that people should be aware about the data and use it in a positive direction.

DWA holds pre-Republic Day celebrations at GBM

PNS ■ Ranchi



On completion of 75 years of independence, the nation is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and the first General Body Meet of Doctors Wives Association for the year 2022 kicked off with a colourful pre celebration of the Republic Day on Zoom on Friday. President Bindu Prasad welcomed all members clad in tricolour setting a perfect atmosphere for the forthcoming national festival. Past President Shobha Kumar introduced the office bearers for the current year, which are—President-Bindu Prasad, Secretary- Dr Soni Sinha and Treasurer-Renu Tiwari. Few senior members, Sanjukta Choudhary, Mona Pal, Sangeeta Sharan, Uma Sengupta, Minakshi Mahto, Sufia Ali, Asha Shrivastav and Rokhsana Bano paid homage to the martyrs/ freedom fighters of our nation highlighting their contribution in the freedom movement. The talented children of the members namely Ad-

wita D/O Dr Nupur Vani, Vaany D/O Anjali R Singh, Arshika D/O Dr Shiksha Lal, Pragya Ranjan S/O Anju Kr. Singh presented beautiful songs and dances on the theme of patriotism. All members joined together to sing the national anthem. Thereafter Vinita Sharan Chairperson and Jhooma Sarkar, Co-Chairperson of DWA proposed the future plan of charity work for our Association. The entire programme was coordinated by the Secretary Dr Soni Sinha who thanked everyone. Pallavi Sharan and Anju Kr Singh were specially thanked for their technical

support. The meeting was attended by Past President Rashmi Sinha, Manju Khaitan, Nita Sahay, Rekha Mishra, Kamlesh Middha, Arti Singh, Seema Maheshwari, Shreela Choudhary, Deepa Chouhan, Rinku Choudhary, Rashmi Bakshi, Sunita Rungta, Supriya Thakur, Sunita Sinha, Bibha Singh, Neelum Shekhar, Sindhu Badhani, Arti Sinha, Shalini Sinha, Meera Gupta, Sushma Mishra, Sumita Kumar, Dr Swati Aduka, Sumita Kumar, Poonam Jha, Anjana Barnawal, Minakshi Bajaj, Suman Jha, Debsmita Srivastava, Manideepa Sarkar and Usha Pandey.

National Public Speaking Conclave concludes at SBPS



530 students from 36 schools, 11 states and 2 countries participate

PNS ■ Ranchi

Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi successfully organised the First Edition of the National Level Sarala Birla Memorial Public Speaking Conclave on January 21, 2022. The virtual conclave conducted by Dr. Parnab Mukherjee, knowledge resource curator, witnessed

the participation of 36 schools from 11 states and 2 countries. It brought 530 students together on the same platform to perform and showcase their talents. The event was virtually graced by many eminent dignitaries. The chief guest of the event Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Minister of State for Education, Government of India, appreciated the efforts taken by the school fraternity for conducting a national level conclave successfully. Secretary B K Dalan expressed his hearti-

est congratulations to the school fraternity for the successful culmination of the national level conclave. Prof. (Dr) Gopal Pathak, Vice-Chancellor, Sarala Birla University, Ranchi also expressed his heartfelt gratitude towards the members of the Managing Committee, Principal and the teachers for the grand success of the event. In the conclave around 100 students received prizes in various categories. School Head Personnel and Admin, Dr Pradip Varma congratulated the winners and acknowledged the efforts of the school fraternity for bringing students from diverse backgrounds together on the same platform. Principal, Paramjit Kaur, expressed her gratitude towards the principals, teachers, parents and students of the participating schools for participating and making the conclave a grand success.

INBRIEF

FRAI raise voice against separate license for retailers

Federation of Retailer Associations of India (FRAI) is an entity representing 80 lakh micro, small and medium retailers across the country. The Jharkhand unit of FRAI has today taken strong objection to the order issued by the Urban Development Department, Government of Jharkhand on December 1, 2021, which mandates separate license for retailers selling tobacco products like Paan, Bidi, Cigarette and others in the city. The order also prohibited such licensed shopkeepers from selling everyday items like biscuits, soft drinks, mineral water and others in their shop. The sale of these additional products helps these shopkeepers to increase their income a bit.

337 students enrolled in BAU

Following the guidelines of COVID-19, the enrollment process by second counselling in the undergraduate courses session 2020-21 of Birsa Krishi Vishwavidyalaya was completed on Friday. This enrollment was done on the basis of merit list and college allotment of successful candidates declared by Jharkhand Joint Entrance Competitive Examination Board (JCECEB). After enrolling in the second counselling, a total of 337 students have enrolled in 10 colleges of the university. According to the information received, a total of 124 seats are vacant in these colleges of the university.

PASWA submits memorandum to Ministers

Jharkhand Pradesh Private Schools and Children Welfare Association (PASWA) on Friday submitted a memorandum by meeting Finance Minister Dr Rameshwar Oraon, Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekha today once again demanding the opening of schools following the Corona protocol. State President of Paswa, Alok Kumar Dubey said that since the last two years, the education of children has been disrupted, due to which concern is being expressed about the future of the children all over the world. State Vice President of Paswa Lal Kishore Nath Shahdeo said that Dr Guleria, Director of AIIMS, New Delhi, the country's largest government medical institute.

FORM NO. 22 [See Regulation 37(1)]		
SALE PROCLAMATION		
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, JHARKHAND AT RANCHI		
RECOVERY PROCEEDING No. 715 of 2016		
IN CASE NO. O.A. Case No. 170 of 2010		
PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULES 38, 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT 1993		
UCO Bank, Deoghar Branch, Deoghar		
To,		
1. M/s Ganga Bricks through proprietor Shanta Kumar, S/o Bhubneshwar Rai, Williams Town Deoghar, P.O. — Deoghar, Distt — Deoghar		
2. Shanta Kumar, S/o Bhubneshwar Rai, proprietor of M/s Ganga Bricks, R/o- Williams Town Deoghar, P.O. — Deoghar, Distt — Deoghar		
3. Shiv Dutta Sharma, S/o Jwala Prasad Sharma (C/o PARITRAN, a Registered Trust), R/o — 69, Amardham Lane, Deoghar		
4. Kishori Lal Sahu, S/o Sri Bandhan Sahu, R/o — Rajdhanwar, Giridih		
5. Kishore Kumar Sahu, S/o Badrinarayan Sahu, R/o — Pandeydih, Giridih		
Whereas you have failed to pay the sum of Rs. 2,36,75,696.71 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six and paise Seventy One Only) payable by you in respect of Recovery Certificate in O.A. Case No. 170 of 2010 issued by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi along with the interest and costs payable, as per the certificate.		
2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of the attached property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said certificate.		
3. And whereas as on the 05.01.2022 there will be due there under a sum of Rs. 2,36,75,696.71 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Six Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Six and paise Seventy One Only) along with pendente lite and future interest 10% per annum with monthly rests from 26.10.2010 till full and final realization of the claim besides cost of Rs. 1,50,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only), as per the certificate.		
4. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://auctiontiger.net of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, on 25.02.2022 between 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with extension of 5 minutes duration after 12 noon if required.		
For further detail contact: Office of the Recovery Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Ranchi. Contact No. 0651-2214021, Mobile no. 9431106777		
4.1 The sale will be of the property of the certificate debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.		
4.2 The property will be put up for the sale in the lots specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale also be stopped if, before any lot is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the Officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.		
4.3 No Officer of other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second schedule of the Income Tax Act. 1961 and the rules made there under and to the further following conditions.		
4.4 The particulars specified, in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.		
5. (a) The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is as per details		
Details of Immovable Properties		
Mortgage property belonging to Certificate Debtor No 4 - Kishori Lal Sahu Vide Sale Deed No 25368 dated 06.01.1975 containing piece and parcel of Land corresponding to Mauza - Sirsia, Khata No - 29, Khewat No -5, present Khewat No 1, Plot No -219, Thana No 44, P.S. - Giridih (M), Distt -Giridih Area - 02 Acres Bounded and buttied by North -Road, South - Vacant Land of Fulia Chaman, East - Road, West - Land of Khiru Singh	Reserve Price Rs. 6,10,000/-	EMD Rs. 6,10,000/-
6. The interested bidders are required to deposit EMD not below the Reserve Price along with documents PAN Card, Identity Proof, Address Proof etc, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the Board Members of the Company or any other documents claiming representation/ attorney of the company also, latest by 23.02.2022 before 4:00 PM in the office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi and thereafter they shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on 25.02.2022. In case, bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.		
7. The EMD shall be deposited in terms of Demand Draft only favouring "Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi", before the Office of the Recovery Officer Debts Recovery Tribunal, 5th Floor, RRDA Building, Kutcheri Chowk, Ranchi		
8. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be Rs. 5,00,000/- in the event of any dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.		
9. The unsuccessful bidder shall take EMD directly from the Office of the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceeds.		
10. The successful/ highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/ Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount after adjusting the EMD, favouring "Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi or through RTGS to Current Account No. 31598921087, State Bank Of India, Indrapuri Branch, Ranchi, in R.P. No. 715 of 2016, by next bank working day i.e. by 04:00 PM with this Tribunal failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.		
11. The successful/highest bidder shall deposit through Demand Draft/ Pay Order favouring "Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi or through RTGS to Current Account No. 31598921087, State Bank Of India, Indrapuri Branch, Ranchi, in R.P. No. 715 of 2016, and the balance 75% of the sale proceed before the Recovery Officer, DRT, Ranchi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property exclusive of such day or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day along with poudage @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000/- and @1% on the excess of such amount over Rs. 1,000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT, Ranchi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post, the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).		
12. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh Proclamation of Sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeited all claims to the property of to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.		
13. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot provided that further that the amount bid by him is not less than the Reserve Price. It shall be in the discretion of the undersigned to decline/ acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so.		
14. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS".		
15. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at anytime without assigning any reason.		
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal at Ranchi on this 05th day of January, 2022.		
(KANHAIYA KUMAR) RECOVERY OFFICER		

Masks not for children below 5 years: Revised guidelines

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

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

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

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

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

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

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



MHA to allow arms manufacturers to enhance weapon production

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Union Home Ministry on Friday amended the rules to enable arms manufacturing companies to enhance their production of firearms and ammunition. Under the Arms (Amendment) Rules, 2022, the arms manufacturers, however, will have to submit online every month details of the firearms manufactured, sold or transferred or consumed for the month. "The manufacturer who has been issued licence in Form VII under these rules shall be permitted to have enhanced annual production of firearms or ammunition or caliber wise revision of his licensed capacity by giving intimation to the licensing authority and also to the State Government concerned within ninety days from the end of the financial year and for which no further endorsement on the licence as to capacity shall be required," the MHA notification said. While applying, the manufacturer has to submit a detailed proposal for enhancement of manufacturing capacity or caliber wise revision of licenced capacity, project outlays, means of finance and justification for economic viability and market demand projections, duly certified by the authorised signatory of the company. Monthly online returns, detailing the produc-



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tion, sold, transfer and consumed shall be submitted by the manufacturer by close of business hours of the last day of the month, the notification said. Prior approval of the licensing authority will be mandatory for any change in control, either directly or indirectly, of the company or in case of any change in shareholding or beneficial interest in the shareholding, resulting into

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

AG OK's contempt proceedings against Yati

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Attorney General KK Venugopal on Friday granted consent to activist Shachi Nelli for initiation of criminal contempt of court proceedings against controversial Yati Narsinghanand over his recent derogatory remarks against the Supreme Court. The AG found that Narsinghanand's statement "those who believe in this system, these politicians, in the Supreme Court, and in the Army will all die the death of a dog", was a direct attempt to lower the authority of the Supreme Court in the minds of the general public. As per Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, the consent of Attorney General is required before the Supreme Court can hear a criminal contempt of court petition filed by a private individual. The complainant Nelli wrote to the AG seeking his consent for the same. In her letter seeking consent, Nelli had stated that in an interview given by Narsinghanand which went viral on social media was total-



ly contempt for the Supreme Court and the Constitution of India clear by saying, "We have no trust in the Supreme Court of India and the Constitution. The Constitution will consume the 100 crore Hindus of this country. Those who believe in this Constitution will be killed. Those who believe in this system, in these politicians, in the Supreme Court, and in the Army will all die the death of a dog." Narsinghanand's statements were made in response to questions posed about the court proceedings in the Haridwar hate speech cases. He was arrested for the vitriolic speeches at Haridwar Dharam Sansad.

SC refuses to entertain plea to censor Kangana posts

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea seeking censorship of actress Kangana Ranaut's all future statements on social media, clubbing multiple FIRs lodged against her for remarks against the Sikh community and investigation by Mumbai police. It asked the petitioner either to ignore the utterances made by her or avail remedy under law. The top court also said that the petitioner, a member of the Sikh Community, as a public cannot seek clubbing of multiple FIRs, and only the accused or informant can seek such remedy. A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Bela Trivedi told petitioner Sardar Charanjeet Singh Chanderpal, an advocate, appearing in person that remedy which he was seeking cannot be granted under Article 32 petition and he has to pursue relief under the criminal law. "There are two possible solutions. Either you ignore the utterances made by her or avail remedy under law. We respect the communi-



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

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

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

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission order, in a matter connected with wrong deposit and withdrawal, from an account at State Bank of India. A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Bela M. Trivedi said that calling for the report by the National Commission on its own from the officer of the bank was absolutely unwarranted. "Be that as it may, the impugned order passed by the National Commission solely relying upon the suo moto report called for from the respondent-bank during the pendency of the revision application, being highly erroneous, deserves to be set aside and is accordingly set aside. The order passed by the State Commission is restored," it said.



deposited in his account in an account number belonging to another person with similar name." It pointed out that the National Commission exceeded its revisional jurisdiction by calling for the report from the bank and made it the basis to conclude that the two fora below had erred in not undertaking the requisite in-depth appraisal of the case. The top court said the report that tries to absolve the bank of its liability is based on surmises and conjectures, as it holds that bank has every reason to believe that wrong account number was intentionally inserted by the petitioner himself for reasons best known to him or on account of negligence by him by not keeping the passbook in proper custody. "The suppositions are contradictory as well as incredulous and fanciful," said the bench. The National Commission, allowing a revision petition by the bank, said the complainant can move the competent civil court under the law. The petitioner submitted before the top court that he did not know Sunil Maity, the second respondent, and would not have known his account number unless it was given by a bank officer. **IANS**

194 schools registered for affiliation with Sainik School Society

New Delhi: A total 194 schools have been registered till now for affiliation with the Sainik School Society and application process is underway, the Ministry of Defence said on Friday. The Ministry said that marching ahead in tune with National Education Policy (NEP), the government has decided to provide an increasing focus on value-based education enabling children to develop pride in the rich culture and heritage of this nation, effective leadership with character, discipline, sense of national duty and patriotism. In a paradigm shift to the existing pattern of Sainik Schools, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in its meeting has approved the proposal for launching of affiliated Sainik Schools under Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence. These schools will function as an exclusive vertical which will be distinct and different from existing Sainik Schools of MoD. In the first phase, 100 affiliate partners are proposed to be drawn from states, NGOs and private partners. Scheme is aimed at providing Sainik School pattern of education to a larger cross section of aspiring students all over the nation. Sainik Schools Society has forwarded application forms to all such applicant Schools which have registered themselves upto January 15, 2022. The application forms are required to be filled up and submitted back to Sainik Schools Society through online mode by January 12, 2022. **IANS**

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

New Delhi: A furious backlash in India has forced Nestle to discontinue a range of KitKat bars covered by wrappers with images of Hindu gods on them, the Daily Mail reported. The range has sparked worries that the chocolate bars adorned with the images of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Mata Subhadra would inevitably be thrown away in bins and on the streets, the report said. It is only recently that the KitKat wrapper with a picture of Lord Jagannath came into the spotlight, sparking reactions on social media. "Kindly remove the pictures...they might even get stepped on unintentionally," one Twitter user posted. Another Twitter user commented that it is an honour to have "Odisha culture and Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra on KitKat, but throwing the wrappers in dustbin or stepping on them accidentally would be an insult to the deities." The bars were introduced to "celebrate the culture",



according to Nestle. The company has since issued an apology, and withdrawn the bar range. A Nestle spokesperson said: "We do understand the sensitivity of the matter and regret if we have inadvertently hurt anyone's sentiment. We had already withdrawn these packs from the market last year. We thank you for your understanding and support. "We wanted to encourage people to know about the art and its artisans. We do understand the sensitivity of the matter and regret if we have inadvertently hurt people's sentiments." **IANS**

Ventura case: ED attaches assets worth ₹2 crore

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 2.37 crore of Jeevendra Poddar and Shipra Singh under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in the offence of money laundering initiated against Ameet Savant and others. The attached assets are in the form of a flat in Goa, Office Space in Gera Imperium Grand in Goa and BMW cars among others. The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs dated August 21, 2019 and December 12, 2019 registered by Goa Police under various sections of IPC and Goa Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 against Ameet Savant, Jeevendra Poddar, Shipra Singh, and others for duping of investors to the tune of approximately Rs 21.38 crore by promising fixed returns of 2 to 5 percent per month. Investigation by ED revealed that Ameet Savant, as Authorized Representative (AP) of Ventura Securities Ltd, had collected money to the tune of Rs 21.38 crore from the complainants between 2015 and 2019. Instead of depositing the same in the demat accounts of investors maintained with Ventura Securities Ltd., had misappropriated the same by depositing in the accounts of his own similarly named proprietorship firm, VENTURA, the agency said in a statement. Savant had further laundered the money received from complainants for gambling/speculation in the securities market and lost money to the tune of Rs 9.86 crore approximately between 2016 and 2018, it further said. Further, Savant had transferred Proceeds of Crime (POC) to the tune of Rs 5.45 crore in the bank accounts of Jeevendra Poddar and Shipra Singh as commission/brokerage for sourcing clients for him, it added.

ED files chargesheet against IREO Group's MD

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed Prosecution Complaint (chargesheet) before Special Court at Panchkula, Haryana against Lalit Goyal, Vice-chairman cum Managing Director of IREO Group of companies named in the Panama Papers leak, and others under the Prevention of Money-laundering Act (PMLA) in a case related to multi-crore real estate scam. The ED investigation, inter-alia revealed that over 1,050 homebuyers/investors of IREO Projects were duped of Rs 1,225 crore. The Special Court, Panchkula on Friday took cognizance of the present prosecution complaint. The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIRs under



various Sections of Indian Penal Code (IPC) registered at various police stations across Gurugram, Panchkula, Ludhiana and Delhi. As many as 30 FIRs have been identified

in the case so far, the ED said in a statement. "The ED investigation inter-alia revealed that over 1050 homebuyers/investors of IREO Projects, namely IREO

Fiveriver, The Corridors, IREO City, Gurgaon Hills in Haryana and IREO Waterfront Township in Punjab, among others, had made advance payments but are yet to receive their booked flats/plots despite a lapse of more than 4-5 years," it said. Investigation further revealed that IREO Group of companies could not complete the projects due to diversion and siphoning of funds. Customer receipts to the tune of Rs. 1,225 Crore have been diverted outside India in the form of redemption / purchase/transfer and buy-back of shares violating the FDI policy and other laws, it said. "The modus operandi adopted by the group includes routing of funds to India from various entities based in tax havens like British Virgin Islands, Mauritius, recording of fictitious expenses in the books

of account, writing off project in progress, interest free loans and advances to sister concerns and round tripping of funds through shell companies and creation of assets within and outside India," it said. Investigation further revealed that Lalit Goyal is "settler and named beneficiary" of an overseas Trust which owns and controls entities holding assets outside India. Recent Pandora Papers Leak has also named four entities (which are beneficially owned by Lalit Goyal) which are holding assets of more than USD 77.73 million (Rs. 575 crore approximately) overseas, it said. Goyal, was arrested on November 16 last year after a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued against him and has since been in judicial custody. In the matter, searches were also conducted on November 22, it added.

GOOD GOVERNANCE INDEX

J&K first UT to have GGI

Union HM Amit Shah to release index for 20 districts today

PNS ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

‘Netaji statue a damage control exercise’

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

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ing the Congress.

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

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

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

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

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

BULLI BAI APP CASE

3 accused denied bail; court says their acts defamed womanhood

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

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

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

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

January 4.

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

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

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

particular religion.

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

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

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

In the bail application, moved through his lawyer

Clubhouse App chat case: Mumbai Police arrests three from Haryana

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

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

"The accused hails from a respectable family hav-

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

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

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

ment in terror activities.

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

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



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

COVID BULLETIN

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

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

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

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

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

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

asters or their mitigation.

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

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

Meghalaya CM tests +ve day after meeting Amit Shah

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

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

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

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

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

Consequently, the number of active cases climbed to 64,136.

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

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

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

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

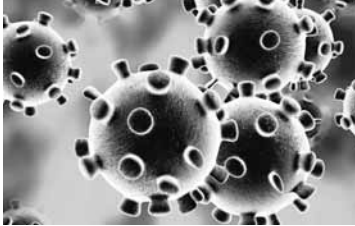
Anantapuram added 1,235, Srikakulam 1,230, Guntur 1,054 and SPS Nellore 1,051 new cases.SPS Nellore also reported one death in a day. Kurnool logged 961, East Godavari 816, Prakasam 772, Vizianagaram 681, Kadapa 649, West Godavari 596 and Krishna 338 fresh positives. **PTI**

Curbs imposed amid case surge in Valley

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

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

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



said.

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

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

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



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PAPER WITH PASSION

The medium

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

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

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

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

PICTALK



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

PTI

Ill at ease

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

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

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

Afghan women's rights are still far

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



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

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

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

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



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

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

There are some indications

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

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

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

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

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MAJOR MIDAIR COLLISION AVERTED

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

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

Ramesh G Jethwani | Bengaluru

ANOTHER BLOW TO SPIRIT OF FEDERALISM

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

Respect history, and monuments



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

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

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

Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee | Faridabad

IAS cadres to the Centre are concerned.

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

Tharcus S Fernando | Chennai

OBC QUOTA IN NEET UPHELD

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

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

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

MR Jayanthi | Mumbai

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SOUNDBITE

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

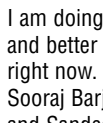


Prime Minister —Narendra Modi



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

US President —Joe Biden



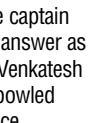
I am doing bigger and better projects right now. I have a Sooraj Barjatya film and Sandeep Vanga's next with Ranbir Kapoor.



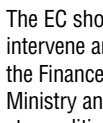
Actor — Parineeti Chopra



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



Former India captain —Sunil Gavaskar



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



Congress leader —Randeep Surjewala

FIRST COLUMN

QUICK COMMERCE: A NEW RETAIL MANTRA

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



MICHAEL CHANDA UTTAM CHAKRABORTY

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



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

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Cinema ticket pricing vs bloated film costs

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

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

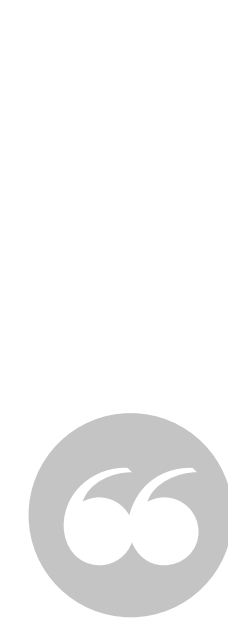
The Government of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy which has been dabbling in controversies of all kinds has added two more, involving the film industry and stage plays.

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

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

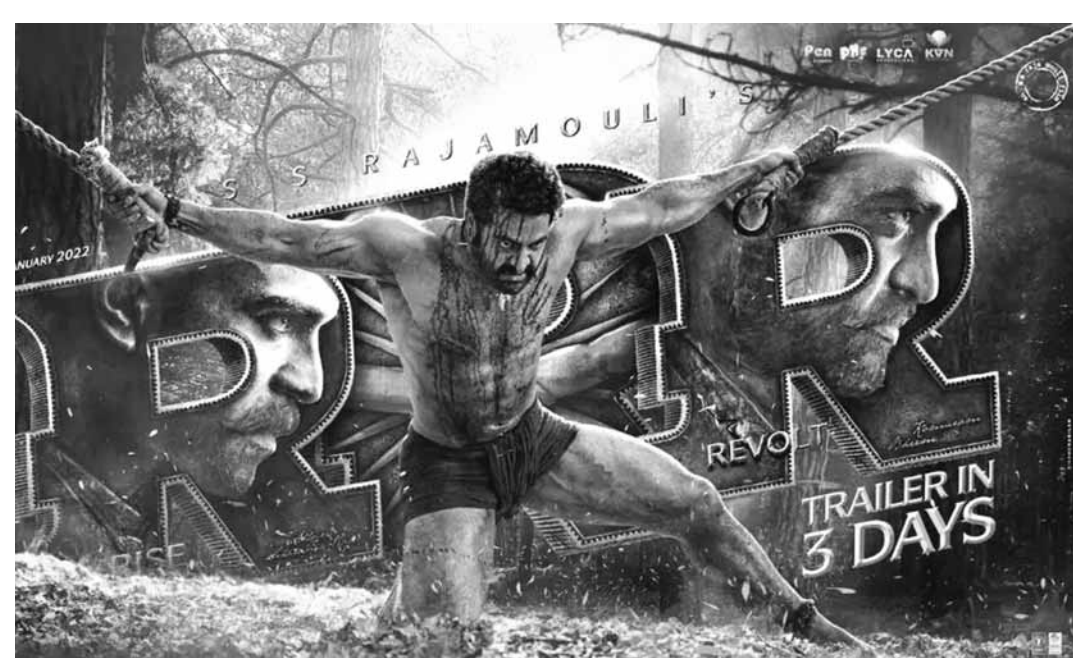
What is the problem? Is it peculiar to Tollywood? So, it appears. The problems in the industry started with stardom. At least six stars today charge a fee of ₹45 crore each for a movie. Heroines also are paid in crores, though their remuneration is nowhere near the actors’. Directors donot take all the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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Marathi movies.

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

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

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

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

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

POINTCOUNTERPOINT




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



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

Will Russia play the ‘Cuban card’?

But Russia stopped being Communist 30 years ago



GWYNNE DYER

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

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

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

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



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

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

(which is where they are now).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

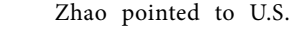
operatives to conduct what we call a false-flag operation, an operation designed to look like an attack on them or on Russian-speaking people in Ukraine, as an excuse to go in.” He may be right - and he may be wrong. The satellites can see their location, but not their intentions.

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

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

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

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



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Vaccines to Africa must have good shelf lives, says expert

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Australia records deadliest day of pandemic with 80 persons deaths

Family of four, believed to be Indians,
frozen to death along US-Canada border;
man charged with human smuggling

Step back from Ukraine or be ready for massive consequences, UK Govt warns Russia

Taliban to organise meeting in Norway next week

EU nations request stronger borders to ease migration pressure

100 ISIS terrorists mount deadly attacks in Syria, Iraq; dozens killed

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

Market selloff: Investors lose ₹10.36L cr in 4 days

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

The Sensex and Nifty closed in the red for the fourth straight session on Friday amid continued selling by foreign institutional investors.

The BSE Sensex ended 427.44 points or 0.72 per cent lower at 59,037.18. The 30-share benchmark has lost 2,271.73 points in four sessions.

In line with the weak trend, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies plunged by a massive ₹ 10,36,636.17 crore in the last four trading sessions to stand at ₹ 2,69,65,801.54 crore.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms had reached a lifetime high of Rs 2,80,02,437.71 crore on Monday.

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

"Indian equity markets corrected this week in

Rupee rises 8 paise to close at 74.43 against US dollar

Mumbai: The Indian rupee advanced by 8 paise to close at 74.43 against the US dollar on Friday, helped by some correction in crude oil prices and weaker greenback against key rivals.

However, the rupee's further recovery was restricted by continuous foreign fund outflows and sell-offs in domestic equities, analysts said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 74.50 a dollar and during the day, it witnessed an intra-day high of 74.40 and a low of 74.55 against the American currency.

The domestic unit finally settled at 74.43 against the American currency, up 8 paise over its last close of 74.51.

Meanwhile, the US dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against the basket of six currencies, fell 0.13 per cent to 95.61.

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

B2B spending in India expected to grow 10.3% in 2022: Report

New Delhi: The total business-to-business spending in India is expected to rise by 10.3 per cent in 2022 with the spend of the country's businesses growing three times faster than the expectations from its comparable peers in other countries in the third quarter of last year, according to a study.

The total business-to-business (B2B) spend for India rose 9.4 per cent in Q3 2021 on a year-on-year basis, as per the India Business Spend Indicator (IBSI) report by American Express, India and Invest India in partnership with the Centre for Business and Economic Research (CEBR).

Stating that the India spending is on the rise across nine key B2B categories, the report said, "it is expected to rise by 10.3 per cent in 2022."

The study, which interviewed 500 financial decision makers in India on how their business spending habits are changing, found bullishness and greater confidence with 74 per cent of businesses expecting to spend more on technology and 72 per cent planning to make more capital investments in 2022.

Manoj Adlakha, SVP and CEO, American Express Banking Corp, India said, "India saw the

Govt launches portal to share key performance indicators of coal sector

New Delhi: The Government on Friday announced the launch of a portal, 'Koyla Darpan', to share key performance indicators related to the coal sector.

The portal was launched by Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain, the Ministry of Coal said in a statement.

As an initial step, the portal has key performance indicators like coal/ lignite production, coal/ lignite offtake, exploration data, central sector schemes, status of coal stock at thermal power plants, allocation of blocks, monitoring of major coal mines, and coal price, the statement said.

Senior officials of the coal ministry and PSUs (through videoconferencing) were present at the event.

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



AIMA introduces 6-month management course for MSME promoters

New Delhi: The All India Management Association (AIMA) on Friday said it has introduced a six-month management course for promoters and managers of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The special-purpose management skilling programme aims to align the knowledge and competence of MSME leaders with the new economy, AIMA said in a statement.

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

being held online. Addressing the Convention, AIMA President C K Ranganathan appreciated the Centre's support to the MSME sector during the COVID-19 crisis.

He said that the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme for the MSMEs has saved 13.5 lakh firms from going bankrupt and saved 1.5 crore jobs.

The scheme was the biggest component of the ₹ 20-lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat package of the government to help the Indian economy recover and rebuild.

Digital healthcare services expanded

New Delhi: To provide quality healthcare services to consumers in tier 2 and beyond cities, digital healthcare platform MediBuddy launched its team of phlebotomy.

The healthcare services now include the provision of conducting various medical tests at home, along with doctor consultations and medicine delivery.

"We hope our high-quality medical amenities reach more Indians at the comfort of their homes," said Satish Kannan, co-founder and CEO, MediBuddy.

Game changer management of type 2 diabetes

New Delhi: With a focus on innovating products that improve patients' lives, Novo Nordisk India launched the world's first and only "peptide in a pill", oral semaglutide, a gamechanger in diabetes management.

"We are extremely proud and elated to launch oral semaglutide in India. Semaglutide in oral form will transform the management of diabetes," said Vikrant Shrotriya, corporate vice president and MD, Novo Nordisk India.

Most people feel I-T exemption limit could be raised from ₹2.5 lakh: Survey

New Delhi: A majority of respondents (64 per cent) feel that the Union Budget 2022-23, to be unveiled on February 1, will increase the basic income tax exemption limit from the current ₹ 2.5 lakh, according to a pre-budget survey by KPMG in India.

As many as 36 per cent of the survey respondents felt that the 80-C deduction limit of ₹ 1.5 lakh will be increased, while 19 per cent felt that the standard deduction could be increased for salaried class from the current ₹ 50,000.

Sixteen per cent of the respondents felt the Budget could provide for tax-free allowances/ perquisites for salaried individuals keeping in mind the work from the home arrangement — provision of internet connection, furniture and earphones.

KPMG in India's pre-budget survey was conducted in January 2022.

About 200 finance professionals participated in the survey.

As many as 64 per cent of the respondents said they expect the basic I-T exemption limit to be raised from ₹ 2.5 lakh a year.

With the government reducing the headline corporate tax rate for domestic companies from 30 per cent to 22 per cent starting from the financial year 2019-20, the gap between the rates applicable to foreign companies and domestic companies has widened, the survey said.

Currently, Indian branches of foreign companies are subject to corporate tax at 40 per cent.

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

Over 2,250 startups added in 2021, raised USD 24.1 bn in 2021: Nasscom-Zinnov report

New Delhi: More than 2,250 startups were added in the year 2021, over 600 more than what was added in the previous year, a report by Nasscom and Zinnov said on Friday.

The study titled 'Indian Tech Start-up Ecosystem: Year of The Titans' said with rising investor confidence, startups leveraging deep-tech, and tapping unexplored talent pool, the Indian tech startup base continues to witness steady growth.

As per the report, startups raised USD 24.1 billion in 2021, a two-fold increase over pre-COVID levels.

In comparison to 2020, there was a 3X increase in number of high-value deals (deals more than USD 100 million), demonstrating investor confidence with a pool of active angel investors of more than 2,400 and a readiness to take significant risks, it said.

While the US remains the leading source of foreign direct investment in startups, worldwide involvement is also growing. About 50 per cent of the deals had at least one India-domiciled investor, it added.

The report said the startup ecosystem saw a 2X gain in cumulative valuation from 2020 to 2021, with an estimate of USD 320-330 billion, demonstrating the sector's development and recovery throughout the pandemic.

It added that more than USD 6 billion has been raised via public markets with 11 startup IPOs in 2021.

In the last decade, the ecosystem has played a key role in growing direct and indirect job opportunities, providing 6.6 lakh direct jobs and more than 34.1 lakh indirect jobs. The industries that saw the most net new job creation were banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI), edtech, retail and retail tech, foodtech, SCM (supply chain management) and logistics and mobility.

On the back of internet commerce, freelancers, and service industries, indirect jobs have also recovered, it said.

"The performance of the Indian startup ecosystem in 2021 has proved the resilience and dedication being put by multiple startups across segments. The ecosystem has grown immensely and positioned itself as a vital contributor to the growth of India's digital economy," Nasscom President Debjani Ghosh said.

She added that with record-breaking funding, an increase in the number of unicorns, jobs being created in the near term, the Indian startup ecosystem's future looks even brighter going ahead in 2022.


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

Natarajan added that Indian firms have done an outstanding job of selling into global markets, notably in categories such as global SME and developer ecosystem.

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

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 12th January, 2022

S.O. 159(E).- In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule for Construction of Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link- Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km. 23.100 to Km. 31.195 in the District of GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Additional District Magistrate, (LA) in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in Greenfield Connectivity to Jewar International Airport from DND-Faridabad-Ballabhgarh Bypass KMP Link- Spur to Delhi Mumbai Expressway under Bharatmala Pariyojana in the stretch of land from Km. 23.100 to Km. 31.195 in the District of GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.

State: UTTAR PRADESH	District: GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR				
S. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of Land	Nature of Land	Area (in Local Unit)	Area (in Hectare)
Taluk: Jewar					
Village: Amarpur Palaka					
1	1	Government	River	0.8822000 (Hectare)	0.8822000
2	1	Government	River	0.8822000 (Hectare)	0.8822000
3	337	Private	Agriculture	0.3030000 (Hectare)	0.3030000
4	339	Private	Agriculture	0.0164000 (Hectare)	0.0164000
5	340	Private	Agriculture	0.5513000 (Hectare)	0.5513000
6	341	Private	Agriculture	0.7118000 (Hectare)	0.7118000
7	342	Private	Agriculture	0.5617000 (Hectare)	0.5617000
8	344	Private	Agriculture	0.1063000 (Hectare)	0.1063000
9	345	Private	Agriculture	0.0299000 (Hectare)	0.0299000
10	345	Government	Banjar	0.0299000 (Hectare)	0.0299000
11	346	Private	Agriculture	0.9237000 (Hectare)	0.9237000
12	346	Private	Agriculture	0.9237000 (Hectare)	0.9237000
13	347	Private	Agriculture	0.6718000 (Hectare)	0.6718000
14	348	Private	Agriculture	0.0416000 (Hectare)	0.0416000
15	349	Private	Agriculture	0.1292000 (Hectare)	0.1292000
16	350	Government	Navin Part	0.0636000 (Hectare)	0.0636000
17	351	Private	Agriculture	0.3532000 (Hectare)	0.3532000
18	352	Private	Agriculture	0.7137000 (Hectare)	0.7137000
19	353	Private	Agriculture	0.4445000 (Hectare)	0.4445000
20	354	Private	Agriculture	0.0226000 (Hectare)	0.0226000
21	355	Private	Agriculture	0.0606000 (Hectare)	0.0606000
Village: Falaidda Khadar					
1	327	Private	Agriculture	0.3572000 (Hectare)	0.3572000
Total				8.7801	8.7801
[F. No. NHA/CMU/MTR/DND/JewarInternationalAirport/2021/D-3A2] RAJESH GUPTA, Director					

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh. Mahesh Basista, S/o Rajendra Kumar and his wife Maheswari, resident of 23, Sarai Kale Khan, Hazrat Nizamuddin, South Delhi, Delhi-110013 have served all their relations with their son Rohit Basista due to his bad habits and behaviour. My above mentioned clients have disowned and debarred their son namely Rohit Basista from all their movable and immovable properties. Any body dealing with Rohit Basista or his wife will do so at their own risk and responsibilities. My clients will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Rohit Basista.

Yuvraj Singh
(Advocate)
D/435/2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the General Public on behalf of ICICI Bank Ltd. that Mr. Rattan Singh Chauhan was the owner of Freehold Residential Commercial Property bearing No. 77, (area measuring 100 sq. yds), situated at Panchsheel Park, Village-Jasola, Pargana Loni, Ghaziabad, (U.P.); (the said property) by virtue of Sale Deed dated 14.09.2005 Registration No. 8622, and after demise of Mr. Rattan Singh Chauhan his widow Mrs. Maya Devi, & two sons namely Mr. Sandeep Chauhan & Mr. Prashant Chauhan is claiming ownership as legal heirs as per SMC dated 15.12.2018. All persons including other legal heirs if any are hereby informed that above mentioned claiming owners want to sell the said property, to Mrs. Maya Devi who is taking Loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said property, if anybody has any objection on the ownership of Mrs. Maya Devi, Mr. Sandeep Chauhan & Mr. Prashant Chauhan upon the above property his Sale (Mortgage) litigation, in any kind of objections, kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days of the present.

Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)
200, 1st and 2nd Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-15
Ph: 011-43411232/2323 - kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is informed that we are Rajesh Saxena's S/o Late Shri Jagjit Narayan Saxena and Smt. Shalini Saxena's wife, Shri Rajesh Saxena, gave their eldest son Ashwani Saxena was evicted from all movable and immovable properties and any financial transaction that our son does to someone will also be the responsibility of that person. It will make no sense to us.

—Rajesh Saxena
R/o B-282, Sector-26
Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.)

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NOTICE


Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 06/2021-22 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 11th February, 2022 (Friday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.30 P.M to discuss the following agenda items:

i. To take on record the Annual Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on 31st December, 2021 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.

ii. To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By order of the Board For N K Textile Industries Limited
Dated:21.01.2022 Sd/-
Place: New Delhi Balbir Singh
DIN:00027438 Director

PUBLIC NOTICE



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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Anil Uniyal (Borrower), Roopal Sharma (Co- Borrower), 1093 65 A TF ST Lohns Church Compound, Ward No.1 Mehrauli Delhi-110030, Delhi, 110030. LHGU100001348294.	1942 Third Floor With Roof Rights Plot No 1942 Block J Chitrnanjan Park Delhi Chitrnanjan Park Delhi-110019. Bounded By- North: Service Lane, South: Road, East: 1941, West: 1943.	17-11-2021 Rs. 78,27,673/-	06-Oct-2021
2.	Sarvesh Sahu (Borrower), Kanchan Sahu (Guarantor), Flat Number 158 C Third Floor, Naya Khand 1 Indrapuram Near Sai Temple Sahibabad Ghaziabad Naya Khand 1 Indrapuram Near Sai Temple Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, 201010, Ghaziabad, 201010. LHLDX00001302755.	Plot No Gh 01A 26th Floor Block B Panchsheel Greens 1 Tower F2 Sector 16 B Noida- 201307. Bounded By- North: Since Under Construction, South: Since Under Construction, East: Since Under Construction, West: Since Under Construction.	17-11-2021 Rs. 12,33,771/-	06-Oct-2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 22, 2022
Place: Delhi, Noida

Authorized Officer
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Milan, Juventus return to San Siro after recent losses

AP ■ MILAN

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

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

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

relegation-threatened Spezia.

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

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

matches.

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

Milan could have moved

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

Messias. Referee Marco Serra apologized.

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

Inter hosts relegation-threatened Venezia this Saturday.

Napoli is also only two points behind Milan and plays last-placed Salernitana.





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लोक सुनवाई की सूचना

Proposed Environmental Clearance of Kabribad Opencast Coal Mine Project of 0.6 MTPA in an ML area 90.84 Ha of M/s Central Coalfields Limited, At+Vill- Chunjka, Patrodih, Khandia, Chilga, Distt- Giridih (Jharkhand) की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई की तिथि दिनांक 26.02.2022 (दिन-शनिवार) को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे **“Officer’s Club, Beniadih, Giridih Project”** में निर्धारित की गई है।

उक्त योजना के सम्भावित प्रभाव से प्रभावित होने वाले लोगों/ नागरिकों को एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि लोक सुनवाई में उक्त तिथि, समय एवं स्थान पर आवश्यक रूप से भाग लें एवं Covid-19 के संक्रमण को ध्यान में रखते हुये फेस मास्क, सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग (Social Distancing) आदि सावधानी तथा आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग (Disaster management) एवं MoEF & CC द्वारा निर्गत OM दिनांक 14.09.2020 के अनुपालन के तहत 100 प्रतिभागी की बाध्यता का अनुपालन करेंगे तथा अपने विचार से अवगत करावें। इसके अतिरिक्त वे अपना सुझाव, विचार, मंतव्य अथवा आपत्ति, यदि हो तो लिखित रूप से उक्त लोक सुनवाई तक झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्वद, टी०ए० भवन, पोस्ट धुर्वा, राँची / जिले के उपायुक्त कार्यालय, गिरिडीह/ पर्वद के क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, पी०टी०सी० चौक, मटवारी रोड, हजारीबाग में उपलब्ध करा दें।

निर्धारित तिथि के पश्चात प्राप्त होने वाले किसी भी प्रकार की आपत्ति/ सुझाव पर किसी प्रकार का विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। लोक सुनवाई की प्रक्रिया पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार की ई०आइ०ए० अधिसूचना संख्या एस०ओ० 1533 दिनांक 14.09.2006 एवं संशोधित अधिसूचना संख्या एस०ओ०3067(ई०) दिनांक 01.12.2009 के अनुरूप होगी।

यह भी सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त प्रोजेक्ट का ड्राईफ्ट पर्यावरणीय प्रभाव मूल्यांकन प्रतिवेदन तथा इसके सारांश की एक-एक हार्ड कॉपी एवं सॉफ्ट कॉपी निम्न कार्यालयों में अवलोकनार्थ रखी रहेगी। साथ ही कार्यकारी सारांश भी इन कार्यालयों से ही प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

1. उपायुक्त कार्यालय, गिरिडीह।
2. जिला उद्योग केन्द्र, गिरिडीह।
3. जिला पर्वद / नगर निगम गिरिडीह।
4. मुख्यालय, झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्वद, टी०ए० भवन, पोस्ट धुर्वा, राँची।
5. क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पर्वद, पी०टी०सी० चौक, मटवारी रोड, हजारीबाग।
6. पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, (राँची) बंगला न० ए-2, रयामली कॉलोनी, राँची - 834002
7. संबंधित पंचायत।
8. संबंधित प्रखण्ड विकास पदा०/अंचलाधिकारी कार्यालय।

PR 262091 Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board(21-22)D (वाई० के० दास) सदस्य सचिव

Government of Jharkhand
JHARKHAND REAL ESTATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
7th Floor, Ranchi Municipal Corporation Building, Kutchery Road, Ranchi- 834001
Email : reraj.harkhand@gmail.com

Memo No. 44

Date:- 19.01.2022

From,

Seema Sinha,
Chairman,
Jharkhand Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Ranchi

(1) To,

Promoter
Kritika Homes Pvt. Ltd.,
2nd Floor, Aastha Trade Centre, Q Road,
Bistupur, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

Project
Aastha Hi Tech City,
Sonari, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand.

It is to inform you that a Show Cause Notice has been served upon you for non- submission of Completion Certificate (CC)/ Occupancy Certificate (OC), formation of Association, Execution of Registration Conveyance deed etc. vide Memo No. 654 dated 23.11.2021 as your time for completion of project has already expired on 19.02.2021 but you have not submitted your reply till date.

Hence, you are directed to submit your reply till 03.02.2022 as to why penalty be not imposed upon you u/s 61 of the Real Estate Regulatory Act for non- submission of above documents as required u/s 11(4)(b), (e) & (f) of the Real Estate (Regulation & Development) Act.

TAKE IT URGENT

Sd/-
(Seema Sinha)
Chairman

PR 262136 (Jharkhand Real Estate Regulatory Authority) 21-22 (D)

Jharkhand Real Estate Regulatory Authority



वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग, झारखण्ड।
वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल।

नीलामी सूचना

एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल, हजारीबाग के अंतर्गत “बगोदर वन प्रक्षेत्र” के विष्णुगढ़ वन परिसर के प्रांगण में विभिन्न प्रजाति के भंडारित काष्ठ को, “जहाँ है, जिस स्थिति में है” के आधार पर कुल 45 लॉटों की बिक्री हेतु आम नीलामी की तिथि निर्धारित की गई है। उक्त विवरण निम्नवत है :-

क्र.सं.	स्थल का नाम	नीलामी की तिथि	समय
1.	बगोदर वन प्रक्षेत्र (विष्णुगढ़ वन परिसर के प्रांगण में)	19-02-2022	11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न

नीलामी में सम्मिलित होने के लिए गेट नम्री के रूप में राशि-2000.00 (दो हजार) रू० मात्र नकद अथवा बैंक ड्राफ्ट (किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा D.F.O, Hazaribag East के पदनाम से निर्गत एवं हजारीबाग में भुगतये) समर्पित करना अनिवार्य होगा। नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले व्यक्ति का GST नम्बर आवश्यक है। शेष नीलामी की शर्तों को प्रमंडलीय कार्यालय, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

(सौरभ चन्द्रा,भा०व०से०)

PR 262117 Forest, Environment and Climate Changes(21-22)#D वन प्रमंडल पदाधिकारी, हजारीबाग पूर्वी वन प्रमंडल



Jharkhand UrjaSancharan Nigam Limited
(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)
Office of the General Manager, Transmission Zone-III, Jamshedpur
132/33 KV. Grid Campus Gamharria, P.O- Gamharria, Distt- Seraikella-Kharsawan, Pin- 832108
email id: tz3jsr_jusnl@rediffmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited in two parts Part-I as Technical & Commercial, Part-II as Price Part (Both in two separate sealed envelopes super scribed with NIT No. and Part from reputed and experienced agencies/ firms for the following works :


Sl. No.	NIT No.	Description of work	Cost of B.O.Q	E/M to be deposited
1.	243/PR/JUSNL/ 2021-22	Repairing of badly rusted tower legs for safety of tower in 132kV Adityapur-RCP Transmission line under T/S/D, Adityapur-I.	Rs. 1476/- (Rs. 1250+CGST @9%+SGST @9%)	Rs. 13,300.00/-
2.	344/PR/JUSNL/ 2021-22	Name plate board erection, fabrication along with naming of 132kV, 33 kV feeders in their respective bays at 132/33 kV GSS Dhalbhumgarh.	Rs. 590/- (Rs. 500 +CGST @9%+SGST @9%)	Rs. 4,700.00/-
3.	345/PR/JUSNL/ 2021-22	Requirement of materials at 132/33 kV GSS Mango (Balguma).	Rs. 886/- (Rs. 750 +CGST @9%+SGST @9%)	Rs. 7,750.00/-
4.	346/PR/JUSNL/ 2021-22	Repairing & rewinding of 315KVA, 33/0.4KV SST at 132/33 kV Grid Sub-Station, Goukera.	Rs. 590/- (Rs. 500 +CGST @9%+SGST @9%)	Rs. 4000.00/-
5.	347/PR/JUSNL/ 2021-22	Repairing of rusted tower legs for the safety of transmission towers in 132 kV S/C RKSN-KNPS & 132kV JODA-KNPS transmission line under Transmission Sub-Division, Kendposi.	Rs. 1476/- (Rs. 1250 +CGST @9%+SGST @9%)	Rs. 13,900.00/-

1. Start date for sale of tender documents :-25.01.2022 From 02:00 PM
2.Last date for sale of tender documents :-17.02.2022 upto 03.00 PM
3.Last date & time of submission of tender document :-18.02.2022 upto 04:00 PM
4.Due date & time of opening of tender document Part-I :-19.02.2022 at 11.00 AM
5.Tender documents along with terms and conditions can be purchased from the office of General Manager, Transmission Zone-III, Jamshedpur on payment of cost of BOQ (Non-refundable) either in cash or in shape of D.D drawn in favour of Accounts Officer, Transmission Zone-III Jamshedpur payable at Jamshedpur on any working day.
6.No postal transaction of purchase/ submission of tender documents shall be entertained.
7.If there is sudden announcement of holiday by Govt. or Nigam on the date of opening of tender/ last date of submission of hard copy of bid then the next working day will be considered.
8.The undersigned reserves the right to issue the tender documents/ extend the date of sale/ submission/ opening of tenders and distribute the works among the tenderers or reject any/ all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
9.For any clarifications please contact on Mobile No. 9771790288/8920934346


स्वहति एवं राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचावों। कृपया अपनी शिकयों को रॉल की नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करावें।

Sd/-
General Manager (Trans Zone-III) (Jamshedpur)

PR 262167(Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd)21-22#D



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



Press N.I.T. No 49(2021-22)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Arif Hussain) AEE(TJM)-11

Sd/-

झारखण्ड सरकार

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गुमला

ई० प्रोक्योरमेंट अति-अल्यकालीन निविदा सूचना

T. Reference No. :- Different Tolas SVS -14/2021-22(1st Call) Date 20.01.2022

Group No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Rs.)	Time of Completion
1.	Construction of Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme through D.T./HYDT Solar based 1 HP/ 2 HP D.C. Motor pump Complete set for different tolas of concern village which is not included in MVS and has no electricity or less electricity to supply water 2000 LPH maximum at least 15/30 Years for 24 X 7 Supply with 100 % Coverage by TAP Water Facility under J.J.M				
01	Sarangdih Group of SVS Scheme Block: Jari	25,41,174	51,000	5,000	06 Months
02	Dhobari & Khunti toli of SVS Scheme, Block: Jari	55,06,556	1,10,500	10,000	06 Months
03	Devidih & Kharka Group of SVS Scheme, Block: Gumla	94,82,065	1,90,000	10,000	06 Months
04	Barakatra SVS Group of Scheme, Block Dumri	28,79,062	58,0000	5,000	06 Months
05	Chhotakatra & Oraon Toli Group of SVS Scheme, Block Dumri	40,02,545	80,500	5,000	06 Months
06	Chiraiya SVS Group of Scheme, Block Dumri	31,61,873	63,500	5,000	06 Months
07	Dina & Navgai SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Dumri	31,61,873	63,500	5,000	06 Months
08	Galu SVS Group of Scheme, Block Dumri	16,36,338	33,000	5,000	06 Months
09	Chandawal SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Dumri	15,47,467	31,000	5,000	06 Months
10	Bamhni SVS Group of Scheme, Block Chainpur	26,70,725	53,500	5,000	06 Months
11	Sakra SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	42,56,655	85,000	5,000	06 Months
12	Manatu SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	18,26,285	37,000	5,000	06 Months
13	Chandgo SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	27,55,187	55,000	5,000	06 Months
14	Pakani SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	31,97,978	64,000	5,000	06 Months
15	Katikahi SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	44,26,754	87,000	5,000	06 Months
16	Tigawal SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Chainpur	92,04,189	1,84,500	10,000	06 Months
17	Chingari SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	26,00,244	52,500	5,000	06 Months
18	Kujam Part-2 SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	55,13,833	1,10,500	10,000	06 Months
19	Harup Part- 2 SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	42,82,970	86,000	5,000	06 Months
20	Narma SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	88,70,971	1,78,000	10,000	06 Months
21	Ambakona SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	28,39,648	57,000	5,000	06 Months
22	Harup Part- 1 SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	60,50,411	1,21,000	10,000	06 Months
23	Kujam Part- 1 SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bishunpur	60,03,770	1,20,000	10,000	06 Months
24	Adar SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Ghaghra	97,01,265	1,94,000	10,000	06 Months
25	Itkiri SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Ghaghra	39,35,606	79,000	5,000	06 Months
26	Porahi & Adar SVS Group of Scheme, Blo ck: Ghaghra	62,56,806	1,25,500	10,000	06 Months
27	Jilingsira SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Ghaghra	75,93,720	1,52,000	10,000	06 Months
28	Roykera SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bharno	58,99,526	1,18,000	10,000	06 Months
29	Amliya Kalyanpurt (Part-A) SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bharno	98,34,896	1,97,000	10,000	06 Months
30	Vantoli SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bharno	74,43,000	1,49,000	10,000	06 Months
31	Kharka SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Bharno	40,02,309	80,000	5,000	06 Months
32	Kurkura SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	80,08,843	1,60,500	10,000	06 Months
33	Kulbura SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	86,44,934	1,73,000	10,000	06 Months
34	Sursang SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	39,35,606	79,000	5,000	06 Months
35	Beterkera SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	43,59,592	87,500	5,000	06 Months
36	Ichagutu SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	63,23,520	1,26,500	10,000	06 Months
37	Jhikirma (Part-B) SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Palkot	63,94,227	1,28,000	10,000	06 Months
38	Jhikirma (Part-A) SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Palkot	70,30,540	1,41,000	10,000	06 Months
39	Khijiri SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	78,00,281	1,56,000	10,000	06 Months
40	Gurjumdih SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	20,38,389	41,000	5,000	06 Months
41	Dharnapur SVS Group of Scheme, Block: Kamdara	22,50,496	45,000	5,000	06 Months
2.	Date of Tender Uploading on Website	28.01.2022/04.00 PM.			
3.	Document Download / Sale Start Date	28.01.2022/04.00 PM.			
4.	Bid Submission Start Date	28.01.2022/04.00 PM.			
5.	Document Download / Sale End Date	08.02.2022/05.00 PM.			
6.	Bid Submission End Date	08.02.2022/05.00 PM.			
7.	Last date of Submission of Cost of BOQ and EMD (in Hard Copy) & Place	09.02.2022/05.00 PM. O/o Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Gumla.			
8.	Date of Opening of Tender	11.02.2022/11.00 AM.			
9.	Name & Address of Office Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Gumla.			
10.	Name & Address of Opening Officer	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Gumla.			
11.	Contact No. Of Procurement Office	06524-223058			
12.	Helpline No. Of e-procurement cell	7488491963			

नोट :-

1. विशेष जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट -http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

2. Estimated Cost की राशि घट या बढ़ सकता है तदनुसार Bid Security की राशि देय होगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, गुमला

PR 262098 Drinking Water and Sanitation (21-22)_D



Terrific attack has Strasbourg in rare air in French league

AP ■ PARIS

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

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

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

This attacking verve has brought dividends, with Strasbourg sitting in fourth place after winning at Clermont 2-0 in a rescheduled match midweek. It's the club's best league position at this stage since 1997.

Ahead of a trip on Sunday

to struggling Bordeaux, Julien Stephan's team are just two points behind Marseille, with qualification for a European tournament in sight. Marseille plays at Lens this weekend, with second-placed Nice traveling to Metz, and runaway leader PSG hosting Reims. Stephan became the coach when he replaced Thierry Laurey following a season of struggle.

"Being fourth doesn't change much, but it does validate the players' hard work," Stephan said. "Above all, it's our third victory in 2022, all of them won in different contexts, and that is extremely promising. We remain very humble."

Strasbourg has 15 goals in its last six matches while conceding just five, with Stephan widely credited for the team's metamorphosis.

In his previous stint, Stephan secured Rennes' first trophy in 48 years and led the Brittany club to the Champions League.

He preaches a fluid passing game.

Office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Executive Director

Programme Management Unit (SWSM)
Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Jharkhand
Doranda Bazar (Water Tower Compound, First floor)
Doranda, Ranchi - 834002, Jharkhand
Phone: 0651-2480166
Email:swsm.jharkhand@gmail.com, Website: dwsd.jharkhand.gov.in
Letter No: Dated:

CORRIGENDUM/ ADDENDUM

The advertisement/ notice inviting for application from eligible candidates for different contractual posts in State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM), Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand published vide PR No. 260211 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D in different news papers in which following corrigendum/ addendum are made :-

1. The last date of online submission of application form is being extended upto 04.02.2022

2. Diploma in Computer Application (DCA) certificate will not be mandatory for any post except the post of "Office Assistant".

3. The Eligible candidates who are facing any difficulties in online submission of application form after login, they may contact to Deputy Director-1 (Mob No. 9199154542), Programme Management Unit, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Doranda Bazar, Ranchi, Jharkhand in his office chamber till 04.02.2022. In case of any technical issue regarding online submission of application form, they may also contact to the helpline no. 7909009980 ofNiyukti Portal.

Other terms & condition will remain same.

Chief Engineer-cum- Executive Director

PR 262177 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)D



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