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## 1st CDS, Kalyan, Gita Press head get Padma Vibhushan

Buddhadev refuses to accept Padma Bhushan

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Cong first family loyalist RPN Singh joins BJP

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gandhi family loyalist RPN Singh on Tuesday joined the long line of senior Congress leaders deserting the party. The former Union Minister on Tuesday embraced the BJP dealing a blow to the Congress and giving a psychological leg-up to the saffron party in the poll-bound Uttar Pradesh.

Singh, 57, is a prominent leader and a member of royalty from the Eastern UP. He has been a three-time Congress MLA from Padrauna and a Member of Parliament from Kushinagar.

He joined the BJP shortly after writing a brief letter of resignation to the Congress president Sonia Gandhi.

Singh's exit from the party has come as a massive blow to the grand old party in the run-up to Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. The Congress leadership was apparently caught by surprise because it named Singh as the "star campaigner" only a few days ago.

A section of the party leaders feels that Singh's exit was good riddance because he had been hobnobbing with the BJP for the last one year to topple the Congress-JMM Jharkhand Government. RPN, known within the Congress circle, was Congress general secretary in charge for the Jharkhand for the last three years.



Former Congress leader RPN Singh joins BJP at party office in New Delhi on Tuesday

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

Addressing the media after joining the party here at the BJP headquarters in the presence of BJP UP in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan, UP party president Swatantra Dev Singh, UP Deputy-Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Dr Dinesh Sharma, and Jyotiraditya Scindia, Singh lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi who, he said, is being "appreciated roundly for linking the ancient Indian civilisation and cul-

ture with the 21st century".

Singh is also seen as BJP's Assembly candidate against OBC leader Swami Prasad Maurya who recently left the BJP to join the SP.

Criticising the Congress, his erstwhile party, Singh said, "I spent 32 years in one political party (Congress). But that party has not remained the same as it was before when I joined it. I will work as a 'karyakarta' towards fulfilling PM Modi's dreams for India," said Singh.

He also praised the double-engine Government and the change in the law and order situation in UP.

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## SC issues notices to Centre, EC on guidelines on 'freebies' in polls

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Centre and the Election Commission on framing of guidelines on "freebies" promised by political parties before elections.

Observing that it was a "serious issue", and "freebie budget" was going beyond the regular Budget, the court sought a response from the poll body and the Union Government in four weeks.

The Chief Justice of India said that the Supreme Court, in a different issue, had directed the poll body to frame guidelines on the matter but the poll body held just one meeting whose outcome is unknown.

"Within the limited scope, we had directed the Election Commission to frame guidelines. But subsequently, they conducted only one meeting after our directions. They sought views from political parties and thereafter I do not know what happened," NV Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, said.

A bench of CJI Ramana, Justice AS Bopanna and Justice Hima Kohli was hearing a plea filed by lawyer and BJP leader Ashwini Upadhyay saying public funds were being misused by all political parties, pushing States deeper into debt.

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## Delhi Govt offices to have only Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh photos

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

All Delhi Government offices will carry photos of Bhimrao Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh, and no pictures of any political leader, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Tuesday.

Kejriwal also made the announcement during the Delhi Government's Republic Day programme that the Government offices will henceforth not even have the Chief Minister's picture.

"The Delhi Government is trying to fulfill the dreams which Babasaheb and Bhagat Singh saw for Indian society. No other Government in the last 75 years tried to walk on the path shown by Dr Ambedkar and Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. Babasaheb envisioned highest quality of education for every single child of India but no Government could provide that in 75 years, with the education revolution thriving in the State, the Delhi Government diligently working to ensure that we can fulfil Babasaheb's dream," the CM said.

"Both Babasaheb and



Bhagat Singh wanted an independent India wherein success did not depend on one's caste or class and everyone got equal treatment."

Addressing Delhiites on the eve of Republic Day, Kejriwal said the AAP Government increased 25 per cent and worked from starting to transform Delhi schools.

He also mentioned various programmes in Government schools.

"We are not just teaching our students to be good citizens but also inculcating entrepreneurship and Deshbhakti in them. We are establishing the Delhi Teachers' University with the goal of preparing next generation teachers of the highest global standards. Had Dr Ambedkar been here with us in the present, he would have accepted us with open arms and given us his patronage."

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## Rift in Bengal BJP, party ex-vice prez among 2 suspended

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The rift in the Bengal BJP widened with former State vice-president Jayprakash Majumdar, known for his proximity to former State BJP president Dilip Ghosh and defiant Union Minister Shantanu Thakur, on Tuesday exploded against a section of the State and national leadership hours after he and former State general secretary Ritesh Tewari were suspended from the BJP.

Earlier the two leaders were suspended from the party hours after they were asked to show cause for their alleged anti-party activities. The two leaders were seen attending picnic parties of rebel MLAs organised by Thakur.

Attacking State president Sukanto Majumdar and general secretary Amitava Chakrabarty for making mess of party affairs post its stunning defeat in the last year's Assembly elections, Jayprakash Majumdar said that "about 80 per cent of the functionaries who took BJP from 4 per cent (vote share) to 40 per cent have been removed from their posts and the self-seeking

new comers who had joined the party after 2019, when we got 19 seats, to enjoy the nectar have been placed on top posts... with the result that the party is gradually sinking."

Alleging that "out of 42 district presidents 32 were unknown to their constituencies... even the State president and the organisational general secretary are only about 2-and-a-half years only in organisational politics," the suspended leader said, adding, "the voice was of State leaders were suppressed in the party... and after the electoral debacle all the leaders who came from outside Bengal scurried back leaving the grassroots at the mercy of Trinamool Congress men."

Alleging that "the BJP only resorted to laws suits to counter the violence against the party men as the workers continued to bear the brunt of the ruling party repression... the leadership did not even stand by them... whereas when Mamata Banerjee was the Opposition leader she launched movements against State oppression... she never jettisoned her workers."

## CAPSULE

### I'M STILL BJP WORKER: MAURYA'S DAUGHTER

Budaun: Budaun's BJP MP Sanghamitra Maurya, whose father and UP Minister Swami Prasad Maurya recently defected to the Samajwadi Party, on Tuesday asserted that she was a very much a BJP worker, expressing her loyalty to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### 7, INCLUDING MLA'S SON, KILLED IN MAHA NAGPUR

Nagpur: Seven persons, including some medical students and the son of an MLA, were killed in Wardha district of Maharashtra when the car they were travelling in fell off a bridge in the wee hours of Tuesday, police said. The incident occurred around 1.30 am near Selsura village in the district in east Maharashtra, an official said.

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

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

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

Through the 34 seconds video, the Congress has virtually declared war against its rival political parties. Sharing



it on its social media handles, the party captioned, "We will do whatever it takes to redeem our beloved State from the clutches of evil forces working against the interest of Punjab

and its people".

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

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

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Republic Day: Security beefed up, Covid curbs put in place

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

Security arrangements have been geared up across Kolhan in view of the Republic Day on January 26, an attempt to ensure that the national festival passes off on a peaceful note. The focus this year is on Covid curbs. The police and administrative machinery are gearing up to security arrangements after putting the police stations in all these three districts under Kolhan on high alert.



has beefed up the security arrangement at the areas that fall in its jurisdiction, the authority of West Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan districts claimed that they are deploying forces at strategic locations in the township and also the rural areas. Superintendent of police,

Seraikela-Kharsawan, Abhishek Anand said that the security arrangement was being made keeping the history of this rebel-infested district in view. "This time extra vigilance will be maintained in the naxal-infested areas like Chowka, Chandil, Kuchai and Kharsawan. We have made necessary secu-

city arrangements to tackle the Maoists threat perception observed during the last Republic Day celebration here," said the SP, Seraikela-Kharsawan. "We will keep close eye on those areas where the Republic Day could not be celebrated last year and would try to instill confidence among the local residents for going ahead with the National Festival without fear of anyone," said Anand. Similarly, at naxal-infested areas in West Singhbhum district, the police will undertake special operations so that the rebels may not come over ground during the Republic Day celebration anywhere. An official pointed out that the separate teams of police and paramilitary forces will remain mo-

bile and ready to respond to any emergency. "The moment we get information about a naxal act in any of the spots, the special operation will be launched immediately," he said. The preparedness for a peaceful Republic Day celebration is on at the East Singhbhum district also. Senior superintendent of police, M Tamil Vanan said that police and paramilitary forces are being deployed at a number of locations in Ghatshila sub-division so that the people living in the rebel-infested areas can celebrate the national festival fearlessly. Notably, Republic Day celebration is primarily organised at the district collectorates, block offices and also in various educational institutions.

XLRI alumnus recommended for the HPCL's CMD post

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

Pushp Kumar Joshi, an alumnus of XLRI, Jamshedpur (Batch 1984 - 1986), who is currently serving as the director (HR) has been recommended for the post of chairman & managing director (CMD) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL). Joshi, a doctorate in human resource management & post graduate in human resource management from XLRI has been serving as the Director (HR) since 2012. From a list of 10 candidates, who were interviewed by the PESB panel, Joshi has been recom-



mended for this post. As the CMD of HPCL, he will be held accountable to the Board of Directors and Government. He will also be responsible for the efficient functioning of the company for meeting its objectives and performance metrics. Being a part of HPCL, Joshi

has always helped in shaping & developing the company's work culture along aligning them with the values and mission of the organisation. He has extended his full support to the business and finance functionalities in the critical area of human resource management in the organization. Alumni of XLRI in particular have excelled and acquired positions of eminence in every field imaginable - from engineering to finance to management to even arts. Renowned scientists, successful entrepreneurs and managers and leaders of society, our alumni have made us proud time and again.

RPF carries out search operation at the Gaya station

SURESH NIKHAR ■ BERMO/ GAYA

In view of the upcoming Republic Day celebrations, the RPF, Gaya police under ECR carried out a search operation at the Gaya railway station here on Sunday. On the instruction of Sr Divisional Security Commissioner, Mughalsarai A K Mishra, RPF police force led by RPF Inspector Ajay Prakash, carried out the search operation at the different platforms and other premises of Gaya railway station. An anti-sabotage team and a dog squad also took part in the search operation. The police force searched the whole premises of the railway station during this drive. While taking to the Pioneer Inspec-

tor Ajay Prakash said the search operation was carried out in view of the upcoming Republic Day celebrations. "We have increased vigil in the entire coverage area of railway station in view of Republic Day. Such kind of checking would be carried out at all platforms and railway station in the coming days also to keep anti-social elements at bay," said RPF Inspector. Meanwhile the Sr Divisional Security Commissioner A K Mishra appealed to the passengers and railway officials to inform the RPF police immediate case they spot any suspicious person or activity in the railway station. Inspector Ajay informed that the instructions of Senior Divisional Security Commis-

sioner, East Central Railway DDU, Railway Protection Force Gaya under the leadership of Inspector-in-Charge Gaya, CIB Gaya and Railway Protection Force Dog by the joint team of Government Railway Police Station Gaya along with Squad DDU, protective checks were carried out at Gaya Railway Station with sniffer dogs in circulating areas, platforms, waiting rooms, two wheeler and four wheeler parking stands, PRS, parcel booking offices and passenger trains, the said operations were announced by Maoists from date 21.01.2022 to date 26.01.2022, keeping in mind the celebration of Resistance Day and Republic Day 2022, no objectionable object or person was found during the said campaign.

Stray Dog bite, WhatsApp UDD if DMC not taking action

Pankaj Kumar ■ Dhanbad

Bitten by a stray dog - WhatsApp the Urban Development Department (UDD) if the Dhanbad Municipal Corporation (DMC) is not taking action to check stray dogs. The town administration directorate of UDD has issued five ways to lodge complaints if not only the DMC but as matter of fact any urban civil body of Jharkhand fails to tackle this menace. Besides , WhatsApp, the people can also file complaints on tollfree no, email besides landline and on the website of the directorate too. The most unfortunate part is

that city streets and localities are flooded with uncountable numbers of such dogs but no action is being taken by the civic body for removing them though they often become the cause of accidents besides dog bite cases. In Dhanbad there was a stray dog catcher van but it has been lying unused since long though according to DMC CEO Satyendra Kumar said , the work of dog catching had to be suspended due to protests of some animal activists. However, we would start a drive to catch them and sterilize them soon ,he said.

Encounter between police, Naxals in Gomia

SURESH NIKHAR ■ BERMO

A gun-battle took place between the police and banned Naxal outfit, Maoists of India in Gomia block of Bokaro district, police said on Tuesday. No injuries were reported in the gunfight that happened near Dhamdhrawa and Kumba tungari forest area in

Gomia police station area on Monday night at about 7pm to 9pm, a senior officer said. Acting on a tip-off about the movement of self-styled 'area commander' Mithlesh Mahto and his squad, a team of district armed police, Jharkhand district police and a team of CRPF launched a search operation, senior police officials said.

Don't Hack Around: Work from Home Tips- Writing



By Dhiraj Kumar

In my previous article on work from home tips, we had read about the various ways one can utilize idle time to improve on reading habits. Today's article is on the ways one can delve into writing and how to improve writing habits while working from home. If you know or feel that you have a flair for writing, the dark times of Covid-19 appear to be the best time to wake up the Shakespeare, William Wordsworth, or Dan Brown in you to write. Writing Base: Since the planet has gone virtual, writers often employ online methods to write. The best way to start scribbling is on an MS Word document or Notepad. If it's easy to write online, it's equally easy to delete and edit your emerging thoughts. Even getting grammar and spellcheck is handy when writing on your laptop/computer. If you are not comfortable writing on your personal computer, you can always revert to the age-old method to write on plain paper and then upload your musings on a virtual document. Though time-consuming, many renowned writers and authors actually write submissions in their own handwriting and re-write their notes on a soft copy. Courses: Before Covid-19 online courses did not find many takers but the pandemic has changed the world upside down. Virtual classrooms have become the order of the day. Leading universities now offer online long and short courses on a variety of subjects to choose from on a nominal fee through education portals. One can opt for writing courses on virtual platforms and learn the various tips on how to improve writing skills. Reading: Not considered

very often, reading the work of other authors and writers subconsciously helps in developing your own distinct writing methodology. The writing styles of other writers help you to understand your own craft better. Reading newspapers and top-notch magazines that offer rich language in their style of writing helps in comprehending the intricacies of the language better. Pick up classic hits of popular authors in fiction or non-fiction and read them thoroughly. Watching Shows & Films: One does not realize but we subconsciously keep imbibing language, grammar, and words throughout our lives. The explosion of OTT platforms has given us the option to choose and watch global highly rated television shows and films which do employ better use of richer language. These shows could help improve writing skills when one does sit down to write. Online Tools: Online tools have vastly improved over the development of technology that rate your written work and give ratings on clarity, grammar, spellings, use of phrases, correctness, and tone. Websites with online tools like Thesaurus and Grammarly give powerful suggestions that greatly improve your writing skills, helping you to edit and rewrite. Discipline: The spirit to keep writing is key to writing. One has to keep writing something on a targeted topic each day. A 400-500-word speed on a daily basis on a chosen subject can help you get into the writing groove. Discipline is vital while lethargy is detrimental to your writing hobby or career.

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कार्यालक पदाधिकारी, नगर पंचायत, श्री बंशीधर नगर

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एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि भारतीय वन (विहार संशोधन) अधिनियम 1989 की धारा 66A में प्रदत्त शक्तियों के तहत बिहार लोक भूमि अधिनियम 1956 के अन्तर्गत समाहर्ता के शक्तियों का उपयोग करते हुए सरकारो वन भूमि अधिकरण की बेदखली हेतु इस न्यायालय द्वारा प्रारम्भ की गई निम्नवत BPLE वादों में अनेको नोटिस के बावजूद विषयी अवलक सुनवाई में उपस्थित नहीं हो रहे हैं। इस समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से मुकदमों से संबंधित सभी प्रतिपक्षों को सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नवत निर्धारित तिथि को पूर्वान्व 11.30 बजे स्वयं अथवा अपने अधिकांके के माध्यम से अधोहरताक्षरी के न्यायालय में उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष प्रस्तुत करें। समाचार पत्र में सूचना प्रकाशन के बाद भी यदि आप उपस्थित नहीं होते हैं तो अग्रिमलेख में उपलब्ध साक्ष्य के आधार पर एक-पक्षीय उचित आदेश पारित कर दिया जाएगा। मुकदमों की विवरणी निम्नवत है :-

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# HC stalls JPSC mains examination

Vijay Deo Jha  
Ranchi

Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) on Tuesday informed Jharkhand High Court that it has postponed the mains examination of the combined civil services. The High Court is hearing a petition challenging the examination process where the petitioner maintained the reservation policy was not followed by the JPSC while declaring the result of the preliminary test. The senior lawyer A.K. Das who appeared for the JPSC informed the bench of the High Court of Chief Justice Dr. Ravi Narayan and Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad that the Commission has postponed the mains examination which was set to start from January 28. The High Court conducted the hearing through video conferencing and February 15 has been fixed as the next date of hearing. On Monday also the court had heard the matter when it asked the JPSC whether the proper procedure was followed in

declaring the result of the preliminary examination. The petitioner said that in the preliminary result, the JPSC against 114 unreserved posts, declared 768 students as successful which otherwise should have been fifteen times more than the sanctioned posts. The court on this had directed the JPSC to reply by Tuesday. The senior lawyer Amritans Vatsa who appeared for the petitioner Kumar Satyam said that in the bylaws of the JPSC and advertisement, there was no mention of reservation in declaring the result for the preliminary test. As per the schedules announced, the mains examination was scheduled from January 28 till January 30 at 14 examination centers across Jharkhand. Students were asked to download the admit card from the website of the JPSC from January 15 onwards. The JPSC issued a notification to hold a combined civil service examination comprising seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth JPSC against 252 seats. A

total of 4293 students were declared successful. However, students raised questions over the examination process and the result as they alleged corruption in declaring preliminary results. Students have been carrying agitation against the JPSC as they alleged corruption in declaring results of the preliminary test. Students had also met Governor Ramesh Bais and requested him to order an inquiry into the alleged corruption. The delegation told the Governor among 4293 successful candidates, 242 such candidates have their roll number in a serial. They are from different examination centers in Lohardaga, Sahebganj, Latehar, and Gumla. But even if the JPSC announced the schedules for the mains examination, questions were raised whether it was a wise step to conduct an offline examination during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Hemant Soren government extended the period of the mini-lockdown till January 31.

# Republic Day to be observed amid Covid protocol

PNS ■ Ranchi

The Republic Day will be celebrated under the strict protocols of the Covid-19 across Jharkhand and special arrangements have been made in Ranchi where Governor Ramesh Bais will hoist the national flag at Morabadi ground. Those invited to the programme have been asked to follow the Covid-19 protocols and any person without a mask will not be allowed to enter the venue. Only such people will be

allowed who have taken vaccines and are not Covid positive. The entire ground has been sanitized as part of the precautionary measure. Ranchi district administration and police have made special arrangements for Republic Day. The entry of the heavy vehicles in the city limit will be restricted from 6 AM till 10 PM on Wednesday. Heavy vehicles will be kept off the city limits namely at Boreya, Birsa Chowk, Kathal More, ITI Bus stand, and Namkum.



JPPC president Aditya Vikram Jaiswal offered prayers at Hanuman Temple, Lalpur on the exit of Jharkhand Congress in-charge RPN Singh from the Indian National Congress. Jaiswal said that now congress workers will be able to freely meet party high command members and will get better opportunity to strengthen party's base in the State. Pics by PNS

# State Cong in-charge RPN Singh quits party

Roshan Kumar  
Ranchi

RPN Singh, one of the Congress's most prominent leaders in Uttar Pradesh and party Jharkhand in-charge quit the party today and crossed over to the BJP ahead of next month's election in the Uttar Pradesh. He is likely to contest the UP polls from his stronghold Padrauna, from where he has been elected MLA thrice. RPN Singh, one of Congress party OBC face in Congress is likely to compensate BJP loss of Swami Prasad Maurya. Swami Prasad Maurya, last week joined Samajwadi Party (SP) charging BJP of not giving OBC due representation in party.

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# Celebrate Indian-ness this Republic Day: Prez to people

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

## Neeraj awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Twelve security forces personnel from the Army and Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) were awarded Shaurya Chakra by President Ram Nath Kovind on the eve of Republic Day on Tuesday. Olympic javelin gold medal winner in the Tokyo Games Neeraj Chopra was awarded Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM). He is a Subedar in the Rajputana Rifles. This gallantry medal is the third-highest during peacetime. Five of the six awardees of the Army this year were conferred the medal posthumously. Most of them sacrificed their lives fighting militants in Jammu & Kashmir. Similarly, four of the six CRPF personnel were also awarded the medal posthumously. Giving details here on Wednesday, Defence Ministry officials said the President has



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Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 40 Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty), 08 Nao Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty), and 14 Vayu Sena Medals (Devotion to Duty). The Shaurya Chakra awardees are Naib Subedar Sreejith M (posthumous), Havildar Anil Kumar Tomar (posthumous), Havildar Kashiray Bamnanalli (posthumous), Havildar Pinku Kumar (posthumous), Sepoy M Jaswanth Kumar Reddy (posthumous), and Rifleman Rakesh Sharma. The CRPF Shaurya Chakra awardees include Commandant Dilip Malik, Assistant Commandant Anirudh Pratap Singh, Head Constable Ajeet Singh (posthumous), Constable Vikas Kumar (posthumous), Constable Puranand (posthumous) and Head Constable Kuldeep Kumar Urawan (posthumous).

## 939 service medals announced on eve of R-Day

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The Centre on Tuesday announced a total of 939 service medals, including 189 for gallantry, for personnel of various Central and State police forces on the eve of Republic Day. However, no one has been awarded the topmost president's police medal for gallantry (PPMG) this time. Among the 189 gallantry awards, 134 personnel are being awarded for their gallant action in the Jammu and Kashmir region, 47 for their bravery in Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected areas and one personnel for similar conduct in the north-east region. The highest number of bravery medals, 115, have been awarded to the Jammu and Kashmir Police, followed by 30 to the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), 10 to the Chhattisgarh Police, nine to the Odisha Police, seven to the Maharashtra Police, three each to the border guarding forces of Indo-Tibetan Border Police



Sanjeev Kumar Yadav IPS of Delhi Police Cell is among the Gallantry Medal winners. 53 personnel of the Border Security Force (BSF) have been decorated with various police service medals including gallantry decorations. Constables Anand Oraon and Sunder Singh have been awarded the PMG for thwarting smuggling bids by armed smugglers along the India-Bangladesh international border in West Bengal. 18 personnel of the India-China LAC guarding force Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), and two to the Border Security Force (BSF), among others. Eighty-eight personnel have been awarded the distinguished service medal while 662 have been given the meritorious service medal. 42 fire service medals, 37 correctional service medals for police personnel and 51 'Jeevan Rakshak Padak' were also announced. The 'Jeevan Rakshak' series of medals are given for meritorious act of human nature in saving the life of a person.

ered after the operation. Among the distinguished service medal awardees is DIG Ajay Pal Singh who joined the mountain-warfare trained force as an officer in 1990. DIG Ramakant Sharma and GC Upadhyay have also been awarded the distinguished service medal. CBI officers probing post poll violence cases in West Bengal besides the one who busted big bribery cases in Railways are among 29 agency sleuths awarded police medals. Joint Director Raminish Geer, who led the probe in cases like housing scam allegedly involving the then Union minister Sheila Kaul, Naval war room leak case, kidnapping of an NRI businessman and his release besides other high profile anti-corruption cases, received the coveted President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. He was among the four CBI joint directors rushed from Delhi to West Bengal to oversee post poll violence cases reported in the state last year.

## 75% ICU Covid survivors grapple with health problems

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At least 75 per cent of the Covid-19 survivors, who were treated in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), experience physical, mental and/or cognitive problems one-year post ICU, according to a large-scale MONITOR-ICU study published in the journal JAMA. The study was led by Radboud university medical center, in which the health status of ICU survivors is monitored with questionnaires up to five years after ICU admission. The study regarding long-term health problems was conducted among 246 Covid-19 patients (176 men/70 women) who were treated in the intensive care unit (ICU) in the Netherlands. Their mean age was 61 years. Using questionnaires, they were asked how they were doing one-year post ICU. Worldwide, this is the first scientific research regarding long-term problems among Covid-19 ICU survivors. Patients in this study were admitted to the ICU during the first Covid-19 surge between March and July 2020. Majority of patients experience health problems one-year post ICU. This study shows that three quarters of the Covid-19 ICU survivors experience problems one-year post ICU. These are primarily physical problems, whereby half of the patients experience feelings of fatigue. Other physical problems are e.g. a reduced condition, pain, muscle weakness and shortness of breath. Also, mental symptoms are common; one in five Covid-19 ICU survivors experience feelings of anxiety or post-traumatic stress. Furthermore, one in six have cognitive problems such as memory or attention problems. These various problems negatively affect former ICU patients' daily lives. Over half of them indicate that they have work-related problems because of the health problems; they reduced their working hours; they are still on sick leave or have even given up their job. Yet another study has said that about 50 per cent of people infected with Covid-19 during the first wave of infections in 2020 may have long-term and even permanent changes to their sense of smell. Scientists at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm found this after they ran comprehensive tests on 100 individuals who caught Covid in the first wave of infections in 2020.

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

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Centre on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registrations of 11,594 NGOs, which applied within the cut-off date, have already been extended. Taking note of Solicitor General Tushar Mehta's submission, a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar refused to pass an interim direction that FCRA registrations of all organisations that were valid as on September 30 last year ought to be continued until further orders. The bench, also comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar, said the petitioners are free to make representation to the concerned authorities which may be considered on its merits in accordance with law. The FCRA registration is mandatory for any association and NGO to receive foreign funding. Mehta told the top court that 11,594 NGOs had applied within the cut-off date and their registrations have been extended for the time being. The apex court, which is seized of a plea filed by a US-based NGO seeking quashing of the Centre's alleged decision by which 5,789 entities lost their FCRA registration, was dealing with arguments regarding interim relief in the matter. While referring to Mehta's submission, the top court said that in light of the stand taken by the authorities, it doesn't intend to pass such interim direction as prayed. The bench said the petition would be listed after the

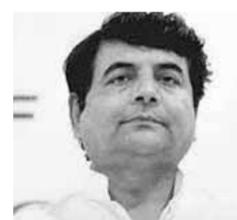
judgement is pronounced on a batch of pleas, including those which have raised issues concerning the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (Amendment) Act, 2020. Senior advocate Sanjay Hegde, appearing for the US based NGO said they have the information which is available in public domain as per which there are around 6,000 NGOs whose registrations have not been extended for whatever reasons. The bench told Hegde that the Solicitor General has submitted that those who have applied, their registration has been extended. "If those 6,000 NGOs have chosen not to apply for registration, that means they do not want to continue in the present regime," the bench observed. There were 22,762 FCRA-registered organisations till December 31, 2021. On January 1, the number came down to 16,829. These are considered "live" organisations. The officials had said the FCRA licences of 18,778 organisations were expiring between September 29, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Out of them, as many as 12,989 organisations have applied for renewal of the FCRA licence between September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2021. Since 5,789 organisations did not apply for the renewal of the FCRA licence, they were deemed to have ceased to be registered organisations, an official had said. In addition to them, renewal application of 179 organisations were also rejected by the Home Ministry due to different reasons.

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

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As the majority of Covid-19 patients recuperate in home isolation, the Union Health Ministry is banking on teleconsultation services to provide timely care to them. On Tuesday, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya asked states to adopt the hub and spoke model and open additional teleconsultation centres. "This will enable beneficiaries to access advice from experts stationed at district hubs," it said. He said the government's e-Sanjeevani telemedicine system has provided services to more than 2.6 crore beneficiaries where people can seek medical advice from the confines of their homes," he said during an interaction with health ministers, senior bureaucrats and administrators of nine states and union territories. These were Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chandigarh, Uttarakhand, Haryana, Delhi, Ladakh and Uttar Pradesh, according to a statement from the health ministry. Mandaviya also urged the health ministers and state authorities to plug the existing gaps by efficiently utilizing the amount sanctioned for various infra projects. On the importance of teleconsultation services, Mandaviya urged them "This will prove to be a game-changer and will be of immense value and importance for the hard-to-reach and far-flung areas, and especially in the northern regions in the current winter season," he highlighted. He advised the states and union territories to ensure that those in home isolation are efficiently monitored in line with the national guidelines. This will ensure that the vulnerable categories of active cases in home isolation get the required medical help in a timely manner, the statement said. The virtual meeting was held to review public health preparedness for containment and management of Covid and the progress of the national Covid 9 vaccination campaign.

## UP ELECTIONS Star campaigner RPN's exit a massive blow to Congress

**DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI**  
Former Union Minister and a Congress leader for over three decades, RPN Singh's exit from the party has come as a massive blow for the grand old party just few days before the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections and just a day after he was named a star campaigner of the party. A section of the party leaders felt that the exit of Singh, who was in charge of party affairs in Jharkhand, is 'good riddance' since he was allegedly working against the Congress-JMM combine in the State. However, another section termed it as yet another alarm bell for the party leadership to wake up from slumber to put the house in order. The Congress late in the evening appointed Avinash Pandey as the AICC general secretary in place of Singh. Singh, a key Kurmi OBC leader from eastern UP, is the second big exit for the Congress in the state after Jitin Prasada, who is now a minister in the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in UP. He had been giving enough



indications to leave the Congress since the run up to 2019 General Elections. AICC sources said he had not been attending the party meetings in the last several months though he was full time in charge for the Jharkhand Congress. Soon after Singh announced his resignation from the party, Jharkhand Barkagaon MLA Amba Prasad alleged that Singh had since several months been attempting to dislodge the Congress-JMM coalition government and that there were reports about him being in touch with BJP leaders. "The party leadership had been cautioned on several occasions about his anti-party activities. Every true member of Congress is happy with him (RPN) going to BJP," Amba Prasad tweeted. RPN posted his resignation

letter addressed to Congress president Sonia Gandhi, "Today, at a time, we are celebrating the formation of our great Republic, I begin a new chapter in my political journey. Jai Hind." Kunwar Ratanjit Pratap Narain Singh, popularly known as Raja Saheb of Padrauna, was a former Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs in Congress-led UPA government. Jyotiraditya Scindia's exit was among the triggers for a big churn in the party that led to 23 leaders writing to Sonia Gandhi asking for 'visible and full-time' leadership and collective decision-making. Scindia, Prasada, and Singh, all Doon school pals, were Rahul Gandhi aides and were in the Council of Ministers of the Manmohan Singh Congress led UPA governments. As the media was abuzz with RPN switching over to BJP, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinath at a Press conference quoted Priyanka Gandhi as saying that the "battle which Congress party is fighting can be fought only with bravery" and "cowards can't fight it".

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

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday called for increasing the voter turnout

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

Election Commission (EC) were actually trying to discredit the democratic process of the country. The minister also said the courts have a right to make observations on the Commission but the judges will also have to think about the language being used. In his message at an event on the occasion of the 12th National Voters Day, Naidu said as a nation we must think and arrive at a consensus to have simultaneous elections to all the three tiers of federal set up and move towards better governance by focusing on all-round development of our people. Naidu was the chief guest at the event but could not attend the function as he is in home isolation in Hyderabad after testing positive for COVID-19. The event was also attended by Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioners Rajiv Kumar and Anup Chandra Pandey and representatives of recognised polit-



ical parties, including Trinamool Congress, BSP, BJP, CPI, Congress and National People's Party. Naidu's message was read out in Hindi and English. The vice president said the country has come a long way from the first general elections of 1952 when only 44.87 per cent of the eligible voters turned up to vote. In the last general elections in 2019, 67.40 per cent or more than two-third of the eligible voters exercised their franchise, he noted. Rijiju said, people who want to challenge democracy have found a way of doing so by challenging the poll panel. The minister said the way EC has handled challenges from time to time, there is little scope to discredit it. He, however, did

not name the "elements" he was referring to. In a democracy, people are free to criticise the EC, but the criticism should be based on logic, he said, adding that the language used should be within civic norms. "If the courts says on EC, it can. Courts have a right. But the judges will have to think about what language they are using. Under what circumstances EC is working has to be understood," he said. Referring to the recent passage of a bill on electoral reforms, the minister said due to "ruckus" in the House he felt "handicapped" as he could not explain in detail the reforms being ushered in. CEC Chandra said the Commission has made arrangements for holding "Covid-safe" elections in the five states going to Assembly polls. The Commission conferred national awards for the best electoral practices to officers for their outstanding performance in the conduct of elections in different spheres.

## Govt imposes curbs on export of human hair

**RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI**  
A sharp rise in instances of hair smuggling to China that has squeezed raw material supplies for Indian exporters of hair products, the government on Tuesday put restrictions on the export of human hair. Earlier, hair exports were allowed without any restriction. As per the new norms, now an exporter would have to seek permission or licence from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce to ship hair outside India. Last year, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence busted a scam involving Chinese nationals in exporting human hairs from Bengaluru to China via Myanmar. Bangladesh has now emerged as the new transit hub for human hair smugglers. While high quality locks go for anywhere between Rs. 4,000 to

Rs. 15,000 per kg, the lower quality human hair 'waste' starts at a comparatively meagre Rs. 4 per kg. In a notification, the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Santosh Kumar Sarangi on Tuesday said, the export policy of human hair, unworked, whether or not washed or scoured; waste of human hair or any other form of raw human hair...has been put under restricted category, with immediate effect. The hair export market in India is worth Rs 6,000-8,000 crore — 5 per cent of the hair comes from donations at temples and rest through collection of comb waste across villages. China, Hong Kong, Brazil and Italy are among the top five markets for India, when it comes to human hair exports. It is used for making wigs, false beards, eyebrows, extensions and also in extraction of a protein used in the baking

industry. It's used to make calligraphy brushes, wig making, cloth making, soy sauce, suit linings, and furniture. It's enlisted to clean up oil spills. It's even a part of the bagel-making process at Dunkin' Donuts. A large chunk of the hair exported comes from the ritual of hair tonsuring at the famous Tirumala Venkateswara Temple in Andhra Pradesh where thousands of devotees offer their hair to Lord Venkateswara every day. It is estimated that over a ton of hair is collected at the temple on a daily basis. Welcoming the move, member of Human Hair and Hair Products Manufacturers and Exporters Association of India Sunil Eamani said that it was their long-pending demand. "Now with this restriction, only genuine exporters will be able to export the product," he said.

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# 'Kerala logs 50K new Covid cases in 24 hrs'

People in 20-30 age group getting infected more, says Health Min

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

More than 50,000 persons were diagnosed with Covid-19 on Tuesday in Kerala, said Veena George, Minister of Health. Addressing a specially convened media conference at capital city, the minister said the transmission of the pandemic was more in the youth (those in the age group of 20 to 30).

With many doctors, nurses and paramedical staff testing positive in the State, the minister said the situation was a challenge. Test Positivity Rate was 49.4 per cent as on Tuesday evening, said the minister.

Later in a media release, the minister said that 55,475 persons were diagnosed with

Covid-19 in Kerala out of the 1.12 lakh samples tested during the last 24 hours. Veena had said last week that the number of patients would peak by January 23 and then there would be a respite.

The death toll till date due to the pandemic reached 52,141, said the minister. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who is undergoing treatment in a US hospital asked the people in the State not to panic. "There is nothing to panic about. All you need is a little bit of caution. We have the best medical health care system which is always at your finger tips," said the chief minister in a message sent from the US to the people in Kerala.

The Chief Minister also asked the people not to crowd the hospitals if they were diagnosed with Covid-19. "All you have to do is to stay indoors and be safe," said Vijayan.

Minister Veena said the Department of Health would launch a massive awareness programme across the State to remove all kinds of reservations and apprehensions from the

mind of the people. She also disclosed that district health officials would get in touch with private hospitals which refuse to admit Covid-19 patients. The minister said the sudden spurt in the number of cases was on account of the Omicron variant.

Doctors in Government service told The Pioneer that people planning to visit Kerala should postpone their travel plans to another date as it was not safe to be in the State at this time. "I am not confident of the safety assured by face masks and sanitizers. Think seriously before you embark on a journey to the State as there are Covid-19 afflicted persons walking freely along the roads and frequent hotels and restaurants," said a senior Government doctor.

Conceding to the demand made by the Government doctors to appoint more health workers, Veena George said the administration would soon launch a Covid Brigade of more than 4,000 workers across the State to tackle the pandemic.

# 4 injured in grenade attack ahead of R-Day in Srinagar

PNS ■ JAMMU

On the eve of the Republic Day celebrations in Srinagar unidentified terrorists targeted a security vehicle by lobbing a grenade at the highly secured Hari Singh High Street injuring four persons including a police officer on Tuesday. The grenade attack was reported around 3.30 p.m.

Moving swiftly the security personnel cordoned off the entire area to track down the foot prints of the terrorists who might have lobbed a grenade taking advantage of the heavy rush in the area.

Window panes of several shops located in the area were broken while chaos prevailed in the area till security personnel restored order by channelising smooth movement of vehicles.

Confirming the total number of injuries, a twitter handle of Srinagar police advised local residents to remain vigilant and inform nearest security personnel on noticing any suspicious movement.

"All civilians are advised to be vigilant in view of today's

# J&K admin orders training, placement of 60K youth under 'Himayat' scheme in next FY

Jammu: Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday directed the Rural Development Department to ensure training and placement of 60,000 unemployed youth under livelihood mission 'Himayat' during the next financial year.

Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Mehta passed the directions at a meeting convened to review the Himayat scheme - a skill development programme for the youth which is under implementation since 2011 and will close on March 31, 2023.

In its latest report, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India has flagged poor implementation of

grenade attack that caused minor splinter injuries to four Locals. Please bring any suspicious movement/person to the notice of nearest Security personnel. Let's spoil the nefarious

Himayat in Jammu and Kashmir and said only 4,494 aspirants were given skill training under the scheme as against a target of 53,547 between 2016-19. Mehta said the training and consequent job placement of 60,000 youth under Himayat and other self-employment initiatives launched by the government would further its objective of driving down unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir to below five per cent.

The chief secretary said as the scheme will close on March 31, 2023, the department should target short term skill-based courses spanning three to nine months.

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designs of anti-social elements". Meanwhile, the security personnel continue to maintain round the clock vigil across vital installations to prevent any terrorist attack.

# 66-yr-old swims for 5 hrs with hands, legs chained; sets record

Mangaluru: Swimming 3.5 km in the Arabian sea for five hours and 35 minutes with his hands and legs chained, a 66-year-old man from Udupi has entered the Golden Book of World Records.

Gangadhar Kadekar, who entered the sea from Padukere beach shore in Udupi at 7.50 am on Monday, completed his swim by 1.25 pm.

The representative from the Golden Book of World Records Manish Vishnoy, who watched the feat, issued a provisional certificate to Kadekar.

"The swimmer's achievement at an age when people retire and remain at home is really great," Vishnoy said. Kadekar said he swam like a dolphin as both his hands and legs were chained. "The record was created to make children to draw inspiration from it and I am happy," he said.

Kadekar had earlier entered the India Book of Records by swimming 1.4 km in 73.7 minutes by chaining his legs in the 'Padmasana' posture at Padukere on January 24,

**Gangadhar Kadekar, who entered the Arabian Sea from Padukere beach shore in Udupi at 7.50 am on Monday, completed his swim by 1.25 pm**

2021. He also created a record by swimming with his 41 students at St Mary's Island on February 14, 2021.

Kadekar, who took to swimming at the age of 50, founded the Jai Durga swimming club in Udupi and has been providing training to youths for the last two years. More than 1,000 students are under training under him at present.

He had taken part in state and national level aquatic championships and won 31 gold, 16 silver and nine bronze medals at the senior level. PTI

# MLA's son among 7 killed in car accident

Wardha: Seven MBBS students, including the son of an MLA, were killed in Wardha district of Maharashtra in the wee hours of Tuesday when the car they were travelling in fell off a bridge, police said.

The incident occurred around 1.30 AM near Selsura village in Wardha district, 77 km away from Nagpur, in east Maharashtra.

An official said that all seven students died on the spot. One of the seven students, Avishkar Rahangdale, was the son of Tirora BJP MLA Vijay Rahangdale. He was a first-year MBBS student of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College at Sawangi (Meghe) in Wardha. Police said the SUV was being driven by one of the students who all were returning from neighbouring Yavatmal district after celebrating the birthday of a student.

Due to the impact of the crash, the SUV was reduced to pulp. All the deceased were students of the Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, OSD of the Datta Meghe Institute of Medical Sciences Dr Abhyuday



Mangled remains of a car which fell into the Yashodha River off a bridge, at Deoli near Wardha on Tuesday

Meghe told PTI. "One of the deceased students was a medical intern. Of the rest six, two each were studying in the final year, third year and first year," he said. Other six deceased are identified as Niraj Chauhan, who hailed

from Daudpur in Gorakhpur, Pratyush Singh, Shubham Jaiswal from Chandauli (Uttar Pradesh), Vivek Nandan and Pawan Shakti (both from Gaya in Bihar), and Nitesh Kumar Singh from Belapur in Odisha. PTI

# PM expresses grief over deaths in Selsura accident

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday expressed pain at the loss of lives in a road accident at Selsura in Maharashtra.

He also announced Rs 2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund to the next of kin of those who died in the accident and Rs 50,000 for each of the injured.

"Pained by the loss of lives due to an accident near Selsura in Maharashtra. In this hour of sadness, my thoughts are with those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that those injured are able to recover soon," he said.

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# National award for BOC official

New Delhi: Satyendra Prakash, Principal Director General, BOC was on Tuesday honoured with the National Award for enhancing electoral participation by the Election Commission of India for activities conducted towards voter awareness and education during the period 2021-22.

The award was given to Satyendra Prakash, by the Commission on the occasion of National Voters Day 2022 in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Law and Justice, Chief Election Commissioner, Sushil Chandra and other senior dignitaries in the National Award function Ceremony at Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi.

The award has been given for his contribution in educating and creating awareness for enhancing the people's participation in casting vote during present challenging time of Covid-19. Post Covid-19 when direct interaction with the masses is a challenge, his contribution in devising new techniques to reach the people is very significant. It is to be noted



that such efforts have led to increase in percentage of voter's participation to 67.47% in 2019 which was 58.19% in the year 2009.

Under the leadership of Satyendra Prakash, BOC with its 23 Regional Outreach Bureaus (ROBs) and 148 Field Outreach Bureaus (FOBs) are using new techniques viz. messaging through WhatsApp,

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter Tweets/Re-tweets, SMS, Telephonic Calls and organizing webinars. These social media platforms have been used as significant tools for reaching the people. Awareness activities by audio announcement using the Branded Mobile Vans are also used as a major tool for reaching the people in present situation.

Various Voter awareness / Education programmes as part of the SVEEP activities have been carried out through Cultural programmes, Digital Exhibitions, Photo exhibitions, Door to Door campaigns, Magic shows, Nukkad Nataks, Demonstrations, Rallies etc. While organizing such campaigns BOC identifies mainly the low voter turnout areas and make the outreach activities more focused in such areas to disseminate the message of 'No Voter to Be Left Behind' of uphold Hon'ble Central Election Commission's and thereby strengthening the democratic process of the nation.

Satyendra Prakash was earlier awarded with the 'Rajat Kamal' for the Best Documentary Film Producer at the National Film Awards 2018. 6 films produced by him when he was Director General of Films Division of India were awarded with Rajat Kamal. He was also honoured with the Swachh Bharat Award in the year 2019 and 2020 for his exemplary work in Swachh Bharat Mission.

# Aspirants involved in unlawful acts will face lifetime debarment from Railway jobs: Govt

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday warned the Railway job aspirants if they are found indulging in unlawful activities may face lifetime debarment from obtaining Railway job.

The notice came a day after railway job aspirants squatted on tracks at different places in Bihar, including the State capital Patna, to protest alleged erroneous results of Railway Recruitment Board's Non-Technical Popular Categories (RRB NTPC) exam.

"Railway job aspirants found involved in vandalism and unlawful activities while protesting will be barred from ever getting recruited in the railways," the Ministry of Railways issued a notice on its website and all Railway Recruitment Board website.

"Such misguided activities are the highest level of indiscipline rendering such aspirants unsuitable for railway/government job. Videos of such activities will be examined...and candidates/aspirants found indulged in unlawful activities will be liable for police action as well as lifetime debarment from obtaining railway job," the Ministry said in a general notice.

The protests, which continued till late in the evening on Monday, resulted in the cancellation of at least five long-distance trains originating from Patna. Routes of some other trains were diverted as the youth blocked tracks at Rajendra Nagar Terminal. The railways also cautioned the aspirants that they should not come under the influence of elements which are trying to misguide them for their own "selfish ends".

# Tamil actor gets relief from Madras HC in car import fine case

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI

Joseph Vijay, Tamil film industry's reigning 'mega' star got a major relief from Madras High Court on Tuesday as a division bench ordered the expunging of certain critical comments made by a single bench judge against the former in July 2021. The judge's scathing comments on him had pained the actor and he had approached the court with a plea to remove the same.

S M Subramaniam, the judge of the Madras High Court, while hearing a plea filed by the actor seeking exemption from paying entry tax for a Rolls Royce Ghost car which he had imported from England had slapped a fine of ₹1 lakh and gave him a piece of his mind which hogged national headlines.

"The public consider you as a role model - a real hero. You should have promptly paid the entry tax the moment the authorities asked you to pay it. Actors who portray themselves as champions

of social justice and against corruption should not evade tax. Super stars are not expected to behave like reel heroes. Tax evasion is to be construed as an anti-national habit, attitude and mindset and unconstitutional," Judge Subramaniam has observed in this verdict.

Vijay, who was pained by these comments filed a petition seeking its expunging. A Division Bench consisting of Pushpa Sathanarayanan and Mohammed Shaffiq on Tuesday allowed the appeal filed by Vijay and ordered the removal of the "scathing remarks" made by the single bench judge in paragraphs 7, 8, 9 and 12 of the order dated 13 July 2021.

Senior lawyer Vijay Narayan, who represented Vijay, had contended that the adverse remarks had created negative publicity and were hurtful and noted that the court had rejected similar pleas for tax exemption but had not made comments like those directed against Vijay.

# Court discharges Shilpa Shetty in 'kissing' case, calls actress victim of Richard Gere's act

Mumbai: Fifteen years after Hollywood star and AIDS awareness campaigner Richard Gere created sensation by kissing her in public, a Mumbai court has discharged Shilpa Shetty in an obscenity case filed against her.

While clearing the actress of the charges against, Ballard Pier Court Metropolitan Magistrate Ketaki M Chavan observed in her order that after perusing the complaint lodged against her, she had found that Shilpa Shetty was the victim of the alleged act by Gere.

After going through the police report and documents presented to the court, the Magistrate held that the accusations against Shilpa Shetty was "groundless" and ordered her discharge from the case.

"Not a single element of any of the alleged offence is being satisfied in the complaint. Moreover, none of the papers annexed with the final report discloses the act of the present accused so as to

bring her within the purview of Section 34 of IPC (common intention)," the Magistrate observed in her order.

The controversial incident - in which Gere held a surprised Shetty in tight embrace arching over her and kissing her a couple of times in full public view at the AIDS awareness event - took place during a promotional event in Rajasthan in 2007.

In all three cases were filed against Shilpa in 2007 in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh for publicly kissing Gere.

The complaint filed before a Judicial Magistrate First Class in Mundawar, Rajasthan seeking registration of an FIR against Shilpa Shetty and Richard Gere, was allowed. The actress and Gere came to be booked under Sections 292, 293, 294 (obscenity) of the Indian Penal Code, along with provisions of the Information Technology and Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act. PNS

# Maha logs 5K cases after dip in daily spike

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a significant drop in the Covid-19 infections, the daily Covid-19 cases rose by 5,088 cases to touch a tally of 33,914 in Maharashtra on Tuesday, even as the daily pandemic cases in Mumbai plunged further to drop marginally from 1857 to 1815 cases.

On a day when the State recorded 13 Omicron cases in the State, the Covid-19 cases in the State rose from 28,826 cases recorded on Monday to 33,914 registered on Tuesday.

With the fresh cases reported on Monday, the total number of Covid-19 cases in the state went down from 75,35,511 cases to 75,69,425.

Mumbai, where the daily infections have been dropping steadily for more than eight days, witnessed a further drop in the number of cases from 1,857 to 1815 cases. With the latest cases, the total number of cases in Mumbai mounted from 10,36,690 to 10,38,505.

As 30,500 Covid-19 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March 2020 increased from 70,89,936 to 71,20,436 cases. The recovery rate in the state dropped from 94.09 per cent to 94.07 per cent.



People walk past a sand sculpture on the theme of 73rd Republic Day in Puri on Tuesday (L)



A young woman, wearing bangles and a cap in the hues of the Tricolor, poses for a photograph in the backdrop of the historic Taj Mahal, in Agra on Tuesday (R) PTI

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PAPER WITH PASSION

## Life before death

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

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



Under international humanitarian law, in situations of conflict, the wounded and sick are entitled to medical care. During the pandemic that we currently face, such care can include a vaccine. The State, which alone can acquire the vaccine, arranges for it to reach across the country. It will respect its human rights duties towards the population living in the conflict areas. The

resistance groups have the primary responsibility for the wellbeing of those living in their area of influence. Whether in J&K that witnesses terror attacks, the 'Red Corridor' districts in central India that brave Maoist attacks, or the deep interiors of some States in the Northeast which have a brush with insurgency, the issue must have cropped up when security agencies were preparing for the vaccination drive. In Maharashtra, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Odisha, there were reports of the virus infecting Maoist cadres deep inside forests. Many may have succumbed for lack of medical care. The lockdowns or movement restrictions prevented couriers and sympathisers from reaching medicine or oxygen cylinders to them. What we do know is that the vaccination drives were never disturbed. In the Northeast, too, the drives never met with harm. The insurgents, like the Maoists, must have realised the danger of the virus spreading in their areas. The States did offer anti-COVID treatment and vaccine doses to those who surrendered. It is not known how many acceded to the call. Parliament must debate the issue and give shape to a protocol for the future.

### PICTALK



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

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## Happy R-Day

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

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

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

# The eternal flame can't be partial to our soldiers



ASHOK K MEHTA

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(The writer, a retired Major General, was Commander, IPKF South, Sri Lanka, and founder member of the Defence Planning Staff, currently the Integrated Defence Staff. The views expressed are personal.)

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### BUDGET FOR EQUITABLE ECONOMY

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

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

R Narayanan | Navi Mumbai

#### CONG'S DOWNSLIDE CONTINUES

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

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

## The eternal flame of patriotism



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

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

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

Vijay Singh Adhikari | Nainital

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

N Sadhasiva Reddy | Bengaluru

#### ACCOLADES FOR SMRITI MANDHANA

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

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

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

CK Subramaniam | Navi Mumbai

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## FIRST COLUMN

## ADULT MARRIAGE ISN'T THE GOVT'S BUSINESS

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



S KALYANASUNDARAM

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



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

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

(The writer is a retired banker. The views expressed are personal.)

## The US is in the grip of inflation

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



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

The question is, how America was saved from inflation in the past, and how it will come out of the grip of current. Inflation has been registered in almost every item of daily needs — eight percent increase in the price of eggs, 58 percent in the price of petrol, 14 percent increase in the prices of other groceries.

Some American economists believe that due to US Government's bailout packages to revive the economy from the effects of COVID-19, there was an unprecedented increase in demand in the country. However, due to supply disruptions, the prices of goods are increasing fast. Economists believe that due to rising inflation, wage rates are also increasing, which may lead to a spiral effect on inflation. Experts believe that the pent-up demand of the Covid-19 period is also returning back now.

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

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

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

But one area where price controls



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## POINT COUNTERPOINT

THIEVES DON'T LIKE A MOONLIT NIGHT. THOSE WHO ARE PROMISING FREE ELECTRICITY KEPT PEOPLE IN DARKNESS FOR YEARS.

—UP CHIEF MINISTER YOGI ADITYANATH



WHAT DOES THE CHIEF MINISTER KNOW ABOUT ELECTRICITY FACTORS? THERE IS NO BIGGER LIAR THAN THE CM.

—SAMAJWADI PARTY CHIEF AKHILESH YADAV

## Tableau politics mars Republic Day preparations

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

Petty politics ought not to ruin the solemn atmosphere in celebrating the Republic Day or Independence Day. Unfortunately, more avoidable controversies arise between the ruling party and the opposition. For instance, while there is a well-established system for selecting the tableaux, the process always becomes a flashpoint for regional politics. This year too, there is furore in the opposition-ruled states as the Centre rejected the tableaux of West Bengal, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu, among others. Chief Ministers like Mamata Banerjee and M.K. Stalin have written to the Prime Minister to reconsider the decision but in vain. Only 12 states eventually made it to the list, including



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poll-bound states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Goa. The selection criteria was that the R-Day parade must reflect the cultural diversity of India and the role of various communities in building modern India. Why should not every State get an opportunity to display things it wants to?

This year Republic Day is important because the theme is India@75 and getting a place in the parade is a matter of prestige for the states. It is also amidst the Covid pandemic which has shattered the globe.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Ukraine urges calm, saying Russian invasion not imminent

**AP ■ KYIV**  
Ukraine's leaders sought to reassure nation that a feared invasion from neighbouring Russia was not imminent, even as they acknowledged threat is real and prepared to accept a shipment of American military equipment Tuesday to shore up their defences.  
Russia has denied it is planning an assault, but it has massed an estimated 100,000 troops near Ukraine in recent weeks, leading United States and its NATO allies to rush to prepare for a possible war.

Several rounds of high stakes diplomacy have failed to yield any breakthroughs, and this week tensions escalated further. NATO said it was bolstering its deterrence in Baltic Sea region, and US ordered 8,500 troops on higher alert to potentially deploy to Europe as part of an alliance "response force" if necessary.

The State Department has ordered families of all American personnel at US Embassy in Kyiv to leave country, and it said that nonessential embassy staff could leave.

Britain said it, too, was withdrawing some diplomats and dependents from its embassy. In Ukraine, however, authorities have sought to project calm. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said late Monday that situation was "under control" and that there is

"no reason to panic". Defence Minister Oleksii Reznikov said that, as of Monday, that Russia's armed forces had not formed what he called battle groups, "which would have indicated that tomorrow they would launch an offensive." "There are risky scenarios. They're possible and probable in future," Reznikov told Ukraine's ICTV channel on Monday. "But as of today...Such a threat doesn't exist."

Oleksiy Danilov, the secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council, echoed that sentiment, saying that movement of Russian troops near Ukraine's border "is not news."

"As of today, we don't see any grounds for statements about a full-scale offensive on our country," Danilov said Monday. Russia has said Western accusations that it is planning an invasion are merely a cover for NATO's own planned provocations.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Tuesday once again accused US of "fomenting tensions" around Ukraine, a former Soviet state that Russia has been locked in a bitter tug-of-war with for almost eight years. In 2014, following ouster of a Kremlin-friendly president in Ukraine, Moscow annexed Crimean peninsula and threw its weight behind a separatist insurgency in country's industrial heartland in east.

# On Nuclear talks, Iran says 'ready' as US asserts 'direct meeting'

**AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE ■ WASHINGTON**

Iran for the first time Monday said it was open to direct nuclear negotiations with the United States, which declared itself ready to hold talks "urgently" -- in a possible turning point in efforts to salvage the 2015 nuclear accord.

Tehran has been engaged since last year in talks with the five other world powers still part of the agreement, which offered sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program.

After unilaterally withdrawing in 2018 under then-president Donald Trump, Washington has been taking part indirectly in the Vienna negotiations, which seek to bring the United States back into the nuclear accord and ensure Iran returns to its commitments.

But Washington has said on multiple occasions it would prefer to hold direct talks, and on Monday Iran's foreign minister said his country would prefer to do so if it proved the key to a "good agreement" to salvage the floundering deal.

"If during the negotiation process we get to a point that reaching a good agreement with solid guarantees requires a level of talks with the US, we will not ignore that in our work schedule," said Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.

A US State Department spokesman reiterated after the Iranian comments that the United States is "prepared to meet directly."

"We have long held the position that it would be more productive to engage with Iran directly, on both JCPOA negotiations and other issues," the spokesperson said, referring to the nuclear deal, known formally as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

"Given the pace of Iran's nuclear advances, we are almost out of time to reach an understanding on mutual return to full implementation of the JCPOA," the official added.

Iran is currently negotiating directly with the deal's other signatories: Germany, France, China and Britain. The talks, which started last April, were suspended two months later as Iran elected ultraconservative President Ebrahim Raisi, resuming in late November.

US-Iran ties have been severed since April 1980, just months after the fall of the shah and the occupation of the American embassy by Islamist students loyal to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Relations worsened significantly after Washington withdrew from the nuclear deal and reimposed biting economic sanctions, prompting Tehran to begin rolling back its own commitments.

# US child abuse report: Deaths of Black children up in pandemic

**AP ■ WASHINGTON**

The latest national child welfare report shows an increase in the number of Black children who died, even though fewer abuse-related fatalities were investigated in the yearlong period that included the first several months of the pandemic.

The findings were released in the 2020 Child Maltreatment Report, issued Friday by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The report covers data from October 2019 to September 2020 and only partially reflects how COVID-19 disrupted the work of child welfare. "Disparities that were present before the pandemic were intensified, and COVID-19 exposed gaps in our human services delivery system," Aysha E. Schomburg, of the department's Children's Bureau, said in a statement.

The report noted an overall 10per cent drop in the number of child protective services cases handled by states in the early days of the pandemic. That's a troubling trend that the Associated Press first reported last year with an analysis of state child welfare data.

The federal data confirm a drop by hundreds of thousands in documented cases of child abuse reports, investigations, substantiated allegations and support for at-risk families. But experts say that's not necessarily good news - children

were out of the public eye during the pandemic, and some cases likely weren't reported until they became more severe, if at all.

The numbers on fatalities in particular are concerning, because such cases are notoriously underreported, said Amy Harfeld, of the Children's Advocacy Institute. Social workers often investigate a child's death only if the family had already been involved with a child welfare agency.

"The numbers that we know of are not reflective of the numbers that are experienced," Harfeld said.

Federal officials highlighted a 4per cent decrease in child abuse and neglect-related deaths, though the data also show a roughly 17per cent increase in the number of Black children who died when compared with the previous year's report.

The latest report identified 504 Black children who died - 73 more than the previous tally. This means Black children are now three times more likely to die of suspected child abuse or neglect than white children, according to report. The agency did not immediately comment on disparity but broadly acknowledged challenges ahead. "While data in today's report shows a decrease in child maltreatment, there is still work to do," said JooYeun Chang, the acting assistant secretary for Administration for Children and Families.

# Pakistan slips further on Corruption Perceptions Index, ranks 140 out of 180 countries: Transparency report

**PTI ■ ISLAMABAD**

Pakistan has dropped 16 spots on the global Corruption Perceptions Index for 2021 and is ranked 140th out of 180 countries, Transparency International said in a report.

On Tuesday, in a major blow to Prime Minister Imran Khan's government which came to power on the promise of introducing a clean governance system.

The report released by the Berlin-based non-profit organisation formed to combat global corruption said that corruption levels remain at a standstill worldwide, with 86 per cent of countries making little to no progress in the last 10 years.

In its 2021 edition, the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption on a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean), drawing on 13 expert assessments and surveys of business executives.

In 2020, Pakistan's CPI was 31 and it was ranked 124 out of 180 countries. According to Transparency International, the country's corruption score has now deteriorated to 28 while it is ranked 140 out of the total 180 countries on the index. Comparatively, India's score stands at 40 and is ranked 85, while Bangladesh's CPI is 26 and stands at 147th position. Explaining the causes of low score of Pakistan, the report

said the absence of the "rule of law" and "state capture" were the main reasons. The report comes at a time when Prime Minister Khan is under pressure to improve the performance of his government which came to power in 2018 on the promise of introducing a clean governance system.

His advisor on accountability, Shehzad Akbar, stepped down on Monday amidst reports of his poor performance to bring the corrupt elements under the law.

To add to Khan's woes, Justice (ret'd) Nasira Iqbal, Vice-Chair of Transparency International Pakistan, said that the ranking of Pakistan under the PTI government has gradually come down.

In 2019, it was 120th out of 180 countries, in 2020, it was 124th and in 2021 it worsened further to 140, she said. In contrast, in 2018, during Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) period, Pakistan's ranking was 117 out of 180 countries. Former prime minister and PML-N leader Shahid Khaqan Abbasi while addressing media said that report showed that Khan's government is corrupt and incompetent.

"This government is most corrupt government in entire history of Pakistan," he said, and demanded Khan step down immediately. The CPI global average remains unchanged at 43 for the tenth year in a row, and two-thirds of countries score below 50, the report said.

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**UK PM Johnson hit with new row as Scotland Yard opens 'partygate' probe**  
**PTI ■ LONDON**

Britain's embattled Prime Minister Boris Johnson is on Tuesday facing fresh allegations in ongoing "partygate" scandal as details emerged of a surprise 56th birthday cake "party", organised for him at peak of first COVID lockdown in June 2020.

The scandal continues to spiral out ahead of an internal Cabinet Office inquiry report, expected this week, as Scotland Yard confirmed that Metropolitan Police will investigate potential lockdown breaches related to alleged parties at Boris Johnson's office-residence at 10 Downing Street, as well as other government offices in London.

"As a result firstly of information provided by Cabinet Office inquiry team and secondly by officers own assessment, I can confirm that Met is now investigating a number of events that took place at Downing Street and Whitehall in last two years," Met Police Commissioner Dame Cressida Dick told London Assembly Police and Crime Committee at Mayor of London's office.

"I should stress that we are now investigating does not mean fixed penalty notices will necessarily be issued in every instance and to every person involved.

We will not be giving a running commentary on our current investigations but I can assure you we will give updates at significant points," she said.

Earlier, Downing Street said Johnson, who turned 56 on June 19, 2020, was present at an event "for less than 10 minutes" as his staff "gathered briefly" to wish him a happy birthday.

The strict lockdown rules imposed at the time to contain the spread of coronavirus banned most indoor gatherings involving more than two people.

But ITV News' reported on Monday night that up to 30 people attended event, sang Happy Birthday and were served cake.

The event reportedly took place in Cabinet Room of Downing Street just after 2 pm local time that day and had been arranged as a surprise for Johnson by his then fiancée and now wife, Carrie Symonds, after he returned from an official trip to a school in Hertfordshire.

"A group of staff working in Number 10 that day gathered briefly in Cabinet Room after a meeting to wish PM a happy birthday.

# Soldiers declare military junta in control in Burkina Faso

**AP ■ OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO**

More than a dozen mutinous soldiers declared Monday on state television that a military junta had seized control of Burkina Faso after detaining the democratically elected president following a day of gunbattles in the capital of the West African country.

The military coup in a nation that was once a bastion of stability was the third of its kind in the region in the last 18 months, creating upheaval in some of the countries hardest hit by Islamic extremist attacks.

Capt. Sidsore Kaber Ouédraogo said the Patriotic Movement for Safeguarding and Restoration "has decided to assume its responsibilities before history." The soldiers put an end to President Roch Marc Christian Kaboré's presidency because of the deteriorating security situation and the president's inability to manage the crisis, he said.

It was not immediately known where Kaboré was, and the junta spokesman said only that the coup had taken place "without any physical violence against those arrested, who are being held in a safe place, with respect for their dignity."

A soldier in the mutiny, who spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of situation, told The Associated Press that Kaboré had submitted his resignation. The new military regime said it had suspended Burkina Faso's constitution and dissolved the National Assembly.

# Abrupt lockdowns loom over Beijing life ahead of Olympics

**AP ■ BEIJING**

Beijing residents are coping with abrupt local lockdowns and sweeping COVID-19 testing requirements as the Chinese capital seeks to prevent a coronavirus outbreak ahead of Winter Olympics that opens in less than two weeks.

The lockdowns are part of China's "zero tolerance" measures to fight the pandemic that have been ratcheted-up ahead of Games. Those now include requiring tests for anyone who purchases medications to treat cold, cough, fever and other maladies.

University student Cheryl Zhang said that health code app that all Chinese have installed on their smart phones began notifying her to get tested after she bought medication four days previously.

"I was seriously panicking," said Zhang, who was taking a stroll across street from Olympic Village. "But when I got to hospital and saw medical workers striving to keep things in order, I didn't feel angry any more.

The problem was sorted out very quickly. Such purchases are tracked via a smart phone app that requires customers to swipe their information when they buy health supplies or simply enter pharmacies.

China strictly controls sales of medications and a doctor's prescription is often required for ordinary cold medications or even vitamins.

A notice posted at a Beijing pharmacy Tuesday said anyone who had bought any of four types of medication over past two weeks was required to obtain a test within 72 hours.

# European court says Turkey violated journalist's rights

**AP ■ ANKARA, TURKEY**

The European Court of Human Rights ruled Tuesday that Turkey violated the rights of German-Turkish journalist Deniz Yucel, who was jailed in Turkey for a year and later convicted of engaging in propaganda in favor of Kurdish rebels.

The Strasbourg, France-based court ruled that the pre-trial detention of Deniz — a correspondent for Germany's Die Welt newspaper — amounted to a violation of his right to liberty and security as well as his right to freedom of expression. It also ruled that journalist had not been adequately compensated for his unlawful detention.

"The Court ruled that Mr. Yucel had been placed and retained in pre-trial detention in absence of plausible reasons to suspect him of committing a criminal offense," a court statement said.

Yucel was arrested in Istanbul as part of a vast government clampdown in the wake of July 2016 coup attempt, and charged with propaganda on behalf of groups, including outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

He was held in pre-trial detention for a year and returned to Germany after his release. In 2020, a court in Istanbul convicted Yucel of charge of engaging in terrorist propaganda and sentenced him in absentia to more than two years and nine months in prison. A year earlier, the

Constitutional Court, Turkey's highest court, said Yucel's year-long detention violated his rights. His case led to a diplomatic crisis with Germany, which accused Turkey of conducting "arbitrary arrests" of German citizens suspected of links to PKK or the network led by U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen.

"That judges in Strasbourg have established that my right to freedom and safety and my right to freedom of opinion were violated is satisfying," Yucel told Die Welt. "But it is disappointing that the judges didn't want to find a violation of ban on torture—despite nine months in solitary confinement and despite psychological and physical violence I was sometimes subjected to at (Istanbul's) Siliyri No. 9 high-security prison."

Yucel added that he was also disappointed that court didn't find that proceedings against him were politically motivated. "I suspect that even (President) Recep Tayyip Erdogan didn't expect that," he said, accusing the Turkish leader of "repeated public attacks" and of making him an object of political negotiations.

He also said prosecutors made him wait a year for an indictment on Erdogan's "personal orders." Yucel was referring to statements by Erdogan in 2018 who called him a "spy" and a "terrorist." "Even the circumstances of my release — there is not a fiber of these proceedings that was not politically motivated," Yucel said.

# Thai PM arrives in Saudi Arabia, easing diamond heist row

**AP ■ DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Thailand's prime minister arrived in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday for the first high-level meeting since relations between nations soured three decades ago over a sensational jewelry heist that led to a diplomatic row and string of mysterious killings.

The official visit by Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha to Riyadh signals nations are seeking to thaw ties, long chilled by the 1989 scandal. Saudi Arabia downgraded its diplomatic relations with Thailand over theft that became known as Blue Diamond affair.

While Prayuth's visit marked a major breakthrough, his discreet arrival in the country hinted at lingering tension.

A notably low-ranking official, the deputy governor of Riyadh, received the prime minister at the airport without the typical live TV report.

Hours later, however, the country's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gave Prayuth more of a royal welcome, guiding prime minister down lavender carpet rolled out for important state visits and taking him to king's Al-Yamamah Palace for talks.

The Saudi government statement about visit was vague, saying only it showed the kingdoms' "keenness to strengthen joint relations and build bridges of communication with all countries around world."

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# Thailand first in Asia to move to decriminalise marijuana

**AP ■ BANGKOK**

Thailand on Tuesday became the first country in Asia to approve the de facto decriminalization of marijuana, though authorities have left a grey area around its recreational use.

Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul announced that the Narcotics Control Board had approved the dropping cannabis from the ministry's list of controlled drugs.

The delisting by the ministry's Food and Drug Administration will now need to be formally signed by the health minister and enters into effect 120 days after its publication in the government gazette. It follows the removal of cannabis — a plant species to which both marijuana and hemp belong — last month from the list of illegal drugs under Thailand's Narcotics



FILE - Thailand's Public Health Minister Anutin Charnvirakul shows off a bottle of extracted cannabis oil during a press conference at his ministry in Bangkok, Thailand, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2019. Thailand on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022, became the first country in Asia to approve the de facto decriminalization of marijuana, as its anti-narcotics agency agreed to have the Health Ministry drop cannabis from its list of controlled drugs. (AP Photo/Sakchai Lalit, File)

be an offense subject to arrest. A tangle of related laws means that production and possession of marijuana remains regulated for the time being, leaving the legal status of recreational marijuana use in a grey area.

The Health Ministry measure retains on its list of controlled drugs parts from the cannabis plant that contain more than 0.2% by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the psychoactive ingredient that gives users a high.

Thailand in 2020 became the first Asian nation to decriminalize the production and use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. Under changes made in 2020, most parts of the cannabis plant were dropped from the "Category 5" list of controlled drugs, but seeds and buds, which are associated with recreational use, were retained. The proposal now being implemented by the FDA

removes all parts of the plant from the list. Health Minister Anutin has been the driving force behind decriminalizing marijuana. He is the leader of the Bhumjai Thai Party, a major partner in the country's coalition government, and campaigned in the 2019 general election for legalization of marijuana production to aid farmers. The latest measure is also seen as helping to promote cannabis products as a major industry in Thailand.

Anutin said last week that the FDA's delisting "responds to the government's urgent policy in developing marijuana and hemp for medical and health care benefits, developing technology and creating income for the public." His party announced that on Wednesday it will propose in Parliament a draft Cannabis Act to clarify the legal status of marijuana.

Law. Police and lawyers contacted by The Associated Press said it was unclear if possession of marijuana would no longer

# IMF cuts economy growth forecast to 9% in FY22

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calling for support to retail with policy around digi-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Gold rises ₹86; silver tanks ₹522



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Best Agrolife Q3 profit jumps to ₹15.5 cr; revenue at ₹232 cr

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

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

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

Vimal Alawadhi, MD of Best Agrolife, said the performance is expected to be sustainable in Q4, FY22, as the production in newly set up formulation unit will commence. During the coming quarters, he said the strategic entry in the international business will also open up a new profitable vertical for the company. **PTI**

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ**

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

**E-TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-M-WRP-AGC-2022** Date: 24.01.2022

Sr.DME (C&W)/North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the following work:

Sr.	Item	Details of Work
1.	Name of work with its location	Operation & maintenance of Water recycling plant at AGC coaching Depot for three years.
2.	Approx. Cost of the work	Rs. 20,88,587.76/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Seventy Six only).

For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Bidders will be able to submit their bids through web portal [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) upto 15.00 hrs. on 15/02/2022. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. 86/22(AN)

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No. : ACE-I/RHB/JPR/2021-22/592 Dt. 20.01.2022

**NIB : 13/2021-22**

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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**

**NOTICE**

**REGISTRATION OF PANEL OF RETAIL SHOPS FOR SURGICAL ITEMS**

Applications on prescribed Proforma are invited from Retail Shops located within 5 Km of Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi, for Registration of Panel of Retail shops for supply of Branded supply of Disposable/ Surgical Items (Sutures, ligatures, CAPD Bag and IV Fluids) under Retail Local Purchase in Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi.

The application form along with copy of terms and conditions can be obtained from and deposited in Room No. 26, between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on payment of Rs. 500/- to be deposited in cash with Divisional Cashier Baroda House, New Delhi or by way of Bank Draft in Favour of FA&CAO (E)/ Northern Railway or can be downloaded from Northern Railway website [www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in) under head tender. The last date for receiving the application form is 21.02.2022 at 11:00 AM. The application can be deposited in Room No. 26 on all working days between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

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## Future Retail in SC to avert defaulter tag; independent directors reject Amazon brought offer

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

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

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

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

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

Framework Agreement for monetization of the Small Format Stores."

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

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

The US firm's position has so far been backed by a Singapore arbitrator. The matter is now in courts.

With the legal dispute stalling funding options, independent directors of Future Retail Ltd (FRL) last week asked Amazon if it was willing to provide a long-term loan to avoid default due on January 29.

Amazon replied that it was willing to financially assist Future Retail through Samara Capital's Rs 7,000 crore deal to take over businesses such as Big Bazaar, but the retailer must shelve its Rs 24,713 crore deal with Reliance.

Independent directors have now turned down Amazon's offer, saying it is "plainly an attempt to buy the Future's assets at the cheap". In a letter on Tuesday, they said it is now clear that Amazon's letters were "just a game of smoke and mirrors". **PTI**

## Govt confers Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar to SEEDS

**New Delhi:** As an acknowledgement of their exemplary work in disaster management, the Government of India has felicitated Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) with the "Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2021" in the institutional category. SEEDS co-founder Manu Gupta said the award bears testimony to the fact that we are on the right path.

Anshu Sharma, Another co-founder of SEEDS, said, "SEEDS has constantly evolved to cater to the needs of communities with changing times." **PNS**

**MAX Healthcare**

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# ENERGISE YOUR FUTURE

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

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

**There are job opportunities for physicists, geologists, ecologists, biologists, architectural and structural engineers, planners and project managers in renewable energy sector today**

able energy. Projects like biomass, hydropower, geothermal, wind and solar energy generation are being developed in India. It aims to substitute the use of coal, oil and wood for energy. We have already achieved its Nationally Determined Contributions target with total non-fossil based installed energy capacity of 157.32 gigawatts, which is 40.1 per cent of the total installed electricity capacity of 392.01 GW. There is a dire need for Government and businesses to invest heavily and provide green, clean and renewable energy. Renewable energy is a booming sector. Wind farms, hydropower plants, solar panels or sustainable farming, there are hundreds of thou-

sands of unique jobs in renewable energy. There are institutes with courses for the skill development training programme on renewable energy. The aim's to develop skills of the participants to effectively use alternative sources.

**PROSPECTS**  
There is a demand for equipment manufacturing in this sector, due to which there is a rise in the requirement of

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

**ENGINEERS**  
For engineers, endless renewable energy applications exist, making engineering a big job prospect in this sector. For instance, engineers design hydroelectric dams, solar panels and batteries, wind turbines, the systems that carry the electricity from the wind farm, dam or solar field to the power plant. They help in generating ethanol from corn, green fuel from biomass. They are also required in the field of equipment manufacturing to

design the challenges of production, address and delivery in this sector. Engineering is not a quick-entry renewable-energy career, but it can be a long-lasting one.

**OTHER FIELDS**  
Engineers and scientists used to dominate this sector. But now, graduates with commercial skills are welcome as well. There are job opportunities for physicists, geologists, ecologists, biologists, architectural and structural engineers, planners and project managers to computer operators, communications professionals, business developers and logistic professionals. Besides academic qualifications, the skill set requirements vary as per the job. Basics are the same as in other jobs. Focus on the work assigned, dedicated effort to achieve goals, handling pressure on and off work situations, and so on. For a specialised job requirement, the skills are essential as per the particular work. The writer is Founder, Smiling Tree

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The Government should continue to encourage digitalisation, creation of rural e-infrastructure, and to provide additional incentives for research and development spending. Additionally, introducing more corporate tax benefits, simplifying tax regimes, and providing more sops under SEZ will make the business environment more conducive. Given the current work from home (WFH) situation, there is also a need to introduce easy norms for WFH especially for SEZ units for the IT/ITES sector. Further, enhancing land and labour laws would improve the ease of doing business.

— Arun Kumar Gupta, CFO, Newgen Software

Two immediate challenges need to be addressed: Teachers: They have been caught unaware, but have somehow managed. But the pedagogy of teaching online is very different than Classroom based training. Investment as well as directives in this regard are necessary. Access: In most families children need to share device with siblings or parents. In the lower economic strata, having met access itself is a challenge. A concerted effort is necessary to provide equitable access, as a first step.

— Manoj Chawla, CBO, Tribyte Technologies

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E-Tenders in two parts Part-I (Technical and Commercial) and Part-II (Price part) are invited from the reputed tenderers having good experience of following similar nature of civil works and having sound financial status.

Sl. No.	NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (In Rs.)	Earnest money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Cost of BOQ including GST @ 18 % (Non-refundable) (In Rs.)	Time of completion of work
01	264/PR/JBNVL/2021-22	Repair and maintenance of office building of Electric Supply Sub Division Jugsalai at Khasmahal, Jamshedpur.	3,99,620.00	8,000.00	885.00 (750.00+135.00)	90 Days

Availability of tender document on website: 28.01.2022 at 11:00 am  
Last date and time for uploading of E-Tender: 17.02.2022 up to 5:00 pm  
Last date and time for physical submission of tender & original Demand Draft towards cost of BOQ and Earnest Money: 18.02.2022 up to 5:00 pm  
Date and time for opening of tender Part-I (Technical and Commercial): 19.02.2022 at 2:00 pm  
Date and time for opening of tender Part-II (Price Part): Further communicated  
Tendering Officer and address for communication: Electric Supply Circle, Jamshedpur

- E-Tender document and BOQ including terms & condition, specification etc. can be downloaded and submitted online on website <https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours. NIC Help line no.06034-222109, for any clarification regarding NIT Contact - 7488343722.
- Demand Draft from any nationalized/Scheduled bank of India towards cost of BOQ and Earnest money will be in favour of **Accounts Officer, Electric Supply Circle Jamshedpur, Payable at Jamshedpur.**
- The tenders will be received through electronic tendering mode only.

Sd/-  
ESE  
ESC, Jamshedpur  
PR 262436 Jharkhand BijiVitrn Nigam Ltd(21-22)D

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Rajeev Oraon, S/o Late Bishnath Oraon, R/o Village - Bansari Guruya Toli, P.O. + P.S. - Senha, Lohardaga. I Employed Army Department under 8th Bihar Regiment, Army No. is 4288045H. My service book, my son's name mentioned Sheryansh Oraon, which is wrong. Affidavit Series No. 21777, Dated 22.1.2022, my son's correct name is Shreyansh Oraon for all purposes.

**कार्यालय जिला पशुपालन पदाधिकारी गिरिडीह।**  
फोन नं0-06532&221078250317 फैक्स नं0-06532&221078 ईमेल आईडी- daho-grd@gmail.com

**आवश्यक सूचना :-**

सभी सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि दिनांक-26 जनवरी 2022 को 73 वॉ गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर जीव जन्तुओं के बंध पर रोक रहेगा। एतद् द्वारा सभी मॉस, मछली, कुक्कुट (चिकेन) बिक्रेता अपने अपने दुकान बंद रखेंगे उक्त तिथि को यदि ऐसा कोई करता है तो उसके विरुद्ध जीव जन्तु कल्याण बोर्ड के अधिनियम-1960 के तहत विधि सम्मत कार्रवाई की जायेगी।

जिला पशुपालन पदाधिकारी गिरिडीह।  
PR 262399 Animal Husbandry(21-22)D

**कार्यालय, जिला अभियंता जिला परिषद गिरिडीह**  
अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना  
ई0-निविदा संख्या- DE/ZP/GIRIDIH/01/Re1/2021-22

1. कार्य का नाम:-

युप सं0	योजना का नाम	प्राकलित राशि (रुपये में)	अग्रघन की राशि (2%)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	Repairing of Lift Irrigation at Dudhpaniya in Gram Panchayat Madhgopali under Dumri Block District Giridih (DMFT)	5394000.00	108000.00	10000.00	6 माह

- वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 28.01.2022
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 07.02.2022 up to 5.00 PM बजे तक।
- जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद कार्यालय गिरिडीह में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, शपथ पत्र की मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय 08.02.2022 03:00 PM बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 09.02.2022 03:00 PM बजे।
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- जिला अभियंता जिला परिषद, गिरिडीह।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या- 9431323435
- निविदा शुल्क किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निगमित बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में सचिव, जिला परिषद गिरिडीह के पक्ष में भुगतये होगा जो लीडर्या नहीं जायेगा।
- निविदादाता को UCAN Registration की छायाप्रति अपलोड करना है।
- एनेक्सर-2 दिये गये प्रश्न में ही शपथ पत्र देना होगा।
- प्राकलित राशि बढ़ या घट सकती है।
- विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट [www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in) में देखा जा सकता है। जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, गिरिडीह।

PR 262384 Rural Development(21-22)D

**Office of the Deputy Commissioner-cum-District Magistrate Khunti. (Planning Cell)**

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANT under ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMME**

ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT PROGRAMME  
Applications are invited from eligible candidate for engagement of CONSULTANT on purely contractual basis under Solar Lift Irrigation to encourage multi-crop Farming Practice- In khunti Applicant must be of 21-35 year old on 01.01.2022.

Name of post	No. of Post	Consolidated remuneration	Eligibility	Qualification/Experience	Duration
CONSULTANT	01	Rs. 35,000/- per month	MBA/Bachelor Degree from any recognized University	Minimum Two (2) year of post Qualification work experience in similar field	one year

- Terms of Engagement :** The appointment of professional will be purely on contract basis for a period of one year initially. The service may be renewed annually solely based on performance, output and desired conducts.
- The successful candidate will have to sign a contractual agreement in the prescribed format.
- The contract shall not confer any right or claim of extension/absorption in the Department at any point of time whatsoever.
- Age Relaxation as per the Jharkhand State Government for Reserved category candidate.
- The Application form should be send to DPO office Vikas Bhawan Collectorate Building, Khunti Pin- 835210 through registered/speed post only.
- The candidate will get all the information about this recruitment through <http://khunti.nic.in>.
- Application should be submitted on or before 31st Jan. 2022
- The list of shortlisted candidates will also available on <http://khunti.nic.in>.
- No TA/DA will be paid for attending interview or other selection procedure.

Sd/-  
Deputy Commissioner.Khunti.  
PR 262395(Planning and Development)21-22'D

**झारखण्ड राज्य प्रदूषण नियंत्रण पण्डि**  
Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board  
नगर प्रशासन भवन, एच0ई0सी0, धुर्वा, राँची

दूरभाष : 2400851, 2400852, 2400979 फैक्स : 0651- 2400850 / 138,  
Web: www.jspcb.nic.in (new) www.jspcb.org(old)  
E-mail: ranchijspcb@gmail.com

**लोक सुनवाई की सूचना से संबंधित शुद्धिपत्र**

विषय - समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञापित P.R. No. 262089 लोक सुनवाई से संबंधित सूचना का शुद्धि करण।

**Proposed Environmental Clearance for Giridih Opencast Coal Mine Project of 0.7 MTPA in an area of 122.70 Ha of M/s Central coalfields Limited, At-VIII- Kaharbari, Dhoibidih, Gopai, Tehsil- Giridih, Distt- Giridih (Jharkhand)** की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई की तिथि दिनांक 26.02.2022 (दिन- शनिवार) को अपराहन 02:30 बजे "Officer's Club, Beniadih, Giridih Project" में निर्धारित की गई है। उक्त इकाई से संबंधित लोक सुनवाई के लिए दिनांक 21.01.2022 को समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारीयें यथावत रहेंगी।

PR 262383 Jharkhand State Pollution Control Board(21-22)#D (वाई0 कै0 दास) सदस्य सचिव

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चास**

**शुद्धि पत्र**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या- 14 /2021-22 दिनांक 20.01.2021 जिसका PR No. 262068 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D) है का प्रकाशित ई-निविदा सूचना के क्रमांक 01 में अंकित Name of Work को Construction of Mini water supply Scheme (SVS - 02 nos.) with one no 2.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set,1 Nos.200mm x165mm x 120.0 meter deep HYDT, Construction of 8000 liter RCC tower of staging 8 m and laying of rising & distribution pipeline for 30 nos of house connection with 5 year O & M under JJM at Chickentand Niche Tola and at Chickentand Uppar Tola of Village Tughri/Bijulia & Panchyat Bijulia of Chas Block under D.W.&S Division Chas in 2021-22 पढ़ा जाय। शेष निविदा की शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास  
PR 262408 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, चास**

**शुद्धि पत्र**

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या- 14 /2021-22 दिनांक 20.01.2021 जिसका PR No. 262068 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D) है का प्रकाशित ई-निविदा सूचना के क्रमांक 01 में अंकित Name of Work को Construction of Mini water supply Scheme (SVS - 02 nos.) with one no 2.0 HP DC Solar motor pump complete set,1 Nos.200mm x165mm x 120.0 meter deep HYDT, Construction of 8000 liter RCC tower of staging 8 m and laying of rising & distribution pipeline for 30 nos of house connection with 5 year O & M under JJM at Chickentand Niche Tola and at Chickentand Uppar Tola of Village Tughri/Bijulia & Panchyat Bijulia of Chas Block under D.W.&S Division Chas in 2021-22 पढ़ा जाय। शेष निविदा की शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल चास  
PR 262375 Drinking Water and Sanitation(21-22)#D

**झारखण्ड सरकार**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग**  
**ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सूचना**  
(द्वितीय आमंत्रण)  
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या (तेनुघाट) 15/2021-22 दिनांक - 25.01.2022

क्र0	विवरण	अंदाजित राशि (लाख में)	अंदाजित राशि (रुपये में)	अंदाजित समय
1	Name of Work:- Replacement of Damaged Raw water and Clear water rising main pipe line in old Gomia rural water supply scheme under D.W. & S. Division Tenughat for the Year 2021-2022.	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
2	प्राकलित राशि (लाख में)	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
3	अग्रघन की राशि (लाख में)	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
4	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रुपये में)	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
6	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
7	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन लाईन बिडींग) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
8	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट/अधीक्षण अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता अंचल कल्याण के कार्यालय में परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रघन की राशि की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
9	तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
10	तकनीकी बिड खोलने का स्थान	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
11	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम /पदनाम :- ई0 राम प्रवेश राम, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट।	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
12	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का टेलिफोन नं0	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00
13	ई- प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल का हेल्प लाईन सं0	17.49056 लाख	0.35000 लाख	5000.00

नोट - केवल ई निविदा ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। अधिक जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtender.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, तेनुघाट।  
PR 262405 (Drinking Water and Sanitation) 21-22 (D)

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER National Highways Division, Gumla**

**e-Procurement (Tender Notice)**  
**Letter of Invitation (LOI) No.- 16/2021-22**  
**e-Tender Ref No:- NH/GUM/16/2021-22 Date:- 25-01-2022**

क्र0	विवरण	अंदाजित राशि (लाख में)	अंदाजित राशि (रुपये में)	अंदाजित समय
1	Name Of Work	Consultancy Services for DPR Preparation for Re-Construction/ Widening of Bridges/ Culvert in km 101/1, 119/2,120/3, 122/2, 125/4, 135/3 & 138/1 of NH-23 under NH Division, Gumla in the State of Jharkhand including Land Acquisition proposal, Utility Shifting proposal, Forest Diversion proposal, Rehabilitation and Resettlement proposal( if any).	28-41-2022, 10:30 AM	12:00 PM
2	Tentative Length of Bridges	Total Length of Bridges-170m in km 101/1, 119/2,120/3, 122/2, 125/4, 135/3 & 138/1	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
3	Period of Completion of Work	90 Days	14-02-2022, 15:30 PM	120 days
4	Cost of Tender documents	Demand Draft/Banker Cheque/any Scheduled Bank (non-refundable fee) of Rs.5,000/- (Five Thousand) only. EMDs: Rs. 100000/- (One Lacs) only in the form of current issue of NSC, Fixed Deposits of a Scheduled Bank (all the above mentioned form of Security deposits money issued within the State of Jharkhand)/Bank draft and Bank Guarantee issued by any Scheduled bank anywhere in India Payable atGumla in favor of Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Gumla for a period of 120 days beyond the validity of bid.	14-02-2022, 11:00 AM (in the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Gumla.)	02-02-2022,14:00 PM (In the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division,Gumla.)
5	Mode of Bid Submission	e-	14-02-2022, 15:30 PM	120 days
6	Date/Time of Publication of Tender on Website	28-41-2022, 10:30 AM	12-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
7	Last Date/Time of Bid Submission	12-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
8	Last Date/Time of Submission of Tender Fee & EMD	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:30 PM	120 days
9	Date and Time of Bid opening	14-02-2022, 15:30 PM	12-02-2022, 11:00 AM (in the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Gumla.)	02-02-2022,14:00 PM (In the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division,Gumla.)
10	Bid Validity	120 days	14-02-2022, 15:30 PM	120 days
11	Date of Pre Bid meeting	02-02-2022, 11:00 AM (in the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division, Gumla.)	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
12	Date of PPT presentation on work Methodology	02-02-2022,14:00 PM (In the chamber of Executive Engineer, NH Division,Gumla.)	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
13	Bid Submission Address	1. Chief Engineer, National Highways Wing, Jharkhand, Engineer's Hostel No.-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004. 2. Superintending Engineer, National Highways Circle, Ranchi. 3. Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Gumla.	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM
14	Designation and Contact no. of Tender inviting Officer	Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Gumla, Mobile No - 9430143029	14-02-2022, 15:00PM	14-02-2022, 15:00PM

Note:- Only e-Tender shall be accepted. Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
PR 262385(Road)21-22'D National Highways Division,Gumla.

सभी देशवासियों को 73 वॉ गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक शुभकामनाएँ

**भूमि संरक्षण विभाग, दामोदर घाटी निगम**  
राष्ट्र की सेवा का  
75 वॉ वर्ष की उपलब्धियाँ

- दायाल्वि द्वारा नये जल संवयन संरचना का कार्य।
- दायाल्वि द्वारा बनाये गए चैक डैम / तालाबों का पुनरुद्धार।
- दायाल्वि द्वारा निर्मित जलाशयों में मत्स्य उद्योग का विकास।
- भूमि और जल संरक्षण प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम।
- मिष्टी प्रयोगशाला द्वारा परामर्शी सेवा।
- भारत सरकार के यन एवं पर्यावरण मंत्रालय के निर्देशानुसार ताप विद्युत परियोजनाओं में पारिस्थितिकी विकास कार्य।
- घाटी क्षेत्र में वन रोपण।
- व्यवहित जलाशयों का साफ मॉनिटरिंग।
- भारत सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित विभिन्न कृषि, यन एवं पर्यावरण संबंधी प्रशिक्षण का आयोजन जिसमें प्रतिवर्ष लगभग 200 से अधिक अभियंता, अधिकारी एवं एन०जी०ओ० भाग लेते हैं।

निदेशक  
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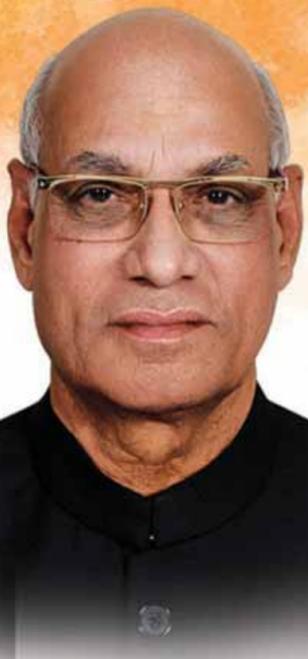
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