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The prevalence of Omicron sub-lineage BA.2 is gradu-

total active cases in the coun-

Director, National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), said

at a media briefing here that

"Omicron sub-variant BA.2 is

more prevalent in comparison

to the BA.1 variant in India

the prevalence of the Omicron

subvariant called BA.2 is

increasing in our community,

was dominant among the sam-

ples collected from the tray-

ellers. Now in community set-

tings, we have found that the

BA.2 sub-variant is gradually increasing," he said.

cases of Omicron, Singh said

that out of the total genome

sequencing reports received

so far, increasing cases of

Omicron have been found in

Talking about increasing

"Earlier, the BA.1 variant

the NCDC director said.

in India yet."

Sujeet Kumar Singh,

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Air India lands up in Tatas' hands Covid cases stabilising;

Your arrival was much awaited, Tata Group tweets and asserts 'committed to making it a world-class airline'

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

fter 70 years, the Tata AGroup on Thursday offi cially took over the Air India, Air India Express and Air India SATS. The Government transferred 100 per cent shares to Tata's wholly-owned subsidiary Talace Pvt Ltd shortly after Tata Sons chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Government also transferred the management control of the company to the new owners. This completed the process of the Government selling the debt-ridden airline to the Tata Group company. 'Your arrival was much awaited," tweeted the Tata Group soon after the handover.

Expressing his happiness over the development, Chandrasekaran said Tata Group was delighted to have Air India back and was committed to making it a worldclass airline. Ratan N Tata joined Chandrasekaran in expressing his "thankful recognition" to the Government and its various departments for the successful completion of this important transaction.

Later Chandrasekaran reached out to employees of Air



Air India CMD Vikram Dev Dutt welcomes Tata Sons Chairman Natarajan Chandrasekaran on his arrival at Air India office in New Delhi on Thursday

June 2017: The Cabinet

Committee on Economic Affairs

(CCEA) gave in-principle approval

to the consideration for strategic

disinvestment of Air India and its

Alternate Mechanism (AISAM) was

five subsidiaries. A Panel of

constituted for this purpose

March 2018: Government

invites EoI from investors for

with the Government.

debt on its books.

buying 76 per cent stake in Air

India, remaining 26 per cent to be

The buyer was required to take

₹33.392 crore or close to 70 per

cent of the beleaguered carrier's

June 2018: Government decides

to go slow on Air India sale till oil

Ministers or Air India Specific

AI will boom and help civil aviation sector grow: Scindia

Air India will boom under the wing of the new owners and the airline will pave the way for a thriving and robust civil aviation sector in India. Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said after the carrier was handed over to Tata Sons on Thursday. "It is indeed noteworthy that the disinvestment process of @airindiain has been brought to a successful conclusion in a time-bound

January 2020: Government

privatisation. Government to fully

cent. The deal would also include

100 per cent in Air India Express

handling arm AISATS. The last

date to bid was extended 5 times

As per the Eol, of the airline's

total debt of ₹60.074 crore as of

March 31, 2019, the buyer would

be required to absorb ₹23,286.5

sweetens deal; gives flexibility to

investors to decide on the amount

October 2020: Government

of Air India debt they want to

◆ December 2020: DIPAM

absorb.

and 50 per cent in ground

until December 14.

exit Air India by selling 100 per

floats EoI for Air India

manner," Scindia said on

This proves the central government's ability, and the resolve to carry out disinvestment effectively in non-strategic sectors in the future, he

"Best wishes to the new owners. I am confident that the airline will bloom under their wings, and pave the way for a thriving and robust civil aviation industry in India," he mentioned.

Chronology of Maharaja privatisation

received "multiple bids" March 2021: Hardeep Singh Puri, the then Civil Aviation Minister said: "...There is no choice, we either privatise or we close the airline We run a loss of ₹20 crore every

Secretary said Air India EO

day despite Air India making money now April 2021: Government starts inviting financial bids for Air

India. September 15 last date to put in bids September 2021: Tata Group,

Spicejet Promoter Ajay Singh put in financial bids October 8, 2021: Government

announces Tata group makes a the month of January. winning bid of ₹18,000 crore for Of the total reports received, 1,292 Omicron cases

now. However, the BA.3 sub-variant has not been detected "The percentage of the highly transmissible Omicron In January so far, 9,672 Omicron cases have been variant increased rapidly in found against 4,779 Delta cases, December and January and



were found in December last year, whereas the number of Delta cases was over 17,000, he

which includes 3,201 AYC variants and 1,578 Delta variants, Singh said. Mainly three States Maharashtra, Odisha, and West Bengal — have reported the Delta variant on the basis of genome sequencing, said Singh, adding that it does not mean that only the Omicron variant is being reported every-

where. Talking about Covid fatalities, he said that those unvaccinated and people with comorbidities are in the highrisk group. "Around 64 per cent of those who died in Delhi were from the unvaccinated group with a major comorbid population," he added.

ICMR chief Balram

Bhargava said that vaccines have remained beneficial for India. "Vaccine reduces deaths considerably in the vaccinated population compared to the unvaccinated individuals Around 95 per cent of the adult population in the country have received the first vaccine dose while 74 per cent have been fully vaccinated," said Bhargava, as he urged the States lagging behind in vaccination to ramp up the drive.

Recently, the Indian SARS CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) too had in its bulletin cautioned that Omicron is now in community transmission in India and has become dominant in multiple metros, where new cases have been rising exponentially. BA.2 lineage is in a substantial fraction in India and S gene dropout based screening is thus likely to give high false negatives?

Modi raises Af, pitches for regional connectivity at Central Asian summit

India asking them to work

together to build the airline that

the country needs, while assert-

ing that the "golden age" of the

carrier lies ahead. In a welcome

letter, Chandrasekaran reflect-

ed on the airline's "brilliant

past" and said the entire nation

is now waiting to see what "we

directors met formalising the

transferred its shares to the new

owner of Air India, the

Ministry of Finance in a state-

ment said the Air India strate-

gic disinvestment transaction

has been completed on

Government receiving a con-

sideration of ₹2,700 crore from

with

Continued on Page 2 | prices soften.

Earlier, a new board of

After the Government

will achieve together".

management takeover.

Thursday

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

 $P_{\text{Modi}}^{\text{rime Minister Narendra}} \\ \text{Nodi on Thursday}$ expressed concern on the development in Afghanistan and stressed on creating an "regional connectivity and integration". The PM was host the first India-Central Asian countries summit.

The virtual event was attended by Presidents of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan.

All of them greeted Modi on the just concluded Republic Day as India entered the 75th anniversary of

Independence

Stating that the diplomatic relations between India and Central Asian countries have "completed 30 fruitful years" the Prime Minister expressed his concern about the developments in Afghanistan and called for greater interaction between India and the Central Asia countries.

The Prime Minister said "regional integration connectivity and integration" is important and there is a need to "make an ambitious road map to have regional connectivity and integration".



"India has deep relations with all of the Central Asian countries. Kazakhstan has become an important partner in India's energy security. I express my condolences at the recent loss of lives in Kazakhstan," Modi said as he welcomed Central Asian heads of states in his opening He said India and Central

Asian nations share the same concerns and goals with regard to regional security.

We are all concerned about the developments in Afghanistan. In this context too, mutual cooperation among us has become more important for regional security and stability," he said.

Modi said the summit has three key objectives. The first one is to make it clear that mutual cooperation between India and Central Asia is necessary for regional security and prosperity. "I want to make it clear that Central Asia is central to India's vision of an integrated and stable neighbournood," he said.

The second objective of today's meeting is to give an

eration, which will pave the way for the establishment of a platform for regular interaction among all stakeholders," Modi He said the third objective of the summit is to prepare an ambitious road map for our

cooperation, which will enable

them to adopt an integrated approach for regional connectivity and cooperation. The Presidents of the Central Asian countries in their address pointed to the age-old ties with India and its

"unique civilisation". Modi had paid historic visits to all Central Asian countries in 2015. Following this, there has been continuous high-level dialogue at bilateral

and multilateral forums. The first India-Central Asia Summit, the Ministry of External Affairs had said, is a reflection of the country's growing engagement with the Central Asian countries, which are a part of India's "extended neighbourhood".

Delhi lifts Covid curbs on mkts, PLA hands over cinemas, eateries can run at 50%

Night curfew to continue; call on reopening schools in next **DDMA** meeting

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Thursday decided to remove the weekend curfew and odd-even rule for shops and malls in the national Capital. The night curfew, however, will remain in place. The authority also decided that weddings can be held with 200 people or 50 per cent

capacity of the venue. According to Delhi Government sources, cinema halls, bars and restaurants can also operate at 50 per cent capacity. Delhi Government offices will also operate with 50 per cent capacity.

A decision on the reopening of schools will be taken up in the next DDMA meeting. Thursday's decision on easing of curbs in the national Capital will be implemented after a formal order is issued to give them

According to sources, experts in the meeting sug-



classes 5-8 in the second phase, and classes 3-4 in the third

Delhi's Covid-19 positivity rate has dipped below ten (9.56) per cent. A total of 4,291 cases were reported in the last 24 hours from 44,903 tests. As many as 34 deaths were also registered.

The DDMA's meeting was attended by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy CM Manish Sisodia, NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul, Health Minister Satvendar Jain, DG ICMR Balram Bhargava and several top officials. Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal, who is the chairman of the DDMA, chaired the meeting.

The Delhi Government has been trying for the reopening of schools. Hundreds of parents have joined '#BACK-TOSCHOOL" campaign and written to DCPCR division. Delhi Education Minister announced on Wednesday that he will recommend the DDMA for reopening of schools in Delhi as education and mental health of students were being hampered due to the curbs. Delhi schools have been closed since December 28.

BJP leaders in Delhi also called upon Lieutenant Governor Baijal last Tuesday demanding that the weekend and night curfew should be withdrawn, while odd-even restrictions should also be

missing Arunachal boy to Indian Army

missing Arunachal Pradesh teenager to the Indian Army. The 17-year-old boy was now undergoing medical examination. He returned home after nine days.

Miram Taron was report-ed missing on Tuesday last week. One version claimed he was abducted by the PLA while sources in the Defence establishment here said the boy had lost his way in the jungles.

Announcing the boy's release, Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju, who also hails from Arunachal Pradesh, said, "The Chinese PLA has handed over the young boy from Arunachal Pradesh, Miram Taron, to the Indian Army. Due procedures are being followed, including the medical examination.

He said the youth was handed over to India at Wacha-Damai interaction point in Arunachal Pradesh and thanked the Indian Army for pursuing the case "meticulously with the PLA and safe-

ly securing our young boy." The People's Liberation
Army (PLA) of China on
Thursday handed even the and local officials, sources said

> tocols have also been followed The boy hails from Jido village in the Upper Siang district and was reported missing from Shiyung La in the Indian territory's Bishing Area.

here, adding all the Covid pro-

India and China on Wednesday had talked to each other on the hotline regarding the teenager and it was indi-

cated he will be released soon after the weather improves. A day after he went missing, the Indian Army contacted the PLA and the Chinese informed a few days later the boy was in their custody. Giving an update on Wednesday, Rijiju had said

China indicated the release of the 17-year-old boy and will soon share the date and time. He had said, "Hotline exchanged on Republic Day by Indian Army with Chinese PLA. PLA responded positive-

ly indicating handing over of our national and suggested a place of release.

Delhi HC expunges judge's 'publicity' remarks against Juhi Chawla in 5G case

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Thursday expunged remarks made in an order against actress Juhi Chawla that she had filed the lawsuit challenging setting up of 5G wireless networks in the country, citing health hazards, for gaining publicity.

Sanghi and Jasmeet Singh also reduced the costs imposed on Chawla from ₹20 Lakh to ₹2 lakh, saying that she did not take up the 5G issue in a "frivolous and casual manner". The court said part amount



of the costs will be retained since some of the applications filed in the suit were indeed



Chawla's appeal and set aside the single judge's June 4, 2021 order by which the suit filed by the actress-environmentalist and two others was dismissed with the observations that it was "defective", "abuse of process of law" and filed for gaining publicity".

Channi or Sidhu to lead polls, party workers will pick: Rahul

MONIKA MALIK CHANDIGARH

aught in deep political Cwaters following rift regarding captainship, Punjab Congress' top leaders — Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi and State party president Navjot Singh Sidhu — on Thursday exhorted party's national vice-president Rahul Gandhi to give the stranded ship a thrust by announcing the Chief Ministerial candidate's name in a run-up to February 20 elections

Rahul, who gave a major tive leadership", Rahul Gandhi push to the party's poll cam-paign in Punjab with his visit made it clear that the Congress would soon announce the name of the leader "who will and also addressing a virtual Continued on Page 2 | rally, left it on the party worklead the party in Punjab polls".



"The question here is who will lead the party in Punjab...the media calls this CM candidate...Both Sidhu ji and Channi ji told me in the car that in Punjab, the big question is who will lead Congress in Punjab....It is clear that two persons cannot lead, it has to be any one. Both also assured me...and I am happy...that whoever leads, the other person would support and back him fully," said Rahul.

"Though we don't do it (announcing CM face) normally. But if the workers want, Punjab wants...We will decide on it...and for that, we will ask the party workers.

y workers... iting. The boxes from which they had gulped down the

5 dead in Bihar after consuming intoxicant PTI PATNA white chemical are being sent

 $F^{\rm ive\ people\ died\ on\ Friday\ at}_{\rm a\ village\ in\ dry\ Bihar\ after}$ consuming what the district administration called "a white chemical" though the locals alleged it was liquor. All deaths have been

reported from Ansar village in Dumrao subdivision of Buxar Eight people fell ill within hours of consuming an intox-

icant late on Thursday, said District Magistrate, Buxar, Aman Samir. "Five died while three others are suffering bouts of vom-

for examination to ascertain the substance," the District Magistrate told reporters after visiting the site. Residents of the village.

however, claimed that the deceased and their surviving friends hand drank concocted "daru" (liquor) from bottles of homeopathic medicine which they drank to get high, and not any white substance.

Sale and consumption of liquor is completely banned in Bihar since April, 2016. It is a punishable act in the State. The State has, however, seen more than 50 hooch deaths in half a dozen districts since November

CAPSULE

PADMA FOR AZAD A POLITICAL DECISION NOT ON MERIT: CONG Bengaluru: Senior Congress leader M Veerappa Moily said

on Thursday the Narendra Modi Government's decision to confer Padma Bhushan on Ghulam Nabi Azad was a political one and not based on merit. He said the former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister should not accept the award if he thinks that it harms the interest of the Congress party.

246 MILITANTS SURRENDER: HIMANTA Guwahati: A total of 246 militants of United Gorkha

People's Organisation (UGPO) and Tiwa Liberation Army (TLA) formally surrendered before Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Thursday

9000 applications received for petrol subsidy scheme

Govt faced pandemic with high spirits: Banna

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

Health Minister Banna Gupta has said that 9000 people have applied for petrol subsidy schemes in the district alone. About 10 beneficiaries of the petrol subsidy scheme have given acceptance letters symbolically. Gupta was addressing 73rd Republic Day function at Gopal Maidan on Wednesday.

He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the State Government is trying to speed up the development works. Even in a global pandemic like Corona, this challenge was faced with boldness. We, who follow the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, stand in the happiness and sorrow of every person. Every successful effort is being made to make the state prosperous and advanced.

The Minister said that the Government formed under the leadership of Chief Minister Hemant Soren has been enthralled by the expectations



and trust of many people. Every possible effort is being made by the government for progress.

Prior to this, Gupta unfurled the flag and took the salute of the parade. Along with this, the police officers and jawans who have performed better in the maintenance of law and order and civil defense volunteers were awarded a citation in the respective office.

Gupta, in his address, while saluting the brave fighters of the country, extended heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of the state and the district on Republic Day. He said that the country celebrates Independence Day on 15th August, but we got constitutional freedom on 26th January 1950. This country is

a country of heroes, of Sufis, saints and great men. The heroes of this country have given so many sacrifices and sacrifices to make the country free and republic. He said that it is the duty of every Indian to make an effort to realize the India which was envisioned by the heroes of the country. 26 January is a very important day for our country. Republic means government by the people, for the people. For the Republic Day we are celebrating, the great freedom fighters of India have sacrificed their lives with laughter and fired bullets on their chest. In the independence of the country, the brave great men of Jharkhand also made sacrifices while participating. The Health Minister said that with the worldwide crisis, the government faced this challenge with high spirits. During the pandemic every person was provided every possible help. Every successful effort is being made to make the state prosperous and advanced. The government has tried to improve the economic condition of the laborers by connecting them with new

Maoists blow up tracks on Howrah-New Delhi route

■ GIRIDIH/DHANBAD

Rebels of banned CPI (Maoist) outfit blew up tracks on Howrah-New Delhi route in between Chichaki and Karmabandh stations of Dhanbad Railway division during the 24 hour bandh call to protest against the arrest of their top leader Prashant Bose.

Movement of tracks remained suspended for around six hours and were restored at 6.30AM, according to Rajesh Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer of East Central Railways.

The incident took place near pole no ³4/16 and <u>333</u>/16 at 00.34 hours on Thursday during which six sleepers of both up and down tracks were damaged. The incident was reported by gangman to headquarters as well as local stations that led to immediate halting of train movement on tracks. The Maoists also left posters

denouncing the arrest of



their top.leader and alleged attempt of the government to kill them in jail.

Senior division commandant of RPF Hemant Kumar and Giridih SP Amit Renu besides other Senior police and railway officials reached the spot after which repairs of tracks were taken up by the engineering wings of the railways and then movement of trains were restored.

According to Kumar some keys and six sleepers of

down tracks were damaged and ghose were repaired by the engineering wing of the

railways . Several trains including Ganga Damodar express, Dikchabhoomi Howrah Jodhpur, Hatia - Islampur express, Howrah -Indor express, besides Howrah and Sealdah bound Rajdhani express trains had to be halted at different stations for safety reasons for over six to seven hours.

NTPC CMHQ celebrates 73rd Republic Day with fervour



The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated at NTPC, CMHQ, Ranchi on January 26,2022 with great pride and patriotic fervour. The programme was organized by following COVID protocols & guidelines. This year it is special as the celebrations for the Republic Day started from January 23, marking Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's 125th birth anniversary, under the aegis of 75th Azadi Ka Amrit Ma-

Chief Guest of the event, Partha Mazumder, Regional Executive Director (RED), Coal Mining unfurled the tri-colour flag to mark the celebrations. He stated that, NTPC, country's largest and responsible power company, has ensured its best effort to meet the power requirement of the country while continuing to fight the pandemic, so that essential services like hospitals get the power supply and economic activities go on. Shri Partha Mazumder further briefed that as part of the thermal generation business, NTPC Coal Mining is playing a significant role to support our core business of power generation by supplying quality fuel at competitive price to its power sta-

RED (Coal Mining) while sharing some of the key achievements of Coal Mining Projects and Coal Mining Headquarters, congratulated all for achieving total Coal production of 10.7 MMT till date which is 106 per cent w.r.t pro-rata target of 10.17 MMT and against the last year's production of 8.15 MMT during the same period. However, he advised his coal mining teammates not to be complacent because the Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power, GoI, have given enhanced target of coal production from Pakri-Barwadih and Dulanga for

Moreover, Coal production from Chatti-Bariatu & Kerandari has to be started in 2022 and from Badam in 2023. Shri Mazumder urged all employees of CMHQ to put their best effort and to extend their support to its fullest to the coal mining projects so that these targets are achieved. He also congratulated the Talaipalli team for achieving the Safety Award from DGMS. He appreciated Team SSC (C&M) CMHQ for procurement of a

total of about Rs 50 Crores through Govt E-Procurement (GEM) portal, out of which Rs. 28 Crs. was done in the current Financial Year. He also mentioned that one consultant of global repute has been engaged for exploring and identifying prospective coal block acquisition across the globe. He said that efforts are being taken for construction of Loading bulb and associated Railway track for evacuation of coal from Chatti-Bariatu & Kerandari coal blocks etc. in association with JRIDCL, GoJH which will be cost effective for NTPC.

RED (Coal Mining) reiterated that digitalization and automation are the key drivers for improving business efficiency, speed, transparency, and efficacy. In this regard he mentioned about some key digitalization initiatives taken by CMHQ like, implementation of e-Safety management plan which was praised by High Level Expert Committee on safety of Ministry of Coal, start of digitalization of Statutory documents of CMHQ & all coal mining projects and establishment of Min-Operational

Efficiency ing Operational Efficiency Improvement Cell at CMHQ. Initiatives are also being taken for implementation of e-Suraksha App in coal

For encouraging the children & family members of CMHQ employees who have demonstrated their exemplary work in various fields, merit certificates have been given by RED (Coal Mining) on this occasion. RED (Coal mining) has also expressed his sincere gratitude to all corona warriors i.e Doctors, Nurses, Paramedical staff, Security personnel and associates of coal mining region for their excellent teamwork during covid time and he also thanked all stakeholders for providing unstinted

BJP MLA starts 72 hour-long dharna to protest poor power and water supply

Pankaj Kumar ■ Dhanbad

BJP MLA Raj Sinha started his 72 hour dharna to protest poor power and water supply in Dhanbad.

Sinha sat on dharna along with host of BJP leaders of district at Randhir Verma Square to protest long hours of power cut by the Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) in Dhanbad despite the fact that monthly revenue collection from consumers happens to be satisfactory compared to other districts. The JBVNL cuts power

in-between 12 to 14 hours in a day. Talking to media Sinha said, domestic consumers are direct customers of JBVNL not DVC. They do not know from where the nigam purchases power and supplies to them as they paid rent and tariff to JBVNL. If JBVNL is not in condition to maintain supply fromDVC must take appropriate action to get it from other sources he said.

The long hours of power cuts have also adversely affected water supply in the city area, he added. Complaint to CM

for ameliorating the condition has yielded no positive results, said Sinha. The MLA has got full support from his party, local MP PN SINGH besides party legislators of Aparna Sengupta. District president CS Singh, vice president Sanjay Jha, Milton besides a host of leaders from frontal organizations were seen sitting in dharna with Raj. Speakers criticised the Hemant Soren led UPA government for neglecting Dhanbad despite the fact that it is one

of the highest revenue paying districts

Republic Day celebrated with fervour at BSL

RAHUL SHARMA Bokaro

On the occasion of Republic Day this year grand celebrations were organized by Bokaro Steel Plant at CISF Parade Ground. The Director-in-Charge of BSL, Amarendu Prakash was the chief guest at the function. Executive Director and Chief General Manager of BSL, Deputy Inspector General (CISF) Saugata Rai, other senior officers of BSL and CISF

and other dignitaries were present in the function. DIC Prakash hoisted the national flag at the parade ground and inspected the parade and took the salute. The CISF and BSL security department personnel participated in the



parade. In his address, DIC Prakash wished everyone a Happy Republic Day and highlighted the achievements and future plans of BSL, Jharkhand Group of Mines and Collieries Group. Discussing the contribution of

each section of the society in the progress of BSL, he wished for the bright future of Bokaro Steel through collective efforts. He also discussed the efforts being made for roads, maintenance of houses, drainage system and better

lighting this year in BSL Township.
During the Republic Day
celebrations, the Direc-

celebrations, the Director-in-Charge also awarded 63 personnel of CISF, BSL's Security Department and Fire Services Department for their excellent service. The team was honored with the Dr BR Ambedkar Award. An attractive Award. An attractive presentation by the Dog Squad of CISF was also presented at the function and was appreciated by all. At the end mementoes

were given to the parade commander and the performing teams. Apart from the main program of Republic Day, DIC Prakash and senior officers also paid their respects at the Martyrs Memorial in CISF Parade Ground Complex.

DVC among the top 10 in power generation: Dutta

PNS ■ Bokaro

National flag was unfurled amidst various cultural functions on the occasion of Republic Day. The day was observed with great patriotism across the Bokaro district. Many colourful events were organised at schools, offices, clubs and other places, including the district administrative office, JAP, BIADA, Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), DVC, Vedanta-Electrosteel Steels Limited (ESL), BCCL and CCL's units on the eve of this great national festival. Chief Engineer and Project Head of CTPS, Ajay Kumar Dutta, unfurled the national flag at the football ground. Speaking on occasion, Dutta said that Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) ranked among the top ten among the cen-

tral sector in power production nationally. We all are really proud of this group. He said we are working vigorously in the rural areas under corporate social responsibility (CSR). "It is the responsibility of all of us to develop Chandrapura as an ideal town," said

Dutta.
Beside others, Chief Engineer Sunil Kumar Pandey,
Deputy General Manager
Sushil Kumar Mishra,
Deputy Chief Engineer SK
Sharma, N, P Mandal, Sanjay Kumar, Kamta Prasad,
Deputy General Manager
Finance Rakesh Ranjan,
Additional Director Dilip
Kumar, PK Jha, AK Chandrashekhar, Ajay Kumar
Singh, Raj Kumar Chaudhary, Ravindra Kumar, Anil hary, Ravindra Kumar, Anil Kumar Singh, Akshay Kumar including others were present there.

Maoists put up posters in Giridih

SURESH NIKHAR BERMO

High alert has been sounded in naxal infested Dumari and Madhuban areas of Giridih district in Jharkhand after suspected Maoist rebels on January 26 pasted dozens of posters at different villages under Madhuban and Dumari police station area of Giridih district.

After the arrest of top Maoist leader Prashant Bose along with his wife Sheela Marandi, the Maoists have been protesting by pasting posters and putting banners in different areas of Madhuban and Dumari area in Giridih district here on Wednesday night.

During the Jharkhand and Bihar bandh, the Naxalites



blew up the railway tracks near Chichaki Railway station on the Howrah-Mugalsarai rail route.

The Naxalites have announced a Bihar-Jharkhand bandh on January 27 in protest against the arrest of their top leaders. To make bandh successful, Maoists have pasted posters in Madhuban and Dumri areas in the foothills of Parasnath in the border of sources.

SDPO Manoj Kumar said that at some places the Naxalites had pasted posters while all posters had been removed after taking prompt action on the information. Search operations are going on in other areas.

Adhunik Power to make villagers digital literate we cannot ignore the growth

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

dhunik Power & Natu-Aral Resources Limited is geared up to make digital literacy to the villagers of nearby villages and simultaneously organic farming. The announcement was made on the day of 73rd Republic Day celebration at the company premises here on Wednesday.

The company management announced that they are very much keen and geared-up for the good health of vil-lagers and upliftment of peripheral villages.

Before this announcement, Prakash Tiwari, director, Adhunik Power & Natural

Dhanbad

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Resources Limited hoisted the national flag amidst employees at the Padampur Plant site. Flag hoisting followed by national anthem and spectacular parade which was performed by company security guards. "We all are here for the growth of the company but

of villages too, so the company is fully geared up to help villages and villagers. We are also expecting the same support from the villagers too," said Mr. Tiwari in his address. He added that, however, the company is getting good support from local villagers but the comlocal villagers but the company is looking for more support from them. The power generation company has also felicitated employees who excelled in their respective fields.

Later on, guest of honour, Rakesh Gupta, COO of the company thanked the gathering for a joyful republic day celebration.

Tata Steel and Jharkhand Badminton Association join hands

Mohan Ahuja Stadium to undergo makeover

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

A midst growing popularity of the racquet sport in the city with every household taking up badminton either as a hobby or profession, Tata Steel and Jharkhand Badminton Association (JBA) have come together to jointly promote badminton to a greater height in the

Tata Steel Sports Division Badminton Development & Advisory Committee has been formed to take forward the initiative. The committee will work for the development of badminton as a sport at Tata Steel's Badminton Training Center and Mohan Ahuja Badminton Stadium. This also includes providing the



best-in-class infrastructure for training and organising district, state, national and international badminton

tournaments. Badminton is by some estimates, the most widely played sport in the world after soccer. Its popularity in the city has grown manifold. Addressing a press meet at JRD Tata

sports complex, Chanakya Chaudhary, vice president, corporate services, Tata Steel said: "Sports is a way of life at Tata Steel and our partnership with JBA is yet another step that demon-strates this. Besides other benefits, the budding players will not only get the best infrastructure but also the best coaches."

He said that a committee has been formed to explore possibilities to develop Mohan Ahuja Badminton Stadium as a world class facility. "

We want to develop such a facility so that people of all ages can play the game and take it forward," said the vice president. While extending his heartfelt gratitude to Tata Steel, Prabhakar Rao, secretary of JBA said: "This is a his-

toric moment for all of us today as

we enter into this partnership. Mohan Ahuja Stadium is being handed over to Tata Steel for building a state-of-the-art badminton facility. JBA along with Tata Steel will do whatever is best for keen sports lovers of Jamshedpur."

Farzan Heerjee, chief protocol and sports, Tata Steel and chairman of the Tata Steel Sports Division Badminton Development & Advisory Committee said: "The past is behind us and together we will progress to-wards the betterment of badminton." Tata Steel and JBA have come together to mutually work out an amicable solution for the greater benefit of the sport of badminton and make the state of Jharkhand a cradle for creating world class badminton players. In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Tata Steel and the Jharkhand Badminton Association on January 26, 2022.

ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट सेल अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग, भवन अंचल, हजारीबाग

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73RD REPUBLIC DAY

CM unfurls national flag in Dumka

'Govt committed to secure rights of people, equal opportunities for everyone'

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Thief Minister Hemant Soren hoisted the national flag at the 73rd Retional flag at the 73rd Republic Day celebrations held in Dumka and inspected the attractive parade and saluted the flag. On this occasion, the CM paid tributes to the Father of the Nation Maharlal Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad. Netaii Subhash Prasad, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, sardar Vallabhohai Patel, and great personalities of Jharkhand, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, Tilka Manjhi, Veer Shaheed Sido-Kanhu, Chand- Bhairav, Phoolo-Jhano, Veer Budhu Bhagat, Jatra Tana Bhagat, Nilambar Pitambar, Sheikh Bhikhari, Pandey Ganpat Rai and Shaheed Vishwanath Shahdev. He extended his greetings and best wishes to the security forces personnel and the people of the State on Republic Day.

The CM said that according

to the provisions of the Constitution, the government is working fast towards ensuring all round development of the State and maximum welfare of the people. He said that in a democratic system, the rights of the peo-ple can be secured and



Chief Minister Hemant Soren salutes the national flag to mark the 73rd Republic Day at Police Line in Dumka on Wednesday.

everyone should get equal rights and opportunities for development, this is a special priority of the govern-ment. He said that the government has made continuous efforts for development in many areas in a short span of time. With the cooperation of all people, the government is working towards providing clean, transparent and sensitive administration. "Äll of us together should create an atmosphere of stability, peace and harmony in the State and with our creativity and positive energy, give speed and height to the maximum progress and progress of the State," said the CM. He further said that the government is sensitive towards education in the State, several model schools are being developed in the State and scholarship schemes have also been started for students to get higher educa-tion in other countries. He

said that recruitment processes have been expedited in the State and even in the private sector 75 per cent reservation for locals has been ensured.

The CM, counting the achievements and works of the government in last two years referred to the new schemes and projects launched by the govern-ment. These include bonus on paddy procurement, increasing Mandays under MGNREGA, empowerment of rural women through various schemes, new irrigation projects, road projects across the State, Universal pension scheme, new Industry policy, Sona-Sobran Dhoti Saree scheme, Insurance scheme for scribes, Sarkaar Aapke Dwar programme, reservation for Jharkhand revolutionaries, Petrol subsidy scheme for ration card holders among

Guv outlines schemes and initiatives of Govt

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Tharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais has said that the Jharkhand government won appreciation for the dedication with which it tackled the crisis emerging out of the Covid 19 pandemic and the way a new variant of the virus has posed a threat the government is prepared to tackle challenges. Bais said this during

his Republic Day address at Morabadi ground on Wednesday where he hoisted the national flag and received the guard of the ceived the guard of the owner also. Elaborate

and initiatives of the state government in the past two years and said that the Hemant Soren government is committed to provide employment to youths. He said that the year 2021was declared as recruitment year, and necessary changes were made in the recruitment bylaws and the process of recruitment has been started. He informed that the government started a 1000 days nutrition programme for people covering all sections of society to improve their health. The government has



arrangements were made for the Republic national flag to mark the 73rd Republic national flag to mark the 73rd Republic poor rural women who Day ceremony under the Covid protocols.
The Governor highlighted achievements

national flag to mark the 73rd Republic Day at Morhabadi ground in Ranchi on Wednesday.

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also launched multi-prong programmes to improve the quality of education. In the first phase, the government has identified around 4500 schools to be developed on the line of state of art

The Governor also talked about recently enacted legis-lation against mob lynching in Jharkhand and said that the government is commit-ted to safeguarding life and limb of people. He said that law and order is the special priority of the government and action is taken against mafias and criminal ele-

As Jharkhand has the potential to be a tourist hub, the Governor said that the government has implemented a new tourism policy to give impetus to the tourism sector. He said that the government is fulfilling the dream of the houseless people for a house. Under the BR Ambedkar housing project, the construction of 7000 new houses has been sanctioned whereas 17500 houses were constructed in the past. Besides, under the PM Housing project, the construction of 7.5 lakh houses in rural areas has been sanctioned. He said that to empower

selling liquor, the gov-ernment launched Phulo Jhano Ashirvad Yojana.

Under this scheme, an interest-free loan worth Rs 10000 is given to such women so that they start their own business. So far under the scheme, more than 14000 women have been benefited.

To promote entrepreneurship among women, the government has launched the 'Palash Brand' for women to sell their food products. The Governor also decorated Ranchi SSP SSP Surendra Kumar Jha and 12 other officials with police

INBRIEF

SAIL Units celebrate R- Day with gaiety

SAIL Ranchi Units celebrated Republic Day with Nationalistic Fervour and Traditional Gaiety. Flag was hoisted at MTI by Dr. Kamakshi Raman, ED (HRD) and at Ispat Bhawan by N. Banerjee, ED (RDCIS) amidst presence of their employees. At SAIL Employees SC/ST Welfare Association (SEWA), the flag was hoisted by Ganesh Vidyarthi. This year 16 of SAIL Ranchi employees completed their Glorious 25 years of Service. They were Shalabh Shrama, MR Mishra, AVY Chenulu, KP Jayakumar, Raju Jaiswal, Manish Kumar, T. Prasad and Tilak Raj from Center for Engineering and Technology (CET): Shri Rajiv Verma from Safety; Dr. Sushant Rath, Rishi Kumar, Rajeev Singh, Deepak Kumar, Manish Kumar and Suyanti Devi from RDCIS; and Jitendra Hembram from MTI.

IWCS Ranchi celebrates R-Day

Under the chairmanship of President of Inner Wheel Club Swarnrekha Ranchi District 325, Neeta Narayan, and Secretary Mala Srivastava, Republic Day was celebrated on 26 Janu-



ary following Covid-19 protocol. This Republic Day was celebrated in a special way with very special people. The club felicitated transgenders and welcomed them with a pink bouquet. Sumira, Neha, Sonam, Muskan heisted the patient of the protocol flag on the member, request Suspin hoisted the national flag on the members' request. Sumira was the chief guest and Neha, Sonam, Muskan were guests. The club gave text book and Samsung tablet to Sumira and tried to empower them so that they can do their studies well. The members have promised her to help her regarding her education in future also. The transgender sisters were overjoyed. Tears were shedding while she was giving her speech. It was a very emotional moment for all the attendees. To make the celebrations unique and historic, club members worked hard. Poonam unique and nistoric, club members worked nard. Poonam Sakhuja conducted the programme very well Rinku performed Saraswati Vandana and Neeta Shekhar recited poetry in honour of transgenders, while club's CCC Deepa Chauhan, Soma Bhaduri entertained them by reciting patriotic love songs. Nupur Sheshank gave the welcome address and Mala Srivastava gave the speech on the occasion of Republic Day.

SBPS Celebrates the 73rd Republic Day

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January with all its solemnity and grandeur at Sarala Birla Public School, Ranchi .The day commenced with the hoisting of national flag in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Gopal Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Kumar Singh, Registrar, Sarala Birla University and other dignitaries followed by the National anthem. Students participated in the virtual assembly and various cultural programmes including dance, song and speech, thus remembering our patriots who paved the way for a better tomorrow by bringing the Constitution of India into effect. The students as well as the teachers sung the National song 'Vande Mataram' filled with reverence and pride in their hearts for the nation.

SCS student wins at the regional level spelling bee

SCS student Ishaan Kumar has emerged as the 2nd RUNNER-UP (Group 3) in the "EASTERN REGION" at the Regional Championship at the India Spelling Bee Regional finale. The Ali India Spelling Bee for school children was held in the online mode, last year, due to the pandemic. The Spelling Bee is an English language contest held annually for students of class1 – class 9 from more than 20 states in India. Ishan has made the school, city and state proud, and we wish him all the best. The other winners at the school level are Aanjaneya Dwivedi, Chaitanya, Sonit Sandilya and Anurag Anand. The prize distribution ceremony was held in the school premises and the prizes were given away by Principal, Samita Sinha in presence of the invited parents of the winners.

Ranchi Rail Division celebrates R-Day

On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day, the national flag was hoisted by Ranchi Divisional Railway Manager, Pradeep Gupta at Durga Puja ground. On this occasion, SERWO Chief, Priyamvada Gupta and other members of SERWO were present. After the flag hoisting, Gupta inspected the parade and in his address said that for the last two years, the whole world and their Country have been badly affected due to the infection of the global pandemic COVID-19. The infection of coronavirus is once again spreading very fast, so I urge all of you to follow all the instructions issued by the Government to protect yourself and your family from this infection. The safety of all of us is in our own hands, so apply mask properly, follow social distance and follow other protocols to protect against coronavirus, he added.

73rd Republic Day Celebrated at XISS

Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, celebrated the 73rd Republic Day on the campus on brated the 73rd Republic Day on the campus on Wednesday. The ceremony was graced by Dr Joseph Marianus Kujur, Director, XISS along with Dr Pradeep Kerketta, Assistant Director, XISS, faculty and staff members, and students. During the event, 3 Institutional Scholarships namely Fr. Michael Van den Bogaert SJ Memorial Scholarship for meritorious students of SC/ST category (First rank-Rs 50,000, Second rank-Rs 40,000), Fr. Michael Albert Windey SJ Memorial Scholarship for meritorious students on the whole open to all category (First rank-Rs 30,000, Second rank-Rs 20,000) and Fr. Louis Francken SJ Memorial Scholarship (First rank-Rs 30,000, Second rank-Rs 20,000) for overall performance of all categories of students were overall performance of all categories of students were also awarded to 31 students.

DPS Bokaro celebrates R-Day

Delhi Public School Bokaro celebrated the 73rd Republic Day with great passion and patriotism. The Principal, DPS Bokaro, A. S. Gangwar unfurled the national flag and extended his warm greetings of the Republic Day to all the teachers, students and staff members of the school. Addressing the gathering, Gangwar said that it is a day when India's constitution came into force on January 26, 1950. So it is a day to revisit the wisdom of the Constitution, to reiterate our pledge of Unity in Diversity, and to develop respect for all Indians. "On this vital occasion let us pledge to uphold the golden heritage of our country and reaffirm our allegiance to the Indian constitution as we resolve to safeguard the pride of our motherland", he stated.

AUJ hosts Quote Writing Competition

With the aim of inculcating the spirit of patriotism among the youngsters, Amity Institute of English Studies and Research (AIESR) of Amity University, Studies and Research (AIESR) of Amity University, Jharkhand (AUJ) hosted a Quote Writing Competition on the eve of 73rd Republic Day on Tuesday. The entries included quotes in English and Hindi with nationwide participation of around 60 students from various schools, colleges, and universities. Ananya from Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Odisha bagged the first position in English Quote Writing Competition followed by Ayush Curring from St. Competition followed by Ayush Gurung from St.

BJP targets Govt of 'financial mismanagement'

Describing the JMM/Congress government as the worst government in the country, state BJP president and Rajya Sabha MP Deepak Prakash today said that the present government that the present government came to power by making false promises to people and even today the coalition government is misleading people. Addressing a press conference in the state of fice, Prakash said that the alliance government is misleading people by repeatedly making false allegawas provided to the state.

tions against the Centre. This government has been making false allegations of tax transfer and grant-in-aid on the Center, while the truth is different. The BJP MP reading out figures said that between 2009 and 2014, the UPA government transferred Rs 35,998 crore to Jharkhand and gave grants-in-aid of Rs 21,069 crore. In contrast, between 2014 and 2019, under the NDA government, Rs 89,648 crore was transferred to Jharkhand

CM launches petrol subsidy Beneficiaries will get Rs 250 per month for

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10 litre of petrol

Chief Minister Hemant Soren on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day function launched the petrol subsidy scheme from State's second capital Dumka on Wednesday. The much talked petrol subsidy scheme aims at providing financial assistance to people living below poverty line (BPL), and under which Rs 25 per litre of petrol will be credited in the beneficiaries account. Beneficiaries will get

petrol subsidy for a maximum ten litre in a month.
For availing the scheme, the State

Government has launched an app CM-SUPPORT App and the beneficiary have to register themselves for availing the benefit of scheme.

CM Soren unfurling the national tricolor at police parade ground in Dumka said, "I am happy to announce that from today onwards, a subsidy of Rs 250, with the rate of Rs 25 per litre for 10 liters of petrol, is being sent to the bank accounts of the poor and needy through CM-SUPPORT App. So far, nearly 1.4 lakh people have registered themselves under the scheme, and applications of around 73000 people have already been admitted.

scheme

The Chief Minister said that as the scheme has been launched the subsidy amount of Rs 250 per month for ten litre of petrol will be credited in the account of 40,000 beneficiaries. The CM on the occasion also handed over a cheque of Rs 250 to five beneficiaries who are covered under the

While addressing a gathering during a programme organized to mark the government's two years in office on December 29, Soren had announced that a subsidy of Rs 25 per liter on petrol will be given to the BPL families.

Women Doctors' Wing, IMA delegation thanks | CCL, CMPDI celebrate R-Day with zeal DGP for arrest in Dr Nilima abduction case

extortion money, deployment of nodal DSP

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Adelegation of Women Doctors' Wing, IMA, Jharkhand, Secretary IMA Jharkhand, Dr Pradeep Singh and IMA Ranchi head, Dr Shambhu Singh on Friday met Director General of Police (DGP) Neeraj Sinha to express grateful-ness and also thanked him for his cooperation in the arrest of the kidnapper, who had kidnapped and demanded ransom from tribal doctor posted in Chandwa, Latehar, Dr Nilima.

The women doctors, Dr Beauty Banerjee, Dr Rashmi Prasad, Dr Tanushree Chakraborty, Dr Anupama Singh, who were part of the



Jharkhand IMA secretary Dr. Pradeep Singh, Ranchi IMA President Dr. Shambhu Singh, Women Doctors Wing Chairpersons Dr. Bharti Kashyap and other doctors outside the DGP office at Jharkhand Police HQ, in Ranchi on Thursday.

delegation, told the DGP that the women doctors working in remote areas of the State are working in a very fearful condition.

Chairperson of Women Doctors' Wing, IMA, Jhark-hand, Dr Bharti Kashyap said that the medical community is feeling relieved by

the arrest of the kidnapper of Dr Neelima Kumari, a fe-male doctor posted in Chandwa of Latehar district. Jharkhand IMA Secretary, Dr Pradeep Singh and IMA Ranchi head, Dr Shambhu Singh said that this incident

doctors of the State are frightened by the incident. Maheshwar Singh Munda, brother of Dr Neelima, who came from Hyderabad, who is an engineer by profession, said that his entire family was in shock due to the death of his father a month ago and now the whole family suffered a second blow due to the kidnapping of his sister. "We are happy with the arrest of the kidnapper. Women Doctors' Wing IMA Jharkhand has taken this matter very seriously, for which I am very thankful," he added.

Sinha told the IMA delegation that he already has a personal view on this incident. The criminal involved in this incident has also been arrested by the police and the police are trying to get the ransom money back, he

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated with pride and zeal at Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) and Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) headquarter in Ranchi. CCL, Chairman cum managing Director (CMD), PM Prasad hoisted the National Flag on the premises of the conven-tion centre and wished everybody on the occasion while CMD, CMPDI, Manoj Kumar unfurled the National Flag and addressed the gathering. On this occasion, CCL CVO SK Sinha, GMs and HoDs from headquarters, representatives of trade unions, employees and other stakeholders of the company attended the ceremony.
Prasad took the guard of ho-

nour and stated that every In-dian Citizen should be indebted to the makers of our Constitution and the martyred freedom fighters. It is because of their sacrifices that we can celebrate this day. He further added that everybody should



work collectively to contribute in Country's develop-

CMD stated that COVID-19 pandemic still rattles the world. He appealed to everybody to get vaccinated and follow the social distancing norms, use sanitizers and wear masks. He said that over Two Lakh Sixteen thousand people have been inoculated in the nine centers of the company across five districts of Jharkhand. He further informed that the company has established "PSA Oxygen Plant" in Central Hospital Gandhinagar, Central Hospital Ramgarh and CHC Tandwa. He also praised the Doctors and medical team of the CCL hospi ical team of the CCL hospitals for their services to the

with a Government lady doctor at the time of COVID community. Govt holds pre-Budget dialogue for Budget

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The Government of Jharkhand organized Budget Goshti (Pre Budget dialogue) under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Thursday to invite suggestions from different stakeholders for formulation of Budget 2022-23. Principal Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand welcomed the participants, presented a pen picture of Budget and ex-plained how the Government is trying to make the budget more inclusive. After 'Hamar Apan Budget App and online consultation, today's 'Budget Goshti', he said was the third measure towards this.

Experts from various fields expressed their views on nine key thematic areas including Agriculture and Irrigation, Health, Education, Information Technology, Infrastruc-Power, Employment and Labour & Resource Mobilization.

Prof. Amarendu Nandy, from IIM, Ranchi, which is the Knowledge Partner for the programme, in his address set

the context for the thematic Areas of the workshop.
Prem Shankar, PRADAN, G.
K. Nair, CGM, NABARD, Prof. Ashok Vishandass, IIPA & Former Chairman CACP and Prof. Nilanjan Banik, Mahindra University, Hyder-abad gave their inputs on Agriculture and Irrigation sector. The suggestion focused on key areas like Promotion of Horticulture, Organic Farming potential in the State, Strengthening of Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure, Solar based lift irrigation projects, promoting agriculture produce process-

ing etc.
Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Rani Children Hospital; Dr. Anant, XISS; Prof. Rattan Chand, Sr. Consultant, World Bank and Dr. Manisha Priyam from NIEPA, Delhi gave their inputs for upgrading Health and Education facilities in the State. The experts discussed their views for expanding the scope of Ayushman Bharat Yojna, improving man-power availability and infrastructure in health and education sector. establishment of new medical

colleges, increasing budget al-



Chief Minister Hemant Soren, Finance Minister Rameshwar Oraon, Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Rajiv Arun Ekka, Secretary to Chief Minister Vinay Kumar Choubey and others during the Pre Budget Dialogue programme in Ranchi on Thursday. PNS

location in health and education sector, establishment of Institutions for promotion of tribal and regional languages

People from across the state also gave their suggestions through the digital platform for Budget 2022-23 through Hamar Apan Budget Portal. Letter of appreciation was given to the selected represen-tatives for providing their ap-

preciable suggestion to the Government of Jharkhand on the State Budget for the fiscal year 2022 – 23. Shruti Suman, Bokaro, Haldar Mahato, Ramgarh, Subhojit Kumar Patar, East Singhburn and Apard Again Resistated hum and Anand Raj presented their expectations from Budget 2022-23. Their views focused on addressing malnutrition, promoting solar power plants, student credit

card, waste-management and other grassroot level issues. Johnson Topno, PHIA Foundation, Ranchi, Prof. Prabal Sen, XLRI, Jamshedpur, Prof. Himanshu, JNU, Delhi and representatives from Industry Association discussed ways for improving the Welfare, Employment and Labour sec-tor. Prof. Shantanu Gupta, XLRI, Jamshedpur and Prof. Charan Singh from IIM Bengaluru discussed Resource Mobilization. Valuable inputs were given by S.P Tucker, Prof. M. Govind Rao, Prof. Jean Dreze and Prof. Abhijit

Chief Secretary, Sukhdev Singh, expressed that the State is facing challenges in increasing Resource Mobilization due to constraints which are beyond State's control. He shared that there needs to be balance between the Social Security Schemes and Infrastructure Development schemes.

Finance Minister, Rameshwar Oraon expressed that the vision of the government is re-flected in the budget. The government is committed to the welfare of the poor and

marginalized and the budget process reflects the same. Appreciating the views of the participants, he shared that the suggestions shall be incorporated in the short term and long term plans of the government. Apart from focusing on the expenditure on key and focused areas, the govern-ment is also committed towards additional revenue mobilization despite the constraints from the Central Government. CM Hemant Soren said that

Jharkhand has huge wealth of natural resources but limited economic resources. COVID-19 global pandemic has affected the poor, migrant labors, farmers and marginalized section the most. Under these circumstances, budget formulation is a challenging process. The government is committed to convert these challenges into opportunities and work for the holistic development of the state. The CM thanked the participants for sharing their valuable suggestions assuring that all suggestions will be carefully considered while preparing the Budget 2022-23.

Xavier's College, Ranchi and Priya Das from Government Women's Polytechnic, Jamshedpur in the second position. Devashree Narayan from AUJ and Kumar Shivam from Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University cliched the third position here.

Info correct: Twitter on Rahul plaint

of sharp drop in followers' number

spokesperson

Surjewala said Rahul Gandhi's

stand has been that social

media platforms cannot be

suppressed, subjugated and

denigrated to trolls' space and

there should instead be a

healthy debate and discussion

on them. "The plurality, the

multi-culturalism, the open

debate, the critique of policies

and programmes of the gov-

ernment and that the social

media patforms should be

healthy forum for debates and

discussions has been the stand

of Rahul Gandhi, which now

stands vindicated," Surjewala

In the letter dated December 27, last year, Rahul

alleged that there is a shadow

ban on him which restricts his

tweets and the number of peo-

ple who can follow him. "I want

Rahul also sent an analysis of

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fter Congress leader Rahul

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CEO Parag Agrawal last month

flagging a sharp drop in his fol-

lowers, Twitter on Thursday

said numbers are 'meaningful

and accurate. Twitter also

pointed out that it does not

arbitrarily censor political con-

tent and elevating political

debate and open discourse is

fundamental to its service and

Responding to him, Twitter's vice president, Global

Public Policy and Philanthropy,

Sinead McSweeney has said,

"Twitter is deeply committed to

India" and will ensure that

public conversation is healthy,

which includes diverse voices,

diverse points of view, allowing

people to be better informed

and to participate safely and

The Twitter spokesperson

said the platform has been

fighting spam and malicious

automation strategically and at

scale with machine learning

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consistent and ongoing efforts to ensure a healthy service

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accounts each week for violat-

ing our policies on platform manipulation & spam. You can

take a look at latest Twitter Transparency Center update

for more context. While some

accounts notice minor differ-

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Reacting to the Twitter's response, Congress chief

be higher," it added.

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ED arrests Karvy Group's CMD, CFO

Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrest-Comandur Parthasarathy and CFO G Krishna Hari of Karvy Group under Prevention of Money laundering Act (PMLA) in a money laundering case connected with the fraud committed through illegal diversion of clients' securities by Karvy Stock Broking Ltd worth Rs 2,873.82 crore and pledging of these securities with banks/ NBFCs for seeking loans leading to subsequent loan default.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has pro-

visionally attached immov-

able properties worth Rs 43.25

crore belonging to Hyderabad-based Sheetal Refineries

Limited and its promoter and

MD Jitender Kumar Agarwal

under Prevention of Money

Laundering Act (PMLA) for

defrauding State Bank of Hyderabad and Punjab

National Bank in a bank fraud

money laundering investiga-

tion on the basis of an FIR reg-

istered by Bank Securities and

Fraud Cell, Bengaluru for

causing a total loss of Rs 87

The ED had initiated

tion based on the FIR filed by HDFC bank with CCS Hyderabad Police under various sections of IPC for defrauding HDFC bank.

Subsequently, more FIRs have been filed by other banks and few investors.

The ED has recorded the statement of various employees of the Karvy Group, and conducted searches at nine locations on September 22, 2021.

'The ED has uncovered the complex web of transactions designed by the senior man-

assets of Hyderabad-based firm

crore, the ED said in a state-

revealed that the accused pro-

moters availed various credit

facilities from SBH and PNB

Hyderabad, by submitting fab-

ricated financial statements,

invoices, etc. They got Letters of Credit (LCs) issued from

lending Banks in the name of

related shell entities as if mate-

rial is being purchased.," it said

counted by the related entities

and the money so received was

routed back to the promoters

in payment of LCs on due date

and LCs devolvement caused

of Sheetal Refinery.

Letters of Credit were dis-

The company defaulted

"The ED investigation

Bank loan fraud: ED attaches

misuse the securities of their clients and to raise loans fraudulently which were then rotated via multiple related companies and diverted away from the stated purpose," the agency said in a statement.

The shares of clients who did not owe any funds to KSBL were also transferred to the margin/pool Account of KSBL and were pledged with the banks/ NBFCs, it said.

The Power Of Attorney (POA) given by the clients to KSBL to facilitate exchange settlements was grossly mis-

Refineries owe Rs 146 crore to

ceeds which are nothing but

proceeds of crime were utilized

for purchase of properties and to foreclose older loans and

were not used for the stated

earlier attached six immovable

properties of registered value

of Rs 8.30 crore and five mov-

able assets worth Rs 1.23 crore.

15 more assets. The purchase

value of these assets is Rs

43.25 crore. With the present

attachment of 15 more prop-

erties located in Telangana, the

total attachment in this case is

Now, the ED has attached

In this case, the ED had

purposes, it said.

The diverted loan pro-

the banks.

of the CMD and senior executives. Comandur Parthasarathy and G Krishna Hari were the main conspirators who gave instructions to others, it said.

Fund trail investigation has shown that the borrowed funds were transferred to other group companies, particularly to one wholly owned subsidiary of KSBL---Karvy Realty (India) Limited (KRIL) and then to 14 shell companies floated by Karvy Group, it said. These have been further

diverted by layering done through complex web of transactions from the several accounts of group companies without any financial rationale, the agency further said. Various financial consul-

tants and defunct NBFCs were used to route the funds. Further, it was found that KSBL availed loans from NBFCs to the tune of Rs 400 crore in the name of five such shell companies by pledging shares of transferring these shares to their account.

The fraudulently availed loans were used to clear pending loans of related companies, do massive stock transactions which have allegedly turned into complete losses and diverted to personally-held family

companies. The ED had earlier frozen shareholding of Parthasarathy worth about Rs 700 crore.

The ED is investigating the money trail to trace the proceeds of crime which are close to Rs 2,000 crore.

Parthasarathy and Hari were lodged in Central Jail, Bangalore and on production warrant of ED court, they were produced before the PMLA Special Court MSJ Hyderabad on January 20, 2022. Through an order dated January 25, the Court has remanded the CMD and CFO of the Karvy Group to four-day ED custody from Thursday to Sunday.

Covaxin, Covishield to be available in clinics, hospitals, not stores

Hospitals and clinics can now purchase Covid-19 Covishield and Covaxin but these will not be available at medical stores for general public, as per the condition put by the India's drug regulator, Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), on Thursday which granted regular market approval for the jabs for use in adult population.

Vaccination data has to be submitted to the DCGI every six months and updated on the

CoWIN app.
Under the said conditions, the firms shall submit data of ongoing clinical trials and the vaccines to be supplied for programmatic setting. Monitoring of adverse events following immunization will be continued.

"The CDSCO has now upgraded the permission for Covaxin and Covishield from restricted use in emergency situations to normal new drug permission in the adult population with certain conditions," Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted

The DCGI approval was granted under the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019.

The DCGI's approval came after the Subject Expert Committee (SEC) on Covid-19 of the Central Drugs Standard Organisation (CDSCO) on January 19 recommended granting regular

market approval to the Serum Institute of India's (SII's) Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin for use in adult population subject to certain con-

Prakash Kumar Singh, Director, Government and Regulatory Affairs at SII, had submitted an application to the DCGI on October 25, seeking regular market authorisation for Covishield. The DCGI had sought more data and documents from the Punebased company, following which Singh recently had sub-

a response along with more data and information. "Such a large-scale vaccination with Covishield and containment of Covid-19 infection is in itself a testimony of the safety and efficacy of the vaccine," he had

In an application sent to the DCGI, V Krishna Mohan, whole-time director at the Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, submitted complete information regarding chemistry, manufacturing and controls, along with the pre-clinical and clinical data while risation for Covaxin.

Bharat International Limited (BBIL) took up the challenge to develop, produce and clinically evaluate a vaccine (Covaxin), from the SARS-CoV-2 strains isolated from Covid-19 patients in India, Mohan had said in the application.

Centre mulling to revisit booster $\underset{\text{PNS} \, \blacksquare \, \, \text{NEW DELHI}}{dose} \, policy_{\text{week}}$

The Centre is rethinking over the relevance of the precaution Covid-19 dose to all the categories. Currently the jabs are being administered to the frontline and healthcare workers along with 60 plus population in the country.

The National Technical Advisory Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) for Covid-19 held a high level meeting with NITI Aayog a day ago and sources said that the skeptical about the benefits of the third dose being administered. "The NTAGI presented some research papers on third doses administered in several countries which have not helped in curbing infection, to the NITI Aayog in the meet-

ing", a source told Some cases of getting infected even after a third dose have also been reported in India. The source said that the experts from NTAGI have assessed the data from the countries where booster doses have been administered. It has also studied the impacts of the third dose against the infection.

The NTAGI is expected to meet the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) next

reek with some more fact finding papers on the third dose, source said. However, the policy on booster or precaution dose could be revisited for the extension of the policy among other age group beneficiaries. As per the source, the precaution dose may continue among healthcare and frontline work-

ers and 60 plus population. The NTAGI for Covid-19 also met WHO officials and said that India "will not blindly follow others" on its booster dose policy.

During the meetin cials assessed real-world data from countries across the world that are administering booster doses to their population.

"Boosters have not helped the cases in any country that has administered the third dose. Besides, we will not blindly follow what other countries have done. We have to look at our local epidemiology and science, and our decisions have to be based on that assessment," the NTAGI members discussed

Apart from local data, public health experts are also analyzing the infection patterns, behaviour of the virus, emerg-ing variants and viral loads along with breakthrough and reinfections.

RRB-NTPC protests: Congress

account was suspended for eight days. "Perhaps not so coinci-

dentally, it was precisely during these months that I raised the plight of a rape victim's familv in Delhi, stood in solidarity with farmers and fought the government on many other human rights issues. In fact, a video of mine that promised farmers that the 3 infamous farm laws will be repealed is among the most watched video on Twitter posted by any political leader in India in recent times," Rahul said in the letter.

Rahul had pointed out that the ideological battle between liberal democracy and authoritarianism across the world is being shaped on social media platforms and this places a huge responsibility on those that are at the helm of companies such as Twitter. As a leader of India's largest opposition party, Rahul said it is his duty to raise my voice on behalf of our people against injustice. Rahul's followers crossed 19.6 million on Thursday morning, after being stagnant at 19.5 million for many months.

to bring your attention to what Responding to him, McSweeney said,"We understand increased transparency is I believe is Twitter's unwitting complicity in curbing free and fair speech in India," Rahul wrote. He further wrote that he at the foundation to promote healthy public conversation on has been "reliably, albeit dis-Twitter and to earn trust. We creetly, informed by people at Twitter India that they are know it is critical that people under immense pressure by the government to silence" his understand our processes and that we are transparent about voice. Along with the letter, what happens as a result. We assure you that Twitter, Inc. data from his Twitter account Treats its role as a platform sershowing that his followers have vice provider with utmost seribarely increased for several ousness and we are deeply months since August when his committed to India".

Congress to

for Budget

Session

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Parliament.

chalk out plan

Top Congress leaders will hold deliberations on

Friday morning to discuss the

party's strategy during the upcoming Budget Session of

Congress President Sonia Gandhi will hold discussions

with senior party leaders at a

virtual meeting of the

Parliamentary Strategy Group.

chairperson of the Congress

group include former prime

minister Manmohan singh,

Leader of Opposition in Rajya

Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and

Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan

Choudhary, senior party lead-

ers A K Antony, KC Venugopal,

Anand Sharma, Gaurav Gogoi,

K Suresh, Jairam Ramesh,

Manickam Tagore and Ravneet

before every Parliament session

to decide the party's strategy. The Budget Session of

Parliament starts on January 31

with the president's address to

the joint sitting of both hous-

es. The Union Budget will be

presented on February 1.

The meeting is called

Singh Bittu.

leader of the Congress in

The group is headed by Sonia Gandhi, who is also the

Other members of the

If colleague honoured, greet him with appreciation: Karan Singh on Nabi's Padma award

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A mid internal rumblings in the Congress over Ghulam Nabi Azad being awarded Padma Bhushan, senior Congress leader Karan Singh on Thursday said national awards should not become subject of intra-party controversy and if "one of our colleagues" is honoured, he should be greeted with warm appreciation rather than "snide

Singh's comments come amid a controversy triggered soon after the announcement Tuesday evening when Congress leader Jairam Ramesh, while commenting on CPI (M) leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharya's refusal to accept the award, said, "He wants to be Azad not Ghulam". Several members of the

group of 23 leaders who had written to Sonia Gandhi demanding an organisational overhaul in the Congress congratulated Azad for being awarded Padma Bhushan, saying it was "well-deserved". Reacting to the row, Singh said he was distressed at the "unseemly controversy" over the well deserved Padma Award to Azad.

"These National Awards should not become subject of inter-party controversy, far less of intra-party ones," Singh, a former Union minister and party stalwart, said in a state-

ment.
"I have known Ghulam Nabi for half a century since he



first started his political career as an active participant in my second election campaign for the Lok Sabha in 1971 from the Udhampur constituency, to which he belongs," he said.

Since then, Singh said, he has seen Azad rise through sheer dint of hard work, dediity to becoming a Cabinet Minister, both with P V Narasimha Rao and Dr Manmohan Singh.

As Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha for seven years, he played a positive and constructive role in our Parilamentary system, Singh said.

Azad also served as the first Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir from the Jammu region, and his short stint is still remembered positively in both regions, he said. "If one of our colleagues is honoured he should be greeted with warm appreciation rather than snide remarks," Singh said.

Congress veteran and former law minister Ashwani Kumar also came out in support of Azad and hit out at Ramesh, saving his criticism of Azad is nothing less than a "shameful innuendo" and does not do justice to the ethos of the

Active Covid cases in India decline to 22,02,472

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The active Covid-19 cases have decreased to 22,02,472 and now comprises 5.46 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate has decreased to 93.33 per cent. However, more than 400 districts are still reporting over 10 per cent positivity rate. Also, the daily positivity rate - the share of coronavirus tests that return positive and considered a key marker of the pandemic's status - is up from 16.10% to itivity rate was recorded at 17.75 per cent, as per the data available from the Union Health Ministry.

The active cases have decreased to 22,02,472 and comprise 5.46 per cent of the total infections, while the national COVID-19 recovery rate has decreased to 93.33 per cent, the Health Ministry said

The death toll has climbed 4,91,700 with 573 fresh fatalities, the data updated at 8 am stated. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 3,76,77,328 and the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.22 per cent. The cumulative doses administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid vaccination drive has exceed ed 163.84 crore. India's Covid tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

SC asks Punjab not to arrest SAD leader Majithia in drugs case till Jan 31 PNS NEW DELHI that Majithia has gone interest.

The Supreme Court on Thursday orally asked the Punjab Government not to take any coercive step against SAD leader Bikram Singh Majithia till January 31 when it hears his pre-arrest bail plea in a drugs case. In another case, the apex Court directed Maharashtra Police to not to arrest BJP MLA Nitesh Rane for 10 days in an attempt-tomurder case registered in Sindhudurg district.

A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Majithia, that the plea seeking anticipatory bail plea needed urgent hearing as the accused has been facing "political vendetta". "This is political vendetta. He is called to police station. This is all due to the election fever", said Rohatgi while seeking urgent hearing of the plea of Majithia. "Is it elec-tion fever. All are rushing to this court," the bench said.

The Punjab Police, which is aware of the fact that a plea has been filed in the apex court, is trying to arrest him, he Senior advocate P Chidambaram, appearing for the Punjab Government, said

that Majithia has gone into hid-ing and now appearing here through the counsel. "Is it fair Mr Chidambaram, when you know that his petition is going to be listed," the CJI observed. adding, "Tell your government to not do anything. We will list on Monday.'

The pre-arrest bail plea of Majithia, who was booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act on December 20 last year, was dismissed by the Punjab and Haryana HC on January 24 and an appeal has been filed in the apex court.

In another case, sisposing of the pre-arrest bail plea of Rane, son of Union Minister Narayan Rane, a bench headed by Chief Justice Ramana asked him to surrender before the trial court in the meanwhile, and seek regular bail in the matter. The Bombay High Court on January 17 had refused to grant pre-arrest bail to Rane in the case, noting that a balance was needed between conflicting considerations of personal liberty and a proper

investigation in the matter. The high court had rejected the anticipatory bail applications of Rane and another accused Sandesh Sawant, but had allowed a similar plea of the third accused in the case, Manish Dalvi.



extended their full support to the protesting students who has called a 'Rail Roko Andolan' against the Railway Ministry's alleged irregularities in a recruitment exam.

While Congress General secretary Priyanka Gandhi spoke on a virtual mode to few aspirants and also those affected by the police lathicharge in Prayagraj, the Congress student's wing workers held a demonstration in front of the Railway Bhawan against police brutality on job aspirants.

During the interaction, Privanka assured the students that she would raise their voice from all forums. "Don't get afraid. Ensure that elections are held on your issues of your employment. The Government did not give you job but commit atrocities on you and suppress you," said Priyanka, according to a statement, issued by the Congress. Priyanka also



assured students she will visit them in Prayagraj.

"When leaders come to you for vote, fix their answerability. The solution to deal with recruitment processes that are held for years is preparation of a job calendar. We have talked about job calendar in our youth manifesto," she said.

The Uttar Pradesh Police had on Wednesday arrested two people and lodged a case against around 1,000 unidentified persons in connection with the alleged rioting and blocking of the railway track by some job aspirants. Six policemen were also suspended with immediate effect for using "unnecessary force" during the incident, which took place on

Tuesday. President of the National Students' Union of India Neeraj Kundan led a protest march to the Railway Ministry, where an effigy of minister Ashwini Vaishnaw was burnt, the outfit said in a statement.

"The protesters who

crossed the barricades erected by the police were detained and was taken to the Mandir Marg Police station," it stated. Kundan said that students were the worst sufferers of the Covid pandemic. "The government is completely ignoring the education sector. Before taking vital decisions the government doesn't consult the students concerned, instead of imposing unnecessary new rules on them. If they protest, they are beaten," he alleged. The NSUI national president claimed that over 1,40,000 posts are vacant in CBT 2 group D since 2019. At a Press conference

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said Modi government issued the notification of these jobs ahead of 2019 general elections which stated that there will be examination for Group-D railway posts.

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246 militants surrendered, says Assam CM

Two Barak Valley outfits to lay down arms in Feb: Himanta

Guwahati: A total of 246 militants of United Gorkha People's Organisation (UGPO) and Tiwa Liberation Army (TLA) formally surrendered before Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Thursday.

Welcoming the 169 UGPO and 77 TLA insurgents into the mainstream, Sarma said that two more Bru-Reang militant outfits in Barak Valley will lay down arms in February.

Speaking at a formal armslaying ceremony, the chief minister said that ULFA (Independent) and Kamtapur Liberation Organisation (KLO) will then be the only remaining active insurgent groups in the state.

"Two Bru-Reang groups in the Barak Valley will surrender in the coming days. We will try to settle them by February," he said.

A senior police officer, who is involved in the surrender process of the militants, told PTI that the chief minister referred to the Bru Revolutionary Army Union (BRAU) and United Democratic Liberation Front

The UGPO and TLA militants deposited 277 firearms of various types, 720 cartridges and grenades in front of

TMC to make IAS Rules issue in Budget session Likely to move resolution in RS

seeking removal of Bengal Guv SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

The Trinamool Congress is going to raise a host of contentious issues' in parliament in the upcoming Budget Session, inside sources said quoting Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

The Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has directed her MPs to raise the issue of proposed amendment of **Indian Administrative Services** (cadres) rules in Parliament, the party sources on Thursday

Banerjee who on Thursday had called a meeting of TMC MPs ahead of the Budget Session is known to have chalked out a battle plan for her MPs guiding them on how to raise various issues including "the most contentious" issue related to the mandatory dep-

utation of IAS officers in Delhi. Claiming that proposed amendment of the IAS Cadre Rules, 1954 would disturb the federal structure of the country compelling the State Governments to release the bureaucrats once they are asked to do so by the Centre, Banerjee earlier said that the proposed amendment is against spirit of cooperative federalism and that it upsets harmonious arrangement between Centre and States in the matter of posting of IAS and IPS officers."

In her letter written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the issue,Banerjee earlier said, "I express my strong reservations to the approach followed by the Central Government in proposing such anamendment to the Cadre Rules which unilaterally mandates the State Government to make such a number of officers available for deputationas prescribed under (the) central deputation reserve? Apart from the IAS issue

the TMC is also likely to raise other issues regarding "some Bills sent by the State and have



been lying pending with the Centre," sources said.

Besides, the party is also likely to move a resolution in Rajya Sabha seeking withdrawal of Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar who has not been in good terms with the Chief Minister. The two sides have been at loggerheads ever since the Governor assumed office in 2019.

The Chief Minister is personally likely to take up the issue and start a movement demanding the Governor's removal from Bengal, sources

With the Governor often

she broke the protocol by not proceeding to receive the Governor who was the Chief

"Outrageous protocol vio-lation by CM... She did not receive Hon'ble Governor at Republic Day function. But he showed grace by walking uptoher and greeting her on this special National day. Her conduct left much to be desired and goes against the propriety and culture of WB", Adhikari said adding "the office of the Chief Minister has been disgraced like never before."

Adhikari staged a short dharna at a Vikas Bhavan that houses Education Ministry demanding early opening of educational institutions.

"TheTMC Government has opened bars, liquor shops, malls and even allowed weddings with 200 people but has kept the educational institutions closed ... this is because they do not want educated people in Bengal as after getting education they will want jobs which the Government cannot create," Adhikari said.

Padma Award for Azad not on merit: Cong

Bengaluru: Senior Congress leader M Veerappa Moily said on Thursday the Narendra Modi Government's decision to confer Padma Bhushan on Ghulam Nabi Azad was a political one and not based on

He said the former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister should not accept the award if he thinks that it harms the interest of the Congress party.

"Narendra Modi took a political decision," Moily told PTI here. "They have taken a decision politically; not weighing on any merit or otherwise. Now, it's for him (Azad) to take a decision (on whether to accept or decline the

The former Union Minister, who was among the Congress group of 23 leaders who wrote to the party chief Sonia Gandhi in 2020 seeking internal reforms, said Azad should think whether it's in the interest of the party or not before accepting it.

Kerala HC acquits ultras in Kozhikode twin blast case

Court quashes life sentence in blast that shook Kozhikode in March 2006

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI ADivision Bench of the Kerala High Court on extremists of all charges in connection with the twin blast cases that shook Kozhikode city on 3rd March 2006. Judges Vinod K Chandran and AA Ziyad Rehman quashed the life sentences slapped on Thadiyantevida Nazeer and Shafaz by the NIA special court and set them free.

The twin blast cases which was investigated by the Kerala

Thursday acquitted two alleged Police was transferred to the National Investigating Agency in 2009 which arrested Nazeer and Shafaz along with other accused persons

The prosecution charge was that the accused resorted to the twin blasts following the denial of bail to the persons who were arrested for the 2003 Maradu massacre in which eight Hindu fishermen were

While allowing the appeal filed by Nazeer and Shafaz questioning the trial court verdict, the High Court came down heavily on the NIA for its lopsided investigation. "The case has been set up by the prosecution merely on surmises and conjectures, which the Trial Court swallowed without further ado and throwing to the winds the funda-

transferred to the National Investigating Agency in 2009 which arrested Nazeer and Shafaz along with other accused persons

mental principles of criminal jurisprudence. It is pointed out that the charge under the **Explosive Substances Act could** not have been levelled, since

the Act provides a consent of the District Magistrate, from the year 2001 onwards, which has not been obtained," said the The NIA came under

violence, lack of model politi-

cal culture, alleged politiciza-

tion of bureaucracy and disre-

gard for the gubernatorial chair

the Bengal ruling outfit have-

often accused Dhankhar of

converting the Raj Bhavan into

ensued on Thursday when

Bengal Opposition Leader

Suvendu Adhikari attacked the

Chief Minister for subverting

the dignity of her chair ... she

has been conducting herself in

most undignified manner. He

earlier said how during the

Republic Day Parade in Kolkata

One such war of words

a BJP party office.

scathing attack by the Division Bench. "The investigating agency has carried out no investigation and has put words into the mouth of the accused, recorded them as disclosure statements, which is the only

basis of the conviction. The conduct of the Court below is seriously assailed for having not considered the objections raised by the defence, in the course of chief-examination regarding the admissibility of the confessions; which are quite a few in number," they

The Division Bench also pointed out that the seventh

for Panchayath members has

Local Administration under

the Kerala Government has

and collaboration with the

CG3 and this is expected to

turn a new page in the history

of local governance in the

Dr Pillay.

the NIA's allegations were based on his statement. "The only evidence before Court was that of the approver and the lack of identification demolishes the prosecution case.

There were four persons in the dock and each should have been identified separately by pointing them out from the dock by their position, dress or stand-out features," said the

Jammu-Srinagar

All Cong corporators join NCP ahead of Malegaon civic polls

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{n}}$ a political coup of sorts pulled off by the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) ahead of the Malegaon Municipal Corporation (MMC) elections, all the 28 Congress corporators - including current Mayor Tahera Shaikh Rashid - on Thursday defected to the NCP, thus causing an earthquake in the State Congress.

In a development that that diminished the Congress in the Muslim-dominated town in north Maharashtra but also NCP and Congress which are constituents in the Shiv Senaled Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), the 28 Congress corporators joined the Sharad Pawar-led party in the presence of Deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, state party president Jayant Patil, senior minister Chhagan Bhujbal and Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik.

At a function held at the state party quarters in south Mumbai, Malegaon Mayor Tahera Shaikh, her husband, former MLA and current cor-

degrees temp

corporators entered the NCP, taking the NCP's strength from the 20 corporators to 48 corporators. Hitherto, the Congress and NCP were ruling the MMC as an alliance.

Informed sources said that Thursday's mass-defection was an off-shoot of the resignation tendered by Rashid Shaikh as the Malegaon Congress president last year. Though the State Congress had thought that the crisis triggered by Shaikh's resignation had blown over, his wife and MMC Mayor Tahera Shaikh dropped the Gandhi-led party and led the entire team of disgruntled party corporators into the NCP. Though jolted to the core,

Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole sought to underplay the development, by saying this kind of defections did happen in politics and that some people from the NCP would soon be joining his party.

"Some persons from Congress have joined the NCP. Similarly, a few people from NCP will also be joining us. But, I am not revealing details

MVA, but this is after all politics," Patole said.

With the defection of the 28 Congress corporators to the NCP, the political arithmetic has vastly changed in the powerloom town of Malegaon in general and the MMC in particular in the run-up the local civic body polls scheduled to be held next month.

Prior to the defection of the 28 Congress corporators to the NCP, the party-wise breakup in the MMC was as follows: Congress 28, NCP 20, Shiv Sena 12, BJP 9, AIMIM 7 and defection of corporators from Congress to the Congress, the Sharad Pawar-led party's strength has gone to 48, while the Congress reduced to zero.

Earlier, welcoming 28 Congress corporators to his party fold, deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar recalled that Rashid Shaikh, who was elected to the State Assembly in 1999, was taking along with him all sections of the society in Malegaon. "Our party president Sharad Pawar has believed and practised inclusiveness in politics.

'Panchayati Raj laws need amendments'

Kerala Ex-Panchayati Raj Secy seeks to strengthen local govt system

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Tndia's Panchayath Raj laws Ineed urgent amendments and reforms to make the local government system more effective and strong, according to S M Vijayanand, Chairman. Kerala's Finance Commission. Vijayanand, former chief secretary to Government of Kerala who is the longest serving Panchayath Raj Secretary in the State, wanted the system of 50 per cent reservation of local government seats for women and scheduled caste/scheduled tribe should be reformed at the

Interactions with those government bodies under these categories revealed the truth that they were not at all interested in taking up major works in their wards. This is because the reservation of the ward from where they get elected would become general ward in the subsequent election and the chances of them getting reelected become bleak.

A member should get minimum tenure of two terms to undertake major initiatives," Vijayanand told a congregation of senior lawyers, judges,

Panchayat raj members in a seminar held to mark the conclusion of the ninth and last workshop organized by CG3 (Connecting Governed, Governing and Governance), an initiative launched to empower local body members to take up causes for their elec-The veteran IAS officer,

who is rated as one of the master brains in the country in the system of decentralisation of power reiterated that those in power dare to bring in antipeople measures because of the failure of Grama Sabhas and Ward Committees which he described as the Basic Units of "What former Prime

Minister Rajiv Gandhi dreamt was transferring power to people . He had visualised Grama Sabhas and Ward Committees as institutions which were as important as legislatures and parliament. If these Grama Sabhas and Ward Committees do not succeed, the concept of decentralisation too fail," said Vijayanand.

While exhorting the local body members to reject populism, he said they could play a major role in eliminating corruption. "Always bear in mind the fact that local self governare part of federalism.

The Panchayath Raj institutions should have the power and right to tax.," he said.

According to Vijayanand, Kerala would not have experienced the deluge and landslides it suffered since 2018 had the local self governments made use of their power and freedom effectively. The massive floods and

landslides in the State were fall out of the failure to implement the recommendations of the Madhav Gadgil Committee that was constituted to preserve Ghats, the water tower of South India. Massive deforestation and quarrying had almost robbed the Ghats of its rain

The Local Self bodies in Kerala which had the power to accept the recommendations of Madhav Gadgil Committee in totality failed to do so because of the intervention of vested interests. Had these local bodies put their foot down, the State administration would not have been able to over rule

highway closed for 2nd day after Kylasanadha Pillay, senior fresh landslide advocate, Supreme Court, who conceived the concept of CG3 disclosed that LAMP (Legal Jammu: The Jammu-Srinagar Awareness and Motivation national highway was closed for Programme), a mission to take vehicular traffic for the second legal awareness to schools and consecutive day on Thursday students have found takers due to a landslide in Ramban from Kayamkulam in Kerala to district, sources said. Nepal. "Though the workshop The 270-km-long stretch,

concluded, we are launching ing Kashmir with the rest of the the next step of CG3. The country, was blocked by a landmembers of urban local bodies slide in the Panthiyal area in would be trained in taking up Rambam, they said. the causes of the people," said As a result, hundreds of The Kerala Institute of

vehicles are stranded at different points on the highway, they added.

the only all-weather road link-

Men and machinery have

for the traffic, the sources said. The highway was closed on Wednesday after a landslide in the Duggi area of the district.

ABVP seeks resumption of classes in all edu institutions, holds demonstration in Kolkata



after offering prayers on the banks of Ganga river, during the ongoing Magh Mela festival in Prayagraj on Thursday

BJP bent upon making youth sell pakoras: Mayawati on Rly job aspirants' violence

Lucknow: Amidst continuing unrest among railway job aspirants in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, BSP chief Mayawati on Thursday accused the BJP of having a narrow mindset of making the youth sell "pako-

"There has been a huge uproar in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar over UPTNT and now over Railways' RRB-NTPC results, this is a proof of the failure of the governments. Beating up poor and unemployed youths for protesting, and playing with their future is totally unjustified," she said in a tweet in Hindi.

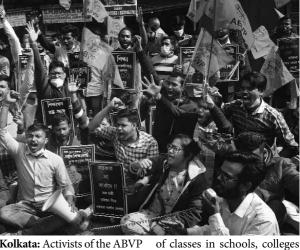
"Due to the wrong policies

of the government, poverty and unemployment have reached the peak. Government jobs and reservation facility in them have become secondary. In such a situation, it is unjust to not have the examination even for small government jobs for years. BJP should change its narrow mindset of making the youth sell 'pakoras' (snacks)," she added.

Mayawati was apparently referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's comments during an interview to a TV news channel in 2018 that selling pakoras is also a form of employment and can be seen in the light of "job creation".

Meanwhile, the railways had on Wednesday suspended its Non Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) and Level 1 exams after candidates went on a rampage in some states alleging irregularities in the process, whilst minister Ashwini Vaishnaw urged them not to destroy public property and assured redressal of their

On Tuesday, the railways had issued a general notice, warning its job aspirants that those found involved in vandalism and unlawful activities while protesting would be barred from ever getting recruited in the railways. *PTI*



Kolkata: Activists of the ABVP on Thursday staged a demonstration outside the main campus of the Calcutta University demanding that schools, col-leges and universities be reopened in the interest of students.

Saptarshi Sarkar, the national secretary of the right-wing students' organisation, told PTI that its activists had gathered near the main gate of Calcutta University's college street campus to hold a peaceful demonstration, but the police forced them to vacate the spot.

"The area was suddenly cordoned off by the police. Out activists did not get into any confrontation and left the spot A woman member of the outfit was, however, injured in the

Sarkar said the demon-

and universities, given the fact that the COVID-19 situation was showing signs of improvement and "everything else from malls to restaurants and bars are in operation". Describing the state gov-

ernment's 'Paray Sikshalay' initiave as a "farce", he said normal classes should resume at the earliest as "students had been suffering for about two Under the 'Paray Sikshalay'

project, the state government has decided to hold classes in the open for pre-primary and primary students of state-run chools. A Kolkata Police officer

said around 50 ABVP activists, who had assembled before the CU main gate around 2 pm, were dispersed without the

Biting cold in Gulmarg as mercury dips in Valley Gulmarg and Pahalgam reeling under extreme cold, officials Summer capital nearby south Kashmir town of degrees Celsius the previous on December 21 last Kokernag recorded a low of Srinagar records Pahalgam, which also said here on Thursday. minus 4.3 degrees Celsius. Srinagar, the summer capserves as the base camp for the The minimum temperaminus 1.3 ital of Jammu and Kashmir,

degrees Celsius - down from 1.3 degrees Celsius the previous Srinagar: The minimum temnight, they said. Gulmarg recorded a low of perature across Kashmir plunged below the freezing minus 10 degrees Celsius point with the tourist resorts of

recorded a low of minus 1.3

annual Amarnath yatra, recorded a low of minus 10.9 degrees Celsius - down from the previous night's minus 5.6 degrees Celsius, they said.

The officials said Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus harshest winter period known slightly up from minus 10.4 0.2 degrees Celsius, while the as 'Chilla-i-Kalan' which began

ture in Kupwara in north Kashmir settled at a low of minus 3.4degrees Celsius. Kashmir valley is currently under the grip of the 40-day

'Chilla-i-Kalan' is a period when a cold wave grips the

region and the temperature drops considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies including the famous Dal Lake here as well as the water supply lines in several parts of the

The chances of snowfall are

mum during this period and most areas, especially in the higher reaches, receive heavy to very heavy snowfall. The 'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31, but the cold wave

the most frequent and maxi-

continues even after that in Kashmir with a 20-day-long 'Chillai-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10-day-long 'Chillai Bachha' (baby cold). *PT*

melee," Sarkar said strators demanded resumption

use of any force.

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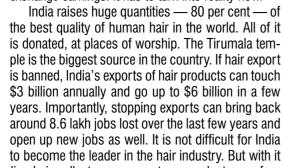
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Scalping hair

India exports hair but there's more moolah if it turns to the hair products industry

■ uman hair can cause hair-raising problems and the Indian Government is waking up to the reality. If India has a commodity that can never become scarce, grows for free, and has the most of it in the world, it is human hair. Yet, India gets no benefit from this asset because it is not the leader of the hair products industry. It is merely an exporter. Between April-November last, hair exports stood at \$144.26 million. The pandemic lowered these to \$15.28 million in 2020-21. Exports are also hurt by rampant smuggling. Smugglers hire people to collect raw hair and illegally move it in bulk to some East Asian countries. The allegation is the hair is processed there and sent across to China, which makes wigs and hairpieces and exports them for a tidy profit. Hair products manufacturers and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence could not end smuggling despite best efforts. It is estimated that around 16,000 tonne of human hair are smuggled even now. Finally, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade stepped in this week and placed human hair in the restricted export category. That should help genuine exporters. However, it is time the industry shifted from exporting hair to exporting hair products. There is some talk of improving value addition in export products from

India, like wigs and hairpieces, to increase foreign exchange earnings. It has to turn into reality now.



comes the responsibility that Indian hair collectors, aggregators, product manufacturers and exporters are unaware of. For instance, the collection of hair from nontemple areas like salons and the villages is not organised at all. Planned collection can earn regular employment for rag-pickers. It can reduce the clogging of hair in pipes and sewers — the biggest contributor to rising plumbing costs. India should have expertise in synthetic hair materials and products to be able to compete with countries that lack natural hair. That the production of polymers, used to make synthetic hair products, leads to several environmental problems is another complication on the way. Indian manufacturers need to speed up research into a key area the life cycle of hair products. At present, the products have a short life and are deemed disposable. If these are designed for a circular economy where they can be recycled, reconditioned and remanufactured, they can help reduce the demand for hair.

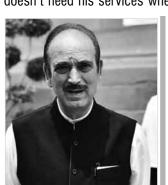


Fishermen row their boats in the Arabian Sea near the Bandra-Worli Sea Link, in Mumbai

Missing focus

Rather than taking a jibe at Azad, the Congress will do well to get ready for Assembly polls

he announcement of the Padma Bhushan for senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad has set the cat among the pigeons in the 'grand old party'. While several party members — especially those belonging to the so-called G23 have congratulated him for being named for the prestigious award, there understandably is a section that is miffed with the Kashmiri leader for accepting the honour. The prominent Congress leaders from among the G23 who supported Azad include Kapil Sibal and Shashi Tharoor, with Sibal even calling it "ironic that the Congress doesn't need his services when the nation recognises his contributions", but the



party's chief whip in the Rajya Sabha Jairam Ramesh took a swipe at Azad, hinting that the latter should have refused to accept the honour. Even though the reasons for the upset section's grouse are not being explained openly, it is being speculated that these leaders are not happy with Azad as he has accepted the award from the BJP-led Government. Now, to put matters in the right perspective, even though the honour may have been bestowed upon Azad during the BJP-led Government's rule at the Centre, it can by no stretch of imagination be counted as coming from the Bharatiya Janata Party.

It has simply been announced by the Government of India, by the President who is the executive head of the sovereign Republic. However, the upset colleagues refuse to subscribe to this view and, in this context, are even citing the "example set by" former West Bengal Chief Minister and CPM leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, who has since refused to accept the award. Now Bhattacharjee's reasons and circumstances could be totally different from Azad's who has been for a long time now sidelined within the party and practically forced into oblivion. Had the Congress been treating him fairly, even of late, there was a possibility that the Kashmiri leader might have considered the wishes of the party old guard and high command. But now that he has been left to his own devices, there is no justification in trying to vilify him, especially for something which isn't even his own doing. It's time that the Congress, which is already in a visible state of decline across the country, had a relook at its priorities and kept its focus on Assembly election in the five States that are going to polls within days from now.

Why Buddhadeb said no to Padma Bhushan PRAFUI



It could have been an opportunity to re-enter the mainstream of politics; in India, there is increasing space for politicians of quality

t is a pity that Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, West Bengal's former Chief Minister, has refused to accept the Padma Bhushan he was offered this Republic Day by the President of India. The offer was not from the Bharatiya Janata Party Government or the Prime Minister. Even his refusal was confused; no one informed him or any member of his family, said Buddhababu, as if that was the reason for declining the honour. The late Jyoti Basu had declined the opportunity of becoming a coalition Prime Minister when Deve Gowda had to resign as the PM. Later, he described it as "a historical blunder". The immediate reason given then was his party, the CPM, did not permit him to accept the post. While one might not question the genuineness of these persons in not accepting the honour/executive post, their refusals certainly do say something.
With the demise of Marxism

as an ideology the world over, these could be the little opportunities to re-enter the mainstream of politics, at the Centre or in States. Why not seize them like floral bouquets? Is there something inherently different about communists? It is true that in Eastern Europe, some of them have managed to creep into the mainstream. However, in Europe, politics has swung towards the Right, especially because of a wave of migrants from Africa and Arabia, more so from Syria. In India, the Left is vacant without any prejudicial obstruction as in Europe. In fact, in our country there has been increasing space for politicians of quality; the Congress continues its decline, which increasingly looks terminal, while no replacement for it as a national Opposition has come up. The communists cannot, it appears, see this widen-

Is this because the communists are essentially trade union leaders and not politicians? When their trade unions weaken, they sink with their cadres. In the free world, Margaret experiment is unique and Thatcher blew the whistle and best the Left could do in although one must add that it

response to her uncompromising right-wing way of rule was to bring forth Tony Blair, but with the novel label of New Labour, which shunned Leftism during its 10 years in power. The Soviet Union collapsed and scattered into 16 Republics with the advent of the 1990s. The French and Italian communist parties went virtually out of existence just a little

Nor did Leftism revive in the rest of Europe after 1991. China learnt its lesson from the Soviet Union and converted itself into a pseudocapitalist system. The Beijing experiment is a novel one with the Communist Party of China owning the armed forces and controlling, with shares, many or most of China's mega enterprises. This was done perhaps with the objective of thwarting any revolt against the regime. Citizens there aren't allowed to set up a political party to compete for votes. But isn't this a new version of fascism? Can it last? If so, for how

long? After all, the CPC members are not blood relations, and they cannot remain beholden Nevertneless, the Unines has been studied by experts,



IN INDIA, THE LEFT IS VACANT WITHOUT ANY **PREJUDICIAL** OBSTRUCTION. THE CONGRESS **CONTINUES ITS** DECLINE, WHICH **INCREASINGLY** LOOKS TERMINAL, WHILE NO REPLACEMENT FOR IT AS A NATIONAL **OPPOSITION** HAS COME UP is a work in progress.

Until the 18th century, particularly Christianity, provided the governing ideologies through monarchs. The French Revolution shook up this ideological duality and gave birth to a kind of pseudonationalism. To prevent nationalism being used or misused by capitalists, the communists supported by the industrial classes became the antidote to the Soviet Union in the lead. The spectre of communism spreading throughout the continent and engulfing European civilisation was very real, and it was in order to prevent such an eventuality that fascism was born. It first came into being in Italy under Benito Mussolini and was soon adopted by Adolf Hitler in Germany with all its consequences, particularly WWII. Today, both communism and fascism have virtually expired. Some former communists believe that they lost because of their lack of democratic functioning within the party. There can be no denying that parties that spawned and brought this ideology to power acquired dictatorial authority over their respective countries. The result was that the fascist leadership did not

nor authentic information about how people felt, or where their country was headed. Third, people in the world outside also did not come to know as to what was happening in a particular

communist country. Regimes did not change often; it was only when a revolutionary cataclysm took place that everyone, inside and outside the country, became aware of what had been wrong. By the time they did become aware, they found that it was too late; they were swept away by the tide of change. It needs no reiteration that communism as an ideology has no future anywhere in the world. Places like China and North Korea have to use the State's brute muscle to remain in power. For any political future in free countries, former communists have to jettison their hidebound mindset and embrace a democratic way of functioning, beginning with their own parties.

But given the inherent contradiction between democracy and communism, this does not look like materialising.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEAVE GHULAM NABI AZAD ALONE

Sir —Those who believe in the adage, "Coming events cast their shadow earlier" were already perking their ears when the Prime Minister got emotional and broke down during Ghulam Nabi Azad's farewell function in February last year due to his long association with the latter. Now, several people, including some of Azad's colleagues, are casting aspersions on him upon being conferred the prestigious Padma Bhushan, though some expressed happiness and extended their greetings. Among the G-23 members, Anand Sharma heaped praise on his friend being awarded the country's third highest honour but Kapil Sibal's tweet, 'Congratulations bhaijan; ironic that Congress does not need his services when the nation recognises his contributions to the public service", carried a sarcastic touch.

Jairam Ramesh came up with the phrase "Ghulam, not Azad" (enslaved, not free) and simultaneously referred to former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee who refused to accept the honour. Film star-turnedpolitician Raj Babbar, however, felicitated Ghulam Nabi Azad, calling him an elder brother whose immaculate public life and commitment to Gandhian ideals have always been an inspiration. The Congress leadership, meanwhile, has maintained a studied silence. All these scenarios have made public the ideological fissures continuing unabated among the grand old party members.

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

DON'T LET THE GUARD DOWN

Sir —On the one hand, the spirit of people has been just amazing and an example is the way people have been venturing out in large numbers to celebrate festivals and functions. On the other hand, most people have been turning a blind eye to the current COVID status, especially in the wake of the Omicron variant, by not wearing masks. Ignoring such serious yet simple protocols as wearing masks, these people pose a great threat to society. Incidentally, I see numerous

Arunachal teen returns home



t's heartening to know that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has handed over 17year-old Miram Taron from Zido, in Upper

Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, to the Indian Army. The matter of Miram's kidnapping was first reported by BJP MP Tapir Gao. though the PLA had denied the kidnapping allegation. Instead, it claimed that he "illegally entered Chinese territory... and then was routinely questioned ...and given humanitarian assistance". Kudos to our Army for pur-

people venturing out for their daily needs without wearing masks. Sticking to my own mask, I have been advising to wear masks to many people in my native areas in Tamil Nadu.

As for the Omicron threat, it depends on us to keep away these fears. Even though vaccination has been a big hit worldwide, people should come out only after wearing masks. Plus, the Government and all media houses should come forward to churn out daily local feeds about important Corona protocols with a strong message and celebrity voice/word of advice. After all, countries have to look into their economic needs like agriculture activities and industrial operations. For this, the international community must come out of the COVID loop soon.

P Senthil Saravana Durai

KICKING UP A CONTROVERSY

Sir — This refers to three different issues, with the common agenda to defame Prime Minister Modi, that are hitting the headsuing the case meticulously with the PLA and safely securing our Miram back home. This is not the first such incident. In March 2020.

obtain any regular feedback

a 21-year-old was kidnapped by the PLA from the Asaphila area in the same district and was returned after two weeks.

On September 3, 2020, five youth of

Tagin community, engaged as porters for the Indian Army, were captured by the PLA on the McMahon line and returned home after 10 days. The reason for this type of dispute with China and why our citizens are continuously harassed is that Upper Siang district shares the boundary with China. People from Arunachal Pradesh often go into the interiors for hunting and inadvertently cross the

border. To stop it permanently, some barbed

wire barricade on the border with China or

other method should be resorted to. Who

knows it may create a major problem for both the nations one day? **Bidyut Kumar Chatterjee** | Faridabad

lines in media during the last three days. I would like to repudiate these one by one. The first issue pertains to withdrawal of "Abide with me" from the Beating Retreat ceremony. The Scottish-origin tune has been replaced by Lata Mangeshkar's pop-

ular "Ae mere watan ke logo". The second controversy which should be laid to rest is the shifting of Amar Jawan Jyoti to the National War Memorial. The eternal flame at India Gate has still not been extinguished. The third dissent is the refusal to accept the Padma Vibhushan bestowed on former West Bengal Chief Minister Budhadeb Bhattacharjee and its acceptance by Ghulam Nabi Azad, with castigation of the latter by his party colleagues. The corollary of all these uncalled-for situations is that since all this has been done by the Modi dispensation, it is not acceptable to those who hate him

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national duty to follow the precau tions suggested by our scientists and experts.



President - Ram Nath Kovind



must return to schools, women to work. Our religion allows it.

Afghan ex-President

— Hamid Karzai

I feel proud when I watch a patriotic film... Films have the power to evoke that emotion



- Rakul Preet Singh



normally are part of life when you are in sports. But not

Indian women's football coach Thomas Dennerby

I know nothing about this award (Padma). If they've decided to offer it to me, I refuse to accept it



West Bengal ex-CM Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee

FRST COLUMN PRE-POLL GUARANTEES FILL UP'S HORIZON

Freebies do represent unfulfilled aspirations and needs of society



VIRENDRA SINGH RAWAT

Ith the election fever in Uttar Pradesh gaining momentum, prepoll promises of freebies by major political parties are filling the horizon of the poll-bound state. Samajwadi Party (SP) has taken the lead in promising doles. Congress and comparatively new entrant Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have zealously spiced up the freebie pot as well. These freebies pertain to free electricity, unemployment dole, pension for targetted sections, crop loan waiver, free two-wheelers for girls, etc. Considering there are about 28 million power consumers in UP, of which the domestic connections comprise 24 million, the promise of free power by competing political parties has created the maximum buzz in the media and the public alike. Taking a leaf from its gainful experience in Delhi, where it the ruling party, AAP has announced to provide 300 units of free electricity to domestic consumers if voted to power. It also promised to waive off out-



standing power bills and give free power to farmers if it formed the UP Government. Besides, Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia had also announced to provide ₹5,000 unemployment dole per annum to the beneficiaries. Not to be left behind in the pre-poll math, SP president Akhilesh Yadav also announced to provide free power up to 300 units to all households. Yadav promised ₹25 lakh ex-gratia to the kin of the farmers who died during the recent protest against the central farm laws. Meanwhile, Congress has promised to give smartphones and electric two-wheelers to girls if the grand old party forms the next UP Government after more than three decades of political wilderness in the State. Moreover, the party has talked about increasing pension for widows and senior citizens, increasing honorarium for ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) and Anganwadi workers, free bus travel for women, three free gas cylinders a year, etc.

Interestingly, Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) has promised to double the ex gratia payment under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana from ₹6,000 to ₹12,000 if it forms the next Government. Meanwhile, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is yet to release its official poll manifesto, which the party calls 'Sankalp Patra'. The party had gained immensely from its pre-poll promise of crop loans waiver in the runup to the 2017 UP elections. After coming to power, the BJP government of Yogi Adityanath, in its first cabinet meeting on April 4, 2017, had approved to waive crop loans worth almost ₹36,000 crore, projected to benefit 8.6 million small and marginal farmers. The flagship crop loan waiver scheme was hailed as a game changer for the party. In its recent Supplementary Budget of nearly ₹8,500 crore for 2021-22, the Yogi Government allocated about ₹4,000 crore for the bottom of the pyramid sections, viz., unorganised workers, including farm labourers, sharecroppers, and street vendors to be distributed as social security payment or doles. Besides, ₹670 crore was allocated for senior citizens and farmers' pension schemes, wherein their payout was increased from ₹500 to ₹1,000 a month. This is estimated to benefit more than 5.6 million elderly persons in the state. The financial grant to the differently-abled was doubled and the honorarium of shikshamitras hiked by ₹2,000 a month. Freebies do represent the unfulfilled aspirations and needs of the society, while on the other, they cast a taint on the tendency of pre-poll allurements to gain advantage at the hustings. A discerning voter is expected to make an informed choice before casting his/her vote to keep the Indian democracy healthy and vibrant beyond the narrow boundary of pre-poll guarantees.

(The writer is a senior journalist. The views expressed

are personal.)

Texas crisis exposes Pakistan's tentacles



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There are no US-Nato forces in Afghanistan and rogue elements have the entire country to themselves to train Pak-backed militants, suicide bombers

he Texas hostage crisis at a synagogue that US President Joe Biden called an 'act of terror' has been resolved with the release of four hostages and the death of the hostage-taker but the dreadful situation has brought back the focus on Al Qaeda and its Pakistan connection.

The hostage taker identified by FBI as a British citizen named Malik Faisal Akram demanded for release of a terrorist in the US prison called 'Lady Al Qaeda', who is a Pakistan-born neuroscientist, Aafia Siddiqui. The case of the so-called Lady Al Qaeda has exposed links of Pakistan government, Al Qaeda and Taliban as Islamabad has joined forces with the terror groups to seek release of Aafia Siddiqui from the US prison.

The hostage-taker, Malik Faisal Akram, who stormed a Texas synagogue on the Sabbath and was holding hostages before he was shot and killed was demanding the release of 'Lady Al Qaeda,' who is serving 86 years in a federal prison less than 30 miles from where the hostage standoff took place for attempting to murder US soldiers in Afghanistan.

Siddiqui was arrested in Afghanistan in 2008 with cyanide and plans to attack the Brooklyn Bridge and Empire State Building. Later she was extradited to the US and convicted in 2010. The demand for her release has brought a number of terror and jihadists groups together along with Pakistan establishment, who have been plotting or negotiating to seek Siddiqui's release. Terror groups in Pakistan, Afghanistan, who have taken US citizens hostage have tried to negotiate with the US Government offering they would free US citizens in return for Siddiqui's release.

This curious case of Aafia has also exposed how Al Qaeda, Taliban and Pakistan government are operating hand in glove with one another. Their causes are common and they work in collaboration with each other keeping the terror network very much activated.

Aafia was born in Karachi, Sindh in Pakistan to a Sunni family and later went to the US to study. Aafia returned to Pakistan from America for a time following the 9/11 attacks and again in 2003 during the war in Afghanistan. Khalid Sheikh Muhammad, a Pakistani Islamist militant and the principal architect of the 9/11 attacks, held by the US at the Guantanamo Bay detention camp, named Aafia as a courier and financier for Al-Qaeda. She was later placed on the FBI Seeking Information- Terrorism list and remains the only woman to have been featured on this list.

Pakistanis view her as the 'national symbol of honor and victimization' and the Pakistani news media have called her trial a 'farce' and 'politicized' from the start. In July 2019, while visiting Washington DC, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan suggested Siddiqui should be exchanged for



PAKISTAN HAS

BEEN DISOWNING TERRORISTS OF PAK ORIGIN WHENEVER THEY ARE ARRESTED IN OTHER COUNTRIES **BUT NOT SO IN** THE CASE OF AAFIA. IN AUGUST 2009, PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER YUSUF RAZA **GILANI MET** WITH SIDDIQUI'S SISTER AT HIS RESIDENCE AND **ASSURED HER** THAT PAKISTAN **WOULD SEEK** HER RELEASE FROM THE US



Shakil Afridi, a Pakistani doctor accused of helping the Americans confirm the identity of Osama bin Laden, in advance of the raid where he was killed.

Earlier, the Pakistan embassy in the US hired a three-person defence team to supplement Al Qaida terrorist Aafia's two existing public defenders during her trial. The Pakistani government paid \$2 million for the services of three lawyers to assist in the defense of Siddiqui during the trial. This is a curious case, where a Government has so openly come out to support an Al Qaeda terrorist exposing its own nefarious designs, how Pakistan harbours Al Qaeda militants and uses them too, all the while giving false assurances to the Americans that it is helping them to finish Al Qaeda, which is very much active and calling shots more after lying low for some time until the Taliban consolidated its takeover of Afghanistan in 2021.

Terror groups carried out a number of attacks to take revenge for Aafia's imprisonment, which again exposes whether it is Al Qaeda, Taliban or Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan or Haqqani netwok or JeM; they all are one when it nationals or people of other religions. They join forces with covert support from Pakistani establishment to target whom they brand as an 'enemy of Islam.' According to a video released by Hakimullah Mehsud, head of the Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) at the time, the 2009 Camp Chapman attack in Afghanistan that killed seven CIA officers was partly in revenge for Aafia's imprisonment. The 2010 Times Square car-bombing attempt

occurred one day after Mehsud released another video promising to avenge Siddiqui. The perpetrator of the attempt was Faisal Shahzad, a recently naturalized Pakistan-born citizen who had contacts with Jaish-e-Muhammad and Hakimullah Mehsud.

The Taliban threatened to execute US soldier Bowe Bergdahl, whom they had captured in 2009 in retaliation for Lady Al Qaeda - Siddiqui's conviction. Bergdahl was later released in 2014 in exchange for five Guantanamo Bay detainees. In September 2010, the Taliban kidnapped Linda Norgrove, a Scottish aid worker in Afghanistan, and Taliban commanders insisted Norgrove would be handed over only in exchange for Siddiqui. But later Norgrove was accidentally killed. In July 2011, then-deputy of the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan, Waliur Rehman, announced that they wanted to swap Siddiqui for two Swiss citizens abducted in Balochistan. The Swiss couple escaped in March 2012.

In December 2011, al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri demanded the release of Siddiqui in exchange for Warren Weinstein, an American aid worker kidnapped in Pakistan in August 2011. Weinstein was accidentally killed in a drone strike in January 2015

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Al Qaeda, Taliban, TTP and a host of other affiliated outfits have been kidnapping Americans, Europeans to make an exchange offer for Siqqiqui's release and the recent hostage taking in a Texas synagogue is just another incident in the long series of events for several years. Given Pakistan's insistence on release of Siddiqui, now questions are being raised whether

all the kidnappings, hostage takings for Siddiqui was at the behest of Pakistan or whether Pakistan gave a tacit approval for the same? Pakistan's role in these terror activities has become more and more suspect

Pakistan has been disowning terrorists of Pak origin whenever they are arrested in other countries but not so in the case of Aafia. In August 2009, Pakistani Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani met with Siddiqui's sister at his residence and assured her that Pakistan would seek her release from the US. In 2010, President Asif Ali Zardari requested Richard Holbrooke, US Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan, that the U.S. considers repatriating Siddiqui to Pakistan under the Pakistan-US Prisoner Exchange Agreement. Siddiqui, who had links to al Qaeda and the banned jihadi group Jaish-e-Muhammad has received support not only from Islamic terror groups but Pakistan Government too and this in itself is a clear sign of hobnobbing between jihadists and

The latest hostage crisis at a Texas synagogue and number of similar incidents in Af-Pak demanding release of Lady Al Qaeda must be taken as a warning; the threat of Al Qaeda remains imminent, Taliban takeover of Afghanistan would only worsen it. Now there are no US- Nato forces in the region to check these rogue elements and they have the entire Afghanistan to themselves to train militants and suicide bombers backed by Pakistan government and ISI; this is a dangerous scenario and the sooner the world takes note

journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

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Sardar Patel's rationale for a permanent civil service

Principles of new public management are needed to make administration facilitatory, rather than regulatory, to private enterprise and capital

ood Governance is necessary for development and citizen's satisfaction. One of the indicators used by the World Bank to measure Governance is its Effectiveness, measured in terms of the quality of the civil service and the degree of its indepen-dence from political pressures, the quality of policy formulation and implementation, and the credibility of the government's commitment to such policies. India has improved its Percentile Rank in Governance Effectiveness, but remains low (66.8), much below Denmark and Norway (98), Australia (93.8), New Zealand (93) and even a single-party ruled country like China (72.6). Did our founding fathers err in

their vision for the Civil

Service?



MRINAL DUDI

As early as October, 1945, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had a resolution adopted at conference of Congress Chief Ministers authorising the setting up of two all-India services, the IAS and the IPS, to succeed the ICS (Indian Civil Service). Despite oppositions, Sardar Patel stood his ground for varied reasons - avoid an administrative gap and to retain the steel frame for a diverse republic as India.

A permanent civil servant isnot bound to any political party or leader, its autonom-ous nature makes it stand unique and therefore work independently for the welfare of society hence, is also accountable to the Constitution of India on which they take oath of allegiance. Patel's public acknowledgment of the patriotism and dedication



of public servants and his expression of trust in them, gave them the self-assurance without which they could not have given their best.

The services need to shed the colonial legacy that makes officers act as the rulers rather than as public servants. Rapid Assessment System (RAS) in which a generic technologyenabled platform is used for seeking real-time citizen feedback on public services have been tried in many countries with success.

A lack of articulated and consistent goals, mismatch from eight months to three market orientation. The main principle of NPM is to empha-

between authority and accountability which loosens the scope for fixing responsibility, duplication of roles, absence of a system of strong incentives or disincentives, in-adequate delegation or excessive discretion - all these bring slack in the system. Lean, accountable, empowered work teams with clear responsibilities are likely to deliver better results, as in the case of Elections, Census or disaster relief.

Interference by or collusion with politicians can come in the way of delivery of ser-vices as per rules. Sometimes, cases of transfer and posting receive greater attention that those of public policy. Tenures of officers are one indicator of the flux in the dynamic systems of governance. For example, tenures of Chief Medical Officers range from eight months to three

years across the States. While political engage-ment and participation in governance is essential for ensuring accountability, trans-parency and garnering citizen's perceptions, the bounds and norms of acceptable conduct are social constructs built over time.

The New Public

New Public Management (NPM) in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Scandinavian countries represented an attempt to make the public sector more businesslike and in order to increase the performance of government, private sector management principles borrowed. It seeks to borrow from the private sector principles of flexibili-ty, transparency, minimum Government, de-bureaucratisation, decentralisation and market orientation. The main

sise economy, efficiency, and effectiveness by downplaying the importance of regulation. It is not surprising that these countries score high on governance effectiveness index.

Today's government is trying to inject more specialists into the bureaucracy through lateral hires at the level of Director and Joint Secretary. Globally, countries like US, Belgium, UK, Australia have in fact institutionalized this practice as a part of their system. Debates around lateral hires have centered around perceived lack of rigour in the selection procedure. It is feared that due to the pressure of a fixed time con-tract, the lateral hires might not express or put forward their views freely and in an unbiased manner.

There is no doubt that India's permanent civil service

country's progress and development. While the country needs talent and exper-tise to man specialized assignment, Patel's ideals of permanent, unbiased, indepen-dent administrators who can work for the betterment of county with a loyalty to-wards the people and commitment to rule of law should be kept alive. The ideas of the Constitution makers need to be imbibed in the process of lateral hires. In addi-tion, principles of new public management need to be mainstreamed by amending our regulations to make the administration facilitatory, rather than regulatory to private enterprise and capital. This way the administration will be strengthened and made more relevant to current requirements.

needs reform. This is vital to the

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US response on Ukraine offers little optimism: Russia

The U.S. rejection of Russia's ■ main demands to resolve the crisis over Ukraine left little ground for optimism, the Kremlin said Thursday, while adding that dialogue was still possible.

Tensions have soared in recent weeks, as the United States and its NATO allies expressed concern that a buildup of about 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine signaled that Moscow planned to invade its ex-Soviet neighbor. Russia denies having any such designs — and has laid out a series of demands it says will improve security in Europe.

But as expected, the U.S. and the Western alliance firmly rejected any concessions on Wednesday, refusing to permanently ban Ukraine from joining NATO and saying allied deployments of troops and military equipment in Eastern Europe are nonnegotiable.

The U.S. did outline areas in which some of Russia's concerns might be addressed, possibly offering a path to de-escalation."There is no change, there will be no change," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, repeating the warning that any Russian incursion into Ukraine would be met with massive consequences and severe economic costs.All eyes are now on President Vladimir Putin, who will decide how Russia will respond amid fears that Europe could again be plunged into

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that response from the U.S. – and a similar one from NATO left "little ground for optimism." At same time, he added that "there always are prospects for continuing a dialogue, it's in interests of both us and Americans." Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov noted that U.S. response contained some elements that could lead to "the start of a serious talk on secondary issues" but emphasized that "the document contains no positive response on the main issue." Those are the Russian demands for the nonexpansion of NATO and the non-deployment of weapons that may threaten Russia.

Lavrov told reporters that top officials will now submit their proposals to Putin, who has the American response, and Peskov said the Russian reaction would come soon.

The evasive official comments reflect the fact that it's Putin who will single-handedly determine Russia's next moves. The Russian leader has warned that he would order unspecified "military-technical measures" if the West refuses to heed the demands.

Peskov added that Putin and U.S. President Joe Biden will decide whether they need to have another conversation following two calls last month.While the diplomacy sputters on, so, too, do maneuvers that have escalated ten-

Russia has launched a series of military drills: Motorized infantry and artillery units in southwestern Russia practiced firing live ammunition, warplanes in Kaliningrad on Baltic Sea performed bombing runs, dozens of warships sailed for training exercises in the Black Sea and the Arctic, and Russian fighter jets and paratroopers arrived in Belarus for joint war games.

Meanwhile, NATO said it was bolstering its deterrence in the Baltic Sea region, and the U.S. ordered 8,500 troops on higher alert for potential deployment to Europe.

Amid the tensions, thousands of Ukrainians expressed their resolve to stand up to the Russian pressure under the hashtag #ŪkrainiansWillResist on Twitter and Facebook. "No one will force Ukrainians to accept the Kremlin ultimatum," wrote Andrii Levus, who initiated the online campaign.

Beyond the fears of a Russian invasion in Ukraine, there also has been speculation that Moscow's response could include military deployments to the Western Hemisphere.

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While a senior Russian diplomat recently pointedly refused to rule out such deployments to Cuba and Venezuela, a top Putin associate expressed skep-ticism Thursday at that prospect.
"Cuba and Venezuela are

aiming to come out of isolation and restore normal relations AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE with the U.S. to a certain extent, WASHINGTON so there can't be any talk about setting up a base there as happened during the Soviet times," Dmitry Medvedev, a deputy head of Russia's Security Council, said in an interview it believed Moscow was ready with Russian media.

West is using Ukraine as a way out of the crisis. to contain Russia, he somberly acknowledged that a Russia- Blinken said he would speak NATO conflict "would be the again in the coming days to most dramatic and simply cat- Russian Foreign Minister astrophic scenario, and I hope Sergei Lavrov, whom he met it will never happen."

possible Russian invasion, promise by Moscow at least to another conflict still simmers in keep talking to Ukraine's gov-Ukraine. In 2014, following ernment. the ouster of a Kremlin-friendly president in Kyiv, Moscow put forward sweeping security annexed Ukraine's Crimean proposals, having sent tens of Peninsula and threw its weight thousands of troops to behind a separatist insurgency Ukraine's border, the United in the country's eastern industrial heartland.

Fighting Ukrainian forces and Russia- tuality. backed rebels has killed over 14,000 people, and efforts to matic path forward should reach a settlement have stalled. Russia choose it," Blinken told

envoys and others sat down in which he said would remain Paris on Wednesday to discuss confidential. a resolution to that conflict, but Medvedev said that Moscow "reciprocal" measures to sees no point in talking to address mutual security con-Volodymyr Zelenskyy — and missiles in Europe and transsuggested that only a change in parency on military drills and

He expressed hope that aimed at normal economic military alliance. relations with Russia." That comment follows a British can't be more clear -- NATO's claim that the Kremlin is seek-door is open, remains open, ing to replace Ukraine's gov- and that is our commitment," ernment with a pro-Moscow Blinken said. Russia, which has administration — an allegation a complicated historical rela-

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US rejects Russia's 'bar Ukraine from NATO' demand as talks see new life

The United States on Wednesday rejected Russia's key demand to bar Ukraine from NATO and said to invade but offered what it While he charged that the called a new "diplomatic path"

Secretary of State Antony Friday in Geneva, as a separate As concerns rise about a initiative by France brought a

One month after Russia States delivered a reply in coordination with NATO allies and between said it was ready for any even-

"İt sets out a serious diplo-Ukrainian and Russian reporters of the US response,

He renewed an offer on President cerns including reductions of leader would defuse tensions. Western aid to Ukraine.

But he made clear that the the Ukrainians would eventu- United States would not budge ally become "weary of that on Russia's core demand that bedlam and elect the leadership Ukraine never be allowed to that would pursue policies ... join NATO, the US-backed

"From our perspective, I tionship with Ukraine, has fueled an insurgency in former Soviet republic's east that has killed more than 13,000 people since 2014. Russia that year also seized Crimea after the overthrow of a government in Kyiv that had resisted efforts to

move closer to Europe. The United States has warned of severe and swift consequences if Russia invades, including possible personal sanctions on President Vladimir Putin, and NATO has put 8,500 troops on

"While we are hoping for and working for a good solution -- de-escalation -- we are also prepared for the worst," NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said. Blinken's deputy Wendy

Sherman, who led a previous round of talks with Russia, said Putin seemed ready to invade despite the US warnings. "I have no idea whether

he's made the ultimate decision, but we certainly see every indication that he is going to use military force sometime perhaps (between) now and the middle of February," Sherman told a forum.

She said Putin may be waiting so as not to overshadow February 4 start of Winter Olympics in Beijing, which Russian leader will attend amid a diplomatic boycott by United States and several of its allies.

French-led talks

In another bid to defuse tensions, senior Russian and Ukrainian officials met for eight hours in Paris with representatives of France and Germany.Dmitry Kozak, the Kremlin deputy chief of staff, said talks were "not simple" but that another round would take place in two weeks in Berlin. France said after so-called

Normandy Format talks that envoys committed to a fragile July 2020 ceasefire in eastern Ukraine between government forces and pro-Moscow sepa-

"We need a supplementary pause. We hope that this process will have results in two weeks," Kozak said. An aide to French President Emmanuel Macron also called talks "difficult," but told reporters, "In current circumstances, we received a good signal."

World remembers Holocaust as antisemitism rises in pandemic

Holocaust survivors and politicians warned about the resurgence of antisemitism and Holocaust denial as the world remembered Nazi atrocities and commemorated the 77th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp on Thursday.
"I have lived in New York

for 75 years, but I still remember well the terrible time of horror and hatred," survivor Inge Auerbacher, 87, told the German parliament. "Unfortunately, this cancer has reawakened and hatred of Jews is commonplace again in many countries in the world, including Germany."

Commemorations are taking place amid a rise of antisemitism that gained traction during lockdowns as the pandemic exacerbated hatred online. "This sickness must be healed as quickly as possible," Auerbacher said.German parliament speaker Baerbel Bas noted that the coronavirus pandemic has acted "like an accelerant" to already burantisemitism. 'Antisemitism is here - it isn't just on the extreme fringe, not just among the eternally incorrigible and a few antisemitic trolls on the net," she said. "It is a problem of our society - all of society.

The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution in November 2005 establishing the annual commemoration, and chose Jan 27 - the day that Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, many International Holocaust Remembrance Day events were being held online this year again. A small ceremony, however, was to take place at the site of the former Auschwitz death camp, where World War II Nazi German forces killed 1.1 million people in occupied Poland. The memorial site was closed earlier in the pandemic but reopened in June. In all, about 6 million European Jews and

millions of other people were killed by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust. Some 1.5 million were children."Our country bears a special responsibility the genocide against European Jews is a German crime," Bas told a special parliamentary session in Berlin attended by country's leaders. "But at same time it is a past that is everyone's business -- not just Germans, not just Jews."Israel's parliamentary speaker, Mickey Levy, broke down in tears at Germany's Bundestag while reciting Jewish mourner's prayer from a prayer book that belonged to a German Jewish

mitzvah on eve of Kristallnacht. Levy said Israel and Germany experienced "an exceptional journey on way to reconciliation and establishing relations and brave friendship between us". Auerbacher recalled being nearly hit by a stone thrown by Nazi thugs during the anti-Jewish pogrom of November 1938.

boy who celebrated his bar

France to organise event focused on Indo-Pacific under its EU presidency

New Delhi: France on Thursday announced that under its presidency of Council of European Union, it will host a ministerial meeting focused on Indo-Pacific -Paris Forum -- on February 22. French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian announced this during an online discussion and extended an invite to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, who also took part in the event titled "The French EU-India Partnership in Indo Pacific". Le Drian said it will be first time that in EU council presidency there will be an event focussed on relations between EU and Indo-Pacific. This Indo-Pacific meeting will be held on February 22 and High Representative of EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell Fontelles will be in Paris for it, he said. Le Drian hoped for Jaishankar and other partners to partici-

pate in event and contribute to peace and stability in region. What I wish is for this Paris Forum to allow for concretisation of the principles we share with respect to rule of law, harmonious relations and post-Covid recovery," he said. Le Drian said security and defence, connectivity and digital issues and global challenges will be on the agenda of the Indo-Pacific ministerial meeting in Paris. The French foreign minister asserted that India plays a key role in the Indo-Pacific.

In his remarks, Jaishankar said the French aircraft flying at the finale of the Republic Day parade was a visible example of the strategic ties between India and France. Asserting that France has an Indo-Pacific resident presence, Jaishankar called for strengthening the India-France partnership and said that focusing it on the Indo-Pacific is timely." *PTI*

German archbishop pushes reform after criticism over abuse

Berlin: The archbishop of Munich said Thursday that Catholic church needs deep reform to overcome "disaster" of sexual abuse and made clear that he intends to stay in his job, after a report faulted him and predecessors including retired Pope Benedict XVI for their handling of abuse allegations and cases in Germany. Cardinal Reinhard Marx last year offered to resign over church's abuse scandaľ, an extraordinary gesture at time which was rejected swiftly by Pope Francis. Marx, a prominent reformist ally of pontiff, was faulted over his handling of two cases in report commissioned by his archdiocese from a Munich law firm. He told a news conference a week after report's release that he will look over those cases "to learn from them."Marx said he hadn't renewed his resignation offer. "In current situation, that struck me as just disappearing,"

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WHO staff complaint, email allege racism and abuse in Asia

AP ■ GENEVA

urrent and former staffers have accused top director of World Health Organization in Western Pacific of racist, unethical and abusive behaviour that has undermined UN health agency's efforts to curb coronavirus pandemic. The allegations were laid

out in an internal complaint filed in October and again in an email last week, sent by unidentified "concerned WHO staff" to senior leadership and the executive board and obtained by the Associated Press. Two of authors said more than 30 staffers were involved in writing it, and that it reflected experiences of more than 50 people. The internal complaint and email describe a "toxic atmosphere" with "a culture of systemic bullying and public ridiculing" at WHO's Western Pacific headquarters in Manila, led by Dr. Takeshi Kasai, director of a vast region that includes China and his AP also has obtained recorded snippets of meetings where Kasai is heard making derogatory remarks about his staff based on nationality. Eleven former or current WHO staffers who worked for Kasai told AP he frequently used racist language. Staffers, who did not identify themselves to WHO "for fear of retaliation," said in the email that Kasai's authoritarian style has led to departure of more than 55 key staff in past year and a half, most of whom have not been replaced.

This resulted in a lack of understanding and involvement with member countries that "significantly contributed" to a surge of cases in many countries in region, they said However, other WHO staffers pointed out that spikes in COVID cases were due to numerous reasons, including countries' own resources and timing of their national efforts.

North Korea fires 2 suspected missiles in 6th launch in 2022

AP ■ SEOUL

North Korea on Thursday fired two suspected ballistic missiles into the sea in its sixth round of weapons launches this month, South Korea's military said. Experts say North Korea's unusually fast pace in testing activity underscores an intent to pressure the Biden administration over long-stalled negotiations aimed at exchanging a release of crippling U.S.-led sanctions against the North and the North's denuclearization steps. The renewed pressure comes as the pandemic further shakes the North's economy, which was already battered by crippling U.S.-led sanctions over its nuclear weapons program and decades of mismanagement by its own government. South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the weapons, which were likely short-range, were launched five minutes apart

from an eastern coastal area and flew 190 kilometers (118 miles) on an apogee of 20 kilometers (12.4 miles) before landing at sea. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who described North Korea's repeated missile firings as "extremely regrettable," but said there has so far been no reports of damage to vessel and aircraft around the Japanese coast. The North also last week issued a veiled threat to resume the testing of nuclear explosives and long-range missiles targeting the American homeland, which leader Kim Jong Un suspended in 2018 while initiating diplomacy with the United States.Kim's highstakes summitry with then-President Donald Trump derailed in 2019 after the Americans rejected North Korea's demands for major sanctions relief in exchange for a partial surrender of its

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the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 28, 2022 **Authorized Office**

कार्यालय संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक छत्तीसगढ़ आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (सिम्स चिकित्सालय) बिलासपुर छ०ग० FAX(o)-07752-224200, PHONE(o)-07752-230030

/औ०मं० / सं.सं.अधि. / सिम्स चिकि. / 2022 बिलासपुर, दिनांक 24/01/202 लोकल परचेस एवं पेंशनरों हेतु तृतीय निविदा 2021-22 सिम्स चिकित्सालय, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) में उपचारार्थ

मरीजों, पेंशनरों, लोकल परचेस (L.P.) एवं मुख्य मंत्री विशेष स्वास्थ्य सहायता योजना की औषधी एव

निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य

चिकित्सा सामग्री की आपातकालिन स्थिति में तत्काल पुर्ति के लिए सिम्स चिकित्सालय के समीप जो की सडक मार्ग से सिम्स चिकित्सालय के मुख्य द्वार से 500 मीटर के दायरे में स्थित हो ऐसे स्थानीय चिल्हर दवा विकेताओं से निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाना है। रूपये 2000.00 (दो हजार मात्र) का deman Draft वापसी योग्य नहीं। जो की संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक (Joint Director Cum Superintendent, CIMS Hospital Bilaspur C.G.) सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर (छ.ग.) के पक्ष में देव हो। 09/02/2022 संघ्या 5.00 बजे तक। संबंधित शाख

मम्स, चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)।

चिकित्सालय, बिलासपुर में कार्यालयीन दिवस एव

निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि, सम निविदा फार्म जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 28/02/2022 दोपहर 3.00 बर्ज तक। 28/02/2022 संध्या 4.00 बजे के बाद।

निविदा जमा एवं खोलने के हेतु निर्धारित स्थान उपरोक्तानुसार इच्छुक निविदाकारों से निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है।

संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक R.O. Date - 27/01/2022 सिम्स चिकित्सालय बिलासपुर (छ०ग०)

अवधि में।

UN chief urges major Afghan aid increase, unfreezing assets

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

he U.N. Chief urged nations ■ Wednesday to greatly boost humanitarian aid for millions of Afghans living in "a frozen hell" and release nearly \$9 billion in frozen assets to pull Afghanistan's economy back from brink of a collapse that could set off a mass exodus of people fleeing country. "Time is of essence," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told Security Council. "Without action, lives will be lost, and despair and extremism will grow." Guterres said liquidity must be urgently restored to Afghan economy. He said that means freeing up country's frozen currency reserves, reengaging with its Central Bank and finding othr ways to inject money, including allowing



A nurse checks the weight of a child in the makeshift clinic organized by World Vision at a settlement near Herat, Afghanistan, on Dec. 16, 2021 (AP Photo/Mstyslav Chernov, File)

international funds to pay salaries of doctors, teachers, sanitation workers, electricians and other civil servants. China and Russia reiterated their calls for unfreezing Afghan assets, while U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said Biden administration is examining "various options to ease liquidity crunch.

Iran state TV shows dissidents' images after apparent hack **AP** ■ DUBAI

nuclear capabilities.

hannels of Iran's state television broadcast images

Thursday showing the leaders of an exiled dissident group and a graphic demanding the country's supreme leader be killed, an incident state TV later described as a hack. The graphics showed the leaders of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq and the name of an account on two social media platforms, which claimed to be a group of hackers who broadcast the message praising the dissidents.The MEK, now largely based in Albania, did not immediately answer telephone calls from The Associated Press. The incident marked a serious breach for Iranian state TV, which is controlled by hard-liners in the

Tata to get loans from SBI-led consortium for AI

India (SBI) will soon provide loans to Tata Group for the operations of Air India as well as to retire the airline's high

cost borrowings.

After nearly 70 years, Tata
Group on Thursday regained ownership of Air India. With the completion of the deal, the group will own 100 per cent stake in Air India, Air India Express and a 50 per cent shareholding in AISATS.

Bankers said the SBI-led consortium has agreed to grant both term loans and working capital loans depending on the airline's requirements.

All large lenders, including Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, and Union Bank of India, are part of the consortium, they added.

"Many banks have agreed for refinancing of Air Inida debt to Tatas and the process has begun," one of the bankers said. Existing lenders who do not wish to participate in refinancing of debt to Tatas will get



their money repaid through the refinanced amount, the banker

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is among the entities that had given loans earlier to loss-making Air India. Now, the IPO-bound LIC has decided not to extend more loans to the airline and will not participate in the current funding round led by the SBI, the bankers said.

Talace Private Limited -- a subsidiary of the Tata Group's holding company Tata Sons -on October 8, 2021, won the bid to acquire debt-ridden Air India. It had offered Rs 18,000 crore, including cash of Rs

2,700 crore which has now been paid to the government.

The term loans to Talace will help in retiring the high cost borrowings of Air India, the bankers said.

The amount of loans likely to be extended by the consortium could not be immediately ascertained.

'The strategic disinvestment transaction of Air India successfully concluded today with transfer of 100 per cent shares of Air India to M/s talace Pvt Ltd along with management control," DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said in a tweet on Thursday.

roils global markets Mumbai: Equity benchmark Jerome Powell said the US Sensex tumbled 581 points on central bank is likely to raise interest rates in March and end Thursday, in tandem with a its massive bond buying proglobal selloff after the US gram to combat surging infla-Federal Reserve signalled policy tightening from March. tion. Investors fear foreign cap-A depreciating rupee and persistent foreign fund outital outflows from emerging markets like India after rate flows further weighed on senhikes in the US.

timent, traders said.

0.97 per cent to 17,110.15.

loser in the Sensex pack, skid-

ding 4.17 per cent, followed by

Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's,

Wipro, TCS, Titan and Infosys.

Bank, SBI, Maruti, Kotak Bank,

Sun Pharma and IndusInd

Bank were among the gainers,

climbing as much as 2.81 per

policy rates unchanged on

Wednesday, but chairman

in the second half of 2020, com-

pany has deployed more than

1.25L BharatSwipe machines across offline shops, it added.

uted to the expansion of the

company's POS business in

non-metro cities, with more

than 50 per cent of BharatSwipe

machines being deployed in

tier II/tier III towns and cities

since 2021. BharatSwipe has

been universally adopted by

small merchants and retailers

across categories including gro-

cery, food and beverage, elec-

tronics and durables, among

GICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005 PUBLIC NOTICE

Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank hereby inform that all scheduled auctions, to be held for the period from **January 20, 2022** up to **February 28, 2022** under recovery of dues as per court orders, stands postponed until further notice due to unprecedented outbreak of Corona Virus **(COVID-19)**.

"The growth can be attrib-

Arun Joshi AD-PR with colleague on the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, at a

POS biz grew to \$4 bn annualised

transaction value, deployed over

1.25 lakh machines: BharatPe

State-level function at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur

New Delhi: BharatPe, a fintech

company for merchants, on

Thursday said it has witnessed

200 per cent growth in annu-

alised transaction value to USD

4 billion (about Rs 30,078

crore) from its POS business

over the last 12 months. The

Point of Sale (POS) business -

BharatSwipe - now contributes

about 25 per cent to the over-

all payments Transaction Processed Value (TPV) of the

the reach of its POS business by

25X to over 250 cities in the last

Case Details

AROH00035177651

Dinesh (Borrower), LAROH00034435594

Ravinder Kumar

Date: January 28, 2022 Place: Delhi/NCR

BharatPe has ramped up

The list of auctions that are postponed are given hereunder

company, a statement said.

On the other hand, Axis

The Federal Reserve left

HCL Tech was the top

pts as hawkish Fed

Sensex sinks 581

"As the Fed left key interest rates near zero, its hawkish The 30-share BSE index ended 581.21 points or 1.00 per commentary quickly washed away gains in global markets, cent lower at 57,276.94. Similarly, the broader NSE leading to a gap down opening Nifty plunged 167.80 points or in indices back home.

'As FPIs continued to book profits from Indian equities, value stocks made a comeback with the PSU Bank Index rallying over 5 per cent in after noon trade today, well supported by auto stocks to stage a smart recovery. As IT and pharma stocks witnessed profit taking, textile stocks were sought after in the broader market on the back of earnings," said S Ranganathan, Head of Research at LKP

Oil nears \$90; petrol, diesel price freeze enters record 83rd day

New Delhi: With the forthcoming high stake assembly elections in states like Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, the freeze on petrol and diesel prices is now the longest ever even as international oil prices climbed to USD 90 per barrel for the first time in seven

Brent - the key global oil benchmark - soared to USD 90.02 per barrel on Thursday amid tensions between Ukraine and Russia, the world's secondlargest oil producer that have fanned fears of energy supply disruptions to Europe.

Analysts expected weaker Omicron impact to keep prices

But domestic fuel prices which are directly linked to international oil prices - have not been revised for 83 days now, beating the 82-day hiatus of 2020.

Petrol costs Rs 95.41 a litre in Delhi and diesel is priced at Rs 86.67 - the same as it did after accounting for the excise duty cut and a reduction in VAT rate by the Delhi govern-

Scheduled

Date & Time of Auction

January 28, 2022 - 11.00 AM Onwards

January 28, 2022 11.00 AM Onwards

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Sebi strengthens MF norms; winding up of schemes only after majority unitholders' consent

further safeguard the interest of mutual fund investors, Sebi has made it mandatory for trustees of mutual funds to obtain the consent of unitholders when majority of trustees decide to wind up a scheme.

Under the new norms, mutual fund trustees will be required to obtain the consent of the unitholders when the majority of the trustees decide to wind up a scheme or prematurely redeem the units of a close-ended scheme. The trustees will have to

obtain consent of unitholders by simple majority of the unitholders present and voting on the basis of one vote per unit held and publish the results of voting within 45 days of the publication of notice of circumstances leading to winding up, Sebi said in a notification issued on Tuesday.

In case the trustees fail to obtain the consent, Sebi said the scheme would be open for business activities from the second business day after publication of results of voting. Amending mutual fund

norms, Sebi said the trustees notice within one stances leading to the winding under management.

up of the scheme to the regulator and in two daily newspapers having circulation all over India as well as a vernacular newspaper circulating at the place where the mutual fund is

The decision to amend the regulations came after the Supreme Court in July held that the trustees are required to seek consent of majority unit-holders for closing mutual fund schemes after publishing notice disclosing reasons for their decision to wind up schemes. The Supreme Court's deci-

sion came in the case pertaining to winding-up of Franklin Templeton

Mutual Fund's six debt schemes. The fund house shut its six debt mutual fund schemes on April 23, 2020, citing redemption pressures and lack of liquidity in the bond market. The schemes - Franklin India Low Duration Fund, Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund, Franklin India Credit Risk Fund, Franklin India Short Term Income Plan, Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund, and Franklin India Income Opportunities Fund day, disclosing the circum- than Rs 25,000 crore as assets

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given to General Public that the property documents viz. Site Possession Slip and Allotment cum Demand Letter qua property bearing No. 89-C DDA Flats, Gulabi Bagh, Delhi-110007, issued by Delhi Development Authority in the name of Smt. Geeta Devi W/o Sh. OP Rohtagi & D/o Bagwatt Devi have been lost. Smt. Geeta Devi had lodge complaint with PS Crime Branch Delhi vide LR No. 55315/2022 dated 19.01.2022 at around 14.34 hrs. If any person(s) who finds the above said documents are requested to contact either the undersigned or Mr. Dinesh Kumar S/o Sh. OP Rohtagi having mobile 9811160345 and return the same at the address mentioned herein above. Pranay Trivedi (Advocate) For Cubical Financial Services Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

To be known to all that I, Dr. USHA PRASA am the owner of Flat No. 365,ON SECOND + THIRD FLOOR (DUPLEX) WITH CAR GARAGE NO. 365, MANDÀKINI ENCLAVE ALAKNANDA NEW DELHI- 110019, vide DDA's File No F35(473)81/SFS. My few original documents of the said Property viz. (1) Allocation Letter of the Flat, (2) Possession Letter of the Flat. (3) NOC for Electri & Water connection of the Flat (4) Demand/Allotmer Letter of Car Garage and (5) Possession Slip of Car Garage have been misplaced. An Information Repor of this effect has been lodge in Police Station Crime Branch, Delhi vide LR No.67856/2022 on 24.01.2022. Any person(s) claiming any right, interes having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address/phore No. 9870504438 within 15 days from the date of

PLACE: NEW DELHI (Ashwani Kumar Gupta)
Date: 27-01-2022 Managing Director

Public Notice
To be known to all that I, Shri Pritpal Singh S/o Shri.
Ragubir Singh R/o 06B Road no 12, East Punjabi
Bagh,Delhi-26 owner of DDA plot no 57 Transport
Centre Rohtak Road Delhi has applied for conversion of the aforesaid plot from leasehold to freehold vide application no LD14419CL/CON/15012022 dated 20.01.22 in DDA.That the original documents i.e. possession letter,site possession slip,lease deed & Occupancy certificate of the above property have been lost, An fir vide LR no. 64159/2022 against his effect has been lodged in crime branch police station delhi. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents may write cortact: with above named person at above address/ph no 9999992243 with in 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (CL) or director (CL).

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General public is hereby informed that one person namely Tilak Raj, S/o Sh. Bharat Singh, R/o H. No. 142, Khanpur Village, New Delhi, Age: 46 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Unknown, has been missing since 29.11.2019 from P.S. Neb Sarai area, New Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 39A, dated 30.11.2019 has been logged at

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P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about him please inform undersigned.

Website: http://cbi.nic.in E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. No.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi. DP/856/SD/2021 Ph.: 011-29551326, 29551597

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations an Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Thursday, 3rd February, 2022, inter-alia to consider and approve the Un-audited Financial Results Prov. of the Company for the quarter ended on 31st Dec 2022. The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company's website www.cubical90.com as also or the website of the Stock Exchange viz

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE OICICI Bank

Asset Details

WAGON R LXI Mfg Yr. -2016 Reg No. - HR46E5117

HYUNDAI MOTORS LTD

XcentMfg Yr. - 2016 Reg No. - HR46D0050

MARUTI UDYOG LTD

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005

Reserve

80,000/

Rs. 80,000/-

EMD

25.000/-

25,000/-

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Ritika Soeny/ Jitendra Soeny/ LBDEL00005079693	Prop No 13/42-A, Second Floor, Without Roof Rights, Block-13 Tilak Nagar Delhi/ January 24, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs. 37,53,082/-	Delhi/ NCR
2.	Ashish Dhingia/ Onkar Singh Dhingia/ LBDEL00001101022	Flat No. 302, Second Floor, Jahangir Puri, Delhi/ January 24, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs.1,86,353/-	Delhi/ NCR
3.	Jyoti Kumar/ Raman Kumar/ LBDEL00002400225	Flat No 33, Third Floor, Block C8, Pocket 3, Sector 34, Rohini, Delhi/ January 24, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs. 11,05,059/-	Delhi/ NCR
4.	Kishan Lal/ Devender/ LBDEL00002389726	Flat No 42, First Floor DDA LIG, Block- C3, Pocket- 3, Sector-34, Rohini, Delhi/ January 24, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs. 11,36,068/-	Delhi/ NCR
5.	Manjeet Kumar/ Shashi Yadav/ LBGUR00002364572	Flat No 52, Second Floor, Block E6, Pocket 3, Sector G8, Narela, Delhi/ January 24, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs. 10,60,357/-	Delhi/ NCR
6.	Pankaj Jain/ Chander Sen Jain/ LBDEL00002377467	Flat No 6, 1st Floor, Pocket 2, Sector G2, Narela, Delhi/ January 24, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs.10,60,949/-	Delhi/ NCR
7.	Amit Kumar Mathur/ Supriya Mathur/ Sumit Kumar Malviya/ Vision India Ayurved (P) Ltd/ LBDEL00005201200/ LBDEL00002440117	Flat No 298, Type A, Block B, PKT 3, Bindapur, Delhi/ January 25, 2022	June 19, 2021 Rs. 21,91,881/-	Delhi/ NCR
8.	Anita Sharma/ Narender Sharma/ LBDEL00004972103	DDA Flat 25B, 1st Floor MIG Sheikh Sarai Phase-1 Delhi/ January 25, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs.1,33,76,709/-	Delhi/ NCR
9.	Dhiraj Kumar/ Wizmore Communication Pvt Ltd/ Ranjita Jha/ LBDEL00002379472	Flat No B53/II, First Floor DDA Mig Block- b, Naraina Vihar Delhi/ January 25, 2022	October 16, 2021 Rs. 85,43,828/-	Delhi/ NCR

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: January 28, 2022 Authorized Officer

20 years later: India's CPSE privatisation off to 'Maharaja' start

18,000 crore.

New Delhi: After a hiatus of national carrier Air India for Rs nearly two decades, the Government's programme to privatise state-owned firms restarted with the handing over of debt-laden national carrier Air India to the Tata Group.

With the new owner shelling out Rs 18,000 crore for the buyout of the 'Maharaja', this would be the highest-ever amount garnered through privatisation, and is even more than the cumulative sum

October last year inked the share purchase agreement with the Tata Group for sale of

Gold plunges ₹563;

silver declines ₹1,186

mopped up through strategic sales from 1999-00 to 2003-04. The Government had in

crore cash and take over Rs 15,300 crore of the airline's debt. The deal also includes sale

of Air India Express and ground handling arm AISATS. The government had garnered roughly over Rs 5,000 crore during that five-year period by privatising 10 CPSEs. Besides, three hotel properties of Hetal Corporation of India

off by way of slump sale. Here is a timeline of strate-

Tatas would pay Rs 2,700

between 1999-00 to 2003-04: 1999-00 - Modern Food Industries Ltd -- Rs 105 crore2000-01 - BALCO, Lagan Jute Machinery Co Ltd -- Rs 554 crore 2001-02 - VSNL, Computer Maintenance Computer Maintenance Corporation (CMC), Hindustan Teleprinters Ltd (HTL), Paradeep Phosphate Ltd (PPL), some hotel properties of HCI and ITDC -- Rs 2,089 crore 2002-03 - Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL), Indian Petrochemicals Corporation (IPCL), some ITDC hotel properties -- Rs 2,335 crore 2003-04 - HZL

gic sale of central public sector

of Hotel Corporation of India and 18 of ITDC were also sold

Sebi amends rules; to send notices, summons via instant messaging services

al capital on Thursday plunged Rs 563 to Rs 48,215 per 10 grams amid weak international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. make the process faster.

In the previous trade, the precious settled at Rs 48,778 per 10 gram.

Silver also tumbled Rs 1,186 to Rs 62,792 per kg from Rs 63,978 per kg in the previous trade. In the international sending show cause notices and summons to alleged offenders of securities market rules through instant messaging services, a move that will

At present, the regulator sends such documents through either registered post, courier or electronic mail. Also, Sebi has tweaked norms pertaining to powers of investigating market, gold was trading lower at USD 1,810 per ounce. *PTI* authority for seeking information and documents in respect

of any transaction in securities markets, which are under investigation.

(second tranche), Jessop & Co

- Rs 342 crore.

To effect these, the regulator has amended Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices (PFUTP) norms relating to securities market, according to a notification issued on Tuesday. Summons or notices issued by Sebi under PFUTP norms will be served on the person by delivering or tendering it to that person or his duly authorised agent. PTI



Registered Office Address: Unit No.601, 6th Floor Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (West), Mumbal-400 070. CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639, Webside:www.piramalfinance.com

given below. In connection with above, notice publication of this Notice, the amounts indicate date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment	is hereby given, once again, to the said Borro d herein below, together with further interest a and/or realization, payable under the loan agre	ive Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also wer(s) to pay to PCHFL, within 60 days from the sa detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the sement read with other documents/writings, if any, ssets have been mortgaged to PCHFL by the said
Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 00000380 of Azadpur N S P Branch) Govinda Bagri (Borrower) Ravi Kumar (Co Borrower 1) Chet Ram (Co Borrower 2)	27-07-2021 /₹ 3067996 /-(₹ Thirty lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six) NPA (09-01-2021)	D-2/173,third Floor, Block-d-2 Kh No-11/21, village Asalatpur Khadar Jeewan Park,uttam Nagar Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110059
(LC No. 00003049 of Noida Branch) Pankaj Sharma (Borrower) Kusum (Co Borrower 1) Devender Bhardwaj (Co Borrower 2)	27-07-2021 /₹ 3087834 /-(₹ Thirty lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four) NPA (10-12-2020)	Plot No-64, Khasra No-487, Village Peeragarhi West Delhi New Delhi Delhi :- 110085
(LC No. 00043578 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Babita Mehta (Borrower) Amarjeet Singh (Co Borrower 1)	08-10-2021 /₹ 14954406 /-(₹ One Crore Forty Nine lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Six) NPA (10-07-2021)	Flat No. 506 5th Floor Tower E (block E2) Ireo Skyon Sector 60 Gurgaon Gurgaon Haryana :- 122001
(LC No. 00002254 of Rohini Branch) Nirmal	22-11-2021 /₹ 7697007 /-(₹ Seventy Six	PropNo. 138, entire prop Killa No. 16, Mustil

Singh (Borrower) Rachhpal Kaur (Co Borrower 1) Balvinder Singh (Co Borro Rupinder Kaur (Guarantor 1) KUDINOEF Naur (GUBITATION 1) (LC No. 00001783 of Noida 1 Rajendra Place Branch) B D Builders Private Limited (Borrower) Dheeraj Malik (Co Borrower 1) Yudhvir Singh Malik (Co Borrower 2) Twenty Four lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two) NPA (09-11-2021) Plot No 826 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block D New Friends Colony New Delhi Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110065 (LC No. 00043787 of Delhi - Safduriung 18-12-2021 /₹ 9912266 /-(₹ Ninety Nine Chanana (Co Borrower 1) Om Prakash Chanana (Co Borrower 2) Chanana Plasti Pvt Ltd (Guarantor 1)

18-12-2021 /₹ 7908451 /-(₹ Seventy Nine lakh Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty One) NPA (09-11-2021) (LC No. 00002793 of Gurgaon Branch) rinder Singh (Borrower) Gurpreet Kaur

(IC No. 00044000 of Delhi - Safdurjung Branch) Vivek Chanana (Borrower) Kalawi Chanana (Co Borrower 1) Om Prakash Chanana (Co Borrower 2) Chanana Plastic Private Limited (Guarantor 1) Himani 18-12-2021 /₹ 4029939 /-(₹ Forty lakh Thirty Nine) NPA (09-10-2021)

Plot No 826 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block D New Friends Colony New Delhi New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110065 18-12-2021 /₹ 3827719 /-(₹ Thirty Eight Plot No. 51, Ist Floor Silver Park Shivpuri Delhi

lew Delhi Delhi 110051

Property No. FA- 343, Old No. FA- 91, Second

Flat No B401, Fourth Floor, Plot No 1b, Gulistan CGHS Ltd, Sector-13 Dwarka New Delhi New Delhi Delhi 110075

Foreste, Plot No.BGH-A, Surajpur Site C, Greater Noida-201308 Greater Noida

Gautambudh Nagar Uttar Pradesh 201308 Flat No F 1102, At Princess Park, Sector 86

Parklands, Faridabad, Haryana, Princess Park Faridabad Faridabad Haryana 121001

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Food for the soul

Sameer Bawa's taste buds are tantalised by the Middle Eastern and Mediterranean flavours of Cafe Mez



f I say that there is a real dearth of Middle Eastern I am confident that there would hardly be anybody who would accuse me of exaggeration. There are only a handful of eateries and I am surprised why, over the years, Levantine food concepts have not captured the imagination of restaurateurs. After spending a few years in Dubai, I can safely say that Indians have a palate for Middle Eastern flavours and textures and it's only a matter of time before the cuisine becomes a rage in India. Thankfully, concepts like the newly opened Cafe Mez in DLF Cyberhub, Gurgaon reinforce my point and give my 'Arabic food' deprived body some respite.

I visited Cafe Mez a

few days ago and was immediately transported to a different world as soon as I stepped into the restaurants. Large windows which allowed abundant natural light, casual yet comfortable seating and a soothing blue & white colour scheme made it seem that I could very easily be eating at a cafe in Beirut, dining at a Greek restaurant in Athens or enjoying a Lebanese meal in Dubai. Well, that was the impression if I looked at the optics in isolation.

"I wanted to create a cafe where you could enjoy great breakfast options from the Middle East to the Mediterranean and, at the same time, use the freshest of ingredients to create a friendly cuisine throughout the day", says Ashish Dev Kapur (co-owner, Cafe Mez). Supertalented chef Megha Kohli is Most of the preparations orated with black olives and



lockwise from top left): Ponchiki; Iranian lamb

carefully thread the needle

between creativity and

authentic flavours. And I

Muhammara, Gazan guac and Fattoush salad. Red pep-

pers, walnuts and pomegran-

ate molasses are the main

Muhammara along with

some olive oil and spices but

I loved the way the dip is dec-

ingredients for

We started with the

shall explain how.

koobideh; Muhammara and Gazan Guad

at the helm of affairs in the

kitchen. I have known Megha

from her time at Lavaash by

Saby and she comes in with

a lot of pedigree. She has an

individual style and most of

the preparations on the menu

are a nifty amalgamation of

Middle Eastern and

Mediterranean elements.

Almost all the dishes dance

on the periphery of authen-

ticity due to a unique twist.

cucumber peel. Even without that, the dish would have been complete but I loved that little touch. Also, when vou look at a Fattoush salad, in its original form, it is toasted pita or *khubz* with mixed greens, tomatoes, cucumber, peppers and onions drizzled with sumac and pomegranate

molasses. Chef Megha's version is sans the toasted pita and drizzled with lemon herb dressing and feta which adds the Mediterranean element to it. I must confess that, at an individual level, I missed the toasted pita in the mix of

things and feel that a fattoush is incomplete without it. The Gazan guac though was a stunning preparation. So unique, so subtle but yet so familiar.

Next up was the *Bacon* and egg pide. I have sampled that before during a meal at Lavaash by Saby a few years ago and had very high expectations. It was that and much more. It is chef Megha's take on Georgian bread with an egg and cheese at the core topped with generous chunks of bacon. When you cut through the bread, the runny egg yolk oozes out of imprisonment and lusciously laces the bread. Gastronomic heavrequested the Chicken Shawarma roll and the Iranian lamb koobideh. The shawarma was decent with succulent chunks of chicken and pickle engulfed in a pita and served with fries but the showstopper was the Koobideh. Flavourful and juicy ground lamb kebabs on a bed of thin bread with a side of spiced onions and Tzaziki. Absolutely brilliant. Every bite is an experience in itself. One prep that is definitely for the Gods.

I culminated the meal on a sweet note with some Ponchikis, an American doughnut filled with Nutella or rose-scented custard. It's a serving of two ponchikis and I chose one of each. Best decision ever as the custard and chocolate provided a great contrast. All in all, we had a fabulous meal. The restaurant has a well-stocked bar and you can have a lazy afternoon out with some cocktails or savour your favourite bottle of wine with the lovely food. The service orientation of the staff is also top-notch and they would ensure that you have a pleasant dining experience. As I was stepping out of the restaurant, my taste buds couldn't thank me enough for the tantalising play of flavours and textures. I made silent promises to myself that I shall be back



A smoothie start

SAMRAT REDDY makes a case for drinking breakfast to get a full dose of nutrition

 \mathbf{I}^{t} is said that breakfast, the most important meal of the day, should ideally never be skipped. In the pandemic, there has been a sudden change in people's eating habits where they are opting for healthier and more nutritious food.

While breakfast looks different in different parts of the world, it is most eclectic in India, where there are so many food choices — from fruits and juices to oats, Índian staples like poha, idli, dosa, parathas and more. Over the last couple of years, Indians have discovered 'smoothies and smoothie bowls, which are packed with health benefits and are known to make a person feel fuller for a longer period.

Our body needs proteins and nutrients to function properly and, when it's not provided with healthy food and fluids, it deteriorates. Smoothies and smoothie bowls are an excellent source of vitamins, folate, minerals, dietary fibre, proteins and carbohydrates besides being a delicious addition to breakfast.

Eating healthily and keeping healthy is such an overrated concept that it has been made to appear like a difficult task when, in truth, it is as simple as returning to our origins. We have a body that, like any other machine, has to be used to maintain it. When it comes to food, it's the same thing as machine fuel. The tougher the fuel is for the body, the more adulterated (far from natural food) it is. The most significant change we need to make is to eat more natural foods and avoid manufactured foods.

The simplest way to do this is by inculcating the habit of increasing the fruit intake in all forms, either as cut fruits or simple blends such as smoothies. Starting your day with smoothies will help detox, recharge and refresh the body. Fruits and vegetables in smoothies act as detoxifying agents and help cleanse the body. These smoothies have great health benefits due to their nutritious elements like vitamins, minerals, iron, fibre and proteins. They also help in weight loss and re-energise the body to attain a better immune system.

Here are some interesting smoothie ideas that are not just tasty but rich in health while helping you lose weight as you kick start your day with these. The best thing about a smoothie is that you can include different fruits like apple, banana, pineapple and more to create your flavours. Drinking smoothies makes it easier to absorb water into our body helping us stay hydrated throughout the day.

Fruits like watermelon, pineapple, date, musk melon have a lot of water content in them.

CAPPUCCINO

WHAT YOU NEED

Espresso: 30 ml

Honey: 15 ml

Nutmeg: A pinch

Cinnamon: 1 stick

Whipped cream

3 SPICE LATTE

WHAT YOU NEED

200 ml

A pinch

sticks

Cloves 3

• French press coffee:

Freshly grated nutmeg:

• Cinnamon: 3 small

Demerara sugar for

Water: 60 ml

Milk: 200 ml

Whipped cream:

Combine the water and

spices in a saucepan,

sweetness

Optional

METHOD

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Almond milk: 200 ml

Pumpkin puree: 3 tsp

VEGAN SPICY PUMPKIN



decrease your risk of obesity, diabetes, heart disease, increase your energy levels and keep your cells active. Bananas and apples are rich in fibre, protein and help blood glucose control.

Making your morning smoothie effective: Liquids are a must. Water, juice, non-dairy milk, coconut water are some of the low calorie, fewer sugar options that should be added to your meal smoothie.

Add protein and natural flavours. Avocado is one option that gives great flavour to your

Fill it with something fresh. Add some fruits and vegetables like watermelon, apple, banana, muskmelon, carrots, baby spinach to make it filling and nutritious.

Blend until smooth. Put all your ingredients into the blender jug and let it work its magic till it looks smooth. So, just feed your body with the right nutrition and your body will love you for it. Do try replacing your morning routine breakfast with a smoothie sometime and you will know why people are making a switch.

Swap your regular breakfast with a smooth-

ie and smoothie bowl to turn on the nutrient powerhouse in your body. Hydrate yourself with the abundant fibres in farm-fresh fruits and vegetables and stay fit with power-packed smooth-

Drinking a smoothie will not only keep you hydrated throughout the day but will be beneficial for your body with a boost of all vitamins and proteins.
(The author is the founder, Drunken Monkey, a smoothie delivery chain with more



WHAT YOU NEED

Sesame: 2 cups Jaggery: 1 cup

• Daily dose trail mix: 3 tbsp

• 7-in-1 superseeds and nut mix: 1

Ghee: 1 tbsp

METHOD

 Heat a pan and dry roast sesame seeds until golden brown. Keep the heat low so that the seeds don't burn.

Remove it and keep it aside.



• In the same pan heat some ghee and roast daily dose mix. Remove daily

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dose mix from the pan and keep aside. Now add jaggery in the pan and

Add 1/4th cup water and mix well

Now add all the dry ingredients in

the jaggery syrup and mix well.

 Meanwhile, line a baking tray or a plate with butter paper.

 Pour the hot mixture on the tray and flatten it with the back of a spoon.

Cut the chikki into squares.

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pumpkin purée, cinnamon stick and nutmeg. Boil at medium heat.

• In a pan take almond milk, honey,

• Once the milk starts boiling, remove it from the fire and also remove the cinnamon stick. Pour the milk mixture into a French press and just push and pull the plunger six-eight times to get a nice silky and smooth texture foam.



- Take a shot of espresso or Moka pot coffee into a serving mug, pour the milk with foam over the espresso.
- Make sure you get a thick layer of milk foam top. If you can't manage to get it by pouring then just scoop it with the help of a spoon
- For garnish, add whipped cream on the top and sprinkle some freshly grated nutmeg.

CHOCOLATE PRUNE BANANA MUFFIN WHAT YOU NEED

- All-purpose flour: 1.5 cups • Ripened mashed bananas: 2
- large Prunes: 1 cup

Dark chocolate 175 gm

- Butter at room temperature: 1/2 cup
- Eggs: 2 Sugar: 1/2 cup
- Vanilla essence: 1 tbsp
- Baking powder: 1 tbsp Baking soda: 1/2 tbsp
- Salt: 1/4 tbsp

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 170°C.
- Sift together flour, salt, baking powder and soda.
- Cream together butter and sugar. Add one egg and beat until incorporated well. Add another egg and beat again. Add vanilla essence and mix.



- Now add the melted chocolate and mix.
- Add flour mixture in three batches and fold it until mixed well. Add chopped prunes.
- Fill the muffin pans, lined with the muffin liners. Bake them in the preheated oven for 18 to 20 minutes or until skewers come out clean.

GARLIC OLIVE TAPENADE

- WHAT YOU NEED
- Garlic cloves: 6 (finely chopped)
- Black olives: 1 cup
- Green olives: 1/2 cup Olive oil: 1/3
- cup
- Capers (optional): 2
- tbsp Dijon
- mustard: 1 tbsp Dried rosemary: 1/2
- Dried basil: 1/2 tbsp

tbsp



- Put the black and green olives in a blender and add, cloves, capers, mustard, rosemary, and basil to them till everything is
- Slowly pour in the olive oil and blend till the mixture becomes a smooth paste. Top it with chopped olives and serve with your favourite
- crackers.
- Courtesy: Del Monte

- cover and simmer for three-four minutes.
- Add the demerara, milk
- and bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the coffee.
- Strain to remove the Courtesy: Abdul Sahid Khan, spices and pour the
- or glass. For a creamier option, add a swirl of whipped

coffee into a coffee mug

- cream on the top, sprinkle some demerara and cinnamon.
- head trainer at Lavazza India

INDIA LOOK TO AT LEAST FINISH ON PODIUM IN ASIA CUP

heir title hopes already over, India would be desperate for at least a podium finish when they take on China in the third-fourth place play-off match of the women's Asia Cup hockey tournament here on Friday.

Lack of match practice due to the COVID-19 pandemic after a successful 2020, where they finished a historic fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, cost India dearly as they produced inconsistent performances in crucial matches to crash out of the title race.

After thrashing lowly Malaysia 9-0 in their opener, India suffered a 0-2 defeat against Asian Games champions Japan before thrashing Singapore 9-1 to qualify for the

But in the semifinals, some sloppy defending and poor penalty corner conversions put paid to India's hopes as they were beaten 2-3 Korea, who set up a clash against Japan in the summit clash on Friday.

The Indians controlled the game in the first two quarters to go into half time with a slender 1-0 lead.

But a determined Korea stunned the Indians in the 31st, 45th and 47th minutes before Lalremsiami reduced the margin

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just six minutes from the hooter but

After resolute defending in the first two quarters, the Indian defence led by skipper and goalkeeper Savita conceded three soft goals to hand

over the match to Korea. And come Friday, the Savita-led the experienced duo of Gurjit Kaur and Deep Grace Ekka, will have to be on their toes to finish on the

While the Indian forwardline have enjoyed decent outings in the tournament so far with the likes of Vandana Katariya, Monika, Navneet Kaur and Lalremsiami finding the net on more than one occasion, it is the lack of co-ordination between the midfield and backline that put

paid to India's hopes. Penalty corner conversion is another key area where Indian need to improve by leaps and bounds.

Barring a hat-trick against Singapore, seasoned drag-flicker Gurjit Kaur and her partner Ekka looked off-colour from set pieces throughout the tournament.

Going by world rankings and recent head-to-head record, India definitely hold an edge over China in Friday's match.

While India are placed 10th in the world rankings, China are

In their last three outings, India had defeated China twice -- 3-1 in the Asian Champions Trophy in 2018 in Donghae, Korea and 1-0 win in the last Asian Games -- before playing out a 0-0 draw in the Tokyo Olympic Test event in 2019.

Manjunath stuns 7th seed Cheam to storm into Odisha Open quarters

Unseeded Mithun Manjunath stunned seventh seed June Wei Cheam of Malaysia in straight games to storm into the men singles quarterfinals of the Odisha Open here on Thursday. Manjunath took 40 minutes to outclass Cheam 21-11 21-18. He will next face Priyanshu Rajawat.

Third seeded Indian Subhankar Dey, who had beaten sixth seed Xiaodong Sheng of Canada on Wednesday, also eased into the lasteight with a 21-16 21-14 win over compatriot Rahul Yadav Chittaboina.

Kiran George also moved to the men's singles quarterfinal with an easy 21-12 21-13 win over compatriot Chirag Sen.



Subhankar will play George in the next round. Continuing her good run of form, young Indian shuttler Malvika Bansod got the better of compatriot and junior world no 1 Tasnim Mir in straight games to advance to the women's singles quarterfinals. Bansod took just over half an hour to dispatch 16year-old Tasnim 21-13 21-15 in the women's singles pre-quarterfinals of the BWF Super 100 tournament.

The 20-year-old Bansod, who had lost to PV Sindhu in the final of the Syed Modi International last week before defeating her idol Saina Nehwal at the India Open earlier this month, will take on the winner of the clash between Tanya Hemanth and Vijetha Harish.

Fifth seed Ashmita Chaliha also booked a quarterfinal spot as she got the better of compatriot Anupama Upadhyay 21-17 21-16. She will take on Rucha Sawant, who defeated Nikki Rapria to reach the final eight.

Chaliha will face Rhucha Sawant in the quarterfinals. Qualifier Unnati Hooda cruised past eight seed Disha Gupta of USA 21-6 21-9 in just 20 minutes to set up a quarterfinal clash against Samiya Imad Farooqui.

In the mixed doubles event, the India pairing of Dhruv Rawat and Shikha Gautam lost 11-21 14-21 to the Sri Lankan duo of Sachin Dias and Thilini Hendahewa in the second round, while Ayush Makhija and Deeksha Choudhar handed Chirag Arora and Nish Rapria a 21-5 21-16 loss to move to the quarter-



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Hockey legend Charanjit Singh dies

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Captain of India's 1964 Tokyo Olympics gold medal-winning hockey team, Charanjit Singh, died on Thursday at his after suffering a cardiac arrest that followed prolonged agerelated illnesses.

The former mid-fielder was 90 and would have turned a year older next month. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

Charanjit suffered a stroke five years back and was paralysed since then.

"Dad was paralysed after suffering a stroke five years back. He used to walk with a stick but since the last couple of months, his health deteriorated and this morning he left us," his younger son V P Singh told PTI.

Besides captaining the Olympic gold-winning team in 1964, he was also a part of the silver-winning side in the 1960 edition of the Games. He was also a part of the 1962 Asian



Singh said.

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formed today after my sister reaches Una from Delhi," V P

His wife died 12 years ago. While his elder son is a doctor in Canada, his younger son was next to him when he breathed

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Games silver-winning team. "His last rites will be perHis only daughter is married and based in New Delhi. His last rites will be per-

formed this evening in Una. The two-time Ölympian was a part of India's glorious Charanjit had led the Indian team to a historic gold medal in 1964 Tokyo Olympics, beating Pakistan in the final and also featured in the Indian team that won silver in the 1960 Games in Rome.

Charanjit was an alumni of Col Brown Cambridge School, Dehradun and Punjab University. After his illustrious career in international hockey, he worked as the director of the physical education department in Himachal Pradesh University in Shimla.

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1.	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो अन्तर्गत नरकी—गोमिया पथ (कुल लम्बाई 7.40 कि0मी०) का विशेष मरम्मति कार्य, वर्ष 2021—2022.
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	75,00,000/-(पछहत्तर लाख) रूपये मात्र
3.	कार्य पूर्ण होने की अवधि	1(एक) माह।
4.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन होने की तिथि एवं समय	03.02.2022, 12.00 बजे दोपहर।
5.	बिड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	09.02.2022, 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक।
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यालय, कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो
7.	प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	06542-265569
8.	ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	0651-2403007

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PR 262534 Road(21-22)D



Government of Jharkhand Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minorities & Backward Class Welfare Department

Notice (P.R. No-249708)

Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme

Applications for Higher Education in Masters/M.Phil in selected Universities/Institutes of United Kingdom of Great Britain and North Ireland, are being invited from the students belonging to Scheduled Tribe, for the Financial Year 2021-22 under "Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Overseas Scholarship Scheme". A maximum of 10 selected students will get benefit under this scheme. Last Date (Extended) of Application-31.03.2022

Applications to be submitted to following e-mail id:-tw-com-jhr@nic.in
Instructions, (SOP) Application Form, Details of documents to be submitted by the applicants and other related information can be accessed from the link below :-

PR 262492 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department(21-22).D

Tribal Welfare Commissioner Jharkhand, Ranchi

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Corrigendum-01

PR Ref.No: 261128NIT No.: JUIDCO/FOB Kanj Chowk/2945/437
Tender ID: 2022_UDD_55008_1
Name of the work: Construction of Foot Over Bridge and installation of Escalators near Kishoreganj

<u>Sl.</u> <u>No.</u>	Clause No./ Reference No.	ence As per Uploaded SBD		As per Corrigendum-01			
		6	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	27.01.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	6	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	03.02.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.
1.	Pg.No:3 of uploaded SBD (Notice Inviting Tender)	7	Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee (Hard Copies)	28.01.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.	7	Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee in form of Bank Guarantee/FDR and Tender Fee in form of Demand Draft of any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank (Hard Copies)	04.02.2022 at 17:00 Hrs.
		8	Date & Time of bid opening	28.01.2022 at 17:30 Hrs.	8	Date & Time of bid opening	04.02.2022 at 17:30 Hrs.

राज्यपाल सचिवालय, झारखण्ड, राँची

अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

नव वर्ष 2022 के अवसर पर राजभवन / राज्यपाल सचिवालय, राँची के उपयोग के लिए राजभवन डायरी 2022 के मुद्रण हेत् अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा सूचना भवन अवस्थित राज्यपाल सचिवालय, राँची के लेखा शाखा में

दिनांक-04/02/2022 (शुक्रवार) अपराहन 03:00 बजे तक स्वीकार की जायेगी एवं दिनांक-04/02/2022 (शुक्रवार) अपराहन 04:00 बजे बजे राज्यपाल सचिवालय, राँची स्थित हॉल में निविदादाताओं / उनके प्रतिनिधियों के समक्ष खोली जाएगी। निविदादाता मुहरबंद लिफाफे में निविदा दर्ज करेंगे। निविदा की नियम एवं शर्ते राजभवन, राँची के वेबसाईट www.rajbhavanjharkhand.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है। (आराधना) उप सचिव

PR 262613 Governor(21-22).D

जिला खनन कार्यालय, चतरा (e-mail-id - dmo-chatra@jharkhandmail.gov.in)

JIMMS Portal का Vahan Portal के साथ integration संबंध में। चतरा जिलान्तर्गत वृहत खनिज कोयला एवं लघु खनिज पत्थर के सभी खनन पट्टेधारी, डीलर अनुज्ञप्तिधारी, ट्रांसपोर्टरो एवं खनिज ढुलाई के वाहन मालिको को निदेशित किया जाता है कि दिनांक 01.02.2022 के पूर्व खनन ढुलाई में संलग्न सभी वाहनो का शत्-प्रतिशत PIN Generation की कार्रवाई करना सुनिश्चित करे। निर्धारित समयाविध के अन्दर उक्त का अनुपालन नही होने की स्थिति में यदि खनिज

परिवहन प्रभावित होता है, तो इसकी पूर्ण जवाबदेही आपकी होगी। पूर्व में भी इस संदर्भ में आप सभी को विभिन्न पत्रों के माध्यम से सूचित किया गया है।

PR262503 (Mines and Geology)21-22*D

कार्चपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जमशेदप्र

अति अल्पुकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना

निविदा सूचना सं०-10/2021-22 1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर। दिनांक 02.02.2022 एवं 03.02.2022 को 11.00 बजे से 15.00 बजे तक

निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 04.02.2022 को 11.00 बजे से 15.00 बजे तक। निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय

दिनांक 04.02.2022 को 15:30 बजे से। (क) मुख्य अभियंता (या०) का कार्यालय, प०नि०वि०, झारखण्ड, पता—अभियंता हॉस्टल नं० २, गोलचक्कर, धुर्वा, राँची 834004।

निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान

PR 262482 Road (21-22)_D

परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि

परिमाणविपत्र बिक्रीकास्थल

(ख) अधीक्षण अभियंता का कार्यालय, प०नि०वि०, पथ अंचल, चाईबासा। (ग) कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, प०नि०वि०, पथ प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर। क्रमांक 5 के क्रम सं० 'क' से 'ग' में वर्णित कार्यालयों में।

क्रo संo	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू० लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू० में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (रू० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	वित्तीय वर्ष 2021–2022 में गैर–योजना मद अंतर्गत जादूगोड़ा से सुन्दरनगर पथ (कुल लं0 19.075 कि.मी.) की साधारण मरम्मती कार्य।	30.00	60,000/-	5,000/-	35 दिन
2	वित्तीय वर्ष 2021–2022 में गैर–योजना मद अंतर्गत जशेदपुर से हाता पथ (कुल लं0 18.545 कि.मी.) की साधारण मरम्मती कार्य।	40.00	80,000/-	5,000/-	35 दिन

नोट :-1. निविदा की शर्तें सूचना पट्ट एवं परिमाण विपन्न/निविदा अभिलेख में देखा जा सकता है। कार्यालय में रक्षित विस्तृत प्राक्कलन पढ़कर ही निविदा में भाग लें। 2. प्राक्कलित राशि, परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट–बढ़ सकती है। अंततः परिमाण विपन्न में अंकित राशि ही मान्य होगी। 3. निविदा में अग्रधन की राशि एवं सफल निविदादाता के साथ एकरारनामा के समय अवशेष सेक्युरिटी मनी 5 वर्षीय रा0ब0पत्र या/अथवा भारतीय डाकघर/राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का तीन एवं/अथवा पाँच वर्षीय सावधि जमा-रसीद ही मान्य होगा। 4. किसी भी परिस्थिति में अवधि विस्तार एवं अगले वित्तीय वर्ष के लिए स्पील ऑभर नहीं किया जायगा। त्रटि–निवारण अवधि छः माह होगी। कार्यपालक अभियंता,

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07.02.2022 up to 3 P.M 08.02.2022 at 3 P.M Rs 5000.00 (Rupees Five thousand Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand | Only). | Contact no./ Helpline number of | 7004871564, 9771500075 Note: The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays Detailed tender document can be seen and applied through website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.inonly, hard copies of Technical bid & Price bid will not be entertained except Tender fee & EMD.



RAVI BISHNOI GETS MAIDEN CALL-UP FOR WINDIES SERIES

oung leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi was on Wednesday rewarded with a maiden India call-up for the upcoming Twenty20 series against the West Indies, while senior wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav also returned to the white-ball setup after a knee

Skipper Rohit Sharma on the day cleared his fitness test and as reported by PTI on January 17, was back incharge for the series that starts with ODIs in Ahmedabad from February

Among senior players, Ravichandran Ashwin has been dropped from the white-ball team, while Washington Sundar, who missed the South Africa series due to COVID-19, was back in the squad. 'Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Sĥami have been rested from the series,"

BCCI secetary Jay Shah was quoted as saying in a press release.

While Ashwin is believed to be

injured and out for six weeks, BCC statement didn't mention his injury status so it can be concluded that even if he is fit, he wouldn't have been picked after an indifferent white-ball series in South Africa.

The other notable comeback has been Baroda batter Deepak Hooda, who had changed states and did wonderfully well for Rajasthan in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy as well as Vijay Hazare Trophy. Hooda is being looked as a poten-

tial finisher in shorter formats and for now in the ODI team. He was part of the Nidahas Trophy squad in Sri Lanka four seasons back but didn't get

"If you go and look at Hooda's performances in white-ball cricket this season, most of his runs have come when the team has been in trouble. That shows he can take pressure. The selectors would like to see more of M Shahrukh Khan, who is a good talent. There are a lot of matches and if he has a good IPL, who knows, he will

"Ravindra Jadeia is undergoing his final stage of recovery post his knee injury and will not be available for the ODIs and T20Is. **Axar Patel will be** available for the T20Is,"

be right there," a BCCI source informed PTI on condition of anonymity.

Shah added

However it is understood that Himachal Pradesh captain Rishi Dhawan wasn't in consideration as his bowling is friendly medium pace and can't be seen as a finisher in

It is also learnt that vice-captain KL Rahul will be available from the second ODI onwards as he is set to miss the first 50-over game due to personal reasons.

"Ravindra Jadeja is undergoing his final stage of recovery post his knee injury and will not be available for the ODIs and T20Is. Axar Patel will be available for the T20Is," Shah added.

Bishnoi has been one of the finds of the Indian Premier League for the Punjab outfit and has been picked up by new franchise Lucknow Super Giants from the drafts for the next IPL. In 42 T20 games, he has 49 wickets at a great economy rate of 6.63. In 17 List A games, he has 24 wickets and an economy rate of 5.48.

He primarily bowls googlies which is his stock delivery and occasionally bowls leg-breaks. With Kuldeep,

Yuzvendra Čhahal and Bishnoi, India is again going back to the trusted formula of wrist spin which gave

them lot of success between 2017

Bhuvneshwar Kumar has been dropped from the ODI squad but retained for the T20Is while former skipper Virat Kohli featured in both

the teams. It is understood that Kuldeep, who had lost his mojo in the Kohli-Ravi Shastri era, has been called back as the current team management and selectors feel that he has the X-factor to contribute to the team's cause.

He underwent a knee surgery in September last year.

Avesh Khan and Harshal Patel, who were part of the New Zealand T20 Internationals are predictably back as reported by PTI. The six-match series against the

West Indies will feature three ODIs starting in Ahmedabad from February 6, followed by as many T20 Internationals in Kolkata. Due to COVID-19 protocols, the

BCCI has curtailed the number of venues from six cities to two.

Roach returns to West Indies squad



PTI ■ ST JOHN'S (ANTIGUA)

Seasoned pacer Kemar Roach and young all-rounder Nkrumah Bonner have been recalled to the West Indies ODI squad for the three-match series in India beginning February 6. Roach, who has not played any List A cricket since his last ODI in 2019, has made the return with West Indies great Desmond Haynes picking him in his first squad selection since taking over as lead selector. Six additions have been made to the squad, to be led by Kieron Pollard, that lost to Ireland at home. The ODIs against Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on

February 6, 9 and 11.

The T20Is will be played at Eden Gardens in Kolkata on February 16, 18 and 20 and the Caribbean squad for that is expected to be announced on Friday. Besides the experienced Roach, the 22-year-old Bonner, a middle-order batter whose last ODI appearance was exactly a year ago, and Brandon King, an opener, have been recalled to the squad.

The 27-year-old King's last oneday outing in national colours was back in 2020. Roach has so far played 92 ODIs with 124 wicketsBonner made his ODI debut in Bangladesh a year ago and has so India will be played at the Narendra far played three matches, while King has appeared in four matches

'Kemar Roach is one of our

leading fast bowlers and we believe we need bowlers upfront to get early wicket, and Kemar, with an economy rate of five, is certainly good enough to play. "Over the last few years, Nkrumah Bonner's cricket has come on leaps and bounds and we believe he should be given an opportunity to play in the 50-over format," said Haynes in a statement."

The series will be part of the ICC ODI Super League and the West Indies will have the opportunity to win points to be one of the top seven teams, excluding hosts India, to gain automatic qualification for the 2023 World Cup.

Powell's 107 leads West Indies over England by 20 runs



AP ■ BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

 $R^{\rm ovman\ Powell\ hit\ 10\ sixes\ among\ his\ 107\ runs}_{\rm from\ 53\ balls\ to\ lead\ West\ Indies\ to\ a\ 20-run}$ victory over England and a 2-1 lead in the fivematch Twenty20 series.

Powell, brought in for Odean Smith, formed the backbone of the home side's 224 for five, with Nicholas Pooran clubbing 70 off 43 deliveries. England finished at 202-9.

Tom Banton gave England hope of pulling off its third-highest chase ever with a 39-ball 73 but his dismissal left the tourists needing 96 from 45 deliveries before Phil Salt kept its flickering hopes Salt, one of three T20 debutants alongside

George Garton and Harry Brook, brought the equation down to 36 in an over, flaying the first two deliveries for six en route to a 22-ball 50 before being bowled. England was captained by Moeen Ali because

of a slight quad injury to Eoin Morgan.

The final two matches are on Saturday and Sunday, also in Bridgetown.

NZC moves all games against Indian women to Queenstown

The Indian women's team will play all its six upcoming matches against New Zealand in Queenstown as NZC on Thursday announced a revised schedule to reduce chances of a COVID-19 outbreak.

The Indian women's team, which is already in New Zealand, is now scheduled to play all five ODIs and a T20I, starting February 9 at John Davies Oval in The bilateral series, which

is key for India ahead of the World Cup in March-April, was earlier scheduled to begin with with the one-off T20I at McLean Park in Napier followed by the first ODI at the same venue two days later. The Saxton Oval in Nelson was to host the second

and third ODIs on February

14 and 16, with the final two

ODIs to be played in Queenstown on February 22 and 24. Other changes in the schedule announced by NZC include the South Africa men's side remaining in Christchurch for the entire

duration of its visit, playing

both its scheduled Tests at

Hagley Oval rather than "These risk mitigations are decamping to Wellington for based on avoiding known Covidthe second match, as initial-19 hotspots, and include limiting air travel, limiting accommodaly scheduled. Australia's three T20s tion transfers and, essentially,

against the New Zealand operating in safer environments," men's side will now be host-NZC chief executive David White ed in Napier (subject to MIQ said in a statement. availability), and the Netherlands men's tour is set We know the more domestic flights we have, and the more to be split between Mount Maunganui (one T20 and one ODI) and Hamilton (two ODIs). All matches have been he added. kept on originally-scheduled days. The changes in the venues is aimed to cut down on domestic travel and the

increased likelihood of expo-

sure to the Omicron variant

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender Notice No.: S&T-Con-135 CSTE/CON/ECR/Mahendrughat/Patna for

& on behalf of President of India are invited

Open online E-Tender. (1) E-Tender No.: S&T-Con-135, (2) Name of work: Design, Manufacturing, Supply Installation, Testing

and Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking System (Indoor & Outdoor) at Biratoli, Kusmahi, Balumath, Bukru,

of COVID-19.

movement there is between hotels, the greater the chance of a match or even a series being put at risk," DEAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No.: 2021/WPIDHN&DNR/ENGG/WT-68(Open) E-Tender (open) are invited on behalf of the President of India with following details. (1) Name of the work with its location: Composite Works (Civil, Electrical Industrial sheds, other ancillary buildings Track works, Drainage system, Electrification and illumination works, Railways, Chamber Bhawan, 4th floor (Engg Deptt.) J.C. Road, Patna-800001 CAO/WP, Chamber Bhawan, J.C. Road, Patna

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Tough road awaits Kuldeep, Harbhajan wants Team India to 'stick by'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

When Kuldeep Yadav had gone for a skier during a Kolkata Knight Riders practice session in the UAE last September, little did he know that within seconds his world would come crashing down with a twisted knee. Those present at the Dubai training facility were horrified seeing



his condition as he lay there writhing in pain, waiting to be stretchered

out. In a week's time, he the Indian team. underwent a major knee surgery in Mumbai, which cast doubts on how long it would take for him to get fit for competitive cricket. He

visited Mathura with his family on Thursday to offer prayers on his comeback, for Kuldeep really needed some divine intervention to make his way back into

Otherwise, all that he could have done was to wait at home to hear from the BCCI if it would hold the now-postponed Ranji Trophy, where he was supposed to lead Uttar Pradesh.

"It will be a very tough road ahead for Kuldeep. He hasn't had any proper domestic games under his belt and

claiming figures of four for 48.

Lions went at over 10 an over.

ended on 209 all out.

The final-wicket partnership of

Bethell came out all guns blazing in

George Thomas was a delighted

South Africa finally struck as Bethell

That tag was backed up by good part-

went for one heave too many but not before

he had put on 88 from 42 deliveries to place

nerships in the top order, before William

Luxton came in at five to strike 47 from 41

balls and get England into the semi-finals

with a six. Zimbabwe, West Indies win in

England as overwhelming favourites.

Matthew Boast and Asakhe Tsaka frustrat-

ed England adding 40?runs as South Africa

England's chase, hitting the fourth fastest

half-century of U19 World Cup history,

reaching fifty off just 20 balls, as the Young

onlooker at the non-striker's end only mov-

ing into double figures in the tenth over, before smacking a six to bring up England's

it's not easy to make an international comeback just like that," one of India's greatest spinners, Harbhajan Singh, told PTI when asked about his expectations. 'Ĥe wasn't playing

regularly before surgery and when you are making a comeback in white ball, the first thing that's at the back of your mind is 'I don't want to get hit'.

balance as you are naturally dealing with a lot of insecurities. It's a test of mental fortitude," said Harbhajan, who saw Kuldeep from close quarters at KKR nets.

But Kuldeep has the skills and the 'Turbanator' expects that he can get a few early wickets and make it a different ballgame.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🕃

E-Tender Notice
E-Tender Notice No.; SnT-Con-DHN-12R
CSTE/CON/ECR/Mahendrughat/Patna for & on behalf of President of India are invited
Open online E-Tender. (1) E-Tender No.:
SnT-Con-DHN-12R, (2) Name of work:
Shifting of signal, OFC Cable, location
boxes and IBH in connection with construction of Gomoh ROR project in Dhanbad Division of East Cental Railway. (3) Approximate Cost: 92,60,011.24, (4) Earnest Money: 1,85,200.00, (5) Cost of Tender document: Nil. (6) Completion Period: 06 Months, (7) Last Date & Time of submission of online E-Tender: 14.02.2022 up to 12:00, For details information, may kindly see the tender notice and tender documents which are available at Indian Railways website http://www.ireps.gov.in_CSTE/CON/DHN PR/01566/CDHN/S&T/T/21-22/24

Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway (3) Approximate Cost: 50,20,98,912.90 4) Earnest Money: 26,60,500,00, (5) Cost of Tender document: Nil, (6) Completion

Period: 18 Months, (7) Last Date & Time of submission of online E-Tender: 18.02.2022 up to 12:00, For details information, may kindly see the tender notice and tender documents which are available at Indian Railways website http://www.ireps.gov.in CSTE/CON/HQ PR/01564/CONS/S&T/T/21-22/28 99999

Procurement and commissioning of specified Mechanical Machineries & Plant (EOT crane etc.) in connection with (i) Dhanbad : Up-gradation of Dhanbad coaching sick line LHB coach maintenance (ii) Dhanbad: Extension of coach Maintenance pit no. 4 by 60 meters, pit no. 3 maintenance in no. 4 by 50 meters, pir no. 2 by 30 meters & pit no. 2 by 50 meters at KLKE end side. (iii) Danapur-Infrastructure Development of Danapur Depot. (2) Approximate Cost of the work: Rs. 24,99.40.413.29, (3) Earnest Money to be consisted: Rs. 13,99,700.00, (4) Date & Time for closing of extender: 03.03.2022 Phulbasia and Shivpur station in connection with triple line between Tori to Shivpur in Time for closing of e-tender: 03 03 2022 at 13:00 Hrs., (5) Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded: Tender can only be downloaded and Bidded from IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in For any other information please contact office of Chief Engineer/Workshop Projects, Indian

England first team to reach U-19 WC semifinals



PTI ■ NORTH SOUND

acob Bethell's blistering batting display helped England advance to the semi-finals of the ICC U-19 World Cup with a six-wicket win over South Africa here.

Bethell was one of the bowlers to restrict South Africa to 209 all out before hitting 88 to see England set up a clash with either Sri Lanka or Afghanistan.

South Africa endured a slow start having won the toss and chosen to bat, their first boundary came off the final ball of the fourth over, before Joshua Boyden dismissed

Valentine Kitime off the next delivery. Boyden would claim his 12th wicket of the tournament to send the other opener Ethan-John Cunningham back to the hutch and reduce South Africa to 21 for two.

Dewald Brevis and Gerhardus Maree combined to steady the South African ship, adding 55 runs to the total before Bethell dismissed Maree.

for South Africa as he brought up his fourth fifty-plus score in a row eventually falling just short of a century on 97. His dismissal brought about a batting collapse for South Africa as three wickets

fell for one run as the batters went in search

of boundaries, but only found the grateful

hands of fielders with Rehan Ahmed

the Plate competition Matthew Welch's 78 helped Zimbabwe set Scotland a tricky chase of 249 in their Plate quarterfinal. Brevis remained a familiar stronghold

Scotland were unable to build partnerships as they slumped to 140 all out to see Zimbabwe advance to meet Ireland. They will be joined in the semifinals by hosts West Indies who were too good for Papua New Guinea in a 169-run win. The West Indies will now face the United Arab Emirates, while Papua New Guinea are set to take on Uganda in the Plate play-offs.

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to our advertisement no. CM/Ranchi:02/2022 published in the newspaper(s) on 24/01/2022, the upper age limit mentioned in the advertisement inadvertently as 65 years, may be read as 57 years for both the posts. Inconvenience caused is Address

NTPC Coal Mining Headquarters Gini Plaza, Opposite Chutia Police Station, Ranchi - 834001, Jharkhand

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GeM Bid No. GEM/2022/B/1851803 Dated 25/01/2022 For and on behalf of the President of India, E-Tenders on "Two Packet System* are invited from the Firms/Agencies/Contractors of repute having technical expertise and financial solvency for the following work:- 1) Name of

work with its location and completion period: Hiring of One commercial AC SUV for ADRM(Infra) DHN for a period of two years. Completion period-02 years. ii) Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 14,09,832.00 (Rupees Fourteen lakh nine thousand eight hundred thirty two) only. iii) Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 28,197.00 (Rupees Twenty eight thousand one hundred ninety seven) iv) Date & time for closing of e-tender: 16:00 hrs. on 15/02/2022 Date & time for opening of etender 16:30 hrs. on 15/02/2022 v) Website particulars: https://gem.gov.in No manual nder will be accepted against e-tendering.

Divisional Railway Manager E.C. Railway. Dhanbad PR/001575/DHN/MECH/T/21-22/32

Tender Notice

E-Tenders is invited for execution of the following work by Divisional Railway Manage (Commercial.), E.C. Railway, Dhanbed:-Tender No. C-742-Parking-DHN-1-22 SI.No. 1. Name of the work with its location & completion period: Two wheeler parking stand infront of reservation office at Dhanbad Station for the period of three years. 2. Reserve Price for three year (in Rs.): Rs. 51,81,540/- 3. Earnest Money: Rs. 1,04,000/- 4. Date & Time for closing and opening of Tender: Date of closing of e-tender at 12.00 hours on

PR/001570/DHN/COML/T/21-22/32

Dhanbad, dt. 24.01.2022

18.02 2022 Date of opening of e-tender after 12:30 hrs. on 18.02.2022. 5 Website particulars: http://www.ireps.gov.in. No manual tender will be accepted against etendering. Tenderer have to pay levy of GST @18% & income tax as applicable in addition to offered rate by him. Railway Administration reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever.

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial) East Central Railway/Dhanba

