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BJP reposes faith in sitting MLAs in UP

Party announces 91 candidates, 13 Ministers in list

PNS ■ LUCKNOW/DELHI

Reposing faith in sitting legislators, the BJP on Friday released another list of 91 candidates for the upcoming Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections where it has given tickets to 13 Ministers and repeated its sitting MLA in Ayodhya.

In this list, majority of the names were from those constituencies where elections would be held in the fifth and sixth phases but names of candidates for Lucknow, where the elections will be held in the fourth phase, are still under wraps.

Similarly, the future of the Speaker of the Assembly, Hridaynarayan Dixit, hangs in balance as his name is also not there in the list.

The party dropped Co-Operative Affairs Minister Mukut Bihari Verma but gave ticket to his son Gaurav who will be contesting from his Kaiserganj seat in Bahraich.

Major seat holders are Sidharth Singh from Allahabad West, Chief



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath talks with media during his visit to inspect Lala Lajpat Rai Memorial Medical College, in Meerut, Friday PTI

Minister's media adviser Shalabmani Tripathi from Deoria Sadar seat, Nand Gopal Nandi from Prayagraj South, Amit Chauhan from Bikapur in Ayodhya and Ramchandra Yadav from Rudauli.

The BJP has allotted tickets to nine women candidates in the current list of candidates.

The BJP women candidates in the new list are Sindhuja Mishra (Kunda), Neelam Karwariya (Meja), Aarti Kol (Karaon), Aarti Tiwari (Goshainganj), Saroj Sonkar (Balha), Anupama Jaiswal (Bahraich), A Neelam Sonkar (Lalganj), Manju Sonkar (Mehnar) and Sunita Parishit Singh (Zamania).

Apart from this, the BJP

has allotted tickets to Akhilesh Mishra from Azamgarh Sadar seat and Prateek Bhushan Singh from Gonda. The party has fielded Sindhuja Mishra against Raghuraj Pratap Singh, alias Raja Bhैया, in Kunda and despite Opposition gave ticket to Rajesh Gautam from Kadirpur (R) seat of Sultanpur.

The party, however, denied ticket to sitting MLA from Haidergarh Bajinath Rawat and instead fielded Dinesh Rawat. The BJP has fielded new faces from Barabanki Sadar (Arvind Maurya) and Sharad Awasthi from Ramnagar.

In Azamgarh, which is considered a stronghold of the BSP and the SP, the BJP has

out of ten constituencies.

Party declared Satyendra Rai from Gopalpur, Akhilesh Mishra from Azamgarh, Manoj Yadava from Nizamabad, Krishna Murari Vishwakarma from Didarganj, former MP Neelam Sonkar from Lalganj, and Manju Saroj from Mehnagar.

Manju Saroj, was the candidate of Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party in 2017 but lost the poll. She is now face of the BJP.

The BJP has not yet fielded anyone from Phulpur-Powai where the SP has given ticket to Ramakant Yadav, father of BJP MLA Arun Kant.

Among the Ministers who got tickets are: Suresh Pasi from Jagdishpur of Sultanpur, Rajendra Pratap Singh Moti from Pratapgarh, Sidharth Nath Singh from Allahabad West, Nand Gopal Nandi, Allahabad south, Rmupati Shastri from Mankapur, Gonda, Health Minister Jai Pratap Singh from Bansai in Siddharthnagar, Satish Dwivedi from Etwa in Siddharthnagar, Jai Prakash Nishad from Rudrapur in Deoria, Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi from Pathardeva in Deoria, and Upendra Tiwari from Phephna in Ballia.

BrahMos gets 1st export order from Philippines

India inks \$375mn cruise missile deal

RAHUL DATTA ■ NEW DELHI

India on Friday entered the niche defence export market by inking a deal worth over 375 million dollars with the Philippines for BrahMos super-sonic cruise missile. It is the first big export contract by India. The country hopes to cross the five billion dollar mark by 2025.

The Pioneer on January 14 had reported about the Government-to-Government deal between India and the Philippines for the missile system. While the Brahmos is a joint venture between India and Russia, the missile is indigenously designed and manufactured. The missile can be launched from land, air, sea and submarines.

Announcing the deal, Defence Ministry officials said here on Friday that BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) signed a contract with the Department of National Defence of the Republic of the Philippines for supply of shore-based anti-ship missile system. The contract is an important step forward for India's policy of promoting responsible Defence exports.

Though the Government did not specify the number of missiles to be supplied to the



Philippines Navy, sources said at least three batteries will be sold. The signing ceremony took place in Manila.

Moreover, the range of the missile for export is about 300 km with the capability of carrying 200k warhead even though the Brahmos has the capability of hitting a target at more than 400 km, they said.

Indian ambassador to the Philippines Shambhu Kumaran said he was privileged to witness history in the making. "Signing of the Brahmos acquisition contract by Philippines Defence Secretary Delfin Lorenzana today marks a decisive step forward for Prime Minister's Mission Sagar and India's Indo-Pacific engagement," he tweeted.

He thanked Lorenzana and Philippines Cabinet Secretary Teddy Locsin Jr for their active support to build

stronger relations with India.

"Today we are one step closer to elevating ties between our democracies to a strategic partnership and our shared objective of a free and peaceful Indo-Pacific," Kumaran noted.

"It is also a moment of deep pride as India establishes itself as a source of high-technology equipment and a trusted partner towards capability development of friendly nations," he added.

Reacting to BrahMos's export order, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman G Satheesh Reddy said, "Surface to air missile Akash, Astra, anti-tank missiles, radars, torpedoes gain the interest of various countries. More systems are being developed which have export potential."

Rebellion in Punjab forces Cong to review candidates for 6 seats

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

The rebellion is brewing within the Punjab Congress over the distribution of tickets. The party is facing revolt at no less than 15 seats out of the total 109 declared so far, forcing the party high command to review its decision on at least five seats.

The denial of party ticket has resulted in a massive resentment among the left out aspirants who have been demanding review, while many others have declared to contest as independents. In fact, its three sitting MLAs Rana Gurmeet Singh Sodhi (Guru Har Sahai), Fatehjung Singh Bajwa (Qadian), and Dr Harjot Kamal (Moga) have already parted ways with the party.

Prominent among the rebels include former MP Mohinder Singh Kaypee, former Minister Jagmohan Singh Kang, four-time Congress MLA from Samrala Amrik Singh Dhillon, Sunam halqa in-charge Daman Thind Bajwa, singer-turned-politician Satwinder Bitti, Chief Minister Charanjit Singh



Channi's younger brother Dr Manohar Singh, Cabinet Minister Rana Gurjit Singh's son Rana Inder Partap Singh, among others.

A day after Congress' four-time legislator from Samrala Amrik Singh Dhillon filed his nomination papers as an independent, Channi's brother Dr Manohar Singh on Friday filed his nomination from Bassi Pathana Assembly seat as an independent candidate against the Congress nominee and sitting MLA Gurpreet Singh GP.

Dr Manohar, who resigned from the post of senior medical officer at Kharar Civil Hospital,

was staking claims for ticket from Bassi Pathana. "Several prominent people of Bassi Pathana area have asked me to fight as an independent and I will go by what they have said. There is no chance of going back and I will surely fight the polls," said Dr Manohar after filing the nominations.

Kang, former MLA from Kharar, also revolted against the party and expressed anguish over denial of party ticket to him, while declaring that his son Yadevinder Singh Bunny Kang will contest as independent candidate from Kharar.

Raj Babbar likely to desert Cong for SP

VIRENDRA NATH BHATT ■ LUCKNOW

After the exit of RPN Singh from the Congress, former Uttar Pradesh Congress president Raj Babbar too is likely to desert the party.

Babbar is expected to join the Samajwadi Party. Interestingly on Monday, The Congress named him as one of the 30 star campaigners of the party for the first phase of the UP polls.

Sources said Raj Babbar is in touch with SP supremo Akhilesh Yadav and can quit the Congress soon.

Babbar, former cine star and native of Agra, began his political journey from Janata Dal in 1989. The actor subsequently switched allegiance to the SP and was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1994.

In the 1999 general election, he was elected to the Lok Sabha from Agra constituency and retained this seat in the 2004 Lok Sabha polls as well. However, he was suspended from the SP in February 2006 for his outbursts against the



party. In October 5, 2008, he formally joined the Congress at a massive rally in Agra.

In the by-election to the Firozabad Lok Sabha seat held in November 2009, he emerged victorious on a Congress ticket. However, he suffered a setback by losing to the BJP in the 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections from Ghaziabad and Fatehpur Sikri respectively.

In the meantime, he was a member of the Rajya Sabha from March 2015 to November 2020. Most importantly, he served as the Uttar Pradesh Congress president from 2016 to 2019.

New coronavirus NeoCov's risk to humans needs clarity: WHO

It can cause more deaths, highlight researchers in China, others say virus not new

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

After Chinese researchers said they have detected new type of coronavirus "NeoCov" among bats in South Africa which can penetrate human cells in the same way as SARS-CoV-2, the WHO on Friday said that its potential needs further clarity.

Chinese researchers weighed in on the mortality rate stating that "one in every three infected persons dies", highlighting the higher death rate.

However, according to the reports, the NeoCov virus is not new. Associated with the MERS-CoV virus, it was discovered in outbreaks in West Asian countries in 2012 and 2015 and is similar to the SARS-CoV-2, which causes



coronavirus in humans. It has latent ability to mutate.

"It is only one mutation away from becoming dangerous for humans," researchers said in a paper posted on preprint website bioRxiv, and not peer-reviewed yet.

However, according to the WHO, the question of whether the NeoCov coronavirus, recently discovered in bats in South Africa, poses a threat to humans requires further study.

"Whether the virus detected in the study will pose a risk for humans will require further study," said the health body.

The WHO added that it "works closely" with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the UN Environment Program (UNEP) in order to "monitor and respond to the threat of emerging zoonotic viruses."

Urged to open schools, Centre working on all options, advisory soon

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Following demands from various quarters, particularly parents, the Union Health Ministry is working on options for opening schools with Covid appropriate norms and may soon issue an advisory to States in this regard.

"The Government is working on some model to open the schools due to increasing demands by parents. The Ministry has already asked its expert team to look into all the options for opening schools," sources in the Ministry said.

There has been increased pressure on the Government from parents and schools to reopen education facilities as the number of Covid-19 cases



in India is on the decline.

Some States and Union Territories have already announced the reopening of schools for Classes 10 to 12 with the condition that students between the age group 15 to 18 can attend offline classes only if they had had at least one dose of vaccination. All staff and students above 18 must be vaccinated with both doses. Various global agencies like UNICEF and World Bank too have called upon the Governments to take steps in this direction.

‘Welcome aboard this historic flight’ AI fliers greeted

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

A day after the Tata Group took over Air India from the Government, passengers on Air India flights on Friday were addressed with a special welcome audio announcement.

Pilots on all Air India flights greeted passengers with the line "Welcome to the future of Air India" on January 28.

In an order, the operations department told the airline's pilots to make a specific announcement after door closure on every flight departing on Friday.

"Dear Guests, This is your Captain (Name) speaking... Welcome aboard this historic flight, which marks a



special event. Today, Air India officially becomes a part of the Tata Group again, after seven decades. We look forward to serving you on this and every Air India flight with renewed commitment and passion. Welcome to the future of Air India! We hope you enjoy the journey," is the special welcome announcement for passengers.

V Anantha Nageswaran is new CEC



New Delhi: The Government has appointed Venkatraman Anantha Nageswaran as the next Chief Election Adviser. Nageswaran assumed charge of his new role in the Finance Ministry on Friday, as per an official statement.

Nageswaran was till recently the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business and a distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at Krea University. He was also a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021.

SC revokes ‘irrational’ suspension of 12 Maha BJP MLAs from House

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Terming as "undemocratic" and "irrational", Supreme Court on Friday quashed the suspension of 12 BJP MLAs by the Maharashtra Assembly.

In a landmark Judgment, the bench headed by Justice AM Khanwilkar said that suspending a Member of the House or Legislative Assembly beyond the remainder period of ongoing session would impact the democratic setup as a whole by permitting the thin majority or coalition Government to manipulate the numbers of the Opposition party in an undemocratic manner.

In its judgment delivered on the pleas filed by 12 BJP MLAs who had challenged

their one-year suspension from Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for allegedly misbehaving with the presiding officer, the bench comprising Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and CT Ravikumar observed that one-year suspension is "worse than" expulsion, disqualification or resignation.

"In conclusion, we have no hesitation in allowing these writ petitions and to declare that the impugned resolution directing suspension of the petitioners beyond the period of the remainder of the concerned Monsoon session held in July 2021 is not est in the eyes of law, nullity, unconstitutional, substantively illegal and irrational," said the bench.

Yediyurappa's granddaughter Dr Soundarya commits suicide

Bengaluru: Former Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa's granddaughter Dr Soundarya V Y was found hanging at her city residence here on Friday, with the police suspecting it to be a case of suicide.

Soundarya, daughter of the BJP leader's second daughter Padmavathi, was married to Dr Neeraj S, who works in the same hospital where she is employed, in 2018, police said.

On Friday morning, Neeraj left for duty while she was home at their Vasant Nagar residence here.

The matter came to light when the maid came to the house and knocked on the door repeatedly but in vain. She informed Dr Neeraj, who too called on his wife's phone but there was no response

Covid cases on decline, but don't let guard down: TMH

PNS ■ Jamshedpur

The rate of Covid-19 is on decline in the city, much to the relief of people. Yet, the experts of Tata Main Hospital (TMH) there stand strong chances of the pandemic striking back with unknown intensity. During a telephonic media interaction, Dr Rajan Choudhry, advisor, and former general manager, medical services, Tata Steel on Friday said the spread of COVID-19 cases has started showing some signs of improvement in the city. At present, only 15 patients have been admitted at the hospital. There are only 4 patients in the critical care unit. In the previous week the number was 44. The recovery rate improved to 85 per cent. The hospital has seen 1,153 deaths in all the three waves, the numbers are only 55 deaths in the third wave. The hospital has conducted 3.29 lakh Covid tests out of which 1.74 lakhs were RT-PCR. This week only



208 tests were positive while in the previous week it was 711. Dr Choudhry also did not rule out chances of the return of the virus with unknown symptoms and varying intensity. "We need to follow precautionary

measures like use of masks and sanitiser and social distancing for the well-being of the self and others," He added the ongoing vaccination was building up more confidence in people. TMH has also crossed 3 lakh vaccine numbers. The focus

should be on vaccination. He said that all the recent infections have left behind natural immunity that should give us a few months before another new COVID wave hits. Dr Rajan Choudhry despite the trend of the virus, one must continue to follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour including wearing of mask, hand sanitisation, social distancing and avoid crowded places. "We need to be careful in the coming days as the downward trends should continue for the next two weeks. We should continue to avoid crowding, wear masks and follow social distancing. This will reduce the chances of spread of the virus. If we remain serious about the protocols the virus will further reduce significantly," he noted. The advisor also said that TMH is also focusing on the post Covid19 care clinic at its OPD. Sensing the need of those patients who recovered from coronavirus, the hospital will focus on post Covid care.

Kolhan Govt Estate' episode is money minting illegal activity: ADG

M FAIYAZ AHMAD ■ DALTONGANJ



Additional Director General of Police (OPS) Sanjay Anand Lathkar, who was named for the President's Medal for his distinguished service on the eve of the Republic Day gave his candid opinion about things happened in Jharkhand in the last few weeks in quick succession. The ADG (Ops) spoke about the Kolhan Government Estate episode, return of the extremism in Jharkhand, surrender of Pramanik, naxals facing crunch of cadres etc without mincing any word. On the 'Kolhan Government Estate' episode Lathkar said that it is nothing but only a move to earn fast bucks by some lumpen elements. He said these lumpen elements were preparing false papers for giving jobs and gullible people just believed them. On being asked asked that there was a jawan also from the CRPF indulging in nefarious activities in the name of the Kolhan Government Estate, Lathkar said the jawan was a deserter. He was in the CRPF Latehar. He deserted his battalion all

for big and easy money. Lathkar said this jawan has given his side of version that he was assured of double his salary here say one lakh per month and so he severed his association with his unit of the battalion and came here now only to face the heat of the law of the land. On January 23 there broke out a clash between the police and the followers of the Kolhan Government Estate mostly tribal in Jharkhand. Sources said the situation could have escalated but for a swift and preventive measure things just could not go out of control then. Sources said the incident was painted as one of revolt against the present State administration. Sources said it was more a winter of dis-

content and not any rebellion or alienation at all. The ADG (Ops) said there was no such thing even remotely like that of revolt or secession etc at all but a simple thuggery and cheating going on there which the police foiled and aborted. Lathkar denied there is any revival or resurgence of the left wing extremism in the state when his attention was drawn to naxal violence occurring at places like Chaibasa, Lohardaga, Giridih, Bokaro etc. He said there is no return to extremism in the state. What the extremists are doing here and there is their own survival show, he added. Referring to the latest Bokaro district Gomia police station encounter with the Maoists Lathkar said luck favoured the Maoists otherwise they could have suffered much there. The contingent of 'Barka Da' was said to be there in the region of the Lugu Pahar in Bokaro where took place an exchange of fire between the rebels and the security forces. He said rebels are indulging in inane activities just to show 'They are here and can't be written off'.

VC inaugurates international webinar on women's empowerment

PNS ■ Dhanbad

The Vice Chancellor of BBMKU Kamal John Lakra inaugurated a two day international webinar on "Rethinking about Women's Empowerment in Society and Literature"organised jointly by Bangla department of Sindri College Dhanbad and Bijani college , Bijani here today. Lakra said,Women's empowerment means promoting women's sense of self-worth, self-value and self-respect. It is for their ability to determine their own choices, and their right to influence social change for themselves and others. Empowering women is empowering the men, society, nation and ultimately the world itself, he said. The VC also quoted the Nobel Peace prize winner Malla Yushufzai , on this occasion." I raise my voice not so that I can shout, but so that my voice can be heard. We cannot succeed when half of us are held back". Chief Guest of inaugural session Dean students welfare of BBMKU Deojani Biswas laid down in detail the status of

women in society and how they are improving from women empowerment drive. Convenor of seminar Dr.Sharmistha Acharya of Sindri College said ,the goal of the International Conference is to examine, reconsider, analyze the results of the empowerment process that has been or is being followed in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and to reconsider its acceptability.The empowerment of women has developed and reflected in the most comprehensive way in the twentieth century. Advances in education, technology and civilization have accelerated the process of empowerment in every field. It serves as a stimulus for the development of gender equality and social justice in both modern and postmodern societies. The two day wednir would be addressed by international speakers from different countries including Turkey and Poland on the second day. Principal of Sindri College Nakul Prasad welcomed the guest speakers and vice Chancellor



3 arrested in Giridih naxal attack

SURESH NIKHAR ■ GIRIDIH

Three persons were arrested on Thursday in connection with the recent Maoist attack in Giridih, in which Maoists are aggressive in demanding the release of Prashant Bose and his wife and Sheela Di. Within the last one week, four naxal incidents have been carried out in Giridih district by them. On the other hand, the Giridih Police team also got significant success against the CPI-Maoist here on Thursday. Those who have been nabbed by police include Ruplal Murmu alias Ruplal Manjhi, a resident of Bikatpur under Pirtand police station area. Apart from these, Shamsheer Alam a resident of Dandidih within limits of Mufassil police station area of the district and Mustafa, who belonging to Mir Bigha of Chakai police station area under Jamui district of Bihar were arrested,said SDPO Dumari Manoj Kumar. The police have arrested

three active members of CPI (Maoists) in connection with the blowing up of a bridge over the Barakar river at Nurang area within the limits of Dumari police station in Dumri on the night of January22. The information about this success was jointly given by Dumri SDPO Manoj Kumar, Cyber Dy SP Sandeep Suman Samdarshi and Dy SP Forest Sanjay Rana in a press conference held at Police Lines on Thursday evening. Police officials said that taking seriously the incident of blowing up bridges in Nurang and blowing up mobile towers in Khukhra-Madhuban, a continuous search operation was going on, after getting instructions of SP, Giridih Amit Renu. Police sources said that Ruplal was arrested from the Pirtand area and he has admitted to being involved in the conspiracy to blow up the Nurango bridge. During his interrogation, police said that Ruplal's father had been directly involved in the Naxalite organization. Ruplal said that the explosives were supplied by Shamsheer Alam to carry out this incident, added further police.

National Health Mission, AIF and TSF join hand for maternal care



PNS ■ Jamshedpur

An Engagement Coordination and Arrangement (ECA) on Maternal, Adolescent, Child care and Nutrition in Kolhan division in Jharkhand between National Health Mission, Tata Steel Foundation and American India Foundation under the flagship project MANSI+ (Maternal and Neonatal Survival Initiative+) was signed today at the office of National Health Mission (NHM), Ranchi. After a decade of successful implementation of MANSI across 1700 villages in 12 blocks across three districts of Jharkhand and Odisha, an enhanced version of MANSI viz MANSI+ is being rolled out through the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model in the

Kolhan region of Jharkhand covering all 38 developmental blocks across three districts viz East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Seraikela. This programme will cover 5000 villages across over a period of 5 years (June, 2021 - May, 2026) and will reach out to approximately four million marginalized and vulnerable tribal populations in the region. The ECA signed by Bidyanand Sharma Pankaj, additional mission director, NHM, Anupam Sarkar, senior program manager, AIF and Dr Anuj Bhatnagar, head, public health, Tata Steel. Bidyanand Sharma Pankaj expressed his opinion and said: "MANSI has emerged as a good, collaborative programme in achieving the SDG goals. We are happy to extend this partnership to-

wards taking ahead MANSI+ across Kolhan district in Jharkhand. We also look forward to extending the project to other geographies in the state." The agreement fortifies the partnership between NHM, TSF and AIF and the commitment to improve healthcare services in Jharkhand. The partnership will also develop, test and implement innovative public health solutions to co-create and scale sustainable impact. "AIF is proud to partner with National Health Mission and Tata Steel Foundation for the duration of this ECA to better serve the marginalized tribal population of Jharkhand. The program not only furthers AIF's mission of improving the lives of India's underprivileged, with a special focus on women, children, and youth but also aims to leverage the innovative low-cost technology interventions to improve service quality care under the public health system in the community. This will tangibly strengthen existing Community based institutions to advance maternal and child health outcomes across the region," said Mathew Joseph, country director, AIF.

73rd Republic Day celebrated at Vedanta ESL Steel Limited

RAHUL SHARMA ■ ♦Bokaro



Vedanta ESL Steel Limited, a Vedanta Group company and a leading national steel producer, celebrated the 73rd Republic Day at its Industrial Complex. The event started with the unfurling of the flag by the Chief Guest and CEO, NL Vhatte and he also inspected the parade of security personnel followed by his motivational speech. Also event was followed by a prize distribution ceremony, wherein female guards and housekeeping staff were recognized for their outstanding contributions in their respective

fields. As a testament of efforts to transform the workplace by promoting diversity, inclusivity and gender parity, ESL Steel Limited was recently honored with the 'Organization Supporting Women Leader-

ship' and 'Excellence in Equality & Diversity' Awards. Commenting on this news, ESL CEO, NL Vhatte said, acknowledging the undeniable fact that all women play a vital role in our country's economic framework, ESL has always been a staunch supporter of women empowerment. ESL continues on its relentless efforts to create a high-performance culture that recognizes and rewards employees while providing them a safe and healthy work environment. CEO Vhatte concluded the program by wishing everyone a Happy Republic Day.

JMM-Cong hit back at BJP MLA for staging dharna for power

Pankaj Kumar ■ Dhanbad

BJP MLA Raj Sinha suspended his 72 hours long dharna on Friday evening after a group of officers including SDM Prem Tiwary, Dhanbad CO and officials of JBVNL reached at dharna point and conveyed the decisions taken during meeting of State government and DVC. The DVC has assured to withdraw power regulation in Dhanbad.The Dharna had commenced on Thursday morning. The BJP activists celebrated the news terming it their victory by cracking crackers at Randhir Verma Square.

Meanwhile, the district Congress committee and JMM activists hit back at BJP MLA Raj Sinha for staging dharna for power terming it a political drama. Different trade associations including Timber merchants association, decorators association and chamber of commerce extended support to the MLA for his initiative for power and water supply. Senior party leaders including Ramesh Rahi,Sanjay Jha, CS Singh besides leaders of frontal organisations too were present during the dharna on second day while several others remained present with the MLA during the night too.

Founder of Ranchi's oldest Betel shop passes away



By Manoj Prasad



Among the sprawling businesses along Kanke Road, Ranchi, capital city of Jharkhand, in India, one shop has stood the test of time: a modest looking roadside paan dukan that has become a meeting spot for all kinds of paan eaters from all over the state. It's a beloved paan shop for many writers, musicians, businessmen, executives and journalists. People flock there just to break monotony in life, buy paan, talk and move on. And the shop staff, spin hands cutting paan,

washing and preparing to hand over paan to them. They would go home chewing it that was packed in green leaves of sal. "If you like that, then you'll love this", he would say. He was Anuj Kumar Nandi, the founder of the oldest Pan Dukan - Anuj Petal shop in Ranchi. He passed away after multiple ailments on

Friday last. He was 74. "With profound grief and sorrow, we regret to inform the sad demise of our beloved founder of Anuj Petal shop, Anuj Petal shop. We lost him on January 14, 2022 due to ailment. May his soul obtain Sadgati. Om Shanti," the inheritor of this shop Arup Kumar Nandi said.

Anuj Kumar Nandi had launched Pan Shop in his name in Kanke Road, near Jawahar Nagar, in 1969 for paan eaters to relish all types of paan including Magahi. In brief, the paan ka patta (leaf)which brings relief and a sense of joy to a dedicated Ranchite's eyes is called Magahi and is grown in developed and grown in Bihar.

Several Magahi paan eaters condoled the death of Anuj Kumar Nandi on social media. They included Ex Speaker and MLA of Ranchi CP Singh, Santosh Kumar Satapathy, IAS (Retired), and JP Nadia, Ex Engineer of CMPDI. "His demise came as a shock to me when I found out that his son, Arup, cousin, Basudev Nandi, Sapan Saha and Bhijuram Mahato, two staff of their paan shop, were in tears. I remember him as a vivacious bright man, full of ideas and full of life. He was confident. That was something you noticed about him immediately!" Nadia tweeted. The writer is a senior journalist, Ex Jharkhand State Head, The Indian Express, Ex Executive Editor of Prabhat Khabar (English Daily) and Editor, Jharkhand-StateNews, Jharkhand Government Accredited News Portal.

झारखण्ड सरकार

वन पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग

न्यायालय-प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह पूर्वी वन प्रमण्डल

सूचना

एतद द्वारा निम्नांकित सूचीबद्ध अधिहरण वार्दों में संबंधित वार्दों एवं उस पर लदे वन पदार्थ के विरुद्ध प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह पूर्वी वन प्रमण्डल के न्यायालय में चल रहे सुनवाई में प्रतिवादी / वाहन स्वामी लगातार अनुपस्थित हैं, या कुछ राज्यसत्ता वार्दों में प्रारम्भ से ही अनुपस्थित हैं।

वर्जसि नोटिस समाचार पत्र के माध्यम से उन्हें सूचित किया जाता है कि निम्नवत राज्यसत्ता वार्दों में निम्न निर्धारित तिथि को अपराहन 3.00 बजे प्राधिकृत पदाधिकारी-सह-वन प्रमण्डल पदाधिकारी, गिरिडीह पूर्वी वन प्रमण्डल के न्यायालय में स्वयं या अपने अधिवक्ता के माध्यम से उपस्थित होकर अपना पक्ष रखें, अन्यथा एक पक्षीय आदेश पारित कर दिया जायगा। कोविड-19 प्रोटोकॉल के तहत सुनवाई में अधिवक्ता के साथ केवल वाहन मालिक रहेंगे। वाद की सुनवाई एक-एक कर की जायगी। मार्क, सोसल डिस्टेंसींग एवं सेनीटाइजेशन का उपयोग आवश्यक होगा।

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4	सी0सी0न0- 2414 / 18	04/19	ट्रक	-	अज्ञात	माईका/ दिवरा	09-02-2022
5	निमियाघाट धाना कांड सं-20 / 12	05/19	ट्रैक्टर टेलर	JH-02Q-9174	अज्ञात	कोयला	09-02-2022
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7	बेगाबाद धाना कांड सं- 264 / 16	19/19	टाटा 407	JH-10A-3714	बंदी यादव, पिता- शंकर यादव, सा0- सिरसिया, थाना-जिला- गिरिडीह	कोयला	09-02-2022
8	सी0सी0न0- 258 / 19	20/19	टाटा 709	JH-04B-4119	अज्ञात	लकड़ी	09-02-2022
9	गाण्डेय धाना कांड सं- 117 / 18	65/19	टाटा 709	JH-15D-4645	1.खुबलाल मंडल, पिता- धारी मंडल, सा0-विशुनपुर, थाना- बेगाबाद, जिला-गिरिडीह 2.धुना सिंह, पिता- व्यास सिंह, सा0-शास्त्रीनगर, थाना-जिला-गिरिडीह	कोयला	09-02-2022
10	डुमरी धाना कांड सं- 86 / 05	66/19	ट्रक	JH-09B-8337	इंस्वर महतो, पिता- बीठ महतो, सा0- कंजकिरी, थाना- पैक नारायणपुर, जिला-बोकारो	कोयला	09-02-2022
11	सी0सी0न0- 1495 / 20	34/20	ट्रक	JH-11E-9061	1.विजय वर्मा, पिता-नारायण महतो, सा0-पारखी,थाना- बेगाबाद, जिला-गिरिडीह 2.शीतल मराण्डी,पिता- किशुन मराण्डी, सा0-मोहनियापहाड़ी, थाना-बेगाबाद,जिला-गिरिडीह 3.प्रवीण कुमार यादव, पिता-अरुण यादव, सा0- खदरा,थाना- बेगाबाद, जिला- गिरिडीह 4.राजेश कुमार वर्मा, पिता- बंदी महतो, सा0- खदरा,थाना-बेगाबाद, जिला- गिरिडीह	पत्थर	09-02-2022
12	सी0सी0न0- 1866 / 21	41/21	आरामिल	-	लाटो वर्मा, पिता- एलवारी महतो, सा0- बरमासिया, थाना-बेगाबाद, गिरिडीह	लकड़ी	09-02-2022
13	सी0सी0न0- 1946 / 21	42/21	आरामिल	-	1.सुनिल पंडित, पिता- रामेश्वर पंडित, सा0-कंजकिरी, थाना-गावा, गिरिडीह 2.मोहन मराण्डी, पिता- छोटा मराण्डी, सा0-लेरियाटांड, थाना-गावा गिरिडीह	लकड़ी	09-02-2022
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CM fiat to maintain law and order in State

Prohibitory orders imposed in Morhabadi Ground area

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Following the day-light shootout and murder near JMM Chief cum Rajya Sabha member Shibi Soren's residence on Thursday Chief Minister Hemant Soren summoned senior officials at his residence on Friday and chaired a high level meeting on maintaining law and order in the State. The CM has instructed the police officers to maintain law and order in the State and prevent crime at any cost. In the meeting, the



Chief Minister Hemant Soren holds meeting with Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh, DGP Neeraj Sinha, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister-cum-Principal Secretary of Home Department Rajiv Arun Ekka, Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar and SSP Ranchi Surendra Kumar Jha in Ranchi on Friday.

CM directed the officers the professional criminals Police should remain sensitive and ready to control

crime in the State. He said that maintaining law and order is an important responsibility of the State Government. Due to the stricture of crime control and law and order, the pace of development works going on in the State will increase and people will get the real benefits of the schemes. The CM expressed concern over the broad daylight firing incident at Morhabadi Maidan in Ranchi. He directed the police officials that the criminals involved in the Morhabadi incident should not be spared under any circumstances. Strictest legal-action should be ensured against the culprits. State Chief Secretary Sukhdev Singh, DGP Neeraj Sinha, Principal

Secretary to Chief Minister-cum-Principal Secretary of Home Department Rajiv Arun Ekka, Municipal Commissioner Mukesh Kumar, SSP Ranchi Surendra Kumar Jha and other officers were present in the meeting. Meanwhile, after Thursday's shootout, the Ranchi district administration has imposed prohibitory orders in the Morhabadi Ground area and has asked all street vendors to remove their shops within 24 hours. Ranchi, Sadar, SDO, Utkarsh Gupta has issued the prohibitory orders effective from 6 PM on January 28. Any kind of congregation, procession, rally is already banned in the entire State due to Covid-19 third wave.

Post RPN exit, Congress MLAs' meet today

New in Charge, Avinash Pandey to participate

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Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Committee (JPCC) newly appointed In Charge, Avinash Pandey will hold his first three day visit to the State on Saturday and he will stay here till Tuesday. In these three days Pandey will try to know the condition of the organization in Jharkhand. He will try to get information about the party's organisation in the State after meeting with the party leaders, workers, presidents' of various fronts. He will also be present in the legislative party meeting on January 29. There will also be talks on the activities of the State Government in the meeting. After reaching Ranchi, Pandey will be welcomed at 3 PM at Sangam Garden, Morhabadi. After this, at 6 PM, there will be a meeting of the Legislature Party at the Water Resources Guest House, AG More Doranda in the State Capital. Along with the party's State In-charge Pandey, the party's State Co-In Charge, Umang Senghar will also reach the State Capital.



Jharkhand Congress' newly appointed In Charge, Avinash Pandey.

After RPN Singh, who was the party's State In-charge, joined the BJP, the party high command has given the responsibility of the State in-charge Pandey, who was the General Secretary. On January 30, Pandey will hold a meeting with all the district chiefs, MPs, MLAs, former MPs, working presidents, presidents of leading front organization, district supervisors of Jan Jagran Abhiyan, district in-charge of membership campaign. At 2:00 pm on the day, together with

people coming from different districts, they will get information on the activities of the organization, after that, on January 31, he will hold meeting at 10:30 am in the State guest house, Morhabadi, the national level office bearers, in-charges and in-charges of All India Congress Committee and leading front organizations from Jharkhand state and senior Congress persons.

Meanwhile, the State Congress committee's senior leaders Alok Kumar Dubey, Lal Kishorenath Shahdeo and Rajesh Gupta said that the newly appointed In-charge of Jharkhand Congress, Avinash Pandey and Co-In-charge, Umang Senghar will get a warm welcome on their arrival in Ranchi.

A meeting of Congress leaders was also held to prepare for the welcome programme of the party's In Charge. The Congress leaders said that flags, banners are being put up all over the city, workers from all districts will reach Ranchi on Sunday. There is a lot of enthusiasm among the Congress people regarding the arrival of the State in-charge. Dubey said that the In-charge will be appraised of the current political situation and circumstances.



Chief Minister Hemant Soren during a meeting with Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited, (SAIL) Soma Mandal, in Ranchi on Thursday. The CM asked the SAIL management to prioritize local displaced persons in awarding them tenders (or contract work) up to Rs one lakh. He said that the State government is on the move to make Bokaro an education hub so SAIL should transfer the old school infrastructure to the state government so that we can take further steps in this direction.

Das alleges Govt of looting State's natural resources

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Former Chief Minister Raghubar Das alleged the State Government of looting State's mines and mineral resources. Das, holding a press conference at Ranchi Press Club here on Friday, said that the present government is promoting loot of mines and minerals including coal, sand and stone. Targeting the state government, the former Chief Minister said that the JMM/Congress alliance government after coming to power is indulging in loot of mines and minerals. Das further said that illegal trade of sand, stone, coal and minerals; forest cutting is going on openly in the State. All this work is being done under the patronage of one family of the State. He said that in Santhal Pargana, illegal sand and stone business is being carried out by one family, while illegal coal work is

going on under the protection of the same family. Das also alleged that in the present government, a big scam has been executed in the matter of auction of sand ghats. More than Rs 20 lakh sand is being sent daily from the Bhurbhuri river of Jama under the protection of the government. Even after a lapse of 25 months, the problem of lease of sand ghats has not been resolved, so that illegal lifting of sand can take place. The former Chief Minister alleged that in Dumka no transportation can take place without the permission of the local MLA's henchmen to send goods from that siding. These people have formed two new companies Pragati Infra (PDTI) and Kaushal Kishore Singh (KKS). The name of these two companies has to be indented; otherwise the consignment will not take place.

22 Pulse mills to be setup in Palamu Division: Badal

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In a review meeting held on Friday, Agriculture Minister Badal said that the 22 Pulse Mills will be established in Palamu Division, out of which seven will be set up in Latehar, eight in Palamu and seven in Garhwa. He also assured that the State Government will provide its full support to export the Pulses produced in the district because of its popularity. The welfare schemes being run by the Central and State Governments for the farmers should be completed in time so that the farmers can get the benefits of those schemes. To bring these plans on the ground, to ensure completion under stipulated time the Agriculture Minister instructed the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of Palamu, Latehar and Garhwa. Badal was reviewing the work being done by the Agriculture Department in Palamu Division in the divisional



Agriculture Minister Badal holds an online divisional level review meeting at Nepal House, in Ranchi on Friday. Director of Agriculture Nisha Oraon, Director of Animal Husbandry Shashi Prakash Jha, Director of Fisheries H.N. Dwivedi, Registrar of Cooperative Mrityunjay Baranwal, Committee Director Subhash Singh are also seen in the picture.

level review meeting held through video conferencing at the State Secretariat. The Department's Secretary, Abu Baqar Siddiqui, Director, Nisha Oraon, Animal Husbandry Director, Shashi Prakash Jha and Fishery Department Director, HN Dwivedi were present on the occasion.

The Minister directed the officers to expedite the selection of beneficiaries in the agricultural loan waiver scheme so that loans of maximum farmers could get the benefit and this work should be completed by running a campaign. He said the officials should make the effort that the information about the schemes

being run by the Government should reach the farmers and with this kind of publicity, more and more farmers will be able to take advantage of those schemes by becoming aware of the schemes. Badal also said that all the farmers of the State have to make KCC cards. He directed all the DCs of Palamu Division to ensure that all farmers should get the cards. He told the officials to talk with the bank for this work and instructed them to expedite this work as soon as possible. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and Feed Based Fisheries Scheme were also discussed in detail in which promotion of cage culture was considered. In this discussion, the Minister directed that the Fisheries Co-operation Committee should be formed at every Panchayat. Decision was taken to form cooperative society and district level cooperative society under the chairmanship of DCs at district level.

Drop in Covid cases, infection rate less than 2 %

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The third wave of Covid-19 has started to decline in State as there has been a drop in cases in State. In the last 24 hours, out of 50,124 samples tested in the State, less than a thousand cases were found after 27 days. With the fast recovery of people, active cases in the State are continuously declining in Jharkhand. The number of active cases stands at 12076 in the State. There were 892 positive cases in the state in 24 hours, while the number of persons recovered is higher than fresh cases. In the state, in the last 24 hours 2719 people defeated Corona infections. Jharkhand's recovery rate stood at 305 per cent on Thursday. The positivity rate, the infection rate of the state was only 1.77 per cent with 892 cases being found on Thursday.



However, though there has been decline in fresh cases with fast recovery of patients, five persons lost their lives battling infection

in three districts. The five casualties include one each from East Singhbhum, Dhanbad and Gumla district respectively. Out of 892

fresh cases which were reported on Thursday 248 infected people were found in East Singhbhum, while there are people from different districts including 127 in Simdega and 108 in Ranchi. Maximum 1361 people have recovered from Ranchi. As there has been drop in active cases in Ranchi, the active cases decreased from 13000 to 4805 in 12 days. The decline in active cases can be gauged from the fact that the number of fresh cases too has declined. On Thursday, 108 new cases were found in Ranchi after 29 days, while about 13 times more infected coronas recovered from infection. That is, 1361 people recovered from infection. The effect of semi-lockdown and the tough steps taken by the state government has started showing in the state. In Ranchi, from January 15, 2022, the num-

ber of patients recovering from corona infection started increasing. On January 27, 1361 people became healthy, while 108 corona infections have been found in the district. As soon as the speed of the third wave of Corona slows down, the number of active cases in many districts of Jharkhand has reached less than 100, which is a matter of relief. On January 27, not a single corona infected has been found in Jamtara district, which is a matter of great relief. At the same time, if we talk about active cases, then there are 99 active cases left in Garhwa and 46 active cases in Jamtara. Within 12 days, the active case reduced from 13000 to 4805. This is a very good sign. If people keep following the Covid guidelines, then the situation can become normal as before.

Sub-10 chill situation returns in Jharkhand

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The cold wave has hit Jharkhand as most of the part of the state facing the sub-ten chill situation. After more than a week of poor weather due to western disturbance, the weather condition had improved in Jharkhand with a sunny day with a clear sky, and of course chill in the air. But the temperature has once again started dropping as at most of the places in Jharkhand the temperature was recorded below 10 degrees Celsius. In fact, the weather almost remained bad throughout January for various reasons



including western disturbance passing through Pakistan extending between 3.1 km and 7.6 km above mean sea level. The western disturbance had caused rain and a sub-ten chill situation. Now the sky is clear, but despite having sunny days there is no relief from the cold due to high wind speed. IMD's Ranchi Meteorologi-

cal Centre said that temperature has dropped due to the north-western wind. This weather condition will continue at least for the next couple of days after which the weather may turn pleasant. According to IMD, on Friday Garhwa recorded a minimum temperature of 5.7 degrees Celsius and Ranchi was no better with 6.6 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature. But weather experts say that in comparison with the last 10 days, the minimum temperature has fallen by at least one degree Celsius. Hence the severity of sub-ten chill has increased.

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CMPDI to provide assistive devices to PWDs

CMPDI under a new CSR Initiative will distribute Aids and Assistive Devices to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Ranchi, Jharkhand with the assistance of Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India Limited (ALIMCO), Kanpur and Ranchi District Administration. In the first Phase, identification of beneficiaries is being carried out by organizing three camps from January 27 to 29 at Kanke, Nagri and Ratu areas of Ranchi respectively. First camp for identifying beneficiaries was held on January 27 at Kanke Block Office and around 200 beneficiaries were identified. In the second phase, after completion of Identification of beneficiaries from three camps, Aids and Assistive Devices will be distributed in the second week of February 2022. The mini ratna coal firm felicitated the winners of various online competitions like 'Poster Designing' and 'writing Tagline for CSR activities undertaken by CMPDI' organised in December 2021 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. On this occasion, Manoj Kumar, CMD, CMPDI and R.N.Jha, Director (T/RD&T) distributed prizes to the winners of the competitions.



Mahesh Poddar seeks better operation of trains

Rajya Sabha MP from Jharkhand and ZRUCC member Mahesh Poddar has written a letter to Archana Joshi General Manager of South Eastern Railway, sending suggestions and demands for better operation of trains running from Ranchi Railway Division. He has demanded to run the Antyodaya Express running between Tatanagar and Mumbai, which has been canceled permanently, by converting it into a superfast train. Apart from this, another train has been demanded from Bangalore between Hatia and Tata. In these demands, mainly emphasis has been laid on the operation of more trains from this line for proper utilization of Lohardaga-Tori railway section. Other demands include demands for Silli Elu bypass, Hatia Hadapsar (Pune) Express and a new train between Ranchi and Jaipur or extension of Jharkhand Swarna Jayanti to Jaipur. It is noteworthy that the meeting of South Eastern Railway ZRUCC has been postponed due to Covid which will be held next month.

Teachers, students felicitated at SCS

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, various online events were organized by Surendranath Centenary School, on Republic Day 2022. More than 100 students participated in Essay Writing Competition, Quiz and PowerPoint Presentation. The winners were given away the prizes by Principal Samita Sinha on the occasion. Soumya Sinha, Aditi Singh, Monoshree Paul, Adria Banerjee, Ayushi and Shivanshi (VI to X) received the prizes for their outstanding performances. The principal said that the children are the future of our country, they have tremendous energy, aspirations and dreams in their lives, she added that they need to work hard and play an important role in nation building and become responsible citizens. Teachers were also felicitated on this occasion for their exceptional performances.



Inauguration of new loading platform at BSL

The newly constructed platform of 180 m X 7 m was inaugurated by Atanu Bhowmik, Executive Director (Works) in the shipping bay of CRM-3. On this occasion, CGM (Maintenance) S Mukhopadhyay, CGM (CRM-3) Rajan Prasad, CGM (CED) Shaligram Singh, CGM (Mechanical) VK Singh along with other senior officers of CRM-3 and personnel were present. The construction of this platform will facilitate welding and bracing of coils on both sides of railway wagons and will help in storing items like angles and wooden blanks used in packaging.



AUJ holds discussion on amendments in Constitution

An event on a Discussion on Amendments in Indian Constitution and their Impact was organised by Amity School of Economics, Amity University, Jharkhand (AUJ) on Friday. The main objective of this event was to make students well informed about different constitutional amendments that have significant impact on the development of India. Prof. (Dr.) Raman Kumar Jha, Vice Chancellor of Amity University Jharkhand addressed by saying "rules should be made by those who follow the rules, and the representatives to make rules should be those who make rules for the welfare of public and not their personal welfare." The guests of the event were experts from Amity Law School, AUJ Assistant Professors Jyoti Rangari and Mrityunjay Mayank.

NBJK Celebrates Republic Day

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated by Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra at NBJK office in Hazaribag. On the occasion, Girija Satish, President of NBJK and Rashtriya Lok Samiti unfurled the national flag and sang the National Anthem. After flag hoisting and chorus of the national anthem, he addressed the staff present on the occasion and he said that our constitution works as a guide to run the system comprising legislature, executive and judiciary. It symbolizes our democracy that provides us freedom under fundamental rights but that is absolutely different from free will, he stated.



AISECT University celebrates R-Day

The 73rd Republic Day was celebrated in the main campus of AISECT University, Hazaribag at Tarwa-Kharwa. On this occasion, Dr. PK Nayak, Vice Chancellor of the University unfurled the National Flag and sang the national anthem. After flag hosting, Dr. Munish Govind, Registrar of the University, while addressing the students and teachers he said that on 26th January our country was declared as a fully sovereign republic and on this day our constitution came into force so the importance of this day increases a lot for all of us Indians. He described the values of life mentioned in the Constitution as ideal and said that we should follow these ideals firmly in our thinking and behaviour.



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The Centre on Friday said it has decided to convert as many as 150 villages into 'Villages of Excellence' in 12 states with technical assistance from the Israel government. Already, the Israel government has established 29 Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in 12 states, which are producing more than 25 million vegetable plants, over 3,87,000 quality fruit plants and can train more than 1.2 lakh farmers per year. The 150 villages that are located around CoEs will be converted into 'Villages of Excellence.' "Out of these 75 villages are being taken up in the first year to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence, where India and Israel will work together," Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar conveyed in a meeting with new Israeli Ambassador to India Naor Gilon on January 27. Gilon said these CoEs are a great example of cooperation between the two countries and proposed the certification of CoEs to further enhance the standards and quality of services being provided to the farmers. He also evinced interest in further collaboration with agri-research body ICAR and making available the latest technologies available with Israel. Gilon also invited Tomar to visit Israel.

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Prepared by AIMIL Pharmaceuticals, 'Air Vaidya' contains phytochemicals from 19 medicinal ingredients such as Raal, Neem Patr, Vasa, Ajwain, Haldi, Lemon grass (lamajaka), Vacha, Tulsi, Peeli, Sarson, Safed Chandan, Ushir, Sudh Guggal, Nagarmotha, Mehendi, Tagar, Loban, Kapoor, Jigat and Cardamom husk, which are known for their potential therapeutic effects to combat the virus.

Dr. KRC Reddy, Professor, Department of Rasa Shastra (Ayurveda), Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, who led the research, said, "Though Dhooapan (fumigation), a medicinal therapy has been described in Ayurveda compendia for ages for its potency in anti-microbial, anti-fungal, anti-viral action, in the backdrop of rising Covid-19 cases, this is the first scientific study."

Dr. Reddy explained, "Participants were divided into two groups – intervention group (150 persons) and con-

OVER 1 CR JAB OF THIRD DOSE ADMINISTERED

India on Friday achieved yet another milestone in its fight against the Covid-19 pandemic as more than 1 crore precaution doses or the third vaccine shot have been administered to the eligible population. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandavia tweeted this information. On the caseload front, India reported more than 2.51 lakh (2,51,209) new coronavirus cases and 627 deaths in the last 24 hours on Friday. With 627 deaths and 3,47,443 recoveries, active cases declined to 21.05 lakh (21,05,611). The daily positivity rate is now at 15.88 per cent.

“The results were encouraging. Just 4 percent of the intervention group put on the medicinal therapy showed Covid like symptoms such as fever, cough, cold, or no taste or smell; on the other hand, at least 37 percent, who were not given such therapy, were found to have Covid-19 like symptoms.” The fumes were also chemically safe on *Drosophila* flies in the first phase of the clinical trial, Dr. Reddy said.

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¹⁶Investigation has revealed that all the eight accused persons chargesheeted today are affiliated with banned terrorist organization ISIS and were involved in radicalising, recruiting, organising terror funds and grooming like-minded gullible Muslim youth through different secured social media platforms to perform Hijrat to ISIS controlled territory for joining ISIS," the NIA said, adding, further investigation in the case is continuing.

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

The assertion comes days after Vankwani who is a member of the National Assembly from Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's ruling party, urged India to issue visas to a

The Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has issued a visa to Muhammad Habibaka Sika Khan to visit his brother Muhammad Siddique and other family members in Pakistan. The two brothers separated in 1947 were recently reunited after 74 years at Kartarpur Corridor. A short video clip, which went viral on social media, showed that the two brothers burst into tears as soon as they saw each other at Kartarpur.

delegation of pilgrims to visit the country as part of his faith tourism initiative between the two neighbours.

Responding to a query, the Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said, "As you are aware, under the 1974 Protocol between India and Pakistan, visits to religious shrines are being facilitated regularly. There is an interest on both sides to expand the agreed list of shrines and mode of travel." It naturally needs to be discussed under the protocol, he said.

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The trials would evaluate the nasal vaccine for both the two-dose primary schedule

and also to use as a booster dose schedule, said officials in the DCGI.

DCGI's Subject Expert Committee (SEC) gave an 'in-principle' approval to Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech for the 'phase-III booster dose study' for its intranasal Covid vaccine, a first of its kind in India, and asked it to submit protocols for approval 3 weeks ago.

BBV154 (nasal covid vaccine) has received approval for phase-3 clinical trials. The trials will evaluate BBV154 nasal vaccine for both the two-dose primary schedule and booster

dose schedule, the sources said.

An intra-nasal vaccine would not only be simple to administer but also reduce the use of needles and syringes, among others. It would also impact the overall cost of a vaccination drive, chairman of Bharat Biotech Krishna Ella had said.

Bharat Biotech is the second company to submit an application for the phase-III trial of the third dose in India. The intranasal vaccines reportedly have the potential to prevent transmission for new Covid-19 variants such as Omicron.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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2.	Himani, Manoj Kukreti, C/1 1901 Gh01 Sector 16B, Greater Noida, Eco, Noida, Village 2 Greater Noida, A/c:-LBDEL00004007153 & LBDEL00004102479	Flat No 1901 19th Floor Tower C1 Supertech Ecovillage-2 Plot No- Gh 01 Sector-16B Noida	22/09/2021 Rs.7,99,005.02/- Rs. 27,66,087.68/-	06/05/2021
3.	Rahul Gupta, Dinesh Kumar Gupta, E 28 Beta 1 Gr Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, A/c:-LBGHZ00004308675	Flat No-30, Plot No C06, Delta 1, Kaveri City Center Greater Noida Uttar Pradesh	22/09/2021 Rs. 35,86,974/-	06/05/2021
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RAILWAY RECRUITMENT PROTEST

Bihar bandh evokes mixed response

Patna: Bihar bandh called on Friday by student bodies, and supported by all parties in the Opposition and some in the ruling dispensation, against alleged irregularities in the Railway Recruitment Board's Non-Technical Popular Categories examination process evoked a mixed response.

Citizens woke up to chanting of slogans by bandh supporters against the RRB which has conducted a staggered, and allegedly botched up selection process, the Centre which intervened not before the crisis snowballed, and the Government in the State which has booked many students and teachers for the large-scale arson and vandalism that took place in the past few days.

In Patna, bandh supporters burnt tyres on Ashok Rajpath throwing out of gear traffic on the busy street which leads to



A police officer faints on duty and is taken to a hospital during Bihar bandh, in Patna on Friday

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the state's largest government hospital, its most esteemed schools and colleges and shops dealing in medicines, books and stationery.

At Dak Bungalow crossing in the heart of the city, they

staged a demonstration and recited impromptu verses, to the beats of tambourines, urging RRB, the Centre and Bihar government to come to their senses.

They clashed with police

personnel upon being stopped from marching towards the Raj Bhavan, which is a couple of kilometres away.

In Samastipur district across the Ganga, a demonstration by AISA members stood out on account of participation by a noticeable number of young women.

Legislators and cadres of opposition parties, most notably the RJD and the CPI-ML, led the protests in Buxar, Jehanabad, Bhagalpur, Katihar, Begusarai and Munger. In many places, tyres were set afire on highways, causing the traffic to come to a standstill.

Former Bihar chief minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, who heads Hindustani Awam Morcha and minister Mukesh Sahani, founding chief of Vikassheel Insaan Party, have also expressed 'moral support' to the bandh even though they are aligned with the NDA.

Major constituents of the

ruling coalition like BJP and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) have also expressed their sympathy for the cause being espoused by the bandh supporters.

JD(U) national president Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan has come out with tweets blaming the unrest on the RRB's sloppy work and demanding an early resolution of the issue by the high-powered committee set up for the purpose.

He has also demanded "immediate withdrawal of the FIRs by Railways and police" at various places in connection with the violent protests which hit the headlines earlier this week.

Former deputy chief minister and veteran BJP leader Sushil Kumar Modi has also come out with an impassioned plea for calm and the declaration that "Narendra Modi government will not allow any injustice".

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SC verdict is 'tight slap' on MVA Govt's face: Maha BJP Suspension purely Speaker's decision, says Govt

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The Supreme Court's verdict quashing the suspension of 12 Opposition MLAs from the Maharashtra Assembly last year evoked mix response on Friday, with the Opposition BJP terming the SC ruling as a 'tight slap' on the face of the MVA Government and the ruling Shiv Sena saying that the apex court had 'overstepped' the rights of the legislature in its order.

Soon after the Supreme Court quashed the suspension of its 12 MLAs as "unconstitutional" and "irrational," the BJP went to town, welcoming the apex court verdict and terming the ruling as a tight slap on the face of the MVA government.

"Satyameva Jayate ! We welcome & thank the Hon SC for the historic decision of quashing the suspension of our 12 MLAs, who were fighting for the cause of OBCs in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly during the monsoon session.. I congratulate our BJP Maharashtra 12 MLAs for getting justice," former Chief Minister and current leader of the Opposition Devendra Fadnavis of the BJP tweeted.

"Since the beginning, we were saying that it was completely unconstitutional & gross misuse of power to suspend our MLAs for such a long period to create an artificial majority & that too for no valid reason & the Hon SC has upheld our stand. It was not only a question of 12 MLAs but of more than 50 lakh citizens in these 12 constituencies. Democracy saved!!"

Maharashtra BJP president Chandrakant Patil tweeted: "The suspension was not at all within the framework of the Constitution. It was not in accordance with the law, rather

it was arbitrary. The court has also expressed the same opinion."

"The State Government should realise that it is wrong to trample on the democratic values in such a manner. Now the question is what action the MVA Government will take against those who ordered unjust suspension," Patil wondered.

The Shiv Sena and NCP leaders refused to accept that the Supreme Court's decision was a 'setback' to the MVA Government since the decision was taken by the Speaker of the State Assembly and that the Legislature had the power to suspend the MLAs

"The Maharashtra Legislature has the power to suspend MLAs... Or, for that matter the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha can suspend MPs, it is well within their powers," Sena MP and Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut said.

"I am surprised that the SC is going soft on 12 BJP MLAs who have been suspended for their alleged misbehaviour. The same SC is surprisingly not so considerate when it comes to 12 names nominated by the state cabinet to be appointed as MLCs. The Governor is sitting on the file for some political vendetta. The SC has overstepped on the rights of the legislators when it comes to suspension of 12 MLAs," Raut said.

It may be recalled that on July 5 12 MLAs were suspended after they created a ruckus over the OBC reservations issue and alleged that Speaker-in-Chair Bhaskar Jadhav did not give them enough time to speak.

The BJP MLAs, who were suspended from the Assembly for a year were Parag Alavani, Ram Satpute, Sanjay Kute, Ashish Shelar, Abhimanyu

Pawar, Girish Mahajan, Atul Bhatkalkar, Harish Pimpale, Jayakumar Rawal, Yogesh Sagar, Narayan Kuche and Kirtikumar Bhangdiya.

Reacting to the Supreme Court's ruling, Maharashtra minister and NCP's chief spokesperson Nawab Malik said: "The speaker of the legislative assembly will take a decision once the Supreme Court's written order is available. The decision to suspend 12 MLAs of BJP was taken by the speaker and not by the government."

"The secretariat of the Maharashtra Assembly will study the SC decision after which the speaker will decide," Malik said.

State NCP president and senior minister Jayant Patil said that the 12 BJP MLAs came to be suspended for their "misbehaviour" with the then speaker. "The decision to suspend them was taken by the speaker and not the state government," he said.

Now after the Supreme Court's verdict, the final decision will be taken once the written order is made available to the office of the speaker," he said.

"What happened on that day with the then speaker was so extreme that it led to the suspension of the MLAs for 12 months. Incidents had happened in the past as well when legislators were suspended for a longer period," he said.

Alluding to the Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari's failure to nominate 12 members to the Legislative Council from his quota based on the recommendation of the State Cabinet, Patil said: "Everything should happen as per the law. The state cabinet had recommended 12 names, but they are yet to be approved by the governor".

Modi Govt curtailing benefits of soldiers, compromising national security: Cong

Panaji: Karnataka Congress leader DK Shiva Kumar on Friday said the Narendra Modi Government had curtailed the benefits of soldiers and had also failed to fill over 1.22 lakh vacant defence posts.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president was campaigning for his party in the Goa Assembly polls scheduled for February 14.

"The Modi government is compromising national security as around 1,22,555 posts are vacant in defence areas. It has also deprived 30 lakh ex-servicemen from getting benefits of 'One Rank One Pension'. While Congress government always worked in the interest of our soldiers, the BJP is playing politics with the nation's security," he alleged.

The KPCC chief said the Congress-led UPA government had, on February 17, 2014, approved OROP effective from April 1 that year, but the BJP government rejected it on

November 7, 2015 with an order that laid down that military personnel who took voluntary retirement after July 1, 2014 will not get One Rank One Pension.

The Modi government also rejected the demand to revise the pension of 30 lakh soldiers every year and kept this time period at five years. He claimed.

The budget for the Ex-Servicemen Health Scheme (ECHS) facility was cut by Rs 1,990 crore this year when compared to last year, and the Modi government had also imposed GST on Canteen Stores Department (CSD) purchases, the Congress leader said.

"The Modi government imposed a tax on the 'disability pension' of soldiers. This is shameful. The Congress has always worked in the interest of ex-servicemen, giving them work in petrol pumps, gas agencies, coal shipments, transport, etc post retirement," he said.

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40-yr-old woman gangraped in Raj

Kota: Two men allegedly raped a 40-year-old woman while she was alone in her hut in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district, police said on Friday.

The alleged incident took place around five days ago in a village under Bakani police station limits, they said.

However, the woman reported the incident to police on Thursday evening after her husband reached home.

Investigating Officer (IO) of the case, DSP Devender Singh said based on the woman's complaint, a case of gang rape was registered against two people belonging to her village.

The survivor alleged that the two accused took turns to rape her while she was alone in her hut built on agriculture field, the IO said. She also stated that the two accused threatened her of dire consequences if she disclosed the incident to anyone, DSP Singh said. Based on the survivor's report, the police lodged a case under sections of the Indian Penal Code including 376 (D) that deals with gang rape, he said.

The medical examination of the woman was conducted on Thursday evening while her statement under Section 161 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) was recorded on Friday.

Her statements under section 164 of the CrPC in the court are yet to be recorded, the IO said.

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Fishermen cast their nets in the Brahmaputra river in Guwahati on Friday

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KMC, Health dept facing financial crunch in Bengal

CM's populist policy responsible, says State BJP

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Amid reports doing the rounds that Bengal's economy was in dire straits Kolkata Municipal Corporation on Friday made it clear that it was impossible for the civic body to clear pensions to its retired staff due to fund crunch.

A circular issued by the KMC said that the employees who had retired after September 2021 may not get their pension for now.

According to the KMC circular, "payments of pension and pensionary benefits (to the retired employees who have been superannuated from September 2021) are not currently released due to crisis of fund." There are 22,000 permanent employees and 26,000 contractual employees working for the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

The KMC's circular comes

after Mayor Firhad Hakim made it clear that the civic body was facing a financial crisis. According to sources the Mayor has asked "all concerned" to put up with the situation as the "KMC is taking all possible steps to improve the situation."

The Corporation has already taken a loan of ₹ 2,000 crore from the Asian Development Bank and asked for a loan of ₹700 crore from the State Government which too was facing a financial crisis.

The financial crunch --- that many a critic has blamed on the dole politics of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee --- has reportedly affected a number of sectors including the Health Department which has reduced procurement of medicines meant to be distributed in Government hospitals.

The situation is such that the State Government has already been forced borrow ₹6,500 crore in three tranches in the present month. Bengal stands second after Uttar Pradesh in terms of borrowing this year.

While the Government officials and ruling Trinamool Congress leaders would not make comments opposition BJP attacked the "populist policies of the Chief Minister" for the situation the Government was presently in.

"This Government is engaged in Khela, Mela and dole ... it is spending hundreds of crores giving doles to the clubs that manage votes for the TMC ... populist schemes like Laxmir Bhandar has been initiated with no pecuniary return ... and now we are in this situation," said BJP leader Samik Bhattacharya pooh-pooing the TMC for announcing ₹5,000 for each woman in Goa should it come to power in that State.

"When the CPI(M) left power the Chief Minister began a propaganda that we had left a debt of ₹2 lakh crore --- though in real terms it was far less --- in 34 years of our rule ... but this Government has borrowed ₹6 lakh crore in 10 years ... this, whereas they have abolished 5.5 lakh government posts," said CPI(M) central committee member Sujan Chakrabarty.

TN IAS officer to fight poll on BJP ticket from Amritsar

CHENNAI: Jagmohan Singh Raju, the celebrated IAS officer in Tamil Nadu, has quit the service and entered the electoral fray in Punjab as a BJP candidate. The BJP leadership had fielded him as party candidate from Amritsar East assembly constituency where he will fight against Navjot Singh Sidhu (Congress), Bikram Singh Majithia (SAD) and Jeevanjoth Kaur (AAP).

Raju, Chief Resident Commissioner of Tamil Nadu in New Delhi who has been holding the rank of additional chief secretary, had sought voluntary retirement from the IAS in a letter addressed to Chief Minister M K Stalin on January 25 and this was approved by the latter.

"Of late, the painful conditions in my home State, Punjab, have been weighing heavy on my conscience. As son of the soil, I am agonised at the lingering socio-economic stress and the sufferings of the unheard, youth and the under-

privileged. At the same time, restraints of my service rules confine me from acting in solidarity with the causes espoused by my inner voice. My conscience and deep-rooted love for my home state has therefore been cajoling and nudging me to my service, return to Punjab and dedicate myself full-time in its service for the rest of my life," said Raju in his letter to chief minister Stalin.

1963 born Raju had almost two years of service in government before his superannuation. He was designated as chief secretary in 2016, thereby becoming the youngest IAS officer in India to hold the position. Described as the shining star among the country's IAS officers by his colleagues, Raju has been accorded international honours for the meritorious services rendered by him.

He is one of the few civil servants in the country who have been honoured by the UNESCO with the King Sejong Literacy Prize.

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Mumbai court takes cognisance of ED's chargesheet against Anil Deshmukh, sons

Mumbai: A special court here on Friday took cognisance of charge-sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against former Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh and his two sons in connection with a money laundering case.

Special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court judge, R N Rokade, issued process against the accused after taking cognisance of the charge sheet.

In December last year, the ED had filed the 7,000-page supplementary charge sheet in connection with the case. Besides Deshmukh, it had named named his two sons as accused in the case.

Prior to that, the probe agency had filed a charge sheet against 14 accused, including Deshmukh's private secretary (an additional collector-rank officer) Sanjeev Palande and personal assistant Kundan Shinde. Deshmukh was arrested by the ED on November 1 last year in connection with the case and is currently in judicial custody.

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COVID BULLETIN

Odisha logs over 5K new cases, 10 deaths

Bhubaneswar: Daily Covid-19 cases continued to dip in Odisha, where 5,057 more people tested positive on Friday, 844 less than the previous day, the health department said.

As many as 667 children are among the newly infected, it said in a bulletin.

The coronavirus tally stood at 12,36,226, while 10 fresh fatalities pushed the death toll to 8,560. Fifth-three coronavirus patients have died of comorbidities in the past, the bulletin said.

The state had logged 5,901 single-day cases and eight deaths on Thursday. A week ago, it had reported 9,833 fresh infections.

Odisha tested 61,635 samples in the past 24 hours at a positivity rate of 8.2 per cent, it added. Khurda district reported 1,111 new cases, followed by 495 in Cuttack and 429 in Sundargarh, the bulletin said.



The Test Positivity Rate (TPR) was 17.1 per cent in Khurda and 12.9 in Sundargarh. Nineteen more districts have a positivity rate of over five per cent.

The coastal state now has 64,217 active cases, and 11,63,396 patients have recovered from the disease so far, including 11,157 since Thursday. Public Health Director Niranjan Mishra said people were developing less severe symptoms due to vaccination.

"The restrictions can be relaxed only when the cases are very low as the highly-transmissible Omicron variant can spread again," he told reporters.

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Mizoram reports 2nd single-day spike since Covid breakout

Aizawl: Mizoram on Friday reported 2,064 new Covid-19 cases, the second-highest single-day spike since the advent of the pandemic nearly two years ago, taking the tally to 1,67,725, a health department official said. The state had on Tuesday registered the maximum one-day count of 2,222 fresh coronavirus cases. The death toll remained at 591 as no new fatality due to the infection was reported for the second consecutive day, he said.

Aizawl district reported the highest number of new cases at 1,435, followed by Mamit at 171 and Lunglei at 137.

The daily positivity rate dipped marginally to 27.32 per cent from 27.51 per cent the previous day, he said, adding that the fresh infections were detected from 7,554 sample tests. At least 325 children were among the newly infected people, he said. Mizoram had on Thursday reported 1,535 fresh infections. The northeastern state now has 13,721 active cases, while 1,53,413 people have recuperated from the disease so far, the official said.

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Over 12K cases, 12 more deaths reported in AP

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh reported 12,561 fresh cases of Covid-19 and 12 more deaths on Friday.

The latest health bulletin said 8,742 infected people also got cured in the state in the last 24 hours ending at 9 am on Friday. The active case count now stands at 1,13,300, the bulletin said.

The gross COVID-19 positive cases in the state touched 22,48,608 while the number of recoveries reached 21,20,717. The death toll now stands at 14,591.

Kurnool district registered 1,710, Guntur 1,625, Kadapa 1,215, Visakhapatnam 1,211, East Godavari 1,067, Krishna 1,056 and SPS Nellore 1,009



fresh cases.

Of the remaining six districts, three of them added less than 900 each and three more logged below 500 each.

Visakhapatnam reported three fresh fatalities while Kurnool and SPS Nellore recorded two deaths each in a day. Anantapuramu, Chittoor, Guntur, Vizianagaram and West Godavari added one more COVID-19 death each to their tally.

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Needy people including beggars, pavement dwellers, orphans and others, who don't have any Aadhaar cards, stand in a queue to receive Covid-19 vaccine dose, at a camp in Howrah on Friday

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PAPER WITH PASSION

Missing classes

There is still no clarity from any quarter on whether it’s okay to reopen schools

One would have expected the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (Insacog) or the National COVID Task Force or the entire body of epidemiologists and virologists to at least now come up with a view on the reopening of schools. Unfortunately, their view eludes us. Schools remained closed for all of 2020 and most of 2021. They began to reopen in several States at the end of the second wave but closed down again when Omicron surfaced. Scientists predict that the current wave is subsiding fast, but they do not want to tell us if it is okay for children to return to school. Restrictions are being lifted but no State Government is willing to bell the ‘school reopening’ cat. Is there something we do not know but ought to know? Or is it that nobody wants to take the risk because nobody can say with confidence that the reopening will increase, or not increase, the risk of infection? The children and their parents are owed an explanation. For over 600 days, students have missed school, been kept away from classroom studies and subjected to forced home isolation and, for no fault of theirs, they are becoming victims of mental distress. We hear the usual from the scientists that children have a strong immune system that prevents them from catching infection easily. On the contrary, months of sitting isolated at home without exercise or physical activity may have dented their immunity.



There is no data on how children faced infection and no surveys on whether strict precautions in schools can ward off infection till they are vaccinated. To a large extent, the hesitation of the Government in reopening schools is justified because children are the only segment of the population without a vaccine. Those over 15 are getting their first dose now. Vaccines for children above two years of age will have to wait for a while longer, probably till early summer when five vaccines will be available to them — Cadila Healthcare’s ZyCoV-D, Bharat Biotech’s Covaxin, the Serum Institute’s Covovax, Biological E’s RBD and Johnson & Johnson’s 26COV.2S vaccine. In the meanwhile, there should have been a national assessment of the fall in education reception, or knowledge absorption and in the standards among children, if any. The shortcomings of the online method of teaching are already in the public sphere. Students from poor families are suffering from not being able to afford digital devices or lacking electricity to run them. Parents are beginning to ask why education is not an “essential” service like economic activity is. They find it surprising that bars are the first to reopen, but not schools. They say it is naïve to suppose children are not exposed to the virus when adults in the family go out regularly for work. It is time for rationality, not emotions, to decide on the reopening of schools. There is no scientific reason to keep them closed, anyway.

PICTALK



Tourists paraglide as weather clears after snowfall in the Solangnala plains of Manali

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Opportunists

Political leaders of myriad hues have turned elections into a joke in their lust for power

Till the 1980s, June and July used to be months of activity in Kolkata’s football *maidans* despite the monsoon. That was the period of inter-club player transfers as a prelude to the Calcutta League. Though neither Bengal nor India were anywhere near the top 10 teams in Asia, the transfers took place with decency and dignity. The Indian Soccer League has since robbed the Calcutta League and the player transfers of their importance. The elections to five State Assemblies, to be held in February 2022, bring to mind more or less a similar scenario. Ministers, Assembly’s sitting members and the out-of-favour leaders have suddenly sprung to life and are animatedly defecting from their old party to new outfits for the lure of tickets and other benefits. In Uttar Pradesh, many Ministers and their hangers-on have jumped fences and crossed over to parties which offered to fulfil their demands. A leader in the BJP’s UP Government suddenly got enlightened that his community, Dalits and Muslims were being ignored by the Government in power since 2017 and so he walked off to the rival camp.



On why he kept quiet for five long years before crossing over to another party, his explanation was that people had given him the mandate for five years and that period was over once the election was declared! While this Minister defected to the Samajwadi Party, a leader from the house of the SP bosses jumped ship and joined the Hindutva bandwagon, portraying it as ‘secular and humane’. The Uttarakhand PCC president joined the BJP because he would not have made it to the list of party candidates in the GOP. These are not stray incidents but routine shows that play out before every election. The Aaya Rams and Gaya Rams are still around...in modern avatars. Though Rajiv Gandhi after becoming Prime Minister amended the Constitution in 1985 with a view to checking defections, our ingenious political leaders have designed new strategies to circumvent the anti-defection laws. Politics is degenerating into ‘politricks’ and has truly become the ‘Great Indian Political Circus’. If the common man opts for “one nation, one election” as proposed by the Prime Minister, it is only to get rid of this political gymnastics. A senior and respected MP was heard saying the other day she was willing to step aside provided her son was accommodated in her place. Cry, my beloved country!!

Hindus as punching bags for centuries?

There are several mentions in historical recordings and scholarly papers to show that pre-Islamic religious edifices were razed to build mosques

There is no doubt that Hindus have had the image of being soft and, therefore, a useful punching bag. It was overdue for a firm stand to be taken as was rightly done by TS Tirumurti, the Indian permanent representative to the United Nations, very recently. Swami Vivekananda was palpably aware of the Hindu image having been tarnished and there being a Hindu phobia. Accorded a tumultuous welcome upon his return after making a great name for himself and his faith overseas, Swamiji gave a frank explanation for why there was Hindu phobia.

Sir Sankaran Nair, a member of the Viceroy’s Council, in his book called *Gandhi and Anarchy* (published by Tagore & Company; Madras, 1922), wrote: “For sheer brutality on women, I do not remember anything in history to match the Malabar rebellion. It broke out about the 20th of August (1921). Even by the 6th of September, the results were dreadful.” Gandhiji’s comment which he wrote in *Young India* of September 29, 1921: “We have forgotten the divine out of dying for our faiths without retaliation... The Hindus must have the courage and the faith to feel that they can protect their religion in spite of such fanatical eruptions.” He warned the Government against excessive repression of the Moplahs. The ending of the revolt was a matter not only of urgency, but of simple humanity: “Be the Moplahs ever so bad, they deserve to be treated as human beings.”

Amongst Swami Dayanand’ successors, Swami Shraddhananda was the most successful in implementing *shuddhi*. He was murdered in his sick bed. Gandhi’s comment was: “I have called Abdul Rashid a brother and I repeat it. I do not even regard him as guilty of Swami’s murder. Guilty indeed are those who excited feelings of hatred against one another.”

The message of Vivekananda was clear that many problems have their roots in us. There is no power in the universe to injure us unless we first injure



ourselves. One-fifth of the population in India has become Mohammedan. Whose fault is it? One of our historians says in ever-memorable language: “Why should these poor wretches starve and die of thirst when the perennial fountain of life is flowing by? The question is: What did we do for these people who forsook their own religion? Why should they have become Mohammedan?”

To go back to Aurangzeb, over two centuries after the desecration, F Growse, the magistrate of the district in the 1870s, felt that of all the sacred places in India, none enjoys greater popularity than the capital of Braj, the holy city of Mathura. For nine months in the year, festival follows upon festival in rapid succession and the ghats and temples are daily thronged by new troops of way-worn pilgrims. So great is the sanctity of the spot that its panegyrist do not hesitate to declare that a single day spent in Mathura is more meritorious than a lifetime passed in Benares. All this celebrity is due to the fact of it being the birthplace of lord Krishna.

In his *Mathura: A District Memoir*, Growse had recorded his exhaustive survey of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE MAHARAJA’S HOMECOMING

Sir — For the Tatas, the original owners of Air India, nothing can be greater delight than the homecoming of the debt-laden, yet the nation’s prestigious, air carrier after nearly seven decades. Air India, which gave wings to the nation, was much more than a business venture to the country’s biggest conglomerate. (*Air India lands up in Tatas’ hands*; January 28). From the first operation from Karachi to Bombay in October 1932, with JRD Tata steering a Puss Moth aircraft, to seizing control of Air India 89 years later, the Tata Group has had a rollercoaster ride in Indian civil aviation history.

While normally aircraft head back to their original destinations after flying, perhaps for the first time in aviation history has an airline company itself headed back to its original roots. The skies of independent India had long witnessed the dominance of the country’s flagship airliner, and perhaps they are eagerly waiting to welcome the beginning of a new era in India’s aviation ecosystem. And the Maharaja, whose famous moustache was designed by Bobby Kooka, a close associate and friend of JRD Tata, is truly back with a bang.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | *Chennai*

INT’L HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sir — We observe the International Holocaust Remembrance Day on January 27 every year to mark the liberation of Nazi Germany concentration camp, Auschwitz Birkenau, from the historical atrocities committed on Jews. This day reminds us of the crimes committed by Nazi Germany in concentration camps, leading to about 1.1 million deaths between 1940 and 1945. On this day, the qualities of tolerance, equality, free speech and human rights need to be inculcated in this world beset by a number of challenges and inequalities. As the holocaust memories fade in the mist of time, anti-Semitic, religious and racial intolerance are taking the centre stage.

Since the number of Holocaust survivors is showing a downward trend, the younger generation must be made aware

Reason for Cong’s discomfiture



This refers to the editorial, *‘Missing focus’* (January 28). The Government awarding the Padma Bhushan to Congress veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad in recognition of his services to public affairs has brought the fault lines in the party to the fore. Innuendoes and indignities against him are flying around. Praising the one from West Bengal as “Azad” for rejecting the national honour and mocking the other as

“Ghulam” for accepting it signifies the grand old party’s deep decline. Azad’s public affairs credentials are impeccable. He was the J&K CM in 2005, after Congress’ CM Syed Mir Qasim in 1975. Also, he was Cabinet colleague to the party’s who’s-who of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh.

This Government has in the past honoured Congress stalwarts like Pranab Mukherjee and Tarun Gogoi, too. Terming the present conferment “political” is not true. Even the Government’s harshest critics, the Shiv Sena and TMC, endorse the honour to Azad. After being sidelined by his party since he is a G23 member, Azad is doing well by pulling crowds in his home State. He may be eying a new political innings in J&K. That he may align with the BJP is probably worrying the Congress. Sad that while senior party members are polarised on the issue, the party’s top leadership is in such disarray that it cannot even focus on the upcoming State elections.

SK Prabhakar | *Gurugram*

of it so as to be able to separate facts from falsehoods and hatred. Enlightening the youth about the agony of Holocaust is a tool that can spring them into action against the scourge of hatred. When Holocaust survivors’ memories become ours, the future generations will avoid the mistakes of their ancestors. Collective memory has the propensity not just to serve as a blueprint for the future but also to rekindle the past memories and avoid repeating mistakes.

Vijay Singh Adhikari | *Nainital*

WHAT’S WRONG WITH INDIAN CRICKET?

Sir — Cricket is like a game of chess and so every move counts in its shortest form. Having lost the Test series in a one-day fashion, we could have chalked out a strategy to avoid the mistakes committed in the longest form of the game. The blame game has started. It started from the Kohli era but we blame Rahul for the

downfall. The ex-captain is enjoying his cricket just like it is an outing in the park. As the captain, he was sending flying kisses to the pavilion and now, as a player, he is doing a cradle celebration.

The batting standards have gone down considerably, which forced such a situation that the bowlers were put to test. In the event of a small total to defend, most of the time on the tour our strategy should be to dismiss the opposition early. We lost to South Africa 1-2 in Test matches and 0-3 in One-Day matches. As a result, we sacked certain star bowlers as scapegoats. How long can we bank on our home wins? What is wrong with Indian cricket? Thus India’s T-20 ranking is by far the best, compared to Test (3rd) and ODI (4th) after the debacle in South Africa.

Bal Govind | *Noida*

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PRAFULL GORADIA

has obviously been done a fair amount of work on this place of worship. Memoirs of Gaur and Pandua by M Abid Ali Khan, subsequently revised by HP Stapleton, prove this.

A more recent work of scholarship is entitled *Mosque Architecture of Pre-Mughal Bengal* by Dr Syed Mahmudul Hasan. Evidently, local legend as to who built the Adina mosque and why, appears to be incorrect. According to scholars, it was established by Sultan Sikandar Shah between 1366 and 1374 AD. There is a difference of opinion, especially between JH Ravenshaw and other scholars as to whether Gaur, the famous capital of medieval Bengal, was older or whether Hazrat Pandua, where Adina is located, flourished earlier. The significance of the controversy is about how much rubble from pre-Islamic edifices could have been used. Dr Hasan is impartial enough to quote various scholars at length, although he betrays some unhappiness at the allegation about the use of Hindu materials.

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SOUNDBITE

In the 75th year of Independence, we must resolve to ensure 75% turnout in every election.

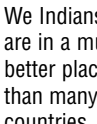


Prime Minister — Narendra Modi



No deal with prosecutors (in graft trial). I will continue to lead Likud (Party).

Israeli ex-PM — Benjamin Netanyahu



We Indians are in a much better place than many other countries.

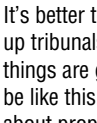


Singer — Daler Mehndi



I asked myself ‘What’d Novak do?’ And I thought, OK, fight to the last point.

Russian tennis player — Daniil Medvedev



It’s better to wind up tribunals if things are going to be like this. What about propriety?



Chief Justice of India — NV Ramana

FIRST COLUMN

SOVEREIGN BOND MOVE IS A WELCOME IDEA

Foreign capital inflow will ease down the bond yield to some extent



SHSHANK SAURAV

Union budget 2022 is few days away and there are speculations around inclusion of India's sovereign bond in the global bond index. Sometime back RBI governor said that the process is on and it should happen in few months. Historically, India has remained averse to the foreign ownership in the country's debt. This policy choice was largely driven by our experience related to balance of payment situation in 1990s. Government opened up the corporate sector for foreign capital (via FDI/Fllroute) and even FPI limit in corporate bond was kept high but RBI continued to keep a conservative stand on sovereign bonds. Things have changed now and our foreign exchange reserve is enough to withstand the short-termvolatility caused by sudden capital outflow. The Covid pandemic has curtailed revenue generation on one hand while public spending has increased on the other. The Government has resorted to borrowing as other non-tax receipts (like disinvestment proceedsor asset monetisation schemes) are lagging behind the target. The GOI 10-year bond yield has touched two years high of 6.54 percent in January 2022. Economic growth is still under the shadows of pandemic and therefore government borrowing is unlikely to come down drastically. When economy revives and credit demand picks up, banks would not be showing the same appetite for the Government papers and it appears that yields are not going to ease in near term. A higher yield means more outflow on account of interest payment and thereby leaving less amount with government for infrastructure and asset creation.

Foreign capital inflow will ease down the bond yield to some extent. However, this inflow will cause appreciation of INR and it will be detrimental to the exporters. This exchange rate movement can be managed by the RBI with its market interventionpolicies. Despite of various concessions and incentives given by government, private investment is not picking up and government has to come forward for almost all major infrastructure projects.Domestic borrowing directly impacts the liquidity which has direct impact on demand/consumption and inflation.In our case, external borrowing should be used for growth purpose only and foreign capital should not be tapped just to finance the fiscal deficit.Country's risk perception determines the demand of the government papers by the buyers. Credit Default Swap spread isgenerally used to gauge the risk perception on the securities issued by the borrower. India's five-year sovereign CDS spread has consistently fallen (after reaching its peak in March' 20 due to Covid-related uncertainty)which means that credit perception has improved. India's sovereign credit rating has remained stable and downgrading by Moody's in June 2020 from Baa2 to Baa3 had invited severe criticism. Attractive yields on Indian bonds are remunerative to the foreign investors even if exchange rate risk is factored in and therefore demand of these securities is not a question which policy makers should worry about.There are certain areas which needs to be clarified by the RBI and finance ministry before this policy shift sees the light of the day. Though there is an overall ceiling of six percent and two percent of outstanding loans for central Government and state development loans respectively, operational process should be smooth. Taxation aspect (both interest receipt at periodic interval and capital gain) is important as any relaxation to the foreign investors would be detrimental to the domestic investors. A concession to the foreign investors while taxing the transaction in the hands of domestic investors would go against the principles of equity. This structural shift shows change of mindset and it is a welcome step but will needto be monitored cautiously post implementation.

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Can Modi-Capt duo help BJP in Punjab?



AMITABH SHUKLA

Several Assembly polls have shown that Modi alone cannot be the face of BJP; it needs that extra zing, that extra person or an issue, to ride home

The Enforcement Directorate's raids on the house and business premises of the relatives of Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi follows a set pattern being followed by the central agencies for a while now in poll-bound states.

"This will generate a lot of smoke, this smoke will remain visible for a while but it will have little or no adverse political consequences for those who have been targeted," a leader in Punjab quipped on the timing of the raids when elections have been announced and the electoral process has begun.

Those who are knee-deep into politics say that the ED or Income Tax raids or any raid by a central agency hardly benefits the BJP in the elections as the fire is extinguished by those affected by the raid the very next day by playing the victim card to the hilt. The smoke too clears in the next 3-4 days after the agencies give an account of the recoveries and the dust it generates settles down in a week.


So, BJP in Punjab will have to rely solely on the charisma of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the political guile of two-time chief minister Amarinder Singh, having a combined tenure of nine and a half years in the top job of the state.

As we all know by now, Modi has a great influence when it comes to something like presidential type elections where he hardly has any political rivals and easily towers over others. It happened in 2014 and 2019 where the election was clearly Modi versus the rest. Obviously the combined "rest" was no match to Modi and the results hardly had any element of surprise. Not much has changed even in 2022 on this front.

However, at the same time, the Assembly elections in several states clearly showed that Modi alone cannot be the face of BJP and it has to get that extra zing, that extra person or an issue to ride home. Even in the home state of the Prime Minister, Gujarat, Congress did reasonably well despite the fact that Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah hailed from the same state. There were a string of losses in states all over the country, suggesting that local and regional leaders held on their own in their home turfs.

In Chandigarh Municipal Corporation elections, Modi was the only face of the BJP in the polls and the party could not win a majority despite ruling the civic body for five years. It's a different matter that through political machinations, it managed to get its "minority" Mayor elected, though the Aam Aadmi Party had two seats more than the BJP in the House.

So in Punjab, it is unlikely that Modi will have a big influence in the voting process and outcome, whatever his supporters say. The only rally he was supposed to address before the polls were announced, in Ferozepur, had to be canceled after the much-publicized security



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breach. Though the weather was bad on that day and prevented people from getting out, the low presence at the rally ground suggested that despite the repeal of the three farm laws, BJP has still to cross several more bridges to gain the trust of the Punjabis. To bridge that gap, one election is too short a time. It will take a while and sustained political efforts before BJP comes with the right formulae and local social engineering to get going in Punjab.

As far as Amarinder Singh is concerned, many in the state, some even his supporters, now believe that for him, forming Punjab Lok Congress and aligning with BJP is not a serious shot at power but only an attempt to ensure that Congress which he feels humiliated him, is defeated. Also, many in his old party believe that Amarinder could well be looking at fishing in troubled waters with half a dozen MLAs in a possible hung Assembly.

Without getting into ifs and buts of what would happen after the polling, it is clear that BJP wants to have a roadmap of its own in the Sikh majority state in the near future. It was in alliance with the Shiromani Akali Dal for over two decades in the border state and used to contest 20 seats in the urban areas as a junior partner. The two parties complement-

ed each other well-SAD, claiming to put across Sikh point of view while BJP the Hindu point of view in a state which was badly affected by militancy in the 1980s and early 1990s.

The now repealed three agricultural laws changed the political dynamics of the state and no one either from the BJP or the SAD could envisage the consequences it would have on state politics before the bills were conceptualized and eventually passed. As Sikh farmers from the state gathered at Delhi borders in one of the most visible non-violent protests in decades, opposition to the farm laws became a sort of mass movement in Punjab which a party could neglect only at its peril. SAD took the initiative and parted ways with its partner BJP and withdrew its minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal from the Modi Cabinet.

Even when BJP was in alliance with SAD, particularly, during the ten years of its rule (2007 to 20017), there were demands within BJP to test electoral waters independently. This chorus grew louder since 2014 when Modi emerged as a towering leader and BJP won several state elections and changed the political dynamics of the country. So, in 2022 it will be the first time in decades that BJP would be the big brother in the alliance with Congress turncoat and PLC chief

Amarinder Singh and would contest 65 odd seats. If BJP manages a decent show and the definition of a decent outing would vary from one leader to the other, a new alignment could emerge in Punjab. But given the fact that BJP has been unable to grow in rural Punjab due to multiple factors, it looks like a long haul for the saffron party at present.

Many in the SAD believe that Amarinder Singh's PLC is only a one election wonder and they have little or no differences with BJP, more so when the reason for their differences-Farm Acts-no longer exists. So there would hardly be much surprise if the SAD is back in alliance with the BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and a soft understanding soon after the 2022 Assembly polls. In fact, none of the two parties-SAD and BJP-are making noises against each other in the campaign, making it clear that there is hardly any difference of opinion amongst them. If BJP does reasonably well in assembly polls, it will then bargain for more seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from SAD. That seems to be the refrain of some BJP leaders as well as an aging Captain Amarinder is no guarantee for their future political plans in the state and SAD completes the Hindu-Sikh political stereotype which helps BJP in rest of the country as well.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT


WARM CONGRATULATIONS TO @GHULAMNAZAD ON HIS PADMA BHUSHAN. IT'S GOOD TO BE RECOGNISED EVEN BY A GOVT OF THE OTHER SIDE. — CONGRESS LEADER SHASHI THAROOR



RIGHT THING TO DO (REFUSING THE AWARD). HE (BUDDHADEB BHATTACHARJEE) WANTS TO BE AZAD (FREE), NOT GHULAM (A SLAVE). —CONGRESS RAJYA SABHA WHIP JAIRAM RAMESH

Solid waste management policy still suffers from niggles

Primary segregation is key to effective solid waste management, specifically recycling and composting



RAJESH KUMAR


Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 brought in by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and monitored by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) are having limited success. Authorities right from the Ministry of Urban Development, CPCB, State pollution Control Boards, Municipalities, and Gram Panchayats have been made accountable. Implementation is mainly by municipal authorities and gram panchayats as per rules. Segregation at source is the mainstay of the Rules as has been amply demonstrated by municipalities like Indore, making citizens and institutions responsible for primary segregation.

The ministries of Urban Development and Rural

Development are the main monitoring agencies at the national level.

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, according to clause 7, has to ensure market development assistance and promotion of city compost with chemical fertilizers in the ratio of 3:4, but the ministry has done nothing to assist the municipalities and gram panchayats, where compost is being produced.

Similarly, the Ministry of Agriculture, as per clause 8, had to set up labs for checking the quality and propagation of compost on farmland, but it has done little. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) hardly monitors State Pollution Control Boards for implementation. Even Delhi is not segregating waste as per rules right under the nose of CPCB. According to SWM Rules



2016, Clause 15 makes local authorities responsible for solid waste management. Except for municipalities like Indore, Ambikapur and a few others, no municipality is following the rules. Cities like Noida are finally working on different types of waste and segregation at doorsteps but implementation is insufficient even though City managers like Salil Yadav worked hard to implement and succeeded partially. He has been transferred to Greater Noida

Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) to implement in the planned township of Greater Noida.

GNIDA was fined Rs 2 crore by National Green Tribunal in 2019 for not properly implementing SWM 2016 rules. Since then, it has taken action for empanelment of private agencies for bulk waste generators (apartments) and has empaneled more than 17 agencies in category 2 of its notification.

Sources said three attempts were made by GNIDA to empanel vendors for colonies but due to unfavourable conditions such as unwillingness to pay or pay very little, harassment of sanitary workers and collectors, the attitude of residents, foiled the initiative.

A look at the implementation of apartments and colonies

like Jalvayu Vihar, AWHO, Gurjinder Vihar, Jaypee Greens, La Resdentia, NHPC Employee colony, Greenwoods Society, Ansal Golf Links, Gaur City 1 & 2 throws up interesting facts.

Jaypee installed a composter machine in July 2021, in accordance with the SWM rules of GNIDA and Central Government, but the machine had not worked properly due to its vendor's inadequacies. Segregation at the residential level was patchy at best. A person from the machine maker explained that it is a proper aerobic composter and not a burning machine as used in many societies. Sources from GNIDA informed that Jaypee had been fined heavily on quite a few occasions as waste was not being processed and was picked by a company, K waste, which

disposed of all wastes in landfills. Penalty amount could not be verified. La Resdentia was earlier a joint venture with Amrapali. After being fined by GNIDA they have bought the machine and are finalizing the vendor. In the case of Gaur City, a huge residential complex, segregation, and processing were not visible.

AWHO, similar to Jaypee Greens, has a very big aerobic composter and a proper structure allotted and one of the first to implement in 2019. It was inaugurated by Deputy CEO of GNIDA, but the machine is not working since September 2021. A source in the RWA office informed that a company was doing the composting till August 2021 but the RWA Housekeeping committee and the company had their differ-

ences and so, the company was asked to wait till they try a new vendor from September 2021. But it has been months and neither the current vendor K Waste nor the current RWA committee has taken action to rectify the machine. The plant did not have any workers and no evidence of any waste management work was seen. GNIDA has not taken action against AWHO as per rules. The earlier company was not available for comments.

In the case of AWHO, one RWA committee was the initiator and the committee which came later played the spoilsport and violator. GNIDA sources informed they have blacklisted certain vendors like SVM, who were throwing waste in landfills in Greater Noida or even transported it to Ghaziabad.

Russia: Won't start war over Ukraine tensions

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russia's top diplomat said Friday that Moscow will not start a war in Ukraine but warned that it wouldn't allow the West to trample on its security interests, amid fears it is planning to invade its neighbor.

U.S. President Joe Biden warned Ukraine's leader a day earlier that there is a "distinct possibility" that Russia could take military action against the former Soviet state in February.

"There won't be a war as far as it depends on the Russian Federation, we don't want a war," Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in a live interview with Russian radio stations. "But we won't let our interests be rudely trampled on and ignored."

Tensions have soared in recent weeks, and United States and its NATO allies warily eyed a buildup of more than 100,000 Russian troops near Ukraine, worrying that Moscow was preparing to attack. Russia has repeatedly denied having any such plans, but has demanded that NATO promise Ukraine will never be allowed to join and that alliance roll back deployments of troops

and military equipment in Eastern Europe. The U.S. and NATO formally rejected those demands this week, though Washington outlined areas where discussions are possible, offering hope that there could be a way to avoid war. Russia's official response to those proposals will come from President Vladimir Putin, but Kremlin has said there was "little ground for optimism."

Lavrov echoed that grim note Friday. "While they say they won't change their positions, we won't change ours," he said. "I don't see any room for compromise here." Putin opened the weekly meeting of his Security Council on Friday, saying only that it would address foreign policy issues.

Later, in a video call with French President Emmanuel Macron, the Kremlin said he emphasized that U.S. and NATO failed to consider Russia's key demands: precluding NATO's expansion, stopping the deployment of alliance weapons near Russian borders and rolling back its forces from Eastern Europe. At the same time, Putin spoke in favor of continuing talks about a stalled peace agreement for eastern Ukraine, where Russia-

backed rebels are fighting Ukrainian forces. Those talks are among Russia, Ukraine, France and Germany, and presidential envoys from four countries met in Paris on Wednesday and agreed to have another meeting in Berlin in two weeks. Following 2014 ouster of a Kremlin-friendly president in Kyiv, Moscow annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and began backing insurgency in country's eastern industrial heartland.

Earlier, Lavrov noted that U.S. suggested two sides could talk about limits on deployment of intermediate-range missiles, restrictions on military drills and rules to prevent accidents between warships and aircraft.

He said that Russia proposed discussing those issues years ago — but Washington and its allies never took them up to it until now. While he described U.S. offers as reasonable, he also emphasized that Russia's main concerns on NATO. He noted that international agreements say that security of one nation must not come at expense of others' — and that he would send letters to ask his Western counterparts to address that obligation.

Biden says Russian invasion in February 'distinct possibility'

AP ■ MOSCOW

The White House says President Joe Biden warned Ukraine's president Thursday that there is a "distinct possibility" Russia could take military action against Ukraine in February. The Kremlin likewise sounded a grim note, saying it saw "little ground for optimism" in resolving the crisis after the U.S. this week again rejected Russia's main demands.

Russian officials said dialogue was still possible to end the crisis, but Biden again offered a stark warning amid growing concerns that Russian President Vladimir Putin will give the go-ahead for a further invasion of Ukrainian territory in the not-so-distant future.

The White House said Biden's comments to Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a phone call amplified concerns that administration officials have been making for some

time. "President Biden said that there is a distinct possibility that Russians could invade Ukraine in February," White House National Security Council spokesperson Emily Horne said. "He has said this publicly and we have been warning about this for months. "Tensions have soared in recent weeks, as 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 Western alliance firmly rejected any concessions on Moscow's main points Wednesday, refusing to permanently ban Ukraine from joining NATO and saying allied deployments of troops and military equipment in Eastern Europe are nonnegotiable.

Japan to watch WHO probe of director's alleged racism, abuse

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan's government said Friday it will watch the World Health Organization's investigation into staff complaints over racism and abuse by a top Japanese official at the agency but denied it inappropriately received sensitive vaccine information from him.

Meanwhile in Geneva, France's diplomatic mission said that if the allegations are proven to be true, the possible consequences include the termination of the WHO director's contract.

An investigation by the Associated Press this week found WHO staffers alleged that Dr. Takeshi Kasai, the U.N. health agency's top director in Western Pacific, engaged in unethical, racist and abusive behavior, undermining WHO's efforts to curb the coronavirus pandemic, according to an internal complaint filed last October. The complaints were also emailed to senior WHO leaders last week and describe a "toxic atmosphere" with "a culture of systemic bullying" at WHO's regional headquarters in the Philippines.

China says UN rights chief welcome in Xinjiang, but not for probe

PTI ■ BEIJING

China said on Friday United Nations human rights chief Michelle Bachelet is welcome to visit Xinjiang, where Beijing faces serious human rights allegations against Uyghur Muslims, after Winter Olympic Games to promote cooperation and not an investigation based on "presumption of guilt."

Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a media briefing here that invitation was extended a long time ago and two sides have been maintaining communication. "China welcomes Madam Bachelet to visit China, including Xinjiang," Zhao said.

"Our position is consistent and clear. The purpose of the visit is to promote exchange and cooperation, not investigation based on presumption of guilt. We oppose anyone using this for political manipulation to pressure China," he said.

The spokesman, however, skirted a direct answer when asked to comment on a media report stating China is also insisting Bachelet should not

release her report on Xinjiang before February 4 Beijing Winter Olympics opening ceremony as demanded by US politicians. "I can tell you Xinjiang enjoys economic prosperity and social order and people there are leading happy lives with their human rights fully protected," he said. China firmly opposes tactics of using Xinjiang to smear country by distorting facts, he said.

China has launched a diplomatic offensive to mobilise world leaders to attend February 4 opening ceremony of Winter Olympics as US, the EU and several western countries announced a boycott of event by their diplomats to highlight allegations of human rights violations in Xinjiang, including incarceration of over a million Uyghur Muslims in camps.

A host of world leaders including Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, besides UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres are due to attend opening ceremony to show solidarity with Beijing.

Russia nears 100,000 daily infections as omicron rages

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian authorities on Friday reported over 98,000 new confirmed coronavirus cases, but according to the Kremlin, the actual number is likely to be much higher as the highly contagious omicron variant continues to rage through the vast country.

Russia's state coronavirus task force on Friday registered 98,040 new infections tallied over the past 24 hours - another all-time high for the country that in recent weeks has faced its biggest surge of contagions in the pandemic. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Friday

that "it is obvious that this number is higher and possibly much higher," because "many people don't get tested" and have no symptoms. Peskov noted that Russia's numbers are "so far lower than in Western European countries, than in the US, so one can't rule out that they will grow further".

The Kremlin spokesman also admitted that a lot of people in the presidential administration have gotten infected with the virus. "The vast majority continue to work from home after having isolated themselves," Peskov said. "This explosive contagiousness of the omicron, it demonstrates itself in full." Coronavirus

Philippines lifts ban on foreign tourists as outbreak eases

Manila: The Philippines will lift a ban on the entry of foreign tourists and business people next month after nearly two years, in a move to revive the battered tourism industry as the latest coronavirus outbreak started to ease, officials said Friday.

Scotland Yard seeks 'minimal reference' to some partygate events

PTI ■ LONDON

Scotland Yard on Friday said it has sought "minimal reference" to events it is investigating from a UK Cabinet Office inquiry, being led by top civil servant Sue Gray over so-called "partygate" scandal of alleged gatherings within government quarters that may have breached COVID lockdown rules in 2020-2021. Gray's inquiry report, which poses a serious threat to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's leadership, is said to be complete but there has been a delay since some of its findings were passed on to London's Metropolitan Police earlier this week, to probe "serious and flagrant" breaches of corona laws.

Who's who among some possible top Supreme Court contenders

AP ■ WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer's retirement gives President Joe Biden a chance to make his first nomination to high court. It's also a chance for Biden to fulfill a campaign promise to nominate the first Black woman to be a justice. Some things to know about the women seen as leading candidates:

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

Ketanji Brown Jackson has known Breyer for decades. A graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law school, she was a law clerk to Breyer from 1999 to 2000. She is comfortable enough with her former boss to have a little fun at his expense. In 2017, after Breyer accidentally brought his cellphone to court and it rang, Jackson introduced him at an event and pretended to get a call mid-

introduction from Breyer's colleague, Justice Neil Gorsuch. After clerking for Breyer, Jackson was as a lawyer in private practice, worked as a public defender and served on U.S. Sentencing Commission. President Barack Obama nominated her to be a federal trial court judge in District of Columbia in 2013. Biden elevated her to U.S. Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit, where she has served since June 2021.

Recently, Jackson was part of a three-judge panel that ruled against former President Donald Trump's effort to shield documents from House committee investigating Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at Capitol. Jackson, 51, also has advantage of a connection to Republicans. She is related by marriage to former House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. Jackson's husband, Dr. Patrick Jackson, a surgeon, is the twin brother of Ryan's brother-in-law.

N Korea confirms missile tests as Kim visits munitions site

AP ■ SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

North Korea said Friday its weapons tests this week were successful while vowing to bolster its nuclear "war deterrent" and speed up development of more powerful warheads. It appeared North Korean leader Kim Jong Un did not attend tests on Tuesday and Thursday, which were detected by militaries of neighbors South Korea and Japan. But Kim did inspect a munitions factory where workers pledged loyalty to their leader, who "smashes with his bold pluck challenges of U.S. imperialists and their vassal forces," state media said. North Korea has been ramping up its testing activity in recent months, including six rounds of weapons launches so far in 2022, demonstrating its military might amid pandemic-related difficulties and a prolonged freeze in nuclear diplomacy with the United States.

Iraqi Army: Rockets hit Baghdad airport, damage two planes

AP ■ BAGHDAD

Six rockets struck Baghdad's International airport facility on Friday, damaging two commercial planes but causing no casualties, Iraq's military said in a statement.

The rockets fired in early morning landed on planes parked in a waiting area of Iraqi Airways, the country's national carrier, the statement said. One rocket punched a gaping hole in cockpit area of plane.

The attack marks an escalation of a series of rocket and drone strikes that have targeted U.S. and their allies as well as Iraqi government institutions since start of year. Most attacks targeting airport did not cause heavy damage or affect civilian areas of airport facility. The recent uptick followed second anniversary of U.S. strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qasim Soleimani and Iraqi militia commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001
R.C.No. 406/2015 E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE Dated: 14.01.2022

ICICI BANK VS. MR. HARISH KUMAR GOSWAMI
"ORDER"

As per my order dated 14.01.2022 the under mentioned properties will be sold by Public e-auction sale on 05.03.2022 in the said Recovery Certificate:-
The auction sale will be "online e-auctioning" through website:-www.bankeauctions.com
Date and Time of Auction: 05.03.2022 between 03:00 PM and 04:00 P.M. (With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 P.M., if required).

S.No.	Property Description	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	House No.1007, Khasra No.204, NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni Ghaziabad- 200001.	Rs. 8,55,000/-	Rs. 85,500/-

Terms & Conditions

- The auction sale will be "online through "e-auction" through website portal: www.bankeauctions.com.
- The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi-A/c R.C. No. 406/2015". The said Demand Draft/Pay Order qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of identity (voter I-card/driving license/passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 03.03.2022 before 4:00 P.M. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
- The envelope containing EMD, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number, etc, should be super-scribed "RC No. 406/2015".
- The property is being sold on "as is where is basis" and "as is what is basis".
- The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.bankeauctions.com for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Sh. Mohit Chadhaa, Zonal Debt Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd. 2nd Floor, Videocom Tower, Jhandewalan Extn. Delhi, Mobile no. 9650957770 Email ID: mohit.chadhaa@icicibank.com
- Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015. Telephone No. 7291981224/2526 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan. Mobile no. 9813887931 Email ID: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankeauctions.com
- The interested bidders may avail online training on e-auction, after deposit of EMD, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana 122015. Telephone No. 7291981224/2526 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile no. 9813887931 Email ID: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankeauctions.com
- Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order shall be eligible to participate in an e-auction
- The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 17.02.2022 and 18.02.2022 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM,
- The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 03.03.2022 in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II Delhi, Shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM. 05.03.2022. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
- The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare and deposit Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 406/2015 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
- The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 406/2015, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit after defraying the expenses of the may sale, they, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sam for which it may subsequently be sold.
- CHFI/CH Bank is directed to serve the Sale proclamation on CDs through Dast speed post, courier and by affixation at the conspicuous part of the property and by beat of drum in its vicinity and a copy of the same be placed on the notice board of the Tribunal.
- Sale proclamation be also published in the Newspapers in English as well as in Vernacular language, having adequately wide circulation in the area.
- CHFI/CH Bank is directed to confirm the publication of advertisement in the Newspapers and original proofs of the publication be filed before next date of hearing.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

Schedule of the property

Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
House No.1007, Khasra No.204, NH-24, Bhim Nagar, Mawai, Loni, Ghaziabad- 200001.	Not known	Not known	Not known

Matter be listed on 18.02.2022 for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dasti, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of e-auction.

(Dattatrey Bajpayee)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II,
DRT-II, DELHI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice given to all concerned that Flat No. D-0007, Plot No GH-5B, Sector 16, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh is solely owned by Nexgen Corporate Services LLP. Hence this notice is hereby given that no person's (including builder) should do any legal transaction in respect to said flat without consent of the legal owner. Any such transaction will not be legal binding to the flat owner and hence the flat owners will not be responsible / liable for any damages.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to all concern that Sh. Tej Prakash S/o Ram Kanwar R/o E-30, Hauz Khas, Main Market Delhi-16 who is the original allottee of Commercial Shop-3, Block-V-1, Sector-12, Noida G.B. Nagar (UP) had sold the said Shop on General power of attorney basis to the following person(s). GPA was executed on in favour of Sh. Amar Dev S/o Sh. Gokul Dev R/o Vill- Rithal, Kendara, Pawri Sarwala (Uttarakhand), which is registered Sub Registrar office Sub division -IV, Delhi on dated 02.03.1989, Bahr No.4, Jld No.793, at page No. from 53 to 54, & Serial No. 3684. The agreement to sell was not registered or not executed. Because the agreement to sell is not registered or no agreement to sell executed, so it is informed to all concern that the said Shop is going to be transferred in favour of Shri Krishan Kumar Sundriyal S/o Sh. Yogeshwar Prasad Sundriyal R/o 10-B, Dhawalgiri Apartment Sec-11, Noida G.B. Nagar (UP) if any one has/have any objection he/she may file his/her objection along with the sufficient proof in the Commercial Department of the Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Sh. Krishan Kumar Sundriyal

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Invitation of tender through E-tendering (e-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	E-file No. 94869
Name of Work and its location	Tender for "Work contract for complete Stripping and fitment of Mechanical and Electrical items viz. Furnishing items, Lavatory refurbishment, Passenger amenities, plumbing items, Bio tank, Vestibule rubber Fall plate, pantry items and other misc. electrical items including supply of Material as per scope of work for 10 LWSCZAC coaches at RCNK, SNP"
Approx Cost of work	Rs. Tender Cost: Rs. 4,29,62,944.29/- (Rs. Four Crore Twenty-Nine Lacs Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Four and Twenty-Nine Paise Only)
Earnest Money	18,48,200/-
Completion period of work	Six months of date of execution of work
Cost of Tender document (available on IREPS)	NIL
Date and Time for submission of tender and Opening of tender	Upto 11:00 hrs on 21.02.2022 Opening of Tender at 11:30 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in
No. E-file No. 94869 Dated : 21.12.2021	195/2022

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Ready for 'long overdue' pick of Black female justice: Biden

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden strongly affirmed Thursday that he will nominate the first Black woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, declaring such historic representation is "long overdue" and promising to announce his choice by the end of February.

In a White House ceremony marking a moment of national transition, Biden praised retiring Justice Stephen Breyer, who will have spent nearly 28 years on the high court by the time he leaves at the end of the term, as "a model public servant at a time of great division in this country."



President Joe Biden delivers remarks on the retirement of Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, left, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, Jan 27, 2022 (AP Photo/Andrew Hamrik)

backgrounds and writings of potential candidates. "I've made no decision except one: The person I will nominate will be somebody of extraordinary qualifications, character and integrity," he said. "And that person will be the first Black woman ever nominated to the United States Supreme Court. It is long overdue." Biden's choice will

be historic on its face: No Black woman has ever served on the high court. But the decision is also coming at a critical time of national reckoning over race and gender inequality.

However, the court's 6-3 conservative majority is destined to remain intact. Biden is using his choice to fulfill one of his early campaign promises, one that helped resurrect his moribund primary campaign and propel him to the White House in 2020.

And it gives him the chance to show Black voters, who are increasingly frustrated with a president they helped to elect, that he is serious about their concerns, particularly with his voting rights legislation stalled in the Senate. It also could help drive Democratic enthusiasm amid concerns about a midterm routing in congressional races.

CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULING OF TRAINS
DUE TO TRAFFIC-CUM-POWER BLOCK

In order to upgrade the existing infrastructure and enhanced the safety standards, Railways will undertake the maintenance work of Level Crossing gates BK-6 between Uslapur-Ghuttu stations on UP & DN line of Bilaspur Division in South East Central Railway. To execute this work, traffic -cum-power block will be taken for the duration of 06:00 hrs. on 30.01.2022 (Sunday). During this period the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Train Name	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
15231 Barauni Jn. - Varanasi Jn.- Gondia Jn. Express	29.01.2022
15232 Gondia Jn. - Varanasi Jn. - Barauni Jn. Express	30.01.2022

RESCHEDULING OF TRAIN

Train No. 18477 Puri-Yog Nagari Rishikesh Utkal Express will be rescheduled at 22.45 hrs instead of 20.45 hrs on 29.01.2022.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

RailMadad Helpline No. 139	Visit RailMadad website: www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in Download Railmadad App	Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav	Follow us on :	NORTHERN RAILWAY Your Convenience - Our Concern Visit us at : www.ncdrailways.gov.in
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Report: Economy needs more hand-holding, fiscal correction can wait

Mumbai: Warning that any sudden and sharp fiscal consolidation steps can throttle the nascent and uneven recovery of the Indian economy, a Wall Street brokerage has said the Budget should instead focus on boosting overall demand, from rural consumption in particular, and invest more in infrastructure.

The successive waves of the pandemic has made it more difficult to reduce government debt as a share of GDP in the medium-term, said Goldman Sachs in a pre-Budget note.

It thus pencilled in a gradual fiscal consolidation with FY23 falling by 50 basis points to 6.3 per cent from 6.8 per cent in FY22, and set a target of bringing it down to 4.5 per cent by FY26.

The brokerage believes that even though allocation for COVID related expenses will come down, the government will have to continue to focus on welfare spending and also expects capex to increase 12 per cent.

But the higher spending will most likely be financed by higher tax revenue in FY23 and deferred asset sales from the current year, helping reduce the deficit.

It also sees the general government fiscal deficit falling to 9.3 per cent of GDP in FY23 from 10.1 per cent in FY22 on the back of stronger nominal GDP growth.

If the Budget removes capital gains tax and withholding tax on foreign bond investments in the country, India will likely be included in the global bond index by Q4 of 2022 and this can help the country attract an additional USD 30 billion inflows in 2023, which again will lead to lower deficit.

Gross tax collections in the first eight months of FY22 rose to 70 per cent of budget estimates which is the highest in the last 10 years. Direct taxes have grown 66 per cent on-year, led by income and corporate tax growth while indirect taxes have grown 39 per cent driven by buoyant GST and excise duties on fuel prices.

The report expects gross tax revenue to overshoot budget estimates by about 1.1 per cent of GDP in FY22 and non-tax revenue to be higher by 0.1 per cent of GDP driven by increased dividends from the RBI and higher deferred payments from telcos.

Sensex succumbs to late sell-off, ends 77 pts lower

Mumbai: The BSE gauge Sensex dived nearly 900 points from the day's peak to finish Friday's highly volatile session 77 points lower at 57,200, triggered by a late sell-off mainly in banking and auto shares.

Starting off on a high note, the 30-share index soared to trade briefly above the key 58,000-level in afternoon trade, before plunging to a low of 57,119.28. After fighting bouts of volatility towards the fag-end of the session, the index finally closed 76.71 points or 0.13 per cent lower at 57,200.23.

Likewise, the NSE Nifty too swung between gains and losses before ending 8.20 points or 0.05 per cent down at 17,101.95.

The Sensex was pulled lower mainly by Maruti, Tech Mahindra, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and SBI -- which suffered losses to the tune of 3 per cent.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services, said, "After the decent opening post yesterday's weak closing, domestic bourses again staged a quick sell-off, tracking weak European trend. Policy tightening by the US Fed and rising geopolitical tensions in Ukraine coloured global sentiments."

US-based EV gateway in India

New Delhi: EvGateway, a leading turn-key electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure solutions provider headquartered in California with strong presence across US, Latin America, Europe, Asia and the West Asian market, on Friday announced the launch of its operations in India. It is indeed a moment of pride for us that we are finally bringing our product to India and contribute to its EV initiatives, said Uday Chagari, head of EvGateway India. A parameter driven approach enables us to on-board clients with minimal effort, added Nishanth Kalidindi, VP of Technology at EvGateway.

Digital synergies to bring design, IP, production under one umbrella

New Delhi: With aim to create digital synergies to bring concept, design, IP and production under one umbrella, McLaren Strategic Ventures launched Atlas Silicon, the artificial intelligence first customized chip design venture to revolutionize the global semiconductor industry. The national semiconductor policy and the favourable approach from Government of India will help deepen India's manufacturing base and create immense opportunities in the segment, said Sajjan Pillai, chairman, McLaren Strategic Ventures.

RBI asks people to follow safe digital banking practices amid rising cyber frauds

Mumbai: Worried over rising incidence of cyber frauds, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday issued a public notice asking people to follow safe digital banking practices to prevent any possible financial loss.

Observing that unscrupulous elements are defrauding people by using innovative modus operandi, including social media techniques and mobile phone calls, the RBI urged the members of public to take all due precautions while carrying out digital financial transactions.

"... The Reserve Bank cautions members of public to be aware of fraudulent messages, spurious calls, unknown links, false notifications, unauthorised QR codes, etc. Promising help in securing concessions/expediting response from banks and financial service providers in any manner," the central bank said. Fraudsters attempt to get confidential details like user id, login/transaction password, OTP (One Time Password) as well as debit/credit card details and other personal information.

The RBI has highlighted some of the typical modus operandi being used by fraudsters like Vishing, Phishing, and Remote Access.

urges the members of public to practice safe digital banking by taking all due precautions while carrying out any digital (online/mobile) banking/ payment transactions. These will help in preventing financial and/ or other loss to them," the notice said.

Vishing refers to phone calls pretending to be from bank/ non-bank e-wallet providers/ telecom service providers in order to lure customers into sharing confidential details in the pretext of KYC-updation, unblocking of account/ SIM-card, and crediting debited amount. Phishing means spoofed emails and/ or SMSes designed to dupe customers into thinking that the communication has originated from their bank/ e-wallet provider and contain links to extract confidential details.

By using Remote Access, fraudsters lure customer to download an application on their mobile phone/ computer which is able to access all the customers' data on that customer device.

Fraudsters also misuse the 'collect request' feature of UPI by sending fake payment requests with messages like 'Enter your UPI PIN' to receive money.

Taxing beedi industry to impact tribals: SJM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Swadeshi Jagaran Manch has said that taxing the beedi industry at par with sin tax levied on the cigarette manufacturers has internal security imperatives especially in the Naxal-hit States.

As many 95 lakh people, including 85 lakh tribal women, mostly in Naxal-hit States are directly engaged in beedi rolling and the industry provides employment to another three-and-a-half crore more people, like those engaged in collection of tendu leaves.

"These women in the impoverished regions sustain their families through earnings at their homes generated from beedi rolling, essentially a cottage industry in which the raw materials are provided to the workers at their homes on a daily or weekly basis," SJM Co-convenor Dr Ashwini Mahajan said on Thursday.

While in the long term winding up the industry could be a desirable option but not before providing sustainable alternate employment opportunities to those engaged in the beedi industry, he said.

Stating that even the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, an affiliate of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, has backed handling of the beedi industry in right perspective, he said there is need to undertake scientific studies to ascertain the health hazards of smoking

beedis and till then decisions should not be based on narratives of certain lobbies like cigarette industry or NGOs backed by them.

"The issue of employment of women in mostly backward regions must be balanced with public health as women participation is maximum in the beedi industry," he said.

The beedi industry, unlike the cigarette industry, does not have lobbies to protect its interests, he said and justified his backing for the make in India cottage industry.

"Even Home Ministry reports have suggested that there are foreign lobbies working against the beedi industry and thereby hitting local Indian interests. This has also led to cancellation of FCRA licences of certain NGOs," he said.

Higher taxes on beedis also lead to increased smuggling of Chinese cigarettes, further adding to New Delhi's trade imbalance with Beijing. Higher taxes on beedis also lead to increased consumption of non-smoking products which pose a higher health risk to the consumers, he said, demanding reduction in the GST imposed on the beedis at the rate of 28 percent.

He also demanded that beedis should be kept out of the purview of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) and backed innovations to exploit export potential of the homegrown product.


Rupee closes almost flat at 75.07 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee snapped its three-day losing streak to close 2 paise higher at 75.07 against the US dollar on Friday amid expectation of better dollar inflows from upcoming IPOs.

However, the rebound in the rupee was restricted amid weakness in domestic equities, analysts said.

Forex traders said geopolitical tensions, elevated crude oil prices and hawkish US Fed stance also weighed on the local unit. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.12 a dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 74.88 and a low of 75.13.

The domestic unit finally settled at 75.07 against the American currency, up 2 paise over its last close of 75.09.

		BSES Yamuna Power Limited, New Delhi ... A Joint venture with Govt. of NCT of Delhi		
TENDER NOTICE				
Date: 29.01.2022				
Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) are invited for following jobs from all bidders				
NIT No.	Brief Item Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/PM/37	Renewal of Group Term Life and other Related Insurance Policies for the Employee of BYPL for the FY 2022-23	₹4.00 Crores	18.02.2022 15:00 HRS	21.02.2022 15:00 HRS
CMC/BY/21-22/RS/PM/38	Renewal of Various General Insurance Policies in BYPL for the FY 2022-23	₹7.50 Crores	18.02.2022 15:00 HRS	21.02.2022 16:00 HRS
Cost of Tender Document : ₹1180/- For details in respect of Equipment/BOM/Services, Qualifying requirements, Terms & conditions, purchase/submission of tender documents etc. please visit our website www.bsesdelhi.com --> Tenders-> BSES YAMUNA POWER LIMITED Open Tenders.				
			Head (Contracts & Materials)	
Regd.Off: BSES Yamuna Power Ltd, Shakti Kiran Building, Karkardooma, Delhi-110032 CIN: U40109DL2001PLC111525 TEL: 011-41247111 Fax:011-4124 7787 Website: www.bsesdelhi.com				

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001**

R.C.No. 34/2016

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Dated: 14.01.2022

ICICI BANK

VS.

RAJIV SINGH

"ORDER"

As per my order dated **14.01.2022** the under mentioned properties will be sold by Public e-auction sale on **09.03.2022** in the said Recovery Certificate:-

The auction sale will be "online e-auctioning" through [website:-www.bankauctions.com](http://www.bankauctions.com)

Date and Time of Auction: 09.03.2022 between 03:00 PM and 04:00 P.M. (With extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 P.M., if required).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

S.No.	Property Description	Reserve Price (In Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)
1.	Flat no. PP/ D-1201,12th Floor, Plot no.1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, 201010, Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 55,80,000/-	Rs. 5,58,000/-

Terms & Conditions

- The auction sale will be "online through "e-auction" through website portal: www.bankauctions.com.
- The EMD shall be paid either through Demand Draft/Pay Order in favour of the "Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi-A/c R.C. No. 34/2016". The said Demand Draft/Pay Order qua EMD, alongwith self-attested copy of identity (voter I-card/driving license/passport), which should contain the address for future communication, and self-attested copy of PAN card, and in the case of company, copy of resolution passed by the board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company also, must reach the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi latest by 07.03.2022 before 4:00 P.M. The EMD or original proof of EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
- The envelope containing EMD, along with details of the sender, i.e. address, e-mail ID and mobile number, etc. should be super-scribed "RC.No. 34/2016".
- The property is being sold on "as is where is basis" and "as is what is basis".
- The bidders are advised to go through the portal www.bankauctions.com for detailed terms and conditions for e-auction sale before submitting their bids and taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings and/or contact Sh. Mohit Chadhaa, Zonal Debt Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd. 2nd Floor, Videocom Tower, Jhandewalan Extn. Delhi, Mobile no. 9650957770 Email id: mohit.chadhaa@icicibank.com.
- Prospective bidders are required to register themselves with the portal and obtain login ID and Password well in advance, after deposit of EMD, which is mandatory for bidding in the above e-auction, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana-122015. Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan. Mobile no. 9813887931 Email id: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankauctions.com.
- The interested bidders may avail online training on e.auction, after deposit of EMD, from M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Udyog vihar, Phase-2, Building No. 301, Gurugram Haryana 122015. Telephone No. 7291981124/25/26 Contact Person: Mr. Vinod Chauhan, Mobile no. 9813887931 Email id: delhi@c1india.com and support@bankauctions.com.
- Only those bidders holding valid user ID & Password and confirmed payment of EMD through demand draft/pay order shall be eligible to participate in on line e auction
- The prospective buyer may inspect the site on 17.02.2022 and 18.02.2022 from 10.30 AM to 04.00 PM,
- The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price by 07.03.2022 in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II Delhi, Shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM TO 04.00 PM, 09.03.2022. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
- The bidders shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only)
- The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.
- The successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare and deposit Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount, after adjusting the EMD, favoring Recovery Officer II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/c R.C. No. 34/2016 by next bank working day i.e. by 04.00 PM with this Tribunal, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.
- The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C RC. No. 34/2016, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @2% upto Rs. 1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer (as above). In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re-sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit after defraying the expenses of the many sale, they, if the undersigned thinks fit be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sam for which it may subsequently be sold.
- CHFI/CH Bank is directed to serve the Sale proclamation on CDs through Dasti speed post, courier and by affixation at the conspicuous part of the property and by beat of drum In its vicinity and a copy of the same be placed on the notice board of the Tribunal.
- Sale proclamation be also published in the Newspapers in English as well as in Vernacular language, having adequately wide circulation in the area.
- CHFI/CH Bank is directed to confirm the publication of advertisement in the Newspapers and original proofs of the publication be filed before next date of hearing.
- The undersigned reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

Schedule of the property			
Description of the property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value.
Flat no. PP/ D 1201, 12th Floor, Plot no.1/2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, 201010, Uttar Pradesh	Not known	Not known	Not known

Matter be listed on 18.02.2022 for filing affidavit of service of E-auction sale notice with proofs of service (including track results qua speed post and courier) and dasti, original proofs of publication in newspapers and wider publicity including website for the purpose of e auction.

(Dattatreya Bajpayee)
RECOVERY OFFICER-II,
DRT-II, DELHI

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ		
E- TENDER NOTICE		
TENDER NOTICE No. AGC-ELG-T-17-2021-22 Date: 24.01.2022		
Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N. C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.		
Sr. No.	Tender No.	AGC-ELG-T-17-2021-22
1.	Name of work with its location & Completion Period	Electrification work for under floor lathe at coaching depot Agra Cantt. Completion period 06 months.
2.	Approx. Cost of the work	Rs. 1444010.89
For Full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in . Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in upto 16:00 hrs. on 16.02.2022.		
94/22(AN)		
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPNCR		

NORTHERN RAILWAY	
Order of imposition of penalty order Rule-6 (VIII) to (IX) of the Railway servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules 1968.	
No. - 83 Sig/Major/ROK-59, Date:- 30.11.2021	Office of The ADSTE/ROK
Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma s/o Sh. Hanuman Sahay Sharma Asst.(S&T)/Sig/JHI Through (SSE/SIG/BTI)	
I have carefully examined the memorandum No- 83-Sig/Major/ROK-59, dated 04.09.2020. The memorandum was sent to home address of Sh. Satish Kumar Sharma on 30.09.2020 through registered post by SSE/Sig/BTI. In response to the registered letter sent by post, you have sent your representation by post to the office of undersigned. In which you have clarified that I have already sent my resignation and I do not want to participate in any enquiry proceeding. It seems that you have agreed with the charges of memorandum.	
Speaking Order	
I have carefully examined the enquiry proceedings, and enquiry report. The enquiry report has been sent at your permanent home address through registered post on 23.09.2021. Inquiry proceedings were held on 06.01.2021, 15.02.2021 and 05.05.2021. But, CO did not attend enquiry on any of the said dates and also given written that he did not want to participate in any enquiry proceeding.	
PW-1 - SSE/SIG/BTI (Gaurav Bansal), attended the enquiry on 13.06.2021 and confirmed that officially letter were issued to CO time to time to turn up on duty, but CO did not turn up. It is good and sufficient evidence. CO does not want to continue his service in Railway department. In this connection CO has been clearly written that I have already sent my resignation consciously and I am not willing to return to duty again. The Charges leveled against CO remaining unauthorized absent from his duty in SF-5 no- 83-Sig/Major/ROK-59 dated-04.09.2020 are fully proved.	
Going through the available evidences and finding of enquiry report, it is concluded that CO has been clearly written in own handwriting that he has already sent his resignation consciously and not willing to return to duty again and also clear that he did not want to participate in inquiry proceeding. That is a sufficient evidence to take ex-party decision against CO. The charges leveled against CO in said SF-5 are fully proved.	
Discussion on Charges:- I therefore hold you guilty of the charges (viz) SF-5 of even no. dated- 04.09.2020, leveled against you and have decided to impose upon you the penalty of "Removal From Service". You are therefore removed from service with immediate effect.	
2. Under Rule-18 of the Railway servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1968 and appeal against these order lies to DSTE/Sig/HQ, N. RLY, Divisional Office, New Delhi. (i) The appeal is submitted within 45 days from the date you received the orders and (ii) The appeal does not contain improper or disrespectful language.	
3. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.	
(Chatram Meena)	
193/22	Disciplinary Authority, ADSTE/Rohtak
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE-MONTHS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Sl. No	Particulars	Quarter Ended	Year Ended	Quarter Ended
		31.12.2021	31.03.2021	31.12.2020
		(Audited)	(Audited)	(Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	5,882.57	18,000.65	4,843.39
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	104.69	797.76	100.39
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	104.69	797.76	100.39
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	113.33	604.81	104.78
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	118.98	615.42	108.77
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year		17,234.10	
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)-			
1. Basic:		0.78	4.02	0.71
2. Diluted:		0.78	4.02	0.71

Note:

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Annual Financial results is available on the websites of the Stock Exchange(s), www.bseindia.com, and www.nseindia.com and the Company's website www.arotile.com.

For & on behalf of the Board

-Sd-

Sunil Kumar Arora

Managing Director

DIN: 00150668

Place : HOSUR

Date : 28.01.2022

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS

In order to further strengthen the infrastructure, Railways will undertake the Non-Interlocking work at Singrauli, Karaila Road, Churki and Mahdeiya stations over Dhanbad Division from 29.01.2022 to 15.02.2022 in connection with Doubling, Yard Remodelling and Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking . Consequently the following trains will temporarily be affected as under:-

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS	
Train No. & Name	Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station)
22167 Singrauli - Hazrat Nizamuddin Superfast Exp.	30.01.2022 to 13.02.2022
22168 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Singrauli Superfast Exp.	31.01.2022 to 14.02.2022

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website <https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in> or NTES App.

All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19, may please be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.	
RailMadad Helpline No. 139	Visit RailMadad Website :- www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in Download RailMadad app.
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NADAL, MEDVEDEV TO MEET IN AUSTRALIAN FINAL

AP ■ MELBOURNE

Rafael Nadal is within one victory of a men's record 21st Grand Slam singles title.

The 35-year-old Spaniard advanced to the Australian Open final for the sixth time with a 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 win over seventh-seeded Matteo Berrettini on Friday.

He'll have to beat U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev on Sunday to make history. And Medvedev is chasing a piece of history of his own after reeling off the last five games to defeat Stefanos Tsitsipas -6 (5), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 in a heated semifinal. He's aiming to be the first man in the Open era to win his second Grand Slam title at the next major tournament.

The second-seeded Medvedev has had an emotional and challenging run to back-to-back Australian Open finals. He had to deal with a hostile crowd in his second-round win over Nick Kyrgios, had to save a match point and rally from two sets down to beat Felix Auger-Aliassime in a nearly five-hour quarterfinal win, and had to regain his composure after an angry outburst at the umpire on Friday.

He yelled at chair umpire Jaume Campistol after dropping serve in the second set, demanding that Tsitsipas be cautioned for receiving coaching from his father in the crowd. He took a five-minute break after dropping the set, took control late in

the third set and then dominated the last five games after Tsitsipas was eventually cautioned for getting coaching from the stands.

Nadal's run to a 29th Grand Slam final has been comparatively serene.

After the last point, he stopped, beamed a wide grin and then punched the air three times.

Nadal arrived in Australia not knowing how long he would last after months off the tour dealing with a serious foot injury and then a bout of COVID-19. He skipped Wimbledon after losing in the French Open semifinals to Novak Djokovic, and didn't play at all after August.

"Every day has been an issue in terms of problems on the foot. Doubts still here ... Probably for the rest of my career because I have what I have and that's something that we cannot fix," Nadal said.

"But for me it's amazing ... (to) just compete and play tennis at the high level again, facing the most important players of the world."

Last month, he wasn't even sure he'd be able to return to the tour.

But he won a tune-up tournament in Melbourne to start 2022 and has taken six straight matches at the first Grand Slam event of the year.

One more and he'll break the record of 20 major championships he shares with Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic. Nadal would also become just the fourth man to



win all four Grand Slam titles at least twice. Nadal's win over Wimbledon runner-

up Berrettini, under a closed roof at Rod Laver Arena because of heavy rain, was his

500th on hard courts at tour level. He's only won the Australian Open once, in 2009.

Adding a second was his lone focus after yet another semifinal win.

"For me, it's all about the Australian Open more than anything else," Nadal said in his on-court TV interview.

"I have been a little unlucky (here) in my career with some injuries.

I played some amazing finals with good chances."

He lost classic five-set finals at Melbourne Park to Djokovic in 2012 and Federer in 2017. Nadal lost in four sets to Stan Wawrinka in 2014 and had a straight-set defeat against Djokovic three years ago.

"I feel very lucky that I won once," he said. "I never thought about another chance in 2022." Nadal broke Berrettini's opening service games in the first two sets and, after dropping the third set on a rare service lapse, he rallied to finish off the match in just under three hours. That in itself was a relief after his long five-set win over Denis Shapovalov two days earlier in the quarterfinals. Nadal was the only member of the so-called Big Three who had a chance to break the deadlock in Australia this time.

Federer missed the tournament to continue his recovery from knee surgery. Djokovic, who has won nine of his Grand Slam titles at Melbourne Park, was deported after an 11-day visa saga on the eve of the tournament because he failed to meet Australia's strict COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Ecuador draws Brazil and nears WCup

AP ■ SAO PAULO

Ecuador is one win away from returning to the World Cup after a 1-1 home draw with South American qualifying leader Brazil.

Coach Gustavo Alfaro's team will qualify to play in Qatar if it beats Peru next week.

Chile, once a force in the region, saw its chances shrink dramatically after a 2-1 home loss to second-place Argentina. The Chileans will have to pull good results at Bolivia and Brazil, with their last match in the competition likely to be in Santiago against bitter rival Uruguay.

Uruguay rose back to contention after a 1-0 win at Paraguay, with a goal by veteran Luis Suárez. It was the team's first win for new coach Diego Alonso, who took over after veteran Óscar Tabárez was fired due to poor results.

Brazil (36 points) and Argentina (32) have already qualified for the World Cup. Ecuador has 24 points, five ahead of Uruguay. Colombia and Peru, which will clash in Barranquilla, Colombia, on Friday, are at 17 points. Chile has 16 and could be overtak-

en by Bolivia (15), which will travel to Venezuela — the only team in the region out of contention for a spot.

South America has four direct World Cup spots, and the fifth-place team will play an international playoff for a berth.

Ecuador drew at home against Brazil to boost its chances of qualifying in a game that saw two players sent off and a number of major refereeing decisions overturned by video review.

Casemiro opened the scoring by tapping into an empty net in the sixth minute for Brazil — which has already qualified for the World Cup in Qatar — before Ecuador equalized in the 75th minute with a header by Felix Torres. But it was Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan who drew the most attention by getting a series of key decisions overturned after VAR — with Brazil goalkeeper Alisson being shown a red card twice only to have both rescinded.

Roldan did not even whistle for a foul when Ecuador goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez planted his studs into the neck of Brazil striker Matheus Cunha as he chal-



lenged for a ball at the edge of the area in the 16th minute. After a VAR review, Dominguez was handed a straight red card. Brazil defender Emerson Royal was then handed a second yellow in the 20th minute and Alisson appeared to become the third player sent off 10 minutes later after also hitting an opponent in the head with his leg after a clearance. However, Roldan changed his mind and only showed a yellow card after VAR stepped in.

The second half had a similar theme as the Colombian referee awarded two penalties to Ecuador only to reverse both decisions after a review.

The second penalty was in injury time and involved Alisson getting a second yellow, which was also rescinded.

"I was sent off playing for Liverpool, I touched the ball outside the penalty box," Alisson said.

"In situations like that you should not complain, you should accept the referee's decision.

झारखण्ड शिक्षा परियोजना परिषद्
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Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi
Memo No: ME/01/393/2006/Part file - 4/137 Dated: 25/01/2022
Notice for Employment

State Project Director, Jharkhand Education Project Council, Ranchi invites application from the post of Audit Controller from eligible candidates retired from State / Central Government Department / PSU Pay Scale not below 9300-34800 Grade Pay 5400 minimum at the time of retirement from equivalent or higher post with relevant experience of working at Accountant General Office / CAG Office or Finance Department of State Government not below the rank of senior Audit Officer with minimum 8 years of experience of Audit of field offices or 08 years of experience of Financial Audit in Central / State Government Organizations/ Semi Government Organizations/ Public Sector undertakings on short term contract basis with initial contract of 01 years extendable upto 3 years based on performance on the basis of Planning cum Finance Department memo no. – 1243/Fin dated 28-04-2016.

Application format, qualification, experience required and other detailed information can be seen on official website of JEPC, "https://jepc.jharkhand.gov.in/". Last date for filling of application form through registered post is 05:00 PM Dated 04-02-2022.

PR 262621 Human Resource Development(21-22)_D

Sd/-
(Kiran Kumari Pasi)
State Project Director, JEPC, Ranchi

Directorate of Geology Department of Mines & Geology Government of Jharkhand
2nd Floor, Engineer's Hostel-2, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004, Email: dir-geology@jharkhandmail.gov.in

Notice No.-23/2021-22
Notice Inviting Tender
"Invitation of Bid for grant of Composite License"

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 10B of the Mines and Minerals (Development And Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 (As Amended from time to time) notified thereunder, Government of Jharkhand has identified a Limestone block for the purpose of grant of Composite License in Ramgarh District, Jharkhand, through electronic auction and hereby invites bids in digital format only, from eligible bidders.

Terms and conditions, deadlines etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. The Model Tender Document for the Mineral Block and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost in electronic form and can be downloaded from website of MSTC [http://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/index.jsp] for the purpose of information only. Timelines, notification, updates and other details of the e-auction process are available on the website of MSTC and the website of Department of Mines & Geology, Govt. of Jharkhand http://www.jharkhand.gov.in/mines-geology.

The details of the mineral block are summarized below

Block	Concession Area Ha.	Resource (Million Tonnes)	Last Date of sale of Tender Document on MSTC website	Last Date of submission of technical bid & IPO on MSTC website	Date of Opening of Tender
Hariharpur Lem-Bich Limestone Block-I	179.9746	0.424	26.02.2022	15.03.2022	30.03.2022

Those interested and eligible for bidding can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the tender fee of INR **4,95,600 (Indian Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred only)** which is inclusive of GST@18% (non-refundable), from the website of e-auction platform provider. After purchase of the Tender Document, eligible bidders can register themselves on the above mentioned website. On successful registration, eligible bidder will obtain Login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process.

Sd/- Director Geology
Department of Mines & Geology Govt. of Jharkhand

PR.NO.262616 Mines and Geology(21-22):D

e-Procurement Cell
ENERGY DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF JHARKHAND
Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Works Division, Dhanbad

e- Procurement cell
Very short Tender Reference No- Energy/EWD/Dhanbad/25/2021-22

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Tender Fee (BID Document Fee)	Bid Security (EMD Fee)	Completion Date
1	Provision of Decorative Path Light from Rajbhawn First Entrance gate to Rajbhawan Main Building & along the both side of Rajbhawn Entrance road and Jhoomer, Decorative wall lamp, Floor lamp and hanging light in the Rajbhawan, Dumka.	1,11,84,903.00	10,000.00	2,24,000.00	40 days
2	Date of Publication of tender on website	03.02.2022			
3	Online bid submission period	From 04.02.2022 at 10:30 am to 10.02.2022 at 2:00 pm			
4	Date of submission of hard copy	11.02.2022 up to 1.00 pm			
5	Technical Bid Opening Date	11.02.2022 at 3:00 pm			
6	Name and address of the office inviting tender	Electrical Executive Engineer, Electric Works Division, Dhanbad			
7	Contact no. of Procurement officer	0326-2311382			
8	Helpline number of e- Procurement cell	0651-2490069			

Note- Only online tender will be accepted.
Any change in B.O.Q can be seen on website http://jharkhantenders.gov.in
Further details can be seen on website http://jharkhantenders.gov.in

PR 262596 (Energy) 21-22 (D)

Electrical Executive Engineer
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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

संयुक्त सचिव एवं परियोजना निदेशक, झारखण्ड, महिला, विकास समिति, महिला, बाल विकास, एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, राँची के पत्रांक 193 / राँची दिनांक 15.12.2020 के आलोक में वन स्टॉप सेन्ट्रल योजना के अन्तर्गत जिला स्तरीय विभिन्न पदों पर संविदा आधारित नियुक्ति हेतु योग्य आवेदकों से आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये गये थे। प्राप्त सभी आवेदनों की संवीक्षा (स्कूटनी) के पश्चात आवेदकों की प्रारम्भिक सूची गिरिडीह जिला के वेबसाईट WWW.giridih.nic.in पर अपलोड किया गया है।

उक्त वेबसाईट पर दर्ज प्रारम्भिक सूची के आधार पर कोई भी आवेदक / अ्यर्थी यदि किसी प्रकार का दावा / आपत्ति दर्ज कराना चाहते है तो अपना दावा / आपत्ति जिला समाज कल्याण कार्यालय, गिरिडीह के ई मेल dswgiridih2122@gmail.com या निबधित डाक के माध्यम से दिनांक 04.02.2022 तक कर सकते है। निर्धारित समय के बाद किसी की दावा या आपत्ति स्वीकार नहीं किया जायेगा और न ही माध्य होगा।

जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारी उप विकास आयुक्त गिरिडीह गिरिडीह

PR 262633 Social Welfare,Women and Child Development(21-22).D

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प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

एतद् द्वारा मो0 शमशेर अली, कक्षपाल, मंडल कारा, चास, बोकारो, स्थायी पता— नूरा, थाना लोहसिंघना, जिला हजारीबाग को सूचित किया जाता है कि आप दिनांक 21.07.2021 से 23.07.2021 तक कुल 03 (तीन) दिनों का अवकाश स्वीकृत किया गया था। आपको दिनांक 24.07.2021 को कर्तव्य पर उपस्थित होना था, परन्तु आप दिनांक 27.01.2022 तक कर्तव्य पर उपस्थित नहीं हुए हैं। आपको कर्तव्य पर उपस्थित होने के निमित्त अधीक्षक मंडल कारा, चास, बोकारो के ज्ञापांक—1556 दिनांक 02.09.2021, ज्ञापांक—1898 दिनांक 22.10.2021, अधीक्षक लोकनायक जयप्रकाश नारायण केन्द्रीय कारा, हजारीबाग के ज्ञापांक—4724 दिनांक 08.11.2021 एवं इस कार्यालय के ज्ञापांक—2196 दिनांक 05.12.2021 द्वारा स्मारित किया गया, परन्तु आप कर्तव्य पर उपस्थित नहीं हुए और न ही कर्तव्य पर उपस्थित नहीं होने के संदर्भ में कोई पत्र/ आवेदन इस कार्यालय को उपलब्ध कराया गया। आपका यह कृत्य विमागीय आदेश की अवहेलना है तथा कर्तव्य के प्रति आपकी उदासीनता को दर्शाता है।

अतः इस प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से अन्तिम बार स्मारित किया जाता है कि इस सूचना के समाचार पत्र में प्रकाशित होने की तिथि से दो दिनों के अन्तर अधीक्षक, मंडल कारा, चास, बोकारो के कार्यालय में उपस्थित हों, अन्यथा कारा महानिरीक्षक, झारखण्ड, राँची के पत्रांक 203 दिनांक 27.01.2022 के आलोक में आपके विरुद्ध अनुशासनात्मक कार्रवाई के निमित्त प्रतिवेदित कर दिया जायेगा।

अधीक्षक
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PR 262660 Home (21-22)_D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, एन.आर.ई.पी॰, चतरा।

ई-अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-पुनर्निविदा सूचना संख्या— EE/NREP/CHATRA/09/2021-22/RE-1 दिनांक— 27.01.2022

1.कार्य का नाम : श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी रुर्बन मिशन योजना अन्तर्गत

क्र० सं०	युप० सं०	रुर्बन कलस्टर	कार्य का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
01	01	सराढू	Construction of Indoor Stadium (1 Unit) at Saradhu Rurban Cluster in Dist. Chatra.	35752881.00	715500.00	10000.00	08 माह

2. वेबसाइट में ई-पुनर्निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि — 03.02.2022

3. ई-पुनर्निविदा प्राप्त की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय — 10.02.2022 के अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक

4. (i) एन.आर.ई.पी. चतरा, (ii) जिला नियंत्रण कक्ष, चतरा अथवा (iii) मुख्य अभियंता, JSRRDA, राँची में से किसी भी कार्यालय में निविदा शुल्क, अग्रघन की राशि, Bank Credit Certificate एवं Affidavit जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 11.02.2022 पूर्वान् 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक।

5. ई-पुनर्निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय— 14.02.2022 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे

6. ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, एन.आर.ई.पी., चतरा।

7. ई-पुनर्निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं०— **8789430732 / 7979730487** (संबंधित कर्नाय अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)

8. ई-पुनर्निविदा शुल्क झारखण्ड राज्य में अवस्थित भारतीय स्टेट बैंक /अन्य राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक द्वारा निविदाकार के नाम /एकाउण्ट से ही निर्र्गत बैंक ड्राफ्ट के रूप में कार्यपालक अभियंता, एन.आर.ई.पी., चतरा के पक्ष में भुगतये होगा जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।

9. Ucan Registration की फोटोकॉपी Upload करना अनिवार्य है। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाईट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

10. परिमाण-विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, एन.आर.ई.पी., चतरा।

PR 262593 (NREP) 21-22 (D)

झारखण्ड सरकार जल संसाधन विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल सं०-8, जमशेदपुर।
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अति अल्प कालीन
निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या— 05/ 2021-22

जल संसाधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से क्रमांक 8 में वर्णित कार्य के लिये अनुमोदित परिमाण विपत्र पर मुहबन्द निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, जो अंततः लोक निर्माण विभाग के प्रपत्र-F, पर अंकित की जायेगी।

01) विभाग का नाम : जल संसाधन विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार।

02) डिहापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु वितरणी प्रमंडल सं०-8, जमशेदपुर।

03) परिमाण विपत्र विक्री की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: **28.01.22** से दिनांक: **07.02.22**तक (कार्यालय अबधि में)।

04) निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: **08.02.22**(अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक)

05) निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक: **08.02.22**(अपराह्न 3:30 बजे)

06) परिमाण विपत्र विक्री का स्थान :-
क) मुख्य अभियंता, सुवर्णरेखा बहुउद्देशीय परियोजना चाण्डिल कम्प्लेक्स आदित्यपुर जमशेदपुर।
ख) अधीक्षण अभियंता, रुपाकण आयोजन एवं मोनिटरिंग अंचल जमशेदपुर।
ग) कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल संख्या-8, जमशेदपुर।

07) निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान : क्रमांक-6 (ग) में अंकित कार्यालय में।

08) कार्य का विवरणी

युप सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राबलित राशि (रुपये में)	अग्रघन की राशि (रुपये में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य रुपये में जो लौटाया नहीं जायेगा।	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Provision of polish on marble/granite surface at Nirmal Bhawan Guest House at C.h.Area ,Jamshedpur..	301405.77	6500.00	750.00	2 माह

निविदा की शर्तें ऊपर क्रमांक-6 में वर्णित कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता लघु वितरणी प्रमण्डल सं०-8, जमशेदपुर।

PR 262603 Water Resource(21-22)D

Ranji Trophy to be held in two phases: BCCI

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

BCCI Secretary Jay Shah on Friday said that the postponed Ranji Trophy will be held in two phases starting next month, clearing the decks for India's premier domestic competition to resume after being cancelled last season.

It is expected that the 38-team tournament will begin in the second week of February and the first phase will continue for about a month.

The tournament, which was not held last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was scheduled to begin on January 13 but was postponed owing to a third wave of infections across the country.

"The Board has decided to conduct the Ranji Trophy this season in two phases. In the first phase, we plan to complete all matches of the league stage while the knockouts will be held in June," Shah said in a statement.

"My team is working closely to mitigate any kind of health risk caused by the pandemic, while at the same time ensuring a highly competitive red-ball cricket contest."

Shah said that the BCCI understands the significance of Ranji Trophy.

"Ranji Trophy is our most prestigious domestic competition, which has been providing Indian Cricket



with an enviable talent pool every year. It is absolutely important that we take all necessary steps to safeguard the interest of this premier event," he said.

The BCCI announcement has come a day after its treasurer Arun Dhimal had said that the Board intends to host the event.

The two phases are required

since the BCCI also plans to host the IPL from March 27 and hosting two big tournaments would not be possible practically as the players' availability would also be an issue.

Indian cricket will be spineless if Ranji trophy is ignored: Ravi Shastri

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former head coach Ravi Shastri on Friday said that Indian cricket would become "spineless" if the Ranji Trophy is ignored, his comment coming just before the BCCI announced that the marquee domestic event will be held in two phases starting next month.

The Ranji Trophy was scheduled to start on January 13 this year but was postponed indefinitely by the BCCI due to the third wave of the pandemic.

"The Ranji Trophy is the backbone of Indian cricket. The moment you start ignoring it our cricket will be SPINELESS!" Shastri tweeted.

Just about a hour after Shastri's comment, BCCI secretary Jay Shah issued a statement, confirming the phased resumption of the tournament.

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BCCI treasurer Arun Dhimal, after a meeting of the Board on Thursday, had said that the body intends to hold the tournament in "two phases".

This is because the BCCI is planning to start the IPL from March 27 and it will be practically impossible to hold the Ranji Trophy at a stretch.

Dhimal had said this after many state units and the BCCI brass held a meeting to discuss the way forward.

The meeting was also attended by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and Shah.

The pandemic had played spoilsport last season as well when the BCCI could only organise two men's white-ball tournaments (Vijay Hazare Trophy and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy).

The BCCI paid 50 per cent of the earlier match fee as compensation to all first-class cricketers who endured financial losses due to Ranji's cancellation last year.



No change in ICC women's World Cup schedule

PTI ■ DUBAI

The ICC women's ODI World Cup CEO Andrea Nelson on Friday asserted that there will be no change in the number of venues or scheduling of the event despite the recent spread of the COVID-19's Omicron variant in host country New Zealand.

The World Cup is scheduled to be held in New Zealand from March 4, with the hosts taking on West Indies in the tournament opener.

However, New Zealand has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases recently leading to several restrictions.

"We have been in preparation to host the World Cup here in 2022 for quite a sometime, originally it was scheduled for 2021. We are well on track and 35 days away from the opening match in Tauranga and 66 days away from the final at the Hagley Oval in Christchurch.

"The first thing to say is that the tournament schedule is remaining as it is, and that involves moving around New Zealand," Nelson told a select group of reporters on a call on Friday morning.

"We are working with the ICC at a managed environment. But broadly speaking, the tournament will proceed

nationwide as planned," she added.

On Thursday, New Zealand Cricket announced a reworked schedule to curb the risk of COVID-19 by ensuring that the teams will not have to travel a lot for matches in both men's and women's events.

"The big change in the last week or so has come about though is New Zealand has the Omicron variant. But what hasn't changed is our full commitment to staging an incredible event for the athletes," stated Nelson.

The World Cup is slated to be played at six venues - Tauranga, Dunedin, Hamilton, Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch and Nelson maintained that as of now there was no change in location. "The plan is to retain the schedule as it is with the six venues. The contingency measures were put in place related to protecting the travel between those venues as much as possible.

"We are currently staging the event as per the schedule that has been previously published with no changes of location."

"So, there are no significant changes to the way the event will be delivered for the players. Predominantly the changes are related to spectators inside the stadium."

Brendan Taylor banned by ICC for 3 and half years

PTI ■ DUBAI

Former Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor was on Friday banned for three and a half years by the ICC for failing to report a 2019 spot-fixing approach by an Indian businessman on time and was also handed a one month suspension for failing a dope test which was linked to his intake of cocaine during the episode.

In a statement, the ICC said Taylor admitted to being in breach of the provisions of the ICC Anti-Corruption Code.

"Former Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor has been banned from all cricket for three and a half years after he accepted breaching four charges of the ICC Anti-Corruption

Code and, separately, one charge of the ICC Anti-Doping Code," the ICC said.

On January 24, Taylor made a stunning disclosure that he was blackmailed after "foolishly" taking cocaine during his meeting with an Indian businessman.

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Kharote departed in the very next over and when skipper Suliman Safi was trapped LBW

Afghanistan defeat Sri Lanka, set up semifinal clash

PTI ■ COOLIDGE (ANTIGUA)

Afghanistan sneaked into the Under-19 World Cup semi-finals after edging out Sri Lanka by four runs, courtesy a sensational fightback, here.

The odds were heavily stacked against them when they posted just 134 on the board after Sri Lanka asked them to take first strike but Afghanistan produced a superb performance with the ball to bowl the island nation out for 130 in 46 overs.

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after making just one, Afghanistan were reeling.

Ijaz Ahmadzai lost his wicket without troubling the scoreboard, but fellow middle-order batter Abdul Hadi was able to steady the ship with a crucial 37-run knock.

Vinjua Ranpul then helped clear-out the tail for Sri Lanka, ending with a five-wicket haul at the expense of just ten runs.

The Sri Lankan reply was

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Indian cricket in good hands under Rohit Sharma's captaincy: Sammy

PTI ■ MUSCAT

Former West Indies captain Darren Sammy feels Indian cricket is in "good hands" under Rohit Sharma's leadership as he bracketed the senior India batter alongside the legendary MS Dhoni in their ability to get the best out of their teammates.

A five-time IPL winning captain, a fit-again Rohit will take charge as full time India white ball captain in the upcoming three ODI and three T20Is series against the West Indies beginning in Ahmedabad on February 6.

Rohit was made the captain after the BCCI removed Virat Kohli as the ODI skipper following his war of words with the Board.

"Kohli has been exceptional with his performances on the field.

I don't think it will affect the team," Sammy told PTI on the sidelines of Legends League Cricket here.

"Rohit has been an excellent captain (with Mumbai Indians), a good motivational leader. I've watched him captaining Mumbai in the IPL.

He's among the captains who have won like MS Dhoni, (Gautam) Gambhir..."



"All these guys can manage to get performances from their teammates. These captains normally get results and win trophies. I'm not worried about Indian cricket. It's in good hand," the 38-year-old added.

Sammy recollected how Dhoni finished the game for Chennai Super Kings with a six-ball 18 not out, smashing three boundaries in the last over against Delhi Capitals in the semifinal last season.

CSK won their fourth IPL title in 2021 beating Kolkata Knight Riders in the final.

"You see guys like MS... He didn't do much the entire season but when the team needed him to fire in the playoffs,

he was out there in full flow," Sammy said.

Sammy said it will not be a cakewalk for India in the upcoming white-ball series and the Kieron Pollard-led side should "fancy their chances".

West Indies had bounced back from a shock 1-2 ODI series defeat against Ireland to lead the ongoing five-match T20I home series against England 2-1.

"I believe Pollard will definitely fancy his chances (against India).

He has been playing in India for so long, he knows the conditions well.

"At the (ongoing) England series, we have unearthed some new talents.

I think West Indies could go out there (India) and do well."

India struggled in their last ODI series in South Africa as the KL Rahul-led side were routed 0-3 by the Proteas. They had lost the preceding Test series 1-2.

Asked whether it would be an advantage for the West Indies considering

India's struggle in their last series, Sammy said: "India have always been strong at home, they are a force to reckon with because of some really good one-day players."

Multan starts PSL with big win over Karachi



AP ■ KARACHI

Defending champion Multan Sultans thumped Karachi Kings by seven wickets as Pakistan's premier domestic Twenty20 league opened with several players and support staff members already in isolation after testing positive for COVID-19.

Led by Mohammad Rizwan's unbeaten 52 off 47 balls, Multan cruised to 126-3 with 10 balls to spare after South Africa leg-spinner Imran Tahir took 3-16 and had restricted Karachi to 124-5.

The spread of coronavirus has already seen several players like Wahab Riaz and Kamran Akmal of Peshawar Zalmi and Imad Wasim

of Karachi going into isolation. Star allrounder Shahid Afridi was the latest to test positive on Thursday and was ruled out of his team Quetta Gladiators' first four games.

Afridi, who was due to miss at least two games due to back pain, will remain in isolation for at least one week before he will be reintegrated with his team in a bio-secure bubble after getting a negative COVID-19 test.

"I have unfortunately tested positive but have no symptoms at all," Afridi tweeted.

Karachi missed allrounder Wasim, who helped the team win the tournament in 2020 but now is being replaced by Babar Azam as skipper. To make things worse for Karachi, its premier fast bowler Mohammad Amir had to sit out the first game due to a side strain.

Babar, leading Karachi for the first time, and Sharjeel Khan struggled to set the tempo against some tidy bowling by fast bowlers David Willey and Shah Nawaz Dahani up front after Rizwan won the toss and elected to field.

Asian rivals India and Bangladesh face off in all important quarterfinal

PTI ■ OSBOURN (ANTIGUA)

COVID-hit India will be bolstered by the return of key players, including skipper Yash Dhull, when the record four-time champions meet holders Bangladesh in the third quarterfinal of the U-19 Cricket World Cup here on Saturday.

Most of the half a dozen India players, who were affected by the dreaded virus, have recovered and are set to feature in the crucial clash. However, Nishant Sindhu, who was stand-in captain of the team, has tested positive and will

miss the match. He will be replaced by Aneeshwar Gautam in the squad.

Six players -- Dhull, his deputy Shaik Rasheed, Sidharth Yadav, Aaradhy Yadav and Manav Parakh -- had returned positive RTPCR tests before the Ireland game. All of them are available for Saturday's game.

Dhull and other infected players reached Antigua on Friday morning after undergoing seven days of isolation in Trinidad.

"They have been medically deemed fit to play. They have a day or so to train and be



game ready," an ICC source told PTI.

They had gone into isolation

ahead of India's second league fixture against Ireland, dealing a big blow to the

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record four time champions. Five of them tested positive in the RTPCR tests and also ended up missing the last league game against Uganda.

However, the depth in the squad ensured India won both those games comfortably and qualified for the quarterfinals as group toppers.

Sindhu led the side in Dhull's absence as India struggled to field 11 fit players on the park in the game against

Ireland.

"Most of the players have recovered and should be fit enough to play tomorrow," a BCCI official told PTI. Both Dhull and Rasheed are important batters for the team and had looked in good touch against South Africa in their tournament opener.

Opener Angkrish Raghuvanshi and all-rounder Raj Bawa's confidence must be sky high after they scored match winning tons against Uganda. Left-arm spinner Vicky Ostwal has been India's stand out bowler in the tournament with seven wickets.

Another left-arm spinner Sindhu has been tidy with the ball, taking four wickets at an economy rate of 2.76 runs per over.

The Bangladesh batters will also not have an easy time negotiating the extra pace of Rajvardhan Hangargekar.

The game will be a rematch of the previous edition's final in 2020 when Bangladesh had stunned the favourites to win their maiden title. Current Bangladesh skipper Rakibul Hasan was part of that memorable final.

In the recently held Asia

Cup semifinal in the UAE, India had outplayed Bangladesh and gone on to win the title.

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