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# www.dailypioneer.com India asks citizens to leave Kharkiv at once

Russia working on humanitarian corridor for Indians, says envoy Alipov

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 $W^{ith \ fighting \ intensifying}_{in \ Ukraine, \ the \ Indian}$  embassy there on Wednesday asked all its citizens to immediately leave Kharkiv. This city in east is bearing the brunt of the Russian assaults.

Given the gravity of the situation in Kharkiv, External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said the citizens must leave Kharkiv by any means, including "on foot." Prime Minister Narendra

Modi is likely to speak with Russian President Vladimir Putin regarding a safe passage for Indians through the Russian-Ukrainian border.

Russian envoy Denis Alipov said here Russia is working on setting the "humanitarian corridor" for Indian citizens.

However, Bagchi did not confirm the likelihood of talks between the two leaders and said the "Prime Minister has been speaking to leaders of several countries. We share with

you whenever such talks take place. I would not like to say anything beforehand".

Kharkiv's railway station.
"We are trying to set team to the eastern zon

Russian military offensive, so far, is taking place in east and north-eastern parts of Ukraine close to the Russian border. In fact, Kharkiv is about 40 km from the Russian border.

In an urgent advisory, the India embassy also asked Indians to proceed to settlements in Pesochin, Babaye and Bezlyudovka as soon as possi-"For their safety and secu-

rity, they must leave Kharkiv immediately, repeat immediately, in the light of the deteriorating situation. They should proceed to Pesochin, Babaye and Bezlyudovka as soon as possible for their safety," the embassy said. "Under all circumstances,

they must reach these settle-ments by 1800 hours (Ukrainian time) today," it said. The advisory did not specify where these places are but according to Google Maps, they appear to be on the outskirts of Kharkiv.

Highlighting the swiftly deteriorating situation in Kharkiv, the Indian Embassy asked its citizens to set out on foot if needed to reach the designated settlements which are at least over 10 km away from

"We are trying to send a team to the eastern zone to ensure people can get out. We will do this by using all assets, including C-17s. We will bring back every Indian," Bagchi assured.

Sharing latest updates here, Bagchi also said the advisory was issued on the basis of information received from Russia adding cities in eastern Ukraine remain an area of

The spokesperson said there were encouraging reports that some students were able to board trains out of Kharkiv on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. "We've been in communication with the Russian side regarding the safe passage of our nationals from Kharkiv and other cities," he said.

"There has been a sharp increase in the number of Indians who have left Ukraine. We now estimate that nearly 17.000 Indian nationals have left Ukraine borders since our advisories were issued," Bagchi said. He also said a mechanism for issuing emergency certificates to those who lost their Indian passports was instituted. "I think this will also help many Indian students," the Spokesperson said.

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# 1,577 more Indians return; student dies of stroke in Ukraine

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As part of "Operation Ganga", the Government on Wednesday managed to bring back 1,577 stranded Indian nationals by seven evacuation flights from Hungary, Slovakia, Romania, Moldova, and Poland.

As many as 31 evacuation flights will be operated to neighbouring countries of crisis-hit Ukraine. These will bring back more than 6,300 Indians stranded in the eastern European nation.

A day after an Indian student was killed in shelling in Ukraine, a student from Punjab died due to stroke in Ukraine on Wednesday. He was ailing for some time and was admitted to the hospital there.

Chandan Jindal (22), a medical student in Ukraine, was admitted in Emergency Hospital, Vinnytsia after suf-

fering an Ischemic stroke. He breathed his last earlier in the day. He was studying at Vinnytsia National Pyrogov, Memorial Medical University, Vinnytsia Ukraine.

officials, there were around 20,000 students/citizens who were stranded in Ukraine. Of them, 4,000 were brought back to India before February 24 and additional 3,552 students were brought back to India since evacuation flights started on February 26. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, nearly 17,000 Indian nationals have left Ukraine borders since the Government advisories were issued.

Union Ministers Smriti Irani, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Úirendra Kumar, Rajeev Chandrasekhar were among those who received students at the airport on Tuesday. Continued on Page 2

According to Government

a price" for "invading" a foreign

# 3rd WW means nuke war: Russian envoy

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Wednesday warned that a third World War, should it break out, will be "nuclear and devastat-ing", amid spiralling tensions with the West over Moscow's ongoing massive military operation against Ukraine.

"A third World War would be a devastating nuclear war," Russia's longtime top diplomat said in an interview to the Al Jazeera television channel, according to state-owned TASS news agency.

Also, Lavrov stressed US President Joe Biden's remark that a third World War would be an alternative to Washington's tough sanctions against Moscow. Lavrov said that Russia was ready for sanctions that

were imposed against it but was surprised that the penalties affected athletes and journal-"We were ready for sanctions but did not expect that

they would affect athletes, intellectuals, actors and journalists. he said, referring to the ban and sanctions by Western countries. In his maiden State of the Union address, President Biden

on Tuesday night accused his Russian counterpart of waging a "premeditated and unprovoked" war against Ukraine, asserting that "dictators" like Vladimir Putin would "pay A man on crutches walks past the remains of a Russian military vehicles in Bucha close to the capital Kyiv, Ukraine, on Tuesday Ukraine had agreed to give The US has joined the European Union in banning exchange for security guaran-Russian flights from its airspace

Lavrov said the special operation against Ukraine was launched with the aim preventing Kyiv from obtaining nuclear weapons, the Qatarbased news channel reported.

in retaliation for the invasion of

Ukraine.

"The military operation in Ukraine, including Kiev, is aimed at disarming the Ukraine. Russia will not let Ukraine obtain nuclear weapons," he was quoted as

saying by the channel. Ukrainian President Vladimir Zelensky has said that Kiev might revise its obligations under the Budapest Memorandum, by which

away nuclear weapons in

Lavrov said that Russia is ready for the second round of talks, but the Ukrainian side is delaying the the process under command from the Amercans.

Earlier on Tuesday, Lavrov said that the West should not establish military facilities on the territory of former USSR states that are not members of NATO.In a video address to the Disarmament Conference in Geneva, he also emphasised that Moscow believes that obtaining legally binding security guarantees from North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) members is of paramount importance

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# Indian flag rescues Pak, Turkey students

New Delhi: India's national tricolour came to the rescue of not only the stranded Indians but also those hailing from Pakistan and Turkey to cross into the neighbouring countries of Ukraine.

The Indian students who arrived in the city of Bucharest that the national tricolour helped them as well as some Pakistani and Turkish students in safely crossing the various checkpoints in the war-torn country.

The Indian students arrived in the Romanian city to catch the special evacuation flights being operated under 'Operation Ganga' from the neighbouring countries of

Ukraine. "We were told in Ukraine

that being Indians and carry-ing Indian flag, we won't have

**CAPSULE** 

#### TESTING LAST 2 PHASES FOR BJP, SP IN UP Varanasi: Strength of old and new allies of the B.IP and the

Samajwadi Party will be on test more than any other phase of the Uttar Pradesh polls as the month-long State elections enter their last two laps with the focus shifting on two regions most identified with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath

#### HC UPHOLDS CENTRE'S BAN ON MEDIA ONE Kochi: The Kerala High Court on

Wednesday upheld the Centre's ban on Malayalam news channel Media One by denying it security clearance, saying certain aspects mentioned in the intelligence reports about the channel had a bearing on public order on national security

SHARJEEL INSTIGATED **RELIGIOUS MOB: POLICE** New Delhi: The Delhi Police on Wednesday told the Delhi High Court that JNU student Sharjeel Imam, arrested in a sedition case, was seen allegedly instigating a particular religious section of the community against the government by creating unfounded fears in their minds regarding the Citizenshin

Amendment Act (CAA) and

of Citizens (NRC)

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Indian nationals evacuated from war-torn Ukraine on their arrival at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on Wednesday Ranjan Dimri I Pioneer

any problems," said a medical student who arrived from they bought spray paints from Odesa in Southern Ukraine.

The students narrated how the markets to prepare Indian

flags. "I ran to the market bought some colour sprays and a curtain. I then cut the curtain and spray-painted it to make the Indian tricolour," said a student.

They added that even some Pakistani and Turkish students passed checkpoints using the Pakistani students were also using the Indian flag," a student said, adding that the Indian flag was of great help to the

Pakistani, Turkish students. The students from Odessa moved from Molodova to Romania. "We booked the bus from Odesa and came to the Molodova border. The Moldovan citizens were very nice. They provided us with free accommodation and taxis and buses to get to Romania," a student said.

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# KCR in Delhi, to call on Kejriwal, Tikait in bid to form Opp unity

To discuss with **Centre All India Service cadre** rule amendment

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 $R_{ ext{the Opposition}}^{ ext{enewing his efforts to unite}}$ national level, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar is in the national Capital to meet leaders and representatives from different political parties, including Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and farmer leader Rakesh Tikait.

Sources said KCR, as he is popularly known, may also discuss the contentious All India Service cadre rule amendments with Central Government officials.

KCR will also inspect the work on the construction of TRS office on land allotted by the Centre in the national Capital and meet President Ramnath Kovind to extend an

invitation for the inauguration of renovated Yadadri temple. The tour was chalked out a

day after political strategist Prashant Kishor met him at his farmhouse at Erravell near Hvderabad. KCR is accompanied by his daughter K Kavitha, State planning board vice-chairman B Vinod Kumar, State Minister V Srinivas Goud, and Rajya Sabha

Sources said KCR is likely to meet AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal and discuss his proposed federal front. Prominent farmers' union leader Rakesh Tikait, who led the agitation for repealing of the three farm laws at the Delhi border, is also likely to meet KCR.

MP J Santosh Kumar.

The Telangana Government had announced ₹3 lakh ex-gratia to bereaved families of farmers, who died during the agitation. KCR is also keen on meeting Akhilesh Yadav, who is busy in UP elections until March 7

KCR met Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar last week. He had earlier got in touch with his West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K

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### TMC sweeps civic polls in Bengal, wins 102 of 108 municipal boards

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA** ■ KOLKATA

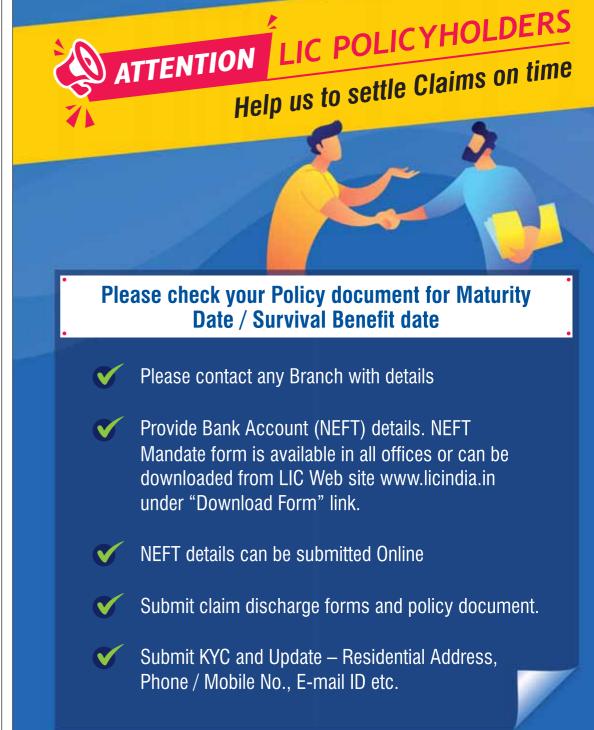
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m (TMC)}$  on Wednesday decimated the Opposition by gain-ing a brute majority in West Bengal in the just concluded civic elections. The State ruling outfit won 102 out of 108 municipal boards.

A day after senior leader and TMC MP Saugato Roy criticised "unnecessary violence and booth capture" in the municipal elections, the TMC on Wednesday netted 95 per cent boards getting an overall vote of 63-plus per cent.

While the Left Front managed to win only one municipality of Taherpur in Nadia district, the BJP drew a blank One board went to "others" while four others were lef with hung houses.

Curiously the newly formed Hamro Party sprung a major surprise,bagging the Darjeeling municipality by winning 18 out of 32 wards. The traditional Hil outfits like Gorkha Ianmukti Morcha or Gorkha National Liberation Front failed to win the voters' trust.

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# Maha eases Covid restrictions NCB to hire experts, firms to

taken at the State **Executive Committee held on** February 25, based on the inputs received from State Health Dept as well as the **Covid Task Force** and the current situation in the

#### T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

As the Covid-19 situation improved in most parts of the state, the Maharashtra Government on Wednesday announced the easing of the restrictions in as many as 14 districts, including Mumbai city, Mumbai suburban, Pune and Nagpur, with effect from March 4 (Friday).

As per the order issued on Wednesday, all shopping complexes, cinema halls, restaues, gyms, spas, swimming pools, religious places, theaters & auditoriums, tourist places, entertainment parks etc have been allowed to operate with cent per capacity in 14 districts, while there will be 50 per cent restrictions in other districts. The state government has identified 14 districts that form the List A on the basis of the following criteria: where first dose of vaccination is more than 90 per cent, where the second dose of vaccination is more than 70 per cent, where the positivity rate less than 10 per cent and where the bed occupancy of oxygen supported or ICU bed is less than 40 per cent. The 14 districts identified under the "A" list are: Mumbai city, Mumbai subur-Pune, Bhandara, Sindhudurg, Nagpur, Raigad, Wardha, Ratnagiri, Satara, Sangli, Gondia, Chandrapur and Kolhapur.

The decision to ease

Committee (SEC) held on February 25, based on the inputs received from the State Health Department as well as the Covid-19 Task Force and the current situation in the state. The new eased restrictions will come into force from 0000 hours on March 4, 2022.

In the 14 districts, the state government has allowed resumption of offline (physical) classes in all academic institutions, subject to any orders of the concerned administrative department of Government of Maharashtra.

"Administrations of all academic institutions are encouraged to leverage hybrid model of imparting education though online and offline modes. All pre-schools as well as Aanganwadis can now be restarted physically as well. All these institutions, establishments shall scrupulously follow CAB," the state government order stated.

The state government has

tainment, academic, cultural,

On the issue of vaccination requirement at different places, the Maharashtra government has made full vaccination mandatory for the following category of people: all staff members of all the establishments that cater to public at large, all home delivery staff, all users of any public transport, all visitors to malls, theatres, auditoriums, tourist places, restaurants, sporting events and religious places, all staff members in any office or establishment, public or private that has a dealing with general public and all people engaged in any industrial activities.

The DDMAs will enforce requirement of fully vaccinated on any public service wherein there is a possibility of interaction with other citizens and wherein such interaction may cause spread of Covid 19 and wherein Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) may not be effectively implementable.

# help in probe into drug crimes

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) will hire experts and firms dealing with financial data analysis and forensic audit to augment its probe in sophisticated drug crimes that involve use of the dark web, cryptocurrencies and deals concealed through transactions.

The NCB has issued a notice for empanelment of consultancy agencies which would be required to help it in "unearthing the chain of transactions for drug money and provide effective guidance in financial investigation

The empanelled agencies will assist the NČB in analysing financial statements and data available in various databases of the bureau and sister agencies, officials said.

help NCB investigators "prepare statements of income and expenditure of the interested party and related parties to unearth the ill-gotten money,'

said. The experts will also assist NCB sleuths in conducting forensic audits, scrutiny of reports and documents and analysing bank statements, and property transactions to unearth the illegal income of an accused, associates and

family members. The experts will also provide services analysis of financial data and prepare company and sector-specific

Initially, the financial experts will be attached with the agency's zonal offices located in Delhi, Chennai, Chandigarh, Bengaluru and

The move comes in the backdrop of NCB unearthing cases involving the use of the dark web, cryptocurrencies and multiple payments gateways and channels for nardeals. cotic increased.

With a view to check drug crimes, the NCB is conducting cyber patrolling for which domain experts were required to be roped in for professional investigation of sophisticated

Last month, the NCB arrested 22 persons, including software engineers, a financial analyst, an MBA graduate and one of their own personnel as it busted a pan-India drug trafficking network that uses the 'dark net' and cryptocurrency to courier narcotics at home of the con-

# 148 aircraft of IAF to show their capabilites at Exercise Vayu Shakti

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s many as 148 aircraft of Athe Indian Air Force (IAF) will demonstrate their capabilities at Exercise Vayu Shakti in Pokharan range in Jaisalmer on March 7

Rafale aircraft will participate at this exercise for the first time and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the

The IAF conducts Exercise Vayu Shakti at Pokharan range every three years to demonstrate its readiness to conduct full spectrum operations. The

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last one took place in 2019. Out of 148 aircraft participating in the exercise this year, 109 will be fighter

Jaguar fighter jet, Sukhoi-30 fighter jet, MiG-29 fighter jet, Tejas fighter aircraft and various others will show their capabilities at Exercise Vayu Shakti 2022.

Capabilities of Aakash missile system and Spyder missile system will also be shown at the

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#### Why were students not brought back earlier from war-hit Ukraine: Mamata

PTI ■ KOLKATA

Wednesday wondered why were students not brought back earlier from war-torn Ukraine and said it is the Centre's responsibility to evacuate Indians stranded in the east

European country.
She also said the central government should realise that humanity is more important than politics and urged it to take a lead role in peace talks.

"It is the Union government's responsibility to bring back Indians stuck in war-hit Ukraine. I don't want to criticise the government on matters of external affairs. But sometimes I have seen that we are lagging behind on matters of external affairs because of some coordination gap and political businesses.

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Authority (DDMA).

"Our students are stuck there, and somebody died. Some are staying in bunkers, and some are in Romania, a neighbour of Ukraine," Banerjee said. Her comments came a day after a medical student from Karnataka's Haveri district was killed in intense shelling in the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv on Tuesday, marking India's first

#### Faridabad Police sets up SIT to probe 'suicide' by Class 10 student

**PTI** FARIDABAD

The Faridabad police has set up a special investigation team to probe the alleged suicide by a class 10 student of a private school here, leading to the arrest of the school's headmistress.

The headmistress was arrested last Saturday for allegedly abetting the suicide by the student who had taken the extreme step, leaving behind a suicide note in which he had said, "This school has killed

Commissioner Vikas Kumar Arora set up the SIT headed by Central Faridabad's Assistant Commissioner of Police Satyapal Yadav, a police Central Faridabad's deputy

SIT are SHO Arjun Dev of BPTP police station, Sub-Inspector Geeta of Women

handwritten diary and other documents from home and school have been sent to the handwriting expert to match their writings".

The 16-year-old, class 10 student had committed suicide on February 25 by jumping off the top floor of his apartment block here, leaving behind a note in which he had accused his school headmistress of harassing him and other children of bullying him, police had said.

# Gauhati HC stays order in Himanta's MCC violation case

**PTI** ■ GUWAHATI

The Gauhati High Court on ■ Wednesday stayed the fine and appearance order slapped on Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in a lower court in a case related to alleged violation of model code of conduct during the Lok Sabha poll in the state in 2019.

The Kamrup Metropolitan chief judicial magistrate A K Baruah had on February 25 slapped Rs 2,000 fine on Sarma and his wife Riniki Bhuyan Sarma, who is the chairmancum-managing director of a TV news channel and ordered the two to appear before it on March 21.

Sarma had approached the HC on February 28 and filed a petition challenging this order and appealing to quash the complaint filed by the Assam additional chief electoral officer in May 2019. In the first hearing of the petition on Wednesday, Justice Rumi Kumari Phukan stayed all the proceedings in the case at the CJM court and called for all the records.

... It appears that the learned trial court has, however, overstepped in the side of the complainant, which are not healthy affairs for a court of law (the orders reflect).

"Furthermore, it appears that in the last order dated accepted the cause of absence ment joint secretary Pradip of the complainant, who was stated to be busy in election dent.

duty, but refused to accept the ground that was given on behalf of the accused petitioner, who was busy with the Hon'ble President of India," the order said. The judge said that the accused being the current chief minister was present with the president, who was on a three-day tour to Assam and it was known to all citizens of the

...His absence before the court cannot be viewed with serious complicity and particularly, a petition was also moved on behalf of the petitioner assigning reasons. In that view of the matter, imposition of cost appears to be not on lawful consideration," the order said.

Stating that "serious aspect of law and other related issues" have been raised in the quashing plea by Sarma, Justice Phukan admitted the petition and asked all the respondents to submit their responses within four weeks.

Sarma has filed the petition against the Election Commission, the chief election commissioner, EC senior principal secretary, the state election department, the chief electoral officer and Vibekananda Phookan, who was the additional chief electoral officer in May 2019. As Phookan has retired, the HC asked to

The case against Sarma was filed by the then additional chief electoral officer in May 2019 against Sarma, who was then a minister holding several portfolios in former chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal's government, and the News Live TV Channel, of which his wife is the chairman-cum-managing director, for allegedly violating the model code of conduct in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

The CJM in his order on February 11 asked both the accused to appear befor it on February 25, but the duo did not and sought more time. The CJM had accepted their plea and asked them to appear on March 21. It had slapped a fine of Rs 2,000 on them.

Before accepting their joint plea on February 25, the CJM issued a bailable warrant of Rs 1,000 each against Sarma and his wife as they failed to appear and there was no representation on their behalf till 10:55 am. Their advocate had reached the courtroom at 11 am and submitted two petitions on their behalf requesting the court to defer the appearance and cancel the warrant.

In his order on February 11, the CJM had noted that

as per the complaint, the two accused - Sarma and News Live Channel owned by Pride East Entertainments Pvt Ltd and man-cum-managing director, had prima facie violated the MCC of Lok Sabha election.

#### Students belonging to Uttarakhand arrive from Ukraine in small batches

**PTI** ■ DEHRADUN

Ctudents from Uttarakhand Stranded in Ukraine continued to arrive in small batches from the strife-torn east European country on Wednesday.

Twelve students from the state have so far landed at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport in Delhi in separate flights since Wednesday morning, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO)

A total of 40 students from the hill state have returned home from Ukraine since Russia launched an offensive

## KCR in Delhi. From page 1

Of late KCR has been vocal against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and has come out in full support of former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi. He sought the resignation of Assam CM Hemanta Biswa Sarma for making a personal and backed the Gandhi scions' demand for a "proof" on sur-

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spokesperson said, adding the probe would be monitored by commissioner of police. The other members of the

Police Station and Assistant Sub Inspector Rakesh, police spokesperson Sube Singh said, adding the district Child Welfare Committee officer too would assist in the probe. Singh said as part of the

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As fighting rages in Ukraine Russia on Wednesday assured it will ensure safety and security of Indian citizens in conflict zone this assurance came a day after an Indian student was killed in shelling and Russian envoy to New Delhi said Russia will investigate it. + MEA briefing (Rahul)

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Russia has long resisted Ukraine's move towards the European Union and the West's defensive military alliance, NATO. In a pre-dawn TV address on February 24, President Putin declared that Russia could not feel "safe, develop and exist" because of what he claimed was a constant threat from modern Ukraine. Putin claimed that his goal was to protect people subjected to bullying and genocide and aim for the "demilitarisation and de-Nazification" of Ukraine.

# Indian flag rescues....

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Further adding that they did not face much problem in Molodova as the Indian embassy had already made the arrangements. The students also expressed their gratitude to

who arranged for their food and shelter as they awaited their flights back to India. "When a student is arriving here, he's first taken to a

the Indian embassy officials

proper shelter and provided with food while the registration takes place while dates on which they will be evacuated are finalised," the student

Earlier on Monday, the Indian government deputed four Union Cabinet ministers to the neighbouring countries of Ukraine to coordinate the evacuation efforts following a high-level meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra

# 1,577 more stranded

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Wednesday said that six flights under "Operation Ganga" have departed for India in the last 24

Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia tweeted on Wednesday: "We are mounting six flights today in Bucharest, Romania, carrying over 1,200 Indian students back to India."

Scindia, who is in Bucharest, on Wednesday held a meeting with heads of Índian companies that work in Romania to decentralize evacuation operations for Indians stranded in Ukraine due to the Russian military offensive and interacted with the Indian stu-

Bucharest airport and assured them of quick departure to the homeland. "Met & interacted with

Indian students awaiting their flights at the Bucharest Airport. Overwhelmed by their grit & concerned by their anxiety amid the tough times. However, assured them of their quick departure from Bucharest. PM Narendra Modi and all of India have got their back!", said Scindia on Twitter.

The Aviation Minister further tweeted, "Chaired a meeting with Ambassador Rahul Shrivastava and the Indian diaspora -- heads of Indian companies in Romania to decentralize the evacuation operations and map out

dents awaiting their flights at responsibilities, including assisting with medical emergencies, a 24\*7 call center and state-wise data collection."

MoS Civil Aviation Gen (Retd) VK Singh also interacted with 600 Indian students at Hotel Prezydenckie in Rzeszow, Poland. "Íf your course isn't complete...all people I met in Poland said that they'll take up responsibility for the education of all students who were in Ukraine", he said.

Meanwhile, as fighting rages in Ukraine, Russia has assured it will ensure the safety and security of Indian citizens in conflict zones. Russian envoy designates Denis Alipov to New Delhi said Russia will investigate the death of an Indian student in shelling on

Modi. ANI

said.

The envoy also said Russia is working on a "humanitarian corridor" for the safe passage of Indians through the Russia-Ukraine border. The fighting is taking place in eastern and north-eastern parts of Ukraine close to the Russian border.

If the corridor becomes

functional, the Indian students can leave badly hit towns like Kharkiv which is about 40 km from the Russian border. There are more than 4,000 Indians including students in Kharkiv.

Naveen Shekarappa, 21, a final year medical student from Karnataka was killed in shelling on Ukraine's second biggest city Kharkiv on Tuesday. He was hit when he stepped out to buy groceries.

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# 2.95 crore litres reservoir in Mundka inaugurated

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elhi Water Minister Satyendar Jain on Wednesday inaugurated an 'Underground Reservoir' (UGR) with 2.95 crore litres capacity in Mundka to meet the demand for drinking water. The Minister also inaugurated an UGR in Sonia Vihar to benefit approximately six lakh residents of East Delhi.

The work on the UGR of 2.68 crore liters capacity in Sonia Vihar has been fully completed and will lead to the augmentation of water supply in Karawal Nagar and the Mustafabad Assembly Constituency in North-East Delhi. This will directly benefit approximately six lakh residents of unauthorised colonies like Shiv Vihar, Ankur Enclave, Mahalaxmi Enclave, Ambika Vihar, Johripur, Dayalpur, Sadatpur, Bhagat Singh Colony, Ziauddin Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Bhagirathi Vihar,



Nehru Vihar, etc. with the availability of water at an adequate pressure.

Jain said, "This will be a significant step to increase the water pressure in the area and will help to solve the existing water crisis in Delhi. These initiatives will benefit approximately 8.45 lakh residents who live in the unauthorised

colonies of Mundka, Sonia Vihar and Harsh Vihar."

The Minister laid the foundation stone of a new sewerage pumping station at Harsh Vihar with a capacity of pumping 1.75 crore litres of sewage per day.

The project at Harsh Vihar will improve the hygienic conditions of the commercial facility.
The Mundka UGR will

area and will also help in the

abatement of pollution from

the river Yamuna after com-

Delhi Government has come

pletion. The project will be completed in 12 months with a 10-year operations and maintenance period. In order to increase the availability of water in the surrounding households, the

up with the installation of Booster Pumping Station. Booster Pumping Station refers to a device that increases low water pressure and flow by providing the extra boost needed to bring water pressure to the desired

level. Thus the water can

move from a storage tank or

throughout a whole house or

supply drinking water to five unauthorised colonies and villages, namely Hiran Kudna Village, Mundka Village, Tikri Village, Baba Haridass Nagar, Lekh Ram Park of Mundka Constituency at present and gradually additional colonies and villages will get the benefits, namely Neelwal Village, Rajdhani Park, Gulshan Park, Nangloi JJ Camp No.2, Kavita Colony, Swaran Park, Friends Enclave, Bakkarwala Village, Bakkarwala RSC, Lok Navak Puram, etc. It is expected to benefit approximately 1.25 lakh residents of

# Students evacuated or stuck in Ukraine AAP Govt to extend helping hand to kin

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

 $T^{\text{he Delhi Government has asked}}_{\text{district authorities to reach out}}$ to the families of students evacuated from war-hit Ukraine or those who are still stuck there to extend any help they need and assure them that all necessary steps are being taken for their welfare, officials said on Wednesday.

They also said district authorities have engaged teachers and other staff in their respective jurisdiction to effectively execute these

According to the orders issued by district authorities, the teams concerned will meet the families of stranded students and assure them that adequate steps are being taken to ensure the welfare of their wards. They will also visit the houses of students evacuated from Ukraine and ask about their well-being and offer whatever help they need, an official of the Central district said.

Such orders have been issued by all 11 districts of the national Capital. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal had on Tuesday urged the Central Government to bring back Indians stranded in Ukraine at the earliest and provide them with all

A senior administrative official of the South Delhi district said that these efforts are being made to allay fears of family members of those stranded in different cities of Ukraine by offering them whatever help they need.

"These are tough times for the families of students who are still stuck in Ukraine. Officials will meet families of such students and put them in touch with other higher authorities engaged in the evacuation process, provide them with helpline numbers and other help as well," the official told PTI.

Another official from Shahdara district said that teachers and other staff who are engaged in this exercise will also ask students evacuated from Ukraine under the Operation Ganga about their experiences and the difficulties they

"They will be extended what-ever help they require," the official said. He added that teams of teachers and other staff of the district have also been deployed at the airport for immediate help of evac-

India began evacuation of around 14,000 of its stranded citizens on February 26 as Ukraine fights a Russian military operation.

#### EDMC opens bio gas plant in Shastri Park

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

With an aim to treat wet waste, the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) inaugurated a Bio Gas plant in Shastri Park on Wednesday. This plant has a capacity to treat 5,000 kg of waste per day in the national Capital.

The Mayor of the EDMC, Shyam Sundar Aggarwal said: "This plant is definitely environment friendly as bio gas supplies energy for cooking and lighting. It also makes high quality fertilisers as well."

Talking about the initiative, the Chairman of the EDMC Standing Committee, Beer Singh Panwar stated that this plant has been set in the direction of implementing Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 and Bye-laws 2018.

'The corporations will scientifically dispose of 5,000 kg wet litter and 500 kilowatt of electricity will be generated. Besides, 750 kg organic manure will be made every day," Panwar said. A cost of ₹ 159.50 lakh has been incurred in constructing this plant. A senior EDMC official said that the electricity produced by this plant will be provided to the BSES.

#### Delhi's Master Plan 2041 to be notified this year

## L-G: Building sustainable, inclusive economy must take centre stage

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

ieutenant-Governor Anil Baijal on Lieutenant-Governor Ann Language Wednesday said Delhi's Master Plan 2041 will be notified this year and asserted that building a sustainable, inclusive, resilient, green and digital economy must take centre stage in the vision for the city's development.

Addressing the CII Delhi State Annual Session 2021-22, he also said for the first time provisions for night-time economy have been included in Delhi's Master Plan, which is a "critical intervention" that can lead to several positive results.

"It can support economic activities that can thrive at night, such as cultural recreational activities, logistics and certain industries. This would also help in staggered work timings and, therefore, reduce congestion in streets," he said.

The L-G said the Master Plan is "comprehensive, yet a comprehensible document" that can be easily understood by the common man.

It focuses on environmental sustainability, quality livability and economic and cultural vitality, Baijal said. The Master Plan looks at addressing con-

cerns such as affordable housing, a pollutionfree environment, inter-city mobility and transportation, water availability and supply, spatial advancements and revitalisation of full involvement of the people, he added.

Creating a '24-hour city' with a night-time economy, extensive transport infrastructure affordable housing for all and a healthy envionment to check unauthorised colonies and pollution are part of the guiding principles for he Master Plan.

The draft of the master plan was put in the public domain in June 2021. Baijal said fostering a round-the-clock city will not happen overnight and will be achieved through an incremental process.

"To begin with, certain culturally active precincts and hubs will be identified where such nigh-time activities may be permitted during certain events or festivals.

"City-wide festivals that support nightlife would also be promoted. Over time, such activities will be scaled up to cover large parts of the city," he said. In his address, the L-G also said that Delhi,

like the rest of the country and the world at

large, was reemerging from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Master Plan of Delhi calls for affordable rental housing and residential areas with complete facilities and small format housing

in the national Capital over the next 20 years. It also proposes that there should not be further growth of unauthorised colonies and there should be the development of urban vil-

# **BJP** shuts liquor shops at **Ashram Chowk, Lajpat Nagar**

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and workers on Monday closed down the liquor shops at Ashram Chowk and Lajpat Nagar area alleging that these shops were running in close vicinity of educational institutions and religious places and residen-

The State BJP president Adesh Gupta charged the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi Government with crossing all limits of decency by opening liquor shops in close vicinity of educational institutions and religious places and residential areas.

Gupta said the Delhi Government has pushed Delhiites towards alcoholism by offering one bottle free on the purchase of one since the last few days and as a result of which even a daily wager instead of working, is now inclined to stand in the queue to buy a bottle of booze.
"Women and children are

finding it difficult to even move in the area as there are long and



Chief Minister, he had promised 500 new schools, 20 new colleges, addition of new buses to DTC's fleet, making city pollution free, etc. but it's regrettable after becoming CM he has only betrayed Delhiites," said Gupta.

promised he is only serving them quor now

Instead of being concerned for safety and security of women and children, youths and JJ dwellers, he has only worked for ensuring extra bonus revenue to

### Woman found dead at home; live-in partner under police lens

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ GURUGRAM

44-year-old woman was found dead with no injury A<sup>44</sup>-year-old wollian was found deals morning in Medical Police recovery Kanhai village of Gurugram, police said. Police recovered the body after they were alerted by the deceased's landlord about the incident. Meanwhile, the woman's livein partner Surender has been absconding, which has prompted the police to suspect his role in the incident.

Γ̂he deceased was identified as Kamla Devi. She was from Panna in Madya Pradesh and used to live with her live-in partner and one son Baliram at a rented accommodation in Kanhai Village. The police said her husband had gone missing four

years ago and since then she was residing with Surender. In its initial investigation, police received information from the landlord, who was alerted by the deceased's son on Wednesday morning who was reportedly not present at the house when the incident took place.

Upon receiving the information, a police team accompanied by a forensic team was rushed to the spot to collect evidence for further investigation. Meanwhile, the body was sent for post mortem.

Initial probe suggests that the woman's live-in partner went missing after her death, which has prompted the police to suspect his role in the murder. Police have launched a search operation to nab him.

However, the son of deceased alleged in his police complaint that Surender used to quarrel with her mothliquor. Before Kejriwal became the and sewer for people as he had number of dry days," said Gupta. Surender suffocated her to death and fled the spot.

# Two men held for murder | PICTALK of man in South Delhi

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

 $D^{\text{elhi Police has arrested two}}_{\text{men for allegedly killing a}}$ man in South Delhi's Gautam Nagar area. Police said that they have also recovered two country made pistols, used in commission of crime, from the possession of the accused. The accused has been iden-

tified as Deepak Kumar (31) alias Kallu and Himanshu Kumar (24) alias Hunny, both residents of Gautam Nagar. A 27-year-old man, Shivam

Pandey was shot dead in South Delhi's Gautam Nagar area early on Monday. The deceased was in jail from 2016 till 2021 in connection with a murder case. Pandey came out on interim bail due to Covid-related guide-

Police said that a case under Section 302/34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 25/27 Arms Act was registered at Hauz Khas police station and investigation was taken up.

"During scanning of the CCTV footage near the incident area, police team found that Shivam along with his friends came at around 2:40 AM at the house of Sanjeev in Gautam Nagar area and when he was talking to Sanjeev, suddenly four persons came from inside his house and started firing upon Pandey," said Benita Mary Jaiker, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district.

"Shivam was also chased and the accused continuously fired upon him until he fell on the ground. When Shivam was lying on the ground, one of the people also fired three rounds on his head just to ensure his death and then they went away

towards Gulmohar Enclave,' said the DCP.

"Police received specific inputs that two out of four suspected people would come to their houses in order to take money following which a trap was laid and Deepak and Himanshu were apprehended," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, it was revealed by the accused persons on the intervening night of February 27-28, at around 11:30 PM, were near Yusuf Sarai, Chane Wali Gali when Shivam called Deepak in an insulting manner following which a hot argument was there between them," said the DCP.

Deepak called his friends Ankit, Himanshu and Hansraj and they started fighting with them. During the scuffle, Pankaj hit Dishu and Hansraj hit Shivam with a stick and they sustained some injuries and after that, they ran away from

there," said the DCP.
"Later, Shivam called his colleagues and assembled near Chane Wali Gali and on the other hand Deepak, Pankaj, Himanshu, Ankit and Hansraj with Vijay Pal gathered at another place in Gautam Nagar area, where they came to know them that Shivam along with some boys came to Deepak's

house and they were searching him in the area," said the DCP.

"After knowing that, Deepak brought two pistols from his house with some live cartridges, while Himanshu cartridges while Himanshu bring one pistol with some live cartridges from his house. Deepak shared his plan with Sanjeev, who gave his consent to them and sent to his house's roof to wait for Shivam," said the



Family members greet students who were evacuated from war-torn Ukraine, at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, in New Delhi on Wednesday Ranjan Dimri/Pioneer

# IP Univ begins online admission process

**STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW DELHI

he IP University has started

According to Professor (Dr.)
Mahesh Verma, Vice-Chancellor
of the University, for the new
academic session there are six new innovative programmes and more than 40 thousand seats available for around 185 different programmes ranging from undergraduate to research level at 13 university schools.

"For students, this varsity has introduced masters in education (M.Ed) Special Education for Intellectual disabilities, Master of Design (Industrial Design), Master of Design (Interior Design), Bachelor Design for Industrial Design, Interactive Design and Interior Design," said the VC adding that M.Ed Special Education will be available at

University School of Education

the online admission process for the academic session 2022 -23, an official said on Wednesday.

of Dwarka campus. Like last year, this year too,

the University will conduct Computer-based Entrance Tests (CETs) for admission to 50 academic programmes in eight cities of the country, including Delhi-National Capital Region area. The University has already released the Admission Brochure for the MBA programme and MBA- Analytics programme is being introduced from the new

academic session 2022 - 23. "An Incubation Centre and Auditorium-cum-Placement Centre are on the verge of completion at the Dwarka campus. The Incubation Centre is aimed at providing support to students to nurture their ideas, innovations and creations for which two major schemes are available for meritorious and EWS students of the varsity that are provided on reimbursement

## 325 fresh Covid-19 cases, one death in city

evacuation of Indians from Ukraine **STAFF REPORTER** ■ NEW

**STAFF REPORTER** NEW DELHI

The students' outfits National Students Union of India (NSUI) and All India Students' Association (AISA) held separate protests in the national Capital demanding the safe and early evacuation of Indian stu-dents stranded in war-ravaged Ukraine. Members of the Left-affiliated ASIA held a protest at Jantar Mantar here while the Congress stu-dent wing NSUI staged a protest outside Shastri Bhavan on Wednesday morning. Around 15 to 20 AISA members held the protest at Jantar Mantar in Central Delhi. The pro-

testers were seen carrying placards which read 'Indian Government must ensure safe return of trapped Indian citizens' and 'end the war before it ends you'. "We have come here to protest

Two students' outfits hold protest for

against the war. We demand that diplomatic should be held and peace prevails. We are also protesting against the Indian Government because we want them to take responsibility for the death of a fellow student from Karnataka who was studying in Ukraine. We want the Indian Government to immediately bring back all the citizens and students stuck in Ukraine," said Dolan Samanta, the

AISA activist and Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student. Prasanjeet Kumar, AISA general secretary, said, "We demand that Russia should end this war and the Indian Government bring back the students stranded in Ukraine.' Meanwhile, the NSUI members

demanded an apology from Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the death of an Indian student in Ukraine. Leading the protest, Delhi unit president, NSUI, Kunal Sehrawat said the Modi Government was paying more attention towards grabbing headlines instead of focusing on the safe evacuation of students.

for Covid patients in Delhi hospitals and 150 (1.37 per cent) of them were occupied," it said. Delhi's case count has

The national Capital on Wednesday reported 325 fresh Covid-19 cases and one death, while the positivity rate stood at 0.81 per cent, according to data shared by the health department of the Delhi Government.

According to the health bulletin, the total number of home-isolation cases has dipped to 1,653. The number of containment zones also registered a dip in its count to 4,526 on March 2. "There are 10,943 beds

logged 258 infections with a positivity rate of 0.71 per

cent and zero death. The number of Covid-19 tests conducted a day ago stood at 40,284, the bulletin stated.

recorded 484 cases with a positivity rate of 0.95 per cent and three deaths. The number of daily cases in Delhi has been on the now increased to 18,60,561 decline after touching the record high of 28,867 on and the death toll has risen to 26,127. Delhi on Tuesday January 13. The city had reported 344 Covid cases with a positivity rate of 0.80 recorded a positivity rate per cent and four deaths of 30.6 per cent on January 14, the highest during the ongoing wave of the pandue to the infection. The day before, the city had

Delhi had on Sunday

Amid a decline in daily cases of Covid-19 in Delhi, the number of patients under home isolation here has also significantly fallen.

# Sanctions on Russia will have little impact on India: IAF vice chief

With Russia subjected to various sanctions and its likely fallout for India, including the ongoing defence deals, Vice Chief of IAF Air Marshal Sandeep Singh said here on Wednesday these curbs will have little impact on the country as it shares strong relations with the US and Russia.

However, India may face difficulties in procuring spare parts for its equipment for two months or so from Russia, he added. His remarks came in the backdrop of apprehensions about the S-400 air defence deal worth Rs 45,000 crores with Russia. While the preliminary equipment for this sophisticated arrived in India a few weeks back, the five missile systems have to come to the country within the next few months.

Moreover, Indian armed forces use Russian and erstwhile USSR origin weapons and they amount to nearly 70 and Russia have time tested

'We know the geopolitical situation is difficult (currently)... Our relations with Russia will continue," the Vice Chief said at a press briefing here.

Russia started its military offensive against Ukraine on February 24. Western nations, including the US, have imposed major economic and other sanctions on Russia following the offensive.

Asked if US sanctions on Russia will impact the IAF, Singh said, "Things are still unfolding. Our position is very strong and our relations with both the countries have remained (strong) and you have seen that.

We are evaluating the situation. There will be certain difficulties, there is no doubt about it. But I think it should not affect us too much. I am confident that it won't affect us significantly," he added.

the US — have decided to block assets of four large Russian banks, impose export controls and sanction oligarchs close to the Russian president.

On the issue of supply of spare parts from Russia to India, he said there is no doubt there will be difficulties for a month or two. There are sanctions but we have gone through similar issues

earlier and maybe, this would be more serious than that... I think it will not affect us critically and I hope for it also," the Vice Chief said. Replying to another ques-

"The upgrade of An-32 aircraft was affected before too when Ukraine was under pressure due to the Crimean issue in 2014 and 2015," he noted. tion about upgrade of AN-32 After that, the IAF has signiftransport planes in Ukraine, he icantly indigenised many of the said this aircraft fleet has been spare parts that needed to be upgraded to a large extent. upgraded by Ukraine, the Vice There are about 100 AN-32s

with the IAF.

PM Modi, French Prez Macron discuss situation in Ukraine

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron discussed the situation in Ukraine and underlined the importance of unhindered humanitarian access. The death of the 21year old medical student Naveen Shankarappa in Ukraine on Tuesday also came up in the parleys.

The two leaders talked on Tuesday, according to a communique by the French embassy here on Wednesday. It said Modi and Macron focused on the "Russian aggression" against Ukraine and agreed on the importance of reaching a ceasefire as soon as possible.

leaders underlined the importance of ensuring unhindered humanitarian access and agreed to maintain close coordination on the crisis, particularly at the UN Security Council.

"The discussion focused on the Russian aggression against Ukraine, in particular the issue of the impact on the civilian population at a time when a young Indian national had tragically died in Kharkiv as a result of the shelling," according to the readout.

Macron has been among a few European leaders actively engaged in diplomacy to defuse the crisis in Ukraine. "The president of the French

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said

that the Union Budget laid

down a clear roadmap for 5G

spectrum auction and schemes

have been proposed for design-

led manufacturing related "with a strong 5G eco-system."

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ple of the country. For us,

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making the country

Aatmanirbhar. The same vision

is reflected in this year's bud-

get as well", said Modi address-

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ister of India agreed on the importance of reaching a ceasefire as soon as possible, ensuring unhindered humanitarian access, and maintaining close coordination, particularly at the UN Security Council," the French embassy said.

An Indian statement on Tuesday night had said the two leaders discussed the ongoing situation in Ukraine and shared their concerns over continuing hostilities and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in that

It said Modi reiterated India's consistent appeal for cessation of hostilities and a return to dialogue and diplomacy. "He stressed India's belief

Modi: Union Budget laid down

every sector", he said.

roadmap for 5G spectrum auction

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tion at the time of Covid. We

have to replicate this success in

economy, the vision is linked

with areas like digital economy

and fintech. Similarly advance

technology has huge role in

infrastructure and public ser-

medium to empower the peo-

ple of the country. For us,

technology is the mainstay of

making the country self-reliant.

The same vision is reflected in

this year's budget as well", said

Joe Biden's latest address to

underline the importance of

'Aatmnirbharta' as developed

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He talked of US President

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Modi said in the field of

that respect for international law, the UN Charter and the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states underpin the contemporary world order," it

It said the prime minister welcomed the talks between Ukraine and Russia and stressed upon the importance of ensuring free and uninterrupted humanitarian access and smooth movement of all

The prime minister also briefed President Macron about India's efforts to evacuate its citizens from the conflict areas and to send urgent relief supplies, including medicines for the affected populations," it

lighted the Budget's emphasis

on sunrise sectors like Artificial

Intelligence, Geo-spatial

Systems, Drones, Semi-con-

ductors, Space technology, Genomics, Pharmaceuticals

and Clean Technologies to 5G.

to increase their efforts in this

Referring to the dictum 'Science is Universal and

Technology is Local, the Prime Minister said "We are familiar

with the principles of science,

but we have to emphasize on

how to make maximum use of

technology for the Ease of

Living." He mentioned invest-

ment in house constructions,

railway, airways, waterways

Noting the expanding global market for gaming, the

Prime Minister said that the

budget has focussed on

Animation Visual Effects

and optical fibres.

He asked the Private sector

## Russia plans to secure nuclear power plants

RAKESH K SINGH NEW

The perceived slow Russian advances in Ukraine are guided by shrewd military planning by the Kremlin to secure the civilian nuclear power plants, mostly dotting west of Dnieper River that divides east and west Ukraine.

The Russians are seeking to check the Ukrainians from gaining access to the civilian nuclear plants and thwarting any possible bid by the local militia or the US-led West to destroy such reactors and blame Moscow for the resultant catastrophe, according to defence analysts.

There are nearly 50 civilian nuclear plants on the western side of the Dnieper river of which half are operational and the remaining are either abandoned or dysfunctional.

On Tuesday, the Russians advanced their troops to just

remaining earmarked portion at SDH, Tral

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one km of the world's largest Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant with six pressurized light water nuclear reactors, each generating 950 MW.

The Russian strategy of slow advances of troops is aimed at countering Western countries led by the US to destroy these civilian nuclear plants and put the blame on Russian President Vladimir Putin for the catastrophe.

With no military power left, Ukraine is largely banking on the 20,000-strong militia raised following the Russian offensive, who have been armed with Kalashnikovs and are bereft of any military understanding or understanding of tactical conflict situations and could end up blowing the nuclear reactors many of which are dysfunc-

Sensing the possibility of the Western propaganda and possible threats to the

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For and on behalf of the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir state, e-tenders, valid for

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Name of Work:- SITC of VRV/VRF based HVAC Facility System to the

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completion (in days) :- 20, Technical Sanction No :- MHCHD/TS/265 Dated

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1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility

criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of

contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website

www.jktenders.gov.in from 28.02.2022 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from

2. Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above

web site from 01.03.2022 (10.00 hrs) to 07.03.2022 (14:00hrs) in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened or

07.03.2022 (16:00hrs) or any date convenient to the department in the office of

Dated 28.02.2022

plants, the Kremlin has been harping time and again that Moscow is not interested in west of Dnieper where most of the nuclear plants are located.

Counter-terrorism and defence analyst Dr Rituraj Mate told The Pioneer, "The Russian strategy of slow advances is to check Ukranian advances to the nuclear plants so Ukranian state-sponsored saboteur activities could be thwarted."

He said, Putin's defensive alert to its nuclear forces is aimed at checking the bombardment of the Ukrainian nuclear plants and providing disaster relief in case of accidents by Western design or

Meanwhile, Turkey has supplied an unspecified number of Baykar Bayraktar TB2 tactical UAV (unmanned aerial vehicles) to Kyiv to check

# Jaishankar likely to brief today Foreign Ministry's consultative committee

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External Affairs Minister S
Jaishankar is likely to brief
on Thursday the consultative committee of his Ministry, which has Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and MPs from other parties as its members.

During the meeting of the 21-member Consultative Committee on External Affairs, a host of issues are expected to be discussed including

Russia's attack on Ukraine and the evacuation of Indians, an MP said on Wednesday.

Alongside the minister, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla is also expected to attend the meeting and brief the members, who also include former ministers of state in External Affairs Ministry and Congress leaders

Anand Sharma and Shashi Tharoor.

Ministers chair the consultative committees of their respective ministries, can call the meeting.

The main objective of these committees is to provide a forum for an informal discussion between MPs and ministers and senior officers on the policies, principles and programmes of the government and the manner of their imple-

On Monday, Shringla had briefed the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on 'Operation Ganga' which has been launched for the evacuation of Indian citizens from the east-European



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मध्यप्रदेश विज्ञापन

विशेष भर्ती अभियान

प्रदेश में चिन्हित एफआरयू/सीमॉक (जिला चिकित्सालय, सिविल अस्पताल, सामुदायिक स्वा केन्द्रों) स्तर की संस्थाओं को क्रियाशील करने के लिए एन.एच.एम. अंतर्गत सर्विदा आधार प विशेषज्ञ/पीजीएमओ चिकित्सकों की सेवाएँ लेने हेतु सीधी भर्ती वॉक-इन-इन्टरव्यू एवं काउंसलिंग वे माध्यम से 01 मार्च 2022 से 31 मार्च 2022 तक प्रत्येक बुधवार (दिनांक 2,9,16,23 एवं 30 मार्च 2022) को विशेष भर्ती अभियान के तहत आवेदन आमंत्रित हैं। प्रदेश मातृ स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं को सुदृढ करने में अपना महत्वपूर्ण योगदान देने हेतु इच्छुक एव

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#### **EOI (Open ended) for Empanelment** of Consultants for Indian Railways for the Consultancy Services for **DPR/Detailed Designing/PMC Works**

Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) intends to empanel eligible Consultants/Firms for undertaking Consultancy Services for the Projects of Indian Railways, in the following two (02) categories:

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The willing Consultancy Firms (Applicants) may open the link (1) https://indianrailways.gov.in/ railwayboard/→Tenders→Railway Board Tenders → all active Tenders or (2) https://dfccil.com/ Home/ActiveTender and refer to the heading "EOI/Applications for Empanelment of Consultants/Firms for DPR/ DDC/PMC Services for Indian Railways", for viewing further details and for submitting online Application. Pre-bid Conference (virtual mode) will be held on 15.03.2022 at 11:00 hrs through video link. This EOI is open ended, meaning that initially, the Panels will be prepared on the basis of Applications received upto 04.04.2022 and further applications will continue to be entertained thereafter as well, which will be evaluated once every quarter & new entrants will be appended in the respective panels. For any queries, please email at empconsultantir@dfcc.co.in

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#### new global systems, it is criti-Gaming Comic. cal that we move forward with Similarly he also stressed the need to have toys adapted a focus on Aatmnirbharta", he to Indian milieu and The Prime Minister high-

reliability from our self-sus-HC directs FSSAI to issue fresh order to

authorities on packaged food disclosures

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

bserving that it is a fun- Sanghi sumer to know the details of the packaged food, Delhi High Court on Wednesday directed the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to issue a fresh communication to all the authorities concerned stating the obligation to make clear disclosure as to whether the food article is vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

There must be a complete disclosure regarding a food article being vegetarian or nonvegetarian as fundamental rights of every person are

impacted by what is offered on the platter, said the Bench comprising Justices Vipin and

The HC passed the order while hearing a plea for labelling "all items" used by the public, including home appliances and apparel, as "vegetarian" or "non-vegetarian" on the basis of their ingredients and "items used in manufacturing process". Judges agreed with the submission made by the petitioner's counsel that it is pointless to issue such a communication to the authorities and not to the general public whose fundamental rights

"We direct that the fresh communication/ order be given wide publicity to in all the DK national dailies," the bench

> The Bench further said, "Since the right of every person under Article 21 (protection of life and personal liberty) and Article 25 (freedom to conscience and free profession, practice and propagation of under religion) Constitution is impacted by what is offered on a platter, in our view it is fundamental that a full and complete disclosure regarding the food article being vegetarian or non-vegetarian is of consumer awareness." part

### Digital era poses challenges for Govt libraries: Panel

ARCHANA JYOTI ■ NEW DELHI

the digital era, Government's libraries can no longer work in isolation either geographically or by sector and there is a need to take measures to meet the challenges posed by services or products like Google, Wiki, Quora, Social Media, E-Resources, etc, a Parliamentary panel has noted as it stressed on introducing new innovative technologies.

The Union Culture Ministry, therefore, should endeavour to keep reinventing, reshaping services, redesigning spaces and above all, de-learning age-old practices before adopting new models of providing information, said the panel in its report submitted to Rajya sabha recently. Led by MP TG Venkatesh,

the panel also took exception at the government's failure to fill the vacant posts in many of its major libraries and also asked it taking steps to permit the general public to join/ renew/ cancel the membership via submission of an online form along with the online payment of membership fees in its central libraries across the country.

"Doing so would give a major boost to the membership figures of all the Central Libraries. The Committee fur-

ther recommends that the Libraries may conduct special membership drives at local schools, universities, NGOs etc. in order to get students and researchers to join the library. This would permit increased utilization of the resources available at the Central Libraries," said the panel as it found that the membership had been declining and many libraries were in poor condition. Expressing unhappiness at

the vacant posts, the Committee said that, "fails to comprehend how the National Library in Kolkata could be expected to function to its maximum potential when the top-level post of director-general of the library has been lying vacant for years. The Committee recommends that the post of the Director-General in the National Library should not be kept vacant for long and steps be taken to fill it up immediately.

The Committee also noted that there was no regular director in the Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, for five years (2014- 2019). There was also no board there for a while. The Board was reconstituted in 2020.

Regarding Delhi Public Library status, the Committee noted "that membership of Delhi Public Library has witnessed decrease in recent times one of the reasons being Covid-19 pandemic. It has come down to 1.5 lakh membership from what it was prior to the corona period i.e. 1.85 lakh. Being a model library created in 1951 in Asia with UNESCO's technical, financial assistance, it should lead other libraries in the country and extend all possible help in their growth. Delhi Public Library should make all out efforts to increase its membership/ viewership in the interest of the general public." The panel also pointed out

infrastructure shortage and

called for a special exercise

across all the Central Libraries in the country in order to assess the need for infrastructural improvement therein. The 7 Libraries/Organisations financed by Ministry of Culture are National Library, Kolkata (Subordinate Office), Central Reference Library, Kolkata (Subordinate Office), Central Secretariat Library, Delhi, Delhi Public Library, Delhi (Autonomous org.), Rampur Raza Library, Rampur in Uttar Pradesh (Autonomous Org.), Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna in Bihar (Autonomous Org.) and Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation,

(Autonomous Org.)

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1.	Mohd Ahmed, Shakeel Ahmad, C 201/1, 1st Floor Road No 8 Shaheen Bagh, Near ICICI Bank Atm Jamiya Nagar Okhla New Delhi, A/c No.LBPNC00002040838	Villa No. R023S60074, in S6 Tower At Up Country Ts-1, Sector- 17a Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (yea), Noida Uttar Pradesh	29/01/2022 Rs. 66,48,013/-	09/11/ 2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Se

construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002. Date: March 03, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR

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notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from

Sr. No.		Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
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the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. **Authorized Officer** Date: March 03, 2022

Authorized Officer

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# Parties pull out big guns for last leg of UP polls

With Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to campaign for his party candidates by stationing him-self in Varanasi, Opposition leaders including West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Baneriee too are headed for Kashi to seek votes for BJP's strong contender Samajwadi Party led by former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav.

Congress, which is fighting in the high-pitched four-cornered assembly elections, has also rushed its key leaders to campaign hard for the remaining polls on March 7 for which the campaign will end on

Banerjee reached Varanasi late evening after the massive victory in the municipal bodies elections in the State in which Trinamool Congress won 102 municipalities of the 108 polled. Banerjee will hold a joint rally with Akhilesh Yadav in Varanasi, which is the

Low voter turnout

in 5 rounds baffles

political observers

Even as BJP and Samajwadi Party are claiming clear

victory, low turnout in almost

two-thirds of assembly seats

during five rounds of polling

has baffled political observers.

The voter turnout has been

more or less the same as in

2017 polls, leaving political

parties and experts guessing

whether it was pro-incumben-

cy or anti-incumbency votes.

voters turnout in 45 districts in

2017 and five phases of

Assembly polls in 2022, there

has been no major change in

turnout and in over two third

of districts, it was marginally

lower in 2022 as compared to

2019 general elections in state

also doesn't reflect much of a

Coronavirus, others say that

voters tested all parties in polls

and hence were not enthused

by new poll promises made by

competing parties.

difference.

A look at voters' turnout in

While some attribute it to

As per comparative data of

PNS LUCKNOW

Modi, on Thursday and return to Kolkata on Friday evening. Last year, Mamata-led TMC gave a drubbing to BJP in general and Modi in particular in the West Bengal assembly elections where the ruling party at Centre had hoped to form a government.

"I am going to Varanasi to campaign for Samajwadi Party and Akhilesh Yadav. I will also visit the Vishwanath Mandir Ghat and light a Diya there," Mamata said at Kolkatta air-

Banerjee had tweaked her rty's póll anthem of "khela hobe' to 'Khela Hoga' (the game is on) and stressed "if Bengal can do it (defeat BJP), so can Uttar Pradesh".

Rashtriya Lok Dal chief Jayant Chaudhary will join Akhilesh Yadav and Banerjee, for Thursday's joint poll rally in Varanasi. RLD is fighting the UP assembly elections in tie-up with SP. Banerjee had visited Uttar Pradesh on February 7-8 and held a joint press con-

Prime Minister Narendra where she predicted SP's victory against the BJP, like her party in West Bengal state.

Varanasi goes to polls on March 7 during the seventh and last phase of assembly polls in UP. Results of the seven-phase UP assembly polls will be declared on March 10.

Former Congress president Rahul Gandhi will address a rally in Varanasi on Friday while his sibling and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi will address three rallies in the pooravanchal belt including Varanasi during the next two days.

Rahul has been keeping away from UP assembly campaigns as he campaigned extensively in other states like Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur where voting is over and results are awaited on

Other Congress leaders ike Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Rajasthan CM, Ashok Gehlot are also scheduled to be in the

# Blue Print for Kerala's development presented

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

The CPI(M), rated as the last ■ word in Marxian ideology in India, has made a revolutionary change in its stance visà-vis private investment in industry, infrastructure and higher education.

The Blue Print for the development of Kerala as New Kerala, authored by Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and presented to the delegates of the triennial state conference of the party being held at Ernakulam states that private investment should be encouraged in sectors like infrastructure, health, higher education, traditional industries and major industries.

The delegates are discussing the New Kerala model initiatives prepared by Vijayan before accepting it and placing the same before the Party Congress of the CPI(M) which is scheduled to be held at Kannur next month. Though the development proposals would be formally declared as the party stance only during

the Party Congress, chances of any suggestions getting amended look bleak as it was prepared by Vijayan, the most powerful person in the CPI(M) as on

While addressing the delegates late Tuesday evening, Vijayan emphasised the need for welcoming private and foreign universities to the State.

He called for mechanisation, automation and modernisation of traditional industries of the State like cashew nut, coir which are facing extinction because of the failure to move forward in synchronisation with the changing

Vijayan gave a piece of his mind to the militant trade unions which have 'succeeded' in getting many enterprises shut down because of their intransigent attitude towards entrepreneurs. The last week saw three major business enterprises in Kozhikode and Kannur districts downing shutters and entrepreneurs returning to West Asia fed up with militant trade unions.

## Kerala High Court upholds revoking of licence to Media One

**KUMAR CHELLAPPAN** ■ KOCHI

The decision of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to revoke the telecast licence issued to Media One, a Malayalam news channel owned by the Jamaat-e-Islami, was upheld by the Division Bench of Kerala High Court on Wednesday.

The Bench consisting of Chief Justice S Manikumar and Justice Shaji P Chaly dismissed a series of writ petitions submitted by the channel management, staff and Kerala Union of Working Journalists and stated that there were 'clear, significant indications impacting public order and security' in the contents aired by the channel and hence the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the licensing authority, was right in rejecting the appeal by the channel for renewing the license for uplinking and downlinking the programmes.

The channel had challenged an order issued by Justice Nagresh who had dismissed the petition filed by the management citing security reports filed by the Union Home Ministry to the Information and Broadcasting Ministry.

Though the licensing authority for TV channels is the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, it follows the reports submitted by the Home Ministry to grant and renew licenses for telecasting.

The Division Bench after a perusal of the documents submitted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in sealed covers found that there were clear and significant indications impacting the public order and security of the

"The company running the channel has some links with certain undesirable forces which is stated to be a security threat. There are serious adverse reports by the Intelligence Bureau against the channel and its managing director.

Secgtions 19 and 20 of the Cable TV Networks (Regulation) Act 1995enable the Centre to do the needful to protect the larger interest of the nation and the citizens, rather than protecting the interests of a telecasting company. The company failed to establish any jurisdictional error or other legal infirmities in the judg ment of the single bench judge warranting our interference in an intra court appeal," said the

The channel management had told the court that under the camouflage of national security, the Ministry has prohibited the broadcasting of a news channel that has been in existence for more than a

The channel's telecasting was suspended by the Ministry Information and Broadcasting citing security concerns. Though the Channel's license had lapsed in September 2021, it was allowed to operate pending renewal of

The MIB, based on reports received from Home Ministry had informed the channel that its license was being revoked due to security related issues and thus the channel went off

management approached the Kerala High Court on the same day and the single bench judge kept the order from MIB in abeyance and asked the latter to provide the details that necessitated the revoking of license to the channel and allowed the operation of the channel.

The permission to broadcast was extended twice by the judge who was provided with the reports by the Home Ministry in sealed cover.

Justice Nagresh, the single bench judge said in his order that the licensing authority was well within its right to revoke the license based on the Home Ministry's input.

This order was challenged the channel management by filing a writ petition that was heard by the Division Bench. 'It can be seen that the Apex Court, while emphasizing the relevance and importance of the freedom of Press, makes it abundantly clear that the restrictions contained under Articles 19(3) and (4) of Constitution of India dealing with public order include the security of the State," the Court

The Court further said that the government cannot ordinarily tinker with the freedom of the press "since the principles of democracy and rule of law prevailing in the country is largely dependent upon the freedom of speech enjoyed by the press."

# **BJP** will win **over 300** seats: Shah

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that during the tenure of Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, kattas (country-made pistols) were made in the State while in the time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi missiles are being made in the country.

Addressing a public meeting at Valmiki Inter College grounds at Balua in Sakaldiha Assembly constituency of adjoining trans-Ganga Chandauli district on Wednesday, Shah said that the Bharatiya Janata Party would win more than 300 seats in the Assembly elections.

Highlighting the achievements of the BJP government in the state during the last five years, Shah said that the Yogi Adityanath government had freed the land of people from the mafia.

He said land worth more than Rs 2,000 crore was freed from the possession of the mafia and today Mukhtar Ansari, Mohammad Azam Khan and Atiq Ahmed were in

"The opposition parties used to take only the votes of the poor," he said, adding that if the BJP government was formed again, girl students enrolled in higher educational courses would be given laptops, scooties and smart-

phones.

"The government will also farmers. Earlier, Sakaldiha areas in Chandauli used to get electricity for only eight hours, now the district is getting power supply for 20 hours," he said, adding that now the health services had also

He appealed to the people go to hospitals with Ayushman cards and get free treatment up to Rs five lakh. He also said that government took care of poor even during COVID-19 pandemic period and gave them free ration. Shah said that there were

only 10 medical colleges in state when Yogi government assumed office in 2017 but now there were 40 medical col leges in state. "UP has become number one in production of milk, sugar, peas etc in country," he said, highlighting how Narendra Modi government repealed Article 370 relating to state of Jammu and Kashmir..

# TMC sweeps civic elections, decimates the Opposition

SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

History continued to repeat in Bengal even as the Trinamool Congress decimated the Opposition by gaining a brute majority in the recently concluded civic elections in Bengal . The State ruling outfit won 102 out of 108 municipal boards.

A day after senior leader and TMC MP Saugato Roy criticized "unnecessary violence and booth capture" in the municipal elections the Trinamool on Wednesday netted 95 percent boards getting an overall vote of 63-plus per-

While the Left Front managed to win only one municipality of Taherpur in Nadia district principal opposition BJP won none. One board went to "others" while four others were left with hung houses.

Curiously the newly formed Hamro Party sprung a major surprise, bagging the Darjeeling municipality winning 18 out of 32 wards. The traditional Hill outfits like Gorkha Janmukti Morcha or Gorkha National Liberation Front failed to win the voters

The BIP which has an MP from Darjeeling could win no seat there. The ruling TMC secured little more than 63 percent votes overall while the Left pushed the BJP back to third position winning 14 percent

The Left had secured about 7.5 percent in 2019 parliamentary elections and 5.5 percent votes in 2021 Assembly polls. The saffron outfit which got 38 percent votes in the last year's Assembly elections got about 13 percent votes while the Congress and "others" secured 5 percent each. In terms of wards won, the

TMC won about 1728 wards out of 2171 that went to polls. The BJP won in 65 wards while the Left and the Congress won 59 and 57 each. The Independent candidates, mostly dissenters from the TMC won 113 wards. More history was made

with the Contai --- a strong-hold of the Adhikari family held for the last thirty years by former Union Minister Sisir Adhikary, his son and Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu --- going into the hands of the TMC.

The Trinamool won 18

out of 21 wards in the Contai or Kanthi Municipality. The BJP got two wards. History was also created in Behrampore municipality in Murshidabad district considered a stronghold of Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury.

The Trinamool Congress won this municipality after 30 years. Joyngar in South 24 Parganas also came to the TMC for the first time.

Curiously both Adhikaris and Chowdhury who had for most of their career fought fierce political battles with the Left Front had managed to save their strongholds from the

A fuming Chowdhury reacted to the TMC victory saying, "TMC has won with the help of goons and police," calling for a mock vote. "I call all concerned for a mock vote and if the TMC wins even a single ward I will quit politics," he

BJP spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya said that "this was no election ...we had to fight against criminals and the State repression ... though we should have put up more resistance ... this election will

leave no organizational impact on our party and we will continue to remain in Bengal." The Left Front attacked the

Trinamool with one of its former MPs saying, "Mamata Banerjee's aggression can be equated with that of Putin's." Ignoring the Opposition

attack and apparently putting her stamp on the alleged electoral violence Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee advised her party men to "work with sincerity and be humble to the people as this victory has given us more responsibility."

Before flying off to Varanasi where she would campaign for Samajwadi Party the Chief Minister said "there were many places like Joynagar where we won never in our life

... but won this time round ... this means our schemes like Duare Sarkar, Paraye Samadhan (solution at your locality) Kanyashree etc have

given us more credibility."

She tweeted, "Heart-felt gratitude to Ma-Mati-Manush for according yet another overwhelming mandate to us. Congratulations to the winning

candidates of All India Trinamool Congress in the Municipal Elections."

# Mid-sea drug bust: NCB says SRK's son 'not cleared yet'

T N RAGHUNATHA MUMBAI

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m early}$  three and half months after the Bombay High Court rejected the allegations made by it against Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan and two others, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Wednesday dismissed media report that there was no evidence against Arvan in the mid-sea drug bust case, by saying that "the media reports are not true" and "the investigation is not yet com-

Refuting the reports in a section of the media that there was no evidence to prove that Aryan was part of a larger drug conspiracy or an international drug trafficking syndicate, NCB's Deputy Director-General (DDG) Sanjay Singh said: "As far as the media reports are concerned they're are not true these are just speculation and nothing else these reports were not cross checked

"Investigation is not yet complete. Nothing can be said at this stage. (It's) Premature to say anything at this stage," Singh said in a statement issued here.The NCB's clarification came as bit of a surprise in view of fact that that Bombay High Court had on November 20,2021 had rejected outright investigating agency's allegation that Aryan, two other accused Arbaaz Merchant and Munmun Dhamecha were part of conspiracy in case and also disallowed its effort to use their "confessional statements as a tool" to infer that they had committed offences under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Giving his reasoning for granting bail to Aryan Khan, Arbaaz and Munmun in the mid-sea drug

bust case on October 28, a sin-

gle-member HC bench of Justice Nitin W Sambre had noted in his detailed order released on Saturday: "... there is no material on record to infer that applicants (Aryan and two others) have hatched conspiracy to commit offence.

That being so, at this stage, it is difficult to infer that the applicants are involved in an offence of commercial quantity. As such, parameters laid down under section 37 of the NDPS Act will hardly be of any consequence while considering the prayer for grant of bail".

Raising serious manner in which the NCB investigated the case, the Judge had slammed the investigating agency for not subjecting to medical examination "so as to determine whether at the relevant time, they had consumed drugs" and made mince meat of the investigators' claim that they had found incriminating whatsapp chat from Aryan's phone, by observing that "nothing objectionable could be noticed to suggest that he and two other accused had hatched a con-

The Judge noted that going by material brought on record before it, "this Court has prima facie not noticed any positive evidence against applicants". "This court is of opinion that claim put forth by the respondent that the applicants should be considered to have the common intention to commit an offence under NDPS Act, having been found in possession of

commercial quantity. In backdrop of a case of hatching conspiracy is liable to be rejected". At beginning of his summerised order relating to all accused, the Judge said that they had no criminal antecedents of similar nature or otherwise. While Aryan and Arbaaz were students,

model. Alluding to claim to the contrary made by the NCB, the Judge said: "As far as the accused number 1 Aryan is concerned, but for irrelevant whatsapp chats noticed in his mobile, there is no material evidence to connect all these applicants with other co-accused in the case".

Aryan, Arbaaz, Munmun were among eight persons who were initially detained on night of October 2, 2021 and later arrested on October 3, after NCB officials busted a rave party and seized 13 grams of cocaine, 5 grams of MD (Mephedrone), 21 grams of Charas, 22 pills of MDMA (Ecstasy) and Rs 1.33 lakh in cash from Goa-bound Cordelia Cruises' Empress ship, off the Mumbai coast. Subsequently, 12 more persons were arrested in the mid-sea drug bust case.

Observing that Aryan was not found in possession of any objectionable substance, the Judge said that Arbaaz and Munmun were found to be in illegal possession of drugs which is covered under the provisions of the NDPS Act. If independently considered, drugs seized from Arbaaz and Munmun was a small quantity 'which is not a disputed fact"

Tearing into NCB's allega-

tion that Aryan and two other accused were part of conspiracy, the Judge said: "For inferring act of hatching conspiracy on part of Aryan and two other accused, there has to be positive evidence about an agreement to do a unlawful act or to do a lawful act by unlawful means and such agreement must precede meeting of minds... There is hardly any positive evidence to convince this court that all accused persons with common intention agreed to commit



# MHA gives nod for revival of VDCs ahead of Assembly polls in J&K

**MOHIT KANDHARI** ■ JAMMU

A head of the conduct of the first ever Assembly polls in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir decks have been cleared by the Union Home Ministry to revive and strengthen the Village Defence Committees (VDC's) which remained in the forefront of counter terrorist operations at the peak of militancy in the Jammu region.

Under the revival plan the members are likely to be equipped with advanced weapons fulfilling one of the long pending demands of the VDC's.

The significant announcement was made by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during his interaction with the delegation of VDC members in New Delhi. In a formal communication sent to the office of the Chief Secretary, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday the Union Home Ministry said after examining the issue of

Village Defence Committees it has been decided that the members of the village defence group shall be designated as Village Defence Guards(VDG). Each VDG will have eight to 10 members and all of them will have equal rank and receive monthly salaries in their bank "In more vulnerable areas

persons who shall be leading/coordinating the VDG would be paid 4500 per month and other persons who are members of these VDG's on a voluntary basis will be paid a uniform rate of 4000 per month". The letter further stated

these VDG's will function under the direction of SP/SSP of the concerned district. More than 27,000 VDC members are currently enrolled with the Home Department in Jammu and Kashmir. These VDC's were constituted in 1995 following targeted killings of members belonging to the minority community in erstwhile Doda district. These

VDC's members have been performing different duties in different topographies of the

They assist the Border Security force and the Indian army and act as their eyes and ears on the ground zero to prevent any major infiltration bid while directly fight with the terrorists in the hilly areas of Chenab valley region where minority population was targted to trigger second wave of migration.

These VDC members were trained in self defence, imparted training of weapon handling, security drills at regular training camps/ workshops organised by the Indian army and Jammu and Kashmir police.

Briefing media persons about the revival plan, BJP General Secretary and former cabinet minister Sunil Sharma Wednesday said," complete revival plan was discussed during a meeting with the Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday".

## No Covid deaths in Maha for first time in two years, infections in State down to 544

RAGHUNATHA N MUMBAI:

In a big relief to the state health authorities, Maharashtra on Wednesday did not record any Covid-19 death for the first time in two years, even as the daily Covid-19 infections in Maharashtra came down to 544 and the daily cases in Mumbai rose marginally from 77 to 100.

A day after the state recorded 675, infections, the daily cases dropped to 544. With fresh infections recorded on Wednesday, the total number of Covid-19 cases in the state rose from 78,66,380 to 78,66,924.

In a big relief to the state health authorities, there was no Covid-19 death in the state. As a result, the total number of deaths registered in the state since the outbreak of Covid-19 in the state in March 2020 stood static at 1,43,706.

With the fresh 100 cases, the total number of cases in Mumbai mounted from 10,56,549 to 10,56,649.

While the recovery rate stood static at 98 per cent, the overall growth rate of Covid-19 cases in the metropolis for a period from February 23 and March 1 stood static at 0.01 per cent.

As 1,007 Covid-19 patients were discharged from the hospitals across the state after full recovery, the total number of people discharged from the hospitals since the second week of March 2020 increased from 77,12,568 to 77,13,575.

The recovery rate in the state rose from 98.04 per cent to 98.05 per cent. The number of "active cases" in the state dropped from 6,106 to

dropped 757 to 689, while the number of active cases in the neighbouring Thane dropped from 481 to 445. The active cases in Ahmednagar dropped from 626 to 564, while the number of active cases in Nagpur came down from 261 to 244. Of the 7,80,03,848 sam-

state stood static at 1.82 per

cent. The active cases in Pune

dropped from 2177 to 2051.

The active cases in Mumbai

ples sent to various laboratories across the state so far, 78,66,924 have tested positive (10.09 per cent) for COVID-19 until Wednesday.

Currently, 45,422 people are in home quarantine while 660 people are in institutional quarantine.

Meanwhile, 38 fresh Omicron cases were recorded in Maharashtra on Friday, taking the total number of the new Covid-19 variant to 4,771. Of these cases, 4,269 patients have been discharged after they tested negative in the RT-PCR tests.

Till Friday evening, 9,382 samples had been sent for genome sequencing, out of which, results of 8,480 patients have been received, while the results of 902 sam-



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# **Battle for future**

What next, ask Indian medical students who have returned from Ukraine in a hurry

young woman from the small town of Harda in Madhya Pradesh went to another small town, Poltava, in Ukraine six years ago to study medicine. The town is 500 km from the eastern Russian border and may soon be invaded. Last spoken to a week ago, she told her mother that she does not want to come home. She has just two months left to complete her MBBS course and she hopes things will somehow work out for her. Her father is a poor Government teacher and she does not want to return without her degree after spending so much money. Her family wants her back home, worried about her safety. She is worried about losing her degree more than her life. We have no information about this girl at the time of writing and we hope that she is safe and evacuated at once. Her desperation is touching. This desperation is shared by thousands of Indian students as they return home from Ukraine, totally blank about what the future holds for them. What will they do? They have vague answers. The Union Government will have to step in today or tomorrow to ensure that their careers are not destroyed. Those studying in western Ukraine say their classes are online for the time being

> as the region is relatively safe from strife. But what about the summer practice session in June-July? They are clueless.

> Their universities have told them to pay the fees in advance by the first week of March, saying they will update them along the way. Some students in western Ukraine bought round trip tickets, hoping they would be back sooner or later. In eastern Ukraine, the situation is really bad. All educational institutes are closed. The students say their teachers left the respective cities at the first hint of tension and, since then, they are in the dark. In

any case, they are right now desperate to save their lives and get out from there. They have a vague hope that historically, universities survive wars and that their classes will resume once the political imbroglio is resolved. The parents will soon be voicing their concerns about their wards' future. They are sure to ask the Union Government if the students can somehow complete the remaining course duration from Indian colleges by passing a test or arranging for a transfer of credits. Those in the first and second years still have the chance of starting afresh in another college in another country if they can afford it and if Ukraine's future hangs in balance. It is the seniors who will lose the most if they cannot return to their universities at least by this year-end. It is not just about completing the course. They have also to complete a 12-month supervised internship and repeat the process when they return to India. They will then have to pass the eligibility test to be able to get registered.



# An unlikely hero

The ongoing war has thrown up a few admirable qualities of the Ukraine President

■he game of brinksmanship being played out in the war theatre involving Russia and Ukraine is turning dangerous, though terming it slightly amusing would be an improper use of the expression amid the danse macabre. As deadly arsenal is being unpacked by Russia for possible use, primarily on Ukrainian capital Kyiv and the second largest city of Kharkiv, the latter's President Volodymyr Zelenskiy is putting up a brave front amid reports of a 64-km-long Russian armoured convoy bearing down on central and eastern parts of his country. With Russia brazenly pro-



claiming that it would press ahead with the blitzkrieg until its "goals are met", Zelenskiy has refused to be cowed saying that nothing or nobody can break his people and country. "We are strong, we are Ukrainians," thundered the former producer-main lead of Ukrainian TV sitcom Servant of the People (which aired between 2015 and 2019 and was a massive hit a la our Ramayan and Mahabharat). Not betraying even the slightest hint of his days as the madeup-with-chalk-and-powder man, in fact displaying a sense of courage in the line of fire, he has categorically said Kyiv wasn't prepared to make conces-

sions when "one side is hitting another with rocket artillery".

Even a few days back, just before the Russian invasion began, when he was offered a safe ticket out of Kyiv and promised evacuation on priority, he showed a quiet determination and resolve when he spoke about "not going anywhere...I am here...will be here with my people". Whatever the respective shared histories of Russia and Ukraine vis-à-vis India, and there is a marked difference between the two (Israel and Russia are the only two countries that have always supported India on every issue, at every platform while Ukraine has never been a trustworthy ally; far from it, actually), the moot point remains that a good leader deserves everyone's respect. In fact, it turns rather into admiration of sorts if one were to take into account the pummelling Zelenskiy is taking from all directions, and from sea, land and air. Russia has already started talking about unpacking its 'Father Of All Bombs' in the war against Ukraine as part of Putin's "shock and awe" campaign. The super-powerful non-nuclear thermobaric bomb has a blast equivalent to more than 44 tonne of TNT. Putin may be a leader with bigger weaponry, but Zelenskiy's boldness can't be underplayed.

# The monk with a self-righteous cause GYANESHWAR DAYAL



Since taking over the reins of UP five years ago, Yogi Adityanath has done everything Dhamma ordains to make the life of subjects better

he original Ashokan Lion Capital in the Sarnath museum had lions on a pedestal and a wheel resting over them. It depicted lions or the State as the custodian of the 'Dhamma', the eternal wheel of righteousness. When it became the emblem of India, somehow that wheel rolled off. And all that remained were the lions watching the subjects from a vantage point. Of course, reality took some time to catch up with the metaphor.

Uttar Pradesh, where Sarnath is, saw the wheel rolling back to the State five years back. The State was to become righteous or self-righteous in the next five years. Yogi Adityanath of Uttarakhand became the UP Chief Minister; it was a foregone conclusion that Dhamma would rule the State. And that is what happened in the last five years. The five basic tenets of Dhamma — abstain from sexual misconduct, practice nonviolence and non-killing, don't indulge in stealing, practice truthfulness and avoid malicious speech, and abstain from alcohol — became the touchstone of Yogi Government's policy. Thus a monk with a mission set out to do what destiny chose him to do. An idea whose time had come!

To instil righteousness, and to pave the path for moksha, the Yogi Government started turning the wheel of Dhamma. To discourage sexual misconduct, it decided to catch 'Romeos'. Romeo had whispered before his banishment "O I am fortune's fool". Many 'Romeos' were turned into 'fortune's fools' by the anti-Romeo squads. To tame them, the squads patrolled universities, cinema halls, parks and gave on-the-spot punishment for their 'sins'. It was a beginning; a first step towards infusing righteousness in people.

The next big step was to ensure vegetarianism and killings by all beings. The UP Government banned cow and dunaio meat. I am not making it up: After Yogi came to power, guy, Vikas Dubey, who was even the lions in UP's zoos were not fed red meat; they were not a lame joke. One man's

fed chickens! A petrified Sher Khan (of *Lion King*) must have muttered: "But, sir, we have been eating beef much before your scriptures were written." But no one listened; less cared. Some adjusted, some didn't. A stubborn pregnant tigress almost starved to death in Kanpur zoo but did not switch to white meat. They did not understand the grand design. Shameless ani-

Then the drive progressed to ensure non-violence and non-stealing in the State. Now how do you teach non-violence to mobsters? Simple: Maim them. As per news reports, after Yogi Adityanath came to power, UP Police injured at least 3,302 alleged criminals in 8,742 'encounters'. Several of them had bullets lodged in their legs; thus was born the term 'Operation Langda' (lame). In the same period, 151 people were reported killed in police action. You may question the methods but aren't the motives more important, sacrosanct? What ao you ao ii you aont kiii a already lame? Mind you, it is



SOON, THE VERY RATIONALE OF LYING WOULD DIE. AND WE CAN ASSUME THAT HATE SPEECH WOULD ALSO BECOME REDUNDANT ONCE THE 'DESPICABLE' LEAVE THE STATE. THAT IS HOW THE WHEEL TURNS mission is another man's lesson. The Yogi Government went on to book Azam Khan for buffalo theft, goat theft and book theft. Indeed an extreme step for many but a mission is a mission. The virtue of non-stealing must be imbibed and the message should go far and wide.

Property, private or public, should not be stolen or damaged and who does that is on the wrong side of righteousness. Government slapped cases of recovery on the CAA and NRC protesters. How does it matter that some of these people were well over 90 years of age and included women, students and activists? But then the Supreme Court played spoilsport. An unrighteous Supreme Court (which still has the Dhamma wheel over the lions in its emblem) overturned the UP Government drive for the recovery of money. Moving on to the next tenet, Yogi imposed a complete ban on the sale of liquor and meat in Mathura. He urged liquor sellers to sell milk to revive the glory of

Mathura; a complete turn-

around. You can't afford to be

lactose intolerant, social intolerance though is acceptable.

Now Yogiji is working on his speech. Falsehood and malicious speech would soon be things of the past in UP. Now that we have left Corona behind, there would be no need to lie about the fatality figures or about medical oxygen supplies. Soon, the very rationale of lying would die. And we can assume that hate speech would also become redundant once the 'despicable' leave the State. In an act of compassion, he absolved himself of pending cases of hate speech. That is how the wheel turns. Make a begin-

ning, let go of the past! Yogi, like a true crusader of Dhamma, has done all he could. He lit 12 lakh diyas to dispel darkness on the Saryu's banks, a fitting reply to VS Naipaul's An Area of Darkness. UP is all lit. And if you criticise him for his Hindu bias, please don't. The time frame of Treta Yug he comes from did not have today's minorities or their graveyards.

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#### LETTERS TO TE

#### DON'T KEEP THE DISABLED AT DISADVANTAGE

— The first part of the Budget session of Parliament concluded without any major disruptions and it is expected that the second part will be conducted successfully. The last session was marked by pandemonium in both the Houses, so many Bills could not be passed. I want to mention that the denial of any part of a legitimate pension is a clear violation of human rights. In case of employees taking premature retirement, a court has commented that honesty, sincerity, fairness and hard work pertaining to duties are not being rewarded in the country.

That may be one of the reasons for the growing graph of dishonesty amongst employees/officers in many spheres. In another case, a court said the officials at the helm must have knowledge of the disability Acts to provide fair justice to the disabled. In banks, the pensioners are highly discriminated against and denied their legal rights. Several representations were sent to various authorities including the PMO, FMO, Law Ministry, CJI, CLC, Chairman IBA and all trade union leaders, but due to the society's insensitive attitude towards the disabled, no one is ready to listen to or address their problems. In a way, it is a near-breakdown of our Constitution.

Yash Pal Ralhan | Jalandhar

#### THINK OF FUTURE AFTER THE PANDEMIC

Sir — This refers to 'Telangana returning to normalcy' (March 1). The joy of the people of Telangana is immense upon learning that their State is back to normal after the pandamic totally paralysed our normal life. The State has ultimately got a huge relief from COVID-19, a deadly nightmare that lasted a couple of years. Much to our regret, we lost many friends and relatives to the virus; people have undergone mental agony and trauma due to COVID-19 and its Delta and Omicron strains. March 2, 2022, marks the completion of a span of two years of living with COVID-19.

The Telangana Government has now lifted all COVID-19 restrictions, except masks. Nearly 99 per cent cases have

# Stalin as the rising star



amil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has been hogging headlines for quite some time now, courtesy his politically sagacious West Bengal counterpart Mamata Banerjee reposing faith in him by asking him to visit the non-BJP, non-Congress Chief Ministers. The idea is to prevail upon them for the formation of yet another Third Front together to take on the formidable BJP. With the 2024 parliamentary election approaching, it's an indicator that Stalin would play a significant role at the national level. This scenario, however, unravels the story of his

success which he owes to his father and stalwart former TN Chief Minister M Karunanidhi. Stalin proved his salt's worth when his Dravdian Model of governance obfuscated the much flaunted Guiarat

Since the DMK's tremendous win in the 2021 Assembly polls, which were marked by setbacks earlier in the State such as former CM Jayalalitha's demise and the EPS-OPS-Sasikala factor, Stalin's arrival was hugely welcomed in Tamil Nadu politics. He is a versatile personality, gifted with political sapience, besides having a desire of acting in films, playing cricket, badminton and chess. He has emerged as a rising star on the nation's political horizon. But he will have to remain wary of the political kaleidoscope changing rapidly in politics, bearing in mind that any faux pas in politics is unpardonable and it might turn into an irretrievable losing proposition as well

Azhar A Khan | Rampur

plummeted but the fear of the pandemic is still haunting people. The Union Government must speed up the process of kickstarting employment opportunities immediately all over India as our jobless youth have been at the receiving end for two years now. The Centre and all States Governments must be sensitive towards the plight of people and take steps to check the skyrocketing prices of petrol, fuels and other essential commodities in order to recoup the losses suffered during the last couple of lockdowns. Zubair Khan | Hyderabad

#### **SUPPORT OUR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS**

Sir — Commuting is one of the biggest challenges in metropolitan cities in the 21st century and because of the below par facilities offered by public transport, people were pining for something better. Private aggregators like Uber and Ola cashed on this opportunity and gradually became trusted brands for short distance travel within cities. When brands

grow, they gradually forget their initial aim of making people's lives better. The same is happening to these big companies in Guwahati, the only city they serve in the entire northeast.

I was in Guwahati for a few days recently and, like I always do there, I ordered a ride in Uber. But my ride was cancelled four times and the fifth time it displayed an amount that was almost double than the first time. Feeling bad for me, the driver of my cab suggested the name of a local app, PeIndia, which is now the talk of the "travel town" for being fast and affordable. It was true to the good name it has been earning as I ordered all my next rides in Guwahati on PeIndia and it has been a hassle-free experience. Instead of paying our money to American companies, why not support our local entrepreneurs?!

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I will have to have a complete assessment done (on impact of Ukraine crisis



- Nirmala Sitharaman





Ukrainian amhassador — Igor Polikha

Actor, actor hota hai aur star, star hota hai. My rough journey made me

an actor.





each other. It was absolutely crazy.

Liverpool manager — Jurgen Klopp

Historically, India has taken advantage of the (unity in) diversity.



Congress leader - Rahul Gandhi

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## **DIRECT-TO-VOTER JACKS UP POLL EXPENSES**

The Uttar Pradesh election campaigning is prohibitively costly



SHIVAJI **SARKAR** 

he extravaganza of expenses in the UP assembly election is anybody's guess. The sum is supposed to be big. The election campaigning is becoming innovative, direct-to-voter, expensive and with doubtful probity. The election cost in 2017 was ₹5500 crore, according to Centre for Media Studies (CMS). In 2022, it may cross ₹8000 crore in UP, some reports suggest. Being the supposed gateway to Delhi in 2024, the stakes in UP remain high and so is the spending. In West Bengal, in contrast, election expenses on publicity in 2021 were estimated at around ₹500 crore. It is raining money for news channels, event managers, poll organizers as political parties open up their coffers to net each vote. The note for vote itself has a huge cost. The EC spent ₹46 in 2014 up from 10 ₹1951 per voter. With inflation and multiple phases of polls, CMS estimates that each vote cost about ₹700



in 2019. According to Carnegie Foundation, Indian elections in 2019 cost \$5 billion and the US presidential poll, \$6.5 billion in 2016. But CMS says around ₹55,000 crore, or \$8 billion, were spent during the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. A third of it went towards campaigning and publicity. The second largest component was putting money directly in the hands of the voter. CMS estimates that roughly 25 per cent, about ₹15,000 crore, was distributed among voters. About 10 to 12 per cent voters acknowledge receiving cash.

In UP, many parties are reportedly giving special emphasis to poor minority voters, other deprived people and wherever possible helping enlist them for various official benefits like state housing. The free food dole has cost the state ₹2 lakh crore. Though it is not linked to cash for vote, it has the potential to sway the psyche of some voters. Almost all political parties started campaigning about three months before EC announced the dates. The expenses at meetings, rallies, marches, and road shows are heavy costs and are not part of the expenditures filed with the EC. The opposition complains that the ruling party has advantages of using official machinery, transportation and other paraphernalia to organize their poll-oriented meetings, inaugurations or launchings of programmes "to woo the voters". Surprisingly, no party after coming to power likes to prevent it and they also indulge in similar practices. In 2017 UP assembly elections, BJP showed an expenditure of ₹111 crore, Congress ₹18.47 crore. Individual candidates spent ₹28 lakh as per EC norm which in 2022 has been increased to ₹40 lakh. This will be additional about ₹193 crore gross spending by the four major party candidates in each of the constituencies. Smaller parties and independents would be incurring extra. There are also costs on party volunteers fanning out to remote areas for direct voter meets. The richer and more organized parties are apparently spending more through their campaign managers and small groups. Such campaigns establish dialogue and also give an assurance to the voters that they would have access to their leaders even after the polls. The live contacts become useful on the polling day to drive them to the booths. These expenses neither go into the individual candidate expenses nor official party accounts. In 2019. ADR says, BJP spent ₹763.31 crore, Congress ₹488.97 crore and BSP ₹ 55,39 crore. The CMS says that publicity expenses comprise 35 per cent of the gross, direct voter expenses 25 per cent. After the 2022 round of elections, the latter expense will emerge as an ethical issue and pose a challenge to political probity.

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# Old pension scheme & socio-economic security



The old system provides social and economic security to employees; hence, the Rajasthan Govt decided to restore it in their larger interest

ongress Party and its Government in Rajasthan recognizes its duty to provide socio-economic security to the people. A Government employee serves for 30-35 years and spends his post retirement life on the basis of pension. It is therefore the duty of any elected Government to ensure that the employees live their life with a sense of security so that they can render their invaluable contribution to cause of good governance. With a view to strengthening the socio-economic base of the Government employees, the Central Civil Services (Pension) Act, 1972 was implemented which had provision for an inbuilt pension/ family Pension, Gratuity and commuted amount. Unfortunately, the old pension system was done away with by the Vajpayee Government in December, 2003 and replaced it with a New Pension System (NPS) w.e.f. 01.04.2004.

The NPS in its current form is riddled with a number of problems and the employees throughout the country have been demanding for the restoration of the Old Pension System (OPS) as the NPS fails to take care of their current as well as post retirement needs. National Human Rights Commission, CAG Report No. 13 of 2020 and the Second National Judicial Pay Commission have also raised questions about the efficacy of the NPS in providing guaranteed socio-economic security to the employees. Under the NPS, the hardearned retirement fund of employees is subjected to the vagaries of share market which fluctuates at the drop of a hat. In the event of major international crises like the present Úkraine crisis, the share market nosedives thereby increasing the heartbeats of employees and perennially putting their social security at risk. An employee cannot work with his full potential and contribute to good governance if his socio-economic security is threatened. Since the pension fund is invested in market which is replete with risk and provides no guarantee of return even after 17 years of implementation of NPS, it engenders old age insecurity among the employees.

In order to protect the interests of

Rajasthan Government employees and safeguard their life after retirement, the Congress Government in Rajasthan decided to restore the Old Pension System (OPS) for all the employees joining government services on or after 1 January, 2004.

Assembly on 23 February, 2022, I have announced to implement the OPS from the next Financial Year. This decision has been hailed not only by the employees in Rajasthan but also by the employees of all the States. Earlier, Pension was the primary differentiating factor between the Government and the private jobs. The Pay scales in Government jobs cannot exceed the prescribed limit. Talented youths used to accord priority to government jobs because guaranteed pension under OPS provided security to their future. It has been observed



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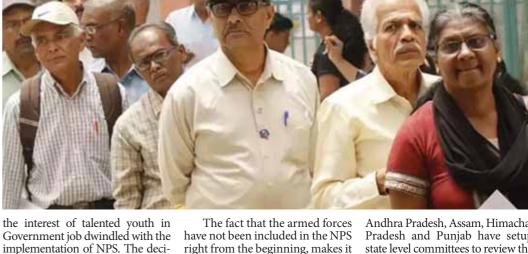


implementation of NPS. The decision to implement OPS will attract large number of talented youth towards government jobs in future. A number of factors convinced the Government of Rajasthan to restore the OPS. In the Old Pension System, an employee was guaranteed the right of pension as half of the last basic salary plus dearness relief at the time of retirement and in the case of in-service death, the employee and his family was given economic support in the form of Death- Cum-Retirement Gratuity

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right from the beginning, makes it clear that the OPS adequately provides social security to them. The NPS was implemented for employees in Indian Coastguard under the defense ministry while the employees of this service work with the same alertness and face the same challenges as faced by the personnel of armed forces. Similar services are rendered by employees of BSF, CISF, CRPF, ITBP, SSB etc. yet they have been covered under NPS. The employees of the central and the State Governments also discharge their duties with the same spirit and commitment. Keeping two differ-

ent systems of pension is discrim-

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In the performance audit of the
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Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have setup state level committees to review the NPS in their respective states in view of the protests by the NPS employees. The West Bengal Government has not yet implemented the NPS.

While preparing the NPS, no attention was paid to the pension amount payable to the employee after the retirement. This has created a sense of insecurity among the employees throughout the country. If the NPS is so sacrosanct then why the Second National Judicial Pay Commission has, in its report in February 2020, suggested that NPS should not be implemented in the Judicial Services.

The employees appointed on/after 01.01.2004 and who have retired now, they have either not received any pension or if they have received any pension then it is not sufficient to make their both ends meet. Therefore, it can be said that NPS failed to achieve its objective. There was no provision of family pension and gratuity in NPS in the beginning. The Government of India had to implement the same later.

The State Government of Rajasthan never compromised with the development schemes of the State despite NPS. Likewise, the development works will continue mentation of OPS. The State Government was fully aware of the anxieties caused by NPS among the employees.

The Old Pension System provides social and economic security to the employees hence, the Government of Rajasthan decided to restore OPS in the larger interest of the employees. It is not fair to have two categories of pension schemes and differentiate among the employees.

THE RIGGING WAS PEACEFUL, AND VOTING WAS HELD IN ONE OR TWO PLACES. THE POLL PANEL HAS FAILED. — BENGAL BJP PRESIDENT **SUKANTA MAJUMDAR** 





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# Shark Tank: Encourage them, don't hurt self-esteem

(The writer is the

Chief Minister of

Rajasthan. The views

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#### A considerable put-off is the unwarranted condescending attitude of a few judges

ncertain flow of income during the COVID pandemic has infused loads of stress and many are seeking to start something on their own in order to ensure lesser but steady income. Many are opting for "safer" business options (shop/trading), but a fair number are going for start-ups with new ideas.

It is in this backdrop that I take up the issue of impact of reality shows like "Shark Tank".

I have been talking, discussing with like-minded friends, to understand what is the objective of such type of reality show. For a layman it's difficult to follow the start-up jargons and the general concept. The whole thing gets reduced to whether the pitch presenter gets the funding or doesn't. So, does it encourage people to take up



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entrepreneurship? May be, but a considerable put-off is the unwarranted condescending attitude of a few judges. It's not known whether it is a deliberate ploy by program producers for eyeballs, because they are known to employ such spices occasionally in programs like "Indian Idol", "SaReGaMa". But frequent usage of this attitude, bringing the program on par with "Roadies", is confounding viewers and actually raising a serious question about the objective of such programs in general.

Nothing comes easy in life, whether in sports, entertainment, science, politics and it's the same with an entrepreneur with an idea, he/she is passionate about, searching for funds. There may be something wrong with the idea but the process to ideate is very important. And a



person should ideally ideate with a free mind.

The various episodes of "Shark Tank" leave one disturbed, when quite a few of the ideas are trashed unnervingly by the judges. Okay, you may ask, "so what's new in this"? The world is supposed to be cruel. Normally while seeking funds, this humiliation happens with almost all such aspirants, may have also happened with Ashnir

Grover, Anupam Mittal and co. But then this, most probably, would have happened within four walls, not in front of the world. A pitch is a private insight into your idea which aspirants have nurtured so carefully, passionately, and when criticism happens within four walls (just like a job interview), it is not taken to heart so much because whatever happens, it's private. I believe that by displaying pitch

presentation publicly, we are not extending the necessary respect to the entrepreneur's idea. Pitch presentation can't be entertainment.

Simultaneously I am also not in favour of "all is hunky dory"types of similar programs like "Business Blasters" where they give you encouraging words only. This again is not desirable as the impression a youngster gets is that it's an Amir Khan world out there where all is well.

Both encouragement and a bit of humiliationare necessary for the growth of mental bandwidth and resilience of an upcoming entrepreneur. Let them experience it naturally. Let them run around, seek investors, make presentations, let them get an earful, or positive kicks within the room, that's the best way

of putting him into a sound path

of ideating, iterating and reaching a sound product. Good ideas will survive. Unfeasible ideas will anyways fall-through.

As freshers we were all a bit nervous, slightly fearful of interviews initially. The fear went away because whatever happened (criticism or encouragement), happened inside the interview room, no one else knew. Similarly, there is stagefright, and hesitancy that unnerve a few first-time entrepreneurs. So why don't we just let them experience the regular, natural process, why unnerve them at the entry-

point of this world? There is loads of money with investors, but there are millions of entrepreneurs who need to be pulled out of their hesitancy, obscurity and given right inputs in terms of counselling.

Just giving out MSME loans will not create MSME eco-system, nor the required job creations. The right minds with money need to be involved to pluck out minds with innovative ideas. Right ones can be nurtured and invested in. If talent scouting for IPL teams can happen, why not for this. It isn't the objective to crit-

icise the "Shark Tank" judges here because there appears to be a script running there. But pitch presentation is a serious affair and not a song/dance/talent show. A person puts his or her whole thought, time into it. One shouldn't be making an entertainment spectacle out of it. If this continues then the next in line could be hiring of fresh MBAs through reality shows. I shudder to even think about it.

(The writer is a finance professional and an entertainment and sports enthusiast. The views expressed are personal.)

# **Russians escalate attacks** | Biden vows Putin will on civilian areas in Ukraine

 $R^{ussian\ forces\ escalated\ their}_{attacks\ on\ crowded\ urban}$ areas Tuesday, bombarding the central square in Ukraine's second-biggest city and Kyiv's main TV tower in what the country's president called a blatant campaign of terror.

"Nobody will forgive. Nobody will forget," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed after the bloodshed on the square in Kharkiv.

Ukrainian authorities said five people were killed in the attack on the TV tower, which is a couple of miles from central Kyiv and a short walk from numerous apartment buildings.

A TV control room and power substation were hit, and at least some Ukrainian channels briefly stopped broadcasting, officials said.

Zelenskyy's office also reported a powerful missile attack on the site of the Babyn Yar Holocaust memorial, near the tower. A spokesman for the memorial said a Jewish cemetery at the site, where Nazi occupiers killed more than 33,000 Jews over two days in 1941, was damaged, but the extent would not be clear until

daylight.
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(64-kilometre) convoy of hundreds of Russian tanks and other vehicles advanced slowly on Kyiv in what the West feared was a bid by Russian President Vladimir Putin to topple Ukraine's government and install a Kremlin-friendly regime.

Russian forces pressed their assault on other towns and cities across the country, including the strategic ports of Odesa and Mariupol in the south.

Day 6 of the biggest ground war in Europe since World War II found Russia increasingly isolated, beset by tough sanctions that have thrown its economy into turmoil and left the country practically friendless, apart from a few nations like China, Belarus and North

Many military experts worry that Russia may be shifting tactics. Moscow's strategy in Chechnya and Syria was to use artillery and air bombardments to pulverize cities and crush fighters' resolve.

The bombing of the TV tower came after Russia announced it would target transmission facilities in the capital used by Ukraine's intelligence agency. It urged people living near such places to leave their homes.

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fighting remained unclear, but a senior Western intelligence official estimated that more than 5,000 Russian soldiers have been captured or killed. Ukraine has given no overall

estimate of troop losses.
Britain's Defense Ministry said it had seen an increase in Russian air and artillery strikes on populated urban areas over the past two days. It also said three cities - Kharkiv, Kherson and Mariupol - were encircled by Russian forces.

In Kharkiv, with a population of about 1.5 million, at least six people were killed when the region's Soviet-era administrative building on Freedom Square was hit with what was believed to be a missile. The attack on Freedom

Square - Ukraine's largest plaza, and the nucleus of public life in the city - was seen by many Ukrainians as brazen evidence that the Russian invasion wasn't just about hitting military targets but also about breaking their spirit. The bombardment blew out windows and walls of buildings that ring the massive square, which was piled high with debris and dust. Inside one building, chunks of plaster were scattered, and doors, ripped from their hinges, lay across

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# 'pay' as Russia takes aim at urban areas

Ukraine's leader decried Russia's escalation of attacks on crowded cities as a blatant terror campaign, while US President Joe Biden warned that if the Russian leader didn't "pay a price" for the invasion, the aggression wouldn't

stop with one country.
"Nobody will forgive. Nobody will forget," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy vowed after Tuesday's bloodshed on the central square in Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, and the deadly bombing of a TV tower in the capital. He called the attack on the square "frank, undisguised terror" and a war crime.

The assault on Kharkiv continued Wednesday, even as Russia said it would be ready to resume talks with the Ukrainian side in the evening. A Russian strike on the regional police and intelligence headquarters, according to the Ukrainian state emergency service. It said three people were wounded. The strike blew off the

roof of the police building and set the top floor on fire, and pieces of the five-story building were strewn across adjacent streets, according to videos and photos released by the emergency service.

In Wednesday's strikes, four people died, nine were wounded and rescuers pulled 10 people out of the rubble, according

Biden used his first State of the Union address to highlight the resolve of a reinvigorated Western alliance that has worked to rearm the Ukrainian military and adopt tough sanc-

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tions, which he said have left Russian President Vladimir Putin "isolated in the world more than he has ever

Throughout our history we've learned this lesson when dictators do not pay a price for their aggression, they cause more chaos," Biden said.

"They keep moving. And the costs and threats to America and the world keep

Ås Biden spoke, a 40-mile (64-kilometer) convoy of hundreds of Russian tanks and other vehicles advanced slowly on Kyiv, the capital city of nearly 3 million people, in what the West feared was a bid by Putin to topple the government and install a Kremlinfriendly regime.

The invading forces also pressed their assault on other towns and cities, including the strategic ports of Odesa and Mariupol in the south.

As the seventh day of the war dawned Wednesday, Russia found itself increasingly isolated, beset by the sanctions that have thrown its economy into turmoil and left the country practically friendless, apart from a few nations like China, Belarus and North Korea.

Leading Russian bank Sberbank announced Wednesday that it is pulling out of European markets amid the tightening Western tightening

As fighting raged, the humanitarian situation worsened. Roughly 660,000 people have fled Ukraine, and countless others have taken shelter underground.

The death toll was less clear, with neither Russia nor Ukraine releasing the number

## UN says Ukraine refugee surge soon to hit 1 million

The UN refugee agency says more than 874,000 people have fled Ukraine since Russia's invasion last week and the figure is "rising exponentially, putting it on track to cross the 1 million mark possibly within hours. UNHCR spokes-woman Shabia Mantoo said Wednesday that people are continuing to stream into Ukraine's neighbouring countries to the west, with more than 200,000 fleeing since

A day earlier, Mantoo had cautioned that the outflows from Ukraine could make it the source of the "biggest refugee crisis this century" - eclipsing

the one from Syria's war over the last decade. She noted that UNHCR had previously projected that as many as 4 million people might flee Ukraine, but noted that the agency will be re-evaluating its forecast.

The latest figures show that more than half - or nearly 454,000 - have gone to Poland, more than 116,300 to Hungary and over 79,300 to Moldova. Another 69,000 have gone to other European countries and 67,000 have fled to Slovakia. Mantoo noted that the figure of 874,000 was an increase from more than 660,000 only a day earlier - and some 116,000 on Saturday, in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24.

### China 'extremely concerned' over civilian casualties in Ukraine

China is deeply grieved to see the outbreak of conflict between Ukraine and Russia and "extremely concerned" over the damage done to civilians, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has told his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba and called on Kviv and Moscow to resolve the raging crisis through negotiations.

The two ministers spoke for the first time on the phone on Tuesday since violence broke out in Ukraine following an attack from Russia.

Wang said that the situation in Ukraine has changed rapidly and that China laments the outbreak of the conflict between Ukraine and Russia

with the harm to civilians, China's state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

and is "extremely concerned'

In expressing serious concern over the harm to civilians, Wang, however, was careful not to blame Russia, whose President Vladimir Putin has launched "special military operation" against Ukraine and instead said, according to Foreign Ministry press release, China is "deeply grieved to see the conflict between Ukraine and Russia and highly concerned about the damage done to civilians".

China is a close ally of Russia and is walking a fine line by airing its concerns but not condemning Moscow's

#### Hong Kong reports record Covid-19 cases; movements may be restricted

**AP** ■ HONG KONG

Hong Kong's leader on Wednesday said people's movements may be restricted during mandatory testing this month of the entire population for the coronavirus, as health officials reported a record 55,353 daily infections and over a hundred deaths.

Chief executive Carrie Lam said authorities are still refining the plan, but that there would be no "complete" lockdown that would prevent entry and exit from the city.

"The extent of it must take into account Hong Kong's circumstances and people's needs," she told reporters.

Hong Kong is planning to test its more than 7 million residents as it grapples with soaring numbers of COVID-19 cases in its worst outbreak of the pandemic, linked largely to the omicron variant.

Officials on Wednesday reported 117 deaths, taking the total number above 1,000. About 80% of the deaths have occurred since late December.

Most involved elderly patients who were not fully vaccinated.

"We recorded about 55,000 infections today, which is within our expectation. Recently every two or three days the number of confirmed cases is doubling," said Albert Au, a health officer with the Centre for Health Protection.

He said cases have not yet beaked. US Authorities on Wednesday warned Americans against traveling to Hong Kong, with the State Department raising its travel advisory to Level 4 - Do Not Travel - because of rising cases and restrictions imposed by the city and mainland China under their "zerotolerance" policy toward the

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ment, state-run television reported. The celebrities released from Insein Prison in Yangon include prominent film industry figures Lu Min, Wyne, Pyay Ti Oo, his wife Eaindra Kyaw Zin, and popular male model and actor

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The TV report said the reason for their release was so they could participate in nationbuilding through their work in the arts. The report also said that Win Min Than, a popular blogger on beauty and fashion, received a pardon for her conviction for incitement but remained detained because she was also convicted of unlawful

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a crater that could fit several semitractor-trailers. The leftover rocket will

smash into the far side of the moon at 5,800 mph (9,300 kph) on Friday, away from telescopes' prying eyes. It may take weeks, even

months, to confirm the impact through satellite images.

It's been tumbling haphazardly through space, experts believe, since

China launched it nearly a decade ago. But Chinese officials are dubious it's theirs. No matter whose it is, sci-

entists expect the object to carve out a hole 33 feet to 66 feet (10 to 20 meters) across and send moon dust flying hundreds of miles (kilometers) across the barren, pockmarked surface.Low-orbiting space junk is relatively easy to track. Objects launching deeper into space are unlikely to hit anything and these far-flung pieces are usually soon forgotten, except by a handful of observers who enjoy playing celestial detective on the side.

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DATE: 03-03-2022 AXIS BANK LTD.

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Place: Bangalore

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| Regn no: IBBI/IPA-002/IP-N00075 /2017-2018/10206
| B. Last date for submission of claims | March 30, 2022

Notice is hereby given that EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER INDIA ha

The stakeholders of EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTER INDIA are hereby called

upon to submit a proof of their claims, on or before March 30, 2022, to the liquidator a

The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. Al

other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electron

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties

Tel: +91 124 2362335-36, Fax: +91 124 2362326 Notice of Extra Ordinary General Meeting, Record Date and Remote E-Voting information NOTICE is hereby given that the Extra Ordinary General Meeting ('EOGM') of the members of OK Play India Limited will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual means ("OAVM") on Thursday, the 24" day of March, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. to transact the Special Business(es), as set out in the Notice of EOGM. The Notice of the Meeting and emote e-voting details have been sent in electronic mode to all the members whose e-mail

In case you have not registered your email ID with the Company/ Depository, please follow below instructions to register your email ID for obtaining login details for e-voting.

IDs are registered with the Company/RTA/Depository. The date of completion of email of the

Physical Holding: Send a request to Registrar and Transfer Agents of the Company, MAS Services Limited at info@masserv.com providing Folio number, Name of the shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (Front and Back), PAN (Self attested scanned copy of PAN Card), AADHAR (Self attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) for registering email address Please send your bank detail with original cancelled cheque to our RTA (i.e. MAS Services Limited, T-34, 2nd Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-II, New Delhi-110020) along with lette mentioning folio no. if not registered already.

Demat Holding: Please contact your Depository Participant (DP) and register your e-mail address as per the process advised by DP. Please also update your bank detail with your DP. These documents are also available on Company's website www.okplay.in for download by the members. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the ompanies Act, 2013 read with the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules 2014 as amended and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Company has offered e-voting facility for transacting all the business by National Depository Services (India) Limited (NDSL) through their portal www.evoting.nsdl.com to enable the members to cast their votes electronically The remote e-voting period commences on Monday, March 21, 2022 (09:00 a.m.) and ends on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 (05:00 p.m.). During this period members of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date of March 17, 2022, may cast their vote by remote e-voting. Any person, who acquires shares and becomes member of the Company after dispatch of the notice and holding shares as of the cut-off date i.e. March 17, 2022, may obtain the login ID and password by sending request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or RTA, MAS Services Limited at info@masserv.com. Members facing any technical issue in login can contact NSDL helpdesk by sending a reques

at evoting@nsdl.co.in or call at toll free no.: 1800 1020 990 and 1800 22 44 30. However, if the members are already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting then they can use their existing user ID and password for casting their vote. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter. Once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently. The facility for voting through e voting shall be made available at the EOGM and the members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the EOGM may also attend the EOGM but shall not be entitled to cast Mr. Puneet Kumar Pandey, Practicing Company Secretary (Membership No. A29848 & CP No.10913) has been appointed as Scrutinizer for the e-voting process. The detailed procedure for remote e-voting is contained in the Notice of the EOGM. Any query/grievance relating to e-voting may be addressed to Ms. Meenu Goswami, Company Secretary, OK Play India Limited, Plot No. 17-18,Roz-ka-Meo, Industrial Estate, Tehsil-Nuh District-Mewat, Haryana-122103, Email: meenu.goswami@okplay.in For OK Play India Limite

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# **FMCG** industry hit by higher inflation

#### Faced with consumption slowdown in urban markets

New Delhi: The Indian FMCG industry witnessed a consumption slowdown in urban markets and de-growth in rural areas in 2021 as the sector was hit hard by higher inflation levels forcing companies to go for successive price increases, according to data analytics firm NielsenIQ.

In 2021, the FMCG industry had to go for double-digit price growth in three consecutive quarters to protect its

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I, Sunita Meela D/o Shri Nourang Ram Meel
R/o Village Chhbadi Methi, Churu, Rajasthan331022, At Present Residing At Room No. 309,

Shipra Hostel JNU, New Delhi-110067, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under. I am Indian Citizen of India. I and my family members are residing at above said address for

last many years. That my original migration certificate has been lost at the time of photo Copy of my documents. I shall be responsible for all the liabilities whatsoever and I shall indemnify the authorities concerned if any loss is caused to them on this account. That the year 2012 in BA (Hon.) Russian I have issued nigration certificate vide Enrollment No

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margins, which converted into a price-driven growth of 17.5 per cent in comparison to a year ago in 2020. Even in the October-

December (Q4/2021) quarter, the FMCG industry has witnessed a consumption degrowth of 2.6 per cent due to inflationary pressure, and other macroeconomic factors, said the FMCG Snapshot released by NielsenIQ's Retail Intelligence team on Wednesday.

"Higher inflation levels during 2021 have led to three consecutive quarters with double-digit price increase resulting in consumption slowdown in urban markets, and consumption degrowth in rural

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## Sensex plunges 778 pts as Russia-Ukraine war tension heightens

Mumbai: BSE benchmark bourses in Hong Kong, Tokyo Sensex plummeted 778 points to close below the 55,500-level on Wednesday following a broad-based selloff in global markets as the Russia-Ukraine crisis escalated.

The 30-share BSE index ended 778.38 points or 1.38 per cent lower at 55,468.90. Similarly, the NSE Nifty plunged 187.95 points or 1.12 per cent to 16,605.95.

Maruti was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding 6 per cent, followed by Dr Reddy's, Asian Paints, ICICI Bank, HDFC and HDFC Bank.

On the other hand, Tata Steel, Titan, Reliance and Nestle India were among the gainers. In other Asian markets,

and Shanghai ended with losses, while Seoul closed in the green.Stock exchanges in Europe were trading mixed in afternoon trade.

Tracking the Ukraine crisis, Brent crude futures rose 5.09 per cent to USD 110.31 per barrel.US President Joe Biden announced that the United States is closing its airspace to Russian planes, asserting that this along with other punitive measures would weaken Moscow. The US and EU have imposed various sanctions on Russia. These include curbs on Russia's biggest banks and excluding its financial institutions from the SWIFT global payments system

#### Maruti shares see 6% fall as firm reports wholesales dip

New Delhi: Shares of Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) on Wednesday tumbled 6 per cent after the company reported a drop in total wholesales in February.

The stock tanked 6 per cent to settle at Rs 7,813.85 apiece on the BSE. During the day, it plunged 6.58 per cent to Rs 7,765.On the NSE, it plunged 6.01 per cent to settle at Rs 7,814.20.The country's largest car maker Maruti Suzuki India on Tuesday reported a marginal drop in total wholesales at 1,64,056 units in February.

The company had sold 1,64,469 units in February 2021, MSI said in a regulatory filing.

#### 'Policy to promote private sector R&D in railways soon'

New Delhi: The Indian Railways will come up with a policy in the next 7-8 days to make private-sector research and development a major part of the railway budget with 90 per cent allocation in the future, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday.

While speaking in the concluding session of a post-Budget webinar on technologyenabled development, the Railway Minister said the defence and space sector has already broken the silos by opening up research and development (R&D) for the private sector and the same needs to be done in other sectors as well.

"In another 7-8 days, we will launch a new policy where private sector R&D would become an integral part".

#### **Fed will raise** rates this month: Powell tells Congress

Washington: Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell made clear on Wednesday that the Fed will begin raising interest rates this month in a high-stakes effort to restrain surging inflation.

In prepared testimony he will deliver to a congressional committee, Powell cautions that the financial consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine are "highly uncertain."

He says the Fed will "need to be nimble" in responding to unexpected changes resulting from the war or the sanctions that the United States and Europe have imposed in response. The Fed is widely expected to raise its benchmark short-term interest rate several times this year. AP

#### Indian firm gets patent for soya crop

New Delhi: Best Agrolife Limited, a leading agrochemical company in India, has received one more patent for herbicidal composition of haloxyfop, imazethapyr, and chlorimuron, likely to emerge as an effective one-shot solution to protect soyabean crops from the attack of narrow-leaved weeds, broadleaved weeds, and sedges

"India ranks fourth in the world with 11.4 mn hectare area under soybean, which accounts for 9.12% of the world. The company is moving ahead with the procedures of filing the PCT application to globalize the proprietary brand 'Shot Down' in many other major soyabean producing countries" said Vimal Alawadhi, MD, Best Agrolife

### Rupee skids 47 paise to 75.80 against US dollar

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated by 47 paise to close at 75.80 against the US dollar on Wednesday, pressured by the Russia-Ŭkraine crisis which also sent crude oil above the USD 110 per barrel mark. Forex traders said sustained foreign fund outflows and a lacklustre trend in domestic equities also weighed on investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 75.78 against the American dollar but later dropped to a low of 75.86. The local unit finally finished at 75.80, down 47 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee had settled at 75.33 against the US dollar. The forex market was closed on Tuesday on account of Mahashivratri.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.20 per cent higher at 97.60.Global oil benchmark Brent crude futures surged 5.71 per cent to USD 110.96 per barrel.

#### COAL GSMA ink MoU to boost mobile telecom in India

New Delhi: Industry bodies COAI and GSMA on Wednesday announced signing a pact to advance mobile telecommunications in India and collaborate on "areas of mutual interest". The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in Barcelona by COAI Director-General S P Kochhar and GSMA Head (Asia-Pacific) Julian Gorman. In a joint statement issued here, the two bodies said they have come together once again. PTI

#### Govt's policy to put solar manufacturing industry on strong footing: ISMA

New Delhi: The Government's recent policy initiatives to promote the manufacturing of solar power equipment in the country will put the industry on a strong footing and help achieve ambitious targets, industry body ISMA said on Wednesday.

The government has set an ambitious target of 500 gigawatts of renewable capacity by 2030, which is about 5 times the current cumulative installations. The majority of this target is expected from solar installations, targeted to touch 280 GW by 2030, which would require India to install 29 GW each year for the next 8 years. "Though India has about 4 GW of cell and 13 GW of module manufacturing, Indian solar sector has been majorly dependent on imports from China. Modules import accounted for more than 65 per cent of total module demand in 2021," the Indian Solar Manufacturers Association (ISMA) said.

#### **RBI CANCELS SNSSB'S LICENCE**

Mumbai: The RBI on Wednesday cancelled the licence of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra, as it did not have adequate capital and earning prospects. Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank Ltd has ceased to carry on banking

#### CANCELLATION OF NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

No.SSA/Esstt/Gunotsav/QP/54/2022/9225

The Notice inviting e-tender vide (i) No.SSA/Esstt/Gunotsav/QP/54/ 2022/8921 Date: 11.02.2022 for Printing, Packaging and Supply of Question Paper (Gunotsav, 2022) and (ii) No. SSA / Esstt / Gunotsav PPE/55/2022/8922 Date: 11.02.2022 for Pre & Post Examination Related Activities (Gunotsav, 2022) are hereby cancelled due to administrative reasons. Sd/Mission Director.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6) and 9(1)]

Lost Original Documents viz. General Power of Attorney, Agreement to Sell, Affidavit, Will, Receipt etc. Dt. 04/08/1980 executed by Sh. Har Kishan Chand in favour of Sh. Chander Bhan and Lost another Original Documents viz. General Power of Attorney, Agreement to Sell, Affidavit, Will, Receipt etc. Dt. 19/07/1982 executed by Sh. Chander Bhan in favour of Sh. Gopi Chand of Property No. 313/41-B, Plot No. 18, Block-B, Inderlok, Delhi-35 vide NCR Lodge LR No. 177700/2022		2.Mrs. Seema : (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUN' LNMEMAY0000 Rupees 25,40, Forty Thousand T along with inte along with app
Dt. 02/03/2022. If any person(s) found the documents please contact Mr. Jai Kumar Aggarwal @ Jai Kumar Bansal. Ph. No. 9811196016	2.	1.M/s Friends M ("Borrower") 2.Shanti Gupta
PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to general public at large that my client Mohd Abbas S/o Hinaytulla and		3.Komal Gupta 4.Ashok Gupta (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT
Khurshid Bano W/o Mohd Abbas R/o-H.No. 513, D-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-33 have severed their all relations and disowned their son Md Amir from their all movable and Immovable properties due to his misconduct,		Rupees 5,85, Eighty Five Lacs S along with inter along with appl

513, D-Block, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-33 have Immovable properties due to his misconduct bad activities, my client and other family members shall not be responsible for any wrongful and illegal act done by Md Ami in future. Any person deals with him shall be self responsible.
SHASHI KANT (Advocate) Ch.No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

Public Notice
To be known to all that I Sh. Arun Kumar Mahajan S/o Sh. Prithvi Raj Mahajan,R/o- GH-10/3-C, 2nd Floor,SFS Flat,Sunder Apartment,Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87, purchaser of Flat.no-3-C, 2ND Floor Pocket- GH-10.SFS Flat.Category-II.at Sunde ed for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to freehold vide application DDAHCA67275352 Dt 27/12/2021 in DDA. The original docum Allotment-cum-demand Letter of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been ming any right, interest, having any objection o found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above Mob: 9350490021 within 15days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this prop-(LAB)Housing, 3rd floor,Vikas Sadan,INA,New Delhi

Public Notice
To be known to all that I Smt. Neelam Loona W/o
Mohinder Loona, R/o- GH-10/91-D, 3rd Floor, SFS Flat, Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87 Purchaser Of Flat.no-91-D.3rd Floor Pocket-GH-10. SFS Flat Category-II, in Paschim Puri Re Scheme Known as Sunder Apartment, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-87 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to freehold vide application DDAHCA85926126 dt 25/12/21 in DDA. The original documents ie. Allotment-cum-demand Letter of the above flat have been lost. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in PS Crime branch Delhi. Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/co named person at above Mob. 9803100065 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB) Housing, 3rd floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

owner of Plot No. 2365, Area Measuring 80.26 Sq. Mtrs. Part of Khasra No. 40/5/2/2, situated at Sant Nagar, B-Block Burari and Delhi-110084 by virtue of Regd. Authorization slip dated 4/2/22 (document no. 509) (whereas in prior chain of property the khasra number has been entered as 140/5/2 whereas after conducting survey the DDA staff make it rectified in Authorization slip dated 4/2/22 as 40/5/2/2)

All person/s having any claim against or in respect of the said Property, or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, mortgage (equitable/ registered or otherwise), gift, trust, inheritance family arrangement, maintenance, bequest partnership, possession, lease, sublease, tenancy, license, lien, charge, pledge, easement or otherwise howsoever, are hereby requested to documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 7 days from the date hereof, failing which the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons will be considered to have been waived

and/or abandoned.

Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)
Shop No. 5 & 6, Pkt-E, CSC, Mayur Vihar-II,
Delhi-91, 011-43052822, 9810063351

Registered & Corporate Office: 502, Tower-A, Peninsula Business Park, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai-400013 Circle Office: Capri Global Capital Limited 2nd Floor, 3B Pusa Road Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110005

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and attest below mentioned, for recovery of amount mentioned below due to the Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor from Borrower mentioned below. The

SR. NO.	1.BORROWER(S) NAME 2. OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY	1. DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY 3. INCREMENTAL VALUE	
1.	1.Mr. Rajiv Bhatia ("Borrower") 2.Mrs. Seema S (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNMEMAY000020025 Rupees 25,40,273/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Forty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three Only) along with interest from 25.02.2022 along with applicable future interest.	All Piece and Parcel of Property No. T-113, Second Floor with roof Rights, Part of Khasra No. 12, Village Bindapur, T-Block, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi – 110059 Alongwith Construction Thereon present and future Both.	OF EMD 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION 1. E-AUCTION DATE: 22.03.2022 (Between 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.) 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 21.03.2022 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 19.03.20221 between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 11,00,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lacs Only). EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs. 1,10,000/- (Rupees One Lac Ten Thousand Only) INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)	
2.	1.M/s Friends Medicals & General Store ("Borrower") 2.Shanti Gupta 3.Komal Gupta 4.Ashok Gupta (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNCGCDELTL0000004930 Rupees 5,85,61,016/- (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Five Lacs Sixty One Thousand Sixteen Only) along with interest from 25.02.2022 along with applicable future interest	and Entire First Floor of Property No. 16, Block-D-2, Model Town-3, Delhi-	2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 21.03.2022	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 3,80,,00,000/- (Rupees Three Crores Eighty Lacs Only). EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs. 38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lacs Only) INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only)	
3.	1.M/s Nanda Sales ("Borrower") 2.Mrs. Amisha 3.Mr. Amit Kumar (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT No. LNCGCDELTL000006439 AND LNCGCDELTL000006205 Rupees 57,51,077/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lacs Fifty One Thousand Seventy Seven Only) along with interest from 25.02.2022 along with applicable future interest	All Piece and Parcel of ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR OF BUILT-UP PROPERTY NO. K-14, BEARING MUNICIPAL NO. WZ-L2/35, AREA MEASURING 93 SQUARE YARDS WITHOUT ROOF RIGHTS, PART OF KHASRA NO. 30, ALONGWITH COMMON SCOOTER PARKING ON THE GROUND FLOOR UNDER STAIRS, SITUATED IN THE AREA OF VILLAGE NANGLI JALIB, COLONY KNOWN AS KRISHNA PARK EXTENTION, GALI NO. 12, NEW	2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 21.03.2022 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 19.03.20221 between 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 25,25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Twenty Five Thousand Only).  EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs. 2,53,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Fifty Three Thousand Only)  INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)	

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor's website i.e. www. Capriglobal.in/auction/

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TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE: . The Property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnitie

2. Particulars of the property / assts (viz. extent & measurements specified in the E-Auction Sale Notice has been stated to the best of information of the Secured Creditor and Secured Creditor shall not be nswerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extant & dimensions may differ.

3. E-Auction Sale Notice issued by the Secured Creditor is an invitation to the general public to submit their bids and the same does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any com epresentation on the part of the Secured Creditor. Interested bidders are advised to peruse the copies of title deeds with the Secured Creditor and to conduct own independent enquiries /due diligence about the itle & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s. 4. Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontider.net Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologie:

Limited, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform 5. The bidders may participate in e-auction for bidding from their place of choice. Internet connectivity shall have to be ensured by bidder himself. Secured Creditor /service provider shall not be held responsible fo

6. For details, help, procedure and online bidding on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider M/S E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Ahmedabad (Contact no. 079

 $61200531/576/596/559/598/587/594/.), Mr.\ Ramprasad\ Sharma\ Mob.\ 800-002-3297/79-6120\ 0559.\ Email: ramprasad\ @auctiontiger.net, and the control of th$ 7. For participating in the e-auction sale the intending bidders should register their name at https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net well in advance and shall get the user id and password. Intending bidders are advised to ange only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provide

8. For participating in e-auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% OF RESERVE PRICE (as mentioned above) shall be payable by interested bidders through Demand Draft/NEFT/RTGS n favor of "Capri Global Capital Limited" on or before 21-March-2022.

9. The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid Form (format available on https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net) along with the Demand Draft remittance towards EMD in a sealed cover addressed to the Authorized Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited Regional Office / Plot no. 3B, 2nd Floor, Pusa Road, New Delhi 110 005 latest by 03:00 PM on 21-March-2022. The sealed cover should be super scribed with "Bid for participating in E-Auction Sale -- in the Loan Account No. \_(as mentioned above) for property of "Borrower Name.".

10. After expiry of the last date of submission of bids with EMD, Authorised Officer shall examine the bids received by him and confirm the details of the qualified bidders (who have quoted their bids over and above the reserve price and paid the specified EMD with the Secured Creditor) to the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited to enable them to allow only those bidders to participate in the online inter-se

11, Inter-se bidding among the qualified bidders shall start from the highest bid quoted by the qualified bidders. During the process of inter-se bidding, there will be unlimited extension of "10" minutes each, i.e. the

and time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension.

12. Bids once made shall not be cancelled or withdrawn. All bids made from the user id given to bidder will be deemed to have been made by him alone 13. Immediately upon closure of E-Auction proceedings, the highest bidder shall confirm the final amount of bid quoted by him BY E-Mail both to the Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited, Regional Officer

(Plot no. 3B, 2nd Floor, Pusa Road, New Delhi 110 005 and the Service Provider for getting declared as successful bidder in the E-Auction Sale proceedings.

14. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) on the same day of the sale, being knocked down in his favour and balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days from the date of sale by DD/Pay order/NEFT/RTGS/Chq favouring Capri Global Capital Limited.

15. In case of default in payment of above stipulated amounts by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid (including EMD) will be forfeited and the property will be again out to sale.

16. At the request of the successful bidder, the Authorised Officer in his absolute discretion may grant further time in writing, for depositing the balance of the bid amount 17. The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 19 towards TDS), adjusting the EMD within 15 working days of the acceptance of the offer by the authorized officer, or within such other extended time as deemed fit by the Authorised Officer, falling which the earnest deposit will be forfeited

18. Municipal / Panchayat Taxes, Electricity dues (if any) and any other authorities dues (if any) has to be paid by the successful bidder before issuance of the sale certificate. Bids shall be made taking into consideration of all the statutory dues pertaining to the propert

19. Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful bidder only upon deposit of entire purchase price / bid amount and furnishing the necessary proof in respect of payment of al

20. Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchase 21. The Authorized officer may postpone / cancel the E-Auction Sale proceedings without assigning any reason whatsoever. In case the E-Auction Sale scheduled is postponed to a later date before 15 days from

the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider 22. The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable

23. All bidders who submitted the bids, shall be deemed to have read and understood the terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale and be bound by them

24. For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited: Mr. Sushii Gupta Mo. No. 7400445137.

25. This publication is also 15 (Fifteen) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of Special Instructions / Caution: Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Capri Global

Capital Limited nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auctio

Place: DELHI Date: 03-03-2022 Sd/- (Authorised Officer) Capri Global Capital Ltd

SSA, Assam nyog /CF/3561/21 Kahilipara, Guwahati-19

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

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

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	
1.	Varun Prakash, Puneet Prakash, HS 19 1st Floor, Kailash Colony, Greater Kailash South Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00004310166	House No HS-19, Kailash Colony Delhi	27/12/2021 Rs. 85,32,101/-	13/0° 202°
2.	Varun Prakash, Puneet Prakash, Uma Sharma, HS 19 1st Floor, Kailash Colony, Greater Kailash South Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004423376	House NoHS-19, Kailash Colony Delhi	27/12/2021 Rs. 49.45.383/-	13/0 202
3.	Varun Prakash, Uma Sharma, HS-19, Kailash Colony Market, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002094573	Apartment No- 502, 5th Floor, Livork, Block-CC, Plot No. CC- 01, Sector- 25 A and 32 Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 45,51,741/-	13/0
4.	Thotngam Rungsung, Benmi Vashum, Flat No- 5, House No- 168 Humayunpur, Safdarjung Enclave, Elhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00005163199	Plot No. 905, 9th Floor Building Od 101217 South Court 2 Khasra No. 123 and 124 133/659 Gram Narsinghpura Tehsil Sanganer Jaipur	27/12/2021 Rs. 53,90,462/-	04/0 202
5.	Sunil Kumar, Kamala Prasad Singh, F-201, Green Valley, Green Valley Cghs, Dwarka, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00004741135	Flat No.59, Sandel Street Retail Plot No. 22 Sector 135 Gautam Buddha Nagar	31/12/2021 Rs. 64,93,916/-	31/10 202
6.	Sumit Cowshik, Vakul Cowshik, 1/9, Lantana Street, Vatika City, Sona Road, Gurgoan, A/c No:- LBDEL00001726646	Aptt No- B-4/ G F, Tower No- Iris- B-4, Ground Floor, Vatika City, Sohna Road, Gurgaon,	31/12/2021 Rs. 31,05,245/-	31/0 202
7.	Simmi Vij, Rajesh Kumar Vij, JG- 1/8 A, Vikaspuri Delhi, Vikaspuri Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00004913388	Plot No. 64, Third Floor With Roof Rights Block F Vikaspuri Delhi	31/12/2021 Rs.43,85,036/-	04/1 202
8.	Shri Krishan Datt,prabhu Datt Sharma, Flat No. D0504 5th Floor, Tower D Spring View Heights, Village Shahpur Bhameta, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBDEL00002078769	Unit D 0504, D01 Tower D, Fifth Floor Maxima, Sare Homes Gurgaon	31/12/2021 Rs. 32,61,054/-	31/0 202
9.	Sangeeta Mullick, Manmohan Mullick, A-64 Gyandeep Appartments, Mayur Vihar Phase I Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00002480392	Flat No Am- H- 1706, 17th Floor Tower- H Ajnara Ambrosia Plot No. Gh- 01 Sec-118 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	31/12/2021 Rs. 42,86,430/-	31/1 202
10.	Sandeep Sharma, Seema Sharma, H No. F 100 B Gali No. 05, Mangal Bazar Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur East Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004978071	Flat No-2604, Floor-26 Tower-B Ajnara Panorama Plot No- Gh-04 Sector-22 Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Area Greater Noida	31/12/2021 Rs. 40,80,710/-	31/1 202
11.	Roshan Lal Semwal, Luxmi Devi Semwal, A 170 Block A, Devli Extension, Devli Extension, Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00003444986	Plot No. 1901, Sethi Venice Tower B19th Floor Sec-150 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	31/12/2021 Rs. 51,61,306/-	30/0 202
12.	Rohan Sharma, H No. F 50 Radhey Puri Krishna Nagar H O, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004949198	Flat No. AM- A 103, 1st Floor Tower- A Ajnara Ambrosia Plot No. GH- 01 Sector-118 Gautam Buddha Nagar Noida	31/12/2021 Rs.46,87,073/-	31/1 202
13.	Ritu Kapoor,asha Kapoor, B-4/1105 Krishna Apra, Gardens Vaibhav, Khand Indirapuram, Ghjaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBGHZ00002357593	Flat No. 504, 5th Floor Tower- D Sanskriti Tower Plot No. Gh-10 Sector-01 Greater Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 31,86,978/-	04/0 202
14.	Reetesh Kumar Vishwakarma, Bharti Vishwakarma, Prop No. D 44, Adarsh Nagar, Prithvi Raj Road, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00005164714	Plot No-179, Second Floor Abhay Khand 1 Indirapuram Ghaziabad	31/12/2021 Rs. 71,95,531/-	04/1 202
15.	Ramesh Kumar Roy, Babita Roy, H No. 76 Gali No. 5, Laxmi Vihar Jain Road, Uttam Nagar West Delhi, Delhi,110059 A/c No:- LBGHZ00005159753	i, Laxmi Vihar Jain Road, Uttam est Delhi, Delhi, 110059 Sector 10 Shree Vardhman Gardenia, Sector 10 Sonepat		04/1 202
16.	Parveen Kumar, Shikhar Dixit, Flat No- 605 T-1, RPS Sawana City, Sector- 88 Faridabad, A/c No:- LBNOD00004927412	arveen Kumar, Shikhar Dixit, Flat No- 605 Flat No. 2711, 27th Floor Panorama Block G Tower G Plot		04/1 202
17.	Nisha Kumari, Manish Kumar, B 94 2nd Floor, Sector 48 Noida, Noida G B Nagar, Noida, A/c No:- LBNOD00002962269	Flat No-1608, Tower- G 16th Floor Future Estate Plot No- Gh-16 E Sector-1 Greater Noida Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 26,23,184/-	04/0 202
18.	Nisha., Ajay Kumar, House No. F-1/315, Southend Appartment, Eros Garden Charmwood Village, Faridabad, A/c No:- LBFDB00004288882	Plot No- 3560, 3rd Floor Sec- C Green Fields Colony Faridabad	27/12/2021 Rs. 46,88,328/-	04/0 202
19.	Nidhi Batra, Renu Batra, Rudraksh Batra, H No-177, Sector-17, Near Hari Mandir, Faridabad, A/c No:- LBDEL00002000522	Plot No- SCF 7, Sector-17, Urban Estate Faridabad	31/12/2021 Rs. 32,40,872/-	31/0 202
20.	Mukesh Kumar, Neha Rana, H No. 70 C Pocket E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00003110383	Flat No. B- 804, 8th Floor Tower B Bliss Homes and Bliss Sqare, Karpuripuram, Govindpuram, Ghaziabad	27/12/2021 Rs. 29,02,306/-	04/0 202
21.	Mohammed Maqdoom Mohiuddin, Tanveer Ahmad Khan, Rumana Khadri, Flat No. 10 Al Kaabi Tower, 2nd Floor Dubai, Dubai, A/c No:-LBNOD00002398252	Flat No. 605, 6th Floor Tower- C Plot No Gh-07 A Casa Grande Sector- Chi- V Greater Noida Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 43,09,332/-	04/0 202
22.	Mohammed Maqdoom Mohiuddin, Tanveer Ahmad Khan, Rumana Khadri, Flat No 10 Al Kaabi Tower, 2nd Floor Dubai, A/c No:- LBNOD00002406178	Flat No. 604, 6th Floor Tower- C Plot Bearing No. Gh- 07 A Casa Grande Sector- Chi- V Greater Noida Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 41,87,565/-	04/0 202
23.	Mirza Mdmustafa Abbas, Urooj Qamar, F-6 Flat No- 6268, Alok Vihar-2 Sec- 50 Noida, A/c No:- LBDEL00004867685	Flat No. C 101 1st Floor, Block C Sethi Group Max Royal Plot No. GH 02 B Sector 76 Gautam Buddha Nagar	09/12/2021 Rs. 8,22,954/-	04/0 202
24.	Jitendra Sharma, Shashi Sharma, Flat No. 403, Antrix Green, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBGHZ00003623550	Flat No. 403, 4th Floor Antriksh Greens Kaushmbi Ghaziabad	09/12/2021 Rs. 49,18,506/-	04/0 202
	Jitendra Sharma, shashi Sharma, Flat No. 403, Antrix Green, Kaushambi, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGHZ00003623552	Flat No. 403, 4th Floor Antriksh Greens Kaushmbi Ghaziabad	09/12/2021 Rs. 19,03,454/-	04/0 202
26.	Jaswinder Singh, Bhupinder Kaur, WZ-38, 2nd Floor Lane- 9, Varinder Nagar, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002050590	Office Space No- 606, 6th Floor, Tulsiani Grace-37, Elgin Road Civil Lines Allahabad	27/12/2021 Rs. 37,95,576/-	09/0 202

publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: March 03, 2022 Place: Delhi/ NCR Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

# **National Science Week 2022** concludes at KiiT International School



A s a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, grand pro-grammes and exhibitions to showcase indigenous science, technology, and innovations were held at 75 locations across the country, including KiiT International School, Bhubaneswar, from February 22 to 28. The week-long celebrations themed 'Vigyan Sarvatre Pujyate' and jointly organised by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Office of the principal scientific officer to the Government of India, and Vigyan Prasar and supported by DST, DBT, CSIR, MoES, DAE, DOS, ICMR, AICTE, and DRDO, concluded on 28th February, on the occasion of National Science Day.

The festival at Bhubaneswar was organised under the aegis of Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha in association with Odisha Bigyan Academy, Bhubaneswar City Knowledge Innovation Cluster, KIIT Deemed to be University and Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar.

The valedictory ceremony at KiiT International School was graced by Dr K K Nanda, director, Institute of Physics; Mr Laxmi Narayan Padhi, senior scientist, Science and Technology Department, Government of Odisha; Dr P. C. Padhi, chief manager, CIPET-IPT; Dr S Hajra, DRDO coordinator for ITR, Chandipur; Dr S Dutta, coordinator, "Proof and Experimental Establishment (PXE)" DRDO, Chandipur; Dr Bibhuti Bhusan Mishra, president, Odisha Bigyan Academy; Dr Mrutyunjay Suar, director general-R&D, KIIT-DU and chairman, BCKIC; Dr Mona Lisa Bal, chairperson, KiiT International School and Dr Sanjay Suar, principal.

They addressed the students highlighting the capabilities of Indian Science and Technology, achievements and excellent work undertaken by Govt. of Odisha to



popularise the science among the students and researchers.

The defence pavilion by DRDO-ITR and DRDO-PXE was a major attraction. It included Arjuna Tank, guns, mortars and different miniaturised missile models, depicting the true missiles. Space on Wheels was an innovative display by ISRO where multiple miniature models of indigenously developed space launched vehicles along with satellite including India's first satellite Aryabhata was showcased.

The festival featured worldclass researchers, scientists and technocrats in a variety of talks,

panel discussions and expositions. A series of competitions for students were organised including essay writing, poems, debate, drama and poster making. In addition, students presented their ideas, inventions and science projects focused on societal and industrial benefits. The winners of the competitions were awarded on the occasion. The science week had a participation of more than 15,000 students from different schools of the state visiting innovation booths showcased by premier organisations, including CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology, DBT-Institute of Life Sciences, Odisha Space Application Center, National Innovation Foundation, Odisha Vigyan Academy, Experiential Learning Booth by KIIT, Booth on Vaidik Mathematics by Institute of Mathematics and Applications, and innovations by SROSTI to



# SheWings promotes breastfeeding

SheWings, India's fastest growing social enterprise which focusses on educating women and men on women's health and hygiene management and towards eradicating period poverty, today organised a Women Bike Riders event with support from IWR (Indian Women Riders) and in association with Crowne Plaza Greater Noida. The women's bike rider event was organised to elevate the awareness of breastfeeding amongst the working women of the society. The other popular brands which extended their support in this great initiative by SheWings are Oil India Limited, Radico Khaitan, Eugenix, BSC Women, Manipal

Hospitals and more.
The Women's Bike Rider event is one of the on-ground activities of SheWings for the celebration of the International Women's week. The riders rode from the DND flyover to Crowne Plaza Greater Noida. The special thing about the event was that all the riders from IWR were working mothers and well-known personalities across the fields. Speaking on the occasion Madan Mohit Bharadwaj, founder SheWings said, "I am thankful to IWR and Crowne Plaza for all the support we have got for our breastfeeding initiative. I am glad to see these women riders who are mothers also understand the importance of breastfeeding and are here to support the cause. I hope our efforts would not go in vain and we would be able to mould and change mothers' perspective

towards breastfeeding."
Sharad K Upadhyay, GM, Crowne Plaza, Greater Noida said, "It is a great initiative by SheWings organisation and I am happy to be



associated with the cause. We are ready to extend our full support in whatever way we can."

"We are excited to be part of this great initiative. Being a woman I know what it takes to be a working mother especially when you are a mother of a newborn baby. I agree breastfeeding is exhaustive but it is an essential part of the baby's growth initially. I have myself know a few mothers who are not so serious and due to lack of proper guid-ance or may be due to different mindset and lifestyle habits, do not emphasise on breastfeeding," said Priti Saraswat, founder IWR.

"Breastfeeding is not only helpful for babies but also for the breastfeeding mothers and this is something which not many know. However, an important angle in breastfeeding is that all the members of the family should support a breastfeeding mother. So that she is at ease physically and mentally. This needs to be highlighted and more such wonderful awareness campaigns to be organised so that the perspective towards breastfeeding changes and mothers do it happily," said Richa Choudhary, chief marketing officer, SheWings



Shri Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister for Railways, received Indian nationals evacuated from Ukraine at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi on Tuesday night. A special rail reservation counter was set up at IGI Airport to facilitate the onward journey of returnees, The Union Government has launched 'Operation Ganga' to bring back stranded Indian nationals and students from Ukraine due to the Russia-Ukraine war.

The Minister welcomed them and assured them of all assistance from the Government of India and said that it will be ensured that every Indian in Ukraine returns home safely. The parents of the students expressed immense gratitude to the Government for safely bringing back their

A special rail reservation counter has also been set up at IGI Airport to facilitate the onward journey of the returnees to their hometowns



Shri M K Garg, a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Ordnance Factory Service (1985), took charge of the directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services) upon the superannuation of Shri E R Sheikh. Shri Garg is a mechanical engineer from the University of Roorkee and is an alumnus of the prestigious National Defence College (NDC). He also has a PGDBM from the Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. He has worked in various capacities in the Ordnance Factories including as general manager of the Small Arms Factory, Kanpur and the Ordnance Factory Kanpur Before taking over, he was posted as additional director general Ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services), Kolkata

### POWERGRID, NR-I handed over neo-natal ventilators to District Hospital, Gurugram under CSR



POWERGRID, Northern Region-I Punder its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative handed over Neo-Natal Ventilators to Dr Virender Yadav, CMO, District Hospital, Gurugram on March 2. This CSR initiative of POWERGRID, completed under the guidance and leader-ship of Shri A K Mishra, Executive Director, NR-I marks the second and final phase of providing lifesaving medical equipment to Faridabad, Gurugram and Mewat districts of

During the first phase of the project, handheld ABG Machines were provided to various district hospitals in these three districts of the state. POWERGRID has always been on the

forefront in facilitating the augmentation of health infrastructure within the state of Haryana as well as in other states through its various CSR initiatives that include works related to health, rural development, education, environment and more with a vision of contributing towards the integrated development of the country. On the behalf of District Hospital, Gurugram Dr Virender Yadav, CMO, Gurugram and Shri Gaurav Singh, Additional CEO from Haryana State CSR Trust were handed over the Neo-Natal Ventilators. Sh. Vinayak Chauhan, Sr GM (CSR), Shri Vinod Prakash Baxla, Sr. DGM (HR) from POWERGRID and other senior officials were also

present at the event.

## CLW turns out 432nd electric locomotives of the FY 2021-22

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW) created another history by surpassing the record 431 electric locomotives in the current Financial Year 2021-22 in record 258 working days which is the days in any Financial Year.

In continuation of the trend of producing 40+ locomotives per month, CLW achieves another achievement in that it produced a record 50 locomotives in February in FY 2021-22, this is the best production figure of February in any Financial year.

It is a proud moment for CLW that the record-breaking 432nd loco WAG9 HC (Loco No. 33466) of the current year was flagged off by Shri Satish Kumar Kashyup, general manager from saloon siding on February 28.

It is worth mentioning that CLW had earlier achieved the highest loco production



figure of 431 in 2019-20 which is surpassed today. This feat was possible under the leadership & guidance of Shri Kashyup, general manager/CLW & with his continuous motivation and encouragement to the workforce of CLW.

Shri Kashyup congratulated the entire team of CLW and appreciated their commitment to the progress of pro-

### POWERGRID, NR-I DISTRIBUTES SEWING MACHINES

 $P^{\rm ower\ Grid\ Corporation\ of}_{\rm India\ Limited\ has\ always}$ been at the forefront of social responsibility work.

POWERGRID's includes works related to health, rural development, education, environment and more to contribute to the integrated

development of the country. Accordingly, POWER-GRID had undertaken the CSR project of organising sewing training for women living below the poverty line in Sec-10A, Gurugram. The project included imparting six months of training to these women and distributing sewing machines to all the beneficiaries upon completion of the course. The six months training was successfully imparted but the distribution of sewing machines to the beneficiaries was withheld due

to the spread of Covid-19. Keeping in view the controlled situation of Covid 19, an event was organised on February 24 at Community Centre, Sector 10A, Gurugram where chief guest, Smt Annu



Kumari Mishra distributed the Sewing Machines and training certificates to these beneficiaries. On this occasion, Sh. A.K. Mishra, executive director, POWERGRID, NR-I, Shri Sanjay Sharma, Sr GM, Shri P N Ghildiyal, Sr GM and other senior officials from POWERGRID were also present at the event.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mishra reiterated POWERGRID's commitment to contributing to the development of the nation as a whole by working towards the wellbeing and upliftment of the various sections of society. He emphasised that working towards the skill development of society is the need of the hour. He also asserted that acquiring this additional vocational skill will help women gain confidence, become self-reliant and increase their income by pursuing tailoring as a career. While interacting with the

chief guest, Smt Annu Kumari Mishra appreciated the efforts of POWERGRID and emphasised that this newly acquired skill shall enhance the overall quality of their life and their family members.

# CAPFs participate at voluntary blood donation camp at AIIMS

Shri Sanjay Arora, DG ITBP and Dr Randeep Guleria, director AIIMS inaugurated a one-day mega blood donation Camp at AIIMS, New Delhi on February

More than 2,500 CAPF personnel including ITBP, CRPF, BSF, SSB, RAF and more voluntarily participated at the camp. More than 2,500 units of blood were donated during the camp.

The CAPFs have been voluntarily participating at this annual blood donation camp for the past three years.

This year, the camp has been themed at 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. AIIMS has been celebrating a week-long Raktadan Mahotsav from February 18 to 25.





BORO SHOCK SPURS

another FA Cup shock to extend Tottenham's long wait for silverware with a 1-0 win after extra time at the Riverside on Tuesday, while Manchester City eased into the last eight with a 2-0 victory at Peterborough.

Boro knocked out Manchester United at Old Trafford in the fourth round and the Championship side were worthy winners to condemn Spurs to another trophyless season.

Not since a League Cup win in 2008 have Tottenham lifted a trophy and another hugely disappointing defeat poses further questions over the future of manager Antonio

The Italian only took charge in November, but has already hinted he



Teenager Josh Coburn came off could walk away after a run of four the bench to score the only goal with defeats in the past six Premier a thumping finish across Hugo

Lloris in the 107th minute.

Chris Wilder's men might not have been forced to play the extra

nected with a free header from a

the net for Tottenham only to be as he waits to win the first major

flagged offside. But the England captain may

Harry Kane did have the ball in also be again considering his future

honour of his career.

Middlesbrough were by far the brighter side in extra time and got their reward when Coburn rifled across Lloris from Crooks' through

Earlier, Oleksandr Zinchenko captained City as classy finishes from Riyad Mahrez and Jack Grealish sent the English champions

Ukrainian international Zinchenko took the armband in his first appearance since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Fernandinho had initially been listed as City skipper for the tie, but the Brazilian, who signed from Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk, offered the role to Zinchenko in a show of solidarity.

"It's not an easy period for Oleks. His family, his country but playing football is the best for him at the moment," said City boss Pep

Zinchenko and Peterborough captain Frankie Kent held a Ukrainian flag together as they led the teams out at the start of the

Once the action got underway, Guardiola's men took time to make the breakthrough against a side sit-

ting bottom of the Championship. Mahrez took his tally for the season to an impressive 19 goals in just 32 appearances as the Algerian cleverly guided the ball into the far corner from a narrow angle on the hour mark.

Grealish has had a far less productive season since his £100 million (\$134 million) move from Aston Villa.

But he marked his return from injury with a sublime touch to control Phil Foden's long through ball before slotting past Steven Benda for his fourth City goal.

"While we were on the coach on the way to the game, I was sat next to Phil and we were scrolling through videos of (Lionel) Messi, said Grealish.

"After scoring he came up to me and said it was just like we were watching.'

Crystal Palace also booked their place in the quarter-finals with a 2win over Stoke.

Cheikhou Kouyate and Jairo Riedewald struck for the Eagles either side of Josh Tymon's

Novak Djokovic no

longer with longtime

coach Marian Vajda

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# Chelsea for sale? Doubts over Abramovich's ownership grow

Pressure is growing on Roman Abramovich to sell Chelsea, and one potential buyer claims the Russian oligarch is already trying to offload the Premier League club. Chelsea and Abramovich's representatives have not disputed Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss saying he "received an offer on Tuesday to buy Chelsea from Abramovich" along with three other people.

"Abramovich is currently asking far too much," Wyss was quoted as telling Swiss newspaper Blick. As Russia's war on Ukraine entered a seventh day, the British government was yet to say if Abramovich would be included among the wealthy Russians to be targeted in sanctions. Chelsea, the reigning European champion, owes Abramovich



of injecting cash to elevate the club into one of the most successful in Europe. Parliamentary privilege has been used by Chris Bryant, a legislator in Britain's opposition Labour Party, to make claims about Abramovich over the last week. Bryant has accused Abramovich in the House of Commons of having "links to the Russian state and his public association with corrupt activity and practices," while urging him to

Bryant claimed in an intervention in the House of Commons on Tuesday that Abramovich was already looking to sell London properties, speculating that "he's terrified of being sanctioned."

Bryant added: "The danger is that Mr

time we get round to sanctioning him."

Abramovich tried to distance himself from decision-making at Chelsea on Saturday by announcing plans to shift the "steward-ship and care" of the club its foundation trustees. But the Charity Commission, which regulates the Chelsea Foundation, has received a "serious incident report" from the Foundation's trustees amid concerns about how Abramovich's plan can be enacted.

Abramovich has faced calls to condemn Russia's attack on Ukraine which he hasn't done yet. In 2012, a High Court judge in London highlighted Abramovich's connections to Putin in a ruling related to a legal battle. Judge Elizabeth Gloster said Abramovich had "very good relations" and "privileged access" to Putin though adding he could not "pull the presidential strings".

from Putin. Abramovich was last seen in public on

the field in Abu Dhabi last month after Chelsea won the Club World Cup. His last public visit to a match at the club's Stamford Bridge home was last year.

Ăbramovich has not had a British visa since 2018 when a renewal application was taking longer than usual to go through and was withdrawn. That came at a time when Britain pledged to review the long-term visas of rich Russians in the aftermath of the poisonings of Russian former spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury. Britain blamed Russia for the

Novak Djokovic and coach Marian Vajda are no longer working together, splitting up after 15 years and pair's exposure to a nerve agent, an allegation Moscow denies, and Abramovich is not 20 Grand Slam titles. A statement that went up on Djokovic's website on Tuesday said that the two men "agreed to end their partnership" after last year's season-ending

> "Marian has been by my side during the most important and memorable moments in my career," Djokovic said in the posting.

"Together we have achieved some incredible things and I am very grateful for his friendship and dedication over the last 15 years. While he might be leaving the professional team he will

also has picked up other coaches at various times - including Boris Becker, Andre Agassi and Radek Stepanek and Goran Ivanisevic, who has been tinue to work with the 34-year-old from Serbia. Djokovic and Vajda took a break from each other in 2017 but

have been lucky to watch him trans-

# Inter and Milan draw 0-0 in Italian Cup semifinal 1st leg

soon be scoring again.

 $I^{ ext{nter Milan's miserable}}$  month continued when it drew  $I^{ ext{0-0}}$  against city rival AC Milan in first leg of their Italian Cup semifinal.

Inter has won only one of its past seven matches in all competitions since the start of February. That run has seen the defending Serie A champion fall off the top spot in the league and lose 2-0 at home to Liverpool in the first leg of their Champions League matchup.

failed to score. The Nerazzurri have now gone more than 400 minutes without finding the back of the net. "We've had lots of games and we need to rediscov-

er our spark but we're working on it," Inter coach Simone İnzaghi said. "We still have the best attack. Going four matches without scoring obviously creates headlines but we'll

"I think it's only natural for us to drop off a bit now. We were going full throttle in November, December and January. We're not playing as well as we were ... We're trying to recover our physical and mental



strength." Both teams had chances at San Siro and though neither goalkeeper was really troubled, Inter's Samir Handanovic did have to pull off a one-handed save to keep out a Rafael Leão curler at the start of the second half. Milan hasn't won the cup in nearly two decades - since 2003 - while Inter hasn't gotten past the semifinals since winning the last of its seven titles in

# **Voglsammer fires Union into DFB Pokal semis**

**AP** ■ BERLIN

Union Berlin reached the semi-finals of the German Cup for the first time in more than 20 years on Tuesday as a late goal by substitute Andreas Voglsammer sealed a 2-1 win over St Pauli.

Voglsammer came off the bench to hit the winner in the last-eight tie and send Union into the last four of the cup for the first time since Second-division St Pauli took a

first-half lead in Berlin when a free-Kyereh found the back of the net. Union drew level thanks to

Sheraldo Becker's chip just before the half-time whistle. Voglsammer capitalised on a

long pass and a slip by St Pauli defender Jakov Medic to bang in the winner 15 minutes from time. The 30-year-old Voglsammer

then hit the post in stoppage time. This is only the second time in the cup's 72-year history that four sec-

ond-division teams made the quarter-finals, as most of the big clubs fell by the wayside.

Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich were crushed 5-0 at Borussia Moenchengladbach in the second round last October in a freak result which set shock waves through German football.

Holders Borussia Dortmund were dumped out in the third round in January when a full-strength side featuring Erling Haaland lost 2-1 at

Union, last season's losing finalists RB Leipzig, Bochum and Freiburg are the four Bundesliga clubs still left. On Wednesday, Hamburg host

Karlsruhe in an all-second division tie, while Hanover 96 hope to upset Leipzig.

The semi-finals will be played on

April 19 and 20, with the final at Berlin's Olympic Stadium.

# always be family and I can't thank him enough for all he has done." During Vajda's tenure, Djokovic

reunited the next year. "During my time with Novak, I

form into the player he is today. I will look back on our time together with immense pride and am so very thankful for the success we have achieved," Vajda said in the post on Djokovic's

## Russian players still allowed to compete in major tennis events



 $R^{\hbox{\it ussian and Belarusian tennis}}_{\hbox{\it players will be allowed to}}$ continue competing in ATP and WTA tournaments and Grand Slam events, the sport's governing bodies said on Tuesday.

A statement from the ATP, WTA, ITF and the organisers of the four Grand Slam competitions said Russians and Belarusians can keep competing in professional events "for the time being", despite Russia's

invasion of Ukraine.

However, they will not be allowed to compete under the name or flag of Russia or Belarus.

The ITF have suspended both countries from team events, the Davis Cup and Billie Jean King Cup.

And the ATP and WTA tournaments set to be held in Moscow in October have been suspended.

The International Olympic Committee on Monday urged sports federations and organis-

ers to exclude Russian and Belarusian athletes and offi-cials from international events. FIFA and UEFA followed

suit by banning Russia from international football tourna-ments with World Athletics one of many governing bodies also to implement a ban. A deep sense of distress, shock and sadness has been felt

across the entire tennis commu-

nity following Russia's invasion

of Ukraine in the past week," said the joint statement. "Our thoughts are with the people of Ukraine, and we commend the many tennis players who have spoken out and taken action against this unacceptable act of aggression. We echo their calls for the violence to end and peace to return.'

The ruling means new men's world number one Daniil Medvedev is free to compete on

Russia's Medvedev on Monday became the first man since 2004 outside the game's 'Big Four" of Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal, Roger Federer and Andy Murray to occupy the

top spot. Medvedev is one of many Russian and Belarusian tennis stars that have used their profile on social media to plead for

"I want to ask for peace in the world, for peace between countries," he posted on Sunday.

# There is a gap in Indian tennis but structured plan in place for future: Rohit Rajpal

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's Davis Cup captain ■Rohit Rajpal acknowledged that there is a "gap" in Indian tennis at the moment with the next line not quite visible but asserted that a "structured plan" is in place to ensure that the fresh pool of talent emerges soon. Speaking to the media ahead of the Davis Cup World Group 1 play-off tie against Denmark on Friday and Saturday, Rajpal was asked about the plan for the future in Indian tennis given that the squad still features a 41-year-old doubles specialist in Rohan

Bopanna. "We have a decent line-up for singles, we have a good lineup for doubles but we do have an issue that some of the players are getting older for example, Rohan is getting on the other side of 40, and that is worrying for me," Rajpal said in a press conference here.

"There is a gap in Indian tennis at this moment. We are also opening centre of excellence and sports science centre. Overall, we are trying to create a pipeline. (Davis Cup coach) Zeeshan Ali has moved to



kids, some more will be picked. We have a structured plan. We are trying to cover the gap. That's the effort," he added

About the tie, Rajpal reiterated that the grass court

would work to India's advantage and was especially pleased to have Yuki Bhambri back in the mix. Bhambri (863) along with Ramkumar Ramanathan (182) and Prajnesh Gunneswaran (228) make up the singles line-up. 'Ram has been playing

well, he won a Challenger in the Middle East. I am very happy to have Yuki Bhambri in the team. We have been working on his fitness to make sure he is ready for the tie," Rajpal said.

Asked about the home advantage against the Danes, Rajpal said the surface certain-

ly gives India the edge. "It all depends who you are

playing against, if you have a Federer and Nadal then you haven't won half the battle. Otherwise, the home side has advantage because you get to choose the surface," he pointed out. Denmark Captain Frederik Nielsen agreed with that assessment.

"I trust my boys, playing on the grass court will not be the biggest upset in the history of Davis Cup but it's needless to say that it may cause some upsets to win this tie," said

# Nice end Versailles' dream run

mine Gouiri starred as Nice ended Afourth-tier Versailles' incredible run with a 2-0 victory on Tuesday to reach their first French Cup final in 25 years. Christophe Galtier's Nice, also in the hunt for Champions League qualification from Ligue 1, are bidding for a first major trophy since lifting the French Cup in 1997. Most supporters would have expected the hosts, funded by British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe's Ineos company, to comfortably see off Versailles at the Allianz Riviera.

But the visitors dug deep and kept



the game goalless until the 48th minute, when Nice took the lead. Young forward Gouiri chested

down a cross inside the area and lashed the ball into the top corner to score his 12th goal of the season. Versailles continued to look dangerous on the counter-attack but the

semi-final was ended as a contest by a moment of brilliance from Gouiri with 17 minutes to play.

The 22-year-old raced forwards

from just inside the Versailles half, before a remarkable piece of skill took him past three defenders on the edge of the box.

# I Don't Judge Myself Based on Numbers: Harman

enior India player Harmanpreet Kaur, who has battled a prolonged rough patch, feels her 171 against Australia in the 2017 World Cup overshadowed her many "crucial" knocks of 30 and 40, which followed that "benchmark-setting" innings. Two days before the ODI World Cup

begins in New Zealand, the vice-captain added that critics often forget her lowscoring but important knocks because of one standout performance.

"I know people talk more about my 171-knock and that is a standard I have set for myself, maybe that's why my small knocks of 30-40 runs, which are crucial to the team, are not given importance," Kaur said during a virtual press conference on Wednesday.

"I don't want to judge myself through numbers - what matters to me is that when the team needs me, I can stand up for them be it by scoring 100 runs or 10

The 32-year-old had been struggling with the willow but roared back to form in time for the World Cup, beginning on Friday. Kaur scored a total of 33 runs in the first three matches against New Zealand before being dropped from the side for the fourth ODI. However, in the final game, the right-hander smashed 63, following it up with a 104 in the warm-



up match against South Africa.

Yes definitely (feeling confident about batting), there were a lot of ups and down in my performance but the last hundred performance has given me a lot

'The innings against New Zealand was very crucial for me. I got the rhythm I needed now it's very important for me to continue this rhythm and

"I have a lot of expectation from myself because I know my importance in the team. One wants to do well every time but things are not always in your

"When things are not going your way a lot of people say a lot of things but the good thing in that is the people around me gave me a lot of confidence during the crucial time.

"It is painful when as a cricketer you are not getting runs. You are trying to give your 200 per cent but are not able to deliver at that level you expect of yourself," she added.

Mumbai-based sports psychologist Dr. Mugdha Bavare is travelling with the Indian women's team for the first time and Kaur feels her services have been

"Mugdha maam has been of a lot of help especially in the last four games which we played against New Zealand where my performance was not good and even I was going into the shell.

"I had things in my mind but I was not aware of it, after talking to her I got the solutions. I got clear ideas after talking to her those things really helped during lat 2-3 games."

Kaur confirmed that she will be batting at number five in the World Cup. 'I am more comfortable at four but

sometime you have to play according to the demands of the team. We had discussions on that but as of now I'm going to play at number 5 but in future if there are any changes that would be according to match situations."

## Harmanpreet credits team psychologist for helping her come out of "shell"

PTI ■ CHRISTCHURCH

India's ODI vice-captain Harmanpreet Kaur on Wednesday revealed she was Wednesday revealed she was "going into a shell" before the team's psychologist Mugdha Bavare helped her get "clear ideas" and regain her lost form ahead of the ICC Women's World Cup.

Bavare is travelling with the team in New Zealand, which is hosting the ODI

which is hosting the ODI showpiece from Friday.

It is the first time that the Indian women's team has a sports psychologist on tour.

"Mugdha ma'am is travelling with us and she has been of a lot of help especially in the last four games which we played against New Zealand where my performance was not good and even I was going into a shell because the World Cup was coming," Kaur said during a virtual press conference.

"After I spoke to her I felt was actually looking for that. I had things in my mind but I was not aware of it because of lot of pressure but after talking to her I got the solutions. "I got clear ideas after talking to her, those things really helped during the last 2-3 games. I'm sure the team is also benefitting from her because I can see she's continuously talking to all the players, which is very important and that will really help us," Kaur added.

Bavare is a former national level swimmer and was engaged for the Indian men and women's wrestling teams, boxers and track and field athletes ahead of the 2016 Rio Olympics. She has also been associated with the Mumbai Cricket Association beside working with ace archer Deepika Kumari in the past. The 32-year-old Harmanpreet was struggling with the bat in ODIs for quite some time now. In the justconcluded ODI series against New Zealand, Kaur had scores of 10, 10 and 13 in the first three ODIs before she was dropped for the fourth

# A day in nets for 'Centurion' Kohli and 'Captain' Sharma

Two men at the peak of their careers and separated by a year. Supremely successful, insanely

wealthy, and achievers in their own right with manic followers growing exponentially with each passing day. But 48 hours before Virat Kohli

gears up to play his landmark 100th Test and Rohit Sharma walks out from the PCA Stadium pavilion in a navy blue India blazer for the first time, they simply looked like two men possessed and intensely focussed to make their milestone moment special.

While social media went into a frenzy before BCCI allowed crowd for the momentous occasion, there were not even 10 people around when the Indian team bus entered the stadium premises on Wednesday.

Yes, there are billboards and cutouts around the stadium but how many people will turn up on a warm Friday morning when India open a two-match series against Sri Lanka could be anybody's guess - crowd allowed or not.

Inside the cauldron were two men-- one aged 34, who has basicalin saving Test cricket.

ly turned the corner in traditional format in such a whirlwind fashion that he has now become the undisputed leader of men, making a mockery of

Rohit Sharma, in his own way, proved that perceptions are just that "perceptions"

One could even imagine that wry smile for all those who thought that he is just another white-ball bully.

Within a few yards of him was a mega-star, who is best described as a Test cricket devotee. Ian Chappell recently urged Kohli to take the lead

Not more than 20 odd people were witness to what an intense practice session looks like where the two stars took multiple turns to bat various nets -throwdowns, spinners, pacers, and net bowlers. If Rohit would tuck Shami off his hips, Virat would bring the cover drive against Mohammed Siraj out of the closet. They batted at different nets at different times. There was a deliverv from Siraj that could have got any batter. Pitched on length and moving enough to send Kohli's off-stump for a walk. The stump cart-wheeled and pierced the back net. Kohli walked back and picked it up.

Suddenly the urgency in his stride increased and the next ball was hit for a cover drive.

Some 30 yards away, quietly watching the former skipper was his one time deputy. 'Captain Sharma' kept a hawk eye on the proceedings, having himself batted close to 45 minutes.

In between, he came out and twice was seen tonking rookie left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar.

As Rohit was going through the paces, one saw a relaxed Kohli having a chat with batting coach Vikram Rathour and Ravindra Jadeja, sharing a hearty laugh, something that that told that he is absolutely relaxed and in a great mind space.

In between, he was seen watching Rohit leave some of Jasprit Bumrah's balls and Mohammed Shami's express deliveries outside the off-stump.

So, how is King Kohli shaping up before a Test match? Well, one would like to refer to Sunil Gavaskar's often recalled statement of his playing days.

"When I didn't bat well at the nets, I invariably ended up doing well in T20I series in June.

# Second-string India to play Ireland in two T20 Internationals



PTI NEW DELHI

A second-string Indian cricket team will play against Ireland in two T20 Internationals in Malahide on June 26 and June 28.

Cricket Ireland has confirmed that the Indian team would be touring Ireland for a short two-match

However, the series is unlikely

to see top players such as all-format skipper Rohit Sharma, star batter Virat Kohli, first-choice wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah in action as the remaining one Test match from the last year's tour of England is scheduled to held from July 1-5.

"This summer will be a 'Season of Stars' as India, New Zealand and Afghanistan tour Ireland, while we will play South Africa in Bristol. We're set for the biggest home international season in Ireland ever!' Cricket Ireland tweeted. India will kick off Ireland's

bumper home summer by playing the two T20Is ahead of their tour to England, which starts with last summer's rescheduled fifth Test at Edgbaston on July 1. After that, India is scheduled to

play six white-ball matches -- three Γ20Is and three ODIs -- against England from July 7. India last played in Ireland in

2018, winning a two-match T20I

"We are delighted to welcome back India Men's team for the first time since 2018, as well as the number one-ranked ODI side - the Black Caps, who were last here in 2017," Warren Deutrom, Chief Executive of Cricket Ireland, said.

"Just as important, given we will shortly be heading to a T20 WC, are the two T20I series against South Africa and Afghanistan.

# Team India to have new physios, trainers

The Indian team will soon have new physios and Strength and Conditioning coaches, who will be part of a dedicated Sports Science & Sports Medicine (SSSM) team headed by Nitin Patel.

The BCCI will be making a plethora of recruitments for its SSSM team which includes physios and trainers (S&C) for Team India (men and women, junior (men and women), A teams as

well as dedicated "rehab special ists" working on injury managements. Both physios and S&C coaches have two categories of recruitment in which category 1 constitutes working with senior men and women's teams while those in category 2 will work with iunior men and women and domestic cricket. However, one of the interesting aspects of the new appointment is the enhanced role of rehab specialists and performance analyst among S&C coaches at the NCA

# IPL teams to start training from March 14 or 15

on March 26.

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ground in suburban Bandra Kurla Complex, MCA ground in Thane, the Dr DY Patil University ground and a football pitch along with the CCI (Cricket Club of India) and the Reliance Corporate Park ground in Ghansoli have been identified by the authorities as practice venues for the cashrich tournament, which begins

Players are likely to start coming into the city from March

The Maharashtra government conducted a meeting with BCCI and Mumbai Cricket Association in South Mumbai for a smooth conduct of the IPL, which is now

Ministers of the state government — Aaditya Thackeray and Eknath Shinde — along with MCA chief Vijay Patil and apex council members Ajinkya Naik and Abhay Hadap were present at the meeting.

It is also understood that all the participants will have to undergo RT-PCR test 48 hours prior to their

arrival in Mumbai. While 10 plush hotels have been identified in Mumbai while two hotels have been zeroed in for Pune.

> It is also learnt that the players will have to undergo 3-5 days of quarantine before entering their respective bubbles.

> > The league stage of the IPL will be conducted Mumbai and Pune.

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Wankhede Stadium and CCI (Brabourne stadium) will host 20 matches each, the DY Patil stadium and the Maharashtra Cricket Association stadium at Gahunie in Pune will organise 15 games.



# Australia aiming for test series sweep in Pakistan

**AP** ■ ISLAMABAD

Veteran off-spinner Nathan Lyon is aiming for a 3-0 sweep in Australia's first test series in Pakistan

"It's going to be a big challenge, but I'm going into this test series thinking we're going to be performing and playing our best cricket to win 3-0," Lyon said in an online news conference Wednesday, two days ahead of the first test at the Pindi Cricket Stadium.

"We haven't played an away test since 2019 ... it's a very young, exciting Australian test squad that we've got here and we're coming off a pretty spectacular summer."

Australia will have just three practice sessions to prepare for the test matches after arriving in Pakistan on Sunday and spending two days in the team hotel. They will be playing three test matches within 22 days, part of International Cricket Council's World Test Championship, before competing in a three-match ODI series and a one-off Twenty20 against Pakistan.

"We've got enough people to

cover all the bases," Lyon said. Whatever team we go out with, we're confident we can play a really, really positive brand of cricket here

in Pakistan." With 415 wickets in 105 test matches, Lyon will share the major workload of Australian slow bowlers.

Left-arm spinner Ashton Agar and uncapped 28-year-old leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson are also in selection contention if Australia opts to go into the first test with two specialist spin-

Lyon has a decent record on typical slow subcontinent wickets, claiming 95 wickets in 19 test matches across India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. His tally also includes 15 wickets in four test matches against Pakistan played in the United Arab

Emirates. And after one day of practice at the match venue, Lyon predicted a similar type of wicket prepared for the first test that he has experienced in the UAE during his previous two

"There's not much grass on it," Lyon said. "It's going to be pretty shiny come day one ... pretty nice to bat on the first couple of days. Then we'll look to hopefully spin and reverse swing may come into it."

Australia also has three part-time spinners in Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head, if required to support an attack that is usually spearheaded by the pace bowlers.

"So we're very lucky in that that

area," Lyon said. "We've seen both Marnus and Smithy play a role in taking some big wickets. I think they will have the opportunity to get the ball at some

## **Shreyas Iyer jumps 27 places to 18th in ICC T20 rankings** Zahoor Khan of UAE (up 17 places to joint-

 $R^{\text{iding on his splendid run against Sri Lanka}}_{\text{recently, India batter Shreyas Iyer has}}$ jumped a massive 27 spots in the latest ICC T20I rankings, even as Virat Kohli fell out of the top 10. India's recent home series win against Sri

Lanka has had major ramifications on the player rankings aiding attacking top-order batter Iyer to make a massive jump to reach the 18th position in the list for batters. Iver scored three unbeaten half-centuries during India's 3-0 win against Sri Lanka in

February, with the 27-year-old amassing an

impressive 204 runs at a strike rate of 174. Iyer's teammate pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar jumped three spots to 17th on the bowler rankings.

Sri Lanka's Pathum Nissanka scored an impressive 75 in the second game of the series, and he was rewarded with a six-spot rise to ninth on the rankings, while former India captain Kohli - who was rested for the series dropped five places to 15th.

The other big mover with the bat in T20I cricket this week is Mohammad Waseem of



INDIA'S RECENT HOME SERIES WIN AGAINST SRI LANKA HAS HAD **MAJOR RAMIFICATIONS** ON THE PLAYER RANKINGS AIDING ATTACKING TOP-ORDER BATTER IYER TO MAKE A MASSIVE JUMP.

the UAE. His unbeaten century against Ireland in the final of ICC Men's T20 World Cup Qualifier A, helped him reach the 12th position with the bat. That is the highest T20I ranking by any UAE batter, surpassing Shaiman Anwar's 13th place achieved in 2017.

Sri Lanka's Lahiru Kumara's five wickets in the series with India have lifted him into the top 40 bowlers for the first time.

Other bowlers who enjoyed a successful time at the T20 World Cup Qualifier A include 42nd) and Ireland's Josh Little (up 27 places Rohan Mustafa's successes with bat and

ball have enabled him to move up to sixth place

among all-rounders, just one place below his

best of fifth achieved in February 2020. The biggest mover on the Test rankings was South African quick Kagiso Rabada, who shot up three places to third following his impressive display against hosts New Zealand.

Rabada managed 10 wickets during the two-match series, with his magnificent haul of 5/60 in the first innings of the second Test helping the Proteas on their way to an important 198-run triumph. The kiwi duo of Kyle Jamieson (dropped

two spots to fifth) and Tim Southee (dropped

one spot to sixth) lost ground in the bowler rankings, with Australia captain Pat Cummins and India veteran Ravichandran Ashwin still leading the way.
Marnus Labuschagne remained as the top

ranked Test batter, with New Zealander Devon Conway jumping six places to 17th following his 92 in the second innings of the second Test against South Africa.