

Four teens drown while saving boy



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In a tragic incident, four teenagers met a watery grave at Kelwe beach in the neighbouring Palghar town on Thursday, while trying to rescue a 13-year-old boy who was being swept away in strong currents of a whirlpool during the high tide conditions. Those drowned were identified as Deepak Vadkate, Om Vispute and Krishna Shelar, all aged 17 who had come to Palghar on a picnic from Nashik, and a local boy Atharve Nakhre, whom they tried to rescue from the whirlpool. The three drowned teenagers were part of a 39-member group of junior college students. Apart from boys, the group comprised 11 girls and five teachers. The group members had arrived at the Kelwe

beach in a tourist bus on a day-long picnic. Giving details of the incident, Palghar's Deputy Superintendent of Police Nita Padvi said that the picnickers were enjoying the isolated Arabian Sea beach -- lined up currently with sandbags stacked on a km long stretch to prevent erosion -- when the incident took place. "All of a sudden, a local village boy Atharva Nakhre, who was playing with his young friends, was caught in swollen swirl pool waters in Arabian Sea as a result of high-tide conditions. After hearing the boy's screams for help, a few of the picnickers jumped into the water to rescue him. But they could not battle the currents and were swept off in the Arabian Sea," Padvi said.

The other picnickers present on the shore shouted for help. A tongawala identified as Rashid Khan rushed to the spot and rescued another local boy Abhilekh Devare (17), who had also been sucked in by the swirling waters. The boy trapped in the swirl-pool was pulled ashore with a rope thrown by a local tongawala. There have been several incidents of drowning at this beach over the years. The beach is frequented by picnickers from cities like Mumbai, Pune, Thane and Nashik. On its part, the local village panchayat has put up warning signs and even deployed two lifeguards to man the beach. As it happened on Thursday, the picnickers prefer to go to the far end of the beach, where there are whirlpools.

IT Dept detects ₹200cr tax evasion by BMC corporator, contractors

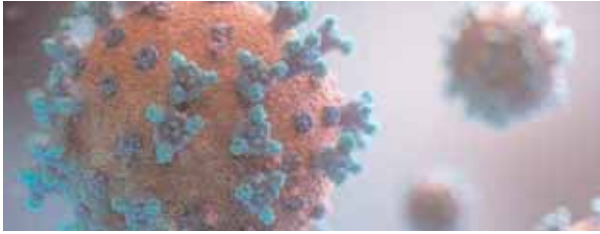
TN RAGHUNATH ■ MUMBAI

After raids on at least three dozen locations, the Income Tax department on Thursday claimed that it had unearthed tax evasion to the tune of Rs 200 crore allegedly by Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Corporator and Standing Committee leader Yashwant Jadhav and civic contractors close to him. The IT raids, conducted at Mazgaon, Byculla and other locations over a period of four days, had resulted in the recovery of an unaccounted cash of Rs. 2 crore and jewellery worth Rs.1.50 crore. The IT officials also seized documents relating to 35 immovable assets worth more

than Rs. 130 crore, either properties acquired in their own names or associates or benami persons. The raids also resulted in recovery of numerous incriminating documents, loose sheets, excel files, and digital evidence indicating a close nexus between Jadhav and the civic contractors, with evidence of an international hawala transaction to ouste the ill-gotten wealth to certain foreign countries. The IT officials found details of unaccounted cash receipts-payments aggregating to several crores of rupees that are not recorded in the regular accounts books of Jadhav on the deals that purportedly took place from 2018 to 2020. The documents seized

throw light on the modus-operandi adopted by the contractors to suppress taxable incomes by inflating bills, through over-invoicing of sub-contract expenses comprising a maze of entities and claiming fake expenses. The IT officials said that the preliminary investigations revealed that the civic contractors had evaded (taxable) income to the extent of Rs. 200 crore due to the malpractices and further probe is underway, said the ITD. Coming as they do in the run-up to the BMC elections, the raids by the IT department have sparked a controversy, with the Shiv Sena the ruling BJP at the Centre of organising raids on the places linked to its political rivals.

92% Covid deaths among unvaccinated people: Government



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Thursday said unvaccinated individuals account for 92 percent of COVID-19 deaths in India so far this year but asserted that the country is in a "vaccine-enabled low coronavirus phase" now and it is "rational" to open schools, colleges, economic activities and normal affairs of society while taking necessary precautions. Meanwhile, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted that more than 97% of the adult population received the first dose of the vaccine. "Rapidly marching towards achieving 100% first dose mark," he tweeted. Addressing a press conference here, senior Health Ministry officials said 74 per cent of adolescents between 15-18 years of age have been administered their first doses of COVID-19 vaccine and 39 per cent given both doses. They said India witnessed considerably lower number of Covid deaths due to vaccine development, its rapid deployment, acceptance and wide coverage. They said the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine is 98.9 per cent effective in preventing mortality, while both doses are 99.3 per cent effective. They said that the efforts of healthcare, frontline workers coupled with vaccination coverage helped in effective containment of the recent Covid surge. V K Paul, NITI Aayog Member (Health), said, "We are in a vaccine-enabled low coronavirus phase. It is rational to open schools, colleges, resorts, economic activities and normal affairs of society. But we should be watchful and vigilant." Presently, 29 districts across the country have over 10 per cent COVID-19 positivity rate, while 34 districts have a positivity rate between 5-10 per cent, the officials said. They said that with the whole of government and whole of society approach India has been able to avert the crisis of potentially devastating magnitude of Covid seen in other countries.

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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	MMSY Online - AGL- 19/ 2021-22	10.03.2022 at 10.00 A.M	28.03.2022 up to 3.00 P.M	22.03.2022 upto 1.00 P.M

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Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda	CCERWCSBD - Online - 33/2021-22	07.03.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	21.03.2022 up to 5.30 P.M.	17.03.2022 up to 2.00 P.M.

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India, US hold 19th military cooperation meeting to boost defence engagements

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The two-day-long 19th military cooperation meeting between India and the US has ended in Agra in Uttar Pradesh, the Defence Ministry stated on Thursday. "The discussions focussed on strengthening the ongoing defence engagements between the two sides and mulled on new initiatives under the ambit of existing cooperation mechanism," the ministry noted in a statement. The meeting took place at a time when Russia is conducting a major military operation against Ukraine. Western countries like the US have imposed major economic sanctions on Russia.

Around 70 per cent of Indian defence equipment is of Russian origin. The India-US military cooperation group is a forum established to progress defence cooperation between the countries through regular talks at the strategic and operational levels between Headquarters of Integrated Defence Staff and the US Indo-Pacific Command, the Defence Ministry mentioned. The meeting, which ended on Wednesday, was co-chaired by Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (CISC) Air Marshal BR Krishna from the Indian side and Deputy Commander of US Indo-Pacific Command Lieutenant General Stephen D Sklenka from the US side, it noted.

Yogi, top Opposition leaders....

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The polling would decide the fate of the Chief Minister Yogi, Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu, former Minister and now SP candidate Swami Prasad Maurya, and more than 600 other candidates, contesting on 57 seats across 10 districts. After the end of the sixth phase, voting for 349 of the 403 Assembly seats has been completed. The final phase of the elections on the remaining 54

seats will be held on March 7. Districts, where polling was held on Thursday, are Ambedkar Nagar, Balrampur, Siddharth Nagar, Basti, Sant Kabir Nagar, Maharajganj, Gorakhpur, Kushinagar, Deoria, and Ballia. The SP has pitted late BJP leader Upendra Dutt Shukla's wife against the Chief Minister while Bheem Army chief Chandrashekhar Ravan is also in the fray in the Gorakhpur Sadar seat. Besides, Leader of

the Opposition in Assembly and SP leader Ram Govind Chaudhary is contesting from Bansdih. The fate of several incumbent Ministers will also be decided in this phase. They include Surya Pratap Shahi from Pathardeva, Satish Chandra Dwivedi from Itwa, Jai Pratap Singh from Banshi, Shree Ram Chauhan from Khajani, and Jai Prakash Nishad from Rudrapur. In the 2017 Assembly polls, the BJP had won 46 of these 57 seats.

Ganga at full....

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These two cities are located in Eastern Ukraine and have seen massive Russian military assault in the last few days. Some Indian students were stuck in Kharkiv and several other conflict zones and India has asked both Russia and Ukraine to facilitate their safe passage to the border transit points for their exit to neighbouring countries. Meanwhile, the Indian Air Force has brought 798 people between midnight of March 2 and early morning of March 3 by its four C-17 flights. The first C-17 flight carried 200 people from Bucharest and landed at 1.30 am on Thursday. It was received by Junior Defence

Minister Ajay Bhatt. The second one carried 210 from Budapest and that was followed soon after by a third carrying 208 from Poland's Rzeszow. The fourth brought 180 people back from Budapest. Besides IAF, as many as 3,726 Indians were brought back to India by 10 special civilian flights, including five from Bucharest, two from Budapest, one from Kosice, and two from Rzeszow. According to Civil Aviation Ministry, 17 flights are expected to bring back 3,500 people on Friday and around 4,000 on Saturday. As per details shared by officials, as many as 35 evacuation flights have been planned from Bucharest, which include

14 flights of Air India, eight of Air India Express, seven of IndiGo, one of Spice Jet, three of Vistara, and two of Indian Air Force. A total of 28 flights have been scheduled to take off from Hungary's capital Budapest. Among these 28, 15 flights are from Go Air, 9 from IndiGo, 2 from Air India, 1 from Indian Air Force, and 1 from Spice Jet. A total of nine flights are scheduled from Rzeszow, Poland, which includes eight from IndiGo and 1 from Indian Air Force, while five flights will take off from Suceava, Romania and 3 flights will take off from Kosice, Slovakia. India has been evacuating its citizens through special flights from Ukraine's western neighbours such as Romania, Hungary, and Poland as the Ukrainian airspace has been shut since February 24 due to the Russian military offensive.

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...the administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US presidential elections. Responding to a question on possible CAATSA sanctions on India, Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia told members of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on the Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism on Wednesday that it was for the President Biden to decide whether to apply or waive sanctions on India. "I can assure you that the administration will follow the CAATSA law and fully implement that law and will consult with Congress as we move forward with any of them. What unfortunately I am not able to say is to prejudice the decisions of the President or the (Secretary of State) on the waiver issue or on the sanctions

issue, or whether Russia's invasion of Ukraine will bear on that decision," he said. Lu said that the Biden administration is yet to decide on applying sanctions on India under CAATSA. "India is a really important security partner of ours now. And that we value moving forward that partnership and I hope that part of what happens with the extreme criticism that Russia has faced is that India will find it's now time to further distances," Lu said. The senior American diplomat said it is going to be very hard for any country to buy major weapon systems from Russia because of the sweeping sanctions now placed on Russian banks. "What we've seen from India in just the last few weeks, is the cancellation of MiG 29 orders, Russian helicopter orders and anti-tank weapon orders," Lu said. Lu's remarks came as India faced flak from US lawmakers, both Republicans and Democrats for choosing to abstain from a UN vote on Wednesday to rebuke Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Modi: Quad must....

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The leaders also discussed other topical issues, including developments in ASEAN, the Indian Ocean region and the Pacific Islands. Modi reiterated the importance of adhering

to the UN Charter, international law and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. The leaders agreed to stay in touch and to work towards an ambitious agenda for the forthcoming Leaders' Summit in Japan.

EARLY RELEASE OF 1993 DELHI BLAST CONVICT DP BHULLAR

No consensus among Sentence Review Board members

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Despite his "poor health condition" and "vegetative state", some members of a Board reviewing the sentence of Davinder Pal Singh Bhullar, a 1993 Delhi bomb blast case convict, are not in favour of his early release, arguing that the "dreaded terrorist" was behind the death of several people, sources said on Thursday.

However, Home Minister Satyendar Jain, who heads the seven-member Sentence Review Board (SRB), during a recent meeting had pointed out that the directions of the Centre to give special remission to Bhullar were binding on the Delhi Government.

The Board had on Wednesday deferred the decision on the early release of Bhullar, who is currently lodged in Amritsar jail.

It also decided to examine the legal position of the Board regarding its call on a matter and whether the issue should be directly placed before Lieutenant-Governor Anil Bajjal for a final decision, sources said.

During the SRB meeting, Jain had pointed out that the directions of the Centre to give special remission to Bhullar were binding on the Delhi Government, they said.

"The direction for the remission of

Bhullar's sentence was made by the Centre exercising its rights under Article 161 of the Constitution, and therefore the Delhi Government ought to release him," the sources quoted Jain as saying during the meeting.

During the meeting, Bhullar's health condition was also discussed by the members. He was in an "extremely bad" condition due to "acute mental illness" as certified by a Medical Board on February 5, 2014, and was "practically reduced to a vegetable, sources said.

Some SRB members, including Law and Home secretaries of the Delhi Government and a Joint Commissioner of police, opposed Bhullar's special remission and early release on the ground that he is a "dreaded terrorist" who caused the death of several people in the 1993 Delhi bomb blasts, sources said.

"It was also pointed out by a member that outfits like 'Sikh For Justice (SFJ)' were trying to increase activities in Punjab and they may use Bhullar's release to destabilise the peace in the State," they claimed.

Due to different views on this matter, it was decided to examine the legal position of the SRB's decision on a matter which the Centre has already decided upon, and

whether or not this matter should directly be placed before the L-G for a final decision they said.

"Pending this clarification, the issue of Bhullar's release from prison was deferred," they said.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in a letter to the Chief Secretary of Delhi on September 29, 2019, had informed about its decision to give special remission to eight Sikh prisoners facing life imprisonment, including Bhullar, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, sources said.

"It had directed the Chief Secretary of Delhi to take all required actions for the release of Bhullar," they said.

Bhullar was convicted in connection with the killing of nine people and injuring of 31 in a bomb blast in 1993 in Delhi. Among those who survived the attack is former Youth Congress chief MS Bitta.

Bhullar was sentenced to death by a designated TADA court on August 25, 2001.

He is undergoing life imprisonment after the Supreme Court commuted his death sentence. He was shifted to Amritsar Central Jail from Delhi's Tihar Jail on health grounds, in June 2015.

DTTDC app to have metro smart card recharge facility

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC) has introduced metro smart cards recharge facility in their app which also contains fare and route details.

The Delhi Tourism Department's mobile application was launched by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on World Tourism Day on September 27 last year. 'Dekho Meri Dilli' is the tagline of the app.

According to a senior DTTDC official, the mobile application will also be useful for foreign tourists and for those who are not well versed with the online modes of Delhi metro recharge options or fare and route details.

"The recharge feature enables users to enhance their tourism experience by providing them hassle-free facility of recharging their metro cards through the app while exploring Delhi's tourist hotspots," he said.

To avail the facility, the user

will have to visit the 'Travel with-in Delhi' section of the app and then select 'Metro' and then click on the recharge tab. The app will then redirect the user to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation website for smart card recharge.

Officials said that the new feature is very useful as many foreign tourists who come to visit Delhi or even the Indian tourists from other cities are not aware of Delhi's public transport system and its ticketing and recharge facility.

"So if they download Delhi Tourism App they will not have to stand in a queue or go through the hassle of searching other online recharge options," the official added.

The app provides many user-friendly features to make the tourism and travel experience in Delhi a bliss as it provides all the information ranging from tourist hotspots, popular local cuisines, and market places to heritage walks through a single click, the officials said.

Delhi court reserves order on bail plea of Umar Khalid

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Thursday reserved its order on the bail plea of former JNU student Umar Khalid in a case of a larger conspiracy in connection with Delhi riots during February 2020.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said that the order on the bail plea of Umar Khalid would be pronounced on March 14.

During the argument, the accused told the court that the prosecution lacked the evidence to prove its case against him.

Umar Khalid, along with several others, has been booked under the anti-terror law -- Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) — in the case for being the "masterminds" of the February 2020 riots, which had left 53 people dead and over 700 injured.

The violence had erupted during the protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), 2019, and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Besides Umar Khalid, activist Khalid Saifi, JNU students Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita, Jamia Coordination Committee members Safoora Zargar, former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and several others have also been booked under the stringent law in the case.

Pastor beaten, forced to chant ‘Jai Shree Ram’; FIR lodged

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Days after a pastor alleged that he was thrashed, humiliated and forced to chant "Jai Shree Ram" by a group of unknown persons in South Delhi's Fatehpuri Beri area, the Delhi Police Thursday has registered an First Information Report (FIR). Police said that the incident took place on February 25 at Fatehpuri Beri area but the pastor, Kelom Tet, filed the complaint two days later at the Maidan Garhi police station. A video of the incident also went viral on social media in which a group of men can be seen surrounding pastor and heckling him. Tet, who has been residing in south Delhi's Asola for the last 18 years, recalled that he was targeted by another unknown group 15 years ago at Sanjay Colony here.

According to Harsha Vardhan, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), South district, based on the complaint, police have lodged an FIR against unknown persons under Sections 365 (Kidnapping or abducting with intent secretly and wrongfully to confine person), 323 (Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (Punishment for

wrongful restraint) and 34 (Acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code and an investigation is underway.

In his complaint, the pastor said that on February 25, a group of men harassed him, forced him to chant "Jai Shree Ram" when he was on his way to work after meeting one of his friends. They snatched his Bible and tried to tear it, the police said, adding that the pastor was also allegedly punched and kicked.

"They snatched my bag which had valuables and the Bible. They tried to tear it but could not. They accused me of conducting religious conversions forcefully. They hit me and forcefully took me in their car, saying they were taking me to Maidan Garhi police station. They also threatened to break my arms and legs," he said.

The pastor was allegedly taken to Fatehpur Chowk where men tied his hands with ropes and started punching and kicking him again on the roadside, the police said. "Around 100 people were standing there as mute spectators. No one came to rescue me. They made videos and watched me being thrashed but no one helped."

Two held for stealing bike, snatching mobile phones in DU's North Campus



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police has arrested two people who were allegedly involved in stealing a bike and snatching two mobile phones in quick succession at Delhi University's (DU) North Campus.

The accused has been identified as Mohammad Monis (26), resident of Bhagirathi Vihar, and Namir (22), resident of Bara Hindu Rao. Police said that it took only around three hours for

the accused to steal the bike and snatch the mobile phones.

According to Sagar Singh Kalsi, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North district, on Tuesday around 4 PM, police received specific inputs regarding two bike-borne robbers roaming the area, following which vehicle checking was started at CC Road Sangam Vihar cut.

"After sometime, police saw two riders on a bike which did not have a number plate. They tried to flee

the scene, but police overpowered them. It was found that the motorcycle was stolen on Monday from Nabi Karim area," said the DCP.

"One country-made pistol, two mobile phones snatched from north campus, one bike and one scooter were recovered from their possession," said the DCP.

"During interrogation, the accused disclosed that they purchased the pistol and one live cartridge from one Shahrukh for Rs 6,000, who met them in Seelampur area about two months ago," said the DCP. "On Monday around 6 AM, they stole the bike from Nabi Karim area.

They started roaming DU's north campus and snatched two mobile phones from an employee of DU around 8.30 AM and from a student around 9 AM. Later, they committed another snatching in Mukerjee Nagar area," said the DCP.

"Monis was previously involved in two cases of snatching and Arms Act, while Namir was previously involved in eight cases of robbery, snatching etc," police said.

Min inaugurates one more underground reservoir

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Leaving no stone unturned to ensure potable water supply to every household in the national Capital, Water Minister and Delhi Jal Board Chairman Satyendar Jain inaugurated an underground reservoir with a capacity of 1.24 crore liters in Mayapuri on Thursday to ensure round-the-clock water supply in Hari Nagar and Delhi Cantt Constituency.

"On completion of this project, approximately 1.50 lakh residents residing in Hari Nagar and Delhi Cantonment area will benefit. These subtle steps are part of a bigger and highly ambitious endeavour of ensuring 24x7 water supply across the Capital," the Minister said. Jain also inaugurated the underground



reservoir at Mayapuri with a capacity of 1.24 crore litres. The move is taken to ensure round-the-clock water supply and strengthen the water infrastructure of the Capital, The Delhi Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is working tirelessly day and night to achieve its aim of cleaning the

Yamuna river and providing 24x7 water supplies to all the residents of Delhi. In order to meet the demand for drinking water, Jain had on Wednesday inaugurated an 'Underground Reservoir' (UGR) with 2.95 crore litres capacity in Mundka and an UGR in Sonia Vihar to benefit approximately six lakh residents of East Delhi.

Def Min awards ‘Hira Lal Daga Memorial Medal’ to law student

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Rony Pratap Yadav, a student of Campus Law Centre, Delhi University, was awarded "Hira Lal Daga Memorial Medal" and "University Law Union Prize: 2021" by chief guest Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the 98th annual convocation.

The Hira Lal Hira Lal Daga Memorial Medal is awarded each year to a candidate who secures the highest percentage of marks among successful candidate at LLB (Three Year Courses) obtaining first Division. The University Law Union Prize is awarded to the candidate who secures the highest percentage of marks in the LLB examination.

Yadav, a meritorious student, did his schooling from Kolkata and graduated from Hindu College before taking admission in Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi.

and were profusely bleeding. After getting the information regarding the incident, a police team from a nearby spot rushed to a private hospital, where the victims were declared brough dead," said a senior police official.

"The accused car occupants have been identified and will be arrested soon. Police suspect that it could be possible that the car driver was driving the car under the influence of alcohol above the permissible limit which led to this accident," said the senior police official.

A case has been registered against the accused under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at DLF phase-1 police station, said police.

4 food delivery boys killed after speeding Skoda hits 2 bikes

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

Four men, working for the online food delivery startup, were killed after a speeding Skoda allegedly hit their two bikes in Gurugram late Wednesday night. Police said that a manhunt has been initiated to nab the car driver who fled from the spot after the incident. Police said that the victims identified as Govind (20) of Madhya Pradesh, Gopal (21), a resident of Uttarakhand, Jitender Mondal (35) and Rajneesh (22), both from Bihar were returning home when speeding car allegedly hit their bikes near Arjun Marg at DLF-Phase-I. "The victims sustained injuries to his head and chest

40-yr-old man dies after being thrashed by unknown people in Sadar Bazar

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A 40-year-old man died at a hospital in the city, days after allegedly being beaten up by some people in North Delhi's Sadar Bazar area.

The victim has been identified as Mangal, used to work as security guard in Shiv Market.

Police said that they have identified the accused as Devender, Gopal Bahadur (21) and Sonu (25) -- all hailing from Nepal, who wanted to settle personal scores. According to a senior police official, a police team was dispatched after Lady Hardinge hospital informed them on Sunday that a person with injuries was

admitted to facility. "Police reached the hospital, where victim was found unconscious. There were brutal injuries on his head and eyes. Mangal was referred to Safdarjung Hospital," he said. "Complainant Bhuvan stated that around 5 AM, he was going to meet his father Suraj, who is also a security guard in Gandhi Market.

He spotted his uncle Mangal Singh lying unconscious in a pool of blood near Rui Mandi. Bhuvan took him to Lady Hardinge hospital," said senior police official. "A case under section 307 (attempt to murder) was initially registered at Sadar Bazar police station and one person was

arrested. The victim died during treatment and case was converted into that of murder. One more arrest was made," said senior police official. "During interrogation, it was disclosed that main accused, Devender, and Mangal were from the same family. Devender and Sagar (son of Mangal) had quarrelled around six-seven months ago.

Devender and his father Bharat were also beaten up by Mangal and his family, due to which he felt humiliated and they went back to Nepal and started residing there," he said. "Devender hatched a conspiracy to eliminate Mangal. On February 26, Devender came to Delhi and met Sonu and Gopal.

PICTALK



Indian nationals, evacuated from crisis-hit Ukraine, upon their arrival at the Hindon Air Force Station in Ghaziabad on Thursday THE PIONEER/PHOTO

Five killed in accident along Delhi-Jaipur Expressway

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

In a tragic incident, five people were killed in an accident on Thursday along the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway near Gurugram. The deceased have been identified as Ashish (25) of Bhiwadi, Sandeep (25) of Kaithal, Parveen (30) of Devaria in Uttar Pradesh, Chander Mohan (25) of Hisar and Bharat Bhushan (28) of Punjab Bagh in Delhi.

The accident took place at around 3 AM between a Maruti Celerio car and a truck near Binola village. Police said the five victims, in the car, were trav-



elling towards Bhiwadi in Rajasthan. The complainant Rajesh Singh, told the police that all the victims were returning to their respective homes when the incident took place. "When the victims in

their car reached near Binola flyover on the Delhi-Jaipur Expressway they met with an accident due to negligence on part of the truck driver, who suddenly applies break on the expressway and the victim's car rammed in the truck from behind," the complainant alleged.

A case under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered at the Bilaspur police station against the truck driver. "Police teams are tracing the accused truck driver based on the truck registration number. He will be arrested soon," Gajender Singh, the investigation officer said.


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Online Item Rate Open Tenders are invited under Two Bid System (Technical & Financial) from experienced and financially sound eligible from the Manufacturer / Dealers / Distributors / Reseller of sewing machine as per **Tender No. 2022_SDMC_108220_1** for the Work of "PROCUREMENT OF HAND OPERATED SEWING MACHINES ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE POOR WOMEN TO THE SOCIETY". **Total Rate Contract Amt.** Rs. 2.15 Crore, **EMD Rs.** 4.30 lakh, **R.C. Period** 12 months, **Had of A/C:** 050-1211. Date of Download & Bid Submission is w.e.f. 04.03.2022 to 21.03.2022 upto 03.00 P.M. Opening of Technical Bids 22.03.2022 at 3.00 P.M. Bidding Documents with detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the website: <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app> OR visit SDMC website: www.mcdonline.nic.in/SDMCPortal/Tenders/CPP-ETENDERS. For Online tender, the helpline Nos. are 011-23227413 & 011-23227414 or mail to: MCO-ITHELPEDESK@mcd.nic.in. All details of these Tenders, Revisions, Clarifications, Corrigendum, Addendum, Time Extension etc., if any, in respect of above tender(s) will be uploaded on SDMC website only and will not be published in newspaper(s) separately. Interested Bidders should regularly visit the website to keep themselves regularly updated in respect of these tenders.

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India to send 2 transport planes to evacuate 4,000 students

Defence Ministry on Thursday evening issued a detailed advisory for Indians now in the war zone, especially Kharkiv

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

With situation turning grim in Ukraine, India is likely to send two of its IL-76 transport aircraft to Russia on late Thursday night or early Friday to evacuate more than 4,000 Indian students trapped in Kharkiv. It is located in eastern part of the country and has borne the brunt of Russian military offensive.

The corridor to Russia from Ukraine came about after Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked to President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday night asking him to ensure safe passage to Indian students.

Meanwhile, the Defence Ministry on Thursday evening issued a detailed advisory for Indians now in the war zone especially Kharkiv. It said potentially dangerous or difficult situations is to be expected like aerial raids, attacks by Aircraft/Drones, Missile attacks, Artillery Shelling, Small Arms/Gunfire, Building Collapse, Falling Debris, Internet Jamming and Lack of Electricity/Food/Water besides Exposure to freezing temperature.

The advisory urged them to compile and Share Information with fellow Indians, Remain mentally strong and your presence and whereabouts must always be

known to your buddy /small group coordinator.

Keep ready a small kit of essential items on persons or at hand round the clock. Emergency Kit should contain Passport, ID Card, essential medication, life-saving drugs, torch, matchbox, lighter, candles, cash, energy bars, power banks, water, first-aid kit, headgear, muffler, gloves, warm jacket, warm socks and a comfortable pair of shoes, as available.

Conserve and share food and water: avoid full meals, eat smaller portions to extend the rations. Stay hydrated. If you find yourself in an open area/field, melt snow to make water.

Delete all unnecessary apps in mobile, limit conversations to low volume/audio mode to conserve battery. Stay indoors, preferably in designated safe zones, basements, bunkers.

If you find yourself in the

streets, then walk on the sides of the roads, close to cover of buildings, crouch low to avoid being targeted, do not cross streets, avoid city centres, downtown areas. Turn around street corners in urban areas with great caution.

Pack minimum personal belongings (other than the emergency kit) preferably in small backpack suitable for long trek/walking.

Be ready to move under instructions at short notice/do not carry large bags to avoid slowing down, fatigue and crowding

If stopped by military check-post or by police/armed personnel/militia – Cooperate/Obey/Raise your hands with open palms facing forward above your shoulders/Remain polite/Provide necessary information/Contact the Control Room/Helpline when possible without confrontation.

No Indians held hostage in Ukraine, says Govt

INDIAN RESPONSE CAME AFTER A STATEMENT FROM RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN'S OFFICE CLAIMED THAT SOME INDIAN STUDENTS WERE 'ACTUALLY TAKEN HOSTAGE' BY UKRAINIAN SECURITY FORCES

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

India on Thursday rejected the charge that its citizens were held hostage in the war zone including Kharkiv city and said Ukraine was urged to ensure the safety of Indians. This rebuttal came a day after Russia and Ukraine both made claims and counter claims that Indians were being used as 'human shields'.

The Indian response came after a statement from Russian President Vladimir Putin's office claimed that some Indian students were "actually taken hostage" by Ukrainian security forces, who use them as a "human shield" and in every possible way prevent them from leaving for Russian territory.

The Russian claim was mentioned in a readout issued by Kremlin following a telephonic conversation between

President Putin and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday evening. The Ukrainian foreign ministry "urgently called on the governments of India, Pakistan, China and other countries whose students have become hostages of the Russian armed aggression in Kharkiv and Sumy, to demand from Moscow that it allows the opening of a humanitarian corridor to other Ukrainian cities."

These two cities are located in Eastern Ukraine and have seen massive Russian military assault in the last few days. Some Indian students were stuck in Kharkiv and several other conflict zones and India has asked both Russia and Ukraine to facilitate their safe passage to the border transit points for their exit to neighbouring countries.

"We have not received any report of any hostage situation regarding any student. We have requested the support of Ukrainian authorities in arranging special trains for taking out students from Kharkiv and neighbouring

areas to the western part of the country," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said.

He said the Indian embassy in Ukraine is in continuous touch with Indian nationals in Ukraine. "We note that with the cooperation of Ukrainian authorities, many students have left Kharkiv yesterday," Bagchi said. Prime Minister Modi on Wednesday spoke to Putin and discussed the safe evacuation of Indian nationals from the conflict areas in Ukraine including Kharkiv.

"The leaders reviewed the situation in Ukraine, especially in the city of Kharkiv where many Indian students are stuck. They discussed the safe evacuation of Indian nationals from conflict areas," the Indian statement said.

Bagchi said India is coordinating effectively with countries in the region including Russia, Romania, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Moldova for evacuation of the Indians from Ukraine. "A large number of Indian nationals have been evacuated from Ukraine in the last few days,"

he said adding "We appreciate the help extended by Ukrainian authorities to make this possible."

He said most of the Indian students and citizens had left Kharkiv on Wednesday after the Indian embassy advisory which urged them to leave immediately by any means including 'on foot.' However, a few hundred Indians were still in the city, he said.

Bagchi said the priority was to take students out safely in whatever mode of transport possible. Moreover, India was in touch with Ukraine and Russia at various levels and Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked to President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday. 'Our only intention is to take out Indian citizens as soon as possible,' the spokesperson said.

He also said India was in touch with the Ukrainian embassy to bring back the body of Naveen Shankarappa, a 21-year-old medical student, who was killed in shelling two days back in Kharkiv. He was the first Indian casualty in the ongoing conflict. He hailed from Karnataka.

Use your 'good offices' to rescue stranded students, SC tells AG

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday asked Attorney General KK Venugopal to use his "good office" in helping evacuate some Indian medical students stranded in war-rav-

aged Ukraine near the Romania border. The bench headed by Chief Justice NV Ramana said earlier in the day, when the plea was mentioned for urgent hearing, it sympathised with the stranded students and asked can the court direct the head of the state to stop the war.

"Please tell us what can the court do? Can we direct the President of Russia to stop the war," said the bench, also comprising Justices AS Bopanna and Hima Kohli, and asked the counsel for petitioner Fathima Ahana who is stranded in Ukraine to wait inside the court-

room till the time Venugopal appears in court. The bench took note of the submissions of Ahana's lawyer that several students are stuck near the Romanian border in freezing cold and the Government is not running flights from Romania.

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Subject:- CANCELLATION NOTICE
As per minutes of meeting circulated by the worthy Chief Engineer Jal Shakti PHE Department Kashmir vide his No. **CE/PHE/DB/42888-94** dated **25-02-2022** for the work namely **"Design (Including Geo- Technical Analysis Soil Investigation) construction, successful testing and commissioning including trial run for 06 months Of 5.5MGD (25MLD) rapid sand W.T.P** comprising of **intake chamber, 02 no Clarifloculator with flash mixers, filter house, Raw water main, Delivery main, clear water sumps, backwash tank with all electro Mechanical, instruments installation as a composite unit to be constructed at Alusteng,"** put to tenders vide E-N.I.T NO:- 17/WSMP of 09/2021 DT:- 15-09-2021 issued under endorsement No. 4020-31 Dated 15-07-2021 is hereby cancelled.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Water Supply Master Plan Division Srinagar.

No. DPK-18954/21
Dated: 03-03-2022

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यात्रिकी खंड-बिलासपुर (छठगठ)				
:- ऑन लाईन द्वितीय निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-				
निम्ना जल एवं सखखा विभाग बिलासपुर की ओर कार्यपालन अभियंता एवं सहाय यात्रिकी, निम्ना जल एवं सखखा विभाग द्वारा एकीकृत पंचतीय वास्तव्य के अन्तर्गत उपसूचना श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निम्नांकित कार्य हेतु प्रपत्र "अ" (प्रतिशत दर) ऑन लाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।				
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93689	253 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड तखतपुर के ग्राम कनाडोसरी में जल जीवन मिशन (द्वितीय निविदा)	63.43	48000.00
93690	254 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम बिन्दा (द्वितीय निविदा)	84.34	64500.00
93692	255 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम मुरकुटा , डेरकुडी एवं मोहोरा(द्वितीय निविदा)	122.74	93000.00
93693	256 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम कुआ(द्वितीय निविदा)	76.57	58000.00
93694	257 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड तखतपुर के ग्राम जलीन(द्वितीय निविदा)	62.70	48000.00
93695	258 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम भोदसरा -बुद्धिगढी(द्वितीय निविदा)	129.07	97000.00
93696	259 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम कया(द्वितीय निविदा)	79.61	60000.00
93697	260 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम सैलीन(द्वितीय निविदा)	154.79	117000.00
93698	261 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड बिन्दा के ग्राम पलीन(द्वितीय निविदा)	76.44	58000.00
93701	262 / 25.02.2022	बिलासपुर जिले के विकासखण्ड मसूरी के ग्राम बिल्लाडी(द्वितीय निविदा)	94.10	71000.00

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R.O. Date - 02/03/2022

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets
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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Jitender Kumar Chhabra (Borrower)/ Ram Devi (Co Borrower) LBNOD00002116807	Flat No A-2002, Tower A, Springview Floors, Crescent Parc Township, NH-24, Ghaziabad, UP Area: 1243 Sq. Fts	Rs. 60,74,798/- as on February 24, 2022	Rs. 41,80,000/- Rs.4,18,000/-	March 25, 2022, From 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	April 11, 2022, From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM
2.	Sanjeev Chandel (Borrower)/ Pallavi Chandel (Co Borrower) LBNOD00002114485	Flat No A-2103, 2nd Floor Tower A, Springview Floors, Crescent Parc Township, NH-24, Ghaziabad, UP area: 1243 Sq. Fts	Rs. 63,09,696/- as on February 24, 2022	Rs. 41,80,000/- Rs.4,18,000/-	March 25, 2022, From 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM	April 11, 2022, From 01:00 PM to 02:00 PM
3.	Sonu Kumar (Borrower), Shiv Kumar (Guarantor) LBNOD00002252451	G/UH-801 8th Floor, Tower- G Urban Homes, Shahpur Bamhetta, NH-24 Ghaziabad, 201001 Super Area: 585 Sq. fts	Rs. 18,65,106/- as on February 24, 2022	Rs. 17,10,000/- Rs.1,71,000/-	March 25 2022, From 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM	April 11, 2022, From 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM

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PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed a plea of Loop Telecom seeking refund of Rs 1,454 crore paid for 2G licence and damages for loss of reputation after its cancellation, saying the acquittal of promoters in the criminal case did not "obliterate" its findings that the process of granting licence was "arbitrary and constitutionally infirm".

Dismissing the plea, a bench comprising Justices D Y Chandrachud and Vikram Nath said the acquittal of the promoters of the company in the criminal case did not "efface or obliterate the findings" of the apex court in its 2012 judgment, cancelling the grant of 2G spectrum licences, on the PILs filed by Subramanian Swamy and Prashant Bhushan.

"The acquittal of the promoters of the appellant on the criminal charges does not efface or obliterate the findings which were contained in the final judgment of this court in CPIL and hence as a beneficiary of the fraud the appellant cannot take the assistance of this court for obtaining the refund of the entry fee," said Justice Chandrachud, reading the operative portion of the verdict.

The judgment said that the Loop Telecom tried to



obviate the findings of the apex court by relying on its acquittal by the trial court as judge. "It is important to note that the criminal trial before the special judge CBI was limited to the extent whether the promoters of the appellant had cheated the DoT by providing false representation of compliance of clause 8 of the UASL guidelines since it was allegedly controlled by Essar group.

"The special judge CBI acquitted the promoters of the appellant because the prosecution was unable to prove that the officer of the DoT considered the representation of the appellant to be false..," it said, adding that the acquittal in a criminal case did not "efface or obliterate the findings" of the apex court. Loop Telecom Limited, in its plea, had sought

a direction to the Department of Telecom (DoT) to refund Rs 1,454.94 crores paid by it as licence fee for the grant of Unified Access Licences (UAS) in 21 service areas. Its 21 licences were among the 122 licences quashed by the Supreme Court in 2012.

Special CBI Judge O P Saini, on December 21, 2017, had acquitted all accused, including former telecom minister A Raja and DMK MP Kanimozhi, in the 2G spectrum allocation scam cases. Saini had also acquitted Loop Telecom Promoters IP Khaitan and Kiran Khaitan and Essar promoters Ravi Ruia and Anshuman Ruia in the case. The appeals of the CBI and the ED against the verdicts are pending adjudication in the Delhi High Court.

ED attaches ₹7cr cash, assets worth ₹6 cr in 2 separate cases

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached about Rs 7 crore in cash, besides other assets worth over Rs 6 crore, in two separate cases of money laundering.

In the first case, the ED has seized assets worth Rs 4.79 crore including cash amount of Rs 2.04 crore and immovable properties worth Rs 2.75 crore belonging to Sumit Agarwal and Sachin Agarwal under the Foreign Exchange Management Act.

This case relates to remittance of foreign exchange to Hong Kong-based companies in the guise of Import Advance remittances by dummy entities located in India. Earlier, searches were conducted at the premises of beneficial owners of Hong Kong-based entities in November last year, the ED said in a statement.

In the second instance, the ED has provisionally attached assets worth Rs 7.47 crore including Rs 4.02 crore in cash and 6.636 kg of fine gold valued at Rs 3.45 crore approximately belonging to Rakesh Kumar Garg, Sanjeev Khanna and Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal in a CBI case against Rakesh Kumar Garg, the then Chief Engineer (Naval Works), Military Engineer Services (MES), Kathari Bagh Naval Base, Kochi, it said.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of FIR under Indian Penal Code Section relating to criminal conspiracy and various provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The case was registered by CBI, New Delhi against Rakesh Kumar Garg, Sanjeev Khanna and other unknown public servants and private persons.

₹7.25cr assets of Ahsan attached in JKCA money laundering case

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached immovable properties in the form of residential property worth Rs 7.25 crore belonging to Ahsan Ahmad Mirza and others in connection with a money laundering probe in the Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation against office bearers of JKCA) on the basis of FIR under Sections of the Ranbir Penal Code including criminal conspiracy and criminal breach of trust among others registered by the Police Station

Rammunshi Bagh, Srinagar.

The case was later on transferred to CBI on the directions of Jammu and Kashmir High Court at Srinagar. The CBI has filed a chargesheet in this case against office bearers of JKCA for misappropriation of funds to the tune of Rs 43.69 crore.

The ED probe has revealed that Ahsan Ahmad Mirza in connivance with other office bearers of JKCA, had misappropriated JKCA funds to the tune of Rs 51.90 crore and utilized proceeds of crime for settling his personal and business liabilities, the ED said in a statement.

"In this case, properties worth Rs 14.32 crore have

already been attached previously vide two Provisional Attachment Orders for Rs 2.46 crore attaching movable and immovable assets of Mirza and Mir Manzoor Ghazanfar and for Rs 11.86 crore attaching immovable assets of National Conference leader Dr Farooq Abdullah. The Adjudicating Authority has already confirmed the said Provisional Attachment Orders," it said.

A Prosecution Complaint (chargesheet) was earlier filed by ED earlier on November 11, 2019, against Mirza in the court of Principal District and Session Judge, Srinagar (Special PMLA Court) after Mirza's arrest and the trial is in progress, it added.

KCR meets Subramanian Swamy, Tikait in Delhi

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Telangana Chief Minister and TRS supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao on Thursday met BJP MP Subramanian Swamy and farmers' leader Rakesh Tikait in the national capital. Rao, the president of Telangana Rashtra Samithi, has been travelling across the country to meet opposition leaders, advocating a united alliance against the BJP.

These meetings came days after his visit to Mumbai to meet Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar. Rao's daughter and senior

party leader K Kavita tweeted a video of Swamy being greeted by Rao and said, 'Rajya Sabha member and noted Economist Subramanian Swamy met with Telangana CM KCR Garu in New Delhi today.' She also tweeted a video of Tikait being welcomed by her before the meeting.

Swamy said they discussed economic situation and security scenario, particularly following the Russian attack on Ukraine. The Rajya Sabha MP, who has been critical of the Modi government over various issues, played down political angle of the meeting, saying he had friends across party

divide. Swamy had also met West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during her visit to the national capital recently.

The Telangana Chief Minister is also likely to meet AAP supremo and his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal. Rao is in the national capital for the past two days and is accompanied by Kavita, Telangana Minister V Srinivas Goud and MP J Santosh Kumar.

Rao and Mamata are attempting to gather non-Congress parties against the BJP. He has also reached out to Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. While Rao

and Mamata are looking for a front without Congress, NCP and Shiv Sena have made it clear that such a formulation would not work without the main Opposition party.

The Left parties are also not enthusiastic about Rao and Mamata taking the lead role, omitting Congress in the fight against the BJP by calling a meeting of Opposition Chief Ministers.

The CPI (M) is of the view that Stalin should take the lead role in these efforts. In his efforts to galvanise a non-Congress and non-BJP front, the TRS had discussions with Stalin over the telephone cou-

ple of months ago.

In his part Stalin sent a subtle message by inviting former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi to release the first volume of his autobiography at a function in Chennai that saw the attendance of several leaders including Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and RJD chief and Bihar Opposition leader Tejashwi Yadav. Both Mamata and Rao did not attend the function but separately wished Stalin on his birthday, a day after the release of the book on February 28.

I feel pain of the poor and Dalits: PM

RAMESH KUMAR SINGH ■
VARANASI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the BJP's alliance was with the people as the Government handed out benefits of welfare schemes directly to the people whereas the nexus of dynasts (*parivar-vadi*) were with the mafia. Modi was addressing for BJP candidates in poll rallies at Jaunpur and Chandauli districts on Thursday. Speaking at a public meeting at Navin Mandi premises in Chandauli, the Prime Minister said, "We feel the pain of the poor, Dalits and backwards and that is why we did not leave any of them sleep hungry during the last two years which was witness century's worst Corona epidemic across the globe. The BJP government also ensured that everyone was

administered free Corona vaccine" Highlighting welfare schemes run by the Yogi government, Modi said, "Only in Chandauli district, 14,000 poor families were provided pucca houses during the Yogi regime while the previous SP government never cared to look after such people. When these houses were built, it also supported the middle class who provided bricks, cement and other articles apart from employing locals." "Not only this, the BJP government also provided Ayushman cards to the poor so that they can get free treatment upto ₹5 lakh. I too belong to a poor family and hence know the daily problems faced by poor families," the Prime Minister said. Modi further said that the BJP government provided toilets to every house

and the work to provide water from tap to each house was going on in full throttle. "The double engine BJP government also helped farmers adopt the latest technology in farming and this is the reason why a good number of farmers have exported 'Kala Namak' rice variety," he said. Targeting the previous SP regime in Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister said, "During the earlier government, wheat and paddy was purchased from only 12,000 farmers of Chandauli while during BJP regime, the number went up to 50,000. We also improved the overall infrastructure and in coming years, Kashi to Kolkata Expressway will be laid which will not only provide ample job opportunities to youths of Chandauli but also help local farmers sell their produce in big

markets easily." Besides BJP candidates contesting various segments in Chandauli, the meeting was also attended by Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya. Earlier, addressing an election meeting to garner support for party candidates at TD College grounds of Jaunpur, Modi launched a scathing attack on dynastic politics (SP, BSP, Congress etc) and charged, "Their main objectives were to keep the society divided on religious and caste lines, while the BJP's norms, intent, dedication and leadership (niti, niyat, nishtha and netritva) is focussed on working for the growth of all and ensure good governance. Citing a recent example of attacks on the houses of a section of the poor in Jaunpur, the Prime Minister cautioned the

people not to allow the dynasts to reunite again with the mafia. "By providing direct benefits to the farmers, the BJP government has checked corruption and ended the game of middlemen. During SP regime, the poor did not get the benefits of several schemes started by the Centre despite several reminders," he stated. In an obvious reference to the Russia-Ukraine strife and its global implications, Modi said, "The world is passing through a difficult phase, so there are several challenges and the country is able to face these tasks with confidence because of the support of the people." The function was also addressed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and was attended by BJP MPs Seema Dwivedi and BJP Saroj and other BJP candidates.

‘BJP goons attacked me because they are cowards’

Didi gives ‘Khela Hobe’ call in SP’s support

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

A day after Mamata Banerjee was black-flagged in Varanasi, the Bengal Chief Minister renewed her Khela Hobe slogan from an election rally in the holy city saying the attack on her was the indication of BJP's fear of losing power. Banerjee who went to Varanasi to campaign for the Samajwadi Party told an election rally on Thursday, "some hoodlums from the BJP stopped my car, hit it with sticks and told me to go back while I was going to (Dasashwamedh) Ghat ... this indicates that they have fear of losing power... in fact they have gone out of power ... they are completely gone out of power ... just there is a need of one final push ..." Saying that she had faced such situations on innumerable occasions in life Banerjee said, "I faced bullets and such attacks many times in my life ... so I am not scared of such attacks ... I am a fighter and not coward ... they abused me and pushed me yesterday ... when I got down from my car they surrounded me ... I wanted to see what they can do to ...but they cannot do anything because they are cowards."



The convoy of the Chief Minister was black-flagged by local BJP workers while she was going to see Ganga Aarti at Dasashwamedh Ghat in Varanasi. Black flags were allegedly hurled at her. Attacking her Uttar Pradesh counterpart Yogi Adityanath, the Chief Minister said he was not a Yogi (saint) but a Bhogi (a person given to luxury) "because a sadhu respects a woman ... I am also a woman ... the way they misbehaved with me ... Can I not come to Varanasi or for that matter Azamgarh or Mathura ... when the leaders from the BJP go to Bengal we never do this to them ... many people go to Ganga Sagar islands but we always welcome them." The Thursday's incident would only intensify the "Khela" (game) in UP Banerjee said asking the people whether they would take part in the "Khela," even as she tossed footballs at the audience. Reminding the people how the BJP Government handled

the pandemic situation in UP, she said the dead bodies were allowed to be thrown in Ganga without proper cremation. "Is this what a sadhu does?" she asked. Asking the people to vote for Akhilesh Yadav to avoid situations like Hathras or Unnao the TMC supremo said "if you do not want a repeat of situations like Hathras or Unnao then vote for the Samajwadi Party." Meanwhile, thousands of Trinamool Congress workers on Thursday protested against the incident in several parts of Bengal with senior leaders like State Education Minister Bratya Basu wondering "how a Z+ category protectee can be gheraoed like this," adding "what happened in Varanasi shows the complete connivance of the UP Police in the matter." At Howrah, a stronghold of BJP Minister Arup Roy took out a long procession condemning Thursday's incident. Similar rallies were taken out at various points in Kolkata and other cities. TMC Rajya member Shantanu Sen tweeted "Shame on BJP. Z plus protectee, former Central Minister, 3 terms CM & most popular political character of India ... attacked at Varanasi. Yogi Adityanath must be summoned & IPS officers must be suspended by ... Amit Shah," adding Bengal Governor Jagdeep "Dhankhar must condemn this attack on his CM."

Opp parties’ heart beat for corrupt in UP, says UP CM

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday attacked the Opposition parties and said the sympathies of the SP-BSP-Congress are not with the poor and the needy of Uttar Pradesh. "Their sympathies are with anti-nationals, terrorists, organised mafia and criminals. Their heart beats for the corrupt who used to obstruct development works," the CM said while addressing an election meeting in Jaunpur on Thursday. Yogi said Jaunpur is famous for its perfume and imarti and its sweetness is now reaching country and world under the one district one product (ODOP). The Prime Minister, he added, has come as a boon for state and country and he extended his gratitude on behalf of people of UP. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath further said that he all know that after independence many areas of Uttar Pradesh were neglected. After formation of government under leadership of Prime Minister Modi for first time in 2014, the Government



of India started the holistic development of those areas. "Under the BJP regime demand for medical colleges has started and recently work has started to connect Jaunpur with three national highways," Yogi said and asked: "How can Jaunpur, being a district adjacent to the world-famous cultural city of all of us be deprived of development". CM Yogi said that 15 crore people of Uttar Pradesh are getting the facility of ration twice a month under double engine government. Now, 24-hour electricity is available here. He even highlighted the efficacy of the vaccine saying it is because of vaccine third wave came and went and it was hardly noticed. "Had SP-BSP government been there, they would have worked to black-market even this life-saving vaccine", he said.

28% candidates in last phase have criminal cases; 36% are crorepatitis: ADR

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An average of 28 per cent of the candidates contesting in the seventh phase of ongoing Assembly polls have criminal cases against themselves. Similarly, 36 per cent of the candidates are crorepatitis. After analysing the affidavits of 607 of the 613 candidates in the fray from 54 Assembly segments in the seventh and last phase where voting is scheduled on March 7, UP Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reform (ADR) said that there were criminal cases against 170 or 28 percent candidates and heinous crime cases against 131 or 22 percent. Party-wise, 26 of the 45 Samajwadi Party candidates or 58 percent, 26 of the 47 BJP candidates or 44 percent, 20 of the 52 BSP candidates or 38 percent, 20 of the 54 Congress nominees or 37 percent and 8 of the 47 AAP candidates or 17 percent have declared criminal cases against themselves. The maximum number of cases (24) are registered against Pragatisheel Manav Samaj Party candidate Vijay Mishra contesting from Gyanpur

Assembly seat of Bhadohi in this phase. He is tailed by BSP's Raj Kumar Gautam trying his luck from Ghazipur Assembly seat with 11 cases. Also, Congress candidate Ajay Rai contesting from Pindar Assembly seat of Varanasi has 17 cases. The ADR report further said that of the 607 candidates in the seventh phase, 217 or 36 percent were crorepatitis. A total of 40 of the 47 BJP candidates or 85 percent, 37 of the 45 SP candidates or 82 percent, 41 of the 52 BSP candidates or 79 percent, 22 of the 54 Congress candidates or 41 percent and 15 of the 47 AAP candidates or 32 percent have declared assets more than Rs.1 crore. AIMIM candidate Guddu Jamali from Mubarakpur Assembly seat of Azamgarh leads the table with declared assets of Rs 195 crores, and is followed by BSP candidate Babulal from Pindar seat of Varanasi with Rs 44 crores and BSP's Piyush Kumar Singh from Nizamabad Assembly seat of Azamgarh has assets worth Rs 34 crores. The average assets of candidates in the seventh phase of state elections is Rs 2.55 crore.

SHO among six cop suspended for youth's death

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Six policemen, including a Station House Officer (SHO), were suspended in connection with the death of a youth, who had jumped into a drain and drowned after a police raid in Sirsa Kalar police station area of Jalaun on Tuesday evening. As per sources, the Sirsa Kalar police conducted a raid at a suspected gambling den near Bajuna village. On being chased by cops, Arjun Gupta along with four others jumped into a drain to evade arrest. While the others managed to swim to safety, Arjun drowned. The news of his death irked locals and they swarmed scene in hundreds and staged a massive demonstration on Tuesday night. After Arjun's body was fished out, further protests were held. The family members refused to hand over body for autopsy and demanded immediate action against the policemen. Later senior officials rushed to agitation scene and defused situation by promising stern and prompt action against errands after which body could be sent for autopsy. On Wednesday, the family members performed the last rites after which SP of Jalaun, Ravi Kumar suspended six policemen, including SHO of Sirsa Kalar police station, Ajay Kumar Singh. The other cops handed out punishment are Umesh Yadav, Asad Khan, Vijay Pal Singh, Gopendra Singh and Insaaf Khan. Meanwhile in Aligarh, a 16-year-old girl Yasmeen died after being allegedly thrown off terrace of a three-stories rented residential house by her mother's paramour in Mallah ka Nagla locality on Wednesday evening.

28-yr-old R Priya nominated as next Chennai Mayor



KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ CHENNAI Twenty eight-year-old R Priya, a post graduate in commerce would be the next Chennai Mayor. Hailing from a Harijan family in the metropolis, Priya would be the third woman to be nominated as the mayor of Greater Chennai Municipal Corporation. Grand daughter of a former DMK MLA, Priya has moorings in the Dravidian politics though she took the active plunge only after the 2021 assembly election. The DMK which swept Chennai Municipal Corporation election by winning 153 out of the 200 seats made it known on Thursday that Priya, who won from the north Chennai ward would be party's mayor candidate.

Inspiring mission commences along Kochi coastline

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

An exhilarating and inspiring mission commenced along Kochi coast on Thursday by two prestigious research organisations specialising in ocean studies. Hyderabad based Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (under the Ministry of Earth Sciences) and National Institute of Oceanography at Kochi (Ministry of Science and Technology) have come together to elevate the 7516.6 km long Indian coastline to global standards. This means that the country's beaches would be as beautiful (if not more!) and safe as that of best seashores in rest of the world. The Kochi shoreline has been polluted and degraded over the years making it a blot on the face of Queen of Arabian Sea, as it was previously known. The serene beach of Kochi could be seen only in old films and pictures as entire area has become polluted and



unhygienic thanks to scant regard people have for environment and ecology. "Our objective is to make Kochi and other beaches in country categorized as Blue Flag certified beaches, benchmark for cleanliness, safety, availability of pure water and accessibility for all," Dr T M Balakrishnan Nair, Group Director, Ocean Services and Applied Research, INCOIS, who leads project told The Pioneer while installing a giant buoy in sea along International Container Transshipment Terminal at Kochi. For the next one month, Dr Nair and his team of scientists and engineers would monitor signals received from buoy, the earth observation satellite of Indian National Satellite series and mathematics model.

Budget Session of Maharashtra Assembly begins on stormy note

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

The budget session of the Maharashtra Legislature began on a stormy note on Thursday, as the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) members shouted vociferous slogans and heckled Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari over his recent "objectionable" statement against Chhatrapati Shivaji, forcing him to cut short his customary address to the joint house and literally stage a "walk out" from the place. As was expected, the ruling MVA members – who had made no bones about his displeasure over Koshyari's recent statement describing describing Swami Samarth Ramdas as the "Guru" of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – had come prepared to de-rail the Governor's customary address delivered at the beginning of the budget session of the State Legislature. As soon as the Governor arrived at the State Legislature to deliver his address to a joint sitting

of both the Houses, the MVA members greeted him angrily. The moment he began his speech, the treasury bench members shouted vociferous slogans against him and heckled him continuously. Not to be outdone, the Opposition BJP members raised counter-slogans demanding the resignation of Minority Affairs Minister Nawab Malik who was arrested by Enforcement Directorate (ED) on February 23 in connection with his alleged involvement in a money laundering case and his "links" with the underworld. The Governor's speech was drowned in pandemonium caused by slogan shouting and heckling of Governor and counter-slogan shouting by the Opposition BJP legislators. Having realised that he would not be able to complete his speech in the din, the Governor placed his speech copy on podium and quietly walked away without completing his

address or waiting for National Anthem. The incident –which saw the Governor cut short his speech and stage a "walk-out" from joint sitting hall of the State Legislature –led to a slanging match between ruling and Opposition members, who traded barbs and charges against each other. The ruling MVA legislators dubbed Governor's act of staging a walk-out from the joint sitting venue as "an insult" to Legislature, the National Anthem, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Mahatma Jyotirao and Savitri Phule. Some legislators demanded the Governor's immediate resignation. In their retaliation, Devendra Fadnis and Pravin Darekar of the BJP, who are the leaders of the Opposition in the State Assembly and Council, charged that the MVA government was trying to protect 'a mafia-tainted minister' and they would not rest till Malik quit his post.

NC, PDP struggling to consolidate vote base

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

After the Abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A in August 2019 two mainstream regional political parties-- National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party are still struggling to consolidate their voter base across Jammu region. On the other hand the Congress party which shared power between 2002 to 2014 in alliance with PDP and National Conference is battling infighting within its own ranks. Instead of giving tough competition to the BJP the local Congress leaders have locked horns with each other to establish their supremacy in the party hierarchy. Some new players have also emerged with the formation of new political outfits such as Jammu and Kashmir APNI party headed by former PDP minister Syed Atul Bukhari and Ekk Jutt Jammu headed by Ankur Sharma. However, both these parties are yet to test their political waters especially in the Jammu region. Now as the talk of holding assembly elections is gaining currency the top brass of the National Conference and PDP may have to adopt a new election strategy to register their footprints and prevent the Bharatiya Janta Party from winning the majority seats from Jammu region. In the recent months JKNC President Dr Farooq Abdullah and PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti made several trips to Jammu region to keep their flock together as several senior leaders have already switched loyalties and joined new political formations to resurrect their own political careers. NC suffered the biggest jolt after its Provincial president Devender Singh Rana, who also worked as a close aide of former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah switched loyalties and joined the ranks of BJP.



Artist Sudarshan Pattnaik gives finishing touch to a sand sculpture with a message 'Stop War', amid the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, in Puri on Thursday

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SHRINKING FOREIGN POLICY SPACE FOR INDIA

What if Russia backs China's aggression in the future?



KUMARDEEP BANERJEE

The pivots of global foreign policy are shifting fast. A week may be a long time in politics but could prove to be a century in the sands of volatile geopolitical history. What began as an aggressive gesture by Russia to send a message to the wider western coalition of nations has escalated to full-fledged war. The Ukraine crisis is stewarding global power alignments faster than the proverbial ink can dry on newsprint. This is creating a scenario where for the first time in several decades, a global audience hooked on to social media is watching and analyzing a full-fledged war in Europe. This is not to dismiss the earlier military interventions of global powers in several regions of Middle East, Africa and Central Asia, all of which were happening in an arena considered 'safe' for most of the Western alliance. But for the first time since World War II the theatre of war is at the doorstep of Europe and



is challenging the dominant hegemony, while trying to resurrect old world power equations. One of the key players which has been cautious in its response to the Ukraine crisis is China which is the real cause of worry for India. China seems to be gaining the most out of the situation. First, the European nations, the US and the UK have imposed severe financial sanctions on Russia to contain its march into Europe. Several of its high net-worth individuals who may have stored their wealth outside their country of origin are increasingly finding it difficult to liquidate their assets. The aim is to economically isolate Russia and make it pay for its aggression. What many agree is that Russia has carefully scripted an alternative path out, by increasingly courting China bilaterally and also at global forums. China and Russia are both permanent members of the United Nations security council and between them have a bilateral trade relationship of nearly \$150 billion. Russia has carefully cultivated China (or vice versa) to develop an alternative "Russian" standard of international payment and settlement system. Even though it is in early stages of development, mutual acceptance of this payment system by two global powers could potentially be equivalent to creating a separate internet for themselves. This is not to mention that these nations have not created their own internet silos.

These alternate payment systems could possibly urge every existing or emerging global powers such as India to create their own specific standards or codes for international financial transactions. It is likely to be chaotic and choppy to negotiate through this financial matrix of cross border transactions. However, what is more worrying from India's perspective is, the growing dependency of Russia on China for its survival which could turn the tables for India. India has had several decades of warm relationship with Russia, unhampered by regime changes. India's dependence on Russian military equipment is a well-known fact. In the changing geo dynamic where India is at its worst relationship phase with China, a growing proximity between Russia and China is a potential threat for future. India so far abstained from outrightly calling out Russian march into Ukraine's territories as a threat to sovereignty but the space for silent diplomacy is fast shrinking. Sooner than later Russia may have to back up China's imperialist aggression into another sovereign's rightful territory which is a huge threat for India. India may also find shrinking vocal power in multilateral forums such as Quad on several issues of concern around China. The US and its allies including Japan and Australia may have limited bandwidth to focus on Indian grievances expressed in QUAD forum.

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India's national security: Imperatives for 2022



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A comprehensive National Security Doctrine for India must be defined so that there is no ambiguity even with a change in Government

Even as a cheerless 2021 came to an end with hopes that the New Year would not be as dismal, the important factors which should govern national security of India deserve a fresh look. While the coastlines are expected to be secure—hopefully there would be no repeat of 26/11—the border states on both the eastern and western flanks are once again exhibiting signs of turbulence, especially in Jammu and Kashmir and Punjab. The Taliban takeover of Afghanistan could be one of the reasons, but the fact remains that the security architecture of the nation needs strategic reorientation.

In J&K, the police were quite successful in their anti-terror operations during 2021. A total of 182 terrorists including 44 of their commanders and 20 guest militants were eliminated. However, there is no room for complacency and, as the chief of the army staff stated, the possibility of Afghan-origin foreign terrorists attempting to infiltrate into J&K cannot be ruled out once the situation in Afghanistan stabilises. Besides, there is genuine grievance among the people over the loss of statehood. The proposed delimitation of constituencies in J&K has also led to a political storm. The mainstream political parties represented by the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration have categorically rejected the proposal.

In Punjab, there is a concerted effort to revive militancy. Political instability in the state is providing an ideal opportunity to the pro-Khalistan elements. The lapses in the Prime Minister's security during his visit to the Punjab showed the horrifying price that the country may have to pay for the sort of murky politics that are being played out in the frontier state.

The north-eastern scenario is not encouraging either. The manner in which the Chin refugee issue is creating a virtual rift between Aizawl and New Delhi brings into question the centre-state relationship in a quasi-federal set-up. In Tripura, where rallies were taken out by religious organisations leading to clashes with the police and vandalism of houses, shops and shrines belonging to the minority community as a backlash to the attacks on Hindu temples in Bangladesh is worrisome.

The situation in Nagaland, despite New Delhi's firmness that there would be no balkanisation of states in the north-east, has become unstable with the Mon incident of December 4, 2021 being exploited by various groups to tarnish the image of the army and criticise the Government of India. New Delhi must make it clear that the demand for Greater Nagaland will not be entertained and it must take stern measures against elements violating the cessation of violence agreements.

Long-drawn-out deployment of the army in Manipur has virtually taken the sails out of the army's winds in the state.

BOTH THE EASTERN AS WELL AS THE WESTERN BORDERS ARE IN A STATE OF TURMOIL. SEPARATISM IS REARING ITS HEAD, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF MYRIAD POLITICAL UNCERTAINTIES. SECESSIONIST ELEMENTS ARE LOOKING FOR SUSTENANCE FROM ACROSS THE BORDERS

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There are allegations of human rights violations which are alienating the force from a populace whose support it would need were inimical forces to adopt hot-war postures. The best course of action, in the backdrop of the Jeevan Reddy Commission recommendations, would be to phase out the army from its internal security duties from areas which are regaining stability, as is the case in parts of Assam.

Indeed, it is what the army seeks, even as it prepares for the threat of a two-front war. The AFSPA, which has been the subject of much debate, would fall flat in the face of such a course of action. In the absence of the army for internal security management, there would be no need for the Act. Needless involvement in internal security has been rendering a noble force defenceless and vulnerable. However, much caution would need to be exercised when it comes to pressures from quarters which are not sensitive to the security environment of the region.

An important aspect that should govern national security in 2022 is the manner in which the region is experiencing demographic inversion. The Assam Tribune of December 23, 2021 front-paged a news-item that 1,42,206 illegal foreigners had been detected in Assam till October 31, 2021. Such an assertion should have also brought aggression that stems from non-traditional sources such as illegal migrations to the fore. But

it must be said that any racial profiling exercise whereby communal tensions are stoked would only be to the detriment of the country, especially as the minority community must be wholly incorporated into India's nation building enterprise. Indeed, aspects such as the "Hijab" controversy must not be allowed the land of Ajan Fakir and Srimanta Sankardeva.

Both the eastern as well as the western borders are, therefore, in a state of turmoil. Separatism is rearing its head taking advantage of myriad political uncertainties. Secessionist elements are looking for sustenance from across the borders. The changes in the demographic pattern along the borders have made these areas amenable to subterfuge. There are innumerable faultlines which need to be immediately addressed in order to fortify national security.

Some of the important measures which need to be taken on a priority basis are:

- (1) A comprehensive National Security Doctrine for India must be defined so that there is no ambiguity even with change in government
- (2) A dedicated North East Security Council should be constituted
- (3) Army's deployment in internal security duties should be for a limited period
- (4) Police forces must be revamped to strengthen their internal security management capabilities
- (5) The open-ended expansion of paramilitary forces must stop and structures which have acquired too much flab should be pruned
- (6) The infrastructure and weaponry of the border guarding forces needs to be upgraded
- (7) Genuine grievances and aspirations of the border populations should not be kept in abeyance
- (8) Illegal migration should be curbed and the demographic balance must be maintained
- (9) A separate time zone must be seriously considered for India. After all there is a time difference of two hours between Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat.
- (10) The possibility of having an integrated All India Services cadre for the north-eastern states should be examined
- (11) Lateral entry must be actively considered to incorporate domain specialists in senior policy making positions of the country. The country has suffered as a result of over-dependence on All India Services personnel manning national security at the highest levels.
- (12) Effective measures must be taken to root out corruption and proper utilisation of funds allotted for development ensured
- (13) Political processes should be revived wherever dormant and peace talks initiated or expedited, as the case may be, with insurgent groups without compromising national unity and integrity.

POINT COUNTERPOINT



THE GOVERNMENT MUST URGENTLY SHARE THE DETAILED EVACUATION PLAN WITH THE STRANDED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

— CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI

Ukraine invasion: Failing United Nations

It is a total failure of the UN system which has been held to ransom by the US-led western countries

The Russian invasion of Ukraine and the negation of the Security Council resolution have given world-watchers an opportunity to assess the role of United Nations and its relevance today in maintaining order in the civilized world.

The UN Charter "mandates the UN and its member states to maintain international peace and security, uphold international law, achieve higher standards of living" for their citizens, address economic, social, health, and related problems; and promote "universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion".

However, the world is not run by peace-making philosophers and philanthropies but the



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political and military leaders. The United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the word United States and since then US and its western allies have been virtually dictating terms for the functioning of UN and behaving as self-styled policemen of the world. The result was intense cold war between the US led NATO and Soviet Union and consequent rat race among opponent countries for missile and weapons and deployment of atomic weapons. The cold war ended with the break-up of Soviet Union.

If we analyse the current Russian invasion of the Ukraine, it becomes clear how this small country with good resources was used as a pawn by the America and its western allies. Ever since Ukraine became independent and showed a



leaning towards the US and its European allies, Russian President Vladimir Putin, a former KGB officer, vowed to bring back the past glory of the Soviet era for the Russians. After he came to power, his popularity soared from two percent to 45 percent following his role in annexing Chechnya—which is now known as Chechen, a constituent republic of Russia. In 2014 Russia invaded the

Crimean peninsula and annexed it and on March 18, 2014 it became a constituent republic of Russia when President Vladimir Putin signed the accession. In retaliation the US and their European partners signed several agreements with Ukraine and goaded it to join the NATO. The US tried to encircle Russia and bring nuclear and weapon arsenals to Russian doors.

Russian President Putin warned the west and Ukraine not to join NATO and cited it as the violation of Minsk treaty of 2015 between Russia and Ukraine brokered by the French President.

Now let us examine the scenario. America and its partners have a history of bombing the world all over like they did in Iraq, Vietnam and Afghanistan citing threat to international peace but withdrawing without taking the affected countries and people into confidence. America has bombed so far more than 30 countries and is responsible for blood baths and ruin of lives of millions of people. The way they withdrew and left behind their weapons in Afghanistan makes a mockery of the UN Charter. So far, the US has exercised the veto power

more than 80 times. The Indian Government's response to the American-backed resolution in the UN Security Council on February 26, 2022 had wide acceptance among the Indian people as Russia has been a time-tested friend and exercised veto power in the UN four times in favour of India during the crucial times and especially in 1948 and 1971.

Putin may be a dictator in the eyes of West by violating the UN Charter and he has been threatening the use of nuclear power if US and NATO come to the rescue of Ukraine. But in this war, he is paying back the Americans in the same style in which they have been bombing other countries piggybacking the UN system. It is a total failure of the UN system which has been held to ransom by the US

led western countries. We see the West has two value systems, one for them and the other for other countries. There is an entire ecosystem in the US and Europe which is rabidly promoting anti-national elements in India with the aim to balkanise it like Soviet Union.

Take the case of farmers' agitation last year the New York time was full of vituperative abusive writings in league with anti-India forces. Similarly, Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau was vociferous critic of India's handling of this agitation and now the whole world is noticing how severely the Canada is dealing with the farmers' agitation and the New York Times is silent. It is because of this that China is now emerging as another bully at the international level.

Ukraine refugee count tops 1 million

As Russians besiege two seaports

AP ■ KYIV

More than 1 million people have fled Ukraine following Russia's invasion, in the swiftest refugee exodus this century, the United Nations said Thursday, as Russian forces pressed their assaults on the country's second-largest city and two strategic seaports.

The tally the UN Refugee agency released to The Associated Press was reached Wednesday and amounts to more than 2 per cent of Ukraine's population being forced out of the country in seven days.

The mass evacuation could be seen in Kharkiv, a city of about 1.5 million people where residents desperate to escape falling shells and bombs crowded the city's train station and pressed onto trains, not always knowing where they were headed.



With a column of tanks and other vehicles apparently stalled for days outside the capital of Kyiv, fighting continued on multiple fronts across Ukraine. A second round of talks aimed at ending the fighting was expected later Thursday in neighbouring Belarus - though the two sides appeared to have little common ground.

Britain's Defense Ministry said Mariupol, a large city on the Azov Sea, was encircled by Russian forces. The status of another vital port, Kherson, a Black Sea shipbuilding city of 280,000, remained unclear.

Russia's forces claimed to have taken complete control of Kherson, which would be the biggest city to fall in the inva-

sion thus far. Britain's Defense Ministry said that was possible, though not yet verified. The mayor said there were no Ukrainian forces in the city - but he said the Ukrainian flag was still flying over it.

Overnight, Associated Press reporters in Kyiv heard at least one explosion before videos started circulating of apparent strikes on the capital.

Russia's Defense Ministry said it had knocked out a reserve broadcasting center in the Lysa Hora district, about 7 kilometers (4 miles) south of the government headquarters. It said unspecified precision weapons were used, and that there were no casualties or damage to residential buildings.

A statement from the general staff of Ukraine's armed forces didn't address the strikes, saying only that Russian forces were "regrouping" and "trying to reach the northern outskirts" of the city. "The advance on Kyiv has been rather not very organized and now they're more or less stuck," military analyst Pavel Felgenhauer told the AP in Moscow.

Kyiv shrines, memorials with powerful symbolic value at risk

AP ■ KYIV

Kyiv, bracing for a potentially catastrophic Russian attack, is the spiritual heart of Ukraine.

Among the sites at risk in the Ukrainian Capital are the nation's most sacred Orthodox shrines, dating back nearly 1,000 years to the dawn of Christianity in the region.

The sites, along with other landmark shrines in Kyiv, are religiously significant to both Ukrainian Orthodox and Russian Orthodox. They also stand as powerful symbols in the quarrel over whether the two groups are parts of a single people - as Russian President Vladimir Putin has claimed - or are distinct but related Slavic nations.

The landmarks include the golden domed St. Sophia's Cathedral and the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra, a sprawling underground and above-ground complex also known as the Monastery of the Caves. Others include the multi-towered St. Michael's Golden-Domed Monastery and St. Andrew's Church. On Tuesday, Ukrainian officials said Russian forces damaged another monument - Ukraine's main Holocaust memorial, Babi Yar - prompting international condemnation.

"What will be next if even Babi Yar (is hit)" asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday. "What other military objects, NATO bases' are threatening Russia? St. Sophia's

Cathedral, Lavra, Andrew's Church?"

There is no indication the Russians intentionally targeted Babi Yar. Nor is there any confirmation that the Russians plan to target any of the sacred sites in Kyiv. But civilian buildings have already been hit in other cities, and Kyiv's major shrines sit in elevated locations that could leave them especially vulnerable. Case in point: The Assumption Cathedral in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, was damaged in the recent attacks, reportedly with stained-glass windows broken and other decorations damaged. The cathedral, which is under the Moscow-affiliated Orthodox church, was Kharkiv's tallest building until sometime in the 21st century.

Disabled orphans fleeing Kyiv received by Poles, Hungarians

AP ■ ZAHONY

Some of Ukraine's most vulnerable citizens have reached safety in Poland through an effort of solidarity and compassion that transcended borders and raised a powerful counterpoint to war. On Wednesday, a train pulled into the station in Zahony, Hungary carrying about 200 people with severe physical and mental disabilities - residents of two orphanages for the

disabled in Ukraine's capital of Kyiv that were evacuated as Russian forces battered the city.

"Territorially, the orphanages are where the rockets flew, where there were bursts of rifle fire. A metro station near the orphanage was blown up," said Larissa Leonidovna, the director of the Svyatoshynsky orphanage for boys in Kyiv. "We spent more than an hour underground during a bombing."

Jan 6 panel claims Trump engaged in 'criminal conspiracy'

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The House Committee investigating the US Capitol insurrection said Wednesday night that its evidence shows former President Donald Trump and his associates engaged in a "criminal conspiracy" to prevent Congress from certifying the results of the presidential election, spread false information about it and pressured state officials to overturn the results.

The committee made the claims in a filing in response to a lawsuit by Trump adviser John Eastman. Eastman, a lawyer who was consulting with Trump as he attempted to



overturn the election, is trying to withhold documents from the committee as it investigates the Jan 6, 2021, insurrection. The committee argued there is a legal exception allowing the disclosure of communications regarding ongoing or future crimes.

California mass killing raises troubling questions

AP ■ SACRAMENTO

The father who fatally shot his three daughters and a man at a California church this week repeatedly threatened to

kill his estranged girlfriend and scared their girls so much they cried and one bit off her fingernails, according to a restraining order that was supposed to keep him away from guns and bullets.

But 39-year-old David Mora had both when he showed up Monday for a supervised visit with his daughters, ages 13, 10 and 9. He shot them, the chaperone he and his ex-girlfriend had agreed could oversee the weekly visits, and then himself.

The violence at The Church in Sacramento, a non-denominational Christian place of worship, raised troubling questions: How did Mora get a gun? Should his arrest a week earlier on felony charges have prompted postponement of his visitation?

Afghan failing economy heads to 'irreversibility'

AP ■ UNITED NATIONS

The UN special envoy for Afghanistan said Wednesday the international community hasn't done enough to revive the country's economy as it heads toward "a point of irreversibility," while the US said it is the responsibility of the ruling Taliban to create the conditions for economic stability.


The envoy, Deborah Lyons, told the UN Security Council that Afghanistan is nearing "a tipping point that will see more businesses close, more people unemployed and falling into poverty." Afghanistan's long-troubled economy has been in a tailspin since the Taliban takeover Aug. 15 as US and NATO forces were in the final stages of their chaotic withdrawal from the country after 20 years.

House to vote on bill to help US war veterans exposed to burn pits

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The House is poised to pass legislation that would dramatically boost health care services and disability benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The bill set for a vote Thursday has the backing of the nation's major veterans groups and underscores the continued cost of war years after the fighting has stopped. If passed into law, it would increase spending by more than \$300 billion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

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Regional Office:- LDA Colony, B2/B70 Kanpur Road, Near Phoenix Mall, Lucknow		Branch Office:- 3rd Floor 139-141 Mangal Pandey Nagar Opposite CCS University Meerut. Uttar Pradesh 250002,				
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION-CUM-SALEOF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES						
In exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (4) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein after referred to as "SARFAESI Act") and Rule 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "Rules")for the purpose of recovering the secured debts, the authorized officer of the secured creditor M/s Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "MRHFL") has decided to sell the secured asset (immoveable property), the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor under S. 13 (4) of SARFAESI Act, described herein below on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IT IS BASIS" and the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their representatives, as the case may be are hereby informed that the secured asset listed below will be sold, particulars of which are given below:						
Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Date & Amount of 13(2) Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of Property	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Property Inspection Date & Time	Date & Time of e-Auction
Branch: GHAZIABAD Borrower: ANJU KUMAR Co-Borrower: NISHA RAVAL Address:- H.NO-54, GHODI BACHHEDA GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, GHAZIABAD,UTTAR PRADESH -201301 Also At:- R/O 134, GHORI BACHERA,DISTT GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR,UP LAN: 587509/ XSEMGZB00504274	24-12-2020 & Rs.16,76,993.00 (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Only)	12-10-2021	PLOT ON KHASRA NO-306 CHAMRA WALL, RAMGASH PARGANA, DISTT-DADRI GAUDAM BUDDH NAGAR, GHAZIABAD, UTTAR PRADESH - 203207 Boundary:- North - PLOT OF GOLDI , South - PLOT OF SMT ASHA DEVI, East - RASTA , West - PLOT OF SUMIT	Rs.8,10,000/- Rs.81,000/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Branch: MEERUT Borrower: NARENDRA Address:- H.NO. 4 CC SHATABDI NAGAR, RITHANI, MEERUT UP 250103 Co-Borrower: GEETA DEVI Address:- VILL-AASIFABAD NARANG PUR MEERUT UP Also At:- H.NO. 4 CC SHATABDI NAGAR RITHANI MEERUT UP 250103 LAN: 634551/ XSEMMER00524294	03-12-2020 & Rs.6,80,875.00 (Rupees Six Lakh Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Only)	22-06-2021	PLOT NO.179, KHASRA NO.64/1 ,MOHALA-SHRI RAM GARDEN, VILL.- DUNGRAWALI DIST. MEERUT PIN CODE-250103 Boundary:- North - LAND OF PIPELINE , South-PRAMOD CHAIRMAN , East - Road, West	Rs.4,33,700/- Rs.43,370/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Branch: MEERUT Borrower: NIRBHAY SINGH NAGAR Address:- H.NO. 9 NANGLA SHERKHAN URF JAIN PUR MEERUT,UTTAR PRADESH - 250002 Co-Borrower: AJAY SINGH Address:- RACCHOTI, MEERUT,UP-250106 Guarantor:- SHIKHA AGARWAL Address:- 278/7 JAGRITI VIHAR SEC-7, MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH -250004 LAN: 582727/ XSEMMER00489862	12-01-2021 & Rs.7,55,797.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Only)	10-04-2021	PART OF PLOT NO 19 & 20 KHASRA NO 111,GRAM-KUNDA PARTAPUR,MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH -250002 Boundary:- North -PLOT OF MAHAVEER, south- PLOT OF BIJENDRA, East - 12 FEET ROAD, West - PLOT OF RAMPAL	Rs.1,80,000/- Rs.18,000/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Branch: GHAZIABAD Borrower: MUKUT SINGH Co-Borrower: KAMLESH Address:- H.NO.-159 VILLAGE- GHORI BACHERA, DADRI , GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR GHAZIABAD 203207 LAN: 687139/ XSEMGZB00586921	13-08-2021 & Rs.7,21,334.00 (Rupees Seven Lakh Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Four Only)	10-01-2022	KHASRA NO. 800 VILLAGE PIYAWALI,TAJPUR,DADRI, GAUTAM BUDDH NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH -203207 Boundary:- North -PLOT OF MAHAVEER, south- PLOT OF BIJENDRA, East - 12 FEET ROAD, West - PLOT OF RAMPAL	Rs.4,34,700/- Rs.43,470/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Branch: MEERUT Borrower: SANNAVAR Co-Borrower: SHAJINA Address:- TEHRKI, KHIRVA, JALALPUR, CHOTI MASJID MEERUT UP 250341 LAN: 810150/ XSEMMER00711670	13-08-2021 & Rs.17,58,748.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Eight Only)	10-01-2022	A RESIDENTIAL PLOT NO-135/2, KHASRA NO-1162 MIN., NAGAR PALIKA PARISHAD,NEAR RADHA KUNJ COLONY, DAURALA ROAD, PARGANA,TEHSIL-SARDHANA,DIST-MEERUT, UTTAR PRADESH -250341 Boundary:- North -PLOT OF OWNER , south-PLOT OF SATYAJEET BHEEM SAIN AND KUNWAL PAL , East - BOUNDARY OF RADHA KUNJ COLONY, West - RASTA 12 FT WIDE	Rs.9,00,000/- Rs.90,000/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
Branch: MEERUT Borrower: SANDEEP KUMAR PAL Co-Borrower: ANJU Address:- HOUSE NO 417, 3 RAMPURI MUZAFFAR NAGAR UP 251002 LAN: 1221860/ XSEMMER00971410	13-08-2021 & Rs.1,89,020.00 (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Twenty Only)	10-01-2022	PLOT NO-32A KHASRA NO-699-VILL. BAMAN HERDI MUZAFFARNAGAR-2510026 45 Boundary:- North -PLOT OF OWNER , south-PLOT OF SATYAJEET BHEEM SAIN AND KUNWAL PAL, East - BOUNDARY OF RADHA KUNJ COLONY, West - RASTA 12 FT WIDE	Rs.3,87,000/- Rs.38,700/- Rs.10,000/-	26/3/2022 Time 11.00 AM TO 6 PM	4/4/2022 Time 10:00 to 3:00 PM
1.MRHFL acting through its Authorized Officer has now received offers to buy the same (offer amount is tabulated in the table above), and we intend to accept it, interalia considering the fact that the previous public auction held was unsuccessful. 2.To Participate in Auction intended bidder has to deposit 10 % of the Reserve Price. 3.The detail terms and conditions of the auction sale are incorporated in the prescribed tender form. Tender forms are available on www.mahindraruralhousingfinance.com as well as above branch office. The sale will be subject to terms and conditions mentioned in Tender Form. 4.For further details, contact the Authorised Officers, Deep Chandra Joshi 8853265434 Last date of submission of sealed offers in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD is 28-03-2022 at the branch office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up properly or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD. 5.Date of opening of the offers for Property is 04-04-2022 at the above mentioned branch office address at 11.00 AM . the tender will be opened in the presence of the Authorised Officer. 6.Date of inspection of the immovable property is 26-03-2022 between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM . 7.The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) are hereby given 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 to pay the sum mentioned as above before the date of Auction failing which the offer received will be accepted and the immovable property will be auctioned and balance, if any, will be recovered with interest and costs. If the Borrower pays the amount due to Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped. 8.The immovable property will be sold to the highest tendered. However, the undersigned reserves the absolute discretion to allow inter se bidding, if deemed necessary.						
Place :- GHAZIABAD, MEERUT		Date:-04.03.2022		Sd/- Authorised Officer Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited		

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
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" on dates below mentioned, for recovery of amount mentioned below due to the Capri Global Capital Limited Secured Creditor from Borrower mentioned below. The reserve price, EMD amount and property details mentioned below.

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 3. DATE & TIME OF THE PROPERTY INSPECTION 1. E-AUCTION DATE: 06.04.2022 (Between 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.) 2. LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF EMD WITH KYC: 05.04.2022 3. DATE OF INSPECTION: 02.04.2022 (Between 10 AM to 2 PM)	1. RESERVE PRICE 2. EMD OF THE PROPERTY 3. INCREMENTAL VALUE RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 40,07,000/- (Rupees Forty Lacs Seven Thousand Only). EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT: Rs. 4,01,000/- (Rupees Four Lacs One Thousand Only) INCREMENTAL VALUE: Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only)
1.	1.M/S Kohinoor Textiles ("Borrower") 2.Mohd Arsad 3.Mohd. Arif 4.Mrs. Anjum Begum (Co-borrower) LOAN ACCOUNT NO. LNCGCAZDTL0000004208 and LNCGCPGT00000007280 Rupees 25,01,536/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs One Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Six Only) along with interest from 25.02.2022 along with applicable future interest.	Private Shop No. 4 on Ground floor, area admeasuring 133 sq Fts, Part of Municipal Property No. 146 (Old) and 356 (New) , Ward No. II, Situated at Kucha Ghasi Ram, Chandni Chowk, Delhi-110006.		

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/](http://www.Capriglobal.in/auction/)

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 & indemnities.
- Particulars of the property / assets (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 answerable for any error, misstatement or omission. Actual extent & dimensions may differ.
- 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 commitment or nay representation 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 title & present condition of the property / assets and claims / dues affecting the property before submission of bid/s.
- Auction/bidding shall only be through "online electronic mode" through the website <https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net> Or Auction Tiger Mobile APP provided by the service provider M/S eProcurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad who shall arrange & coordinate the entire process of auction through the e-auction platform.
- 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 for the internet connectivity, network problems, system crash down, power failure etc.
- For details, file, 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. 079-68136880/68136837), Mr. Chintan Bhatt Mob. 9265562821 & 9265562818. Email: Chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net.
- 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 change only the password immediately upon receiving it from the service provider.
- 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 in favor of "Capri Global Capital Limited" on or before 05-Apr-2022.
- 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 05-Apr-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".
- 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 bidding/ auction proceedings at the date and time mentioned in E-Auction Sale Notice.
- 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 end time of e-auction shall be automatically extended by 10 Minutes each time if bid is made within 10 minutes from the last extension.
- 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.
- 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 Office 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.
- 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.
- 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 put to sale.
- 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.
- The Successful Bidder shall pay 1% of Sale price towards TDS (out of Sale proceeds) (if applicable) and submit TDS certificate to the Authorised officer and the deposit the entire amount of sale price (after deduction of 1% 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, failing which the earnest deposit will be forfeited.
- 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 property.
- 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 all taxes/ charges.
- Applicable legal charges for conveyance, stamp duty, registration charges and other incidental charges shall be borne by the auction purchaser.
- 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 30 days from the scheduled date of sale, it will be displayed on the website of the service provider.
- The decision of the Authorised Officer is final, binding and unquestionable.
- 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.
- For further details and queries, contact Authorised Officer, Capri Global Capital Limited: Mr. Sushil Gupta Mo. No. 7400445137.
- This publication is also 30 (Thirty) days notice to the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantors of the above said loan account pursuant to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, about holding of auction sale on the above mentioned date / place.

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 auction successfully.

Place: DELHI Date : 04-03-2022

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Equity indices relinquish early gains as oil plays spoilsport



Mumbai: Equity indices relinquished early gains to close in the red for the second straight session on Thursday as surging oil prices amid the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine sapped risk appetite. Crude oil prices ratcheted up towards the USD 120 per barrel mark on fears of supply disruptions as western nations tightened sanctions on Russia, which accounts for around 10 per cent of global oil output. A weakening rupee and persistent foreign fund outflows also weighed on sentiment, traders said. The 30-share BSE Sensex started the trade on a firm footing and jumped 527.72 points in morning deals to a high of 55,996.62.

However, during the afternoon session it surrendered all its early gains and finished at 55,102.68, down 366.22 points or 0.66 per cent. In similar fashion, the broader NSE Nifty declined 107.90 points or 0.65 per cent to close at 16,498.05. UltraTech Cement was the biggest drag among the Sensex components, tumbling 6.47 per cent, followed by Asian Paints, Dr Reddy's Laboratories, Maruti Suzuki India, Hindustan Unilever Limited and ICICI Bank. In contrast, PowerGrid, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech, ITC, Tata Steel and Infosys were among the prominent gainers, climbing as much as 3.34 per cent. **PTI**

Govt gets multiple Eols for PDIL sale

New Delhi: The Government has received multiple expressions of interest for privatisation of Projects & Development India Ltd (PDIL), DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Thursday. The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) had on December 14 invited preliminary bids for selling the government's 100 per cent stake in the CPSE which is under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers. The last date for submitting expressions of interest (Eols) was January 31, which was later extended till February 28. **PTI**

Lost and Found

I, Sunita Meel D/o Shri Nourang Ram Meel R/o Village Chhibadi Methi, Churu, Rajasthan-331022, 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. 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 8A (Hon.) Russian I have issued a migration certificate vide Enrolment No. 12/55/ FR/0377 (2016).

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sh. Ashok Kumar S/o Sh. Mohan Lal R/o RZD-103, Mahavi Vihar, Sector-1, Dwarka, Palam Village, South-West Delhi, Delhi-110045 have severed their relations and debared their son Pawan Kumar and his wife Shobha from all their movable & immovable properties due to their misbehavior and misconduct. My client and their family members shall not be responsible for their any act(s)/deed(s)/transaction(s) in future and shall have right over the property and goods.

KISHORE PUROHIT (Advocate)
Chamber No. D-408
Karkardooma Court, Delhi-32, Mob. : 08527163246

PUBLIC NOTICE

Unit No. A-704 was allotted to Mrs. Kavita Gupta & Mr. Sandeep Kumar Aggarwal, Unit No. A-1901 was allotted to Ms. Aparna Srinivasan & Mr. A.V. Srinivasan, Unit No. A-1203 was allotted to Mr. Saurabh Kumar & Mrs Archana Kumar, Unit No. A-1504 was allotted to Mrs. Madhu Agarwal & Mr. Brijesh Agarwal, in project Blossom County (Logix Infrastructure) Plot No. 02, Sector-137, Noida Expressway, Noida-201301. Pursuant to repeated reminders the allottees has defaulted in making payments and taking possession of the said unit.

This to intimate that in case nothing is heard from the concerned allottees within 2 working days of this public notice, the unit's shall stand cancelled without any right or lien of the allottees and Logix shall be free to deal with the said unit's.

For Logix Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.
Authorized Signatory
Contact No. 8595791125

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The last date for submission of application will be 25.03.2022.

PRINCIPAL

Rupee slips 14 paise to 75.94 against USD amid crude surge

Mumbai: The rupee declined by 14 paise to close at 75.94 against the US dollar on Thursday, pressured by surging crude oil prices amid intensifying conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Persistent foreign capital outflows and subdued domestic equity markets also affected market sentiment, forex dealers said. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened strong at 75.76 against the American dollar but soon entered the negative territory as investors turned towards safe-haven assets. During the session, it swung between a high of 75.60 and a low of 75.98. The local unit finally settled at 75.94 against the dollar, down 14 paise from the previous close. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.23 per cent higher at 97.63. On the domestic equity market front, the 30-share BSE Sensex ended 366.22 points or 0.66 per cent lower at 55,102.68, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 107.90 points or 0.65 per cent to 16,498.05. **PTI**

Filo raises 23 mn USD in Series-A funding round

Mumbai: Edtech start-up Filo on Thursday said it has raised USD 23 million (about Rs 175 crore) in a Series-A round led by Anthos Capital. The round also saw participation from existing investor Better Capital along with GSV, Sapling Capital and individual investors including Gokul Rajaram, Rob Frohwein (co-founder of Kabbage), Mate Pencz & Florian Hagenbuch (founders of Loft) and Ross Lipson (co-founder of Dutchie), the company said in a statement. The firm will use the funds primarily for product development, expanding the team, tapping new categories and scaling its tool base across the country. **PTI**

RuPay to be official partner for TATA IPL

New Delhi: Domestic card payment network RuPay will be an official partner for TATA IPL tournament starting this month. "This will be a multi-year partnership," National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said in a release on Thursday. NPCI had launched RuPay, the first-of-its-kind domestic card payment network in the country. The announcement regarding RuPay becoming an official partner was made by the Indian Premier League Governing Council (IPL GC) on Thursday. "We are pleased to have RuPay on board as an official partner of the Indian Premier League 2022." This association of IPL and RuPay, the flagship product of NPCI, brings together two of India's best homegrown brands and is set to create a huge impact on millions of Indians across the globe, encouraging digital payments adoption in a faster and seamless manner," Brijesh Patel, Chairman of IPL, said. Praveena Rai, Chief Operating Officer of NPCI, said it was delighted to partner with BCCI for IPL, one of the most celebrated sports leagues. According to her, just like IPL provides high voltage entertainment to all Indian cricket lovers, RuPay offers tech-led, innovative, and customised offerings to people across the country, being accepted in India and internationally. **PTI**

TenderCuts opens first all-women store in Chennai



Chennai: Omnichannel meat and seafood brand, TenderCuts on Thursday announced opening its first all-women store in the city and said it plans to establish more such outlets across the country. The store was an extension of 'TenderCuts' vision to enable all shoppers, especially women, to step into meat or fish buying experience, a press release said. "Butchering is not a common career opportunity for most women, but at TenderCuts today, there are more than 100 women butchers who are trail-blazing a new career. We are very proud to have launched this women store in Chennai and are planning to launch more such stores across India", company Co-founder Sasikumar K said. TenderCuts employs women, trains, deputies them for store management, customer service. **PTI**

Pinnacle to invest ₹2K cr to set up EV manufacturing units in Pune

Mumbai: Pinnacle Industries, which is among the 20 companies that got approval to launch electric vehicle manufacturing under the production-linked incentives scheme, will invest Rs 2,000 crore to set up EV manufacturing units in Pune and Indore, according to a senior company official. The Pune-based company, which has been into automotive seatings, interiors for speciality vehicles since 1996, has already set up an electric vehicle unit under the Eka label and has two bus models awaiting regulatory nods. In September 2021, the government announced the PLI scheme for the auto sector, offering Rs 26,058 crore in incentives along with 12 other manufacturing sectors. The scheme for the auto sector seeks to incentivise domestic manufacturing of high-value advanced automotive technology vehicles and products, and expects over the next five years the scheme to attract over Rs 42,500 crore in new investments, incremental production worth over Rs 2.3 lakh crore and generate over 7.5 lakh new jobs. Last month, the government cleared 20 PLI applications out of 115 it received since the scheme was announced. **PTI**

IKEA Foundation commits 20 mn euro for humanitarian assistance in Ukraine

New Delhi: IKEA Foundation on Thursday said it has committed an immediate 20 million euro donation for humanitarian assistance for people who have been forcibly displaced by the military action in Ukraine. This is in response to an emergency appeal from UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, to scale up its assistance and protection to people affected by conflict in Ukraine. As of March 3, UNHCR reported that 1 million refugees, mainly women, children, and families, have already

fled Ukraine to neighbouring countries. "This is a human tragedy. We believe everyone deserves a safe place to call home and we have pledged to do all we can to help the children and families affected by the deadly war," IKEA Foundation CEO Per Heggennes said in a statement. UNHCR has been a long-standing partner and they have a proven track record, he added. "We therefore call on the world's governments, businesses, and philanthropies to join us and increase the relief

support for UNHCR and the people fleeing Ukraine," Heggennes said. UNHCR urgently requires USD 270 million inside Ukraine for an initial three-month period, and USD 240 million for its regional refugee response for six months. The UN estimates that 12 million people inside Ukraine will need relief and protection, while more than 4 million refugees from Ukraine may need protection and assistance in neighbouring countries in coming months. **PTI**

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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from 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 way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Vishal Kumar, Saurabh Kumar Dixit, 143 Gyan Khand 3 2 Indrapuram, Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh, 201014, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGHZ00005388252	Flat No- 808, 8th Floor Paras Pearls li Khasra No- 540 541, Property No./19/ 6 Mauja Khatena Lohamandi Ward, Agra Uttar Pradesh	04/02/2022 Rs. 70,19,489/-	27-10-2021
2.	Vishal Gupta, Rachna Gupta, T- 204 Parasvnath Gordenia Sec 61 Noida, Uttar Pradesh A/c No:- LBNOD00002409070	Flat No. 4, 4th Floor Sky Rise Bnuglows Vertical Street Plot No. Gh-02, Village Sarai Khawaja Sec-41, Faridabad Haryana	08/02/2022 Rs. 1,45,22,579/-	04-10-2021
3.	Vikrant Kumar Singh, Beauty Kumari, G-3 Plot No. 275 Vaishali Sector 1, Near Modern School I E Sahibabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBNOD00004944539	Flat No. Am- E-12 A03, 12th Floor, Tower E, Anjara Ambrosia, Plot No. Gh-01, Sector-118, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar	02/02/2022 Rs. 61,32,688/-	04-11-2021
4.	Vijay Kumar, Ritu H- 957 Jawahar Colony Nit, Faridabad, Haryana, Faridabad A/c No:- LBFDB00005117964	Flat No- A-6-302, Floor-3 Habitat-78, Tower A- 6, Sector 78, Faridabad Haryana	04/02/2022 Rs. 23,48,533/-	01-11-2021
5.	Varun Narang, Manmohan Narang, BD-27 B, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00005211384	Dda Shop No. 186, Transport Centre, New Sabzi Mandi, Azadpur, Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 15,51,937/-	04-10-2021
6.	Vandana Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, 106 B Block Pkt-2, Rohini Sector 16 Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002248284	Plot No- 61, 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block and Pocket B-2, Sector 16 Rohini Delhi	08-02-2022 Rs. 25,95,909.8/-	04-10-2021
7.	Vandana Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, 106 B Block PKT- 2, Rohini Sector 16, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00003073786	Plot No- 61. 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block and Pocket B-2 Rohini Delhi	08-02-2022 Rs. 9,29,231/-	04-10-2021
8.	Vandana Sharma, Himanshu Sharma, 106 B Block PKT-2, Rohini Sector 16, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002254446	Plot No.-61, 1st Floor Without Roof Right Block and Pocket B-2, Sector 16 Rohini Delhi	08-02-2022 Rs. 79,415.5/-	04-10-2021
9.	Uday Saha, Anita Saha, H/ 82 F IInd Floor, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00001052153	Plot No- 31, With Terrace Roof Rights, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 7,09,046.24/-	06-11-2021
10.	Sushil Doshi, Mamta Doshi, 30/28 1st Floor Old Rajinder Nagar Central, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004979180	Plot No-7/37, 3rd Floor With Roof, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi:-110060	04/02/2022 Rs. 25,89,123/-	04-11-2021
11.	Sushil Doshi, Mamta Doshi, 30/28 1st Floor Old Rajinder Nagar Central, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004979179	Plot No-7/37, 3rd Floor With Roof, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi:-110060	04/02/2022 Rs. 17,16,583/-	04-11-2021
12.	Sushil Doshi,mamta Doshi, 30/28 1st Floor Old Rajinder Nagar Central, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004979177	Flat No-165 A, Ground Floor Dda LIG Motia Khan, Delhi:-110055	04/02/2022 Rs. 12,11,030/-	04-11-2021
13.	Sushil Doshi, Mamta Doshi, 30/28 1st Floor Old Rajinder Nagar Central, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004979178	Flat No-165 A, Ground Floor Dda LIG Motia Khan, Delhi:-110055	04/02/2022 Rs. 11,11,371/-	04-11-2021
14.	Siddhartha Tagore, Meena Verma, 1328 Sector A Pkt B C, Vasant Kunj New Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002439142	Dda Flat No.1328, Third Floor With Scooter Garage Pocket B And C Sector A Vasant Kunj Delhi	08-02-2022 Rs. 30,41,967/-	04-10-2021
15.	Siddhartha Tagore, Meena Verma, 1328 Sector A Pkt B C, Vasant Kunj New Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002439141	Dda Flat No. 1328, Third Floor With Scooter Garage Pocket B and C Sector A Vasant Kunj Delhi	08-02-2022 Rs. 17,78,275/-	04-10-2021
16.	Shivail Srivastava, Vishal Srivastava, Flat No. 508 Tower B Prateek, The Royal Cliff Crossing Republik, Agra, A/c No:- LBGHZ00003286498	Flat No. 2302, 22nd Floor, Tower No. 4, Lotus Arena, Plot No. Sc-01/A 2, Sports City, Sector-79, Noida	02/02/2022 Rs. 26,59,060/-	04-11-2021
17.	Shardendu Pandey, Nitya Pandey, J-6/42 3rd Floor Rajouri Garden, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002433166	Plot No. 42, Third Floor Block J-6 Rajouri Garden, Delhi:- 110052	04/02/2022 Rs. 47,48,892/-	15-11-2021
18.	Shardendu Pandey, Nitya Pandey, J-6/42 3rd Floor Rajouri Garden, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00004099046	Plot No. 42, Third Floor Block J-6 Rajouri Garden, Delhi:- 110052	04/02/2022 Rs. 13,24,770/-	15-11-2021
19.	Saurabh Kumar Goel, Munesh Devi, Flat No- 859 4th Floor, Block- GH Pkt-4, Sector-28 Rohini, Delhi, Rohini A/c No:- LBDEL00004412796	Flat No:-859, Fourth Floor, Pocket Gh- 4, Sector 28, Rohini, Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 9,82,756.3/-	11-10-2021
20.	Saurabh Kumar Goel, Munesh Devi, Flat No- 859 4th Floor, Block- GH Pkt-4, Sector-28 Rohini, Delhi, Rohini A/c No:- LBDEL00004413807	Flat No:-859, Fourth Floor, Pocket Gh- 4, Sector 28, Rohini, Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 6,51,541.5/-	11-10-2021
21.	Saurabh Kumar Goel, Munesh Devi, Flat No- 859 4th Floor, Block- GH Pkt-4, Sector- 28 Rohini, Delhi, Rohini A/c No:- LBDEL000005395711	Flat No:-859, Fourth Floor, Pocket Gh- 4, Sector 28, Rohini, Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 2,30,935/-	11-10-2021
22.	Santosh Kumar Dubeey, Suman Devi, Flat Number B- 003, Amrapali Princely Estate Sector-76, Noida, Uttar Pradesh A/c No:- LBNOD00005549686	House No-2/2, Khasra No-182 Min Village Raipur Pargana Iim Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	01/02/2022 Rs. 31,73,276/-	06-11-2021
23.	Saikat Ray, Puloma 'No. 6024 Prestige Shantiniketan Itpl Road, Mahadevapura, Mahadevapura, Karnataka, Bangalore A/c No:- LBGUR00003924769	Flat No. 501, 5th Floor Todays Canary Greens Tower T- 5, Village Behrampur, Sector-73, Gurgaon Haryana	04/02/2022 Rs. 49,37,873/-	06-11-2021
24.	Rohit Kumar, Usha Mahendru, G-31 G/ F, Naraina Vihar, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00001604514	Plot No.G-31, Naraina Vihar, New Delhi,	02/02/2022 Rs. 24,93,072/-	31-05-2021
25.	Ravi Sharma, Shalini Sharma, A-17 1st Floor Aditya Enclave, Sec-23 A, South West Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00004518268	Flat No- 704, Type A, 7th Floor, The Prem Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd, Part-3, Plot No- Gh-12 A Sector 21C, Faridabad:- 121001, Haryana	04/02/2022 Rs. 54,35,943/-	30-11-2021
26.	Ravi Sharma, Shalini Sharma, A-17 1st Floor Aditya Enclave, Sec-23 A, South West Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00004575606	Flat No-704, Type A, 7th Floor, The Prem Co-operative Group Housing Society Ltd, Part-3, Plot No Gh-12 A Sector 21C, Faridabad:- 121001, Haryana	04/02/2022 Rs. 2,81,089/-	30-11-2021
27.	Raj Kumar, Vinay Kumar Tiwari, A 28 Gali No.3 Prem Nagar Extension Kirar Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00004958887	Dda LIG, Flat No-239 Pocket-B2, 4th Floor Lok Nayak Puram, Delhi,	04/02/2022 Rs. 14,88,379/-	24-11-2021
28.	Raj Kumar, Vinay Kumar Tiwari, A28 Gali No.3 Prem Nagar Extension Kirar Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00005105049	Dda LIG, Flat No-239 Pocket-B2, 4th Floor Lok Nayak Puram, Delhi,	04/02/2022 Rs. 61,137/-	24-11-2021
29.	Purnima, Narayan Kumar Yadav, Dda Plot No- B-279, Ground Floor, Sector-19, Delhi Dwarka A/c No:- LBGUR00005409035	Dda Mig Flat No-201, Ground Floor, Akashardham Apartment, Pocket-3, Sector-19 Dwarka, Delhi	02/02/2022 Rs. 1,91,340/-	04-11-2021
30.	Pulkit Garg, Garima Garg, C 388 Vikas Puri, Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00002085546	J-003, Ground Floor, Tower- J, Sec Omega I/P-2, Kings Park, Noida:-201301, Uttar Pradesh	01/02/2022 Rs. 22,95,836/-	09-11-2021
31.	Pulkit Garg, Garima Garg, C 388 Vikas Puri, Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00002085545	J-004, Ground Floor, Tower-J, Sec Omega I/P-2, Kings Park, Noida:-201301, Uttar Pradesh	01/02/2022 Rs. 22,93,799/-	09-11-2021
32.	Priyanka Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Flat No 1002 Type 5bblock C, Central Government Residential Complex, Deen Dayal Updhyay Marg, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00003952499	Flat No-11141, 14th Floor Tower-11, Plot No- Sc 01/C- A1 La Grandiose Sector-150 Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar:- 201301, Uttar Pradesh	01/02/2022 Rs. 58,32,503/-	04-10-2021
33.	Priyanka Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Flat No 1002 Type 5 B Block C, Central Government Residential Complex, Deen Dayal Updhyay Marg, Delhi, A/c No:- LBNOD00004043408	Flat No-7026, Floor No-2 Tower-7 Pocket- P7, Plot No- Gh-02a, At Sallure Sector-22d Yamuna Express Greater Noida, Noida:- 201307, Uttar Pradesh	01/02/2022 Rs. 40,98,252/-	04-10-2021
34.	Premendra Mohan Sharma, Devendra Kumar Sharma, Manju Sharma, A-49/3 Sfs Flat, DDA Opp Pvr Anupam, Cinema Hall Saket Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00001814788	Plot No-238, Pocket- B Sector-20, Noida, Noida	02/02/2022 Rs. 37,12,155/-	11-05-2021
35.	Pradeep Kumar, Pinkee Sharma, Praveen Kumar Sharma, Ganga Technomech Engineers, H No 305/318 Garouli Khura, Basai 50 Basai Gurgaon, A/c No:- LBGUR00004213866	Flat No. F- 904, 9th Floor, Tower F, Rof Ananda, Sector 95 Gurgaon	02/02/2022 Rs. 13,39,944/-	04-10-2021

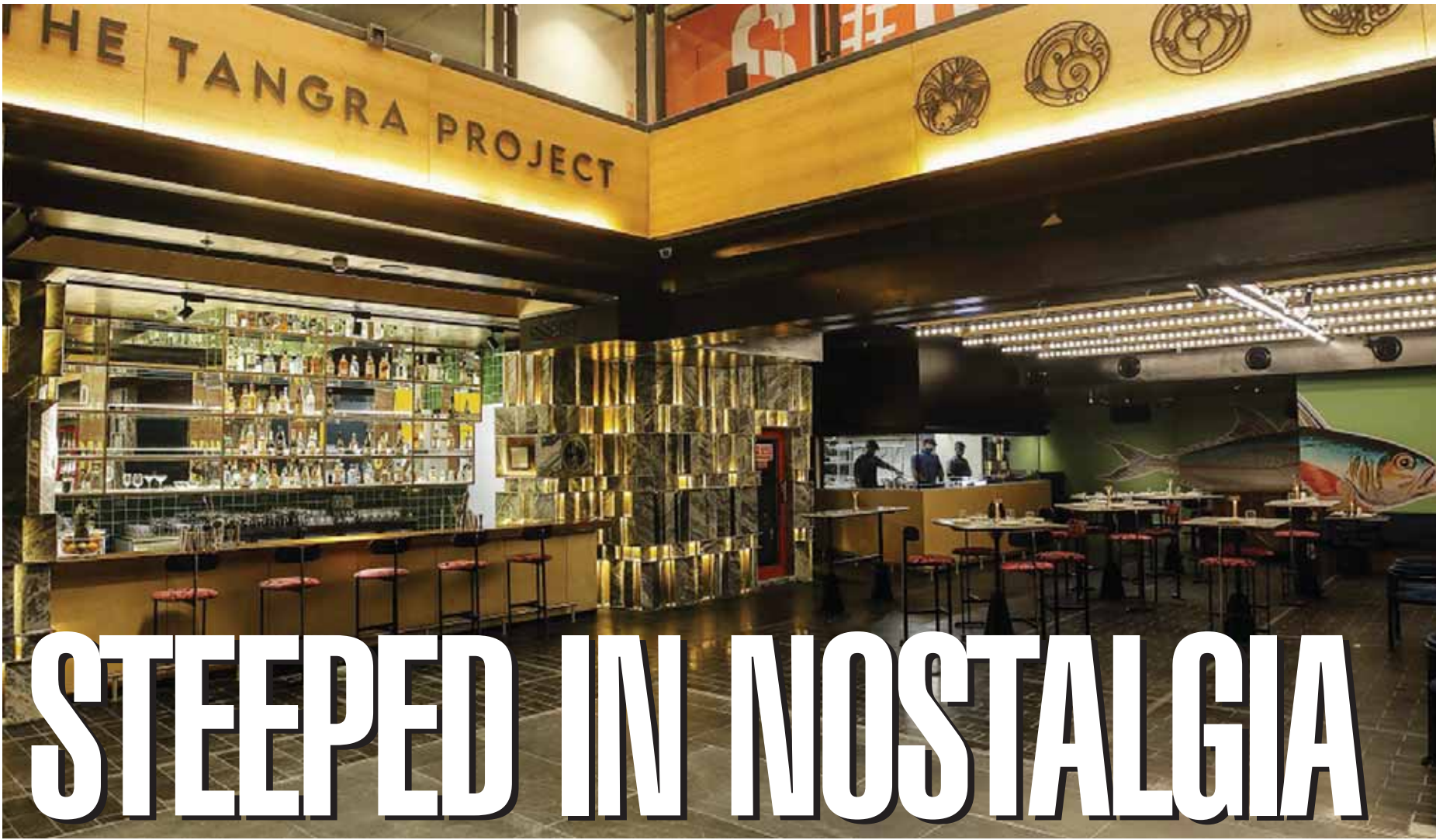
The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation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

Date : March 04, 2022

Place: Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer
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Date : March 04, 2022
Authorized Officer
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STEEPED IN NOSTALGIA

The Tangra Project brings together the flavours of Kolkata, says SAIMI SATTAR

The great part about working in a multi-cultural workplace, where your co-workers love food, is that you are exposed to a variety of cuisines. And not just the kind that is curated at restaurants but the food that is cooked — with rough estimates that is the normal at home — and served with a lot of love. So, my previous place of work exposed me to cuisines that could easily lay claim to coming from different parts of the country, Bengali — especially the Calcutta variant — being a prime one. And along the way I discovered that *Koraishutir kochuri* and *Luchi* with *Kosha mangsho* represented ambrosial heaven, no less. So, when I heard of The Tangra Project where Chef Vikramjit Roy — who has been associated with several Pan Asian restaurants like Wasabi for Taj, Pan Asian for ITC, Kian at the Maurya and Kimono — has decided to revisit his roots, I decided to head out and sample the fare. “Tangra stands for inclusivity. These were Chinese migrants who had come to Calcutta and the city welcomed them with open arms and they also gave back to the city by adjusting their techniques to

suit the palate of the city. The same was true for all the invasions from the Mughals to the Dutch, Danes, French and Britishers. Interestingly, these led to cultural amalgamation and something unique came out. The cuisine of Mughals adapted to Calcutta. The best examples are biryani and *rezala*,” Chef Vikramjit pointed out. The reason why the word project has been added in the name is because the restaurant is seen as a beginning where the initial point is Tangra and, from there, it is an upward spiral. So, it has Bengali heirloom recipes, where the techniques have been tweaked to suit a restaurant. With around 200 dishes, the menu is expansive but the chef justifies it as, “We are celebrating inclusivity so you can’t be frugal in your approach. You can’t say that I want to celebrate and I want to confine it to this much.” The restaurant is designed in a way so as to try and transport the nostalgia — that Calcutta holds for many *proboshis* — to Delhi. The lamps on the side are reminiscent of books stacked up in the shops of College Street while the flooring too reminds one of the same area.



THE RESTAURANT IS DESIGNED IN A WAY SO AS TO TRY AND TRANSPORT THE NOSTALGIA — THAT THE CITY HOLDS FOR MANY PROBOSHIS — TO DELHI

“If you look at it from the mall side, you see a large fish but, when you enter the restaurant, you realise that the wall has several divisions creating the impression of layers. Similarly, Calcutta is not just Bengalis as there are so many communities who call the city home,” says Chef Vikramjit. But moving on from the concept and interiors of the 110 covers restaurant, we come to food. We started off with *Sweet potato chips with parwal guacamole*, which was high on flavours. It perfectly replicated the taste of the real McCoy. But it was the *Organic spinach, roasted poppy seed, sesame seed* that not only looked unusual but also had a perfect balance

of taste. The spinach wrapped up in a roll was placed on a bed of a sauce of sesame and poppy seeds, which had a subtle sweetness that blended perfectly into a lip-smacking whole. If it is three dishes that I would go back to restaurant, this would certainly be one. Next up was the *Paturi* (prawns marinated in mustard and cooked inside banana leaves). The sharp acidic taste of mustard dominated the dish. There was also a dish of *Buff kebabs and TTP Chilli chicken*. It was the latter that had achieved a perfect balance of taste and textures. The slight bite in the capsicum and onion was perfect while the sweet-sour sauce had each ingredient

in perfect symmetry so that none was overpowering. In the main course, the *Jorasanko Irish mixed meat stew* with potatoes, meat and boiled eggs in a tomato-onion gravy when paired with *luchis* made for a hearty meal. Though I was quite full but dessert has a way of making space for itself. What followed was a lot of drama which created anticipation for what was to follow. A roundel of sweet was placed on the table and the server handed a frozen rose dipped in honey and asked me to smash it. The dessert called *The Rose* was smooth and pleasant on the palate. And is a must try. It was the perfect sweet note to end the meal.



INCH AWAY

YASH VARDHAN SWAMI suggests ways to lose that fat and keep it off

Ever wondered why some people don’t lose fat or progress despite eating ‘healthy’ and exercising? First and foremost, let’s understand the basics of food and that of fat loss. Anything that is not ‘too processed’ and is nutritious which is high in vitamins and minerals is considered healthy. But when we aim is to lose fat/weight, just eating healthy is not enough.

Let’s understand why. To lose fat, we need to ensure that we are eating lesser calories than what we are burning over time. Theoretically, to lose one kg of fat, we need to be in a caloric deficit of 7,000 calories. If we eat 7,000 calories less than what we burn (over time), we will lose one kg of weight. Being in a caloric deficit is necessary to fat loss/weight loss. Now, back to healthy food.

- If a food source is ‘healthy’, it doesn’t necessarily mean that it’s low in calories.
- Healthy food can be high in calories too.
- And if we ‘overeate’ healthy food, that can pull us out of the caloric deficit, or even make us gain weight.
- So, overall calories matter irrespective of the food source.



Let me list out few food items, which are healthy but high in calories:

1. All nuts and nut butters
2. All oils (even olive oil)
3. Dark chocolate
4. Protein bars
5. Most protein bars and breakfast bars
6. Fruit juices (fruits are better as they are high in fibre and satiety)
7. Hummus and dressings

Again, does that mean that we should be eliminating these while dieting? Not really. We just need to be mindful of the quantities as a lot of these are easy to overeat (and can blow off our caloric balance)

In any nutrition plan, I would ensure that the plan has adequate protein, carbohydrates and fats to ensure adherence and sustainability. I would also add a variety of food sources that are healthy, nutritious, high in all essential vitamins, minerals and fibre. Now, talking about exercising.

A lot of us believe that exercising alone will make us lose fat/weight. Exercising is amazing for health, mobility, posture, wellbeing and longevity.

But, we cannot out-train a bad diet. It’s much easier (and quicker) to eat back the calories, we burn. Let me give you an example: For example, we exercise for an hour and burn 500 calories. Eating back those calories can be a matter of seconds and minutes if food sources are not correct. So, we need to ensure that we are eating in a caloric deficit (ie eating lesser calories than what we are burning over time) while taking care of all nutrients, exercising regularly, staying active and taking care of other lifestyle factors such as mindset, stress and sleep.

(The author is a health & fitness educator.)

RECIPES



PATATA BRAVAS

WHAT YOU NEED

- Potatoes: 200 gm
- Red Bell peppers 100 gm
- Tomato: 40 gm
- Bread Slice: 40 gm
- Harissa powder: 20 gm
- Paprika powder: 10 gm
- Garlic clove: 10 gm
- Hazelnuts: 20 gm
- IMP lemon juice: 5 gm
- Olive oil: 40 gm
- Salt: 5 gm
- Pepper 3 gm
- Coriander seeds: 15 gm
- Cumin seeds (roasted): 15 gm
- Red chilli powder: 5 gm
- Garlic cloves (for garlic aioli): 5 gm
- Milk (full cream): 100 gm
- Refined oil: 500 ml
- Sherry vinegar: 15 ml

METHOD

● Peel the potatoes, cut the edges out, take a serrated knife/round cutter and cut in a cylindrical shape then core in the centre.

For pepper mojo sauce

- Char the peppers on high flame, take out the skin.
- Toast pine nuts in the oven for 5-8 min/Utes.
- Cook the tomatoes with garlic and little oil along with paprika until softened.
- Put all ingredients in a blender except olive oil.
- Process the mixture until well- combined, finally add the olive oil in the end.
- Add lemon juice and adjust the seasoning.

For harissa powder

- Roast the coriander and cumin seeds together then blend it in a blender. Lastly add chilli powder.

For garlic aioli

- Take garlic cloves and milk in a food processor, process it until well combined, and gradually add olive oil into the mixture. The texture should resemble mayonnaise.

Courtesy: Vivek Rana, executive chef at The Claridges New Delhi

PAELLA VALENCIA

WHAT YOU NEED

- Olive oil: 40 ml
- Carnaroli rice: 45 gm
- Shrimp: 30 gm
- Squid ring: 30 gm
- String chorizo: 20 gm
- Chicken tikka: 40 gm
- River sole fish: 40 gm
- Tomato puree: 40 gm
- Tomato chop: 15 gm
- Cherry tomato: 15 gm
- French beans dices: 30 gm
- Green peas: 30 gm
- Red and yellow bell pepper: 30 gm
- Paprika powder: 10 gm
- Saffron water: 30 ml
- Sea food stock: 40 ml
- Chicken stock: 60 ml
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Extra virgin olive oil: 1tbsp
- Lemon wedges slice: 1



- Parsley chopped for garnish: 1 gm

METHOD

- Peel and devein the shrimp.
- Heat up a large *paella* pan. Once the pan is heated, add the olive oil.
- Then add the chorizo and chicken tikka, cook for a few minutes and add the

- chopped onions and garlic.
- Sauté it until the chorizo and the chicken tikka gets sealed and golden.
- Add the paprika and saffron, cook it for 10 seconds, then stir in the tomatoes, french beans, red bell pepper, yellow bell pepper and green peas and cook it for

- another 30 seconds
 - Once everything is stirred well, add rice and stir it for 15 seconds then add the tomato purée and stir it for another 20 seconds.
 - When everything gets combined well, add the fish and the chicken stock, bring it to a boil, keep stirring it in between and cook the rice until *a/ dente*, finally add the shrimp, squid ring and fish
 - Put the pan in the Jospier oven for 10 minutes and garnish it with chopped parsley and sliced lemon wedges.
- Courtesy: Vivek Rana, executive chef at The Claridges New Delhi

PANJIRI

WHAT YOU NEED

- *Khapli*/emmer wheat flour: 1 cup
- *Sattu* flour: 1 cup
- Almonds: ½ cup
- Unsalted pistachios: ¼ cup
- Edible gum (*gond*): ½ cup
- Pumpkin and melon seeds (pre-soaked, dried and powdered): ¼ cup mix
- Powdered jaggery: 1 cup
- Ginger (*saunth*) powder: ½ tbsp
- Fennel (*saunf*) powder: 1 tsp
- Cardamom (*elaichi*) powder: tsp

- Few strands of saffron
- Ghee: 1/2 cup
- Roasted foxnut (*makhana*) powder: 1/4 cup

METHOD

- Heat two-three tbsp of ghee and roast the *gond* (edible gum). As it swells up, remove and keep it aside.
- Once it cools down to room temperature, blend it to make a coarse mixture.
- Now, in ½ cup ghee, roast



- whole wheat flour and *sattu* flour on low flame, stirring in between.
- Once it is golden in colour and aromatic, turn off the flame.

- Add jaggery powder, nut powder, ginger powder, elaichi powder, saunf powder, makhana powder, and saffron.
 - Mix well. Your *Panjiri* is ready.
- Courtesy: Luke Coutinho, co-founder, You Care Lifestyle.

ABOUT TOWN

SIGNATURE LUNCHEONS BY SPICY DUCK AT TAJ PALACE, NEW DELHI

- The restaurant is celebrating the best of Sichuan and Cantonese flavours with its newest lunch offering — Signature Luncheons by Spicy Duck. The curated experience has been crafted for leisurely afternoons with friends and family as well as meetings over lunch with clients or colleagues.

It features a four-course curated selection that commences with an assortment of handcrafted *Dim Sum* such as *Prawn wonton, golden garlic, fragrant chilli; Steamed lamb, celery, red chilli; Poached chicken, pakchoi, superior soy sauce; Steamed*



edamame, water chestnut, truffle oil; Four seasons dumpling; Mixed vegetable sui mai; and Asparagus spring roll, chilli malha dip, followed by a soup of the day. For mains, the Southern China-inspired *Claypot Meal Bowls* are served in traditional earthenware and one can select from an array of preparations — *Wok-tossed prawn in spicy coriander, ginger sauce, fresh red chilli; Yunnan lamb, spring onion, celery; Kung pao tofu, dry red chilli, pepper or Black mushroom, broccoli, carrot, oyster sauce*. The experience concludes with *Darsan, walnut caramel, chilled pomelo, mango, sago for dessert*. It is paired with Spicy Duck’s signature Jasmine Tea.

#BREAKTHEBIAS WITH THE IMPERIAL NEW DELHI



- Equality Brunch at 1911 restaurant on 6th March 2022 to feature live counters from the award-winning restaurants at the Imperial along with delicious bakes & home-made desserts dedicated to women diners ₹3,499 per person all inclusive without alcohol

- 1911, The Spice Route and San Gimignano restaurants to welcome the women diners with 15 per cent discount on food and soft beverages with complimentary mocktails on March 8.

AN ODE TO WOMANHOOD AT KITTY SU, THE LALIT



- Kitty SU Mumbai will roll the red carpet for the drag artist Rani Ko-HE-Nur to perform and celebrate being a woman through art on March 5. Join the celebrations.

CHELSEA, LIVERPOOL ADVANCE

European champions survive FA Cup scare against Luton; Minamino's brace keeps Norwich at bay

AP ■ LONDON

Chelsea survived a major FA Cup scare to reach the quarter-finals with a 3-2 win at Luton just hours after Roman Abramovich put the club up for sale on Wednesday.

Thomas Tuchel's side took to the Kenilworth Road pitch for the fifth round tie with their heads still spinning from Abramovich's bombshell announcement.

The Russian billionaire has decided to sell Chelsea amid fears he could be sanctioned by the British government amid his country's invasion of Ukraine.

Abramovich, who is alleged to have close ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin, will give the net proceeds from the sale to victims of the Ukraine war, with his asking price starting at a reported \$4 billion.

After his massive investment helped Chelsea win 19 major trophies in his 19-year reign, Abramovich admitted it had been "incredibly difficult" to give up the keys to Chelsea.

Fittingly, it was Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku who completed Chelsea's escape act on the day the



Abramovich era entered its final chapter.

Chelsea twice trailed against second-tier Luton before Lukaku bagged the winner in the closing stages to spare their blushes.

Abramovich sanctioned the club record £97 million deal that brought Lukaku from Inter Milan last year in the final blockbuster transfer of his reign.

It was a much-needed victory for Chelsea after their agonising penalty shoot-out defeat in the League Cup final against Liverpool at Wembley on Sunday.

Chelsea conceded a shock goal in the second minute as Reece Burke rose above Malang Sarr to glance his header past Kepa Arrizabalaga.

Tuchel's side hit back in the 27th minute when Saul Niguez scored for the first time since his August loan move from Atletico Madrid.

Saul drilled a composed finish from the edge of the area after Timo Werner started an incisive counter-attack.

Sarr was at fault again in the 40th minute when he tried in vain to play offside and Harry Cornick sprinted onto Carlos Mendes Gomes' pass to net Luton's second

goal. Chelsea snatched an equaliser in the 68th minute when Werner controlled Ruben Loftus-Cheek's superb high pass and slotted home for his first goal in eight games.

Lukaku has yet to repay much of that mammoth fee but he bagged his 11th goal of the season as he stretched to tap in Werner's cross in the 78th minute.

Liverpool kept up their bid for an unprecedented quadruple as Takumi Minamino's double sealed a 2-1 win against Norwich at Anfield.

Japan forward Minamino put Liverpool ahead in the 27th minute with a clinical finish from Divock Origi's pass.

He netted again in the 38th minute, this time lashing home off the inside of the post, before Lukas Rupp got one back for Norwich in the 76th minute.

Having lifted the League Cup last weekend, Liverpool are firmly in contention for the Premier League and Champions League, with no English side ever winning all four prizes in one season.

Elsewhere, Southampton eased through with a 3-1 win against West Ham at St Mary's.

Valencia reach Copa del Rey final



AP ■ VALENCIA

Goncalo Guedes' scintillating strike sent Valencia into the final of the

Copa del Rey on Wednesday after a 1-0 win over Athletic Bilbao sealed a 2-1 victory on aggregate.

Guedes' thundering effort at the end

of the first half decided the match at Mestalla and the tie after the first leg had finished 1-1 at San Mames last month.

Valencia will meet either Real Betis or Rayo Vallecano in the final in April, with Betis looking to capitalise on a 2-1 advantage when they play the second leg at home on Thursday.

With Real Madrid, Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Sevilla all suffering early exits, Betis are arguably favourites now to win the competition. They are the highest-placed La Liga side left, sitting third, six spots above Valencia in ninth.

But after defeating Athletic, Valencia will fancy their chances of clinching a ninth Spanish Cup.

They are the most recent winners remaining, after they beat Barcelona to lift the trophy in 2019, when Marcelino, now Athletic coach, was in charge.

Athletic had knocked out both Madrid and Barca en route to this year's semis but looked tired and flat against a more aggressive Valencia side, and miss out on a third consecutive final.

Nkunku propels Leipzig into DFB Pokal last 4

AP ■ HANOVER

Christopher Nkunku continued his hot streak by scoring twice on Wednesday as Leipzig cruised into the German Cup semi-finals with a 4-0 victory at second-division Hanover.

Also on Wednesday, Hamburg fought back from two goals down to beat Karlsruhe on penalties in a battle of fallen giants.

Frenchman Nkunku has scored in each of Leipzig's last four Bundesliga games and took his tally to 11 since the start of January with goals in the 17th and 22nd minutes.

Both goals came on the counter-attack, for the first Nkunku sidestepped a defender on the edge of the box and guided a shot into the corner of the net. For the second, he outpaced the defence and

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Konrad Laimer added two more in the second half.

With the three clubs above them in the Bundesliga -- Bayern Munich, Dortmund and Leverkusen -- already eliminated, Leipzig are the highest-placed club left in the competition as they chase the

first major trophy in their history.

In a meeting of two former German Cup winners now playing in the second division, Hamburg fought back from two goals down to draw 2-2 and then won the shootout 3-2. On Tuesday, Union Berlin qualified by beating St Pauli 2-1.



No Russian GP in future as F1 terminates contract

AP ■ SOCHI

Formula One has removed Russia as a Grand Prix host for good due to the invasion of Ukraine, by terminating its contract with the organisers, the championship promoters announced on Thursday.

"Formula 1 can confirm it has terminated its contract with the Russian Grand Prix promoter meaning Russia will not have a race in the future," they said in a statement.

The Black Sea resort of Sochi has hosted the race since the first running in 2014 but Saint Petersburg was due to replace it as the venue in 2023.

Formula One had already cancelled this year's race following public unease among leading drivers.

Reigning champion Max

Verstappen and four-time champion Sebastian Vettel had both said they would not race there.

"For myself, my own opinion is I should not go, I will not go. I think it's wrong to race in the country," said the German.

But former F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone -- who played a pivotal role in bringing the race to Russia -- the cancellation made no sense.

"It does not make sense whichever way you look at," Ecclestone said. "There is no war in Russia to my knowledge so if it took place it would make no difference to anybody."

"This idea of trying to punish Russia this way in a sporting sense is not going to punish (Russian President Vladimir) Putin at all."

"The race would not matter to him."

India's Shri Nivetha, Esha, Ruchita win gold in pistol team event

PTI ■ CAIRO

The Indian trio of Shri Nivetha, Esha Singh and Ruchita Vinerkar combined to win the gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol team event of the ISSF World Cup here on Wednesday.

The Indians shot 16 in the gold medal contest to finish on the podium for the country's third medal, and second gold, in the year's first World Cup. India led the standings with three medals -- two gold and a silver. Germany's Andrea

Katharina Heckner, Sandra Reitz and Carina Wimmer settled for the silver medal after managing 6 in the fight for the top prize.

The three Indian women had topped the qualification stage 2 with a total score of 574 on their way to the gold medal match. Behind the Indian women were Heckner, Reitz and Wimmer, with 571.

Esha, Shri Nivetha and Ruchita had also topped qualification stage 1 with a total score of 856. Earlier in the day, Olympian Saurabh Chaudhary, Gaurav Rana and Uchaganve.

Fast, low bounce grass court make India firm favourite against Denmark

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

A tailor-made low bounce and fast grass court arranged for the home advantage, the Indian Davis Cup team will start as firm favourite but Denmark is still expected to present a good fight in the Davis Cup World Group Play-off tie, starting here on Friday.

India's best player Yuki Bhambri is back in the squad and that changes the dynamics for the three-day rubber. India terribly felt his absence when he was out of action in the last four years due to his knee injury. India lost a few winnable ties but now with Yuki back in the mix, the team can bank on his immense talent and ability to pull off tight matches against a high-quality opponent. The 29-year-old will know exactly what he needs to do on the opening day since it will be Ramkumar Ramanathan who will open the tie for India with the first singles against Christian Sigsgaard, the world number 824.



Ramkumar could not have asked for a better match since with his experience of playing on grass court and on the ATP tour, it should not be much of a problem to go past the Danish player.

Yuki will play against 305th

ranked Mikale Torpegaard, on whom much will depend how the tie goes. If Holger Rune (ranked 88) had not pulled out of the tie, it would have made it tougher for India. Going by rankings, Indian team is strong but in Davis Cup the

players usually manage to punch above their weight so it will come down to who plays better on the match day. As of now, the Indian team looks sharp and completely acclimatised to the grass court. The players will have a feel of the Centre Court for the first time on Friday and skipper Rohit Rajpal is expecting it to behave as per the requirement of the home side.

"The idea is to keep it low and as fast as possible. We will consult grass court experts and local gardeners to know how much rolling is required. Hopefully it will play well," Rajpal said. Since the bounce is expected to be low, the team management thought that it will be better to have Yuki playing the singles instead of Prajnesh Gunneswaran as low bounce suits the former's game better.

Given that Rohan Bopanna and Ramkumar are a team, it was expected that they will be paired for the doubles but skipper chose left-handed Divij Sharan with the big-serving Coorgi.



Juve take control of cup semi

AP ■ FLORENCE

Juventus took control of their Italian Cup semi-final on Wednesday after Lorenzo Venuti's late own goal gave the visitors a 1-0 first-leg win on Dusan Vlahovic's return to Florence.

Venuti left the field in tears after he deflected Juan Cuadrado's cross into his own net in the first minute of stoppage time to hand Juve the win and a potentially crucial away goal.

Serbia forward Vlahovic was back at the Stadio Artemio Franchi for the first time since moving to Turin in January but had little joy for depleted Juve in a tense match which lacked quality.

The tie will be decided at the Allianz Stadium next month, with the winners taking on either AC Milan or Inter Milan -- who drew 0-0 on Tuesday -- in May's final in Rome.

Verstappen extends Red Bull stay

AP ■ LONDON

World champion Max Verstappen has signed a long-term contract extension with Red Bull, the F1 team announced on Thursday. The deal, reportedly worth up to £40million per season, will keep the Dutch driver with the team until the end of 2028.

The 24-year-old's current contract was due to expire at the end of next season but he has been rewarded for beating seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton to the title.

"I really enjoy being part of the Red Bull Racing team, so choosing to stay to the 2028 season was an easy decision," said Verstappen, who will begin his championship defence later this month at the Bahrain Grand Prix.

Team principal Christian Horner said: "To have Max signed with Oracle Red Bull Racing through to the end of 2028 is a real statement of intent."

"Our immediate focus is on retaining



Max's world championship title, but this deal also shows he is a part of the team's long-term planning."

Punishing Russian judokas unjustified: IJF

AP ■ MOSCOW

The International Olympic Committee's call for federations to bar Russian athletes due to the invasion of Ukraine has been criticised as "not justified" by the International Judo Federation.

Russian and Belarusian athletes have been barred from a number of sports including figure skating and athletics, although swimming and tennis have refrained from doing so.

Judo has followed suit though they did suspend Russian President Vladimir Putin as honorary president and cancelled the Kazan Grand Slam tournament, due to be held on May 20-22.

The IJF will however follow the IOC's instruction to ban all



Russian and Belarusian flags and the national anthems will not be played. "As sporting events and sport itself promote peace and solidarity worldwide, we consider that those athletes who participate in international sporting events are promoting peace and

international solidarity," the IJF statement said.

"On this basis, the global decision to sanction all Russian athletes, regardless of the different opinions many have expressed, is not considered to be justified."

PTI ■ MOHALI

Hailed by many as the 'Last of the Mohicans' in cricket's purest format, Virat Kohli will be focussed on making his 100th appearance memorable while "white-ball legend" Rohit Sharma plots the demolition of an out-of-depth Sri Lanka as India's 35th Test captain in the series-opener starting here on Friday.

If one looks back at Indian team's journey since its inception in international cricket back in 1932, it has been about stars, superstars, and megastars, who become the reason for the footfall at turnstiles of various stadiums across the country.

It was the case when Sunil Gavaskar scored his 10,000th run, Sachin Tendulkar bade the most emotional farewell that cricket has ever seen and now the spotlight will be firmly on Kohli, whose pioneering presence has turned an international match into a footnote.

Kohli is one among "them" and in a fast-paced world, perhaps the last cricket star who will enjoy an organic following of manic fans.

India was, is and will remain more of a "cricketer-loving" nation and the social media war-cry that perhaps led to fans being allowed in the stadium from Friday is a testimony to Kohli's immense popularity.

This is his 'Test' and for Kohli, a century to mark a 'century' is something he would be craving, having missed that sense of accomplishment that comes with a three-figure mark for over two years now.

A bowling attack that has the likes of Suranga Lakmal, Lahiru Kumara or Lasith Embuldeniya is perfect for a sumptuous 'five course' Kohli treat with cover drives, on drives, flicks and pulls on the menu.

Gavaskar and Tendulkar couldn't, neither could a Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid or VVS Laxman but Kohli is a different beast.

The empty amphitheatre was never meant for him. He feeds off the energy from his fans, and as the undisputed hero of his story, he always finds an

Kohli's historic 100

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antagonist, he is trying to slay.

He is a product of the modern day, who loves the spotlight and the spotlight has always loved him back. However, every story has its own set of sub texts and this Test match is as much as a Kohli story as it is about Rohit and his remarkable ascendancy making light of set ideas and templates.

They say, a 'A good Captain, is a good captain, is a good captain'. Everyone knows Rohit's credentials in white-ball cricket especially IPL, where he has even challenged the hegemony of the peerless Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

There is no reference frame to judge how good he will be in a game that's played over five days for six hours. He is 34 and will surely not be playing white ball cricket for more than three years at a stretch with a demanding calendar.

How he handles a transition phase in Indian cricket, which has started with curtains on careers of Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane and Ishant Sharma. Will have a huge impact on how he is perceived -- just a mere captain or a leader of men.

Does he have it in him to control the ebbs and flows of a Test match where a session changes the complexion or a long partnership can induce frustration?

The proof of the pudding as they say lies in eat-



I know how momentous it is, Virat still has time for greater milestones: Ganguly

PTI ■ MOHALI

Sourav Ganguly knows Show momentous an occasion it would be for Virat Kohli when he steps out to play his 100th Test on Friday but the BCCI boss and former national captain is confident that the superstar batter will celebrate greater milestones going forward in his career.

In a video message shared by the BCCI's official Twitter handle, Ganguly congratulated Kohli, saying it would a dream come true moment for him when he takes the field against Sri Lanka in the opening Test here.

The 33-year-old Kohli will become the 12th Indian cricketer after Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar,



Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, Rahul Dravid, Ganguly, VVS Laxman, Virender Sehwag, Harbhajan Singh and Ishant Sharma to play 100 Tests.

"It's a huge landmark in Indian cricket, playing 100 Test matches is something that you dream of when you start playing cricket for your country. It's a great moment for Virat, it's momentous for Indian cricket," Ganguly said in his message.

"I have personally been in that 100 Test match situation and I realise, how momentous and how humongous the occasion can be.

"Virat has had a great journey, exceptional achievements, starting 11 years ago. On behalf of the BCCI and also as a former captain who

has played 100 Tests, I wish him all the best. He has had a fantastic career. He still has time to achieve greater milestones," added the former batter.

Kohli and Ganguly have endured a rocky past few months during which they were at opposite ends over the former's captaincy tenure coming to an end.

Ganguly had asserted that Kohli gave up T20 captaincy despite requests to continue, while Kohli insisted that no such plea was made to him when he first communicated his desire to step down.

He was subsequently removed from ODI captaincy, before relinquishing Test captaincy at the end of a series loss to South Africa in January.

The way Tendulkar played was always an inspiration to me: Brevis

PTI ■ MUMBAI

South African batting sensation SDewald Brevis, who is often compared to the great A B de Villiers, says Sachin Tendulkar has always been his inspiration and he would like to emulate the Indian icon while trying to create his identity in international cricket.

The 18-year-old, who has been picked by Mumbai Indians for the upcoming IPL, has been nicknamed 'Baby AB' for his resemblance to de Villiers' playing style.

Brevis scored 506 runs in the recent U-19 World Cup, the most in a single edition of the tournament, surpassing flamboyant India opener Shikhar Dhawan's record of 505 runs in the 2004 edition and also picked up seven wickets with his part-time leg-spin.

"The way he (Tendulkar) played was always an inspiration to me. My favourite innings of his is the ODI double-century, which happened to



be your downfall."

Brevis said while it is an honour to be compared to de Villiers, he would like to create his own identity.

"It is an honour to be compared to him (AB De Villiers), but it is important for me to have my own identity. I want to be known as Dewald Brevis," he said.

"We went to the same school and played under the same coach so when I first met him, I could not get a word out. There were many things I wanted to ask him but I was star-struck," the right-handed batter remembered.

Brevis said he is now keen to pick the mind of de Villiers, who has retired from all cricket, before he starts his IPL journey. De Villiers played for Royal Challengers Bangalore.

"I would say he (AB) is great to learn from - he makes time for you and that is something I really appreciate.

RANJI TROPHY UPDATES

Tripura fights back with Murasingh's fifer against Punjab

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Medium pacer Manisankar Murasingh picked up a five-wicket haul as Tripura bounced back after being shot out for 127 to reduce Punjab to 79 for seven at stumps on day one of their Ranji Trophy Group F match here on Thursday.

Murasingh was the wrecker-in-chief, registering impressive figures of 9.3-2-25-5 as Punjab ended the day 48 runs behind with three wickets in hand.

Murasingh took two wickets in successive deliveries before the close of play to remain in contention for a hat-trick.

Earlier, Tripura skipper KB Pawan top-scored with a fighting 59 off 128 balls before Punjab bowlers wrecked havoc, dismissing their opponents inside 55 overs after opting to field. Punjab new ball bowler Baltej Singh returned with 5 for 33, while Siddharth Kaul and Vinay Choudhary took two wickets each.

Delhi's poor outing in Ranji continues, Chhattisgarh post 290/4 on Day 1

Virtually out of quarterfinal race, Delhi's disappointing campaign in the Ranji Trophy continued as Chhattisgarh posted 290 for four on the opening day of their elite Group H match here on Thursday.

Electing to bat, Chhattisgarh rode on half-centuries from Ajay Mandal (63 off 90 balls), Amandeep Khare (68 not out off 170) and Shashank Singh (75 not out) to pile up a big score in 90 overs and take their side to



a strong position in the four-day contest.

Mandal and Singh stitched 147 runs for the unconquered fifth wicket to take Chhattisgarh forward. Besides, Sanidhya Hurkat (44) and skipper Harpreet Singh (21) also made useful contributions with the bat.

Left-arm spinner Vikas Mishra (2/65) was the pick of the bowlers for Delhi.

Bawane's unbeaten ton powers Maharashtra to 298/4 against UP

Skipper Ankit Bawane's responsible 114

not out powered Maharashtra to 298 for 4 on the first day of their last Ranji Trophy Elite Group G league game against Uttar Pradesh here on Thursday.

Electing to bat at the Gurugram cricket ground, Maharashtra lost openers Pawan Shah (19), who was cleaned up by right-arm medium pacer Ankit Rajpoot (1/59), and Avdhoot Dandekar (20) cheaply.

Maharashtra were struggling at 70 for 2 then. But experienced campaigner Rahul

Tripathi, who was in search of runs, made a crucial 56, hammering nine boundaries and a six in the process.

He first added 48 runs with Dandekar and then shared a 41-run stand with skipper Bawane before lobbing off a return catch to rival skipper and off-spinner Karan Sharma (1/77).

Then Bawane, who paced his innings well, found an able partner in Naushad Shaikh (53 off 83 balls), as they frustrated the UP bowlers.

Bawane struck 18 fours in his 211-ball knock, while Shaikh also hit seven boundaries, as the duo forged a 99-run stand for the fourth wicket.

Abhimanyu, Anustup give Bengal opening day advantage

Skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran led from the front with 114 as Bengal put up a solid batting display to take the opening day's advantage against Chandigarh in their Ranji Trophy group B match here on Thursday.

Needing three points to seal their knock-out berth, Bengal sat pretty on 329 for 6 at stumps on day one with veteran Manoj Tiwary batting on 42 in company of Sayan Sekhar Mondal (33 batting) in an unbroken stand of 61 from 86 balls.

Veteran Bengal batter Anustup Majumdar (95 from 149b; 13x4) gave a fine support at the other end as the duo put on a potential match-decisive 193-run partnership to rebuild Bengal innings.



B'desh end T20 losing streak

AP ■ DHAKA

Left-arm spinner Nasum Ahmed and batsman Liton Das helped Bangladesh halt an eight-match losing streak in T20Is with a resounding 61-run win over Afghanistan in Dhaka on Thursday.

Nasum returned with career-best figures of 4 for 10 as Bangladesh bowled out Afghanistan for 94 runs in 17.4 overs after Liton's 60 off 44 balls guided the side to 155-8 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

The win ended Bangladesh's long streak of defeats in T20Is starting from the T0 World Cup in Oman and the UAE last year and gave the side a 1-0 lead in a two-match series.

Nasum picked up four wickets in his only spell, opening the bowling for Bangladesh to give the hosts a firm grip on the game as they reduced Afghanistan to 20 for 4 inside five overs.

Najibullah Zadran and skipper Mohammad Nabi briefly stopped the rot with a 37-run fifth-wicket stand before Shakib Al Hasan dismissed both.

Zadran, dropped on four by wicketkeeper Liton, made 27 off 26 balls. Azmatullah Omarzai staged a late

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fightback to score 20 off 18 balls but it was not enough.

Earlier, left-arm pacer Fazalhaq Farooqi and leg-spinner Rashid Khan struck early to reduce Bangladesh to 25 for 2 after Mahmudullah opted to bat first.

But Liton hit four fours and two sixes to ensure the home side made steady progress.

Afiq Hossain made 25 off 24 balls and shared 46 runs with Liton for the fifth wicket.

The second match of the series will be held at the same ground on Saturday.

Cummins upbeat for historic Pak Test

AP ■ RAWALPINDI

Australia's first Test in Pakistan in 24 years starting on Friday is threatened by rain, but even storm clouds failed to dampen the mood of rival captains Pat Cummins and Babar Azam on the eve of the match.

Rain forced both teams to cancel their practice sessions Thursday, but the forecast is clear for Friday and most of Saturday, with showers likely on the last three days of play.

Despite the weather, Cummins and Azam were geared up for the historic Test -- to be played in front of a sell-out 16,000 crowd in Rawalpindi.

Australia haven't toured



Pakistan since 1998 as security issues kept international teams from visiting, and as a result are

unfamiliar with the local pitches.

"It looks like a good wicket... as expected," Cummins told reporters

on the eve of the match.

He said Australia would probably go into the Test with three quick bowlers or two spinners.

"We just want to have another look at the wicket," he said.

The Aussie skipper refused to accept that Pakistan would be fielding a depleted side as a result of injuries to star fast bowler Hasan Ali and all-rounder Faheem Ashraf.

"It's a loss for the Pakistan side, but there's always another guy that can step up," he said.

But he played down being tagged as 'favourites' after their comprehensive 4-0 drubbing of England in the Ashes series that ended in January.

"To be honest it doesn't really

mean much," he said.

"We feel lucky that we've got a strong squad coming off some really good performances, but... it's unfamiliar conditions, so we'll see."

Pakistan skipper Azam, however, said the side would definitely miss the pair -- particularly Hasan, who took 10 wickets in Pakistan's win over South Africa in Rawalpindi last year.

"Hasan is a match-winner and Ashraf contributes in both batting and bowling so that has disturbed our combination," said Azam, whose team is likely to include teenage fast-bowler Naseem Shah.

Naseem took a hat-trick against Bangladesh at Rawalpindi stadium two years ago.