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## Indian student trying to flee Kyiv sprayed with bullets

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

An Indian student was shot multiple times while trying to escape from the war-torn Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine. Identified as Harjot Singh, the youth is now recuperating in a hospital in Kyiv. A 21-year-old medical student Naveen Shakarappa from Karnataka was killed three days back in Kharkiv during shelling. He was the first Indian casualty of the war.

Harjot, hailing from New Delhi, was injured, Union Minister VK Singh said on Friday. He was trying to leave the capital when he was shot at, the Minister said in Poland. Singh told news agency ANI that he got assurances every day but no help came through. "I have been trying to get in touch with them, every day they say we will do something but no help yet," Singh said.

Ministry of External Affairs Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said here on Friday the Indian Embassy is trying to reach out to Harjot and will bear the entire medical expense. "We are trying to ascertain his medical status... Our embassy is trying to get an update on his health status...trying to reach out but facing trouble as it's a conflict



Indian student Harjot Singh who was shot multiple times while trying to escape from Ukraine capital Kyiv, at a hospital on Friday

are not aware of any Indian being held hostage. They are facing difficulty due to security reasons particularly in Kharkiv, but no hostage situation."

Meanwhile, narrating the harrowing experience, Harjot told a private television channel he was shot multiple times while trying to escape from Kyiv in a cab last week and suffered a fractured leg. He lay on the road, wounded, for hours until an ambulance took him to hospital.

Harjot said he was not allowed to board a train at the Kyiv station, so he and his friends hired a cab to Lviv, one of the cities spared the worst of the Russian invasion till now. They were on their way out of Kyiv when "many people" started shooting at their cab.

"A bullet entered from my shoulder. They took out a bullet from my chest...my leg was fractured. There was a bullet in one knee," Harjot said.

"I wanted some facility to take me to Lviv. But no one has contacted me. Only NDTV reached out to me. Now the whole world will know the reality of what is happening," he remarked.

Harjot said he was shot on Sunday night and has since been in the hospital, 20 minutes from the Indian Embassy.

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## Russia attack on Ukraine N plant fuels disaster fear

AP ■ KYIV

Russian troops on Friday seized the biggest nuclear power plant in Europe after a middle-of-the-night attack that set it on fire and briefly raised worldwide fears of a catastrophe in the most chilling turn in Moscow's invasion of Ukraine yet.

Firefighters put out the blaze, and no radiation was released, UN and Ukrainian officials said, as Russian forces pressed on with their week-old offensive on multiple fronts and the number of refugees fleeing the country topped 1.2 million.

While the vast Russian armored column threatening Kyiv appeared stalled outside the capital, President Vladimir Putin's forces have ramped up their use of air power, launching hundreds of missiles and artillery attacks on cities and other sites, and made significant gains on the ground in the south in an apparent bid to cut off Ukraine's access to the sea.

In the attack on the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in the southeastern city of Enerhodar, the chief of the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Mariano Grossi, said a Russian "projectile" hit a training center, not any of its six reactors.

The attack evoked memories of the world's worst nuclear disaster, at Ukraine's Chernobyl. In an emotional



This image made from a video released by Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant shows bright flaring object landing in grounds of the nuclear plant in Enerhodar, Ukraine on Friday

AP/PTI

nighttime speech, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said he feared an explosion that would be "the end for everyone. The end for Europe. The evacuation of Europe."

But nuclear officials from Sweden to China said no radiation spikes had been reported, as did Grossi.

Authorities said that Russian troops had taken control of the overall site but that the plant staff continued to run it. Only one reactor was operating, Grossi said in the aftermath of the attack.

Two people were injured in the fire, Grossi said. Ukraine's

state nuclear plant operator Enerhoatom said three Ukrainian soldiers were killed and two wounded.

The crisis at Zaporizhzhia unfolded after Grossi earlier in the week expressed grave concern that the fighting could cause accidental damage to Ukraine's 15 nuclear reactors at four plants around the country.

In the wake of the attack, Zelenskyy appealed again to the West to enforce a no-fly zone over his country. But NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg ruled out that possibility, citing the risk of a much wider war in Europe.

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## India abstains from UNHRC independent enquiry vote

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

In keeping with its stand on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, India on Friday abstained from vote in the UN Human Rights Council that decided to set up an independent international commission of enquiry to look into the cases of human right violations arising out of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

India had already abstained on two resolutions on Ukraine in the 15-nation Security Council and one in the 193-member General Assembly in the last one week.

The 47-member council voted on a draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Ukraine. The resolution was adopted with 32 votes in favour, two against (Russia and Eritrea) and 13 abstentions, including India, China, Pakistan, Sudan and Venezuela.

"The UNHRC has decided to urgently establish an independent international commission of inquiry as a result of Russia's aggression against Ukraine," the council tweeted.

The UNGA this week overwhelmingly voted to condemn Russian aggression and demanded that Moscow "completely and unconditionally" withdraw all of its military forces from the territory of Ukraine. India abstained on the resolution, which received 141 votes in favour, five against and a total of 35 abstentions.

## Spin legend Shane Warne dies at 52

### Heart attack suspected

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Former Australia spinner Shane Warne, who redefined the art of spin bowling to become one of the greatest in international cricket, has died of a suspected heart attack in Thailand, his management said on Friday.

He was 52 and is survived by two daughters and a son. Warne's management released a brief statement to the Australian media, saying that he passed away in Koh Samui, Thailand and the reason could be a suspected heart attack. Koh Samui is popular among tourists and is the second largest island in Thailand.

"Shane was found unresponsive in his villa and despite the best efforts of medical staff, he could not be revived," the statement reported by various media outlets here said.

"The family requests privacy at this time and will provide further details in due course."



An iconic name in international cricket, Warne, since making his debut in 1992, played 145 Tests for Australia, picking up 708 wickets with his leg-spin. In his 194 ODI appearances, Warne snared 293 scalps.

He immortalised himself with the "ball of the century" in 1993 when as a 24-year-old, he deceived Mike Gatting at Old Trafford with a delivery method that landed on the leg stump and, as the Englishman tried to defend, turned viciously to clip his off ball.

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## Chance for Ukraine-returned medical students to complete course in India!

### Health Min, NMC to explore possibility

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Giving a ray of hope to Ukraine-returned medical students, the Union Health Ministry and the National Medical Commission are exploring the possibility of relaxing provisions of the NMC (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021, or finding alternatives to enable them to complete their courses in private colleges in India or abroad.

The Indian students fleeing the war-torn country are facing a huge dilemma regarding their future.

A senior official from the Union Health Ministry said that officials from NMC, Health Ministry, MEA, and NITI Aayog will soon hold



important meetings and the issue will be reviewed on humanitarian grounds and looked at sympathetically. Though, it will not be an easy affair given the limited seats and infrastructure in India. According to the official, the situation can be more confusing for fifth or final-year MBBS students as they require clinical training.

As per the provisions of the National Medical Commission (Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate) Regulations, 2021, the entire course, training and internship, or clerkship shall be done outside India in the same foreign medical institution throughout the course of study. The provisions also state

that no part of medical training and internship shall be done in India or in any country other than the one from where the primary medical qualification is obtained.

An official source said presently there are no norms under the National Medical Commission Regulations to accommodate medical students, who were studying abroad and had to return to India midway, in Indian medical colleges in between an academic session.

"However, keeping in view such extraordinary situations, the issue will be reviewed on humanitarian grounds and looked at sympathetically," the source said.

## BJP pins hopes on Modi charisma in last phase

### PM holds massive 3-km roadshow in Varanasi

RAMESH K SINGH ■ VARANASI

This Holy City of Varanasi witnessed yet another impressive three-kilometre long roadshow of Prime Minister Narendra Modi through the byzantine lanes of his Parliamentary constituency on Friday.

The massive roadshow took more than three hours with an ocean of people thronging the sidewalks throughout the route. More than 10,000 security personnel supervised by over 50 IPS officers had a harried time keeping frantic fans of the Prime Minister from coming close for a closer look and even selfies.

Going into the complex seventh phase of Assembly poll in this eastern region, the somewhat perplexed BJP is



Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets supporters during a roadshow for the seventh and last phase of UP Assembly elections, in Varanasi district, on Friday

PTI

pinning its hopes on Modi's massive roadshow on Friday to tilt the political scale in its favour.

Voting will be held in 54 seats across nine districts of the region in the seventh and last phase of Assembly elections on March 7. In the 2017 Assembly

polls, the BJP and its ally Apna Dal had romped home in 36 of these constituencies.

Since 2014, Modi has been taking out such roadshows in his Parliamentary constituency to send home the message that he cares the electorate .

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## CAPSULE

### 5 KHALISTANI ULTRAS CHARGESHEETED

**Chandigarh:** The NIA on Friday filed a chargesheet in a special court here against five Khalistani terrorists, including the chief of proscribed International Sikh Youth Federation, in a case related to smuggling of arms, explosives and narcotics via drones from Pakistan.

### 3 CRPF PERSONNEL KILLED IN CRASH

**Basti:** Three CRPF personnel were killed and one was seriously injured in a road accident here, when they were on their way to join duties at polling booths ahead of the last phase of the UP Assembly elections, police said on Friday.

### 7 SHOT, 1 FATALLY, AT LAS VEGAS APARTMENT

**Las Vegas:** Seven people were shot, one fatally, at a Las Vegas apartment complex and two of the people who were wounded suffered injuries described as critical, police said on Friday.

## 14 killed in Bhagalpur firecracker unit blast

### 15 feared trapped under debris

PNS ■ BHAGALPUR/NEW DELHI

At least 14 people were killed and five suffered serious injuries in a massive explosion that took place inside a house where the residents were allegedly involved in illegal firecracker manufacturing business.

According to reports, 10-15 people are still feared trapped under the debris of the building that was turned into rubble due to the impact of the explosion.

The five injured are undergoing treatment at JLN Hospital, Mayaganj. Earlier, the hospital had declared four other injured as dead on arrival.

The incident took place in a building adjacent to an orphanage in the Kajbalichak

area of Bhagalpur district, less than 100 metres from the local police station. The explosion also impacted two-three adjoining houses which were also damaged due to the blast.

Bhagalpur District Magistrate Subrat Kumar Sen said the blast took place inside the house of Mahendra Mandal in Kajbalichak locality of the town in the early hours.

The house of Mandal besides two adjoining buildings were reduced to rubble by the impact of the explosion, the sound of which was heard far and wide, said the DM.

He said earth moving equipment was brought in to clear the debris.

Teams of bomb disposal squad and forensic experts were collecting samples to ascertain the type of explosive material that caused the blast, the official said.

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## UP election is about saving Constitution, democracy: Akhilesh

**Mau:** Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Friday said the Uttar Pradesh Assembly polls are not just to elect the Government of the State but also to save the Constitution and democracy of India.

Addressing a rally in Mau for candidates of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and alliance partner Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP), Yadav said the ongoing state polls are the "biggest elections" yet in the country.

Yadav also said the BJP's "frustration of losing the polls" is visible in their actions and language, and cited the example of attack on SP leader Swamy Prasad Maurya and insult to SBSP chief Om Prakash Rajbhar.

"Has not the language and behaviour of the people, who have become worried now,



changed? You can see defeat on their faces now. They are not just frustrated but have started insulting SP leaders because they have realised the people are not with the BJP now," he claimed.

Yadav claimed the spirit of the people of Mau indicates that no rival party candidates will win on any assembly seats in the region. "The votes for the sixth phase have been caste, the seventh phase voting is coming up and I have come here to seek your support.

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## Fidayeen attack at Shia mosque kills 56 in Pak

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

A suicide bomber blew himself up inside a crowded Shia mosque during the Friday congregation here in northwest Pakistan, killing at least 56 people and wounding nearly 200 others, in one of the deadliest attacks in the restive province, bordering Afghanistan.

The blast occurred at an Imambargah located near the Qissa Khwani Bazaar area of Peshawar when the worshippers were offering Friday prayers.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast in Peshawar, the provincial capital of Khyber-Paktunkhwa which borders Afghanistan. However, the ISIS and sectarian militant groups have claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks targeting Shias in the past.

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## SC shocked at HC protection against ex-DGP's arrest

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed shock at the order passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court granting protection from arrest of former Punjab DGP Sumedh Singh Saini in cases pending against him or likely to be registered against him in the future.

The Bench headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana said that the order was unprecedented and sought to know how protection can be granted for future cases which have not even been registered.

"This is unprecedented order. How can a future course of action be stayed? It is shocking and three of us (judges) feel that it is unprecedented. This will require a hearing," the court said.

The court went so far as to



said that it will request the Chief Justice of the High Court to reassign the matter to another judge and not the one who passed the interim order.

"We will request the High Court to dispose of the petition by another judge and not the same judge within 2 weeks. We request the Chief Justice to take it up himself or by any other judge and we will keep this matter pending in the Supreme Court," CJI Ramana said.

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# Centre opposes in HC Markaz’s full reopening

A few people may offer prayers: Centre

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Centre on Friday opposed before the Delhi High Court the full re-opening of the Nizamuddin Markaz, where the Tablighi Jamaat congregation was held in March 2020 amid Covid-19 pandemic and has remained shut since then, stating that a few people may be allowed to offer prayers on the upcoming religious occasions.

Government counsel Rajat Nair told Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri, who was hearing a plea by the Delhi Waqf Board to open the mosque in view of Shab-e-Barat and Ramzan in

March and April, that the mosque is a case property and the petitioner board has no locus to seek its re-opening.

Nair said that on earlier occasions, a concession was given to allow a few people to offer prayers subject to conditions and there was no objection with respect to such arrangement this time as well. The counsel appearing for the petitioner said that the mosque, which is under the lock of Delhi Police, should be opened as the Delhi Disaster Management Authority has now lifted all restrictions that were imposed on account of the pandemic.

The judge listed the case for hearing next week and asked the petitioner to bring the DDMA order on record. Several FIRs were regis-

tered under the Epidemic Diseases Act, the Disaster Management Act, Foreigners Act and various provisions of the penal code in connection with the Tablighi Jamaat event held at the Nizamuddin Markaz and the subsequent stay of foreigners there during the COVID-19 lockdown last year. In its application filed through advocate Waqeeh Shafiq, the petitioner has said that last year during these two occasions -- Shab-e-Barat and Ramzan, the high court had permitted prayers in the mosque.

On April 15, 2021, the court had allowed 50 people to offer namaz five times a day at Nizamuddin Markaz during Ramzan, saying there is no direction in the DDMA notification to close down places of worship.

## CBI arrests CA, in bribery case in Maha

Mumbai: The Central Bureau of Investigation has arrested a Nagpur-based Chartered Accountant and a Joint Commissioner, Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) in an alleged bribery case.

Identifying the arrested persons as Hemant Rajandekar, Chartered Accountant and Mukul Patil, Joint Commissioner, CGST, Nagpur-2, the CBI said on Friday that it had laid a trap and caught the accused while demanding & accepting the negotiated bribe amount of Rs. 4 lakh from the complainant.

Based on a complaint, the CBI registered a case against the chartered Accountant alleging a demand of a bribe of Rs. 4. 5 lakh as motive to induce the Joint Commissioner, CGST, Nagpur-2 and for showing favour in service tax matters. PNS

## ED arrests CEPL promoter Buhari in ₹564 money laundering case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested promoter of Chennai-based Coastal Energy Private Limited, Ahmed AR Buhari, on money laundering charges for generating “proceeds of crime” to the tune of Rs 564.49 crore through overvaluation of coal prices sold to public sector undertakings.

The ED had initiated money laundering investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the CBI, New Delhi against Buhari and other unknown officials of PSUs under various Sections of the Indian Penal Code and relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The investigation in the matter was also conducted by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and a show cause notice to the party has been issued. PNS

## Russia...

From Page 1 He said the only way to implement a no-fly zone would be to send NATO planes to enforce it by shooting down Russian planes.

“We understand the desperation, but we also believe that if we did that, we would end up with something that could end in a full-fledged war in Europe,” Stoltenberg said.

The UN Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting on Friday on the nuclear plant attack.

The fire came as the Russians pressed on with their offensive in the southern part of the country. Severing Ukraine’s access to the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the south would deal a severe blow to Ukraine’s economy and could worsen an already dire humanitarian situation.

A round of talks between Russia and Ukraine yielded a tentative agreement Thursday

to set up safe corridors to evacuate citizens and deliver food and medicine. But the necessary details still had to be worked out.

The plant fire was the second time since the invasion began that concerns about a potential nuclear accident arose, following a battle at the heavily contaminated site of the now-decommissioned Chernobyl plant.

Facing worldwide indignation, Russia sought to deflect blame. Without producing evidence, Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov claimed Ukrainian “sabotage group” had set fire to the building at Zaporozhzhia.

In the latest show of international opposition to the invasion, the UN’s top human rights body voted 32-2 to set up a panel of experts to monitor human rights in Ukraine. Only Russia and Eritrea opposed it.

Frequent shelling could be heard in the center of the capital Kyiv Friday, although more distant than in recent days, with loud thudding every 10 minutes resonating over the

rooftops. Ukrainian presidential adviser Oleksiy Arestovich said battles involving airstrikes and artillery continued northwest of Kyiv, and the northeastern cities of Kharkiv and Okhtyrka came under heavy strikes.

He said Ukrainian forces were still holding the northern city of Chernihiv, and had prevented Russian efforts to take the important southern city of Mykolaiv. Ukrainian artillery defended Odesa from repeated attempts by Russian ships to fire on the major Black Sea port, Arestovic said.

The Ukrainian Navy scuttled its flagship at the shipyard where it was undergoing repairs to keep the frigate from being seized by the Russians, Ukraine’s defense minister said. “It is hard to imagine a more difficult decision for a courageous soldier and crew,” Oleksii Reznikov said.

Another strategic port, Mariupol on the Azov Sea, was “partially under siege,” and Ukrainian forces were pushing back efforts to surround the city, Arestovich said.

## UP election...

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I am hopeful you will ensure victory of SP, and alliance SBSP candidates from whichever seat they are contesting on,” he said. “This election is going to be the country’s biggest election. It’s not only to elect the government in UP but also to save the Constitution of India, democracy of India. The people of BJP have lied to public and this election is to remove such liars from Uttar Pradesh,” Yadav said.

The former UP Chief Minister also accused the BJP and its leaders of spreading lies as he shared the stage with alliance candidates, including jailed don-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari’s son Abbas Ansari. “The people of BJP are amazing.

They touch the water of mother Ganga, take a holy dip in it yet continue to speak lies. The BJP claims to be the biggest political party in the world but no other party in the world speaks as much lie as the BJP does, its peo-

ple do,” Yadav said. “There is no national-level leader of the BJP who has not come to UP for poll campaign. If you listen to their speeches, the small politician speaks small lies, the big politician speaks bigger lies and the biggest leader speaks the biggest lies,” he added. Claiming that the BJP has made no provision for free ration to the poor from March, he said if the SP forms government in the State free ration would be provided to the poor for full five years. “Besides the ration, we will also provide one litre mustard oil, one kg milk power, one kg ghee to the poor and sugar,” Yadav said. He said the farmers’ income has not doubled as promised, they are not getting fertilisers and urea, inflation has hit the people and prices of petrol and diesel have also hit the sky. “The inflation has increased so much that even the size of Parle-G biscuit has shrunk,” Yadav said. He claimed that if the BJP returns to power, petrol and diesel will cost Rs 200 per litre. He said if the SP forms the government in UP, 300 units of electricity would be made free to everyone and farmers will not have to pay bills for power used for irrigation. He also announced welfare mea-

sures for the weaver community in the region in order to revive their work and said if his party forms government, it will provide them with 24-hour electricity at flat rate. “If needed, we will make allocations in state budget to hold exhibitions and marketing programmes for the weavers. ‘Bunkar Bazaars’ for weavers would be set up along the Purvanchal Expressway,” he said. “Additionally, markets would be set up along the Purvanchal Expressway to ensure produce of farmers are procured at MSP,” he added. He said Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was talking about “cooling down us” but the coming together of cycle and walking stick (poll symbols of SP, SBSP) have now “cooled him down instead.” He said, “Mujhe lagta hai Mau ke logon ne tayyari kar li hai bhaap nikaalne ki.” He hit out at the BJP over the issue of unemployment in the State and said if the SP comes to power then recruitments on the 11 lakh vacant government posts will be done expeditiously. Mau goes to polls during the seventh and last phase of Uttar Pradesh polls on March 7. The election results will be declared on March 10.

## BJP pins...

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But on Friday, the impressive roadshow took a totally different route and the high-profile motorcade meandered through narrow lanes amidst huge number of frenzied supporters carrying the tricolour and saffron flags and chanting slogans.

Such a tumultuous gathering on a non-religious occasion in the millennia old city has been rare and slogans like “Har Har Mahadev,” “Modi Modi,” “Yogi Yogi” rented the air as the moving columns crawled through.

The roadshow started with Modi garlanding the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Maldahiya crossing and responding to the sea of supporters in his own inimitable way by waving his left hand. It was the same place from where Modi had started his nomination procession in 2014 Lok Sabha election.

A heavy congregation of people on both sides of the roads was seen during all along the route of the motorcade as it meandered through congested areas of Lahurabir,

Kabirchaura, Maidagin, Nichibagh and Chowk.

After reaching Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, which was inaugurated by the Prime Minister a few months ago and the BJP symbolised it same as one of the poll issues in the Assembly elections, Modi offered prayers at the temple.

Later, his motorcade passed through Godowlia, Assi and Lanka and culminated after garlanding the statue of Pt Madan Mohan Malviya near Main Gate of Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

In 2017 too, Modi had undertaken a roadshow to Dashaswamedh ghat where he watch the Ganga-Aarti.

For the roadshow covering all three urban


Assembly constituencies, the BJP had made a large-scale arrangements as artistes from various regions were seen presenting folk songs and dance at different places amidst “dhun” of shehnai, shankhs and dhambur and showering of petals from rooftops on both sides.

Right after Friday midday, the city wore a festive attire as thousands of frenzied people converged on the sidewalks throughout the stretch from Maldahiya to Kashi Vishwanath Corridor and the main markets on the route were decorated with flowers and flooded with BJP flags, banner and posters.


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- सेवा निवृत्त अधिकारी सौधे मिशन संचालक को आवेदन प्रस्तुत करेंगे।
- शासकीय विभागों में कार्यरत अधिकारी प्रतिनियुक्ति पर सेवायें देने के लिये सहमत होने की स्थिति में उचित माध्यम से आवेदन मिशन संचालक को प्रस्तुत करेंगे।
- प्रतिनियुक्ति पर चयन की स्थिति में शासकीय सेवक को सेवाकाल में जांच/लोकायुक्त प्रकरण संबंधी न मांगपत्र एवं विगत 5 वर्ष की गोपनीय प्रतिवेदन मूल्यांकन पत्रक प्रेषित करना अनिवार्य होगा।
- प्रतिनियुक्ति 2 वर्ष हेतु होगी, जो आवश्यकतानुसार/अधिकारी के कार्य मूल्यांकन के आधार पर आपसी विभागी की सहमति से अधिकतम 2 वर्ष और बढ़ाई जा सकेगी।
- सविदा नियुक्ति 1 वर्ष की अवधि के लिये होगी, जो आवश्यकतानुसार/अधिकारी के कार्य मूल्यांकन के आधार पर प्रतिवर्ष (65 वर्ष की आयु पूर्ण होने तक) 1 वर्ष के लिये बढ़ायी जा सकती है।
- चयन साक्षात्कार के माध्यम से किया जायेगा।
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- आवेदन पत्र प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि 17.03.2022 निर्धारित की जाती है।
- आवेदन पत्र का प्रारूप राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन की वेबसाईट [www.nhmmp.gov.in](http://www.nhmmp.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

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**No. Tender Online RWC – 23/21 Letter No. 768 Date :- 03.03.2022**  
**e-Procurement NOTICE**

1. **Name of the work**  
2. **Class of contractor**  
c) Estimated cost more than Rs.6.00 Crore & upto Rs.15.00 Crore  
d) Estimated cost more than Rs.3.00 Crore & upto Rs.6.00 Crore  
e) Estimated cost more than Rs. 40.00 Lakh & upto Rs.3.00 Crore  
3. **Time for Completion**  
4. **Detail Projects**  
5. **Other Details**

Special Class & Super Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.  
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A & B Class (of Odisha PWD) & relevant class of other licensing authorities.  
As specified in the Column-5 of the Annexure.  
As per Annexure attached

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack	Tender Online RWC - 23/ 21	09.03.2022 at 11.30 A.M.	23.03.2022 at 05.00 P.M.	22.03.2022 at 02.00 P.M.	24.03.2022 at 11.30 A.M.

Further details can be seen from the website [www.tendersorissa.gov.in](http://www.tendersorissa.gov.in) Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Cuttack  
OIPR-25097/11/0040/2122

**कार्यालय-कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खंड-जशपुर (छत्तीसगढ़)**  
**:- ई-प्रोचुरमेंट निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-**  
एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अन्तर्गत उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत उद्देश्यकारी से निम्नातिष्ठित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:- कार्य का नाम :- जशपुर जिले के निम्नातिष्ठित विकासखण्डों में एकल ग्राम नल जल प्रदाय योजना अन्तर्गत 63 से 75 मि.ी. व्यास के HDPE पाइप ए 20 मि.ी. व्यास के कपोजिड पाइप एवं 90 मि.ी. व्यास के न्यूपीडीसी पाइप 6&10 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, स्पेशल्स सहित प्रदाय जोड़ने, बिछाने, इन्टरकनेक्शन टेस्टिंग क्लोरीनेशन स्कीमा, क्लोरीनेटर रुम, स्वीच रुम, रेनोवेशन, घरेलू नल कनेक्शन एवं अन्य संबंधित समस्त कार्य, 6 माह ट्रायल रन सहित स्वीकृत मोड्यूल अनुसार।

क्र	निविदा क्र./ दिनांक सिस्टम नम्बर	योजना का नाम	अनुमानित लागत (लक्ष में)	अमानित राशि (राशि के रूप में)
1	608/02.03.2022 93895	विकासखण्ड कुनकुरी के ग्राम रमैत एवं बोडीबहार के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 95 नम	58.02	43550/-
2	609/02.03.2022 93896	विकासखण्ड दुलदुला के ग्राम जुजवाईन, कोलाकोसेम, छेरबाङ, कर्देगा एवं सालमाली के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 233 नम	161.11	120850/-
3	610/02.03.2022 93897	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम देवरी के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 226 नम	117.89	88450/-
4	611/02.03.2022 94020	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम बगिया के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 181 नम	94.54	70950/-
5	612/02.03.2022 94021	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम कांसाबेल के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 346 नम	122.30	91750/-
6	613/02.03.2022 94022	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम दोरासम के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 328 नम	168.38	126300/-
7	614/02.03.2022 94023	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम बटुईकेला के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 264 नम	118.45	88850/-
8	615/02.03.2022 94024	विकासखण्ड कांसाबेल के ग्राम चाखपानी के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 138 नम	83.76	62850/-
9	616/02.03.2022 94196	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम पुदुईनाथ के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 294 नम	137.31	103000/-
10	617/02.03.2022 94197	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम किडिरिना,कुलुखुबुआ एवं बनगांव के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 613 नम	192.22	144200/-
11	618/02.03.2022 94198	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम जखरजोर, लकधारा एवं पगुसाबहार के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 365 नम	137.60	103200/-
12	619/02.03.2022 94200	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम झरुप्रकथा, झाबनडी एवं खुदोरा के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 459 नम	157.15	117900/-
13	620/02.03.2022 94203	विकासखण्ड फरसाबहार के ग्राम हेठौघा के विभिन्न बसाहटों में एकल ग्राम नलजल प्रदाय योजना FHTC 301 नम	111.73	83800/-

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्य की ऑनलाइन (online) निविदा दिनांक 21.03.2022 तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। जल जीवन मिशन कार्य की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तें, विस्तृत निविदा विधिपत्र, निविदा दस्तावेज एवं अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोचुरमेंट वेब पोर्टल <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> पर देखी जा सकती है।

R.O.No - 68418/6  
R.O. Date - 04/03/2022

हस्ता/- कार्यपालन अभियंता  
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istration is engaged in relief and rescue work, and all possible assistance is being provided to the injured. In a tweet, Modi said he had spoken to Chief Minister Nitish Kumar regarding the incident, and wished the injured a speedy recovery.

The local police and rescue officials reached the spot after the incident and succeeded in extricating nine persons in injured debris caused due to the explosion. The injured victims are being provided due medical attention to save them, officials said, adding, the police are also investigating the incident to ascertain the exact cause of the blast.

## Indian...

From Page 1 "I contacted the Embassy people and asked if they can provide the facility to take me to Lviv. They kept asking me questions.

I had to repeat my story several times. I can't walk. I told them I can come out of the hospital, but they have to give me the facilities, they should take me to Lviv. But all I get is fake comments," he said.

Meanwhile, the IAF has kept two IL-76 military transport aircraft on standby to evacuate Indians who are stranded in conflict-hit eastern Ukrainian cities like Sumy and Kharkiv from Russian capital Moscow.

Till now, India has been evacuating its citizens from Ukraine’s western neighbours such as Romania, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary as the Ukrainian airspace has remained shut since February 24.

On Thursday, Bagchi had said around 1,000 Indians reached Pischyn from Kharkiv following the urgent advisory issued by the Indian embassy in Ukraine on Wednesday.

"We estimate that a few hundred people still remain in Kharkiv despite our advisory," Bagchi said, adding that unfortunately there has been a fresh outbreak of violence in the city on Thursday.

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NOTICE is hereby given that **Sh. Nitin Soni** (hereinafter referred to as the said Mortgagor/Borrower) is purchasing the Flat Bearing No. C-44-E-2, on Second Floor, Category-II, Shikhar at Gangotri Enclave, Akshanda Residential Scheme, New Delhi from **Ms. Shafali Nijhawan and Mr. Gaurav Mehta** who became owner of the said flat vide **Gift Deed dated 13.06.2018**, and the same was duly registered with the sub-registrar, V Mehrauli, as Document No. 3340, Volume No. 14960, Book No. 1, Page No. 84-90, on 14.06.2018 executed by **Ms. Santosh Pasricha** through her Sister Attorney **Mrs. Sudesh Mehta** and **Mr. Sh. Nitin Soni** has agreed to create mortgage in respect of the said property in favour of our clients **IDFC FIRST Bank Limited**. Further, if any person, body, individual, institution having any claim, title, interest and/or objection in respect of or against or relating to or touching upon said property or part of the property by way of sale, exchange, lease, lien, mortgage, charge, encumbrance, gift, trust, assignment, inheritance, inheritance, testamentary disposition or otherwise or having in their custody any title, documents pertaining to said property shall communicate the same to the undersigned at below mentioned address within 10 days from the publication of this notice with documentary evidence in support thereof, failing which all the claim, of such person shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned. Any objections raised after the completion of the 10 days shall not be binding upon the said property or my Clients in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 10 days of this publication to **Mr. Muneesh Dhawan/Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates)**, Law Vertias, Unit no 907, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, G0-II, Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110044 or contact at 9666707172/9818228636. **Sudhir Jain, Partner of Law Vertias, (M): 9818228636**

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# City gets world-class teachers’ university

**DTU will offer BA-B.Ed, BSc-B.Ed and focus on fundamental and applied research in education**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

With the aim to prepare well-trained and highly qualified teachers of the new era, Delhi’s Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday inaugurated the Delhi Teachers University in the national Capital.

Delhi Teachers University will offer programmes such as BA-B.ed and BSc-B.ed and focus on fundamental and applied research in education. The campus is located in Outram Lane in Mukherjee Nagar area of the city.

“Delhi Teachers University is one of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal’s dreams for improving education in Delhi. Our vision is to make it the best university in the country and the world. This university will set even better standards than other premier institutions of the country like the IITs and IIMs,” said Sisodia, who is also



the Education Minister of Delhi. “The varsity will emerge as a brand in the field of teacher education and set new standards in the world. It will offer a new age integrated teacher education programme after class 12 and will also emphasise on fundamental and applied research in education by collaborating with national and international organisations,” said Sisodia.

“The varsity will also ensure that trainees spend 30 to 50 per cent of their time in schools and get hands-on learning experience from very first month of their course. Along with this, a unique cell will also be set up in Delhi

Teachers University which will visit schools of Delhi and motivate students to opt for the teaching profession,” said Sisodia. On this occasion Vice-Chancellor of Delhi Teachers University, Professor Dhananjay Joshi said that today every child dreams of becoming a doctor or an engineer but never talks about opting for teaching profession. “It is mostly last career option, but through Delhi Teachers University we will work to change this mindset. Teachers are nation builders. To prepare a better and developed India, we will motivate each and every child to become a teacher,” said Joshi.

# 75% saplings planted in 2016-2019 survived: Rai

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Citing a report from the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Environment Minister Gopal Rai said on Friday that 75 per cent to 80 per cent of the saplings planted in the national Capital between 2016-2019 have survived.

The Delhi Government has planted 32 lakh saplings and shrubs in the financial year 2021-22, which are more than the target of 31 lakh set by the Centre.

Rai said, “The Delhi administration has left no stone unturned in the fight against pollution in the city. Right from emergency measures to long-term solutions, the Government has used both approaches.”

“In 2016-17, we set a goal of planting 10 lakh saplings, but we ended up planting 24 lakh saplings to improve our green cover. We were assigned a target of 10 lakh saplings again in 2017-18, and we planted 19 lakh trees.

In 2018-19, we set a new goal of 10 lakh saplings, which we exceeded by planting 19 lakh saplings. In 2019-20, a target of 10 lakh saplings was set, and we planted 28 lakh trees within Delhi.

We planted 32 lakh seedlings in 2020-21, achieving the target of planting 15 lakh plants. We set a goal of planting three million saplings in 2021-22, and as of today, we have planted more than 32 lakh saplings within Delhi,” he said.

Rai said that the Government has also decided to conduct soil testing before the annual plantation exercises to increase the



sapling survival rate. Based on the third-party audit conducted by the FRI, it was earlier reported that the survival rate of saplings planted in Delhi between 2016-2019 was between 50 per cent and 75 per cent.

According to officials, a survival rate of 40-50 per cent is considered average, 50-70 per cent is good, 70-80 per cent is very good, and 80-90 per cent is considered excellent.

A sapling survival rate of 80.21 per cent was recorded in the North forest division between 2016 and 2019. It was recorded between 78.50 per cent and 75.68 per cent in the West division and between 72.60 per cent and 81.33 per cent in the South division during the same period.

The Forest Department and the Delhi Development Authority plant the maximum number of saplings and shrubs of the 18 greening agencies involved in the yearly plantation drives.

# To stop Yamuna River pollution, Govt begins laying sewer networks

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to revamp the existing infrastructure and treat all the waste generated in the city, Delhi Water Minister Satyendar Jain laid the foundation stone of new sewer networks in the national Capital on Friday.

The first sewer line which will be at 80 km long, will come up at the Shahbad group of colonies and another line, which will be 10 km long, will be laid in the Singhu group of colonies.

At present, there is no sewer network in the Shahbad group of colonies as well as in the Singhu group of colonies and villages.

Jain said, “We aim to connect all the colonies of Delhi to sewage lines, which will enable all the waste to get treated through the Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) instead of falling directly into the drains.”

Jain said that laying sewer lines will be a significant step in reducing pollution in the Yamuna River as currently, sewage of these areas is being discharged into nearby drains that pollute the river. “This will also improve health and

hygiene of the area as wastewater flowing in open drains results in mosquito breeding,” he added. The Minister also paid a visit to the Singhu group of colonies and laid the foundation of the 10-km-long sewer line. This sewer line will be laid in two unauthorised colonies. This internal and peripheral sewer line will have a 300 mm to 710 mm nominal diameter, falling under the Narela waste water treatment plant catchment area in Delhi.

Nearly 15,000 people residing in Singhu Village, Lal Dora of Singhu Village and Singhu Village Extension will benefit from this initiative. “Currently, the sewage of the area is being discharged directly or indirectly into the Yamuna river, which is one of the reasons that is contributing towards pollution of the Yamuna.”

Previously, the foundation stone of a sewage pumping station was laid in Harsh Vihar with an aim to pump the sewage generated from eight unauthorised colonies of Gokulpur Assembly Constituency to Yamuna Vihar sewage treatment plant for further treatment.

# Deputy CM honours 17 lecturers for excellent work

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Friday honoured 17 lecturers who have done excellent work in colleges and State universities funded by the Delhi Government.

On this occasion, Sisodia said that teachers are the biggest contributor to nation building. “Our teachers impact millions of lives with their work. The faculties of our colleges have been instrumental in building a knowledge-based society in Delhi, so it is our duty to honour them. The vision of the Kejriwal Government is to change the country through education and our teachers are contributing in this direction by leading the movement, standing on the forefront,” he said. The objective of this scheme is to acknowledge the brilliant contribution of college lecturers who are building a society

where excellence in education is valued through higher education in Delhi. The purpose of this award is not only to reward and publicly recognise the best performing lecturers, but also to motivate them to perform even better in the future.

A senior Government official said that the selection of lecturers for this award is done on the basis of student feedback, improvement of results, research work, extra-curricular activities and other areas of academics. To assess these aspects, an evaluation committee is formed at the college and university level, he said. According to the guidelines for the award, there is a provision to award one lecturer each from 28 colleges of the Government-funded university and two lecturers from each of the three State universities. These selected teachers are given an amount of Rs 1 lakh along with the award by the Delhi Government.

# Modern academic block opened at ITI, Jahangirpuri

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi’s Deputy Chief Minister, Manish Sisodia on Friday inaugurated a new academic block with state-of-the-art infrastructure, a luxurious cosmetology lab and a modern plumbing lab at ITI in Jahangirpuri area.

On this occasion, Sisodia, who is also Education Minister of Delhi, said that the talented students coming out of training institutes like ITI will write a new chapter in the future.

“Our country will become developed only when every youth of the country is skilled. Our ITI students are getting jobs in big companies due to their exceptional skills, but now there is a need to create such an environment so that they become not only job seekers but also job creators,” said Sisodia. “The students must do their work in such a way that new jobs get created because of their efforts. Quality labs are

being set up in ITIs as per market requirements so that children can get hands-on experience for field work,” said Sisodia. “These days, the focus is on professional courses all over the world. But even today, along with India and other developing countries, it is a given in minds of children that if they do not complete their graduation, they have achieved nothing. On the contrary, in developed countries focus is on technical education,” said Sisodia.

“Today, when a job vacancy with 8th class eligibility criteria is released, thousands of graduates apply for job. In such a situation, what is the use of that graduation degree which cannot get you a job?” said Sisodia. “This mindset has started changing in many countries of world and they have started moving away from their traditional beliefs regarding education and have started focusing on technical education.

# Man held for murder of paramour, her husband

STAFF REPORTER ■ GURUGRAM

A man was arrested in Gurugram for the double murder of his live-in partner and her husband. Police said on Friday that, his paramour was also involved in the conspiracy of her husband’s murder. The accused, Surrender alias Dudhiya was arrested on Friday from Sector-43 in Gurugram with the help of technical surveillance and CCTV footage of the area where the two resided. Surrender, a resident of Mandela Kalan in Delhi was in a relationship with 44-year-old Kamla Devi, a widow, who was living with her son in Kanhai Village of Gurugram in a rented accommodation.

Kamla Devi’s son stated in his police complaint that Surrender was in a live-in relationship with her for the last three years after his father had gone missing. The accused disclosed before the police that he



had developed a relationship with the Kamla Devi, in 2014 in Delhi and her husband Mahesh came to know about their illicit relationship.

“Kamla Devi and Surrender hatched a conspiracy and Surrender killed Mahesh in 2018 and threw his body in a canal in Delhi. Thereafter, the woman had filed a missing complaint for her husband in Delhi. They later shifted to Gurugram and were residing together,” Subhash Boken, spokesperson of the Gurugram Police said. The accused revealed that he was an addict and was jobless too. Due to this there was a dispute between them and on March 1 he smothered her to death and fled the spot.

# Two held, juvenile apprehended for stabbing two brothers

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested three people while a juvenile has been apprehended for allegedly stabbing two brothers following an argument in Delhi’s Mangolpuri area. The accused has been identified as Danish, Kasif, Fardeen, who works in the auto-market at Mangolpuri area.

According to Sameer Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Outer district, on Thursday, information was received at Mangolpuri police station regarding a stabbing incident at Y-Block auto market in the area.

“Police rushed to the spot and found that the injured, Sunny and Bharat, who are brothers and residents of Sultanpuri, had already been taken to the Sanjay Gandhi Hospital,” said the

DCP. “During initial investigation, it was revealed that both the victims and the accused, Danish, Kasif, Fardeen and a juvenile -- worked in the auto market. There was a heated argument between the two sides and when Sunny and Bharat were going home after closing their shop, the accused attacked them with a knife and screwdrivers,” said the DCP.

“The victims sustained stab injuries. A case under sections 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code was registered on the basis of Bharat’s statement and an investigation taken up,” said the DCP.

Danish, Kasif and Fardeen have been arrested and the juvenile has been apprehended. Efforts are being made to recover the weapons used in the crime, the police said.

# BJP holds referendum on liquor policy in city

**Says excise policy biggest threat to Delhi’s women, youth**

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Furious over the new liquor excise policy, the Delhi Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) conducted a referendum drive at various places across the city on Friday and slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), alleging that the liquor policy was the biggest threat to women and youth in the national Capital.

Led by senior leaders, the BJP conducted referendums at 1,120 places across the city. Hitting out at the AAP-led Delhi Government, the BJP national vice-president and Delhi incharge, Baijayant Jay Panda said, that the excise policy of the AAP Government

was the biggest threat to women and youth of Delhi. “In his past seven years neither did his Government give any employment nor did it fulfil any of the promises,” claimed Panda. “About 99 per cent of Delhiites believe that the new ‘Sharab Niti’ is actually a ‘Kharab Niti’ under the guise of which in the name of augmenting revenue, he is actually filling up his own pockets and playing with the future of the youth and women,” said Adesh Gupta, State president, BJP. Gupta alleged that the AAP Government does not care about the law and they mislead the courts. “Instead of fulfilling their promise to start 500 new schools, colleges etc. the AAP Government has actually done job of giving contracts to liquor mafia which raises a big question mark on the future of youngsters and the security of women,” Gupta alleged.



Indian nationals, evacuated from war-torn Ukraine, upon their arrival at the Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad.

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# DMRC gifts skywalk to Delhiites; traffic flow at Ajmeri Gate Rly station improves

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

A dedicated skywalk, constructed by DMRC in collaboration with Northern Railway, for providing seamless connectivity between the Ajmeri Gate side of the New Delhi Railway station and the adjacent New Delhi Metro stations on Yellow Line and Airport Express Line will be opened for passenger use on Saturday.

This newly constructed Skywalk is an extension of the foot over bridge (FOB) inside the railway station and connects the Ajmeri Gate Side of the station with the New Delhi Metro station as well as the multilevel parking across Bhavbhuti Marg through multiple entry and exit points. The 242 meters long skywalk will provide seamless connectivity between one of the busiest



hubs of New Delhi Railway station and Metro stations of New Delhi on Yellow Line and Airport Express Line. Apart from providing seamless connectivity, the skywalk will also help in streamlining the traffic flow on Ajmeri Gate side of the railway station. “The construction of this unique

skywalk in a hub witnessing significant traffic was a major engineering challenge including the disruptions posed due to COVID-19 pandemic. The Skywalk has been provided with escalators along with facilities such as CCTV surveillance cameras etc,” a senior DMRC official said.

# SDMC inaugurates Eco Mitra Park in Sarita Vihar



STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

In order to create awareness and to encourage waste segregation, home composting, use of cloth bags for shopping and use of recycled products, South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) inaugu-

rated an Eco Mitra Park in Sarita Vihar on Friday. The park has been developed at zero cost to SDMC. On the occasion, local area councilor Neetu Chaudhary, Assistant Commissioner Madhukant and senior officials from SDMC were present. A senior SDMC

official said that in Najafgarh Zone’s Sadh Nagar, Om Vihar, Manglapuri, Chhawla Extension, Kapashera, Durga Park and Shivpuri, massive awareness cum sensitization programmes were organized with focus on segregation of waste at source, cleanliness of public places, say no to single use plastic etc. A similar campaign was also organized in Mahavir Enclave Market where shopkeepers were asked not to use plastic at their shops. In West Zone’s Vishnu Garden, a special programme was organized to segregate wet and dry waste at source level and complete ban on use of single use plastic, the official said.

# 39,000 vehicles towed by Delhi Traffic Police in last 3 months

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Traffic Police has towed more than 39,000 vehicles in last three months since it introduced a new system of sharing information about pit locations with vehicle owners via SMS in the national Capital. According to data, 39,155 vehicles were towed away by the Delhi Traffic Police from December 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. Out of total vehicles towed away, there were 18,987 two-wheelers, 13,730 private cars, 4,175 three-wheelers, and 1,279 commercial cars and vans, the data showed. The analysis of the data showed that 838 large

goods vehicle (LGV), 69 Heavy Transport Vehicle (HTV), 42 Medium goods vehicle (MGV), 13 buses and six other category vehicles were also towed away Soon, the Delhi Traffic Police will also start sending SMS alerts about the chowks where the towed vehicles are taken first before being deposited at the pits.

Earlier, when vehicles were towed away, people would file a missing complaint or lodge a complaint about vehicle theft, said Suman Nalwa, the spokesperson of Delhi Police. “In this new system, our traffic department sends a message immediately to registered mobile number of the towed

vehicle owner informing that his/her vehicle is at this particular pit in Delhi so that they can pay their challans and get their vehicles back without any difficulty,” she said.

S K Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic (Modernisation) said that most of the owners of towed vehicles earlier used to file lost reports and now, with this new system, they immediately get a notice and can take their vehicle from Traffic circles. “We are also in process of sending current locations. Right now, we are sending only pit locations. There are 21 pits all around Delhi where vehicles are parked,” he said.

# Civil defence volunteer, event manager arrested over car robbery case in southwest Delhi

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Police has arrested a 29-year-old civil defence volunteer and an event manager in a car robbery case in southwest Delhi’s Vasant Kunj area. The accused were identified as Sachin and Mausam alias Manoj (27), both residents of Rangpuri.

Police said that Mausam works as an event organiser, while Sachin is a Delhi Civil Defence volunteer and also works as an event organiser. According to Gaurav Sharma, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Southwest district, the two were arrested on

Wednesday on the basis of a specific inputs received by the police team and the car was recovered from their possession. “Earlier, a case was registered on Sunday at Vasant Kunj North police station on the complaint of Dharmendar Kumar, a driver.

The accused hired his cab for Munirka from Rangpuri in Vasant Kunj,” said the DCP. “The suspects, who posed as passengers, robbed him of his car using a toy gun, and fled the scene. Apart from the car, one bike and one mobile phone were recovered from the possession of the accused,” said the DCP adding that further investigation is going on.



# Defence Expo put off

Govt cites logistics issue by participants due to situation in war-hit Ukraine

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The situation in Ukraine has led to the postponement of the prestigious defence exhibition DefExpo-2022, to be held from March 10-14 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. While the Ministry of Defence here did not elaborate, it said the event was postponed as participants are experiencing problems related to logistics. The new dates of the exhibition, held every two years, will be announced in due course. Announcing this here on Friday, the defence ministry said as on February 22 as many as 973 exhibitors, including 121 foreign exhibitors from 63 countries, had registered for Asia's largest exhibition on land, naval



and homeland security systems. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was likely to address the exhibition as per the earlier schedule. The exhibition was, in fact, extended by a day earlier to enable wider participation in view of a decline in Covid-19 cases in India. "Due to logistics problems being experienced by participants, the DefExpo-2022 proposed to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat from March 10 till 14th is postponed," the ministry said. This year's DefExpo would be the 12th edition of the prestigious biennial defence exhibition. DefExpo began in 1996 and this year it was being organised at over an area of one lakh

square metres. The US pavilion had booked the largest space among the nations, while Adani and the Tata Group were to have the largest stalls among the Indian participants. Over 50 defence ministers or heads of armed forces from across the world were expected to attend the event. Also, the second India-Africa Defence Dialogue was to be held alongside the DefExpo, with 52 countries invited. Many defence manufacturing companies from Europe besides Russia and Ukraine were slated to participate in the DefExpo. Given the current situation there and closure of the Ukrainian airspace was one of the reasons for postponement of the exhibition, sources said.

# 3,772 more Indians stranded in Ukraine evacuated under Operation Ganga

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

As Russia intensified its attack, India on Friday managed to bring back 3,772 people by 18 evacuation flights from bordering countries of Ukraine under "Operation Ganga" but 2,000-3,000 more Indians are stuck in the war-ravaged nation. According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, 11 evacuation flights are expected to bring back more than 2200 Indians on Saturday, with 10 landing in New Delhi and one in Mumbai. So far, over 10,300 Indians have been brought back in 48 flights under 'Operation Ganga' and nearly 20,000 Indians left Ukraine's borders since our advisories were issued in mid-February. MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said that around 300 Indians are stuck in Kharkiv and 700 are in Sumy. As per details shared by the min-



istry, five flights will originate from Budapest, two from Rzeszow and four from Suceava. Besides, four C-17 aircraft are airborne for Romania, Poland and Slovakia, which are expected to reach late at night and early Saturday morning. The statement did not say how many Indians will be coming on the four IAF flights. On Friday, 14 civilian and three IAF flights brought 3,772 Indians back. Four flights came from

Bucharest, two from Kosice, four from Budapest, three from Rzeszow and two from Suceava, while IAF flew two flights from Bucharest and one from Budapest. The Indian Air Force has operated three flights from using the airfields in Romania and Hungary to the Hindon air-base between Thursday night and Friday morning carrying 630 Indians. Till date, the IAF has evacuated a total of 1,428

Indians on seven flights, all of which have been operated through its C-17 aircraft and taken 9.7 tonnes of relief material. The IAF joined the government's Operation Ganga on Thursday morning when it brought 798 Indians on four evacuation flights from the Romanian capital Bucharest, Hungary's Budapest and Polish city Rzeszow to Hindon airbase. Meanwhile, two Russian IL-76 strategic lift planes are on stand-by to fly out to Moscow as soon as Indian nationals evacuated from northeastern cities of Kharkiv and Sumi are taken to the Russian capital. IndiGo said it will operate 12 evacuation flights with over 2,600 Indians from war-torn Ukraine's neighbouring countries between Friday and Sunday. In a statement, IndiGo said 42 evacuation flights with 9,200 Indians had been scheduled to operate between February 28 and March 6. "We

have already operated 30 flights bringing back more than 6,600 of our citizens till today (Friday)," the airline's Chief Operating Officer Wolfgang Prock-Schauer said on Friday. At least 12 flights with over 2,600 Indians will be operated by India's largest airline between March 4 and March 6. Meanwhile, Air India Express's second flight carrying 184 passengers from Budapest landed in Mumbai on Friday morning. Go First on Friday said it has operated first evacuation flight to New Delhi from Budapest in Hungary to bring back 177 Indian evacuees from war-hit Ukraine. The airline also said it will operate two flights every till March 10 as part of the Operation Ganga mission. Over 80 flights and 24 ministers have been pressed into action to evacuate Indians from Ukraine as part of Operation Ganga.

# Cong hits out at BJP over 'dead body takes more space' remarks, calls it cruelty

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday hit out at the BJP over the "dead body takes more space" remark by the latter's Karnataka MLA Arvind Bellad, saying cruelty is now the saffron party's DNA, and accused the Centre of garnering publicity for evacuating Indian students from war-torn Ukraine. On March 1, medical student,

Naveen SG of Karnataka, was killed in shelling in the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv when he ventured out to buy food for himself and fellow students. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said the still-trapped Indian students in the conflict zone in fact exhibits the complete failure of the Government. "Instead of questioning students who do not praise the Modi government such people should self introspect," Rahul tweeted.

Party's chief spokesman Randeep Surjewala remarked that BJP is completely drunk with arrogance and power has gone into the head of heartless BJP leaders, particularly from Karnataka. "(Union Minister) Prahlad Joshi calls children in Ukraine as those who failed NEET. Arvind Bellad has lost his balance. Insensitivity and cruelty are now BJP's DNA," Surjewala said. He also said "one thing is clear... In the Ukraine-Russian war, there is



no plan to rescue the thousands of children who have been fighting for their life for the last nine days amid heavy bombing and missile attacks".

"Is all the focus from Ukraine to Uttar Pradesh (where assembly polls are being held) only on managing PR and saving image," Surejwala asked in another tweet in Hindi. The Congress also shared a video of Union Minister Gen (ret'd) V K Singh and said, "Ministers of the Modi government are telling children trapped for nine days in bombs/missile attacks why they did not come out earlier when an ultimatum was issued, come after trav-

elling a long journey and when you come out of all the danger, we will then receive you. Is he a minister of the country or a travel agent," Surjewala asked. Bellad, who represents Hubli-Dharwad in the Karnataka assembly, stirred up a controversy with his comment that "a dead body takes up more space in a flight", prompting the Congress to attack the BJP. He has also said that instead of a coffin, nearly eight to 10 people can be

accommodated on a plane. Senior Congress spokesperson Manish Tewari also shared a video of students stuck in Ukraine. "Dear PM (prime minister), listen to these children. Please speak to President (Vladimir) Putin and establish an evacuation route across the Russian frontlines. They are in clear and present danger and while Ukrainians are not holding them hostage they are clearly discriminating against Indians," he tweeted.

# Appreciate Govt efforts to evacuate students, consider opening online helpline, SC tells AG

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday took note of the Centre's submission that it has so far evacuated 17,000 stranded Indian students from the war zone in Ukraine, saying it appreciated the efforts but was concerned about the anxiety of people. The top court asked the Centre to consider setting up an "online helpline" for the parents and families of stranded students in Ukraine and to convey to the high courts not to take up the issue pertaining to the evacuation of students to avoid multiplicity of litigation. A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana took note of the submission of Attorney General K K Venugopal that 17,000 stranded Indian students have been evacuated and the rest are in the process of being rescued by the government which is "as concerned as your Lordships". "We are not saying

a single word, anything about the efforts which you are taking. We appreciate that but at the same time, we are also concerned about the anxiety of the people," said the bench which also comprised justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli. At the outset, the CJI termed as "unfortunate" the ongoing war by Russia on Ukraine and said conflicts can be resolved through negotiations. "It is unfortunate we haven't learnt lessons from history where the human race has been fighting wars and killing people and all that. Conflicts can be resolved through negotiations... We have no say in these issues. But, the anxiety for us is how to save these students," the bench said. Venugopal, who was asked by the bench to use his good office to help in evacuation of Bengaluru resident Fathima Ahana and several other medical students from near the Romania border in Ukraine,

gave the good news to the bench that the petitioner student and others would be reaching India tonight. The top most law officer said that he had contacted P K Mishra, Principal secretary of the Prime Minister on Thursday, about the girl who was unable to cross over to Romania and was stuck on Ukraine side of the border. "The concern was communicated to Shri P K Mishra. He communicated that to Shri Scindia (Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia), the person in charge in Romania and the telephone number of Fatima Ahana was also given...She is now in Romania," he said, adding "I expect that she and the persons accompanying her, the other college students, will come back by tonight." "Attorney General, we sincerely thank you very much for the efforts which you made by taking personal interest in this matter," the CJI said.

# Kavach will be deployed across all Rly networks: Minister

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ HYDERABAD/NEW DELHI

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday said the indigenously-developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system called "Kavach" will be deployed across the entire rail network beginning with 2,000 km in the coming financial year and will be rolled out in 4,000 to 5,000 km every subsequent year. "Kavach", which literally means armour, is being promoted by the Railways as the world's cheapest automatic train collision protection system. Announced in the 2022 Union Budget as a part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, 2,000 km of rail network is planned to be brought under 'Kavach' for safety and capacity augmentation in 2022-23. So far, 'Kavach' has been deployed on over 1,098 route km and 65 locos in on-going projects of the South Central Railway. 'Kavach' is designed



to bring a train to a halt automatically when it notices another train on the same line within a prescribed distance. "In the budget 2,000 km has been approved and in subsequent years 'Kavach' will be deployed in 4,000-5,000 km every year," Vaishnaw told the media after inspecting the working of 'Kavach' between the Lingampalli-Vikarabad section of Secunderabad division, South Central Railway. To mark the National

FEATURES OF KAVACH	
◆ Prevention of Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD)	◆ Auto Whistling while approaching Level Crossing Gates
◆ Continuous update of Movement Authority with display of signal aspects in Driver Machine Interface (DMI)/Loco Pilot operation cum Indication Panel (LPOCIP)	◆ Prevention of collision between two locomotives equipped with functional KAVACH
◆ Automatic braking for prevention of over speeding	◆ SoS Messages during emergency situations
	◆ Centralized live monitoring of train movements through Network Monitor System.

Safety Day, the Railway Minister alongwith railways top officials inspected the working of 'Kavach' between Lingampalli - Vikarabad section of Secunderabad Division of the South Central Railway zone. The Railway Minister was accompanied by Vinay Kumar Tripathi, Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board as well as other senior railway officials. Vaishnav was onboard the locomotive, which moved from Gullaguda towards

Chitgidda, and Tripathi was onboard the locomotive which moved from Chitgidda towards Gallaguda. During the trial, Head-on-collision situation was created as both the locomotives were moving towards each other. The 'Kavach' system initiated the automatic braking system and halted the locomotives 380 metres apart. Also, crossing of the red signal was tested under which the locomotive did not cross the red signal as 'Kavach'

necessitated the application of brakes automatically. The speed restriction of 30 Kmph was tested when the locomotive was run on a loop line. 'Kavach' automatically reduced the speed to 30 Kmph from 60 Kmph as the locomotive entered the loop line. The system is designed, developed and manufactured in India and will be deployed in India and exported to the world. Trains will also stop on their own when the digital system notices any manual error like "jumping" of the red signal or any other malfunction. 'Kavach' is developed by Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) in collaboration with Indian industry. The system is also said to facilitate automatic braking for the prevention of over speeding of trains. The system is meant to provide safety by preventing trains to pass the signal at Danger (Red) and avoid a collision.

# Former Army Chief General Sunith Francis passes away

PTI ■ NEW DELHI/PANAJI

General (ret'd) Sunith Francis Rodrigues, who headed the Indian Army between 1990 and 1993 and served as the governor of Punjab between 2004 and 2010, passed away on Friday, an official statement said. He was 88. Rodrigues died peacefully at a private hospital near Panaji,

Goa around 1.30 pm, family sources said. He had been admitted to the hospital for the last 15 days. "General M M Naravane, Chief of Army Staff (COAS), and all ranks of the Indian Army express heartfelt condolences on the sad demise of General Sunith Francis Rodrigues, who passed away today," the Indian Army said on Twitter.

# Varun Gandhi takes dig at Govt over not 'filling up' vacancies in Army, paramilitary

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Dissident BJP MP Varun Gandhi on Friday took a dig at the 'nationalist Government' at the Centre for "not filling-up" around 1.21 lakh vacancies in Army and paramilitary forces and keeping "jobless youth" waiting for the last three years.

The BJP MP from Uttar Pradesh who has been critical of his party and Government's policies and programme said, "Youth are in desperation as there is no recruitment in the Army and para-military forces for last three years." The MP from Pilibhit who has kept himself aloof from the crucial ongoing elections in UP, said, "Young men training and running hard for last three years in the hope of getting into the army and para-military are hopeless as recruitment is not on." In a tweet, Varun has tagged figures of 1,04,053 jobs in Army, 5461 in Airforce, 12431 in Navy-which he said are lying vacant.

The tweet carries a video where a young man is claiming that he has become "over aged" for the Army and para-military job as recruitment has not opened-up for last three years when he was running and preparing hard for the physical test. "Rashtraseva ka sankalp lene wale in yuvawyon ki awaz 'rashtravadi sarkar' tak pahunch chahiye," said Varun in a dig at the BJP Government at the Centre. The BJP MP and his mother Maneka Gandhi, MP from Sultanpur, have not been campaigning in the seven-phased poll in UP where results will be out on March 10.

# SC to hear plea challenging bail to Ashish Mishra on March 11

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on March 11 a plea challenging the grant of bail by the Allahabad High Court to Ashish Mishra, son of Union Minister Ajay Mishra, in connection with the Lakhimpur Kheri violence that left eight people, including four farmers, dead. A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana took note of the submissions of lawyer Prashant Bhushan that the other accused in the case are moving courts for grant of bail citing the relief granted to

Ashish Mishra and asked him to intimate the high court that the top court is hearing the plea for cancellation of bail. "I can list on March 11 only. Other judges have to be available," the CJI said. A single-judge bench of the High Court, on February 10, had granted bail to Mishra who had spent four months in custody. Bhushan submitted that the high court while granting the bail, did not follow the law laid down and did not consider aspects like tampering with evidence and fleeing from justice. "The problem is that other accused are also moving," he

added. Bhushan also sought a direction to the high court that for the time being, the bail plea of other accused be not considered. "File a memo before the High Court that we are hearing on March 11," the bench said. Three family members of farmers, who were killed in the violence, have sought a stay on the February 10 bail order of the High Court, saying the verdict was "unsustainable in the eyes of law as there has been no meaningful and effective assistance by the state to the court in the matter".

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# People who can access parks less likely to suffer from diabetes: Study

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

People who live in walkable neighbourhoods with access to parks and other outdoor activities are more active and less likely to have diabetes or obesity, according to a new paper published in the Endocrine Society's journal, Endocrine Reviews. The built environment is the man made structures that provide people with living, working and recreational spaces. This environment includes buildings, neighbourhoods, parks, bike paths, restaurants, shops, roads and public transportation. Human health is affected by the physical environments we construct.

"The built environment can influence physical activity levels by promoting active forms of transportation, such as walking and cycling over passive ones, such as car use," said Gillian L. Booth of the University of Toronto, St. Michael's Hospital of Unity Health Toronto and ICES in Ontario, Canada. "Shifting the transportation choices of local residents may mean that more members of the population can participate in physical activity during their daily routine without structured exercise programs." The researchers reviewed several studies on the built environment and their effects on public health and found walkable, activity-friendly cities and neigh-



bourhoods were associated with a lower risk of obesity and diabetes. One large population-based study of 32,767 people found the prevalence of obesity among adults living in highly walkable neighborhoods compared to those living in low walkability areas was 43% vs. 53%. A study of 1.1 million adults with normal blood sugar levels found the incidence of pre-diabetes was 20% higher among people living in less walkable areas after 8 years of follow up. Another

study of 1.6 million adults found a 30% to 50% higher likelihood of developing diabetes among people living in low versus highly walkable areas. In a population-based Canadian study, moving from an unwalkable to a highly walkable neighborhood was associated with a 54% lower likelihood of being diagnosed with high blood pressure. The paper also noted that air pollution and high concentrations of fast-food restaurants are risk factors for diabetes and can substantially reduce the benefits of living in a walkable neighborhood. "We need policies that promote healthier eating habits and opportunities to engage in active forms of transportation," said

Booth. "Designing neighborhoods that have safe and effective public transit options, cycling infrastructure and walking paths may reduce traffic related pollution." As per the WHO, worldwide obesity has nearly tripled since 1975. India is home to 135 million people, says the Indian Journal of Community Medicine. According to the latest National Family Health Survey (NFHS), there has been a rise in obesity among kids under five years of age as 33 states and union territories registered a spike in the number of overweight children. Obesity rates among children jumped substantially in the first months of the Covid-19 pandemic.



# Campaigning for 7th phase UP poll in last leg

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The ongoing Assembly elections enters the last and most crucial phase in eastern UP as this region is identified with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and competitive caste-based identity politics pursued by Samajwadi Party and redefined caste-based politics by BJP.

Voting for the seventh and final round will be held in Varanasi and its eight adjoining districts on March 7. The 54 Assembly seats going to polls in this phase are Azamgarh, Mau, Jaunpur, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Varanasi, Mirzapur, Bhadohi and Sonbhadra.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a roadshow in different localities of Varanasi on Friday and will address a rally in Khajuri village of district on March 5. The roadshow covered three Assembly constituencies of Cantonment, Varanasi North and Varanasi South. Earlier, prominent leaders of opposition parties - Congress and Samajwadi Party

and Trinamool Congress leader Mamata Banerjee have also campaigned in pilgrim city - nerve centre of grand finale. Strength of old and new allies of Samajwadi Party will be on test and its new formula where it has borrowed a leaf from the BJP and forged alliance with small caste-based parties will be under scrutiny. The SP has challenged non-Yadav OBC plank of the BJP as four non-Yadav OBCs ministers in Yogi government deserted BJP and joined SP just ahead of polls. The four ministers are Swami Prasad Maurya, Dara Singh Chauhan, Om Prakash Rajbhar and Dharm Singh Saini.

Though Samajwadi party has pinned hopes with new alliances and its chief Akhilesh Yadav has gone to the extent of claiming to win 400 of the total 403 seats, political experts are sceptical.

Akhilesh has nominated four SP candidates in Varanasi and left four others to allies, Apna Dal (Kamerwadi) headed by Anupriya's mother Krishna Patel and two for Rajbhar's SBSP. "Its too late in the day for the SP to forge

alliances with small parties. These parties lack proven leadership in electoral politics of UP and there is no visible mechanism that these parties can transfer votes to other party candidates in election," said a political analyst.

In 2017 state elections, the BJP and its ally riding the 'Modi wave' had won in all eight Assembly segments of Varanasi and so was case in majority seats in neighbouring districts. However, changing caste equation and aggressive mobilisation of Muslims by Samajwadi Party has ensured that contest will not remain one-sided this time.

BJP's allies Apna Dal (Sonelal) and Nishad Party and Akhilesh Yadav's new friends Apna Dal (K), Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP) of Om Prakash Rajbhar and others would have to play an important role to tilt the balance in favour of their groupings. Reports suggested that the SP and other parties are trying to dent the BJP's support base among Brahmins by playing up their reported unhappiness with the saffron party.

## EC bans SP pick from campaigning for threatening Govt officials at rally

PNS ■ LUCKNOW

The Election Commission of India has banned Samajwadi Party candidate from Mau, Abbas Ansari, from campaigning for 24 hours for threatening government officials in a public meeting.

Abbas Ansari, son of dreaded gangster Mukhtar Ansari, who is contesting the UP election as a candidate of Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party (SBSP)-Samajwadi Party alliance, stoked another controversy while addressing his supporters in Mau by allegedly threatening Government officials.

Openly threatening the government officials during the public meeting in Mau, Abbas Ansari said that if the Samajwadi Party alliance government was formed in Uttar Pradesh, he had asked SP chief Akhilesh Yadav not to transfer

the government officials for the next six months as he would first do their 'hisab-kitab' (settle accounts). "I have told SP chief Akhilesh Yadav that no transfer or posting of any officer or employee will happen for six months as we will settle the accounts first with the UP administration and only then their transfer certificates will be stamped," Abbas Ansari said.

Amidst the ongoing elections in Uttar Pradesh, a video of Abbas Ansari threatening police officials has gone viral on social media. In this video, Abbas Ansari is seen threatening the officers openly from the stage of the public meeting.

Mukhtar's son is contesting the election on the ticket of Samajwadi Party. In the video, Abbas is heard saying, "I have requested the national president of Samajwadi Party, Akhilesh Yadav, to not transfer or post anyone until six months

after the elections. Those who are posted here will be made to stay here. First, there will be 'hisab-kitab' and only then they can be given any posting."

Condemning the threat issued to the government officials, the Bharatiya Janata Party said, "It is evident from the speech of Abbas Ansari that the goons of the Samajwadi Party are in shock by witnessing the growing influence of the BJP and the ever-increasing support of the party base in six phases of the polls. That is the reason they are making such controversial statements and giving threats."

Significantly, Abbas Ansari's mafia father Mukhtar Ansari was put behind the bars by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for land-grabbing, extortion, murder and kidnapping of the poor, weak, businessmen and farmers in Purvanchal.

## BJP leaders politicised Covid vaccine, free ration, says Mayawati

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On Friday, Mayawati tweeted, "The BJP leaders are trying to exploit free Corona vaccine and ration distributed amongst the people during lockdown just for the sake of electoral interest in UP. It is the constitutional responsibility of a government to help its marooned citizens. This duty is not a favor to anyone."

The BSP chief further tweeted, "What a strange politics is being played by the BJP

that after snatching employment and closure of many business establishments, they are not talking of it but making a propaganda of free ration and free vaccine distribution during its poll campaign."

Voting for the seventh and final phase of the Assembly elections will be cast on March 7 for electing representatives from 54 constituencies across nine districts of the eastern parts of the state. Campaigning for this phase of the poll will end on Saturday evening.

Prior to this, political parties have engaged in a fierce trading of charges and important leaders from various parties are also camping in Varanasi, the Parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## Mafia is now crawling like worms: Yogi

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Lambasting the previous Samajwadi Party Government for sheltering mafia and criminals, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that that the mafia which was committing heinous crimes in the last regime are now crawling like worms instead of flaunting 'tamachas' (guns) in open jeeps.

Addressing a poll rally in Saiyad Raja Assembly constituency of Chandauli on Friday, the Chief Minister said, "If the state will has a 'dumdar' (strong) government, then bulldozer and development will go hand in hand."

Yogi further claimed that the BJP had taken a decisive lead over the opposition parties in the six phases of polls held so far and trends showed that it has already crossed the score of 275.



the government of SP or BSP, even the vaccine would have been black marketed," Yogi said.

The Chief Minister further maintained that if the BJP returned to power in Uttar Pradesh, the state government would provide free LPG to every poor household during Diwali and Holi and free scooty to meritorious girl students. "Besides, the amount of money given under Kanya Sumangala Yojana will be increased to Rs 25,000 while under Mukhyamantri Samuhik Vivah Yojana, Rs 1 lakh will be transferred," he assured.

Yogi claimed that over 5 lakh youths were given government jobs during his tenure while 2 crore youths were connected with employment. "We are also distributing tablets and smartphones to one crore youths and the SP has objected to it.

The Samajwadi Party believes development should be of Saifai family only. Only Saifai Mahotsav used to be held under the SP regime and even the organisers were unaware of what was happening."

The BJP government has worked towards the development of sites and monuments which gives an identity to the country and the state. "Beautification of Baba Keenaram's birthplace and Taposthali are being carried out in Chandauli.

At the same time, along with the construction of Lord Shri Ram's temple in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Dham, Mathura, Gokul and Vrindavan are being beautified," he added.

## Centre delayed evacuation, says Mamata

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has questioned the Central Government's delayed reaction in bringing back the Indian students stuck in war-ravaged Ukraine wondering why so much time was being taken to evacuate the stranded Indians from that country.

Wondering why the Government did not take steps early, a concerned Banerjee on Friday tweeted, "I am very much worried about the lives of Indian students stuck in Ukraine. Life is very precious. Why is it taking so much time to bring them back? Why were steps not taken earlier?"

Banerjee who had earlier written a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressing her full support for whatever steps the Centre would take in relation to the Ukrainian crisis further said appealed to the Centre to press in more number of



flights to smoothly evacuate the students. "I urge the central government that an adequate number of flights be arranged immediately and all the students be brought back as soon as possible," she said.

Clarifying her stance senior Trinamool Congress parliamentarian Saugato Roy said that the general policy his party was to stand by the Centre on foreign policy matters "but here the question is regarding the general concern about the Indian students who are stranded in a war zone ... the Chief Minister is naturally concerned about the young boys and girls and so she has urged the Centre to speed up

their evacuation by sending more aircrafts." Earlier saying that during times of international crisis Indians keep aside their internal differences Banerjee had expressed her "unconditional support" to the Prime Minister for the steps the Centre was taking on the Ukrainian issue.

She wrote to the Prime Minister "I would request you to accept my unconditional support during the ongoing international crisis and to consider whether you will like to have an all party meeting now for consolidating our national resolve to come out of the crisis with our head held high."

Meanwhile, rejecting Banerjee's allegation of delay in evacuating stranded students BJP MP Locket Chatterjee said that the delay happened not because of the Government but because of misleading assessment of some Ukrainian universities. Quoting the students who had just returned from the war-torn country she said "I have

just returned meeting some of these students and their version over the issue was same ... the Indian Government had issued advisories well in advance asking the students to return as early as February 15 but these students alleged that the Ukrainian universities told them to stay back as they thought that though Russia was threatening war it was such a big country and Ukraine was so small a country that it would never attack them ... so the students stayed back and got stranded."

Elsewhere, the Left wing parties on Friday took out a massive rally in favour of peace urging all the parties to the conflict to fund a solution to the Ukrainian issue.

"The Left is in favour of immediate stopping of the armed hostilities and ... return to the talking table ... through this long procession we are trying to drive home the message of peace and we hope the world is listening to it," a rallyist said.



Students, including those wearing hijabs, appear for HSC Board's exam at Maharashtra College, in Mumbai on Friday.

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## Army conducts drill at 'Chicken's Neck' near Sikkim

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Sustaining the tempo of its Operational readiness to meet any challenge from China, the Indian Army on Friday carried out an exercise with its commandos to deploy rapidly and achieve the military objective. The drill was conducted in the strategically important Siliguri corridor or the 'Chicken's Neck' near Sikkim.

The Airborne and Special Forces of the Indian Army rehearsed their aerial insertion capability and rapid response along the Northern Borders in an exercise, officials said here. The commandos parachuted from a height of more than 20,000 feet along with logistic supply loads on precision guided platforms.

The free-fallers, after landing at a location in the Siliguri Corridor, established surveillance positions to guide accurate fire onto selected enemy targets.

As a follow up, an airborne force of 400 personnel was thereafter deployed by air in rapid succession to swiftly capture objectives, they said.

This is the third such massive exercise in the last few months wherein the elite commandos and Special Forces practised rapid deployment. The first exercise involving more than 3,000 para troopers was held in Ladakh followed by another such drill with the help of the IAF in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Siliguri Corridor is bordering Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh measuring approximately 170X60km, at the narrowest it is about 20-22km.

The geostrategic significance of the corridor comes about in terms of it being a narrow piece of land which connects the northeast India to the rest of the country

through which major national highways, railway line and pipelines pass.

The Indian defence establishment shored up its infrastructure following the face off with China in 2017 in Doklam near Sikkim at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) near the tri-junction.

The stand-off lasted for more than two months. As part of the exercise in December last year in the Andaman, troops of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force were mobilised for amphibious landing, in close coordination with the paradigm of airborne troops. Amphibious landing involves the ground troops landing at the seashore from the ships under covering fire from the warships and aircraft.

The rapid response capability of Shatruiet Brigade has validated wherein the paratroopers who had moved from mainland executed airborne drop in an island territory of Andamans in a realistic tactical setting under the overall command and control of Andaman and Nicobar Command, the only joint services operational command of the defence forces of India.

The exercise saw the transport planes para dropping light tanks and assault vehicles along with the troops. The Shatruiet Brigade had earlier participated in the same exercise at the LAC and Line of Control (LOC).

The Andamans is very important for Indian interests as most of the sea lanes ferrying Indian imports and exports pass through them close to the Islands. India has to ensure that trade takes place unhindered.

Moreover, China is increasingly flexing its maritime muscle in the region and the Indian security establishment is keen to test all its equipment and troops to meet any threat, they said.

## I&B Min to amend cinematography Act to combat film piracy

T N RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Suitable amendments to the Cinematograph Act 1952 to combat film piracy, the merger of Film Division and three other media units with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Ltd and setting up an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comic (AVGC) Promotion Task Force were three of the major assurances that the Information & Broadcasting Ministry held out to the Indian film fraternity here on Friday.

Addressing a Consultation Meeting of Film Associations through video conferencing, I&B Secretary Apurva Chandra said the issues with respect to proposed Cinematograph Amendment Bill and anti-piracy issues would be addressed after consultation with the stakeholders of the industry. Friday's meeting in Mumbai

was a follow-up of a similar consultation with the film fraternity from South India, held in Chennai on Thursday. Chandra indicated that the recommendations made by an Expert Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Justice Mukul Mudgal was constituted in 2013 and Another Committee of Experts was set up under the Chairmanship of Shyam Benegal in 2016 to evolve broad guidelines for certification would be considered while making suitable amendments to the Cinematograph Act.

Among other things, Chandra said that four media units -- Films Division, Directorate of Film Festivals, National Film Archives of India, and Children's Film Society, India would be merged with the NFDC Ltd. He said that the basic objective is NFDC should become the enti-

ty through which the revenues from the film sector can be utilized for development of the film sector. Chandra said that none of the existing schemes was being discontinued. "We will strengthen NFDC so that they can rotate staff and deliver on the responsibilities assigned to them," he said.

Alluding to the Finance Minister's announcement about the setting up an Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Comic (AVGC) Promotion Task Force, Chandra said that the Ministry was working on its Terms of Reference.

"We hope to set up this Task Force this month itself, so that work can begin and we are able to utilize the potential of the sunrise sector," he said. Chairperson, CBFC Prasoon Joshi said that the change in design of the film certificate was symbolic of what the Board

seeks to achieve, in terms of making processes seamless, digital and more stakeholder-friendly. "The process of certification has been smoothened as much as possible; while we continue to need human intervention for watching films and certifying it, we have streamlined system so as to speed up other parts of process" he said.

Ravindra Bhakar, CEO, CBFC, said about journey of certification body should be viewed from point of view of its adaptations in view of new challenges.

He also spoke about digitisation in certification process and move towards further transparency and measures towards ease of doing business. Dwelling upon the initiatives taken by the Ministry and various schemes implemented film industry like incentives for shooting foreign films in India and organising a global media

& entertainment summit, Additional Secretary I & B Neerja Shekhar underscored the need for increasing the density of screen across the country.

Neerja, who chaired the meeting, said that the Government was planning to come up with single window clearances for opening of film theatres and also for event management. She said that suggestions were being sought for setting up rural theatres and mobile screens in order to achieve this objective. "We are going to work in a big way in increasing theatre density, in collaboration with states and UTs," she said.

On the incentives under audio visual services of Champion Services Sector Scheme, Neerja said: "Audio Visual Services is one of the 12 champion service sectors which government seeks to promote.

## Tweet on tax evasion notice false: Mumbai Municipal Commissioner

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A day after the Income Tax department claimed that it had unearthed tax evasion to the tune of ₹200 crore allegedly by city civic corporator Yashwant Jadhav and civic contractors close to him, Mumbai Municipal Commissioner IS Chahal dismissed as "false and mischievous" a message put out in the social media that the IT department had issued him a notice in connection with the ongoing investigations.

Alluding to a tweet put out by one Sameet Thakkar who describes himself as "Common Indian Citizen!!", Chahal said that a police complaint was being lodged against Thakkar for spreading "false, malicious and mischievous" news. "The tweet is false and mischievous. No notice has

been received from Income Tax department to inquire Iqbal Singh Chahal Municipal Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal. A police complaint is being filed against this individual for spreading false, malicious and mischievous news. The conduct of this person needs to be strongly condemned," a statement issued on behalf of Chahal said.

Thakkar, whose claim to fame is that he "went to jail for 23 days for calling CM Modern Day Aurangzeb & his Son Baby. Honour to be followed by PM Modi" had tweeted earlier in the day: "Big Breaking!! According to sources, @IncomeTaxIndia is all set to inquire BMC Commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal in a standing committee chairman Yeshwant Jadhav case. A notice in this regard has been served,

according to my sources". After raids on at least three dozen locations, the Income Tax department had 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.







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BOLSTERING INDIA'S GIG ECONOMY

Gig workers have no minimum security cover or a minimum wage guarantee



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The Indian gig economy has the potential to serve up to 90 million jobs in the non-farm sectors of India and can add 1.25 per cent to the country's GDP. Startups like Ola, Uber, Zomato, Swiggy have established themselves as the main source of gig economy in India. The gig sector has the potential to grow to US \$455 billion at a CAGR of 17 per cent by 2024, an ASSOCHAM report says. The gig economy is understood as the process in which labour or money is exchanged between two individuals or companies through digital platforms for a short period of time and on the basis of payment by task. Independence and flexibility are two special features of gig economy. Those who want to earn extra money or like flexibility in working condition will prefer the format. Gig workers could be the rideshare and delivery boys, handymen, grocery



shoppers, graphic designers, writers, developers and the list goes on. All the independent workers from the sectors of e-commerce, technology, food and beverages, home services fall into the category of gig economy. Gig workers have a better potential to earn than the regular job owners. The gig workers can enhance their income by upgrading their skills. One of the key features of this economy is that it is best suited for women as it does not have the 9-5 working-hour format. The concept is catching up with the young generation as they find flexibility of work convenient. India is the biggest market for flexi staffing as the survey of the Indian economy 2021.

However, gig workers do not have minimum security cover or a minimum wage guarantee. Though the Government promised to look into this and will take some measures to improve the condition of the gig workers, that still remains a paper tag. The proposal to extend the safety net of the Employees State Insurance corporation (ESIS) to the gig workers is also not materialised. The arbitrary hire and fire policy of the firms further adds salt to the injury and insecurity. The cancellation of orders is also a big problem that the gig workers have to face frequently as a portion of their wages are being deducted by the authorities. They are often harassed by different sections of the consumers, get minimal tips and fees for service. India is in the transition period where gig economy is taking place of the traditional system of economy. Now the new generation is far more inclined to do freelancing job instead of the orthodox format of 9-5 jobs. The new age workers love to work as part-time or a few days of a month or week and enjoy the freedom working across multiple platforms. Creation of better-paying, secure jobs with social and occupational security will protect the gig workers. The code on social security bill should be implemented at the earliest. Its execution will enable the gig worker to enjoy social security benefits under the organised sector category. The Government needs to work in tandem with other agencies. The Government should encourage the MNCs and other companies to generate a social security fund to provide the gig workers with protection against death and disability along with old age benefits. The machinery should introduce some more measures to attract the FDI to reserve a good amount of foreign exchange and thereby creating a scope of job opportunities. Gig economy can employ skilled or non-skilled professionals which could be helpful to diminish the level of unemployment.

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Rethink the nomination culture in science prizes

Wherever a clause of nomination is included, the chance of prejudice and servitude will emerge and that can mar scientific progress



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Several scientists like Sir C V Raman in pre-independent India made breakthrough discoveries but did not get the Nobel Prize. The impact of their research was so high that the western world had to recognize them even without the prize. Several were nominated for Nobel Prize multiple times. For instance, Meghnad Saha was nominated seven times. If we consider the number of FRS and knighted persons as a symbol of quality research, it is evident that their number was more during the pre-independent era than post-independent India. Does it show that our present-day scientific research is not up to the mark?

It is essential to kindle our thoughts on this. Why do many great researchers of the present generation fail to get attention in the scientific world?

When we reflect on our great scientists who survived the harsh colonial environment, we will understand that they got attention because of their networking and collaboration with the western scientific community. To gain recognition in science, either one should have renowned scientists as mentors or breakthrough discoveries published in international scholarly publications. Many scientific prizes are based on nominations, for which collaboration with foreign scientists seems to be an essential factor.

No scientific award selects someone for their merit alone. Even in India, we follow this nomination system for the selection of many of the prestigious awards. Why cannot a researcher apply for the Nobel prize or even our prestigious Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize directly? Wherever a clause of nomination is included, the chance of prejudice and servitude will emerge in science. Only those close to power centres have the opportunity of winning the awards. This culture is indeed spoiling the scientific ecosystem. Researchers will always try to appease their superiors to get benefits rather than concentrating on their work. The appeasement politics in Indian science has grown to such an extent that researchers simply give gift authorship to their peers, who don't have any contribution to the work. More than gifting authorship the researchers lose their integrity and dignity by blindly following the instructions from their superiors. This, at many times, will affect scientific productivity.

If science has to improve, we need to inculcate a culture for free-thinking among the scientific community, where no one, including the funding agencies, directly or indirectly should not influence their research. Here, we have to appreciate our great scientists in the pre-independent era, who just followed their scientific curiosity irrespective of its outcome. Sir C V Raman was even against utilizing government funds for research. When one receives Government support, they may need to compromise on a great deal in their research, besides giving much time to cre-



WHEN WE CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY, WE MUST CREATE A HEALTHY SCIENTIFIC ENVIRONMENT WHERE SEEDS FOR FUTURE SCIENCE CAN BE SOWN IN A FERTILE CLIMATE. OUR RESEARCH CENTRES SHOULD BE SPACES FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH WHERE OUR YOUNGSTERS COULD PURSUE THEIR INTERESTS WITH FREE WILL

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ating files. No scientist or government department will have the courage to publicly state their scientific result if it's against the government's stated policy of the time or against the interests of their reporting officers. This is the reason why in our society, many problems persist, be it the adulteration in food or faulty infrastructure development policies, even today, even though our scientific community have developed sound scientific solutions.

Our great scientists had only one vision: making the country self-sufficient through the fruits of science. Most of these scientists focussed on problems that the society of the time demands or curiosity instigated by nature. The transdisciplinary culture modern scientists propel is not new to our scientific community. If one traces the history of these great scientists, we can see that they practised transdisciplinary culture in their research. J C Bose made pioneering contributions in physics and biology, and there are many such examples in the scientific history of India. Many scientists of the old generation can be considered as a polymath, having expertise in a wide variety of topics.

It's always better to remember the travails passed by these great scientists as it will inspire us to do great things in science and avoid specious trials during our research.

Most of our current scientific research is focused on the mandate of a particular research institute. Even if scientists want to do research

from their area of expertise or passion, they are tied by the institute's rules. Very few institutions provide free and unconditional space to work. Otherwise, rules even curb them to speak freely with the media or the public. Dissidence is the success of science, and if there is no dissidence among the scientific community, science will not grow. When a patient is in a critical situation, in good hospitals the doctor's team discusses the pros and cons of a particular procedure. This usually produces good results. In scientific research also, scientists should be allowed to brainstorm among themselves, especially where deriving some crucial stuff that directly affects the public.

Another area of concern relates to publication of scientific research and giving authorship to heads of institutes as a way of appeasing superiors. Some research scholars who may have toiled hard may be excluded from authorship. Some researchers are busy trying to get themselves published in high impact journals rather than concentrating on their research. Few scientists who think out of the box and do creative work struggle to publish their research. This can improve only if we make it mandatory to publish our research findings in our journals. Let foreign scientists explore our journals and in that way, the impact of our journals can also improve in the scientific world. Even journals published by government institutions and academies are not getting enough coverage among

the Indian scientific community. The undue importance given to impact factors should be abolished from academic appraisals. This creates a gap between people who want to do good science and those who focus only on citations. The increasing number of scientific manipulations reported from our reputed research labs is ample proof of this. These bring discredit to Indian science and the country which boast a great scientific heritage that the world looked envious. Our early scientists never bothered about publications or patents. Their only focus was doing good science. Being the pioneers in the raw field of science, they were free to do the science as they wanted; nobody interfered in their research. Present-day researchers do not have much freedom in this respect, as half of their precious time is wasted on administrative duties and paperwork.

When we celebrate National Science Day, we must create a healthy scientific environment where seeds for future science can be sown in a fertile climate. Our research centres should be spaces for innovative research where our youngsters could pursue their interests with free will, without any hindrance from their superiors, and having the courage to furnish scientific facts without fear. By reflecting on the travails overcome by our predecessors, our policymakers should take steps to make India a global destination in science and technology.

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WE REMAIN IN CONTACT (WITH PUTIN) IN THE COMING DAYS TO PREVENT A WORSENING OF THE SITUATION. — FRENCH PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON



WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR OWN ALERTS... AND WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR ASSESSMENT ON THAT FRONT. — WHITE HOUSE SPOKESPERSON JEN PSAKI

Diplomacy and economics of the Russia-Ukraine war

Russian invasion of Ukraine should not be seen as imperialist expansion but as Russia's gesture to defend its borders

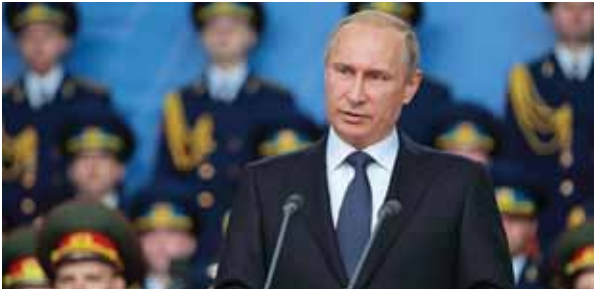
If we look at the Ukraine crisis objectively, it appears as an attack on a sovereign country. But if we look at it from Russian perspective, then we see that since the days of Cold War and till now there has been a constant tension between Russia and the United States and its NATO allies. No doubt that if Ukraine joins NATO, it will extend the grouping's presence at Russia's borders. Russia would never want Ukraine to become a member of NATO under any circumstance. This is not the first time that Russia and Ukraine have been at loggerheads over this issue. Whenever Ukraine attempted to expand its ties with NATO, Russia had retaliated. Some international analysts believe that in the coming times, the President of Russia



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can also subjugate the newly born countries after the disintegration of the Soviet Union for the restoration of the USSR. But there does not appear to be any basis for this idea. First of all, Russia itself has stated that it has no intention of occupying Ukraine. Simultaneously, some time ago when the Russian President was asked this question, he said that there is only one superpower in the world, and that is the US and there is no reason and ambition to make Russia a superpower again. He said that Russia has suffered a huge financial loss in the race to remain a superpower since the days of Cold War. In the days of the Soviet Union, due to the Cold War, a large part of Russia's treasury went into military expenditure, due to which the Russian standard of living



remained low and Russia lagged behind in the race for human development too.

Significantly, the US too has suffered a lot in its endeavour to retain its tag of superpower. In general, it has been making military interventions in several countries as per its strategy to demonstrate its economic and military might. The Americans have incurred huge economic losses in such endeav-

ours. That is why former US President Donald Trump called for avoiding such endeavours in future. Recently, despite global criticism, the US withdrew its troops from Afghanistan. This decision was taken for economic reasons only.

Russian invasion of Ukraine should not be seen as imperialist expansion, but as a Russia's gesture to defend its borders. Russia's reaction to the

developments in Ukraine in this regard is not the first of its kind. Russia had intervened in Ukraine politically as well as militarily in the past as well. It does not want any vulnerability on its borders due to NATO.

If we go into the history of Russia's retaliation, re-elections were held in the 2004 elections in Ukraine, following allegations of rigging in the election of pro-Russian candidate Viktor Yanukovich, and after Viktor Yushchenko assumed power in the 2005 election, he promised to take Ukraine out of Russian domination to join NATO and the European Community. In 2008, NATO promised to take Ukraine into its fold. But in 2010, the pro-Russian Viktor Yanukovich once again won the presidency and extended the lease of the Black Sea port of Ukraine to the

Russian Navy.

In 2017, Ukraine's economic ties with the European Community began to grow once again. After many ups and downs, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, elected in 2019, appealed to US President Joe Biden in January 2021 to allow Ukraine to become a member of NATO. Russian forces reached the borders of Ukraine in mid-2021, but Ukraine nevertheless continued to act against the wishes of Russia. On December 7, 2021, Biden threatened to impose economic sanctions on Russia. Since then, NATO and the US have continued to adopt an aggressive approach against Russia. Russia was constantly threatened by the countries of the European Community, England and America. Ignoring these threats,

Russia saw victory for itself in this war, not only militarily but also diplomatically.

It is noteworthy that for some time, mutual cooperation between Russia and China has increased. The US knows that the understanding between Russia and China, so far, is limited to diplomatic and economic issues. America would never want it to ignite this to move any further towards military cooperation. Therefore, America's non-cooperation towards Ukraine shows its apprehension. As far as the economic sanctions on Ukraine by the US, the European Community and the UK are concerned, it is not going to make much difference to Russia; rather, it is possible that it will have adverse impact on the countries that imposed the sanctions.



# US hits Putin allies with sanctions

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration ordered new sanctions blocking Russian business oligarchs and others in President Vladimir Putin's inner circle on Thursday in response to Russian forces' fierce pummeling of Ukraine.

Those targeted by the new sanctions include Putin's press secretary, Dmitry Peskov, and Alisher Burhanovich Usmanov, one of Russia's wealthiest individuals and a close ally of Putin. The US State Department also announced it was imposing visa bans on 19 Russian oligarchs and dozens of their family members and close associates.

"The goal was to maximise impact on Putin and Russia and minimise the harm on us and our allies and friends around the world," Biden said as he noted the new sanctions at the start of a meeting with his Cabinet and Vice President Kamala Harris.

The White House said the oligarchs and dozens of their family members will be cut off from the US financial system.



Their assets in the United States will be frozen and their property will be blocked from use.

The White House described Peskov, the Kremlin spokesman, as "a top purveyor of Putin's propaganda."

The property of Usmanov and the others will be blocked from use in the United States and by Americans. His assets include his superyacht, one of the world's largest, that was just seized by Germany.

Usmanov's private jet, one of Russia's largest privately owned aircraft, is also covered by the sanctions.

The Usmanov superyacht,

known as Dilbar, is named after Usmanov's mother and has an estimated worth of between \$600 million and \$735 million, according to Treasury.

Dilbar has two helipads and one of the world's largest indoor pools ever installed on a yacht, and costs about \$60 million per year to operate.

The jet targeted is believed to have cost between \$350 million and \$500 million and was previously leased out for use by Uzbekistan's president.

Others targeted Thursday include Nikolai Tokarev, a Transneft oil executive; Arkady Rotenberg, co-owner of the largest construction company for gas pipelines and electrical power supply lines in Russia; Sergei Chemezov, a former KGB agent who has long been close to Putin; Igor Shuvalov, a former first deputy prime minister and chairman of State Development Corp.; and Yevgeniy Prigozhin, a Russian businessman with close ties to Putin.

Prigozhin, who is known as "Putin's chef," was among those charged in 2018 by the US government as being part of a

wide-ranging effort to sway political opinion in America during the 2016 presidential election.

According to the indictment then, Prigozhin and his companies provided significant funding to the Internet Research Agency, a St. Petersburg-based group accused of using bogus social media postings and advertisements fraudulently purchased in the name of Americans to influence the White House race.

Deputy US Treasury Secretary Wally Adeyemo said Thursday that the Biden administration would continue to target Russian elites as it builds sanctions against the country.

He said elites are already "attempting to get their money out of Russia, because the Russian economy is shrinking."

"We're going to make it hard for them to use the assets going forward," Adeyemo said at an event hosted by The Washington Post. He added, "Our goal then is to find that money and to freeze that money and to seize it."

## Local Lukoil gas stations feel sting of Russia backlash

AP ■ NEWARK

Outraged by the invasion of Ukraine, lawmakers in New Jersey's largest city lashed out at one of the closest symbols of Russia they could find - a pair of Lukoil gas stations.

The Newark City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to ask the city's business administrator to suspend the service stations' operating licenses, citing Lukoil's base in Moscow.

In doing so, however, they may have predominantly been hurting Americans. The stations are franchises owned by locals, not Russians. They employ mostly New Jersey residents. And the gasoline sold at the stations comes from a local Phillips 66 refinery.

The campaign targeting the gas stations is one example of collateral damage from the backlash against Russia, as government officials and customers race to show their support for Ukraine by boycotting products and companies - or things they perceive to be Russian.

Roger Verma, a New Jersey resident who immigrated from

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India 45 years ago, has owned the franchise for one of the Lukoil stations in Newark since 2005. He said the decision to yank his license left him baffled and concerned that he could be put out of business, which would affect his 16 employees.

"Let me be clear that I stand with Ukraine and I'm fully in support of Russian sanctions," Verma said Wednesday in front of Newark's City Hall. "But I'm baffled and confused how people sitting in these positions without having any of their facts together and without having full knowledge of how things are done can introduce and change laws and change people's lives just like that."

In some places, people have been pouring out Smirnoff vodka, not realising that the beverage is owned by an English company and the bottles consumed in the U.S. Are distilled in Illinois.

Charlie Tigbedes, owner of

Box Seats, a restaurant and sports bar in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, told The Sun Chronicle newspaper he's not ordering more vodka from Russian companies but questioned the wisdom of tossing what he already has.

"It looks good doing it, but the stuff is already in the building and paid for. You're just hurting yourself dumping it down the drain," he said.

On social media, people have called for boycotts of Lukoil stations, which operate in 11 states, mainly in the northeastern U.S. Newark officials said going after the Lukoil stations was the moral thing to do, even if they are locally owned. "All of us are horrified by the images we're seeing" from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Council Member Anibal Ramos said Wednesday. "Today Newark is standing in solidarity with a number of countries around the world who are supporting democracy and taking sanctions against the Russian federation."

A phone message couldn't be left at a listing for Lukoil Americas Corp. In New York, and the corresponding website

appeared to be inoperative.

Meanwhile, multiple news outlets reported that the company issued a statement calling for a "fast resolution for the military conflict" through diplomatic means.

It wasn't immediately clear Thursday when the Newark stations' licenses would be revoked, or if the city administrator might halt the suspension.

Ramos, who introduced the resolution, said he anticipated it would still happen.

Sal Risalvato, executive director of New Jersey Gasoline, Convenience Store and Automotive Association, called the crackdown on the stations "nothing more than political theater."

"All of the station owners condemn what Russia is doing in Ukraine, but do not deserve to lose their businesses and their investments because of Russia's bad behavior," Risalvato wrote in an email.

Ramos said the license suspension in Newark is meant to be temporary and his office had received calls from employers offering to give jobs to any affected gas station workers.

## 57 killed, 200 hurt in blast at Shia mosque during congregation

PTI ■ PESHAWAR

A powerful suicide blast ripped through a crowded Shia mosque during the Friday congregation here in northwest Pakistan, killing at least 57 people and wounding nearly 200 others, in one of the deadliest attacks in the restive province, bordering Afghanistan.

A rescue official said the blast occurred at a Jamia mosque in Qissa Khwani bazaar area in Peshawar when the worshippers were offering Friday prayers.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast in Peshawar, the provincial capital of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa which borders Afghanistan.

However, the Islamic State and sectarian militant groups have claimed responsibility for the deadly attacks targeting Shias in the past.

Mohammad Asim, a spokesman for Lady Reading Hospital (LRH), confirmed that at least 57 people were killed while 194 were injured in the blast. Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa government spokesman Barrister Mohammad Ali Saif said the explosion was a suicide bombing. He added that two ter-

rorists were involved in the attack.

Talking to the media, Peshawar SSP Operations Haroon Rasheed Khan said the explosion was a suicide blast. There were two attackers but only one of them was a suicide bomber, he said.

An eyewitness identified a person as dressed in black as the suicide bomber, saying he entered the mosque, shot and killed the security guard first and then fired five to six bullets. "After that, he quickly entered the [mosque's] main hall and blew himself up in front of the pulpit. Following this, there were bodies and injured people lying everywhere," the eyewitness told Geo News.

An emergency has been declared in the hospital and doctors on leave were summoned. Officials said the condition of some of the injured is stated to be critical. Capital City Police Officer Peshawar Ijaz Ahsan said two attackers tried to enter the mosque and fired at the policemen standing guard.

One policeman was killed while the other was critically injured, he said. The blast occurred following the firing incident, he added.

President Arif Alvi con-

demned the blast and expressed grief over the precious lives lost.

Prime Minister Imran Khan strongly condemned the Peshawar blast while Interior Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed sought a report of the incident from the Chief Secretary and IG of the province.

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan condemned the blast and vowed to bring the perpetrators of this heinous act to justice.

He said targeting people in a place of worship is an inhuman and cruel act and direct- ed authorities to ensure the best medical care to the injured.

He has convened an emergency meeting at Chief Minister's House to review the overall security situation in the province, bordering Afghanistan.

"Heart-wrenching terrorist incident in Peshawar in which so many precious lives have been lost. Words can't adequately condemn the sheer brutality. Terrorism continues to remain our foremost national challenge. Prayers & condolences are with the bereaved families!" PML-N President and Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif tweeted.

## Strike at nuke plant hit training centre

AP ■ KYIV

The head of the United Nations' atomic agency a Ukrainian nuclear plant was hit by a Russian "projectile" but that the building was a training center.

Earlier reports conflicted over what part of the plant was affected by fire that broke out after shelling. Nuclear plant spokesman Andriy Tuz told Ukrainian television overnight that shells fell directly on the facility, and set fire to reactor that is not operating and to an administrative training building.

International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Mariano Grossi said Friday that the building hit was a training center and "not part of the reactor."

He said that the Ukrainians are still in control of the reactor.

He added: "What we understand that this projectile is coming from the Russian forces. We do not have details of what kind of projectile it is."

He said there has been no release of radiation and that the fire had been extinguished. He said two people on the site were injured in the fire. He said that only one reactor at the plant is operating, at about 60%.

## Norway PM calls nuclear plant attack 'madness'

AP ■ COPENHAGEN

Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said the Russian shelling that led to a fire at Europe's biggest nuclear plant was "in line with madness."

The fire was put out early Friday and Ukrainian officials said that radiation levels in the area weren't at dangerous levels.

If there were a leak, "it will take about 48 hours before it arrives in Norway," Gahr Store told Norwegian broadcaster NRK. In Lithuania, President Gitanas Nausėda described the attacks by Russian forces on Ukraine's nuclear power plants as "nuclear terrorism" and called for an immediate international response to "Russia's nuclear crimes."

The world learned of the 1986 Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union only after heightened radiation was detected in Sweden. Norway, which neighbors Sweden, was also able to measure higher-than-normal level of radioactivity 36 years ago.

In recent days, there have been reports that sales of iodine tablets in Sweden and Denmark have increased sharply since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with authorities saying there is no reason for people to be taking iodine tablets linked to events in Ukraine.

## Japan sends defence supplies to Ukraine

AP ■ TOKYO

Japan is sending bulletproof vests, helmets and other defence supplies to Ukraine to help the country fight Russia's invasion. It is a rare move by Japan, which has a principle of not shipping defense supplies

to countries in conflict.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno told reporters Friday that shipping and other logistical details are being finalized after a decision by the National Security Council. Bulletproof vests, helmets, tents, as well as gen-

erators, food, winter clothes

and medical supplies will be delivered by Self-Defense Force aircraft, Matsuno said. The planned shipment comes after a request from Ukraine. Japan, because of its pacifist principles, is supplying only non-lethal goods, Matsuno said.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
This is to inform public at large 60% of House No. 6130 DLF Phase I, Qutub Enclave Complex, Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana was registered in the name of Late Smt. Ramrati Sharma wife of Late Shri Balbir Singh Sharma resident of S-110 Mall Apartments, SFS Flats, Mall Road, Delhi 110054 who has expired on 28/10/2016 leaving behind no Will and accordingly the name of Shri Ajay Vats is being noted in DLf's record in respect of the captioned house. If anybody has any objection to this, he or she may approach Ms. DLF Ltd or the undersigned within 21 days of publication of this notice.  
Smarjit Singh (Advocate)  
M-9810801674 Enrol No.: P3602017  
District Courts, Gurgaon (HR)

**Public Notice**  
This is to inform general public that Sh. Rajender Kumar Sharma has acquired the One built up Property no. D 99 Land area measuring 100 sq Yds out of Kharsa no. 305/212/2 situated at Ahadi of South Ganesh Nagar in the area of Village Shakarpur Khas Nagla Shikhar, Delhi-110029 in POA basis vide registered Irrevocable GPA, ATS and Will dated 31.05.2006, executed by Smt. Shakuntla Devi, and Now Sh. Rajender Kumar Sharma is intending to sell the above said property to Mrs. Priyanka Kumari vide Sale Deed. Further Mrs. Priyanka Kumari is mortgaging the above said property with Fullerton India Home Finance Co. Ltd. & in case anyone has any objection, the same may be raised within 07 days of this publication to Mr. Munesh Dhaswar/ Mr. Sudhir Jain (Advocates), Law Veritas, Unit no 907, 9th Floor, GD-TL Tower, (B-08), Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi-110034 or contact at 9066707172/9818228636 (H).

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Original Sale Deed dated 10.10.2001, executed by Mr. Dayanand Shah S/o Late Shri Badhbah Shah in favour of Mr. Sonmath S/o Mr. Rameshwar Shah in respect of Residential Plot of area measuring 25 Sq. Yds, i.e. 20.90 Sq. Mtrs. out of Kharsa No. 302, situated at Prashant Vihar, in the Village Khoda, Pargana Loni, Tehsil & District Ghaziabad, duly registered with the office of SR-II, Ghaziabad, vide Doc. No. 5816, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 825, Pages 132-135, dated 10.10.2001 papers are lost.**  
**Sd/-**  
**Asha Kumari**  
**W/o Gagan Kishore Thakur**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
In Re- PUBLIC NOTICE DEBARING Vaani Datta @ Vaani Yadav @ Tini & Varun Yadav Because of Will/cruel treatments and wrong intentions of Vaani Datta @ Vaani Yadav @ Tini & Varun Yadav. My client Anil Datta & Manju Datta R/O C-7 Suncity, Gurugram, Haryana, do hereby by disinherit/disown/give Fargarti/disentitled to Vaani Datta @ Vaani Yadav @ Tini & Varun Yadav being daughter and son in law from all of their movable and immovable properties/Assets. Said Vaani Datta @ Vaani Yadav @ Tini & Varun Yadav shall have no right, claims whatsoever in the movable or immovable properties of my said client Anil Datta & Manju Datta. My client shall not be responsible for any acts of omission or commission of said Vaani Datta @ Vaani Yadav @ Tini & Varun Yadav in any manner whatsoever and they shall be personally liable for all his acts.  
**SajalDhamija (Advocate),**  
**S-265, L.G.F., Greater Kailash-1,**  
**New Delhi-110018**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ICICI Bank** Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005  
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.  

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address/ Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Pashupati Traders, Tarun Garg (Proprietor) , Gaurav Garg, Monika Garg, Ruchi Garg , 4503/04, First Floor Krishna Bazar Fatehpuri Delhi. A/c No:- '031651000006	Plot No-176, Bhera Enclave, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087	14-Feb-2022 Rs. 7,49,23,225.69/-	23-11-2021
2.	Spar Engineering and Infrastructure Limited, Rajiv Gupta (Director), Shyam Sunder Gupta (Director), Sco 99-100, Top Floor, Sector-17B Chandigarh Ur. A/c No:- 0013055500861	Flat No 1603 Block No 11, 15th Floor Fresco, Nirvana Country Sector 50 Gurgaon 122001	14-Feb-2022 Rs. 1,24,71,966.71/-	12-07-2021

The steps are taken 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 05, 2022**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**  
**Authorized Officer**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

**FORM NO.5**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
**600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007**  
**(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)**  
**SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
**O.A. No. 1406/2019**  
**Date.....2021**  
**(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)**  
**Original Application No. 1406 of 2019**  
**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Mr. SUBHENDU SINHA & OTHERS ...Defendants To,**  
**1. Mr. SUBHENDU SINHA**  
**D 205 ASSOATECH, THE NEST CROSSING REPUBLIC, NEAR NH24, GHAZIABAD 201016.**  
**ALSO AT:**  
**FLAT No. 1605 TOWER B, GARDENIA GATEWAY, SECTOR 75, PLOT No 10, NOIDA 201301.**  
**2. Mrs. NANDITA SINHA**  
**D 205 ASSOATECH, THE NEST CROSSING REPUBLIC, NEAR NH24, GHAZIABAD 201016.**  
**ALSO AT:**  
**FLAT No. 1605 TOWER B, GARDENIA GATEWAY, SECTOR 75, PLOT No 10, NOIDA 201301.**  
**3. M/S FUTECH SHELTERS PVT LTD**  
**Registered Office:**  
**R 19, 3RD FLOOR, NEAR SHAKARPUR, LAXMI NAGAR, VIKAS MARG, DELHI 110092.**  
**Corporate Office:**  
**PLOT No 9, SECTOR 75, NOIDA 201301.**  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 12/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow**

**FORM NO.5**  
**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
**600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007**  
**(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)**  
**Summons for filing Reply & Appearance by Publication**  
**O.A. No. 187/2020**  
**(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)**  
**O.A. No. 187/2020**  
**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Mr. Brijesh Kumar Bankoti & Others ...Defendants To,**  
**Defendants:**  
**1) Mr. Brijesh Kumar Bankoti, son of Shri Laxman Singh Bankoti, Resident of Flat No. 2102, 21st Floor Tower A, Unnati The Aranya Residency, Plot No. GH-02 Sector-119, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO** Resident of Flat No.127, Green View Apartment, Sec-17G, Vasundra, Ghaziabad-201012 (U.P.).  
**2) Mrs. Sushma Bankoti, Wife of Mr. Brijesh Kumar Bankoti, Resident of Flat No. 2102, 21st Floor Tower A, Unnati The Aranya Residency, Plot No. GH-02 Sector 119, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO** Resident of Flat No.127, Green View Apartment, Sec-17G, Vasundra, Ghaziabad-201012 (U.P.).  
**3) M/S Unnati Fortune Holding Ltd. Reg. Office-T-07-LL-02 Commonwealth Games Village, New Delhi-110092.**  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 10/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow**

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**(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)**  
**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
**O. A. No.185/ 2020**  
**(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)**  
**O. A. No.185/ 2020**  
**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Mrs. Priyanka Jain & Others ...Defendants To,**  
**Defendants:**  
**1) Mrs. Priyanka Jain, Wife of Mr. Rahul Jain, Resident of Flat No.405, 4th Floor Tower D, Misty Height Plot No-GH-01, Sec- Adjoining Techzone-IV, Greter Noida, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO,** Resident of D-1804 Amrapali Platinum Sec 119, Near Police Chowki, GB Nagar, Noida-201301 (U.P.).  
**2) Mr. Rahul Jain, Son of Shri. Arvind Kumar Jain, Resident of Flat No.405.4th Floor Tower D, Misty Height Plot No-GH-01, Sec- Adjoining Techzone- IV, Greter Noida, Noida-201301 (U.P.).**  
**ALSO,** Resident of D-1804 Amrapali Platinum Sec 119, Near Police Chowki, GB Nagar, Noida-201301 (U.P.).  
**3) M/S Maple Realcon Pvt. Ltd. Reg. Plot No. 69 Soho House, Gyan Khand-1, Indrapuram Gaziabad- 201010 (U.P.)**  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in reply Paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 19/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow**

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**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL**  
**600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007**  
**(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)**  
**SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION**  
**O.A. No. 183/2020**  
**(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)**  
**O. A. No.183 of 2020**  
**ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Mr. Harish Vishwakarma & Others ...Defendants To,**  
**Defendants:**  
**1) Mr. Harish Vishwakarma, son of Shri Kalicharan Vishwakarma, Resident of Flat No. 002, Unnati The Aranya Height Block 4, Tower Plot No. GH-02, Sec-119 Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO** Resident of H No.-02, Bela Homes Rishi Puram Phase-2 Bhopal-462022.  
**2) Mrs. Harsha Vishwakarma, Wife of Mr. Harish Vishwakarma, Resident of Flat No. 002, Unnati The Aranya Height Block 4, Tower Plot No. GH-02, Sec-119 Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**3) M/S Unnati Fortune Holding Ltd. Reg. Office-T-07-LL-02 Commonwealth Games Village, New Delhi-110092.**  
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 10/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow**

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**(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)**  
**Summons For Filing Reply & Appearance By Publication**  
**O.A. No. 184/2020**  
**(Summons to defendant under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)**  
**Original Application No.184 of 2020**  
**ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant**  
**Versus**  
**Mr. Nitin Malhotra & Others ...Defendant To,**  
**Defendants:**  
**1) Mr. Nitin Malhotra, son of Shri Prem Nath Malhotra, Resident of GDI-0113503, Garden, Isles Jaypee Greens, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO** Resident of D-113, Sec-50, Noida-201309.(U.P.).  
**2) Mrs. Timsi Malhotra, Wife of Mr. Nitin Malhotra, Resident of GDI-0113503, Garden, Isles Jaypee Greens, Noida-201301. (U.P.).**  
**ALSO** Resident of D-113, Sec-50, Noida-201309.(U.P.).  
**3) M/S Jaiprakash Associates Ltd.**  
**Reg. Office-Jaypee Greens, Sector-128, Noida 201304**  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 11/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
**Registrar**  
**Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow**

**PASUPATI ACRYLON LIMITED**  
**CIN : L50102UP1982PLC015532**  
**Regd. Office : Kashipur Road, Thakurdwara, Distt. Moradabad (U.P)**  
**Corp. Office : M-14, Connaught Circus (Middle Circle), New Delhi-110 001**  
**Tel. No. : 91-11-47627400, Fax No : 91-11-47627497**  
**E-mail : delhi@pasupatiacrylon.com, Website : www.pasupatiacrylon.com**  
**NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT**  
Shareholders of **PASUPATI ACRYLON LIMITED** (the "Company") are hereby informed that pursuant to Section 110 and other applicable provisions, if any, of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act"), read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 ("the Rules") as amended from time to time, read with the General Circular nos. 14/2020, 22/2020, 33/2020, 39/2020, 10/2021 and 20/2021 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020, June 15, 2020, September 28, 2020, December 31, 2020, June 23, 2021 and December 8, 2021 respectively issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, ("MCA Circulars"), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), Secretarial Standard - 2 issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and any other applicable laws and regulations (including any statutory modification(s), clarification(s), substitution(s) or re-enactment(s) thereof for the time being in force), the following Special Resolutions as set out in the Postal Ballot Notice dated March 3, 2022 are proposed to be passed by the shareholders of the Company through Postal Ballot by voting through electronic means ("remote e-voting") only:  
**Special Resolutions:**  
a) To increase the borrowing limits of the Company; and  
b) To increase the limit for creation of charge/mortgage/hypothecation on the properties/assets of the Company in respect of its borrowings.  
The Company has completed dispatch of Postal Ballot Notice along with the explanatory statement on March 4, 2022 only in electronic mode to all those shareholders whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Registrar and Share Transfer Agent/their Depository Participant as on Friday, February 25, 2022 ("Cut-off Date").The requirement of sending physical copy of the Postal Ballot Notice, Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business reply envelopes has been dispensed with, vide relevant MCA circulars.  
The Postal Ballot Notice is also available on the Company's website [www.pasupatiacrylon.com](http://www.pasupatiacrylon.com) , website of Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) respectively and also on the website of Central Depository Services (India) Limited ("CDSL") at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com).  
In this regard, the shareholders are informed that:  
1. The special businesses as set out in the Postal Ballot Notice are to be transacted through Postal Ballot by remote e-voting only through e-voting platform provided by CDSL.  
2. The remote e-voting period shall commence on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. (IST) and ends on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. (IST). Shareholders may cast their vote electronically during the aforesaid period. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled thereafter and remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond the same. Once the vote is cast, the shareholder will not be allowed to change it subsequently.  
3. Only those shareholders, whose names appeared in the Register of Shareholders of the Company/ List of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, February 25, 2022, shall be eligible to cast their votes on the Special Resolutions set out in the Notice through remote e-voting only. A person who is not a shareholder as on the cut-off date should treat the Notice for information purpose only.  
4. The voting rights of the shareholders shall be in proportion to their shares in the total paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on cut-off date.  
5. Shareholders who have not received Postal Ballot Notice may write to [palsecretarial@gmail.com](mailto:palsecretarial@gmail.com) and obtain the same.  
6. For any query or grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means, please contact Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Sr



# ₹19.5k cr budget thrust to make India solar hub: PM

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the Budget announcement of Rs 19,500 crore for high-efficiency solar module manufacturing will help in making India a global hub for manufacturing and Research & Development of solar modules and related products.

Addressing a webinar on 'Energy for Sustainable Growth', the Prime Minister said "Provisions have also been made in this year's budget regarding battery swapping policy and inter-operability standards."

"These will reduce the problems faced in the use of electric vehicles in India", he said. This is ninth webinar in the series of post-budget webinars addressed by the Prime Minister. He said that sustainable growth is possible only through sustainable energy sources. The Prime Minister reiterated his commitment made at Glasgow to reach Net Zero by 2070. He also mentioned his vision of LIFE pertaining to an environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

He talked of a target of achieving 500 gigawatt non-fossil energy capacity and achieving 50 per cent of installed energy



capacity through non-fossil energy by 2030.

"Whatever targets India has set for itself, I do not see them as a challenges but as opportunity. India is moving with this vision in last few years and the same has been taken forward at policy level in this year's budget", he said.

This budget has announced 19,500 crore for high-efficiency solar module manufacturing which will help in making India a global hub for manufacturing and R&D of solar modules and related products.

Referring to recently announced National Hydrogen Mission, the Prime Minister said India can become hub of green hydrogen given its inherent advantage in the form of abundant renewable energy power. He asked for private sector efforts in the area.

The Prime Minister emphasized that along with

energy production, energy saving is equally important for sustainability.

"You should work on how to make more Energy Efficient A/C, Efficient heaters, geysers, ovens in our country", he exhorted the participants.

Stressing the need to prioritize energy efficient products, the Prime Minister gave the example of promotion of LED bulbs at large scale. He said that first the government brought down the cost of LED bulbs by promoting production and then 37 crore LED bulbs were distributed under the Ujala scheme. This has led to saving of forty eight thousand million Kilo Watt Hour electricity and saving of about 20 thousand crore rupees in the electricity bills of poor and middle class families. Furthermore, annual carbon emission saw a decline of 4 crore tonnes. Local bodies are saving 6 thousand crore rupees every year due to adoption of LED bulbs in street lights, he added. Coal gasification is a clean alternative to coal, the Prime Minister noted.

In this year's budget, for coal gasification, 4 pilot projects have been announced which will help in firming up technical and financial viability of these projects.

# Rupee plunges below 76-mark

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The rupee on Friday slid below the 76-mark for the first time this year and settled at an 11-week low as investors assessed the global economic impact of the Russia-Ukraine conflict amid rising crude oil prices.

The rupee fell by 23 paise at close to 76.17 against the US dollar, the lowest closing level since December 15, 2021.

Persistent foreign fund outflows and a weak trend in domestic equities also weighed on the local unit, forex traders

said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened weak at 76.06 against the American dollar and fell further during the session as investors dumped riskier assets. The domestic unit oscillated between a high of 75.99 and a low of 76.22 during the session.

The rupee this week has weakened by 1.11 per cent or 84 paise, making it second straight week of losses for the local unit due to persistent forex outflows and rising crude oil prices.

"Recent market environment continues to favour a stronger dollar against rupee as there are high chances of the government missing fiscal tar-

get following a surge in crude oil prices and delay in diversification. Higher commodity prices could turn into imported inflation and the central bank will be forced to change stance in coming months," HDFC Securities Research Analyst Dilip Parmar said.

Spot USD/INR is expected to stay right with resistance in the range of 76.30 to 76.50 while the support has been shifted to 75.70, he noted.

Looking ahead, the war in Ukraine will remain the primary focus along with commodity prices in particular crude oil and gold, Parmar said.

**UJJAIN SMART CITY LIMITED**  
Mela Office, Kothi Road, Ujjain (M.P.) 456001 Ph. 0734 2525856  
NIT No.-: USCL/154, Tender ID- 2022\_UAD\_1845871 Date: 14.02.2022

**BRIEF NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Ujjain Smart City Limited invites percentage rate proposal for  
"Design, Supply, Installation, Operation and Maintenance of SCADA System for Ujjain Water Supply System." Interested bidders may purchase and submit their proposals online at [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in).

Probable Amount of Contract	: Rs. 13,38,01,040/-
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 13,38,010/-
Cost of Document	Rs. 30,000/-
Last date of tender and submission	10.03.2022 up to 17:00 hrs

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For, Ujjain Smart City Limited

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
Summons for filing Reply & Appearance by Publication  
O.A. No. 918/2021  
Date 04/02/2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
Original Application No. 918 of 2021  
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
NAMARTA RAINA & ORS ...Defendants  
To,  
1. NAMARTA RAINA  
W/O KUMAR SAURABH.  
House No. 98 1st F Ashoka Enclave 3rd Faridabad-121003.  
Also at:-  
295 1st Floor Ashoka Main, Sec-35, Nr. Ashoka Memorial School, Faridabad-121003  
Also at:-  
Flat C-1.1601, 15th Floor, Victory Ace, Plot No.-GH-02, Sector-143, Dist Gautam Budh Nagar, Noida-201306.  
2. KUMAR SAURABH S/O RAJ BHANSH PANDEY  
House No. 98 1st F Ashoka Enclave 3rd Faridabad-121003  
Also at:-  
295 1st Floor Ashoka Main, Sec-35, Nr. Ashoka Memorial School, Faridabad-121003.  
3. DREAM PROCON PRIVATE LIMITED  
Registered Office at: 702-704, D Mall, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampur New Delhi-110034.  
Corporate Office at: D1, Sector-3, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 12/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Temple, Lucknow-226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
Summons for filing & Appearance by Publication  
O.A. No. 99/2020  
Date ....//....//2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
Original Application No. 99 of 2020  
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
DHIRAJ JAIN & ORS ...Defendants  
To,  
1. MR. DHIRAJ JAIN  
TG-3 Flat No. 0-A Orchard, Gardens sun city, Sector-54 Haryana Gurgaon-122002  
Also at:  
A3/0505, 5th Floor, Tower-A3, Supertech, The Romano plot No. 001, Sector 118/GHP Noida 201301.  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 19/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
Summons for filing & Appearance by Publication  
O.A. No. 291/2020  
Date: 07.02.2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
Original Application No.291 of 2020  
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
VIVEK SHUKLA & OTHERS ...Defendants  
To,  
1. VIPOLOVE AIRON  
D 506 Cibicvch Tech, Cibicvch Tech Noida-201301  
Also at: Flat No. 68e, floor-2, Uniworld Resorts Unitech Ltd. Veerasandra village Atteble Hobliankel Taluk, Bangalore-560100  
2. M/S UNITECH LIMITED  
Registered Office: No. 6 Community centre, Saket, New Delhi- 110017  
Regional Office: C1&2, 2nd floor, jyoti complex, 134/1, infantry road, Bangalore-560001  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 12/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
SUMMONS FOR FILING REPLY & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION  
No..... Date.....  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts Bank rupty Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
Original Application No. 737/ 2018  
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
Sri Manoj Kumar & Others ...Defendants  
To,  
Shubhkamna Buildtech Pvt Ltd. through its Managing Director. Corporate Office situated at A-80, Sector-2, NOIDA. Uttar Pradesh Registered Office: 197-E, Pocket-IV, Mayur Vihar Phase-I, Delhi- 110091  
In the above noted application, you are required to file reply in Paper book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 18/04/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Assistant Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
SUMMONS FOR FILING & APPEARANCE BY PUBLICATION  
O.A. No. 832/2021  
Date 14-02-2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
Original Application No. 832 of 2021  
ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant  
Versus  
BHARTI MEHRA & ORS ...Defendants  
To,  
1. BHARTI MEHRA  
House No. A9 A Block, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075  
Also at: Flat No. C2 902, 9th Floor, Tower C2, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH02, Sector-143, GB Nagar, Noida-201301.  
2. M/S DAKSH TRADE COMM. PVT. LTD.  
C-45/F Community Centre, Janakpuri, Delhi-110075 Also at: Flat No. C2 902, 9th Floor, Tower C2, Victory Ace, Plot No. GH02, Sector-143, GB Nagar, Noida-201301.  
3. DREAM PROCON (P) LTD.  
Registered Office: 702-704, D Mall, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampur New Delhi-110034.  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 13/05/2022 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**Public Notice**  
Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the original Conveyance Deed No. 5356 dated 08/08/2017 bearing Registration No. G0B2017F569, dated 02/06/2017, executed between M/s. Puri Construction Pvt. Ltd. (The Company) and Ms. Anchal Vaid (The Allottee) for the property bearing address at Flat No. Tower A3-302 situated at Diplomatic Greens, Sector 110A & 111, Gurugram, Haryana-122017, has been lost/ misplaced. All General Public is hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone except above stated allottee on the basis of the said missing document, If anyone has found the original conveyance deed then already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 7 days.  
Address:-  
Puri Constructions Pvt. Ltd. (Marketing Office), 11- 12A, Ground Floor, Tolstoy House, 15 & 17 Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi 110001  
Dated:- 05.03.2022

**FORM NO.5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL 600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow- 226007**  
(Ares of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)  
Summons for filing & Appearance by Publication  
O. A. No.94/2021  
Date 08.02.2022  
(Summons to defendant under section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)  
O. A. No.94/2021  
ICICI BANK LTD. ...Applicant  
Versus  
Mr. SANDEEP NAGPAL & ORS ...Defendant  
To,  
Defendants:  
1. Mr. SANDEEP NAGPAL  
Flat No.- 403, 4th floor, Tower-A1 Saviour Greenslie, NH-24 Crossing Republic Ghaziabad-201016  
Also at: Flat No.- 602, 6th Floor, Tower life suites, Gayatri Life Plot No. 1-F, Sector-16, Noida-201307.  
2. Mrs. REEMA NAGPAL,  
Flat No.- 403, 4th Floor, Tower-A1 Saviour Greenslie, NH-24 Crossing Republic Ghaziabad-201016  
Also at: Flat No.- 602, 6th Floor, Tower life suites, Gayatri Life Plot No. 1-F, Sector-16, Noida-201307  
3. GREEN LIFE PVT. LTD.  
Registered Office: Flat 1F, Sector 16 Greater Noida (West) U.P.  
Corporate Office at: B-121, 1st Floor, Sector-2 Noida-201301  
In the above noted application, you are required to file in Paper Book form in two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the applicant or his counsel/ duly authorized agent after publication of the summons, and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on 17/05/2022 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decide in your absence.  
Registrar  
Debts Recovery Tribunal Lucknow

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 3rd Floor, Plot No- 23, New Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, Delhi- 110005  
The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by 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.	Gyanesh Kumar Jha, Asha Jha, 110 Ugf Coral Aptt Sector 7, Rampur Green, Vaisali Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBNOD00002354246	Flat No- KM00080- 205, 2nd Floor Tower KM 08 Kosmos, Jaypee Greens Noida, Sec 134 Noida	27/12/2021 Rs. 30,05,395/-	04/09/ 2021
2.	Devendra Kumar Singh, Ragini Singh, Digital Force Online India Pvt Ltd, H.No- C-26/305 Surya, Nagar Block-C, P S Link, Road The Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBNOD00002096884	Flat No H 1702 16th Floor, Tower H Logix Blossom Greens Plot Bearing No Gh 01 Sector 143 Noida Noida	31-12-2021 Rs. 2,47,914.51/-	11/05/ 2021
3.	Beerendra Kumar Shukla, Chandra Prabha, Plot No 138 Flat No Ff 2 Sector 2A, Vaisali Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad, A/c No:- LBGUR0000317503	Office Space 405 4th Floor, Tulsiani Grace Civil Lines Allahabad Allahabad	27/12/2021 Rs. 42,80, 104/-	09/09/ 2021
4.	Amir Kuamr, Aditi Kuamr, H No 80 Sector 16 A , Chandigarh, Chandigarh, A/c No:- LBNOD00002510905	Flat No.1903, 19th Floor Tower T26 Paras Tiera Plot No Gh-01 Sector-137 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	27/12/2021 Rs. 26,06,349/-	04/09/ 2021
5.	Ajay Goel, Isha Goel, Wz 28 Nimri Village, Shastri Nagar, Shastri Nagar Delhi, Delhi, A/c No:- LBGUR00003250881	Flat No 2405, 24th Floor Supertech Azalia Tower 5 Sector 68 Gurgaon	27/12/2021 Rs. 36,47,224/-	03/05/ 2021
6.	Abhishek Gupta, Kanika Gupta, B1/1814, Pocket-B, Vasant Kunj, Delhi, A/c No:- LBDEL00002041891	Shop No-Gf-8, Ground Floor Tulsiani Grace Civil Lines Shop Allahabad	27/12/2021 Rs. 85,53,548/-	09/09/ 2021
7.	Rakesh Chandra Sharma, Murl Shyam Sharma, H No 550, Gall No-1 First Floor, Lada Sarai Dedi, New Delhi, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00000351776	Flat No.1907, 19th Floor, Tower H.I.J and Q Ajnara Le Garden, Plot No. Gh-02, Sector-16, Greater Noida, Noida	10/11/2021 Rs. 8,82,200/-	01/07/ 2021
8.	Sanjeev Kumar, Lokesh Kumar, 292 Village Tilapata Karanwas, Tilapata Karanwas GB Nagar, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00004926535	Plot No-206, Block-7D, Sector-18, Greater Noida, Noida	10/11/2021 Rs. 13,55,480/-	06/07/ 2021
9.	Shankar Kumar Thakur, Navina Thakur, Akash Kumar, O- 3 Saurav Vihar Jatpur, Badarpur, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004329814	Flat No-1103, 11th Floor, Tower 4, Devika Skypers Raj Nagar, Extension, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 23,48,908/-	13/07/ 2021
10.	Vijai Kumar, Pinki, G-1207 G-tower Vvip Addresses, Rajnagar Ext Nh-58 Raj Nagar Extension, Nh-58 Raj Nagar Extension, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGUR00004912798	Flat No-G-1207, 12th Floor, Type-F Tower-7, Block-G Vvip Address Raj Nagar Ext, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 22,34,559/-	14/07/ 2021
11.	Vikas Kumar, Ambika Sharma, Flat No 1053 T-14 River Hight, Rajnagar Ext Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBDEL00002028839	Flat No.b303, 3rd Floor, Tower-6, Buddh Circuit Studios Ii, Pkt- Gh-04, Jaypee Greens Sports City East Noida	10/11/2021 Rs. 6,97,860.9/-	01/07/ 2021
12.	Veer Pal Singh, Hema Singh, Flat No B303 Third Floor, The Royal Residency Co-op. Group, Gurgaon 122001, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004915551	Unit No LG25, Floor 1 Signum 36, Sector 36, Gurgaon	10/11/2021 Rs. 22,12,093/-	05/07/ 2021
13.	Veeral Singh, Hema Singh, Flat No B303 Third Floor, the Royal Residency Co-op. Group, Gurgaon 122001, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004928648	Flat No 5-005, Tower 5, The Serenas Village Dhunela, Sector 36, Sohna District, Gurgaon	10/11/2021 Rs. 20,11,649/-	05/07/ 2021
14.	Anamika Kumari, Manish Kumar, F 278 Saraswati Kunj, IP Extension, Patparganj, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002994020	Flat No 1201, 12th Floor, Block 3, Plot No. Gh-01, Vaisali Sector 3, Panchsheel Pebbles, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 21,16,260/-	06/07/ 2021
15.	Jagbir Singh, Savita, 9/37, Sector-3, Rajinder Nagar, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBDEL00001179673	Plot No. 2B/ 846, Upavp, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 9,03,745/-	07/07/ 2021
16.	Kanchan Devi, Guptheshwar Singh, House No 1507 A, 1st Floor Sector 29, Faridabad, Faridabad A/c No:- LBFDB00002440788	H No-1507A, First Floor, Lig H B C, Sec-29, Faridabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 17,36,703.99/-	05/07/ 2021
17.	Manish Rawat, Sarojini Devi, S/o Jay Singh Rawat 4/393 Block-4, Khichripur, Kalyanpuri East Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004196086	Flat No 1801, 18th Floor, Tower-G4, Neo Town, Plot No Gh-03, Sector Techzone IV, Greater Noida, Noida	10/11/2021 Rs. 17,61,000/-	07/07/ 2021
18.	Mohd Nadeem, Nida, D- 72, Block-d Dujana House, Jama Masjid Matia Mahal, New Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00002366549	Flat No 307, 3rd Floor, Aditya City/wave City, Tower H, Aditya Urban Homes Vill Shahpur Bhameta Dasna, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 14,16,583/-	01/07/ 2021
19.	Narotam Lal Jangir, Jheema Devi Jangir, 601 Gh-14 Industrial Hos, Society Sector-21D, Faridabad A/c No:- LBFDB00001329723	Flat No. 601, Sixth Floor, Plot No. Gh-14, Sector-21D, Industrial Hub Cghs Ltd. Faridabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 15,43,883.55/-	12/07/ 2021
20.	Pratap Bedi, Manish, House No- 117, Narsinghpur-102, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004347406	Flat No-508, 5th Floor, Global Heights, Tower 7, Sector 33, Gurgaon	10/11/2021 Rs. 11,77,346/-	07/07/ 2021
21.	Indraj Indraj, Ram Kawar, Ko 09 Sec 71, Noida, Noida A/c No:- LBNOD00002294343	Unit No 350, Dindyal Nagar, Zone-12A, Jaipur	10/11/2021 Rs.10,20,094/-	30/06/ 2021
22.	Raj Narayan Singh, Neeraj Kumari, Flat No. K- 4004, Plot No. E-12, Royal Garden Estate Noida, Noida A/c No:- LBDEL00001626294	Flat No.436, Sec-17H, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 6,54,409/-	30/06/ 2021
23.	Sirsendu Chatterjee, Pallabi Chatterjee, Flat No- F-1203, Block No G, BPTP Park, Prime Sector No 66, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004263066	Flat No Ff-10, 1st Floor, Signum 36, Sector-36, Gurgaon	10/11/2021 Rs. 10,23,870/-	06/05/ 2021
24.	Arjun Singh Tomer, Mohan Singh, P 302 Pratap Vihar, Sector 12, Ghaziabad, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGH200004184364	Shop No Ff/32, 1st Floor, Sector 3, Wave Galleria- Shops Village Naiphal Pargana Tehsil And District, Ghaziabad	10/11/2021 Rs. 14,37,310/-	30/06/ 2021
25.	Parveen Kumar, Sonam Kumari, Mahender Singh, House No- 271, Balawa Khalipur, Pataudi, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR 00004939906	Plot Bearing No.27, Huda Sector 1, Pataudi, Gurgaon	10/11/2021 Rs. 22,55,524.01/-	30/06/ 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 05, 2022  
Place: Delhi/ NCR  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited



**VOGUE**

(The author is an architect.





# Yuki, Ramkumar put India 2-0 ahead against Denmark

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**Y**uki Bhambri returned to Davis Cup action with a commanding win while Ramkumar Ramanathan did not even need his 'A game' to emerge victorious as India grabbed a 2-0 lead in the World Group I Play-off tie against Denmark, here on Friday.

Taking full advantage of the Danish player's discomfort on the low bounce grass court, Ramkumar cruised to a 6-3 6-2 win over Christian Sigsgaard, ranked as low as 824, in the opening singles of the tie at Delhi Gymkhana Club.

There was hardly any fight in the match, that lasted just 59 minutes, as Christian made it easy for the 170th-ranked Indian with his unending unforced errors.

Yuki, playing Davis Cup for the first time since 2017, doubled India's lead with a 6-4 6-4 win in the second singles against Mikael Torpegaard, who, though served and stroked confidently to keep the Indian camp on edge.

It was clear that India's strategy to host Denmark on grass courts worked well as

tackling the low bounce indeed troubled the visitors.

Rohan Bopanna and Divij Sharan will now strive to seal the tie for India on Saturday when they take court for the doubles match against Frederik Nielsen and Johannes Ingildsen.

If they win, India will keep their place in the World Group I and the reverse singles will be rendered inconsequential.

"In Davis Cup, it's more about fighting than playing well. I fought well and hard today," Yuki said after his win.

"The match was always on my racquet, it was always in my control. It was a matter of stringing a few points together," he said when asked about score-line changing from 4-1 to 5-4 in second set.

Skipper Rohit Rajpal praised both his singles players. "Yuki played at a high level. He was match sharp.

Ramkumar too played with confidence. He was sharp in the first set. The idea was to keep it low and trouble them. The players executed the strategy well. We had planned to go up 2-0 and we did that," he said.

Ramkumar too was pleased with his effort.

"I served pretty well, I was

**In the first singles, Christian struggled with his serve, committing as many as three double faults in the second game of the opening set and was down a breakpoint but Ramkumar could not capitalise on that chance. Ramkumar mostly used backhand slices for returns and stayed solid on his service games.**



sharp. The team and fan support also made the big difference. I just had to stay with the ball and make returns. A few free points also did the trick," he said.

Despite dropping his serve in the opening game, Torpegaard did not let Yuki seize the momentum.

Whether it was stroking from baseline, serving, swift movement on both flanks or charging the net, Torpegaard did all to prevent it from becoming a one-sided affair like the first singles.

He got the break back in the fourth game and what followed

was engrossing tennis from both the players. Yuki broke his rival one more time -- in the ninth game -- and saved break chances in the 10th to eventually nose ahead.

The first game of the second set was the most fiercely-fought game of the day as it featured as

many as five deuce points.

Ironically, it ended with Torpegaard's double fault and all the hard work the Danish player had put in came to a naught. Yuki made it 2-0 with a hold in the next game.

The perfectly placed forehand slices gave Yuki another

chance to break in the third game. Torpegaard only helped Yuki's cause when he netted a half-volley.

From there on, it looked like a formality though Torpegaard kept fighting hard. Yuki dropped serve in the eighth game when he was serving for the match and soon from 4-1 it was 5-4.

Yuki ensured there was no more drama as he served out the match in the 10th game when Torpegaard could not return the ball with his backhand.

In the first singles, Christian struggled with his serve, committing as many as three double faults in the second game of the opening set and was down a breakpoint but Ramkumar could not capitalise on that chance.

Ramkumar mostly used backhand slices for returns and stayed solid on his service games. Christian again handed Ramkumar a break chance when he double-faulted at 30-all in the fourth game.

A long rally ensued with both players putting to use their backhand slice stroke but Ramkumar eventually prevailed.

## Indian women's team scripts history with maiden medal

PTI ■ MUSCAT

**T**he race walking trio of Bhawna Jat, Ravina and Munita Prajapati scripted history by winning the country's maiden women's 20km team medal, a bronze, at the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships here on Friday.

China and Greece won the gold and silver respectively.

Ravina produced the best finish by an Indian in the women's 20km event at 14th spot with a time of one hour 40 minutes 22 seconds.

The experienced Bhawna Jat, a Tokyo Olympian, was 21st with a time of 1:43:08 and 20-year-old Munita Prajapati finished 26th in 1:45:03.

The team medals are decided after taking into account the overall performance of the competing athletes of a country.

"The hard work that we put in at the national camp has paid off," Jat said after the historic medal.



This was the Indian women's team's first medal in the 61-year history of the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships.

The men's team had already won a medal -- also a bronze -- in 2012.

Earlier in the day, Amit Khatri led the field at the final kilometer but was disqualified after receiving his fourth red card in the U-20 men's 10km event. Khatri was leading the field when he was disqualified but he would not have won the gold even if he had crossed the finish line first as

he was handed a 60-minute penalty after his third red card.

He would certainly have been in the top 10 had he not received his fourth red card -- which resulted in his disqualification.

The 18-year-old Khatri, who had won a silver in the 10000m race walk event at the World Athletics U-20 Championships in Nairobi six months ago, was at 11th position at the halfway mark but he gradually pulled himself up to lead the pack after the 9km mark.

Lying third behind two Chinese walkers at the start of the final kilometer, Khatri stepped up the pace and shot into the lead. However, he also picked up three red cards in addition to the one shown to him earlier, according to Athletics Federation of India.

But in the end, Khatri was pulled in to the penalty zone by the referee as the Indian threw up his hands in disappointment.

## I have high chance of winning CWG gold again: Srikanth

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

**A**ce shuttler Kidambi Srikanth admits it was frustrating to miss out on the India Open after contracting COVID-19 but says he's fortunate to recover quickly from the infection and his main priority this year is to defend the Commonwealth Games gold.

After struggling for the last few years, Srikanth finally got his rhythm back when he claimed the World Championship silver medal at Huelva, Spain in December last but he couldn't continue the momentum as he tested positive for COVID-19 and couldn't participate in the India Open Super 500 and Syed Modi International.

"It was frustrating but it is something I had no control over. I wanted to play the events in India as I felt I had a very good chance to win the tournament," said Srikanth, one of the seven Indian players who withdrew from the India Open after testing positive for the virus.

"I had mild symptoms. I was in isolation for around 10 days.



Fortunately, I recovered quickly and once the test came negative, I started training immediately."

Srikanth will start the season with the German Open Super 300 (March 8-13) before competing at the prestigious All England Championships (March 16-20) and end the tour with the Swiss Open Super 300 (March 22-27).

However, the 29-year-old said his main priority is to retain the gold he had won in 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

"The Commonwealth Games is very important for me as I am the defending champion. Asian Games is also important and in between, there is the World Championship," said Srikanth, who is leaving for Germany on Saturday.

"This is an important year and I just want to train well and play to the best of my ability. I have a very high chance of winning gold in individuals at CWG. But I will have to be really fit and be able to train well, be match-ready before CWG

and implement my plans."

So, has he achieved the level that fetched him four titles in 2017?

"I don't want to compare. That was a different phase. Now I am playing well. Getting better from here and being more consistent remains the aim," he said.

A former World No. 1, Srikanth endured a difficult phase after 2018 with frequent injuries and loss of form, affecting his performance in the international circuit.

"I felt because of the injuries I couldn't play well," said the current World No. 11 from Guntur.

"I was trying to play well, pull out close matches, and be in the mix. I thought the whole set of events, beginning with the Sudirman Cup, I was playing well. I played 9 to 10 tournaments till the World Championships.

"I was kind of happy with my progress. It gave me that confidence. At the World Championship, I just wanted to be there, thinking about one match at a time. I just wanted to play well and not think about finals."

## Indian Arrows register first win of I-League season



PTI ■ NAIHATI (WEST BENGAL)

**R**educed to 10 men at half time, Indian Arrows defeated Sudeva Delhi FC 1-0 to secure their first win of the I-League season here on Friday.

Parthib Gogoi scored the solitary goal in the 60th minute to decide the contest in favour of Indian Arrows.

Both the teams settled into their rhythm early in the game and tried to control possession.

Sudeva Delhi were the first to test the opposition goalkeeper, when William drove a stinging shot from inside the box in the fourth minute, but Arrows custodian Ahan Prakash was not to be caught out on his near post.

Indian Arrows, the AIFF's developmental side, didn't have to wait longer for their own first look at goal, when Parthib Gogoi intercepted a misplaced pass from Sudeva Delhi player in the sev-

enth minute.

Gogoi set his sights on goal early and pulled the trigger from the edge of the box, but his effort deflected for a corner.

The first half continued to be a cagey affair with neither team getting a clear cut chance.

The game burst into life in additional time of the first half as Indian Arrows centre back Amandeep was sent off for a foul inside the box and Sudeva Delhi got a penalty on the stroke of half time. William, who had been Sudeva's brightest spark in the match thus far, stepped up to take the spot kick, but blazed his effort over the bar, keeping both teams level at half time.

Down to 10 men, Indian Arrows emerged in the second half facing an uphill battle to get a result out of the game.

With one-man advantage, Sudeva Delhi attempted to gain control in the middle of the park, but it was Indian Arrows who made the first breakthrough at the hour mark.

As the Arrows midfield tried to thread a pass for wide forward Parthib Gogoi, the ball was intercepted by Nishchal Chandan, who then failed to clear his lines. Gogoi managed to win the ball in a dangerous position and slid a calm finish past goalkeeper Sachin Jha. With the odds weighing against them, the Indian Arrows decided not to sit back with their slender lead and pushed for a second goal. They nearly doubled their lead in the 64th minute when goal scorer Gogoi smashed a low drive off the frame of the goal.

## Ukraine asks FIFA to postpone World Cup playoff

AP ■ ZURICH

**U**kraine wants to postpone its World Cup qualifying playoff against Scotland, FIFA said, amid a shutdown in domestic soccer during the invasion by Russia.

"FIFA can confirm it has received a request from the Ukrainian Association of Football today to postpone their matches scheduled for March," world soccer's governing body said on Thursday.

Ukraine is set to play Scotland in Glasgow on March 24, with the winner then taking on either Wales or Austria five days later for a place at this year's World Cup in Qatar.

A large part of Ukraine's team is typically made up of players playing for domestic clubs such as Dynamo Kyiv and Shakhtar Donetsk. They have been disrupted by the national league stopping last week and many players who are not from Ukraine left the country to seek safety.

FIFA said it was in talks



with Scottish officials and European soccer body UEFA "to find an appropriate solution. FIFA expresses its deepest solidarity to everybody affected by what is happening in Ukraine."

One option would be to postpone the games in the four-team playoff bracket until the next national-team match dates in June. The global World Cup qualifying program has already seen

several delays because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The draw for the tournament is scheduled for April 1 in Doha, but at least two of the 32 entries will not be known by that date.

The final two places are set to be decided in June when four teams - from Asia, North or Central America, South America and Oceania - go to Qatar for the intercontinental playoffs. Ukraine

has qualified for the World Cup only once since becoming an independent soccer nation 30 years ago, reaching the quarterfinals in 2006.

Ukraine also reached the quarterfinals at the European Championship last year.

Russia was also set to take part in the World Cup playoffs and is challenging a FIFA decision to suspend the country from international soccer.

## Russians heading home

AP ■ BEIJING

**T**he Russian Paralympic Committee will leave Beijing and has no immediate plans for legal action.

The PRC issued a statement Friday criticizing the decision to exclude Russian athletes from the Paralympics and said the move was "absolutely politicized."

It said its lawyers had determined that the Court of Arbitration for Sport would not be able to render a decision "during the accelerated proceedings."

The RPC said it reserved "the right to apply to the appropriate international and national court" later at its own discretion. It said it was not "worthwhile at the current time to remain in Beijing" and planned to leave. The team is expected to fly out on March 6.

The RPC also criticized Thomas Bach, the president of the International Olympic Committee, who earlier this week recommended that "international sports federations and sports event organizers not invite or allow the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes and officials in international competitions."

It said Bach's move lead "to the degradation and collapse of the world sport."

## Stoppage-time goal puts Real Betis into Copa del Rey final

AP ■ MADRID

**R**eal Betis needed a stoppage-time equalizer to hold Rayo Vallecano to a 1-1 draw and reach the Copa del Rey final for the first time in 17 years. The match appeared to be headed to extra time after Bebé scored for the visitors with a long-range free kick in the 80th minute. But Borja Iglesias sent Betis into the final with his goal from close range after a breakaway two minutes into injury time at the Benito Villamarín Stadium in Seville.



"I don't know why, but I knew I was going to score," Iglesias said.

"This morning I felt that I was going to score the

decisive goal. I woke up with this special feeling about it." The goal allowed Betis to advance 3-2 on aggregate after a 2-1 come-

from-behind win in the first leg in Madrid. Manuel Pellegrini's team will face Valencia, which defeated Athletic Bilbao 1-0 at home on Wednesday to advance 2-1 on aggregate. The final will be played April 23 in Sevilla. "It was a long time without making it to a final," Pellegrini said. "We are very pleased with the opportunity. The players stayed committed even after conceding that free kick goal and the team's maturity paid off." Valencia is back in the final for the first time since winning its eighth Copa title in 2019.

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

**N**ew Delhi, 4th March 2022: The Basketball Federation of India (BFI) and International Basketball Federation (FIBA) backed 3x3 Pro Basketball League (3BL) is returning for the third straight season. The season is scheduled to tip off in Chandigarh from 5th March with the finals scheduled on 21st March 2022.

The announcement was made earlier today by Mr. Rohit Bakshi, 3BL Commissioner and Mrs. Prerna Sharma, Director, 3BL. Also in attendance at the press conference in Taj Mahal hotel, were BFI Secretary General Mr. Chander Mukhi Sharma, alongside the top Indian and foreign participating players. Mr. Vikas Bansal and Mr. Rajeev Tiwari, the

owners of Gurugram Masters franchise, which is the reigning champion in the men's league, were present as well.

"We are happy to grant exclusive rights to 3BL's professional league as an added avenue for our star players to shine," Mr. Chander Mukhi Sharma said. "3BL will provide additional income and exposure to many Indian basketball athletes."

"We strongly believe India will be in 2024 Paris Olympics. By the end of 3BL Season 3, Indian teams' global FIBA 3x3 federation ranking should be at least 30th, from the current 70th (in men) and 55th (in women). This will give India a boost we all have been



waiting for," Mr. Rohit Bakshi said.

"We would like to thank Nivia for coming on board as the official Apparel Partner, Wyndham Chandigarh Mohali as the Hospitality & Venue Partner, and Boxo Singh Sports Worldwide Pvt.

Ltd. as the Name Partner," Mrs. Prerna Sharma said. "Being a woman entrepreneur myself, it gives me great joy to have our path-breaking Women's League return for a second straight season."

3BL Season 3 will be live

streamed on Sony LIV, with additional weekly special programming to be aired on Sony Six.

Twelve men's teams and six women's teams are participating across six rounds. Winners will be announced at the end of each round, and the winner of the final round will be crowned the overall champion.

The detailed fixtures and team rosters are attached separately.

Besides attractive salaries, prize money and FIBA 3x3 ranking points to individual players, the top teams also get the chance to compete at prestigious FIBA 3x3 World Tour events.

"We Will Defend our Title"



PTI ■ MOHALI

Indian cricket's rapidly-rising box-office draw Rishabh Pant owned the centre-stage in Virat Kohli's landmark 100th Test, hammering Sri Lankan bowlers into submission with an enthralling 96 as the hosts reached a commanding 357 for 6 on the opening day of the first Test here.

The 5000 odd spectators, who had come to watch Kohli perform on a grand stage, saw one of the most flamboyant batters in recent history make a mockery of an average Sri Lankan attack.

He was especially brutal when it came to going after left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya (28-2-107-2), who was taken for 22 in one over.

The deathly silence after Kohli's shock exit for a well-made 45 was there for barely a second and half. Because at that point entered the stockily built 24-year-old from India's engineering city of Rourkee and that was followed by a deafening roar which showed his popularity.

On Kohli's day, he had completely over-shadowed the legend.

And those who came for Kohli, decided to stay back and savour Pant's mayhem as he started with a signature lofted six off Embuldeniya over mid-wicket fence.

Embuldeniya, who must have felt emboldened when he got one to turn a shade away and tickle Kohli's off-stump, didn't know what hit him.

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Suranga Lakmal (1/63), in his last international series, breached his defence.

There were nine fours and four sixes in his 97-ball knock and one couldn't but feel for the young man who looked completely devastated after another near-miss, the fifth time

that he has gotten out in the 90s.

The walk back to the pavilion took an eternity as it seemed that one would need someone to drag him out.

But coach Rahul Dravid and skipper Rohit Sharma's decision to send him at number five to bring in the left-hander's advantage against a

left-arm spinner, had paid the rich dividends they were hoping for.

Embuldeniya didn't actually bowl as badly as his figures might suggest and was pitching the ball up, putting his body into the deliveries and getting them to spin away from the right handers.

Pant being a southpaw obviously diminished his advantage to an extent and then his decision to stand at least a couple of yards outside the crease made the difference.

He turned a lot of good length deliveries into over-pitched ones and Embuldeniya, along with other spinners like Charith Asalanka and Dhananjaya de Silva (1/47), also suffered. The one-handed sixes, which he can now hit on public demand, were in full display for the motley crowd. The Indian team's former strength and conditioning coach Shankar Basu, during an interview with PTI during the 2019 World Cup, had claimed that when it came to raw physical power, Mahendra Singh Dhoni ranked No.1 but Pant was a close second.

To hit a five and half ounce cricket ball into the second tier of a cricket stadium nearly 90 yards away requires brute strength and Pant showed that he possesses that in abundance. Add to it, his balance and nimble footwork.

It also helped that Dimuth Karunaratne's mindset was defensive from the word go since Rohit Sharma (29) and Mayank Agarwal (33) had a brisk 50-run stand.

Once a fielding side skipper stations a deep point, deep square leg and deep fine leg within the first hour of the first day, one can get a sense that

he has already thrown the towel and playing a waiting game of cutting down boundaries.

Even then, Pant found the gaps with very little difficulty when he took guard in the 44th over after Kohli and Hanuma Vihari (58 off 128 balls) had a 90-run stand.

Vihari made good use of his chance in place of veteran Cheteshwar Pujara and looked in control during his stand with Kohli before he inside edged Vishwa Fernando's delivery onto the stumps. It was a perfect setting to score a second Test hundred but Vihari let it slip and became Fernando's only scalp of the day.

A total of 170 for 3 is a neither here nor there and a lot of batters will be caught in two minds -- whether to defend or to attack.

But not Pant. With him, there are no half measures and if any critic had an iota of difficulty in understanding why Dravid had a hard conversation with Wriddhiman Saha regarding his future, Friday's matinee show should help in dispelling all doubts.

The Indian team needs players, who can move the game in tricky situations and among the post Kohli-Rohit generation, Pant is an assured match-winner, who can open the game in a session.

Scoring 350 plus runs in a day's play is always bad news for the bowling team and as of now.

## We are somehow crazy about milestones and materialistic achievements: Kohli

PTI ■ MOHALI

Virat Kohli felt like a "nervous debutant" with "butterflies in his stomach" as he stepped out for his 100th Test but the public hysteria surrounding his "milestones and materialistic achievements" doesn't bother the champion batter at all.

It has now been more than 27 months that Kohli has been stuck on 27 Test hundreds but the former India skipper, despite acceptance of disappointment for frittering away another good start in the opening Test against Sri Lanka here, isn't bothered about the quantum of runs as long as he is batting well.

"You obviously feel disappointed as a batsman. I need to be mindful and convert the 30s and 40s into big scores," he said during his interaction with



the media at the end of day's play after contributing a classy 45 to the team's 357/6.

But does he feel the need to change the process since big scores aren't coming, the response was a sharp one.

"I have been preparing exactly the way I have prepared and as long as I am batting well, not bothered at all. From a worldly point, people look at milestones and they talk about a lot of

things and they are just conversations on the outside," he said.

He didn't forget to mention that he had a 90-run stand with Hanuma Vihari and that was important.

"Even today, partnership of 90 runs was important for us as we were 2 down for 80 odd. So, as long as I focus on the right things, I am not too bothered about milestones and these are conversations that

happen on the outside and continue to do so.

"We are somehow crazy about milestones and materialistic achievements. I personally don't think like that and I am batting well and that's the most important thing for me," there was pragmatism in his tone.

Prior to the game, Kohli looked a bit scratchy during a practice session where he got out multiple times to pacers and spinners alike. In fact, both Ravindra Jadeja and Saurabh Kumar, the two left arm spinners, beat his outside edge and clipped the stumps.

The dismissal by Lasith Embuldeniya on Friday, when he played on the back-foot not expecting much turn only to see the off-stump disturbed, led to questions if players are finding it difficult in current environment to work on their game.

### Rod Marsh, Australian cricket great, dies at age 74

AP ■ BRISBANE

With a distinctive mustache, unbuttoned shirt and a baggy green cap like a beacon behind the stumps, the sight of Rod Marsh and the sound of his name pervaded Australian summers in the 1970s and early 80s. The cricket great, who formed a prolonged and prolific wicket-taking partnership with Australian pace bowler Dennis Lillee, died in an Adelaide hospital on Friday just over a week after having a heart attack during a fundraising event in Queensland state. He was 74.

A stocky and stoic wicketkeeper-batter, Marsh was half of a catchphrase that was synonymous with the era of test cricket: caught Marsh, bowled Lillee. They combined a record 95 times to dismiss opposition batters in test cricket. "This is a tremendously sad day for Australian cricket and for all those who loved and admired Rod Marsh," Cricket Australia chairman Lachlan Henderson said. "Rod will be forever remembered for the way he played the game and the pleasure he brought crowds as a member of some great Australian teams - 'caught Marsh, bowled Lillee' has iconic status in our game."

## Rajasthan Royals appoint Steffan Jones as high performance fast bowling coach

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rajasthan Royals on Friday announced the appointment of Steffan Jones as the franchise's high performance fast bowling coach.

The 48-year-old former pacer from Wales, had previously served as the team's fast bowling coach in 2019.

As part of his new role, Jones will be responsible for providing high quality training, guidance and support to all bowlers who are part of the Royals' set-up throughout the year, with a focus on the off-season and in the build up to the IPL season, a media released stated.

Jones will be working with the team during their pre-season camp to be held from March 7 to 10 at the Royals' High Performance Centre in Nagpur, post which he will remain with the squad, helping the bowlers prepare for the upcoming season.

"I am delighted to be returning



to the Rajasthan Royals and grateful to the management for giving me the opportunity to work with the team again. With a plethora of talented bowlers in our ranks, I'm looking forward to working with them round the year and preparing them to peak and excel when the season comes," Jones said.

# Imam's 1st Test century takes Pakistan to 245-1

AP ■ RAWALPINDI

Opener Imam-ul-Haq hit a memorable first Test century on Friday and led Pakistan to a commanding 245-1 in its first home test against Australia in 24 years.

The left-hander closed out the opening day of the first test on 132 not out on a typically slow and grassless subcontinent wicket. Veteran Azhar Ali is also looking solid on 64 not out.

Australia might have missed a trick by opting to go with its three frontline fast bowlers, who hardly troubled the batters with both the new and old ball. Australia even used its three part-time spinners - Marnus Labuschagne, Travis Head and Steve Smith - without any reward.

Imam and Azhar denied Australia any hope of a breakthrough with the new ball in the 10 overs before stumps and stretched their second-wicket partnership to 140.

The lone Australian specialist spinner, Nathan Lyon (1-87), got the only success of the day for the visitors when he dismissed Abdullah Shafique for 44 just before lunch, but not before a 105-run opening wicket stand with Imam.

Azhar and Imam then frustrated Australia for the entire two sessions by piling up another century stand.



Imam, playing in his 12th test but first in 27 months, showed grit throughout the day against fast bowlers and spinners after captain Babar Azam won the toss and elected to bat.

Fast bowlers Mitchell Starc, Josh

Hazlewood and skipper Pat Cummins hardly troubled Pakistan's top order in their short spells as they bowled 45 overs between them.

Lyon earlier extracted brief turn off the wicket with the new ball but both openers dominated the spinner by using their feet and

raised a century stand.

Lyon was ineffective until he claimed Shafique in the penultimate over before lunch. Shafique got beaten in the flight and tried to heave the offspinner over long off. He was brilliantly caught by a running Cummins.

Imam, who last played a test match against Australia at Adelaide in December 2019, survived a close call for lbw in Starc's third over as the visitors went for an unsuccessful television review and the replays suggested the ball would have went over the stumps.

Imam raised his century in the last session when he drove Starc through the covers for his 13th boundary beside hitting two straight sixes against Lyon.

Shafique also had a close call but Head dropped a difficult chance at leg slip in Lyon's second over, a ball after the spinner was smacked for a straight six.

Imam had earlier raised his half century by pulling Cummins to square leg boundary for a four and overtook his batting partner once Australia briefly applied the offspin of Head and Lyon.

It's the first time Australia has played a test match in Pakistan since 1998 due to concerns over security from several attacks in Pakistan. It's a three-match test series.



## Windies beat NZ in nail-biting clash

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Deandra Dottin complemented Hayley Matthews' whirlwind century with an immaculate last over as West Indies notched up a stunning three-run victory over the fancied New Zealand in the Women's ODI World Cup opener at the Bay Oval here on Friday.

Hayley smashed a 128-ball 119 (16x4, 1x6) but the rest of their batters failed to convert their starts as West Indies set up a 260-run target after the White Ferns skipper Sophie Devine opted to field.

In reply, the 2000 champions rode on Devine's chancy 108 to overcome a shaky start but only to choke in the final over.

Needing six runs in the final over, New Zealand lost three wickets in four balls to get all out for 256 in 49.5 overs with pace bowling allrounder Dottin returning with splendid figures of 0.5-0-2-2.

Having survived some anxious moments both in the form of a run-out and a couple of missed catches, Devine completed her sixth ODI century but could not take her team over the line.

Chinelle Henry took a spectacular return catch to dismiss the White Ferns captain in the 45th over, something that revived the Windies hopes before the veteran allrounder Dottin sealed the issue.

Asked to defend six runs in the last over with New Zealand having three wickets intact, Dottin claimed two wickets in three balls, before the 17-year-old Fran Jonas was run out in the fifth ball to concede the Windies a thrilling win.

Windies turned the match around after Henry took a juggling return catch to dismiss the centurion Devine.

The win would have come easy but the West Indies were sloppy on the field as they leaked runs in plenty and dropped a slew of catches.

Devine was dropped twice, once on 37 and then on 74, as the skipper also survived after West Indies did not review a close lbw call from the bowling of Aaliyah Alleyne.

Devine's knock meant the hosts were comfortably placed with 39 runs needed from 30 balls with Katey Martin taking on the charge with a 47-ball 44.

Katey smashed back-to-back fours off Henry in the penultimate over to make it a simple equation of six runs off six deliveries.

Under pressure, the Windies decided to give the task to Dottin after much discussions in the middle as the veteran pacer trapped Katey in her second delivery with a perfect yorker.

Earlier, the hosts suffered an early jolt when their experienced opener Suzie Bates (3) was out in the fourth over as they got off to a slow start with just one boundary in the first six over.



PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Amandeep Khare and Ashashank Singh struck fine centuries to dash Delhi's slim quarterfinal hopes as Chhattisgarh posted a mammoth 482 for nine declared in their first innings on the second day of their Ranji Trophy elite group H match here on Friday.

Coming into the contest, Delhi were all but out of the quarterfinal race, languishing at the last spot in the four-team group H with just one point from two games.

To have any slim chances in theory, Delhi needed seven points (including a bonus point) from the ongoing tie, but overnight unbeaten batters Khare and Singh battered Delhi out of that equation.

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score of 75, Khare remained unbeaten on 156 off 318 balls, while Singh (122 off 177 balls) hit his maiden first-class century to take Chhattisgarh to a comfortable position.

Left-arm spinner Vikas Mishra (6/124) was the pick of the bowlers for Delhi.

In reply, Delhi scored 108 for three in 30 overs at the close of play on day two.

India's U-19 World Cup-winning skipper Yash Dhull and Kshitiz Sharma made 29 each. Nitish Rana was batting on 20 while Jonty Sidhu (8 not out) was giving him company.

An uphill task awaits Delhi as they still trail Chhattisgarh by 374 runs with two days of play remaining.

Chhattisgarh are leading Group H with seven points from

two games.

In the second Group H match here, Tamil Nadu took the crucial first innings lead over Jharkhand as they bowled their opponents out for 226 in reply for 285.

Resuming at 256 for seven, the remaining Tamil Nadu batters could add just 29 runs.

But Tamil Nadu bowlers, led by left-arm spinner Manimaran Siddharth (4/37) and off-spinner Masood Shahrukh Khan (3/36), responded brilliantly to bundle out Jharkhand for 226 in 74.3 overs.

In their second essay, Tamil Nadu did not have the best of starts as they ended the day at 14 for two, taking their overall lead to 73 runs over Jharkhand.

Sandeep Warriar also chipped in with two wickets.