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Shots for 12+ from March 16 | Nitish vents ire at Speaker

Co-morbidity rider for booster dose to elderly removed

PNS NEW DELHI

Not letting its guards down against the Covid-19 pandemic, the Centre has given go ahead for vaccination of children in the age group of 12 -14 years from March 16. Also, the co-morbidity clause for administering precaution doses to senior citizens would be removed. Health Minister Dr

Mansukh Mandaviya took to his official Twitter handle to make the announcement, "I am happy to inform you that from March 16. Covid vaccination of children in the age group of 12 to 13 and 13 to 14 is starting."

"Also, everyone aged 60+ will now be able to get precau-tionary doses," he added. Till now, apart from health-care workers, only those over the age of 60 who have comorbidities were eligible for the precautionary doses.

According to reports, Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical company Biological E's Corbevax Covid vaccine will be administered to children in

this age group.

The vaccine received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on February 21 for use in children and adolescents aged 12 to 18 years. Corbevax protein subunit

Back when it was granted emergency use authorisation



(EUA), Mandaviya had called the Corbevax vaccine, "India's 1st_indigenously developed RBD protein subunit vaccine against Covid-19."

When Covid vaccines were first rolled out for 15 to 18year-olds on January 13, only Bharat Biotech's Covaxin was allowed to this age

According to official data, Over 3.5 crore children between the ages of 15 and 18 have received at least one dose

of the Covid vaccine since they were rolled out for this age group on January 3.

Meanwhile, India saw a further dip in daily Covid-19 cases as 2,503 new infections were recorded on Monday, the lowest in 680 days, while the active cases dipped to 36,168. With the fresh cases, the total tally of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,29,93,494. On May 3, 2020, 2,487 cases were recorded. The death toll climbed to 5,15,877

The 27 new fatalities included 15 from Kerala.

A total of 5,15,877 deaths

have been reported so far in the country, including 1,43,752 from Maharashtra, 66,808 from Kerala, 40,018 from Karnataka, 38,023 from Tamil Nadu, 26,141 from Delhi, 23,492 from Uttar Pradesh, and 21,187 from West Bengal.

The Ministry stressed that more than 70 percent of the deaths occurred due to co-

in House over crime probe

Bihar CM accuses him of flouting Constitutional norms

PNS PATNA

Bihar Assembly on Wednesday witnessed an unprecedented scene when Chief Minister Nitish Kumar lost his cool and expressed his outrage at Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha over whether a matter probed by the Government which has also been referred to the Privilege Committee could be raised on the floor of the House "again and again".

Wagging his fingers at the Speaker, Kumar accused him of flouting the Constitution and said, "this will not be allowed at any cost".

A stunned House watched the CM vent his ire at the Speaker, who tried to put a word or two in between, but Kumar ignored his intervention and continued to warn him about the breach of proce-

dure.

The CM stood up and slammed the Speaker after Sinha asked Cabinet Minister Bijendra Yadav to appraise the House in a couple of days about action taken on an incident in Lakhisarai, which also happens to be Sinha's Assembly constituency. Sinha was elected to the Assembly on a BJP

some as a reflection of the The Minister has been authorised to reply on behalf of the Government. When he has submitted that inquiry is underway, you ask him to come up with a fresh reply the day after tomorrow. This is

against the rules. Please look at the Constitution," said the Bihar Chief Minister. The privilege committee of the House has directed the DGP to conduct an enquiry into the alleged misbehaviour, with the Speaker, of a Deputy SP in Lakhisarai and the SHO of the police station concerned

a few days back. The conflict between the Speaker and the CM over the probe is also being viewed by strained relations between the JD(U) which Kumar leads and its ally the BJP to which the Speaker belongs to.

It is for the Government and the police to take action in such matters. The report of the investigation has to be submitted before the court, the CM said

"Is the House empowered to intervene in the matter? I am serving my fourth term as the CM. I was also a member of the Assembly once. Never have I seen such a procedural anomaly. Please don't run the House in this manner," Kumar

It's not what Kumar said,

but the tone and gesture of a leader like him, who is seen as a picture of composure, has baffled everyone.

Sinha began on a pacifying note, expressing the immense respect he had for the CM's respect he had for the CMs knowledge and experience, besides acknowledging the latter's support "which helped my elevation to this Chair".

"But please understand my predicament. Initially, I had tried not to indulge any discussion in the matter after it

cussion in the matter after it was referred to the Privilege Committee. But members from the Treasury Benches and the Opposition have created a ruckus again and again. After all, I am supposed to be the custodian of the House," pleaded the Speaker.

Sinha was upset over the alleged wrongful arrest of a number of people in Lakhisarai for violation of prohibition law which was in news last month.

The CM again rose upon the Speaker's statement and said, "I will inquire today itself into the progress in the investigation. The Government will look into whatever recommendations the committee has made. But this matter must not be discussed on the floor of the

CAPSULE

BCAS ALLOWS KIRPAN WITHIN AIRPORTS

New Delhi: Aviation security regulator BCAS has permitted Sikh aviation sector employees to carry kirpan on person within the airport premises, a document stated. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) order on March 4, banning Sikh aviation sector employees from carrying kirpan on person within any Indian airport premises. was criticised by SGPC.

ITBP OFFICIAL KILLED IN NAXAL BLASTS

Chhattisgarh: An official of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITRP) was killed and two jawans suffered injuries in two separate incidents of Improvised Explosive Device (IED) blasts triggered by Naxals in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Monday, a police official said

DELHI RIOTS 2020: ISHRAT GRANTED BAIL

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday granted bail to former Congress Councillor Ishrat Jahan in the case concerning the larger conspiracy behind the Delhi riots of February 2020. The order was pronounced by Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat. Earlier Jahan was granted interim bail in June 2020 for 10 days.

Will help students brought Talks resume but back from Ukraine: Centre

Govt says medical students' future will be protected

PNS NEW DELHI

The Government on Monday assured that it would help Indian students brought back to the country from the war-torn East European Ukraine under "Operation Ganga" to complete their education.

Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan said in the Lok Sabha that Operation Ganga, carried out under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to evacuate Indian students from Ukraine, is proof of the "collective wisdom of 130 crore

Indians". He also said the Opposition party should have congratulated the Modi Government for its effort in evacuating the Indian nationals. "I was expecting that from

his party (Congress) and the

House, the Prime Minister will be congratulated for Operation Ganga...," he told the Lok Sabha during Question Hour.

When we have brought them, you remain assured that Government will ponder over soever is required, to enable them to become doctors in future," the Minister said.

"At present, it is time for getting them out of the shock. We are all engaged in that," the Minister said

Earlier, DMK leader TR Baalu while congratulating the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister S Jaishankar for the safe evacuation of students from Tamil Nadu also asked in the House whether "they could be admitted in Russia?" to which some MPs reacted say-

ing "why not in India?". Congress member Gaurav Gogoi wanted to know if the Government was considering working out "any policy or holding talks" with universities in countries neighbouring Ukraine to enable Indian students to complete their studies. talks" with universities in countries neighbouring Ukraine to enable Indian students to com-

plete their studies, he asked. In the Rajya Sabha, cutting across party lines, several MPs plight of Indian medical students evacuated recently from Ukraine and urged the Government to take effective measures to help them com-

plete their courses here. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will give a detailed account on Tuesday in the Upper House on the situation in Ukraine and efforts made by the Indian Government to bring out more than 18,000 Indian citizens including students since February 22 as

part of Operation Ganga. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu said a large number of Indian students in Ukraine needed to be evacuated in the current situation.

"This was a very challenging task. The Government of India rose to the occasion by evacuating Indian students as

"Any policy or holding well as some students of other nationalities. These efforts are

praiseworthy," he said. Naidu also informed memhers that members can seek clarifications after Jaishankar makes a statement.

the Zero Hour on the first day of the second half of the Budget Kanakamedala session, Ravindra Kumar (TDP) noted that many students from India were pursuing medical education in Ukraine.

He said though safety and security of the students was ensured, their future is at stake and urged the Government to take necessary steps to safeguard their future.

KC Venugopal (Congress) said students who have returned from Ukraine are in a very difficult situation and their families are also concerned about their future. Noting that the education of these students has come to the standstill, he said the Government needs to clarify

what steps it will take. Continued on Page 2

Russia on march

AP ■ LVIV (UKRAINE)

Russian and Ukrainian nego-tiators held a new round of talks on Monday, even as Russia's military forces kept up their punishing campaign to fighting and artillery fire in

Kyiv's suburbs. After an airstrike on a military base near the Polish border brought the war dangerously close to NATO's doorstep, the talks raised hopes for progress in evacuating civilians from besieged Ukrainian cities and getting emergency supplies to areas without enough food, water and medicine.

"Everyone is waiting for news. We will definitely report in the evening," Ukrainian President President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a new video address.

The negotiations taking place by video conference are the fourth round involving higher-level officials from the two countries. The previous discussions took place in person in Belarus, and did not produce breakthroughs to end the fighting in Ukraine or lasting agreements on humanitarian

"Communication is being held, yet it's hard," Ukrainian presidential aide Mykhailo photo of the two sides meeting by video link. Earlier, Podolyak said the negotiators would discuss "peace, ceasefire, immediate withdrawal of troops & security guarantees."

Air raid alerts sounded in cities and towns all around the country overnight, from near the Russian border in the east to the Carpathian Mountains in the west, as fighting continued on the outskirts of Kyiv. Ukrainian officials said Russian forces shelled several suburbs of the capital, a major political and strategic target for their

invasion. Ukrainian authorities said two people died and seven were injured after Russian forces struck an airplane factory in Kyiv, sparking a large fire. The Antonov factory is Ukraine's largest aircraft man-

ufacturing plant and is best known for producing many of the world's biggest cargo planes.

Russian artillery fire also hit a nine-story apartment building in the northern Obolonskyi district of the city, authorities said. Firefighters worked to rescue survivors painstakingly carrying an injured woman on a stretcher away from the blackened and

still smoking building.

A town councilor for Brovary, east of Kyiv, was killed in fighting there, officials said. Shells also fell on the Kyiv suburbs of Irpin, Bucha and Hostomel, which have seen some of the worst fighting in Russia's stalled attempt to take

the capital, local officials said. Airstrikes were reported across the country, including the southern city of Mykolaiv, and the northern city of Chernihiv, where heat was knocked out to most of the town. Explosions rang out overnight around the Russianoccupied Black Sea port of Kherson.

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Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran has been

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NSE ex-CEO Chitra sent to jail for 14 days

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

ADelhi court on Monday remanded former Managing Director and CEO of National Stock Exchange (NSE) Chitra Ramakrishna in 14-day judicial custody in connection with the co-location scam case.

Special Judge Sanjeev Aggarwal ordered that Ramakrishna be physically produced before the court on March 28 and rejected her counsel's request for home-cooked food in jail.

Turning down her request for certain facilities in jail, the court said, "VIP prisoners want everything. Every prisoner is the same. She does not have to be treated differently because of what she has been?

However, the court allowed the request made by Ramakrishna's lawyer for spectacles, prayer books, including Hanuman Chalisa and medicines inside the jail.



Investigation (CBI) produced the accused before the court upon the expiry of her 7-day custody and urged the court to remand her in judicial custody. The CBI counsel said the investigation in the case was going on and Ramakrishna was evasive and uncooperative as well as a highly influential person. Continued on Page 2



Sadhus smear colour on each other on the occasion of 'Ekadashi', ahead of the festival of colour 'Holi', in Ayodhya on Monday

J&K Delimitation panel posts draft, invites objections

MOHIT KANDHARI JAMMU

fter incorporating sugges-Attions made by the associate members of the BJP and the National Conference, the three-Delimitation member Commission headed by Justice (Retired) Ranjana Prakash Desai has posted the draft proposals in the public domain and has invited objections from the public till March 21.

The suggestions will be considered by the commission in its public sitting in Jammu and Srinagar on March 28 and 29, the location and timing of which will be notified

The first ever Assembly elections in the Union Territory of J&K are most likely to take place after the conduct of the Amarnath pilgrimage this year. Soon after the submission of the final report of the Delimitation Commission, the Election Commission is expected to announce a fresh summary revision of the electoral rolls According to the notifica-

tion issued by the commission, it is clear the commission has only accommodated suggestions made by the associate members in terms of changing names of certain assembly constituencies and reorganising boundaries of a few others after objections were raised by the associate members.

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Air India. Chandrasekaran's appointment comes after former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci, earlier this month, declined the Tata Group's offer to be the CEO and managing director of Air India.

ing, "some sections of the Indian media have attempted to colour his appointment in an undesirable manner". Sources said the appointment was cleared at a board meeting held last week by Air

India. Tata Sons will soon announce a new CEO for Air India. Meanwhile, Alice GeeVarghese Vaidyan, former CMD of General Insurance Corporation, will be inducted as an independent director on board, on Monday.

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ED attached wrong assets of ex-director of Amrapali, forensic auditor tells **SC**

DTI - NEW DELLI

The Supreme Court on Monday was told by a court-appointed forensic auditor that Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached the wrong properties of a former director of Amrapali Group taking it as proceeds of crime

A bench of Justices UU Lalit and Bela M Trivedi was told by forensic auditor Pawan Agarwala that what ED is claiming to be the properties of Amrapali Group's former director Prem Mishra as proceeds of crime was actually the properties of Amrapali Modern Homes Pvt Ltd, which has been constructed by siphoning of home buyers money. He said that these properties need to be detached and handed over to

court receiver R Venkataramani to be auctioned in the open market to generate funds for the construction of stalled projects. Agarwala told the bench that there was a handwritten agreement

between Amrapali Group and Prem Mishra under which they were to share the profit 60:40 ratio, which is not acceptable under the law. He submitted that Amrapali Modern Home Pvt Ltd is a 100 per cent

Amrapali Group's entity in which funds were diverted from projects constructed in Noida and Mishra and his family members have not investedany amount in it.

The bench asked Additional Solicitor General Sanjay Jain about the properties attached to Mishra to which he accepted that the properties were provisionally attached as they are proceeds of crime. The bench taking a strict

view told Jain that ED officials have limited the investigation to proceeds of crime and perhaps attached the properties which were actually part of Amrapali Group. It said that agency's officials without understanding the entire case and investigating all aspects have proceeded to attach the properties taking it as proceeds

of crime of Mishra. Senior advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for Mishra, said that transactions investigated by ED are allegedly of both criminal and civil nature; however, the provisional attachment order was passed which is civil without hearing the accused.

He alleged bias on the part of ED and offered to repay any outstanding amount provided the investigations by the Enforcement Directorate are brought to closure against Mishra. The bench asked Singh to clarify by the next date of hearing what properties of Mishra are his personnel properties and what properties are of Amrapali Group.

Advocate ML Lahoty, appearing for home buyers, said that court's judgement can't be read in isolation as final report was submitted by forensic auditors post 2019 verdict in case. The bench posted matter for further hearing on March 28. On March 7, top court was told that Bank of Baroda which is leading a six-

bank consortium has infused Rs 300 crore. The top court had directed the other banks of the consortium to release the balance amount of Rs 1,200 crore before the next date of hearing.

On February 21, the NBCC assured the top court that the construction of stalled projects of Amrapali Group will be of good quality and independent experts will assess the safety and quality standards.

The assurance was given by the NBCC to the court after some Amrapali home buyers voiced their concern in the wake of poor quality work at a housing project in Gurugram, where residents have been asked to vacate the building.

The NBCC had earlier told the top court that despite the COVID-19 pandemic, it was making all efforts towards the successful completion of various projects of the Amrapali Group situated in Noida and Greater Noida. It had said that at present, 10 projects in Noida and 12 projects in Greater

Noida are under execution involving 45,957 units with a sanctioned project cost of ₹8,025.78 crore.

The apex court in its July 23, 2019, verdict had cracked the whip on errant builders for breaching the trust reposed by home buyers and ordered the cancellation of the registration of the Amrapali Group under real estate law RERA and ousted it from prime properties in the NCR by nixing the land leases

Former group directors of Amrapali--Anil Kumar Sharma, Shiv Priya, and Ajay Kumar are in prison on the top court's order. The court had directed a probe by the Enforcement Directorate into

alleged money laundering by realtors, providing relief to over 42,000 home buyers of Amrapali Group with the verdict. The top court, which is trying to bring in funds for the stalled projects, had then directed the state-run NBCC to complete the stalled projects of Amrapali Group.

SKM to launch agitation for MSP legal guarantee

PNS NEW DELHI

Farmer unions on Monday decide to launch an agitation pushing their demand for legal guarantees (minimum support price) of the crops. According to farmers, all farmer organisations will protest between April 11 and 17 across the country. This was decided at a meeting convened by Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) in the national capital.

"During the protest between April 11 and 17, all the constituent organizations associated with the SKM will organize dharnas, demonstrations, seminars, demanding legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (C2+50%) as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission, to all farmers on all their agricultural produce," the SKM said in a statement on Monday.

The SKM at their meeting also reviewed the written assurances given by the government to the farmers on 9th December and found that even

Members of Samyukta Kisan Union and other farmer organisations during a meeting, in New Delhi on Monday

Govt should reconsider AFSPA

DMK's Tiruchi Siva tells RS

continuance in northeastern States,

after three months, the government had not acted upon its key assurances. "There is no trace of the assurance of forming a committee on MSP.

Except Haryana, the police cases registered against the farmers during the agitation in other states have not been withdrawn. Delhi Police has spoken of partial withdrawal of some cases but there is no concrete information about that as

well. Nothing has happened about the cases registered during Rail Rokos across the country," the farmers said.

Farmer leaders also reviewed the legal process going on in the Lakhimpur Kheri case, concerns were expressed that the police administration and the prosecutors together are trying to protect the criminals and implicate the innocent farmers.

NTA reschedules JEE Main to prevent clash with XII exam dates

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The National Testing Agency (NTA) has rescheduled first session of engineering entrance exam JEE-Main as its dates were clashing with Class 12 board exams, according to officials. The exam will now be held on April 21, 24, 25, 29 and May 1 and 4.

Earlier, the first session was scheduled from April 16 to 21."Representations are being received from candidates seeking change of dates of first session on account of clashing of their board exam date with JEE-Main. In view of persistent demand from student community, the NTA has decided to reschedule dates," a senior NTA official said. The Joint Entrance

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Examination-Main comprises two papers. Paper one is conducted for admission to undergraduate engineering programmes -- BE and B.Tech-- at NITs, IIITs and other centrally-funded technical institutions, and institutions and universities funded and recognised by participating state governments. It is also an eligibility test for JEE (Advanced), which is conducted for admission to IITs. The 2nd phase of exam is scheduled from May 24 to 29, 2022.

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3 workers injured, 5 rescued after under-construction building collapses

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Three workers were injured while five others were rescued after an under-construction building collapsed in Kashmere Gate area in central Delhi on Monday evening.

The injured have been

identified as Dilip (22), a resident of Kashmiri Gate, Mohammad Musaib (35), a resident of Turkman Gate Mohammad Shami (42), a resident of Jama Masjid According to Atul Garg, the Director of Delhi Fire Service (DFS), they received information about the incident at 5.24 pm, following which three fire tenders were rushed to "Information was received regarding a building collapse at Nicholson Road, Kashmere Gate. Police, fire service and Delhi Disaster Management Authority per-

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sonnel immediately reached the spot and the rescue operation is underway," said Sagar Singh Kalsi, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), North district.

"So far, eight workers at the site have been rescued, out of them three got injured," he said. Dilip was admitted in Aruna Asaf Ali hospital, while Musaib and Shami were admitted in Sushruta Trauma Centre, police said, adding that their condition stated to be out of danger. Fire department said that the search operation is underway.

Video surfaced on social media where it was seen that the locals also helped in the rescue operation as it was a very narrow lane where the incident happened. The rescue operation is still underway and it is suspected that no more persons are feared trapped under the debris, police said.

Petition in Delhi HC for Centre's intervention to save life of Indian nurse facing death for murder in Yemen

PTI NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court Monday asked the Centre's counsel to take instructions on a plea seeking a direction to the Government for making a diplomatic intervention to save a Kerala woman on death row in Yemen for killing a Yemeni national. Justice V Kameswar Rao listed the petition for Tuesday after the Centre's counsel sought time to seek instructions in the

At the outset, the high court asked, "This happened in Yemen. How does this court has jurisdiction then? How is this petition maintainable?" The Centre was represented by standing counsel Manish Mohan. The petitioner's counsel submitted under the Yemeni law, the

woman can gain pardon from the family of the deceased by paying blood money, which refers to the compensation paid by an offender or his kin to the family of a victim.

to the family of a victim.

The court was hearing a petition by an organisation, Save Nimisha Priya International Action Council, seeking direction to the Central government to initiate negotiations with the family of the man who was murdered so her life can be saved by paying blood money.

The petition said Nimisha Priya, an Indian nurse working in Yemen, was convicted in 2020 of the murder of the Yemini national. It said Priya was accused of killing Talal Abdo Mahdi in July 2017 after she injected him with sedatives to get back her passport that was in his possession

PTI NEW DELHI

The Government should reconsider the continuance of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) in the northeastern States, DMK leader Tiruchi Siva said in Rajya Sabha on Monday.

He referred to the killing of 13 civilians by security forces in Nagaland in December and said that only Nagaland but all its neighbouring States are also suffering because of the AFSPA. "It's high time. The government has to reconsider whether this Act should continue," Siva said while participating in a debate in the Upper House on the working of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Referring to Section 4 of the AFSPA, Siva said it gives special powers to commissioned officers in disturbed areas to fire upon and use force against any person who is acting in contravention of any law, arrest without warrant any person who has committed a cognisable offence or against whom reasonable suspicion exists that he has committed

or is about to commit such an offence. Section 6 of the Act says that no prosecution or other legal proceeding shall be instituted, except with the sanction of the central government, he noted.

Siva said the previous speakers in the debate spoke on development and he was speaking about the safety of the people and their psychological and mental condition. "The unrest which is prevailing is not because of the issues only but because of such Acts also.

When such an Act is there and armed forces are wandering with enormous powers with no control on them, the people will react in their own manner, because you know the hilly people...," he said. "This is an appeal.

What is the necessity (for

continuing AFSPA)? Why should the people be killed

unnecessarily?" he asked. There may be issues anywhere and people will rebel in a democratic country as they have got rights, the DMK leader said. "But does it mean that they can be killed and they (security forces) cannot even be questioned?" he asked, adding that it is worrisome.

He said the Supreme Court had also observed that if an offence is committed even by an Army personnel, there is no concept of absolute immunity from trial by a criminal court constituted under the Criminal Procedure Code.

Even six years after signing of the framework agreement between the NSCN and the government, there has been an inordinate delay in the peace talks, Siva said. "The government should find some other way to coordinate with the people and find a peaceful solution and the northeast region should flourish," he said.

Siva said the region is facing a challenge for funds for infrastructure development and this has led to a slower pace of economic and social growth.

He said the region is rich in water resources and receives the highest rainfall. This can be used for irrigation as organic farming is getting popular in the region.

This region should set an example for other parts of the country, he added. TMC leader Sushmita Dev said the northeast needs more money and inputs. The budgetary allocation for the Ministry of

Development of North
Eastern Region in 2015-16
was Rs 2,360 crore and Rs 2,800
crore in 2022-23, she said. Dev
also suggested that there is a
need to bring objectivity in project selection. "They (government) should do a district-wise
survey of infrastructure deficit.
Projects are being taken which are in second and third
priority. It must be needbased," she said. V Vijaya Sai
Reddy of the YSRCP also par-

ticipated in debate.

NSE ex-CEO Chitra sent to jail for 14 days

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"Have you found if she is the mastermind or is there a puppet master," the court questioned. The CBI counsel said that it was "premature to say" and stated that the accused has been confronted with various people.

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The commission has also incorporated two dissenting notes submitted by the three National Conference members and one BJP member.

Despite strong objections raised by the NC members, the commission has not amended its interim report in terms of increasing the number of Lok Sabha seats in Jammu & Kashmir. No Parliamentary constituency has been reserved for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Only seven seats for SCs and nine for STs stand reserved in the Legislative Assembly. Nine seats reserved for STs include Rajouri, Darhal and Thanna Mandi, all in Rajouri district, Surankote and Mendhar in

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Poonch district and Mahore in Reasi district (Jammu region); Gurez in Bandipora district, Kangan in Ganderbal district and Kokernag in Anantnag district (Kashmir division).

All seven seats reserved for SCs fall in Jammu region: Ramnagar in Udhampur district, Kathua South in Kathua district, Ramgarh in Samba district; Bishnah, Suchetgarh, Marh and Akhnoor in Jammu district.

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Will help students brought back from Ukraine: Centre

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Amar Patnaik (BJD) suggested that seats in private and Government medical colleges should be increased by two to five per cent so that education of the students who returned from Ukraine is not affected.

Santanu Sen (TMC) said while the Government has taken the responsibility to complete the internship of the students after they pass the eligibility test, some special steps are required to accommodate students who were in the first, second, and third years of their studies, in India.

Tata Sons chairman to head Al

From Page 1 Chandrasekaran was reap-

pointed as Tata Sons' executive chairman for another five years in February. He had joined the board of Tata Sons in 2016 and took over as Chairman in 2017 at a time when the group was mired in crisis after the ouster of his predecessor Cyrus

Mistry.

He also chairs the Boards of several group operating companies, including Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Power, and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) - of which he was Chief Executive Officer from 2009-17. The 58-year-old Tata veteran had started his career as

a software programmer in 1987. Earlier, in a reply to Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation VK Singh said on Monday that Air India has 2,657 cases pending against it in Indian and international courts on matters related to employee service, customer complaints, and commercial issues.

"A total number of cases pending in Indian courts and international courts against Air India is 2,657," Singh said in his reply to a question in Rajya Sabha. "These cases are against Air India as a legal entity and will remain with Air India," Singh said.

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Stir against deferment of civic body polls

Announce MCD election dates: AAP

Barricades prevent AAP cadre from reaching BJP **HQ**; traffic snarls at ITO

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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Monday held a protest against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for alleged-ly "forcing" the State Election Commission (SEC) to "defer" the municipal polls in Delhi.

The AAP workers and leaders protested near their party office, demanding announcement of the dates of the civic polls. The party had planned to picket the BJP headquarters but protestors could not reach there with the Delhi Police barricading the road leading up to it.

There were long queues of vehicles at Central Delhi's ITO following a protest by the AAP. Commuters said that it took an hour just to travel two kilometers due to the protest. People took to Twitter to inform others about the traffic situation at ITO. Mohit Tomar, who works in the Income-Tax Department, said that it took

him one hour to reach the Civic Centre from ITO. "Generally it takes me only 10 minutes from ITO to reach my office at the Civic Centre. Due to heavy traffic, I got stuck at ITO and reached my office one hour late," Tomar said. One of the commuters said that vehicles moved at a crawling pace on the road leading to ITO from Laxmi Nagar.

The AAP has been up in arms against the BJP since State Election Commissioner SK Srivastava at a press conference called to announce the dates for the civic polls last week had expressed his inability to



declare the schedule, saying he had received "some communication" from the Centre.

The party had on Saturday alleged that the BJP government at the Centre is "blackmailing" Srivastava to keep on hold the announcement of

schedules for civic polls for an "indefinite period" fearing the party's "miserable defeat" in the election, if conducted. Delhi Chief Minister and AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal had on Friday urged being "threatened or lured".

to allow the municipal elections in the national Capital, saying postponing polls weakens the democratic system. He had also asked Srivastava to not "buckle under pressure" and tell the world whether he was

Desilt city drains before monsoon: Sisodia to PWD

To avoid waterlogging in the national Capital during the forthcoming monsoon season, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has directed officials of the Public Works Departments (PWD) to complete desilting of drains and installation of pumps at vulnerable points by May 31.

Sisodia, who also holds the Public Works Department

(PWD) portfolio, warned that action would be taken against officials for any "slackness" in connection with cleaning of drains, a senior PWD official

A circular issued by the PWD to the chief engineers of different divisions stated that the Deputy CM and PWD Minister had directed officials to take necessary actions and be prepared for the monsoon so that no waterlogging occurs on PWD roads. "All the tenders of cleaning of drains, installation of pumps, maintenance vans' deployment etc must be called at the earliest. Works related to cleaning and desilt-

pleted by May 31, 2022. Critical locations and hotspots should be given special care," the PWD circular said. It also stated, "Concerned chief engineers should personally monitor these actions taken by divisions and take immediately necessary action for any slackness in this regard.'

According to Government data, there are about 2,846 drains in Delhi and their length is about 3,692 km. The PWD manages a 2,050 km length of drains along the 1,260 km of road across 17 divisions in the The three civic bodies col-

lectively manage over 400 km of small and medium drains along its roads and in colonies. These drains are cleaned by the civic bodies while the PWD manages the major drains, including conducting their desilting. Normally it takes around two-and-a-half months to clean big nullahs and all drains along city roads, PWD officials said. "Generally, the monsoon arrives in the national Capital by the last week of has to be completed by May 31 or latest by June 15 so that there is no waterlogging during monsoon. Choked drains and delay in desilting had led to extensive waterlogging in many parts of the city during the monsoon season in 2020 and 2021 as

In July 2020, a 56-year-old man had allegedly died of drowning when his mini-truck was submerged in water under the Minto Bridge in central

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in August last year had said that changes would be made to Delhi's drainage system based on suggestions received from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi to resolve the issue of waterlogging in the city.

Last year, Kejriwal had convened a few meetings to review the Capital's drainage master plan and had said a 'world-class drainage system" would be developed across the city to ensure that city streets are not inundated during mon-

Tenders for 500 EV charging points awarded



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In order to strengthen its Electronic Vehicle (EV) infrastructure in the national Capital, the Delhi Government has awarded tenders for 500 charging points across the city. The tender was floated by Delhi Transco Limited, the State Nodal Agency for setting up EV charging infrastructure in Delhi.

Delhi Power Minister Satyendar Jain said that 100 public charging stations with 500 charging points will be developed across Delhi in the next three months. "A total of 71 of these stations will be established at metro stations. The bidding process was drafted in a PPP model.

"It had two distinguished areas where the Government viding land through different land owning agencies; and second in providing high-side infrastructure including cabling and transmission. The private player would contribute with the smart charging stations, staff and servicing," said Jain.

"The charging stations will be open to the public by June 27 this year. EV owners will be charged under Rs 2 per unit for charging their vehicle compared to Rs 10-15 per unit in other States. Bidding criteria was kept as lowest service charge; users will be heavily incentivised because of the minus Rs 3.60 per unit service

charge that was discovered during the competitive bidding process," said Jain. The Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah said that the locations of all these charging stations have been

"We want to take forward the vision of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in placing EV charging stations at every three kilometers as have been stated in our Delhi EV policy as well.

chosen in a very cohesive man-

Most of the areas we are targeting are underserved areas. As of date, most charging points are placed within the Central Delhi and NDMC area with the outer areas lacking the provision," said Shah.

"This is the largest tender aims to provide underserved areas with sufficient charging points which will be operational in three months. There are about 400 charging points already in place in Delhi.

This tender increases the number to over double our present infrastructure," Shah added. The guiding framework for the tender was developed by the "Charging Infrastructure Working Group" of the Delhi Government which had representation from power department, transport department, all municipal corporations, and all the DISCOMs of Delhi.

Unattended bag catches fire in Kurukshetra-Nizamuddin passenger train coach

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

An unattended bag in a coach of a local passenger train caught fire on Monday. Police said that the bag may belong to a carpenter and friction in nails led to fumes coming out of the bag.

According to Harendra Kumar Singh, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Railways unit of Delhi Police, information regarding the fire in the coach of Kurukshetra-Hazrat Nizamuddin passenger train was received at 10.25 AM following which police teams were dispatched for the spot. "On the spot, the police team found that a bag along with a red-coloured pouch and a small container was kept in the coach. The pouch containing around two kg nails caught fire. The passengers threw the bag out of the train and the nails were collected by the staff at the Adarsh Nagar Railway Station," said the DCP.

"The bag contained clothes, whereas the container had a liquid used by carpenters. The bomb disposal squad was called to check the materials. The bag may belong to a carpenter and friction in nails led to fumes in the clothes," he



Bollywood actors Anupam Kher and Pallavi Joshi with film director Vivek Agnihotri pose for photographs during Kashmir Files press conference at a hotel in New Delhi

ISIC gives new lease of life to boy City doctors correct severe spinal deformity



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16-year-old boy, who was Asuffering from a severe spinal deformity, Kyphoscoliosis, since birth and was also facing breathing difficulty for last three years due to the condition, is now able to stand and walk straight after a successful two-stage surgical procedure at Indian Spinal

Injuries Centre (ISIC) in the national Capital. According to a senior hospital official, the years due to the condition, due to which he had to carry an oxygen cylinder wherever he "When the boy came to

hospital, we came to know that when he was 12, Kyphoscoliosis started increasing due to which he could not breathe properly as his chest couldn't expand.

His condition was so bad that while standing, his trunk tilted to one side, and he couldn't walk straight," said Dr Ankur Nanda, Senior Consultant Spine Surgeon, Unit Chief-Spine Services at

mal life," said Dr Nanda adding that such spine surgeries are extremely challenging with high chances of developing weakness of legs due to nerve stretching while deformity cor-

"Another challenge in this case was that if he was subjected to a major surgery, then due to his poor lung condition, he might never have come off the ventilator after the proce-

"He was taken to several private and tertiary care Government hospitals for treatment but was not getting any definitive answers and

"The boy's SpO2 at rest response," said Dr Nanda. "In was 48 per cent while he was view of the complexity of the on continuous oxygen support case, a two-stage surgery was boy, a resident of Gurdaspur in for the last three years. He planned. In the first procedure, Punjab, was also facing breath- needed correction of spine a Halo-pelvic traction was and ring were put in his skull

and hip.

"He was kept in this condition for two months and this allowed for slow deformity correction. His lung function also gradually improved, and he was able to walk to some extent without oxygen support after doing lung exercises on doctors' advice," he said.

The spine had a preoperative degree of 128 which was corrected to 61 degrees after surgery. More importantly, the truncal shift was 10 cm which is now 0 and has been completely corrected," the doctor said.

Ask SHO for permission to open other floors of Nizamuddin Markaz for prayers, HC tells Wagf Board

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¬he Delhi High Court (HC) on I Monday asked the Delhi Waqf Board to file an application station seeking permission to open other three floors of Nizamuddin Markaz, where Tablighi Jamaat congregation was held in March 2020 amid Covid-19 pandemic and has remained shut since then, to enable devotees to offer prayers during Shab-e-Barat and

Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri noted statement of counsel for the Board, which has sought court's direction to the Centre to fully open the building that requisite application will be made to SHO of Hazrat Nizamuddin Police Station immediately. The Centre's counsel Rajat Nair assured court

that application will be considered as per law immediately. The court, which was hearing an application by the Board seeking to open mosque for Shab-eand April, listed matter for further proceedings on March 16.

During the hearing, Nair submitted that he has no objection in allowing 50 people to offer prayers at mosque's first floor but opening of entire mosque cannot be permitted. He referred to the HC's April 15, 2021 order by which it had permitted 50 people to perform Namaz at Masjid Bangley Wali on the first floor. The HC had then granted liberty to the Waqf Board to make an application to SHO of Hazrat Nizamuddin Police Station seeking permission for 50 devotees each in the other three floors to be allowed to offer prayers.

7 new dengue cases reported in city; tally reaches 62



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With seven fresh cases of dengue reported in a week in the national Capital, the total number of people infected with the vector borne disease has reached 62 this year.

According to reports released by all three municipal corporations, five cases of malaria were also reported in the city till March 12, taking the total tally to 11 this year. However, four cases reported in Delhi were from other States.

Malaria, dengue and chikungunya are accompanied with high fever. Cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November, but the period may stretch till mid-December. Last year, 9,613 dengue cases, the highest number of such cases was recorded in the Capital in a year since 2015, along with 23 In the years prior to 2021,

the total dengue cases reported were 4431 (2016), 4726 (2017), 2798 (2018), 2036 (2019) and 1072 (2020), as per the report. In 2015, the number of

dengue cases reported has crossed 10,600 in October itself, making it the worst outbreak of the vector-borne disease in the national capital since 1996.

The number of dengue fatalities logged in 2021 was the highest in the national capital since 2016, when the officially reported death count was 10. Delhi had recorded two deaths due to dengue in 2019, four in 2018, and 10 each in 2017 and

Security guard found dead in Shastri Park, foul play suspected STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

50-year-old security guard dead on Monday morning in northeast Delhi's Shastri Park area. Police said that police teams are also scanning ĈCTV cameras in the area to identify the culprit and to know the crime sequence.

The deceased was identified as Ganesh Lal. According to a senior police official, police received a call in the police control room (PCR) around 9 AM that a man was found dead at site number 2 of GS Enterprises, a gas agency.
"When police reached the

spot, they found the man dead with a head injury. The Crime team and forensic experts were called at the spot," said the senior police official adding that prima facie, it seems that the man was killed during a robbery or theft bid.

Ganesh Lal's body was shifted to the Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital for a post mortem, police said, adding that some clues have been found and police teams are working on it.

3 men held for supplying illegal arms in Delhi-NCR



The accused told police that they were supplying illegal firearms in Punjab and Delhi-NCR for the last two years

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The Special Cell of Delhi Police has arrested three men from the national Capital's

Mayur Vihar area for allegedly supplying illegal firearms in the Delhi-National Capital Region (NCR) and Punjab. Police said that they have also recovered nine semi-automatic pistols and 12 cartridges from the possession of the accused.

The accused have been identified as Shubham (21), Vijay Bhan (20) and Abhishek Rai (29), all residents of Ludhiana in Punjab. According to Jasmeet Singh, the Deputy

Commissioner of Police (DCP), Special Cell, on Friday police received specific inputs that Shubham would come near Samachar Apartment bus stand in Mayur Vihar phase 1 at around 1 pm to supply firearms to Vijay Bhan, who was one of his contacts. "Following the inputs, a trap was laid and both were nabbed.

On the instance of Shubham, a team was sent to Ludhiana and Rai was arrested on Sunday," said the DCP. interrogation, 'During Shubham disclosed that he had received the seized pistols and cartridges from an arms manufacturer-cum-supplier of Madhya Pradesh on the directions of Rai," said the DCP.

"Rai stated that he used to make videos on TikTok and about two years ago, an arms supplier from Madhya Pradesh contacted him and lured him into arms trafficking," said the DCP. "The accused also said that they were supplying illegal firearms and ammunition in Delhi-NCR and Punjab for last two years," police said.

Indo-Canada ties can be improved: JNU V-C

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¶he Jawaharlal Nehru The Jawananan Vice-Chancellor Santishree D Pandit on Monday said that recently India and Canada had differences of opinions on farmers' movement as well as Canada's support to the Khalistanis. The V-C also said that ties between two nations have "struggled to prosper" despite them sharing various common things.

During the inaugural address at a lecture series organised by the varsity's Centre for Canadian, US and Latin American Studies, Pandit said differences between two sides have not gone away over years due to Canada's inability to take India's strategic relations and sensitivities into consider-

The address was also attended by AIIMS Director Randeep Guleria and SICI Director Prachi Kaul. "India and Canada have a long way to go. We can still better our relationships. We have had our relationship since 1947 and we know that recently we had differences of opinions on farmers' movement as well as Canada's support to Khalistanis," said the V-C. "India and Canada's relations have struggled to prosper despite two countries sharing various complementaries such as democratic character and association in the Commonwealth," she added. The two-day lecture series

Covid-19 and Engaged Democracies with special reference to Canada and India — has been funded by Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI). During her address, the JNU V-C spoke about con-

tentious issues that have prevented two countries from strengthening their ties. She claimed that India's

Canada policy has partly been influenced by presence of Khalistan sympathisers, who espoused "anti-India sentiments". Pandit added that Canada's criticism of New Delhi has dented India's interest in engaging country as a strategic partner. "The criticism (from Canada) has come at various levels, including provincial legislatures involving past actions such as military actions in Amritsar Golden temple and the 1984 riots," she noted.

May ask CAG to probe fake ex-gratia claims in Covid deaths: SC PNS IN NEW DELHI 85 tonne Covid bio medical waste generated

The Supreme Court on ■ Monday expressed concern over fake claims for getting exgratia compensation of Rs 50,000, meant for family members of those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19, saying it had never visualized that this can be "misused" and had thought that the "morality" has not gone so down. The apex court said it may entrust inquiry into the matter to the CAG's office.
"We never expected and

visualized that it can be misused also. It is a very pious work and we had thought that our morality has not gone so down that in this also, there will be some fake claims. We never visualized and thought this," a bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna said. The bench, which had last week expressed concern over fake CÔVID-19 death certificates being issued for ex-gratia com-



pensation and observed that it might order a probe into the issue, said if some officers are involved in such fake claims then it is a "very serious thing".

The apex court had earlidirected all States Governments and Union Territories to appoint a dedicated nodal officer to coordinate with the member secretary of the state legal service authority (SLSA) to facilitate payment of ex-gratia compensation to the family members of this regard. "We had told you COVID-19 victims. During to file an appropriate applica-

the hearing on Monday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, told the bench that there are two-fold suggestions, including that the apex court may consider fixing some final limit so that whoever wants to apply, can do the same within a time frame.

The bench told Mehta that on the last date of hearing, it had asked the authority to file an appropriate application in

tion and that it why the matter was adjourned for today," the bench said. Mehta said he would file an application in this regard on Tuesday and the court may hear the matter on Wednesday. "I undertake to file it tomorrow. Kindly have it day after," he said.

The bench told Mehta that the authority is also required to say something on the issue of fake claims in the application. The bench said let the Centre come with an appropriate application then it would consider the issue."Otherwise, what we can do is, that we can entrust the inquiry to the Accountant General office," it observed. The apex court posted the

matter for hearing on March 21 so as to enable the Centre to file an appropriate application for further directions on limiting the time period to invite the applications for ex-gratia payment and seeking further direc-

These details came in the

backdrop of the first Chief of Defence Staff(CDS)General

Bipin Rawat and 12 others

including his wife dying in a

helicopter crash on December

defence Ajay Bhatt said in a

written reply the total number

of air accidents in the last five

years was 45 with the IAF

reporting a maximum of 29.

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including helicopters, in the

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years was 12, while it was four

in the Indian Navy. The minister said the IAF lost 34 peo-

ple while it was seven in the

Indian Army and one in the

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He gave these details in

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each day from May 2020 to Feb 2022

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A bout 84.61 tonnes per day (TPD) of incremental Covid-19 Bio medical waste was generated between May 2020 and February 2022 in the country from various sources such as healthcare facilities, quarantine centres/ camps and sample collection centres.

The other sources included laboratories, home care/ home isolation centres engaged in treatment, diagnosis and quarantine of Covid-19 infected or suspected patients, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Environment told Lok Sabha on Monday in a written reply.

He said that as per the Central Pollution Ĉontrol Board (CPCB), about 656 TPD of BMW was generated in

was collected and treated by the Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment facilities (CBWTFs).

In March 2020, the CPCB had issued "Guidelines for Handling, treatment and disposal of waste generated during treatment, diagnostics and quarantine of COVID-19 patients" and developed an application namely, COVID19BWM to track the generation and treatment of COVID-19 BMW at CBWTFs.

There are no reported cases of violation of Guidelines; however, the CPCB has issued notices to 33 numbers of CBWTFs across the country for not reporting data on COVID19BWM.

These were in Karnataka (15), Maharashtra (5) two CBWTFs each in Bihar,

Guiarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana and one each in Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

There are 208 Common Bio-medical Waste Treatment Facilities (CBWTFs) operational in the country for treatment and disposal of Bio-medical Waste (BMW) as per the information furnished by SPCBs/ PCCs for the year 2020. There are no operational CBWTFs in nine (9) States/ Union Territories. The BMW treatment and disposal in these areas is done through captive treatment facilities operated by healthcare facilities them-

1,080 corruption cases involving armed forces' personnel since 2010: Govt in RS 42 Defence personnel killed in aircraft accidents in 5 yrs, Rajya Sabha told

The government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that a total of 1,080 cases of alleged corruption involving armed forces personnel have been reported since 2010. The Army reported the most with 1,046 such cases.

Giving these details, min-ister of state for defence Ajay Bhatt said the number of cases had gone down in the last few years due to steps like strict action and sensitizing the personnel about severity of con-

He said the Indian Air Force reported 29 corruption cases since 2010 while the number in the Navy was five. The number of corruption cases in the Army was 1,046 and the figure is for the period between 2013 and 2021. He provided this information in response to a question about the number of corruption cases involving armed forces personnel since 2010.

The minister said there was a decrease in the number of corruption-related complaints and the likely reasons for the same are: strict action against delinquent personnel, sensitisation of the environment on the severity of conse-



quences and regular promulgation of advisories and policies. Responding to a question on criminal cases involving the armed forces personnel, Bhatt said they are dealt with very severely and that the punishment for such offences is

"The personnel of armed forces are dealt with very severely for any criminal offence. Based on the nature of crimes committed, either an inquiry is conducted or the case is handed over to the civil police," he said.

The minister said the criminal cases are dealt with on a "case-to-case basis" based on the allegations, either by the armed force itself or by the civil police. Replying to another question on the selection of

Republic Day tableaux,

Bhatt said a well-established system is followed for the selection. He was asked why Tamil Nadu's tableau was rejected for participation in this year's Republic Day parade.

Bhatt said the tableau from Tamil Nadu was considered during the first three rounds of the meetings of the expert committee constituted to evaluate the proposals.

After the third round of meetings, the tableau could not make it into the final list of 12 shortlisted for participation in the Republic Day parade, he

The minister informed the house there is a well-established system for selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic Day parade.

The minister said the The government on Monday number of defence personnel informed the Rajya Sabha killed in air accidents was more 42 defence personnel were in the current financial year as 13 armed forces personnel were killed in the crash of an killed in accidents involving aircraft and helicopters of the three Services in the last five IAF helicopter on December 8.

"No increase has been noticed in the number of defence personnel to have died during such accidents during the last five years. "However, during the current financial year, the number of personnel that died was more as 13 defence personnel died in one Indian Air Force helicopter crash on December 8, 2021," Bhatt said. It was in apparent reference to the crash involving General Rawat.

He said every accident in the armed forces is investigated by a board of inquiry or court of inquiry. The primary aim of the investigation is to discover cause(s) based on factual information and institute immediate preventive measures to avoid recurrence of similar accidents, the minister

The recommendations and remedial measures given by each board of inquiry/court

of inquiry are followed up in letter and spirit and implemented immediately to prevent a recurrence," he said.

The minister also said enhanced flight safety measures are being taken by the Indian Army to prevent accidents. Remedial measures as recommended by the Board of Inquiry constituted by the

Indian Navy have been imple-

mented. No accidents of similar nature have recurred since the implementation of the remedial measures, Bhatt said.

The recommendations made by the court of inquiry constituted by the IAF have suggested improvements in the areas of aircraft and system improvements by means of modifications and additional checks, additional training for aircrew and ground crew and aircraft operating limits in certain cases, the minister said.

He said the reduction in life of aircraft and engines has also been recommended. "These recommendations have been circulated to all the operating units of the IAF for implementation so as to reduce aircraft accidents in future,

Govt assures help to victims of road mishap in Canada

The government on Monday **L** assured all possible help to the victims of a road mishap in Canada. Five Indian students had died in an accident near Toronto on Saturday and two others were admitted to the hospital.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Monday said in a tweet message "Deeply mourn the passing away of 5 Indian students in Canada. Condolences to their families. Pray for the recovery of those injured. @IndiainToronto will provide all necessary support and assistance." Jaishankar tweeted.

place near Toronto on Saturday and two injured students were admitted to a hospital. He said the Indian mission

in Toronto was in touch with friends of the victims for required assistance. "Heartbreaking tragedy in Canada: 5 Indians students passed away in an auto accident near Toronto on Saturday. Two others in hospital.

Deepest condolences to the families of the victims, @IndiainToronto team in touch with friends of the victims for assistance," he tweeted.

According to reports, the mishap took place in Ontario between a van in which the stu-Commissioner to Canada Ajay tractor trailer on Highway 401 and Montreal areas.

students had died in an accident near **Toronto on** Saturday and two others were admitted to hospital

Five Indian

in the Quinte West city in Southern Ontario. Harpreet Singh, Jaspinder Singh, Karanpal Singh, Mohit Chouhan and Pawan Kumar were pronounced dead at the scene, it said.

The victims were aged between 21 and 24 years. The police said they were all stu-



Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Anurag Thakur and other parliamentarians in the Lok Sabha, during the second part of the Budget Session, at Parliament House in New Delhi, on Monday,

Photo I SANSAD TV/PTI

Mansingh slams discounts on liquor sales in Delhi

PNS NEW DELHI

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m ajya\ Sabha\ member\ Sonal}$ icized the huge discounts that were earlier being offered by liquor vendors in the national capital and said there was a need to curb policies that cause pain to society.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, she said, "I urge the government to take cognisance of this issue so that such policies which cause pain to society could be curbed.

Criticising the new excise policy of the Delhi Government and massive discounts that were offered on liquor, she said public opposed it and staged protests at many places. "But the Delhi Government remained unfazed. When the Delhi High Court took cognisance of this scheme, this scheme was closed in hurry,"

CBI books ED

New Delhi: The CBI has

booked an assistant director of

for allegedly amassing dispro-

wife which allegedly swelled to

Rs 57 lakh as on March 31

2020, according to the FIR.

During the check period,

Ram had a total income of over

Rs 1.34 crore with expenses of

income from verified sources

and expenses, the CBI con-

cluded that he has amassed Rs

37 lakh as disproportionate

assets in connivance with his

wife, alleges the FIR. Ram is

presently posted in the ED's

After going through his

about Rs 1.16 crore.

office in Guwahati.

Asst director

in DA case

Mansingh said.

Following protests from the public, liquor vendors were amed invoking certain claus-

The Delhi excise commissioner, on February 28, had passed an order discontinuing any discount or rebate on the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of The order referred to

reports of large crowds at liquor stores as well as unhealthy market practices as the reason for the discontinuation of discounts, and said the vendors are indulging in promotional activities which is prohibited under the Delhi Excise Act.

The Delhi High Court on March 8 dismissed pleas seeking to stay the decision of the Delhi government prohibiting any discount or rebate on the MRP of liquor in the national capital.

Naidu urges MPs to fecilitate productive session

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE

 R^{ajya} Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu on Monday urged the members to facilitate a productive second part of the Budget Session as the first part resulted in productivity of 101.40%

Making this appeal on the first day of the session, he referred to the first part of the Budget Session that witnessed eight full consecutive sittings without disturbances and forced adjournments, after about three years and stressed on the need to sustain that spir-

Urging the members to follow Covid appropriate behavior both within and outside the House, he informed the members that another safety measure was recently installed in the Rajya Sabha Chambers to effectively contain

the spread of Corona Virus in Public Grievances and Band radiation which is very effective in killing the virus.

The technology has been developed by CSIR-CSIO. As the Budget Session

resumed after a 30-day recess for Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committees to examine the Demands for Grants of various ministries, Naidu gave an account of the work done in this regard by the eight Committees of Rajya Sabha.

He informed the House that these eight Committees have held 23 meetings for 73 hours and 33 minutes at an average duration of 3 hours 30 minutes per meeting, the best in this regard. This marked an increase of one hour 17 minutes per meeting over that of last year, constituting a rise of 56%. Three Committees on Education, Personnel and duration of meetings of over four hours during the recess

He, however, expressed concern over decline in attendance in these Committee meetings this year. He reiterated the need for nominating members with interest in specialized and technical matters on Committees dealing with those issues. He further noted that the members should give priority for attending the meetings of the Parliamentary panels even during the time of elec-

Referring to the situation in Ukraine, the Chairman noted that evacuation of students from Ukraine was a challenging task and complimented Central and State Governments for putting in praiseworthy efforts in this

Sikh passengers, employees can wear Kirpans on flights and airports

PNS NEW DELHI the Enforcement Directorate

Sikh domestic air passengers and employees working at portionate assets to the tune of Rs 37 lakh in the check period airports will again be allowed of four years. The accused offito carry 'kirpan' of a specific cer Rajkumar Ram, who was then posted in Bengaluru, had length and specified measure of assets worth over Rs 1.18 lakh blade on flights and airports in on April 1, 2016 in his name as well as that of his homemaker

The restoration announcement comes after a Sikh employee wearing a 'kirpan' was stopped from performing duty at the Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport, Amritsar, last week.

The BCAS order on March 4, banning Sikh aviation sector employees from carrying kirpan on person within any Indian airport premises, was criticised by the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC).

The order issued by Bureau Civil Aviation Security



Kirpan may be carried by a Sikh passenger, on his person, provided the length of its blade does not exceed 15.24 cms (6 inches); and the total length of a 'kirpan' does not exceed 22.86 cms (9 inches). It is allowed while traveling by air on Indian aircraft within India (domestic routes of fully domestic flights only,")."

The BCAS order of March 12 basically restores the position before March 4. The para restricting entry of Sikh employees inside the airport carrying kripan of specified size has been deleted.

Soon after the order came in, BJP's Manjinder Singh Sirsa took to Twitter and thanked the Prime Minister's Office and Union Civil Aviation Minister

Jyotiraditya Scindia for swift action regarding doing away with the kirpan restriction.

Sirsa tweeted, "Recent order of Civil Aviation Ministry restricting Sikh employees from carrying kirpan at airport during duty has been changed. The corrigendum removed objectionable restriction. Employees (and passengers) can carry kirpan at Indian airports. Thanking PMO India and Jyotiraditya Scindia ji for swift action." The ban had stirred a row,

and upset the Sikh community that termed it as an infringement of their rights. SGPC president Harjinder Singh Dhami in a letter, had urged Scindia to look into the incident and immediately withdraw the rule. Kirpan, a curved dagger, has to be worn next to the body in Sikh religion.

PM receives desk-thumping welcome in Lower House

PNS NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday received a desk-thumping welcome by BJP MPs in the Lok Sabha as soon as he entered the house after the proceedings had just commenced following the month-long recess in the Budget session.

This is the first time that the House is meeting after the BJP's emphatic victory in the iust concluded assembly polls in five state assembly elections of which the BJP returned to power in four including the key state of Uttar Pradesh where it won successive victory after 37

Modi entered the House minutes after the proceedings commenced and immediately all MPs belonging to the BJP gave him a standing ovation and thumped desks while chanting "Modi, Modi".

Congress president Sonia Gandhi was present in the

All Union Ministers, including Amit Shah and Rajnath Singh, joined the ruling party MPs in welcoming the prime minister to the House. The BJP won in UP, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur while the Aam Aadmi Party emerged victorious in Punjab.

The Prime Minister took his seat in the House when Speaker Om Birla was speaking about a Parliamentary delegation from Austria which witnessed the proceedings of the House from a 'special box'.

After the prime minister, union ministers and the BJP MPs settled down, the Speaker, while welcoming the Austrian delegation, extended greetings of the House as well as the people of India to the Austrian Parliament, the Austrian gov**Modi entered the House** minutes after the proceedings commenced and immediately all MPs belonging to the BJP gave him a standing ovation and thumped desks while chanting "Modi, Modi"

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The delegation was led by President of the National Council of Austria Wolfgang Sobotka.

Birla said the team arrived

in India on March 13 and have already visited Agra. They will proceed to Hyderabad before returning to Austria on March 17. Modi sat through the part of the question hour when questions on child labour and post-pandemic tourist inflow in the country were being

UP BIENNIAL POLLS

Process for 36 council seats begins today

The process for the biennial election to 36 seats from the local body constituency of UP Legislative Council, the Upper House of UP legislature, will commence on Tuesday.

Chief Electoral Officer of UP, Ajay Kumar Shukla, said here on Monday that the Election Commission of India had declared the election schedule on January 28 and the notification for the first phase election to 29 seats was issued on February 4 and the nominations for the first phase of elections had already been

He said the process was later suspended due to assembly polls. He said the nomination for the first phase of these elections could be filed from March 15.

He said the notification for the second phase election to six seats was to be issued on February 10, but it was deferred due to the ongoing elections to UP assembly polls. He said with the conclusion of assembly elections on March 10 after the counting of votes, the nomination papers for the second phase of council elec-tions would be filed from March 15.

The last date for filing nomination for all 36 seats is March 22 and polling on all seats will be held on April 9 and counting of votes will be



held on April 12.

The elected members of the three-tier panchayat bodies and elected members of the urban local bodies and their heads constitute the electoral colleges for the election to the local bodies constituency of the UP Legislative Council.

Party, after losing the closely contested bipolar UP assembly elections, has stepped up its preparation for the election to retain its majority in the UP Legislative Council. In the 100-member UP Legislative Council, the SP has a clear majority with 48 seats while the ruling Bharatiya Janata candidates are likely Party has 36 seats. The BJP is announced on Tuesday

close to majority as eight MLCs of Samajwadi Party and one Bahujan Samaj Party MLC have joined the BJP.

The BJP will leave no stone unturned to win most of the 36 seats to gain a clear majority in the Upper House.

Legislative Council. The SP is likely to consid-Meanwhile, the Samajwadi er new faces for this election and many sitting MLCs are likely to be denied tickets on the grounds of non-performance. Sources in the SP said many leaders who contested the last assembly election and lost by thin margin could be given tickets for the council election. The names of the candidates are likely to be

BJP compares WB with Syria, Afghan



SAUGAR SENGUPTA KOLKATA

Opposition BJP has compared Bengal with Syria and Afghanistan even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday held high-level meeting with top administrative and police officials in the wake of the murder of two municipal councilors who were shot dead on Sunday.

Saying that the situation in Bengal was no better than that of Syria and Afghanistan, BJP national vice president Dilip Ghosh on Monday said, "the law and order situation in our State is worse in the country ... the Chief Minister had promised transforming Kolkata into London but her Government has ended up making Bengal into a Syria or Afghanistan."

Alleging that the ruling TMC was steeped in corruption and criminal activities Ghosh wondered "what guarantee do

you have for the common man where the politicians are shot dead in crowded markets."

Congress sitting councilor of 20 years Tapan Kandu from Jhalda municipality in Purulia district and Trinamool Congress' councilor from Panihati in northern fringes of Kolkata --- Anupam Dutta were on Sunday shot dead by alleged contract killers.

Congress leader Adhir Chowdhury who visited Purulia on Monday said that the "TMC is behind the murder as Tapan had refused to join their party and was trying to form a board in Jhalda which had sprung a hung house" in the just concluded municipal elections. Dutta's family members alleged that he was killed by the land mafia.

Even as the BJP MLAs

staged demonstration in State Assembly party legislator Agnimitra Paul said, "The murthe law and order situation in Bengal is alarming. We demand that the chief minister who is also the Home Minister explains the deteriorating law and order situation in the Assembly. This can't go on."

The Chief Minister on Monday held a high-level administrative meeting with Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, ADG CID and ADG Law and Order sources said adding she had directed the top officials to go after the rowdy elements irrespective of their political colours.

Meanwhile, four persons were arrested on Monday in connection of the two murders. While contract killer Sumit Pandit who was seen in the CCTV firing at the Panihati councilor was arrested from a hideout in the northern fringes of Kolkata two persons were held in connection with the murder of Purulia murders sources said.

Cops on alert in UP for Holi, Shab-e-Barat

The State Government has directed the police and administrative officials to remain on high alert and ensure peace and order during the upcoming Holi and Shabe-Barat festivals.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Awanish Kumar Awasthi interacted with senior administrative and police officers over law and order and preparedness through video conferencing in Lucknow on The officials were told that

the festivals of Holi and Shab-e-Barat would be celebrated simultaneously from March 17 till March 19 and that keeping in view the sensitivity of these occasions, effective action should be ensured by organising meetings of Holika Dahan committee and peace committee at the earliest. The Fire department officials were directed to deploy fire-tenders at appropriate places for ensuring fire safety.

The additional chief secre-

tary said that in all districts, ADMs and DySPs should form a team and check liquor shops and stop the sale of illicit/spurious liquor at all costs. The officials were also directed to complete preventive action against mischievous elements on time.

Awasthi said that police/PAC personnel had been allocated for all districts and all preparations, including their proper deployment, should be



completed. He instructed officials to keep a strict tab in sensitive places/districts and ensure peace and security during Holika Dahan (March 17). Holi (March 18) and Shab-e-Barat

The additional chief secretary also instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted supply of power and water and ensure cleanliness during these festivals. The officials were told to ensure arrangements in coordination with the Food Logistics and Food Safety department.

District officials were also asked to coordinate with the Medical and Health department and ensure the availability of adequate numbers of doctors, paramedical staff and beds in hospitals. During the video conferencing, Awasthi congratulated all senior administrative and police officers of the state for the proceeding con the state for the peaceful conduct of assembly elections.

Officials participating in the video conferencing said that all necessary action and arrangements were being ensured for festivals to be celebrated peacefully and in a cor-

Maha HM orders probe into Fadnavis' charge of plot to frame Opp leaders

PNS MUMBAI

In the continuing battle of nerves between the Opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), Maharashtra Home Minister Dilip Walse-Patil on Monday Criminal ordered Investigation Department (CID) probe into the allegations raised by Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis into the alleged conspiracies to frame Opposition leaders, even CBI inquiry into their allega-

On a day when leader of the Opposition Devendra Fadnavis upped the ante on a pen drive produced by him in the House on March 8 that it contained "proof" conspira-cies hatched by the ruling MVA leaders against the BJP

Braj Holi

in Bharatpur

PNS ■ BHARATPUR

Mahotsav begins

Braj Holi Mahotsav 2022, a three-day carnival celebrating

the vibrant hues of the festival of

colour Holi, has begun with

fanfare in Braj region of

Department and the District

Administration of Bharatpur are

hosting the event promote cul-

tural tourism. "Bharatpur is part

of the Braj region; a sacred land

where Lord Krishna had spent

many years of his boyhood. Braj

place where culture and religion

are so beautifully interwoven,

said Rajasthan Tourism Minister

Vishvendra Singh.

The Rajasthan Tourism

Bharatpur, Deeg and Kaman.

leaders, Walse-Patil announced a CID probe into the Opposition's allegations in the "incriminating" pen drive.
Replying to a debate in the

Maharashtra Assembly on law and order situation in the state, Walse-Patil said that Special Public Prosecutor Pravin Chavan – whose name figures in the sting operation carried out by the Opposition BJP – had resigned from his post, pending a CID inquiry into the "conspiracies" were hatched at "Chavan has resigned as

government advocate. The CID will examine the pen drive and ascertain if the Opposition's allegations are true. After the receipt of the report from the CID report, we will initiate necessary action," Walse-Patil said.

Earlier, rooting for a CBI



made by him, Fadnavis said: Maharashtra police conduct in the House contains the conspiracy behind the raids conducted at the residence of our leader party Girish Maharashtra and what were things that were planted at Mahajan's residence. In the video and tapes the names of several ministers that the Special Public Prosecutor has

into our allegation against its own ministers? Hence, we are demanding a CBI probe into our allega-

Maintaining that till the state orders a ČBI probe into their allegations in the pen drive and also the alleged links of the ruling NCP leaders with underworld don Dawood

Ibrahim, the Opposition BJP MLAs staged a walkout from the Stare Assembly.\

It may be recalled that on March 8, Fadnavis had submitted a pen drive containing "proof" to Deputy Speaker Narhari Zirwal and claimed that the pen drive contained video recordings running into 125 hours, showing how conspiracies were hatched by the police and the three constituents of the ruling MVA -Shiv Sena, NCP and Čongress, to "frame" him and other State office of Pravin Chavan.

Fadnavis had said that the video footage showed Chavan discussing details about how meetings were held at the highest level -- from the chief minister to state DGP to the police commissioner -- to "frame" BJP leader Girish Mahajan under MCOCA and arrest him.

4K held in 10 months for trading ₹427 cr drugs, narcotics in Assam

bottles of codeine-based cough syrup, approximately 31,00,000

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

ssam Governor Jagdish Amukhi said on Monday that as many as 4,052 people have been arrested in the last 10 months for their alleged involvement in trading drugs, and narcotics worth Rs 427 crore seized.

Addressing the Assembly on the first day of the Budget Session, Mukhi said the frontal attack on drug menace, which started in May 2021, was still being carried out with "great

were seized," he added. The seizures include 72.2 kg heroin, 19,207 kg ganja, 49

mated value of Rs 427 crore

tablets and 3.375 kg crystal methamphetamine, he said. Talking about another social ill, the governor said 200 human trafficking victims have been rescued and 78 people

arrested in connection with 67 On paddy procurement, he said that a target to purchase 10 lakh metric tonne from farmers had been fixed for the current Kharif Marketing

Season (KMS).

"As on Mar 10, 2022, "Since May 2021, 2,363 12,248 farmers have sold cases were registered and 4,052 86,285 MT of paddy and have 86,285 MT of paddy and have

ing to Rs 163 crore," he noted. The Kharif marketing season (KMS) 2021-22 runs from

few months. An innovative idea of Cluster House approach has been adopted in the state to construct houses for landless PMAY-G beneficiaries," he added.

es have been built out of a total

sanctioned 7,68,013 units

under Pradhan Mantri Awaas

Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G)

another 7 lakh houses in next

'We will also be taking up

On the COVID-19 vaccination drive, Mukhi said the state is planning to complete second dose administration by March 31 this year.

According to the National Health Mission (NHM) bul-

4,36,28,957 jabs have been administered thus far --2,34,27,555 first doses,

AAP leader and Punjab CM-designate Bhagwant Mann submits his resignation from the Lok Sabha on Monday

PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting the objections/suggestions for approval of revised building plans for Tower-7 & Commercial Building falling in Affordable Group Housing Colony area measuring 5.00 Acres (Licence No 26 of 2019 dated 25.02.2019) in Sector-76, Gurugram Manesar Urban Complex being developed by Smt. Manesh Yaday & Others in collaboration with Pyramid Infratech Private

Vide this public notice to individual person jointly and severally who have made bookings/entered into Agreement for allotment of flat/Shop in the said colony (hereinafter referred as allottees). The building Plan earlier approved is now proposed to be revised for Tower-7 & Commercial Building in the project And Whereas, The office of Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana Chandigarh is seeking objections/suggestions against revised building plans of Tower-7 & Commercial Building. Accordingly, vide this notice, objections/suggestions are hereby invited on the changes in the building plan of the colony. A copy of the earlier approved building plans bearing no ZP-1299/SD(DK)/2019/11324 dated 08.05.2019 and revised plan bearing memo no. ZP-1299/AD(RA)/2022/6086 dated 07.03.2022 are available for perusal at our office and also on website www.pyramidinfratech.com and displayed at our site office for information of all such existing allottees. The said approved building plans and the revised building plans can also be perused in the office of undersigned at Unit No. 501-508, 5th Floor, Unitech Trade Centre, Sector-43, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram as well as in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana-122001.

Holi Mahotsav is a celebration of If you have any objection /suggestion, you may file the same in our office and/or the rich traditions," said in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana -122001 Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok within 30 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed Gahlot."Our endeavour is to that there is no objection /suggestion at your end on the above said changes promote Bharatpur as a distinct

Contact Detail of M/s Pyramid Infratech Private Limited Mr. Sunil Kumar, (Authorised Representative) Mob. No: 9811000240 Address: Unit No. 501-508, 5th Floor, Unitech Trade Centre, Sector-43, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram

भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान Wildlife Institute of India (An Autonomous Institution of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India)

Chandrabani, Dehradun - 248002, India Phone:0135-2646281 Website: www.wii.gov.in, Email: registrarpr@wii.gov.in Advt No.: WII/SL/JICA/2020

CONTRACTUAL ENGAGEMENT OF PROJECT PERSONNEL Vildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, wishes to engage Projec Biologists (3 nos.) for the Project entitled "Basic Study Design of

Biodiversity Assessment for Himachal Pradesh" The Last date of receipt of online/physical application is 28.3.2022 For detailed advertisement with Essential and Desirable qualification etc. please visit the institute website (www.wii.gov.in)

Registra Wildlife Institute of India Dehradun

PUBLIC NOTICE Inviting the objections/suggestions for approval of revised building plans for Tower-5, 6 & Commercial building in the Affordable Group Housing Colony for

an area measuring 5.6972 acres (Licence No. 133 of 2019 dated 16-12-2019 in Sector-59, Gurugram Manesar, Urban Complex being developed by Golden View Builders Pvt. Ltd. & Others C/o M/s Pyramid Home Developers LLP. Vide this public notice to individual person jointly and severally who have made bookings/entered into Agreement for allotment of flat/Shop in the said colony (hereinafter referred as allottees). The building Plan earlier approved is now proposed to be revised for Tower-5, 6 & Commercial Building in the project. And Whereas, The office of Director, Town and Country Planning, Haryana Chandigarh is seeking objections/suggestions against revised building plans of Tower-5,6 & Commercial Building. Accordingly, vide this notice, objections/suggestions are hereby invited on the changes in the building plan of the colony. A copy of the earlier approved building plans bearing no ZP-1388/JD(RD)/2020/4137 dated 12-02-2020 and revised plan bearing memo no. ZP-1388/AD(RA)/2022/6089 dated 07-03-2022 are available for perusal at our office and also on website www.pyramidhomedevelopers.com and displayed at our site office for information of all such existing allottees. The said approved building plans and the revised building plans can also be perused in the office of undersigned at Unit No. 501-508, 5th Floor, Unitech Trade Centre, Sector-43, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram as well as in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana -122001. If you have any objection /suggestion, you may file the same in our office and/or

in the office of Senior Town Planner, Sector-14, Gurugram, Haryana -122001 within 30 days of the issuance of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there is no objection/suggestion at your end on the above said changes.

Contact Detail of M/s Pyramid Home Developers LLP Mr. Sunil Kumar, (Authorised Representative) Mob. No: 9811000240 Address: Unit No. 501-508, 5th Floor, Unitech Trade Centre, Sector-43, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram

October to September. Mukhi 1,99,26,740 second and kg opium, around 1,90,000 further said that 4,57,851 hous-2,74,662 precautionary doses. Notice under section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The Act)

Particulars of Mortgaged property/properties Outstanding amount (Rs.) Name of Borrower(s) (D) Rs. 3,24,764.35/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Twenty Four 06.04.2021 LOAN ACCOUNT NO. PLOT 543 ADMEASURING 200 SQ YDS, CHANDIGARH ROYALE CITY, VILLAGE KARALA, TEHSIL HHLCHD00238417 Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four and Paise Thirty Five Only) JAI PARKASH SANJAY KUMAR up to 24.11.2021

That the above named borrower(s) have failed to maintain the financial discipline towards their loan account (s) and as per books of accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by the Company, Column D indicates the outstanding amount. Due to persistent default in repayment of the Loan amount on the part of the Borrower(s) the above said loan account has been ed by the Company as Non Performing Asset (as on date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification

classified by the Company as Non-Performing Asset (as of date in Column C) within the guidelines relating to assets classification issued by Regulating Authority. Consequently, notices under Sec. 13(2) of the Act were also issued to each of the borrower. In view of the above, the Company hereby calls upon the above named Borrower(s) to discharge in full his/their liabilities towards the Company by making the payment of the entire outstanding dues indicated in Column D above including up to date interest, costs, and charges within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the Company shall be entitled to take possession of the Mortgaged Property mentioned in Column B above and shall also take such other actions as is available to the

Delase note that in terms of provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, "A borrower can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Secured Creditor only till the date of oublication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private reaty. Further it may also be noted that in case Borrower fails to redeem the secured asset within aforesaid legally prescribed time

rame, Borrower may not be entitled to redeem the property. n terms of provision of sub-Section (13) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of his business) any of the secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of secured creditor.

(Trustee EARC Trust SC - 432)

Place: MOHALI / PANCHKULA / JHAJJAR

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
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3.	Ravi Kumar Bhola/ Vimla Devi/ LBDEL00004554134/ LBDEL00005191570	MPL No 219/9, Part of Property No 2/219, Sector-02, Scheme No 10, Madhavpuram Residential Scheme, Meerut/ March 10, 2022	June 19, 2021/ Rs. 23,64,318/-	Delhi/ NCR

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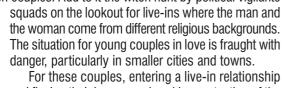
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Living in, living on

The time is ripe for the Govt to enact a legislation to help live-in couples

ive-in relationships are common in India these days. The relationship is still frowned upon as a social anachronism and seen as a rebellion against the institution of marriage. The judiciary, however, fully backs such couples and extends them protection and security from opposing parents. It boosts the confidence of young men and women willing to challenge their parents to live together in a non-formal relationship. Still, the court's protection is only an ad hoc measure. It is time the lawmakers brought in fresh legislation concerning live-ins. For, in the absence of the law, the State does not legally recognise the relationships and, therefore, no legal protections, other than the courts' backing, are extended to the couples for inheritance and child maintenance. The entire live-in relationship hinges on the Supreme Court order that living together is a right to life covered under Article 21 of the Constitution. Live-ins face a paradox: Considered immoral by society, but not an offence in the eye of the law. In recent months, more and more couples are thronging courts across the country seeking security for their lives in face of threats from parents and relatives. Honour killing continues to be the bane of such couples. Add to it the witch hunt by political vigilante



For these couples, entering a live-in relationship and fleeing their homes and seeking protection of the courts is the only available option to escape familial retribution and stay alive. Noticing the growing number of such cases, the courts have decided to draw the Centre's attention to this issue. The Punjab and Haryana High Court earlier this month told the Centre that no separate Act governs live-in relation-

ships but if a person who is legally a major seeks protection, it would be difficult for the court to refuse such protection. Basically, the court has pointed to the absence of a separate legislation for live-ins. To date, live-in relationships have evolved thanks to judicial interventions alone. In 2013, the Supreme Court also pointed out to the dearth of a separate law by saying that live-ins require effective and adequate protection, especially for women and children born out of such relationships. The lawmakers seem to have just one problem in bringing in a new law. They are worried about moral pressure from society because of the illogical belief that encouraging live-ins amounts to promoting pre-marital sex. This is no different from the hesitation to criminalise marital rape because of social pressure that it will adversely affect the institution of marriage. Both are patently wrong assumptions that go against the spirit of the law and the right to choice and fulfilment. We have to mature. The livein youngsters are showing the way by taking their destiny into their hands.



Devotees smear each other with ash and dry colours amid a burning pyre on 'Ekadashi', in Varanasi

Aiming for the stars

Despite facing a financial crisis, Kerala's budget proposals target fancy objectives

he budget proposals presented by Kerala Finance Minister KN Balagopal last Friday were unique in many respects despite the serious fiscal crisis facing the State. Some of the proposals announced in the 130-minute speech reflect an average Malayali's passion to be part of the global comity of nations. The Minister began by declaring an initial allocation of ₹2 crore for convening a Global Peace Conference which would be graced by world leaders and heads of nations to chalk out a strategy to ward off World War III in the backdrop of the Ukraine-Russia



the tune of ₹2 crore was settled.

war. This proposal comes at a time when even the United Nations has failed to make the Russians agree to a ceasefire. He also declared that the State would hold a Global Science Festival and allocated ₹4 crore for the same. Kerala would be the first State in the country to venture into the field of global conclaves in the time of a moribund economy. Not one to be content with such events, the Minister said the State would set up a Latin American Study Centre with the claim that Kerala has ties with Latin America dating back many centuries, hitherto unknown to any historians!

According to Prof BA Prakash, former chairman of the State Finance Commission, Kerala is facing an acute financial crisis similar to the worst crisis it experienced during 1999-2000. "Ninety per cent of the State's revenue receipt goes to meet salaries, pension and arrears. During the first 10 months of the current fiscal, the ratio of gross fiscal deficit to total expenditure went up to 34 per cent. But the budget has not addressed these issues and there are no measures in the Minister's proposals to improve the situation," says the economist. Suicides by farmers and entrepreneurs because of the debt trap and labour unrest have become routine events in Kerala. Last week saw three entrepreneurs downing the shutters because of threats by militant trade unions. Instead of trying to usher in Global Peace, Latin American Study Centre and Global Science Fair, the Finance Minister should have addressed the basic issues haunting the State. While he was announcing the allocation of funds for global events, petrol dealers declared that they would not sell fuel to police vehicles in the State until the outstanding bill to

Changing Constitution to tackle climate crises

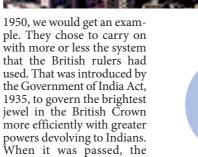


Though Chile enjoys political stability and economic growth, its citizenry is afflicted by social inequality and friction because of unequal prosperity

hile is rewriting its Constitution, and the supposed reason behind such a drastic move is climate change and ecological crises. A climate and ecological emergency has been declared in this South American country; 155 representatives have been elected to write the new Constitution. Chile wants to extract more of the soft shining metal called lithium, meant to be essential for making batteries to run vehicles without petroleum. This economic initiative will be part of the constitutional agenda. Chile has reserves of lithium more than all countries, except Australia.

For decades, Chile has been somewhat of an outlier in South America, enjoying political stability and steady economic growth in a region that has been long mired in conflict and economic crises. But Chile's prosperity has been unequal, coming at a political cost, which is social inequality and friction. Proponents of the referendum envision a new charter that will enshrine more basic rights for all Chileans, especially free higher education and healthcare, as well as affordable housing and transportation, limit the role of the private sector and expand public welfare to create a more equal society. They argue that while Chile's economy has been cruising for decades, growth has not trickled down to the majority of its people. After decades as a regional model for political stability and economic growth, Chile finds it can no longer maintain both. Will the new Constitution help the country's leaders find ways to maintain economic success while ensuring greater equity? Or, will this be a permanent tradeoff?

What is remarkable is that here is a country deciding to create a national document with a specific objective and not just a Constitution. Most countries have produced their national documents without a specific agenda in answer to their essential needs. When we look back 70 years and review what Indian leaders did in anticipation of January 26,



How federal or unitary India's leaders would want her to be, the British did not know. In 1946, a three-leader delegation called the Cabinet Mission proposed such a loose confederal map of India that the Centre would have only three subjects; namely, Foreign Affairs, Defence and Communications. The rest of the subjects would devolve to the provinces, as the States were called those days. Their main endeavour was to keep the Muslim League happy without dividing the subcontinent. When the leaders sat down to write the document, they had in mind the minorities, a federal facade but with a strong Centre to ensure the country did not break up. That explained the introduction of the Concurrent List of Articles, which dealt with those subjects in which both the Centre and the States had

Partition of the Indian empire

was not envisaged.



PROPONENTS OF THE REFERENDUM **ENVISION A NEW** CHARTER THAT WILL ENSHRINE **MORE BASIC** RIGHTS FOR ALL CHILEANS, **ESPECIALLY FREE** HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE, AS WELL AS **AFFORDABLE** HOUSING AND **TRANSPORTATION**

power. Law and Order is a State subject but the Central Reserve Police and the Assam Rifles established by the British, respectively, were persisted with. And in due course, more paramilitary forces were added. Yet when inter-communal riots broke out, there were often demands for the military to be called out. In Gujarat, 2002, the demands were loud by the third day after the trouble began. The military did appear promptly; but then what was the Central

Reserve Police for? Just as Chile has an urgent need to extract more lithium from under the soil, our urgency in 1950 was to keep the country together in the face of its diversity, interlingual but more so intercommunal. In 1947, we allowed the partitioning of the country, losing some 35 per cent of our territory. Within a few years, communal riots began. In Pakistan's western wing, they continued until nearly all Hindus and Sikhs had taken refuge in India. From the eastern wing, there was a continual outflow because of bloodshed and abductions. Neither Partition our central problem.

In 1781, the US wrote a Constitution which evidently

answered the questions raised by its war of independence against the British Empire. There have been only 23 amendments over these 240 years. Our document has undergone well over 100 amendments in the course of 72 years. On balance, the US has flourished as a civilisation; it is today the wealthiest nation and most of its citizens are prosperous. Certainly, its Constitution cannot be faulted for any of its problems.

The Soviet Union wrote its Constitution under the direction of Vladimir Lenin soon after the October Revolution of 1917. By 1991, the Soviet Union collapsed and scattered into 16 different countries. It was an ideological failure; Karl Marx overlooked the psychology that human beings must have incentive to work better. Equality might sound an attractive idea but people are not equal, and do not expect to be treated as such at work. Distribution of goods and services in a fair manner is important but their production is equally vital. The Soviets ignored this and perished. (The writer is a

well-known columnist, an author and a former member of the Rajya Šabha. The views expressed are personal.)

LETTERS TO

SIGNS OF A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY

Sir — It is indeed a positive change that Punjab voters elected 13 doctors, including some specialists, in the recent election. At the time of elections, we generally come across many candidates with criminal backgrounds who get elected to State legislatures and Parliament. That's why unruly scenes are witnessed during Assembly and Parliament sessions and most of the time Bills are passed without any discussion. Therefore, in my view, professionals, intellectuals, academic experts, retired bureaucrats and other society elite should be given the chance by all political parties to enter Assemblies and Parliament to serve people without any political or selfish interests.

Of course, elected on a party's ticket, they can promote their party but not at the cost of people's welfare and development. Doctors, engineers, chartered accountants, sitting or retired IAS, IPS, bankers and education experts should think of contesting elections from their respective areas. The need of the hour for the country is that such people should be elected to enter the temples of democracy. Of course, there are elected people from these groups forgetting the dignity of their profession and becoming a professional politician with all the unwanted behaviour. Such people should be shown the door by the bosses of their political party.

JP Reddy | Telangana

FORWARDING HATRED AND FAKE NEWS Sir — Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin expressing apprehension for malevolent posts in social media that lead to caste and communal clashes, is a matter of serious concern. The instances of online bullying, misinformation and spreading fake news through social media platforms are growing by the day. When someone shares a video on Facebook or you hop onto YouTube, the content reaches you after it has been passed around, syndicated and filtered through several sources. But there is no system for truly identifying the

original source of the content. But that is not the only problem. Across other social media platforms such

Prudent to stop the war



is a situation or a period of fighting between countries or groups of people. A war generally involves the use of weapons by military units and soldiers. It can be seen as a growth of economic competition in a competitive international system. In this light, wars begin as a pursuit of markets for natural resources and for wealth. The main reason for the Russia-Ukraine war is that Ukraine wants to become a member of the Nato military grouping. But Putin is not happy

with it because he does not want Ukraine to hobnob with Russia's enemy countries like America, Estonia, France, and so on.

I think that this war should not be prolonged in any case. The leaders of both the countries, Putin and Zelenskiy, should think about people's freedom, their economies, peace, health and education especially for the children. After two weeks into this war with Ukraine, Russia has achieved less and struggled more than anticipated at the outset of the biggest land conflict in Europe since World War II. It's a dangerous situation for both the countries in particular and the world in general. Since India is a democratic country and a global power that world leaders pay attention to, Prime Minister Narendra Modi must first take firm decisions to stop the war for some time so that all the Indians stranded in

Ukraine can be evacuated safely Mithlesh Panwar | Ujjain

as WhatsApp, Twitter and Instagram, words and photos are getting shared to millions across the globe with little to no curation. Many of the 'forwarded' messages that we receive on WhatsApp on a daily basis either have partial or no truth at all. Their contents make it clear that the subterraneous aim of these 'forwards' is to fuel differences, instigate communal hatred and political animosities among people and sections of society. Anonymity does breed anti-social behaviour. Fake IDs, pseudonyms and unverified user accounts abound online, giving people ample opportunity to mask their identities as they ost provocative messages.

Ranganathan Sivakumar | Chennai

DISILLUSIONMENT IN THE CONGRESS Sir — This refers to the editorial, 'Hungry to win' (March 14). The editorial has aptly presented the contrasting functioning style of the BJP and Congress with reference to electioneering. The foremost objective of any political party is to provide service to the people and country at large. But to attain that goal, winning elections is imperative and a "pressing need" without which the party would lose relevance. The political authority of a party, or its leader, is proportional to its success in elections. This is the formula that Prime

Iinister Narendra Modi is following. On the other hand, the Congress is almost twice older than India as a Republic but it has failed to comprehend its current perilous situation. When the BJP won power at the Centre in 2014, the Congress ruled nine States — now the number is down to just two. In the last eight years, the Congress has won only five of the 45 elections held in the country. Moving forward, the party has been floundering under the leadership of the 'famlly' for many years. Rahul and Priyanka led its campaign in the Assembly elections with Sonia Gandhi as an invisible presence in the background, and the rejection of the party by voters means the rejection

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It is for the party leadership to decide (if he will continue as the Goa CM)



- Pramod Sawant



positive shifts, our negotiators reported to me.

Russian President - Vladimir Putin

I'm not foolish to say that everything I've chosen has worked out



Richa Chadha



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The Government needs to take bold steps to create more jobs in the country

UNEMPLOYMENT



BRIJENDER SINGH PANWAR

he soaring unemployment rate in India is a matter of concern.In Himachal Pradesh, a staggering figure of 8,82,269 youths have registered themselves as unemployed. The real figure may be more because many of those who lost their jobs would have gone back home without registering themselves. The situation is no better in neighbouring states like Jammu & Kashmir (13.2 per cent), Punjab (9 per cent) and it is alarmingly high in at Haryana (31 per cent). While the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has estimated the unemployment rate at 11.7 per cent in the country, the rate in these states is much higher than the national average of 8.1 per cent. The ground realities in Harvana indicate that thousands of unemployed youthincluding those having BTech and MTech degrees applied for just three posts of peon in the district court of Jind. Undoubtedly, the



COVID-19 pandemic crippled businesses and caused retrenchments, adding to the jobless numbers. In the states, there are clear variations of the numbers. As per CMIE data, the unemployment rate in December 2021 was highest in Haryana (34.1 per cent), followed by Rajasthan (27.1 per cent), Jharkhand (17.3 per cent) and Bihar (16 per cent). There are also age-wise variations. Based upon the data from CEDA-CMIE (between January, 2019 and July 2021), 2020-21 saw 42.4 per cent fewer 15-19 years old employed in comparison to 2019-20. The age group of 20-29 saw the average monthly employment numbers go down by 15.6 per cent. Another important area in terms of variations is gender. Though the enrolment of women in schools and colleges is improving, the proportion of women who get employed and get paid is low and continues to decline over the years. Both in urban and rural areas, unemployment among women is higher than men. For women, the average unemployment rate was just double to that of men- 14.28 per cent for women in comparison to 7.88 per cent for men. On top of it, of the women willing to seek work in urban areas,92.1 per cent donot get any work and same is true for 54.8 per cent women in rural areas.

The main reason is that most women are involved in agricultural jobs in rural areas. Due to mechanisation of agriculture, womenfolk lost their job market and female labour participation in agriculture declined considerably. Secondly, India's manufacture industry is not labour-intensive which has made it difficult to compensate women who get displaced from agricultural jobs. The situation seems to be grim on all fronts. The manufacturing, hospitality and entertainment, real estate, tourism and other sectors of economy which generate employment are hard-pressed. The investment rate is declining and has dropped from 34.3 per cent in 2011 to 27 per cent in 2020.Indian banks are badly affected by NPAs and interest rates are expected to increase due to inflation. The companies are not investing due to uncertain situation, delicate access to credit and weak demand because of shrinking middle class and lack of purchasing power. The economic situation can improve only if steps are taken to revive the economy by providing timely support to the industries, agriculture and allied fields, MSMEs and informal sector which generates employment. The private investment needs to pick up in a big way. This can only be possible if the Government take some bolds steps to create jobs for the unemployed youth.

(The writer is a senior journalist and Chairman, Panwar Group of Institutions, Solan, Himachal Pradesh. The views expressed

Whether to resurrect LPG subsidy or not



The Govt should focus on reducing price (sans subsidy) by cutting import dependence, fostering competition by involving private entities and bringing it under GST

The recent spurt in the price of LPG in the wake of Ukraine crisis has triggereda demand for resurrection of subsidy which the Narendra Modi government had stopped depositing in beneficiary's accounts since June, 2020.

Is the demand justified? By definition, subsidy on purchase of any given product is subvention or financial assistance provided by the state to a certain class of persons who cannot afford to pay the market-based or cost-plus price from their limited income. In case of LPG, the current price of a 14.2 kg cylinder is around ₹2000 (in Delhi). Assuming that the person can't pay more than ₹600 the Government will give her ₹1400 as subsidy so that she is able to buy the cylinder.

How much a person can afford to pay? What should be the level of subsidy? Who should be in the beneficiary's list?

The Government needs to carefully and comprehensively look into these questions even as it decides to spend tax payers' money on giving subsidy. While, doing this exercise, it should keep in mind an overarching principle that 'the beneficiaries are poor'. It also needs to consider that subsidy cannot be given eternally; it should be withdrawn once their financial status improves.

Yet, in the administration of the LPG subsidy by successive regimes, thesebasics werethrown to the winds. In the past, anyone irrespective of his income who managed to get an LPG connection automatically became eligible. Therefore, it was only natural that all and sundry including the rich enjoyed the benefit of subsidy. The proof of the pudding is

According to the Economic Survey (2015-16), only 0.07 per cent of LPG subsidy in rural areas went to a fifth of the poorest households. In urban areas, the poorest fifth got only 8.2 per cent of subsidies. Thus, in rural areas, the poorest had no access to subsidy at all, whereas in urban, they got a miniscule portion. There were other flaws too.

Prior to January 1, 2015, the subsidy was embedded in the sale price.

TheUnion Government asked the three major oil marketing PSUs — Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleumand Hindustan Petroleum to sell LPG to eligible beneficiaries at a low price unrelated to the cost was higher. The PSUs would then, get reimbursement of theexcess of the cost over the price as subsidy from the GOI.

The system was prone to misuse as thehigher market price gave incentive to the distributors to divert subsidized cylinders to commercial users such as hotels, restaurants, etc. - using modus operandi such as fake/non-existent beneficiaries or diversion of stocks straight from the godowns.

The other aberration has to do with reimbursementof cost to PSUs using a



NOW THAT SUBSIDY HAS BEEN STOPPED, THOUGH mix of the 'formula' and 'actual'. This is arrived at by adding to the BELATED, IT refinery-gate price or RGP (taken MAKES NO as import parity price or IPP and export parity price or EPP in the ratio of 80:20), freight, marketing costs, marketing margin, dealers'-commission and taxes and SENSE TO RESURRECT IT. UNTIL 2020, duties. This results in inflated OVER 60 PER payments and avoidable increase CENT OF THE in subsidy. From January 1, 2015, the Modi Government launched direct **BENEFICIARIES** WERE GETTING benefit transfer (DBT) of LPG UNJUSTIFIABLE under a scheme nicknamed ACCESS AND IT PAHAL (Pratyaksha Hastaantarit Laabh). Under it, subsidy is not embedded in the price. The mar-MUST NOT BE RESTORED FOR keting PSUs deliver the cylinder to THEM. AS FOR the beneficiaries at full cost-based price (say ₹2000 in our example). THE POOR, MODI They follow it up by depositing subsidy (₹1400) in beneficiary's MAY CONSIDER

GIVING THEM

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from the GOI. CASH This system addressed the **ASSISTANCE** problem of fake beneficiaries 'DIRECTLY' FOR (around 45 million fakes were eliminated till 2020) and diversion AS LONG AS of stocks. However, it failed to INTERNATIONAL make a dent on the undeserving beneficiaries as also inflated pay-PRICE REMAINS AT AN ELEVATED

Even as the Government added about 80 million poor householdsover a five-year period, no serious effort was made to exclude the better-off. The moves made so far, likethe Prime Minister's clarion call to surrender subsidy received a lukewarm response. The measure resulted in exclusion of only 25 million. In June, 2020 (when the Government stopped giving subsidy), the undeserving households

account and claim reimbursement

accounted for nearly 60 percent of the total beneficiaries at about 200 million. Was the stoppage intended?

From the way things unfolded, it appears that it was not. In the budget for 2020-21, the Government had made a provision of ₹36,000 crore towards LPG subsidy. This allocation albeit for the full year won't be necessary if the intent was to discontinue in June 2020, that is within three months of the year start. During 2021-22 also, it had no intention of disbanding subsidy as it allocated for ₹14,000 crore under this head. Yet, if the government has not paid for nearly 21 months now, the reason is elsewhere.

It had to do with a fortuitous circumstances created by worldwide destruction of demand in the wake of the COVID - 19 pandemic which led to steep decline in the international price of crude oil (in April 2020, it had plummeted to below \$20 per barrel). Correspondingly, the price of all petroleum products including LPG also declined. As on June 2020, the cost of supplying LPG at the retail der. That indeed was the target price during the earlier period butreached with subsidy support.

In this scenario and consumers getting access at a low price of ₹600 even on cost-plus basis, it was only natural that the Government stopped depositing any amount towards subsidy. Thereafter, crude price started moving northward from US\$ 22 per barrel in May 2020 to US\$ 72 per barrel in August 2021; the international price of LPG too increased in tandem leading to hike in its cost at retail level to ₹900 per cylinder. As a result, consumers paid a higher price of ₹900

as they didnot get subsidy.

Now, in the wake of Ukraine crisis, with crude price skyrocketing to \$130 per barrel and correspondingly, the cost of LPG shooting to over ₹2000, the question haunting Team Modi is: whether to resurrect subsidy or not?

From day one, the very idea of subsidizing LPG was flawed. It was neither meant for the poor, nor any sun-set date was ever fixed. Way back in 2002-03, then NDA government under Vajpayee decided to make it transparent (by giving subsidy from the budget) and eventually disbanding it but no deadline set. In 2012-13, the Kelkar Committee recommended removal of 25 per cent of subsidy and 75 per cent in the following two years. This recommendation was not acted upon.

Now that subsidyhas been stopped, though belated, it makes no sense to resurrect it. Until 2020, over 60 percent of the beneficiaries were getting unjustifiable access and for the poor (around 80 million) who feel the pinch of price hikes, Modi may consider giving them cash assistance'directly' for as long as international price remains at elevated level.

Meanwhile, the Government should focus on reducing price (sans subsidy) by reducing import dependence, fostering competition in LPG marketing by involving private entities and bringing it under GST.

IN STATES WITH NO REPEAT THEORY. OUR PARTY HAS RETAINED POWER BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN ALL-ROUND DEVELOPMENT. — PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI





THE UTTAR PRADESH VERDICT IS NOT A TRUE REFLECTION OF PEOPLE'S MANDATE. THE BJP LOOTED VOTES TO WIN ELECTIONS. —WEST BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER **MAMATA BANERJEE**

Ukraine: After the pause

When will the guerilla war against Russian occupation start? Will the Ukrainian Govt retreat to Lviv? Will Russia invade western Ukraine too?

≺wo weeks since Russia invaded Ukraine, and still no 'decapitation' of the Ukrainian government, no city captured except Kherson (which no non-Ukrainian had ever heard of before the war), and maybe 2,000 military dead on each side

It's not exactly a stalemate, since the Russians have more tanks, more artillery and more air power, and they have not yet used them as aggressively as they might. So, we can use this (relative) pause in the fighting to examine Moscow's remaining

options. The Ukrainians have no option except to stay on the defensive, keep fighting and hope for the best, but the Russians have a plethora of choices ranging from 'quit and go home' to 'use nuclear



GWYNNE DYER

What the Russians have done up to now is contrary to their own military doctrines. Indeed, it was probably imposed on the military by President Vladimir Putin, because it was based on magical thinking.

Standard Russian doctrine for attacking a country the size of Ukraine would require a methodical advance, with massive artillery and air strikes paving the way and logistical support following close behind. Instead, they sent tanks and motorised infantry on crosscountry dashes to grab key targets with only the food and

ammunition they could carry. It would have worked if most Ukrainians had really been praying for Russia to liberate them from the drug-addled Jewish Nazi gangsters who Putin



unwise to believe your own propaganda. The Ukrainians resisted and the Russian armoured columns stalled. By Day Five Russian troops were buying or stealing food from the

The sixty-km-long military convoy that has been stuck on the road north of Kiev for a week could serve as a logo for the whole misbegotten operation. Now there is a pause while scapegoats are found (because Putin must not be blamed) and new plans are being made (perhaps by new commanders). But there will be a second phase.

It will probably be 'by the book, which means that the defenders will be crushed by massive firepower in order to spare the lives of Russian troops.

So far only Kharkiv and Mariupol have had the full treatment, with only occasional rockets hitting other big cities. This

is probably because Putin thought he could win without destroying iconic cities like Kyiv and Odessa and killing tens of thousands of people. Even the man who levelled Grozny and Aleppo understands that too much blood is bad PR.

That possibility no longer exists (indeed, it probably never did), so now his choices are retreat or mass slaughter. Since retreat would probably mean he also loses power - 'he led us into a needless war, he brought shame and humiliation on us, and he lost the war' - Putin will see that as no choice at all, so the mass slaughter will probably

commence. Beyond this, the questions multiply. How long will the sieges last? When will the guerilla war against the Russian occupation start? Will the Ukrainian government retreat to Lviv? Will Russia invade western Ukraine too?

Here's a more fundamental question: could all this have been avoided by some different choice in the past?

Not by refusing to let the formerly Communist-ruled countries of eastern Europe join NATO. Having suffered under Russian overlords for forty-five years after the Second World War, and in some cases having been invaded to bring them back into line - Hungary 1956, Czechoslovia 1967 - they desperately wanted the protection of

Nato membership Some of them had even longer experience of Russian imperialism - Poles spent the entire 19th century under Russian rule - and they knew Russia's reflex is always to build

countries around it. It would have been unthinkable to leave them out in the cold. That whole debate about

a buffer zone of obedient vassal

whether NATO should have refused to let them in ignores the history. A better approach might have been to let Russia join NATO too, but it would have had to be a very different Russia.

Such a Russia may have been within reach in the 1990s if the country had been treated with respect, the carpet-baggers had been kept out, and the West had not put its money on that drunken fool Boris Yeltsin. But many people think all of that was inevitable, and maybe it was.

In any case, we are where we are, and the task for NATO now is to protect Ukraine, the country it kept out, while avoiding a nuclear war.

(Gwynne Dyer's new book is 'The Shortest History of War'. The views expressed are personal.)

Russia continues strike on Kyiv suburbs 'I wish war would

 $R^{\hbox{\it ussian forces fired artillery}}_{\hbox{\it strikes on suburbs north-}}$ west of Kyiv overnight and targeted points east of the capital, the head of the Kyiv region said Monday. A town councilor for Brovary east of Kyiv was killed in fighting there, regional administration chief Oleksiy Kuleba said on Ukrainian television. He also reported strikes overnight on the northwest towns of Irpin, Bucha and Hostomel, which have seen some of the worst fighting in Russia's stalled attempt to take the capital.

The general staff of Ukraine's armed forces said Monday morning that Russian troops have not made major advances over the past 24 hours despite expanding strikes to the west. Ukrainian forces are targeting Russian bases, targeting their logistical abilities, the general staff said in a statement on Facebook marking the 19th day of the war. The general staff accused Russian forces of setting up firing positions and military equipment in churches

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(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.

(B)

(Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002365295

Vijay Grover (Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower)

LBDEL00002371601

(Borrower), Vandna Rani (CO-Borrower)

LBGHZ00002313993

(Borrower), Ankur Mohan (Co-Borrower)

LBGUR00002313398

Upadhyay (Borrower) Shilpi Upadhyay (Co-

LBDEL00002275165

(Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002935333

Manoj Kumar Sharma

(Co-Borrower) LBNOD00002375543

LBGUR00002386632

Katwal (Co- Borrower)

LBDEL00002947887

Santosh Kumari (Co-

LBGUR00002372750

(Borrower), Bhawna (Co- Borrower)

LBNOD00002261419

Sharma (Borrower)

LBGUR00002430669

LBGHZ00002441728

(Borrower), Shilpi Ghai (Co- Borrower)

LBDEL00002342824

(Borrower), Asheesh Anand (Co-Borrower

LBGUR00002263446

(Borrower), Shobha

LBGUR00002872796

16. Ashish Vashishtha

Sharma (Co-Borrower)

Himanshu Sikka

(Borrower), Gulsan

Kumar Sikka (Co-

LBNOD00002278735

9710029933/9810029926/01244233933

Date: March 15, 2022

Apar Sarkar (Co-

Ganesh Sharma

10. Kanishka (Borrower)

Borrower)

Vishal Khattar

Surya Prakash

Aditya Prakash

Borrower)

Chintu Ghai

(Borrower), Prem Shashank (Co-

(Borrower), Kamla

(Borrower), Rachna

Sanjiv Lamba (Borrower), Madhu

Himanshu Gupta

Neera Sharma

Vijay Grover



and other civilian infrastructure so that Ukrainian forces can't fire back. The accusation could not be immediately verified, though Associated Press reporters have seen

Russian armoured vehicles in residential areas

PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financia

Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the

below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is",

Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any

(C)

Flat No B1 1301, JKG Palm

Court, Plot No Gh 1d, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up

Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq F

Flat No B1 1302, JKG Palm Court, Plot No Gh 1d, Sector

16c. Greater Noida West, Up

Flat No B1 1801, 18th Floor,

JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida

West, Up. Super Builtup Area-

Flat No B1 1304, JKG Palm

Court, Plot No Gh 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up

Super Builtup Area-1635 Sq.F

Flat No B2 1704, 17th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, Up Super Builtup Area-

Flat No 1603, 16th Floor, A2

Palm Court, Plot No.Gh-01d

Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar

201301. Super Builtup Area

B2-1801, 18th Floor, JKG Palm

Court plot No. Gh/1-D. Sector

16C, Greater Noida West, Up 201307 Super Builtup Area –

Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq F

Flat No 1804, (18th Floor), JKG Palm Court, Tower B2, Plot no. GH-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater

Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201307, Super Builtup Area- 1635 Sq. Ft.

B-2-1303, 13th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. Gh/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida

West, UP. Super Builtup Area

Flat No.- A2 1804, 18 Floor,

JKG Plam Court, at Plot No. GH/1-D Sector 16C, Greater

Appartment No. A2-1508, 15th

No. Gh/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Supe

Tower- A2, JKG Palm Court, Situated At Plot No GH-1D Sector-16C, Greater Noida,

Flat No 1805, (18th Floor), JKG

Palm Court, Tower A1, Plot no. GH-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater

Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201307

Super Builtup Area- 1090 Sq. Ft

Flat No- A2- 1605, JKG Palm

Court, Tower A1, Wing 2, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida Up 201307) Super Builtup Area-

A 1-1801, 18th Floor, JKG

Palm Court, Plot No. Gh-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-

Flat No 1802 18th Floor Tower

Greater Noida Utter Pradesh 201307 Super Builtup Area-

from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

Management Pvt Ltd have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link-https://disposalhub.com) of our auction agency M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till April 05, 2022 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh, Delhi-110005 and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before April 05, 2022

before 05:00 PM along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly

note, incase prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of

tender documentsmay be submitted at ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower, New Rohtak Road, Karol

bagh. Delhi-110005 on or before April 05, 2022 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of

Please note that Marketing agencies 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited. 2. Augeo Asset

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons

rs, kindly contact ICICI Bank Limited on 8584874809 or M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited on

A1 Palm Court Sec 16C

1090 Sq. Ft.

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Noida. Super Builtup Area-

Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot

Noida West, Noida Super

Builtup Area- 1185 Sq. Ft

Builtup Area- 1185 Sq. Ft.

Flat No 1408, 14th Floor

1395 Sq. Ft.

Vikrant Singh (Borrower), Ritu Singh (Co- Borrower)

Flat No. B1-1802, 18th Floor, Jkg Palm Court, Gh-1D, Sector 16c, Greater Noida West, UP.

Builtup Area-1765

and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 3rd Floor Shal Tower New Rohtak Road, Karol bagh. Delhi-110005

Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit

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February 25, 2022

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Date and Time of Property Inspection

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March 23

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An artillery strike hit a nine-story apartment building in the Obolonsky district of northern Kyiv on Monday morning, destroying apartments on several floors and igniting a fire. The state emergency agency, which released

images of the smoking building, said no casualties have been reported so far.

The attacks around the capital, Kyiv, came a day after Russia escalated its offensive by shelling areas close to the Polish border, including an airbase

PUBLIC NOTICE

The meeting has been called to discuss the filing of the vacancy which has arisen or

account of expulsion of Sh Neeraj Agarwal M.S No. 170 and approved by the order of the Sp Registrar. The President informed that the

vacancy is to be filled up as per Rule 19 of the DCS Rules, 2007 and the RCS office is to be informed 15 days in advance before advertising

the vacancy in the newspapers. The matter wa

discussed among the committee members and it has been resolved that the vacancy to be filled up and the RCS office be informed about the

filing up of the vacancy. The cost of flat including

equalization charges is Rs. 61,36,133/-For The People Conservative CGHS LTD. PRESIDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE
TAKE NOTICE THAT at behest of our client, we investigating title of Mrs. Rekha Goyal ("Borrower" Property bearing No. K-3/29, area measuring 83 sq.,

investigating title of Miss. Rekha Goyal ("Sorrower") for Property bearing No. K"279, area measuring 83 st., Yds., out of Khasra No. S60, Situated in the area of Village Ghenda Guyran Khadar, in the abadi of K Block, Gali No. 11, West Ghonda, Illaqa Shhadhara, Delhi ("Sada Property"), who is the owner of the said property by writte of Gift Deed dated 02.09.2011, duly registered as document no.2299 who intends to avail a loan from our Client Le. Fullerton Indial Home Finance Company Ltd. by creating a mortgage against said property. Any Person having any claims or rights in respect of the Said Property are/is herby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within a period of 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which, it will be assumed that there are no claims or issues in respect of Said Property and the transaction, if any shall be completed without reference to the claims, if any, Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants) 200, IInd Floro, 23, Shivaly Marg, Molk Naga, N. Delhi-15 Pn: 011-41112527-28 kumarassociates advocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to all concern that Mr. N.S. Bhatnagar S/o Sh. L.P. Bhatnagar & Pawan Kumar Bhatnagar, S/o Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, R/o D-28, Sector-20,

Noida U.P. who is legal heir current owner of D-28, Sector-20, Noida, Transfer/Mutation the said property from Late B.S. Bhatnagar, who is the brother

and brother's son of deceased and he/she is the legal heir of deceased Late B.S. Bhatnagar S/o Late L.P. Bhatnagar, and Expect two other legal heir are Brother- N.S. Bhatnagar S/o Late Sh. L.P. Bhatnagar

& Brother's son, Pawan Kumar Bhatnagar, S/o Shani Swaroop Bhatnagar, it is informed to all concern that the said Property No. D-28, Sector-20, Noida U.P. is going to be Transfer/Mutation in favour of Mr. N.S.

. Bhatnagar S/o Sh. L.P. Bhatnagar & Pawan Kumar

Bhatnagar, S/o Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar, If same one has/have any objection, kindly inform to (Housing

Division) Noida authority with all evidence within 15 Division) Notice audition of this notice.

Mr. N.S. Bhatnagar

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public at large is hereby informed

that Late Sh. Jai Kumar Rakyan S/o Late Sh. Mithu Mal Rakvan R/o D-312, Secon

Floor, Defence Colony, South Delhi

property in joint ownership along with hi

daughter Mrs. Bandana Doval, in ou

project Vatika India Next, plot No.-17, K-8.3

Sector-83, Vatika India Next, Gurgaor

Haryana, admeasuring 240 sq yd. which

his legal heirs Mrs. Bandana Doval and

Mrs. Meena Rakyan has requested th

company to be transfer to her Bandan

Doval. Any person having any objection

on this please may contact the compar

officer details as under within 15 day

Block A. Vatika INXT City Centre

Vatika Limited

A-002, Ground Floor

Sector 83, Gurugram

Haryana, India - 122012

after which No Claim would be accepted.

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critical to Ukraine's defense. The Ukrainian military said Monday that Russian troops had not made great strides over the past day. Russia's Defense Ministry says its forces have advanced.

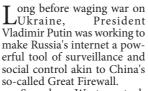
The fighting, now in its

a human toll. A pregnant woman and her baby died after Russia bombed the maternity hospital where she was meant to give birth. Associated Press images of the woman being rushed to an ambulance on a stretcher were circulated around the world and encapsulated the horror of attacks on humanity's most innocent.

The Ukrainian president's office reported Monday that airstrikes hit residential buildings near the important southern city of Mykolaiv, as well as in the eastern city of Kharkiv, and knocked out a television tower in the Rivne region in the northwest. Explosions rang out overnight around the Russianoccupied Black Sea port of

The Russian Defense Ministry said Monday its forces had advanced 11 kilometers (7 miles) over the past 24 hours. A ministry spokesman did not comment in a video statement on humanitarian corridors or the crisis in the desperate, strategically important city of

War censorship exposes Putin's leaky Net controls



the Russians have to talk about Ukraine. And what is going on in Russia. Is Facebook," Soldatov, now exiled in London. Wrote on Facebook in the war's first week. "You can-

(Order 5. Rules 20 of the Code of Civil Procedures) IN THE COURT OF NEHA GARG, ADDITIONAL DISTRICT

JUDGE-01, CENTRAL, ROOM NO. 41, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI CS SCJ No:685/18

SAMEER BHATNAGAR

SAMEER BHATNAGAR ADDRESS- A004 KALYANI APT SECTOR-6, VASUNDHARA, NR MEWARD COLLEGE GHAZIABAD, UTP-201012

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

National Federation of Farmers Procurement Processing & Retailing Cooperatives of India LTD (NACOF). A multi-state cooperative invites EOI for JV Partner with NACOF for Supply, Design, Installation, Testing, Commissioning for Compressed Biogas Plants with capacity of 2.5/5/7.5/10/12.5 MT per day and Biomass pellets making plants with capacity of 25/50/75/100/125 MT per day for use of all types of agriculture waste including Cow dung, Poultry droppings, Biomass waste, Press Mud or any other type of waste under "SATAT" scheme & "Gobardhan" scheme of

Interested parties are requested to submit their expression of interest for ABOVE along with company profile, nature of business, turnover(last 3 years) and ITR KYC within one week from now. Applicant must have been working for last 5 years in the similar business.

EOI to be sent on company's letter head addressed to:



NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING CORRIGENDUM

इस कार्यालय पत्रांक सं. 3996/E-Tender Notice/2021-22 Date 06.01.2022. ए 4066/E-Tender Notice/2021-22 Date 10.01.2022 से जल जीवन मिशन के काय हेतु आमंत्रित ई-निविदाओं की तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है।

S. No.	Description	Time Schedule (Key Dates)
1	Date of Online Publication	23.03.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
2	Document download : Start Date	24.03.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
3	Pre-Bid Meeting : Date	29.03.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
4	Bid Submission : Start date	01.04.2022 at 11:00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission : End date	06.04.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs
6	Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting	06.04.2022 upto17:00 Hrs

शेष नियम एवं शर्तें निविदा के अनुसार यथावत रहेंगे।

Executive Engineer

So when Western tech companies began cutting ties with Russia following its invasion, Russian investigative journalist Andrei Soldatov was alarmed. He'd spent years exposing Russian censorship and feared that well-intentioned efforts to aid Ukraine would instead help Putin isolate Russians from the free flow of information, aiding the Kremlin's propaganda war.

"Look, guys the only space

not just, like, kill our access." Facebook didn't, although

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT

ICICI BANK LTD

Whereas you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 24th Day of March, 2022 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 17.11.2021

(NEHA GARG) Civil Judge 1, Central District Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NACOF Email: ps.babu@nacof-india.com



The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows:irs Irs Irs irs



the Kremlin soon picked up that baton, throttling both Facebook and Twitter so badly they are effectively unreachable on the Russian internet. Putin has also blocked access to both Western media and independent news sites in the country, and a new law criminalizes spreading information that contradicts the government's line. On Friday, the Kremlin said it would also restrict access to Instagram. By early Monday, the network monitor NetBlocks found network data showing the social network restricted in

Russia across multiple users. Yet the Kremlin's latest censorship efforts have revealed serious shortcomings in the government's bigger plans to straightjacket the internet. Any Russian with a modicum of tech smarts can circumvent Kremlin efforts to starve Russians of fact.

For instance, the government has so far had only limited success blocking the use of software known as virtual priallows users to evade content

end': Refugees reach 2.8 million

As Russia's war in Ukraine becomes a grim new reality for millions of Ukrainians, the tens of thousands who make the increasingly treacherous journey toward safety in the European Union each day are left with no sense of when, or if, they'll ever return home.

More than 2.8 million people have fled Ukraine in the wake of Russia's invasion, according to the UN refugee agency, the vast majority seeking refuge in Poland which has taken in more than 1.7 refugees in the last 19

In the Polish border town of Przemysl, some of those who are fleeing, mostly women and children, are exhausted and express a simple wish that the war and violence would stop.

"All day crying from the pain of having to part with loved ones, with my husband, my parents," said Alexandra Beltuygova, 33, who fled from Dnipro, a city between the embattled metropolises of Kyiv and Mariupol.

"I understand that we may not see them. I wish this war would end," she said.

At a refugee center in Suceava in northern Romania, 28-year-old Lesia Ostrovska watched over her 1-vear-old son as her daughter, who is 8, played nearby with other children displaced by the war. "I left my husband, my

father, my mother, my grandparents," said Ostrovska, who is from Chernivtsi in western "It's hard with kids, in the

bus, here in this situation ... We hope that the war is finished soon and we can go back home.' As the fighting, now in its third week, continues to exact a grievous human toll in Ukraine with Russian troops bombarding many of the country's most

populous cities, the number of those crossing into countries on the eastern edge of the EU has begun to slowly wane in recent days. In Hungary, where around 255,000 refugees have entered so far, only 9,000 people crossed the border with Ukraine on Sunday compared to more than twice that on March 1, according to

In Slovakia, where more than 200,000 people have fled, fewer than 9,000 crossed the border on Sunday, down from more than 12,000 four days earlier. And in Poland on Sunday, about 82,000 refugees were admitted, down from an earlier daily peak of around 129,000.

Still, those who managed to flee the violence continued to arrive in countries on Ukraine's western border.

In Przemysl, some recounted being witnesses to military attacks on civilians, something Russia continues to deny. "I saw destroyed houses and fighting. I saw a lot of tanks when I was driving from Kyiv. I know that a house near us was completely destroyed this morning," said Inessa Armashova, 40, a resident

US, China aides to meet as tensions mount over Russia

AP WASHINGTON

The US and China are sending top aides to meet in Rome on Monday amid mounting tensions between the two countries over the Russia-Ukraine war and as the U.S. Said Russia has asked China for military equipment to help press its campaign.

İn advance of the talks, adviser Jake Sullivan bluntly warned China to avoid helping

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H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006, Telephone.: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508,

CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

Notice Inviting Tender

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-II), Vyasi HEP, Lakhwa

Bhawan, Dakpathar, Distt-Dehradun (Uttarakhand) invites sealed

tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

Tender No: 17/UJVNL/03/EE (Civil-II)/Vyasi HEP/2021-22.

Name of the Work: "Hiring of Bus (35 Seater or above) for up and

down journey of school children of Project affected people of Vyasi

Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,88,060.00 (Rs. Fourteen Lakh Eighty Eight

Date of availability of bid document on website: 15.03.2022 from

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documer

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity

Last Date for submission of tender: 05.04.2022 up to 15:00 Hrs.

can be downloaded from Nigam's website https://www.ujvnl.com

Project at Dakpathar, Dehradun for 10 month (Year 2022)"

Thousand Sixty Only) Including All Applicable Taxes

global sanctions that have hammered the Russian economy. "We will not allow that to go forward," he said. U.S. Officials are also accusing China of spreading Russian

disinformation that could be a

pretext for Vladimir Putin's

Russia evade punishment from

forces to attack Ukraine with chemical or biological weapons. Russia's invasion of Ukraine with two of its biggest trading partners: the U.S. And European

China needs access to those markets, yet it also has shown support for Moscow, joining with Russia in declaring a

friendship with "no limits." In his talks with senior

Chinese foreign policy adviser Yang Jiechi, Sullivan will indeed be looking for limits in what Beijing will do for Moscow. "I'm not going to sit here

oublicly and brandish threats," he told CNN in a round of Sunday news show interviews. But what I will tell you is we are communicating directly and privately to Beijing that there absolutely will be consequences" if China helps Russia backfill" its losses from the sanctions.



पत्रांक सं. 81

राश्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग मध्य प्रदेश भारान

शुद्धिपत्र

भोपाल दिनांक- 04/03/2022

क्रमांक / एन.एच.एम. / HWC / 2022 / 1643

1. राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल द्वारा दिनांक 25/03/2022 को 6 माह के सर्टिफिकेट इन कम्युनिटी हेल्थ प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम एवं सीधी भर्ती के माध्यम से कुल 966 पदों पर चयन के लिये पत्र क्रमांक / एन एच. एम./HWC/2022/1436 (G-23142/21) के अनुसार विज्ञापन एवं नियम पुस्तिका जारी किया गया था।

2. उक्त विज्ञापन एवं नियम पुस्तिका में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है:-

• प्रशिक्षण सत्र एवं वर्गवार उपलब्ध स्थानो की संख्या :–

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Anti-Trump Republicans lining up for 2024 shadow primary

aryland Gov Larry Hogan is planning trips to Iowa and New Hampshire. Rep Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., is considering a rough timeline for a potential presidential announcement. And allies of Rep Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., are openly talking up her White House prospects.

More than two years before the next presidential election, a shadow primary is already beginning to take shape among at least three fierce Republican critics of former President Donald Trump to determine who is best positioned to occupy the anti-Trump lane in 2024.

Their apparent willingness to run — even if Trump does, as is widely expected — represents a shift from previous years when "Never Trump" operatives failed to recruit any GOP officeholders to challenge the incumbent president. But with the 2024 contest almost in view, the question is no longer whether one of Trump's prominent Republican critics will run, but how many will mount a campaign and how soon they will announce.

Those close to Cheney, Hogan and Kinzinger expect one of them, if not more, to launch a presidential bid after the 2022 midterms. While all three are nationally known to some degree, their goal would not necessarily be to win the presidency. Above all, they want to hinder Trump's return to the White House, at least compared with 2020, when his allies cleared the field of any



Haley. But most in this group

have offered Trump far more

praise than criticism, leaving

the likes of Cheney, Hogan and

Kinzinger as the only consistent

Trump antagonists in the 2024

suggests an openness within

the GOP to move past Trump

and his divisive politics, even as

many Republican voters sug-

gest they would like to see him

said the former president should run for president again

in 2024, according to a CBS poll last month. Among the

most common reasons they

cited: He's the best Republican

candidate and has the best

intentions, Trump told thou-

sands of supporters Saturday

night in South Carolina, "We may have to run again." He

remains the most popular fig-

ure among Republican voters

and plans to use the upcoming

midterms to keep bending the

party in his direction. He was

in South Carolina, for instance,

Lest anyone question his

About 7 in 10 Republicans

The range of prospects

conversation.

run a third time.

chance of winning.

suaded some states to cancel primary contests altogether.

"It's there as an option, but it's not necessarily because this is all some big plan so I can be in the White House," Kinzinger told The Associated Press when asked about his timeline for deciding on a presidential run. "It's looking and saying, Is there going to be a voice out there that can represent from that megaphone the importance of defending this country and democracy and what America is about?' There certainly, I'm sure within the next year or so, will be a point at which you have to make a decision.

"If it's not me doing anything, certainly we'll be all in for whoever can represent us," Kinzinger said. Republican primary voters are expected to have other options.

Several former Trump loyalists who have emerged as onagain, off-again Trump critics are also eyeing the GOP's next presidential nomination. Among them: former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, former Vice President Mike Pence, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and former UN Ambassador Nikki Congress who have crossed

But those close to Cheney, Hogan and Kinzinger insist a significant number of less vocal Republican voters are eager to move past Trump, especially after he inspired the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. After all, 10 Republican representatives voted to impeach Trump and seven Republican senators subsequently voted to convict him.

"There is a large and growing lane of Republicans and Americans across the political spectrum who are fed up with toxic politics and want to move in a new direction," Hogan told the AP. "While I'm focused on finishing my term as governor strong, I'm going to continue to stand up and be a voice for getting our party and our country back on the right track."

For now, Cheney, Hogan and Kinzinger remain friendly and in semi-regular contact.

The 65-year-old, term-limited Hogan will leave office at the end of the year. He already decided against a 2022 Senate campaign, rebuffing an aggressive lobbying effort from Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell. He said he saw himself as an executive more than a legislator. Kinzinger, among 10 Republican House members who voted to impeach Trump, chose not to seek reelection after his district was redrawn in the Democrats' favour. Only Cheney, who also voted to impeach, is running to retain her seat in this fall's midterms, although she is no lock to win her primary elec-

Former US Prez Obama tests Covid positive

PTI ■ WASHINGTON

Former US President Barack Obama has said that he tested positive for Covid-19 and urged fellow Americans to get vaccinated though the deadly disease is on the wane in the

"I just tested positive for Covid," Obama, 60, tweeted on

"I've had a scratchy throat for a couple of days, but am feeling fine otherwise," he said on official Twitter account.

Obama also said that his wife, former first lady Michelle Obama, has tested negative.

"Michelle and I are grateful to be vaccinated and boosted," the former President said in a Facebook post.

"It's a good reminder that, even as cases go down, you should get vaccinated and boosted if you haven't already to help prevent more serious symptoms and giving COVID to others." Certain demographics in the US, such as African Americans and Republicans, are more hesitant about the Covid vaccine than others.

Obama had recently returned to Washington, DC, after spending much of the winter in Hawaii. He tested positive in DC, a person close to him said, CNN reported.

The diagnosis makes Obama the second US President known to contract the virus after then-President Donald Trump announced he tested positive in October 2020, which was before vaccines were widely available in the US.

European arms' imports rise despite global fall: Watchdog

European countries bought 19 per cent more major arms in the five years to 2021 than they did in the five years before that, even though the global figure was down 4.6 per cent, reflecting the building tensions with Russia, a Swedish watchdog said in a report released Monday.

The largest European arms importers were Britain, Norway and the Netherlands, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, or SIPRI, said. Other nations in Europe are also expected to increase their arms imports significantly over the coming decade, having recently placed large orders for major arms, in particular combat aircraft from the United States.

'The severe deterioration in relations between most European states and Russia was an important driver of growth in European arms imports, especially for states that cannot meet all their requirements through their national arms industries," said Pieter D Wezeman, a senior researcher with SIPRI's arms transfer programme.

Arms exports from the largest seller, the United States, grew by 14%, increasing its global share from 32% to 39%. That included a 106% rise in deliveries of major arms to Saudi Arabia

Russian exports shrank by

the global market. SIPRI said the fall was almost entirely due to a fall in arms deliveries to India and Vietnam, noting that several large arms deliveries from Russia to India are

expected in the coming years. France, the world's thirdlargest arms exporter, increased sales by almost 60% in the five years to 2021, SIPRI said.

Fourth-placed China saw international sales decline by 31%, and fifth-placed Germany's exports were down

Globally, "whereas there were some positive developments, including South American arms imports reaching their lowest level in 50 rears, increasing or continuing high rates of weapons imports to placeslike Europe, East Asia, Oceania and the Middle East contributed to worrying arms build-ups," Wezeman said.

Opp should withdraw no-trust motion against PM Khan: Min

PTI ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry on Monday urged the Opposition parties to withdraw their no-trust motion against Prime Minister Imran Khan and indicated that the government "will see what can e given in return" to them.

Last week, around 100 lawmakers from the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) submitted a no-confi-

dence motion before the National Assembly Secretariat, alleging the Imran Khan government was responsible for the economic crisis and the spiralling inflation in the country.

Referring to the current political situation in Pakistan, Chaudhry, a close aide of Prime Minister Khan, said that the Opposition should withdraw the no-trust motion as it had caused bitterness in the politics.

He feared that the soaring olitical situation could harm

Earthquakes shake Indonesia, Philippines; no tsunami threat

AP JAKARTA

Strong, shallow underwater Searthquakes shook western Indonesia and the Philippine capital region on Monday, but no serious damage was reported and no tsunami warnings were issued. In Indonesia, a magnitude-6.7 quake that was 16 kilometers (10 miles) deep struck about 169 kilometers (104.8 miles) west of Pariaman, a town in West Sumatra province, the US Geological Survey said.

UK rights group threatened under China sweeping security law

 $B^{\text{ritain's foreign secretary on}}_{\text{Monday accused Chinese}}$ authorities of trying to silence free speech after a UK-based human rights group said Hong Kong police threatened it with a prison sentence and fines for allegedly violating China's national security law.

Hong Kong Watch said it received a formal warning from Hong Kong police accusing it of "seriously interfering" jeopardising China's national security by activities including lobbying foreign countries to impose sanctions against China or Hong Kong.

The letter warned that the group could face a fine of HK\$100,000 (£9,800) and that its chief executive, Benedict Rogers, could face three years in prison.

The move is one of the first times that a foreigner living abroad has been targeted under China's sweeping national security law, which was imposed in 2020 as part of Beijing's increasing crackdown on dissent in Hong Kong following months of anti-gov-ernment protests.

"The unjustifiable action taken against the UK-based NGO Hong Kong Watch is clearly an attempt to silence those who stand up for human



said in a statement.

"Attempting to silence voices globally that speak up for freedom and democracy is unacceptable and will never succeed," she said.

Rogers said his group will not be silenced by the warning and will continue to speak out for Hong Kong rights and freedoms

Hong Kong, a former British colony that long enjoyed civil liberties and freedoms not seen elsewhere in mainland China, was promised a high degree of autonomy for 50 years when it sought asylum abroad.

rights in Hong Kong," British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss was handed over to Chinese rule in 1997. But in recent years Beijing

has tightened its grip on the city and many have fled abroad after the introduction of the security law, which criminalises what authorities describe as secession, subversion of state power, terrorism and foreign collusion in intervening in Hong Kong's affairs.

Since 2020, media outlets critical of the government have been closed, the opposition has been shut out from elections and all the city's major pro-democracy figures have either been jailed or have

Iran claims missile barrage near US consulate in Iraq

Tran claimed responsibility on Sunday for a missile barrage that struck near a sprawling US consulate complex in northern Iraq, saying it was retaliation for an Israeli strike in Syria that killed two members of its Revolutionary Guard earlier this week.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry on ambassador to protest the attack, calling it a flagrant violation of the country's sover-

eignty.

No injuries were reported in Sunday's attack on the city of Irbil, which marked a significant escalation between the US and Iran.

Hostility between the longtime foes has often played out in Iraq, whose government is allied with both countries.

The attack drew harsh condemnation from the Iraqi government, which called it a "violation of international law and norms" and demanded an explanation from the Iranian leadership.

Iraq's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ahmad al-Sahhaf told The Associated Press that the ministry summoned the Iranian ambassador, Iraj Masjedi, to deliver the diplo-



matic protest.

The United States strongly condemned the strike and said it was an unjustified attack on a civilian residence.

"We will support the Government of Iraq in holding Iran accountable, and we will support our partners throughout the Middle East in confronting similar threats from Iran," the White House national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, said in a statement. "The United States of America stands behind the full sovereignty, independence, and ter ritorial integrity of Iraq."

No US facilities were damaged or personnel injured, State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters in Washington. The US had no indication the attack was directed at the United States, he

Philippines summons Chinese envoy to protest naval intrusion

The Philippine Government on Monday summoned the Chinese Ambassador to protest what it said was the "illegal incursion" of a Chinese navy ship into the country's waters and to demand that Beijing order its ships to respect the country's territory and follow international law, officials said.

The Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila said a reconnaissance ship of China's People's Liberation and cruised off the western Palawan and nearby Mindoro provinces from January 29 to February 1 without permission and in violation of Philippine

Philippine Foreign Undersecretary Maria Theresa Lazaro summoned Beijing's envoy Huang Xilian and "demanded that China respect Philippine territory and maritime jurisdiction and to comply with its obligations under international law," the department said in a statement.

It added that Lazaro asked China to "direct its vessels to desist from entering Philippine waters uninvited and without permission."

A Philippine navy ship repeatedly ordered the Chinese vessel to leave the country's waters immediately but the vessel responded that it was



exercising "innocent passage," a claim which the Philippine government disputed. The Chinese vessel "did not

follow a track that can be considered as continuous and expeditious, lingering in the Sulu Sea for three days," the foreign affairs department said.

Foreign ships can be allowed to pass through archipelagic and territorial waters of another country under certain restrictions — including that they should not carry out fishing, surveillance and research without a permit or conduct any activity that can undermine the security of the coastal state.

Chinese embassy officials did not immediately react to the Philippine government statement.

The incident sparked a

higher level of alarm because it happened within the country's territory and not in the disputed South China Sea, where China, the Philippines and four other governments have had territorial disputes for

decades, a military official said. The Chinese navy ship may have been shadowing an American military ship, which was maneuvering off Palawan at the time as part of a government-authorized exercise with Philippine marines, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of a lack of authority to discuss the sensitive issue publicly.

The Philippine navy ship approached as close as 1 nautical mile (1.8 kilometers) from the Chinese navy ship to monitor its movement until it moved away, the official said.

Shooting outside Chicago pizza shop leaves 7 wounded

AP ■ CHICAGO

shooting outside a pizza Ashop on Chicago's South Side has left seven men wounded, authorities said.

The men were standing near the street Sunday afternoon when they were shot police said. Initial information from police indicated two were in critical condition and the others were in good condition.

A car pulled up near the Little Caesars and someone inside the vehicle "almost immediately" opened fire, Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown said during a press briefing Sunday. It wasn't immediately known whether there was an argument just before the shooting.

"Whether it was a targeted shooting or an altercation, it's unacceptable," Brown said.

UN gathering gears up for push to save planet's biodiversity

AP GENEVA

N early all the world's countries kicked off a UNbacked meeting on Monday aimed at preventing the loss of biodiversity - seen as critical to avoiding the extinction of many vulnerable species, the emergence of pathogens like the coronavirus, and the damage to both lives and livelihoods of people around the world, Indigenous peoples in particular.

The two-week meeting of over 190 countries on the Convention on Biological Diversity, after a two-year delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, will be the last gathering of its kind before a major conference in the coming months in Kunming, China, that will try to adopt an international agreement

on protecting biodiversity. We have this one goal, which is to bend the curve on biodiversity loss and really to

build that shared future to live in harmony with nature in the long term," the convention's executive secretary, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, reporters on Monday. Possible diplomatic fallout

from Russia's invasion of Ukraine lurked in the background — potentially denting any prospects of global unity on the issue. Russian delegates who

had planned to attend had their travel plans cancelled amid the closure of much of Europe's airspace to flights from Russia after the invasion, organisers said, expressing hopes that Russian diplomats based in Geneva would nevertheless participate. An intergovernmental,

extinction of species — with

up to a million species facing

science-based assessment of biodiversity worldwide three years ago cited a decline of nature at unprecedented rates and an acceleration of the

possible disappearance in the coming decades.

The US-based Campaign For Nature says a major theme in Geneva will be a target to protect and conserve at least 30 percent of the world's lands, inland waters and oceans to help stanch habitat loss, the "overexploitation" of nature by people and businesses, and the emergence of pathogens that thrive off upheaval in the environment.

Convention managers point to five drivers of biodiversity loss: Changes to the use of land and sea; unsustainable exploitation through activities like agriculture; climate change; pollution; and the spread of invasive alien species into new habitats. Indirectly, it says, unsustainable production and consumption also play a role.

Mrema said one key issue will be efforts toward repurposing and redirecting harmful subsidies — to the tune of some USD 500 billion per year currently — and how "these financial flows can move away from nature-negative to biodiversity-positive outcomes." A draft proposal for the framework to be adopted in China would aim to require that USD 700 billion would be put into sustaining or improving biodiversity. The issue of reducing pollution from plastics is also part of the draft,

Germany to buy US-made F-35s to replace ageing bombers

PTI ■ BERLIN

¬ermany said Monday that Git will replace some of its ageing Tornado bomber jets US-made F-35A Lightning II aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

Announcing the decision, Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht said Germany also will upgrade its Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jets for electronic warfare — a capability that's also currently fulfilled by the Tornado jets. The Eurofighter will be replaced from 2040 with the Future Combat Air System, or FCAS, that's being jointly developed with France and Spain, she said.

Germany's air force commander, Ingo Gerhartz, said the current war in Ukraine made it necessary to choose Lockheed Martin's F-35s. Previously, the government had considered replacing the Luftwaffe's Tornados with a



mix of different U.S. And European-made aircraft.
"There can be only one

answer to (Russian President Vladimir) Putin's aggression," said Gerhartz. "Unity in NATO and a credible deterrent. This in particular means

there is no alternative but to choose the F-35." The e German military does not have nuclear weapons of its own, but as part of the system of nuclear deterrence developed during the Cold War it maintained bombers capable of carrying U.S. Atomic bombs, some of which are stationed in

I'nal flights to run at 100% | RBI allows MFIs capacity from Mar 27: Govt to fix interest rates

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that regular international flights can operate with 100 per cent capacity after the services resume from March 27. During the question hour in Upper House, Scindia said,: "all regular international flights will operate in 100 per cent capacity by March 27 as the COVID-19 situation in India has improved now."

Replying to supplementaries during Question hour, the minister said the civil aviation sector is on its way back to recovery and is roughly about 5-6 per cent off from pre-Covid levels. Airline industry that suffered heavy losses during the Covid pandemic is returning to pre-Covid levels, and has recorded a traffic of 3.8 lakh passengers per day. "I am pleased to report to the house that pre-Covid our maximum number of passengers in India

we reached a level of 3.83 lakh per day in the month of December," Scindia said. "We are looking at resuscitation and with that we are hopeful that we will see a rebound in terms of employment levels," he said.

For domestic sector, the minister said, the government has instituted airfare caps to ensure there is no predatory pricing. He said controlling prices for international sector was beyond their power. "I am very confident that with the opening up of the international sector as announced from March 27, when the summer schedule of all airlines comes in, there will be enough supply of seats, both coming into India and going out of India.

The minister informed the house that high fuel rates too have contributed to heavy losses suffered by the airlines. He said fuel contributes to about 37 per cent of the cost of running an airline, which suffered a loss of about Rs 19,000 crore

Fuel price has gone up close to 4.5 times, with 11 states charging VAT on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) ranging from 10 per cent to 30 per cent, he said. "We pleaded with states to reduce tax on ATF. Before I took charge, we had 11 states that charged 1-5 per cent VAT on ATF and we had 25 states that charged between 15 and 30 per

"We have now reversed that equation and 12 states have reduced VAT from 25-30 per cent to 1-4 per cent. There are 23 states now that charge VAT ranging 1-4 per cent, and only 11 states that charge it at 15-30 per cent," the minister said.

On job losses, Scindia said the sector was affected very deeply world over, but bounced back with an equal amount of growth as soon as Covid waves subsided. The minister said he sees civil aviation becoming the backbone of transportation across the country and achieving high levels of growth.

close pricing-related information to a prospective borrower in a standardised simplified factsheet. "Any fees to be charged to the microfinance borrower by the RE and/ or its partner/agent shall be explicitly disclosed in the factsheet. The borrower shall not be charged any amount which is In fuel and light, inflation not explicitly mentioned in softened to 8.73 per cent from the factsheet," it added

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday allowed microfinance lenders to fix interest rates on loans with a rider that those should not be usurious for the borrowers. A microfinance loan is defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of up to Rs 3

Each regulated entity (RE) should put in place a boardapproved policy regarding pricing of microfinance loans, said the 'Master Direction - Reserve Bank of India (Regulatory Framework for Microfinance Loans) Directions, 2022'.

In the past, the central bank used to announce the rates on quarterly basis.

'Interest rates and other charges/ fees on microfinance loans should not be usurious. These shall be subjected to supervisory scrutiny by the Reserve Bank," it said.

Also, each RE has to dis-

The directions will come into force from April 1.

Further, there should be no pre-payment penalty on microfinance loans.

"Penalty, if any, for delayed payment shall be applied on the overdue amount and not on the entire loan amount," the RBI

Regarding limit on loan repayment obligations of a household, it said each RE should have a board-approved policy regarding the limit on the outflows on account of repayment of monthly loan obligations of a household as a percentage of the monthly household income. shall be subject to a limit of maximum 50 per cent of the monthly household income," it

There should also be a standard form of loan agreement for microfinance loans in a language understood by the

Under the earlier guide-lines, an NBFC that does not qualify as a non-banking financial company - microfinance institution (NBFC-MFI), cannot extend microfinance loans exceeding 10 per cent of its total assets.

The maximum limit on microfinance loans for such NBFCs (NBFCs other than NBFC-MFIs) now stands revised at 25 per cent of the Parliamentary panel recommends measures to boost tourism

In December 2021, RBI

had fixed the applicable aver-

age base rate to be charged by

NBFC-MFIs to their borrowers for the quarter beginning January 1, 2022 at 7.89

MFIN, the association for

Commenting on the reg-

microfinance entities has wel-

comed the harmonised regu-

lations for the sector

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Director, MFIN said the har-

monised regulations will usher

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microfinance sector where a

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Aparliamentary panel has recommended a slew of measures to boost tourism in the country, including development of last mile connectivity, regularising the adventure tour markets and introduction of a competitive tourism ranking system among cities. It has also suggested promoting night tourism and providing better wayside facilities for travellers to give a boost to the

Parliamentary Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, in its report also recommended that the Ministry of Tourism should "exercise greater fiscal prudence" and ensure that unspent budgetary provisions are surrendered timely

"The Committee also takes a serious note of keeping the

unspent provision of Rs 1,056.97 crore till the close of financial year 2021-22 despite reduction in the budgetary outlay at the RE 2021-22 stage in disregard of the provisions of General Financial Rules," read

The report noted that there is a substantial under-utilization of the budgeted funds during financial year

"Against the revised estimates RE 2021-22 allocation of Rs 969.80 crore, only 47.70 percent amounting to Rs 462.55 crore could be spent till January 31. It means that the remaining expenditure would have to be squeezed in the last two months of FY 2021-22. Since as per norms stipulated by the Ministry of Finance, there is a ceiling of 25 per cent on expenditure in the last quarter, occurrence of huge savings is a cer-

Retail inflation quickens to 6.07% in Feb; remains above RBI's comfort zone

Retail inflation inched up to an eight-month high of 6.07 per cent in February, remaining above the RBI's comfort level for the second month in a row, mainly on account of a rise in food prices, official data showed on Monday. The Consumer Price

Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 5.03 per cent in February 2021 and 6.01 per cent in January this year. The previous high was 6.26 per cent in June 2021. The Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) has been asked by the government to ensure that the CPI inflation remains at 4 per cent with a margin of 2 per cent on either side.

Another set of data released by the government

Lfifth session on the trot on Monday,

propelled by robust buying in banking

and IT counters along with a decline in

crude oil prices as hopes of headway in

Russia-Ukraine talks boosted risk-on

following reports of tentative progress in talks between Russian and Ukrainian

officials, even as Moscow continued its

BSE Sensex gained momentum as the

session progressed to close 935.72

points or 1.68 per cent higher at

56,486.02. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty vaulted 240.85

points or 1.45 per cent to settle at

chart, spurting 3.76 per cent, while

HDFC Bank climbed 3.25 per cent after

the RBI on Saturday lifted all restrictions

on the private sector lender, permitting it to launch new digital initiatives.

ICICI Bank, Wipro and HDFC were

among the other prominent winners.

SBI, Maruti Šuzuki, Axis Bank,

Infosys topped the Sensex gainers'

European bourses opened higher

After a cautious start, the 30-share

sentiment globally.

military offensive.

16,871.30.

earlier in the day showed that inflation remained static at the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation in February rose to 13.11 per cent on hardening of prices of crude oil and non-food items, even though food articles soft-

According to the CPI data mainly facreleased by the National Statistical Office (NSO), the rate of price rise in the food basket was 5.89 per cent in February, up from 5.43 per in at its bipreceding

in cereals moved up to 3.95 per cent; meat and fish to 7.45 per cent, while for eggs, the rate of price rise was 4.15 per cent dur-Among ing the month. others, vegetables turned dearer with an inflation print of 6.13 per cent, and for spices it rose to 6.09 per cent. In fruits, the

to 1.66 per cent.

selling and crude

prices are subsiding,

which is expected to

continue based on diplomatic develop-

ments and provide an

edge to the domestic

investors are bracing

for rate hikes as

expected. Domestic

WPI has spiked up

however market is

ignoring as future

prices can get gloomy,

said Vinod Nair, Head

of Research at Geojit

The wholesale pricebased inflation in

February rose to 13.11

per cent on hardening

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Financial Services.

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market.

Markets build on gains for

5th day; Sensex surges 936

pts to reclaim 56k-mark

2.26 per cent when compared to the preceding month.

in January. RBI tors-in the CPI-based inflation while arriving monthly monetary In the food basket, inflation policy. The RBI has not changed the key policy rate after May

2020, citing

inflationary

concerns and

Dr Reddy's and Tata Steel, dropping up

gy is shifting from tactical sell to tacti-

cal buy. Investments are chipping in as

commodities prices are reverting. FIIs

9.32 per cent

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Chief Engineer

registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract. Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2522941 number may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM, in any office days.

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: 15-03-2022 Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are

URRDA, Dehradun.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

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

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

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
	Kamini Devi Saxena/	Flat No- T1/1503, Floor-15th, Tower-1, Sunworld Arista, Plot No- G H-1 C, Sector- 168, Noida Expressway, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ March 10, 2022	June 24, 2021 Rs. 1,02,94,693/-	Lucknow/ Delhi/ Ncr

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Date: March 15, 2022

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Executive Engineer P.D., PWD, Bulandshahar

UP- 174047 Date 12.3.2022 विज्ञापन वेबसाइट www.upgov.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Authorized Officer ICICI Bank Limited

Only four Sensex constituents even though food articlosed with losses — HUL, Sun Pharma, cles softened Rupee unlikely to be majorly impacted due

to Russia-Ukraine war: SBI research

Kolkata: The ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia is unlikely to have any major impact on the Indian rupee and the forex volatility in the country (USD/INR) has been much less now as compared to the global financial crisis which took place in 2008, SBI said in its Ecowrap research report.

The report said that though the conflict between the two CIS nations may drag on for now, it is expected that the USD/INR, the most tracked pair in the local forex market, will trade at an elevated zone. But ideally, the expected average range of the rupee is expected to be in the band Between Rs 76 to Rs 78 to the USD with an appreciated

Credit for people in dire need

Mumbai: PayMe India, a Fintech entity, has added an unique application 'SALT' to the existing array of comprehensive services offered by PayMe India which would address the exigencies of an immediate credit of those individuals who are in dire need of funds for some medical emergency, job loss, etc.

"By providing an easy credit solution to people not having credit card, SALT taps to the rising urge to minimize the burden on pockets as well," said PayMe India founder Mahesh Shukla.

Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahr

Very Short Term E-Procurement Inviting Tenders On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Superintending Engineer Bulandshahr Circle, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rational online through http://etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with P.W.D. class as per column no. 9 below Roavork Category as applied from Date 19.03.2022 10:00 A.M. to 26.03.2022 upto 12:00 Noon as per the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical transfer of the prescribed T-2 of Govt. of U.P. The technical transfer of the prescribed T-2 of Govt.

olds will be opened online on dated 26.03.2022 at 12:30 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day, at the same time any validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

SI. No	Name of Work	Estima- ted cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Time of Completion work Inclu- ding rainy season	Tender document fee including GST (in Rs.)	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superin- tending Engineer	Address of Chief Engineer	Category
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Special Repair of Lakhowti Pali Khanpur Basi Ghat Road to Sulela Link Road (Km. 1 to 8)	71.00	6.55	03 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Enginner Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B ,C (Roads)
2	Special Repair of Kaser Station to Chilmapur to Umrari Link Road	42.00	4.10	03 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Enginner Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B ,C (Roads)
3	Special Repair of Changoli Mod to Azampur Hussanpur Link Road	54.00	4.70	03 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Enginner Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B ,C (Roads)
4	Special Repair of Bugrasi to Buklana Link Road	41.00	4.05	03 Month	Tender Cost Rs. 300+ 2000+18% G.S.T. Rs. 414.0 = 2714.00	Executive Enginner Construction Division-2, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Superintending Engineer Bulandshahar Circle, P.W.D., Bulandshahar	Chief Engineer Meerut Zone, P.W.D., Meerut	A,B ,C (Roads)

1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work is mention in col. No. 4 with including rainy season. 2. The Tender Document fee must be deposite ough Internet Banking only. 3. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 years and details of maximum through internet Banking only. 3. All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. or last y years and Chanakya Software before submission of tender. Details of e-tender uploaded on http://etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on UP PWD Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid. 4. Terms & other conditions related to bid an available on http://etender.up.nic.in 5. During execution of work contractor should ensure the all safety Measures for COVID-19 issued by the Utta Pradesh government. 6. In PVMD technical evaluation of tenders is to be done by Prahari Software URL for Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/ All work Shall be carried out by Hot Mix Plant.

(Har Swaroop Singh)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Pay & Use Toilets on BOT and ROMT basis at various Railway stations of Delhi Division for a period of Fifteen and Ter years respectively. The details of locations, reserve price, EMD & tender cost etc. are given below:

Station / Lcation	Approx Area in Sq ft.	RP (in Rs.)	For 10/15 Years (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	(Incl. of GST @ 18%) (In Rs.)
Narwana - ROMT (Circulating area)	502.06	31,400	4,33,846	8,700	1,180
Jind- ROMT (PF No.1, BTI end) (PF No. 2 & 4, DLI end)	725.87	45,400	6,27,257	12,600	2,360
Okhla- BOT (Boundary wall alongwith Line No.1)	800	30,000	7,53,875	15,100	2,360
Jind-BOT (Near General Waiting hall in circulating area)	800.22	30,100	7,56,369	15,200	2,360
Shivaji Bridge - BOT (Near Ticket Booking office)	800	4,00,000	100,51,593	2,01,100	5,900
Tilak Bridge - BOT (PF-4/5NZM end) *Only Urinal to be constructed at Island Platform	500	2,50,000	62,82,257	1,26,000	5,900
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Interested bidders may please visit official website for E- tendering i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and submitting tender. Date of bidding close on 12.04.2022 at 11:00 hrs. Important Note:- 1. Bidders who wish to participate in the e-tendering will have to procure class-3 valid Digital Security Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act, 2000. Bidders can procure this certificate from any of the certifying authority of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA), Government of India. Details of certifying authorities can be obtained from www.cca.gov.in. 2. The bidder has to register, if not registered earlier, with www.ireps.gov.in, using DSC to participate in tender process. Detailed procedure for registration, system requirements and bidding are also available on **www.ireps.gov.in**

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E-TENDER NOTICE The superintending Engineer, 1st Circle, PWD Almora Public Works Department, Almora

invites tender through E-Tendering (Two Bid System) on behalf of Honourable Governor of

Utta	Uttarakhand for following works. All other information will be available from dated 16/03/2022 & conwards on website http://www.uktenders.gov.in									
SI. No.	Name of Work	Cost of Tender Form	Earnest Money (Rupee in lakh)	Validity of Tender	Time of Completion	Contractor's Category of Registration for tendering				
1	Construction Division PWD Almora Road Safety Work on Almora-Baijnath-Gwaldam-Karnaprayag Motor Road (SH-11) as per recommendation of RSA under Central Road Infrastructure Fund.	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 10.00 Lakh	60 Days	18 Months	Class A & Higher in Road work in Central Govt./ Any state Govt. Hang and Eligibility of the Conditions prescribed for the Road Furnitures, Reflective Sheeting and Road Marking as per Engineer in Chief Letter No. 380 / 02— गु0नि0 (अधि0) / 2017—20 दिनांक 31 / 07 / 2020				
2	Construction Division PWD Almora Strengthening & Improvement work in Km. 40 to 51 of Karnaprayag (Shimli)-Gwaldam -Bageshwar- Chaukori-Thal- Munsyari- Jauljivi Motor Road (SH-11) (Someshwar-Kausani	Rs. 5000 + 18% GST	Rs. 21.20 Lakh	60 Days	18 Months	Category "A" & above (Road Works)				

Category "B" Rs. 5000 3 Construction Division PWD Rs. 60 15 & Higher in <u>Almora</u> + 18% 3.08 Months Days C/O 24M. Span Steel Girder Bridge work GST Lakh Bridle Bridge near Chhani Village Over Kosi River in Someshwar Constituency under

C.M.Ghoshna 137/2020. **Provincial Division PWD** Category "B" Rs. 5000 Rs. 15 60 Bageshwar + 18% & above 3.60 Days Months Improvement and PC Work in (Road Works) GST Lakh km. 23, 24 and 25 of Dagoli

Sailani Dadimkhet Jakh-Hadbad- Pandrapali- Balighat-Dofar Dharmghar- Kotmaniya Pakhu-Satsiling Motor Road (SH-60) in block Garur in district

Provincial Division PWD Category "B" Rs. 5000 60 15 & above <u>Almora</u> + 18% 3.22 Months Days Construction of 18Mt. Span (Bridge GST Lakh Works) Single Lane Motor bridge at Km. 2 in Basgaon Darman Motor Road from Jyoli Basar Khunt

FirstCase

In a first case of organ transplantation in Himachal Pradesh, a team of the PGI Hospital retrieved the kidneys of an accident victim from Dr Rajendra Prasad Government Medical College in Tanda in the hill state and successfully transplanted it



DOCYARD

DR AKHILESH YADAV

Senior Transplant Head

JOINT REPLACEMENT (HIP & KNEE) CENTER FOR KNEE AND HIP CARE, VAISHALI



Staying active is crucial



oint pain is not new or unusual these days, since a greater proonit pain is not new or unusual these days, since a greater proportion of the young and middle-aged population has been identified as suffering from it. While COVID has posed a serious threat to public health, those infected have been confined to their homes or hospitalised for long periods of time. In addition, the virus's side effects have caused muscular and joint weakness.

Arthritis is a condition in which one or more joints enlarge and become tender. Arthritis is a broad term that encompasses a variety of conditions. Joint pain and stiffness are the most common symptoms of arthritis, which normally worsen with age. One out of every four people in the country suffers from some form of arthritis. And there has been an exponential growth in such situations, particularly among women and youth, which is cause for

Osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis are two of the most com-

The most prevalent type of arthritis is osteoarthritis, which causes joint pain and stiffness in the knees as people age. It begins with the roughening of cartilage. Early stages of osteoarthritis can occur without producing any pain or discomfort. However, it can cause internal joint injury, as well as discomfort and stiffness.

Adults of any age are susceptible to rheumatoid arthritis. People between the ages of 40 and 60 are most likely to develop it. Women are more likely than men to suffer from this condition. Rheumatoid arthritis usually begins in the minor joints of the hands and feet, although it can also affect the same joints on both sides of the body. It might begin slowly and worsen over time, or it can begin abruptly.

Arthritis symptoms normally arise gradually, although they can often appear unexpectedly. The joints are the most prevalent arthritis indications and symptoms. The following signs and symptoms may be present depending on the type of arthritis: Pain, stiffness, swelling, redness, decreased range of motion, obesity, autoimmune disorders, genes or family history and muscle weakness.

Family history: If your parents or siblings have arthritis, you may be more prone to acquire it as well.

but Gout, a different kind of arthritis, affects mostly men.

Joint injury in the past: People who have injured a joint, maybe while participating in sports, are more prone to develop arthritis in that joint in the future.

Age: Many types of arthritis, such as osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and gout, become more common as people get older. Obesity: Excess weight puts strain on joints, especially the knees,

hips, and spine. Obese people are at a higher risk of developing Early treatment helps

Early diagnosis is critical for preventing further damage, yet arthritis is frequently misdiagnosed or never diagnosed. This is frequently due to a lack of awareness. It's critical to understand the signs and symptoms of arthritis and to get medical help if you're concerned. Daily activities are affected if not addressed properly, lowering people's quality of life and decreasing physical ability.

It's critical to have an early diagnosis if you want to do well with inflammatory arthritis in the short and long run; in fact, a patient's future mobility could depend on it. Arthritis can be treated if the patient seeks treatment at the appropriate time. It is also advisable to get blood tests done on time and take supplements to avoid developing arthritis later in life. Controlling pain, minimizing joint impairment, and improving or maintaining function and quality of life are all goals of arthritis treatment.

Treatment is possible if started on time and followed consistently. This will aid in the reduction of impairment and the improvement of quality of life. Patients with rheumatoid arthritis and osteoarthritis can rehabilitate and lessen intensity to improve their

Unfortunately, rather than seeking help at the Right time, some people may wait until the pain and swelling become severe and debilitating, when their lives are interrupted and they are unable to perform the activities they typically do, to seek medical help. Unfortunately, the disease may have advanced beyond the early stages by then, and joint damage may have happened.

Exercise can help to keep your joints flexible. Swimming is a wonderful type of exercise for those with arthritis since it doesn't place as much strain on the joints as running or walking does. Staying active is crucial, but listening to your body when it signals that it needs to relax and avoiding overexertion are as important.

WARMFOOD

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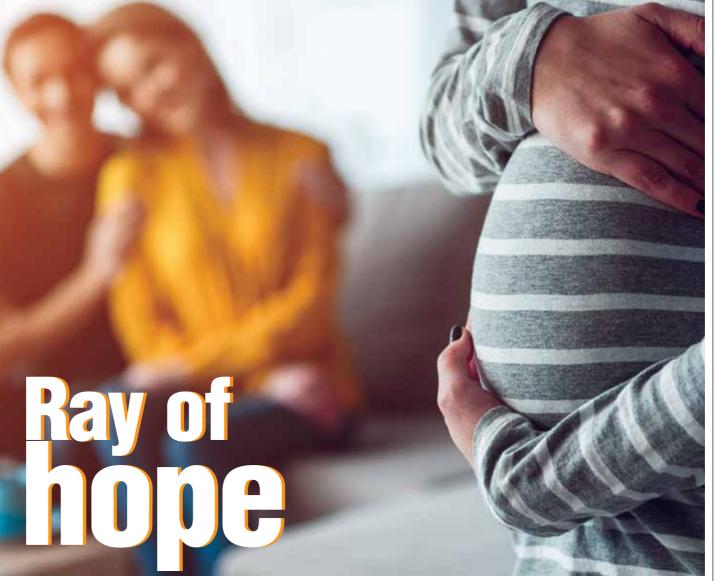
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Before one begins the surrogacy process, it is important to educate yourself about the risks and benefits and ensure that one is ready to fully commit to the process, says DR RITA BAKSHI

urrogacy is a modern and growing means of bringing a new life into the world, where a woman carries a baby for another person or a couple. The intended parents undergo IVF, meaning fertilisation outside of the body, to transfer their embryo into the surrogate's uterus.

Before one begins the surrogacy process, it is important to educate yourself about the risks and benefits of surrogacy and ensure that one is ready to fully commit to the process. One must also consult with a surrogacy professional to truly understand if surrogacy is right for them or not.

Surrogacy is a broad term used to describe situations when a woman someone else with the intent of giving custody over to the intended parents. In gestational surrogacy, an embryo is then implanted into the uterus of the surrogate, who will carry the baby to full term. Gestational surrogacy is an increasingly common form of family building that can allow individuals or a couple to become parents despite circumstances in which carrying a pregnancy is biologically impossible or medically contraindicated. The practice of gestational surrogacy involves a woman known as a gestational carrier who agrees to bear a genetically unrelated child with the help of assisted reproductive technologies for an individual or couple who intends to be the legal and rearing parents/intended parents.

Every year, surrogacy helps thousands of aspiring parents over-come fertility challenges to expand their families. A few compelling reasons to consider surrogacy are:

♦ Medical problems or illnesses that affect the health of the uterus Previous surgeries or hysterectomy ♦Conditions that either make a

pregnancy high-risk or prevent pregnancy

♦Unexplained infertility Success rates for surrogacy epend on many factors, including: *the surrogate's ability to get

the age of the woman whose

eggs are being used the success of the treatment the quality of the father's or

The age of the woman who provides the egg is the most important factor that affects the chances of

Commercial surrogacy is a highly controversial issue that leads to heated debates in the feminist literature, especially when surrogacy takes place in developing countries like ours. The new laws propose to put in place institutions like new National and State ART and Surrogacy Boards, as well as a National ART and Surrogacy Registry, to advise the Government on regulation and policy matters. The Registry will also maintain a database of the ART treatments



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undertaken across the country to ensure transparency in such matters. The Surrogacy Bill has been passed as separate legislation primarily for the protection of the rights of the surrogate mother in the process. As per the Surrogacy bill, sur-

rogacy is permitted only: ◆For couples who possess a certificate of essentiality' that indicates they are proven to be infertile

♦Altruistic ♦Not for commercial purposes ♦Not for producing children for sale, prostitution, or other forms of

exploitation ♦For any condition or disease

specified through regulations The criteria listed in the bill for the individuals looking to be parents

Heterosexual couple with a man between the ages of 26 and 55 years, and a woman between the ages of 25 and 50 years

Married for a period of at least

Should have no other biological, adopted, or surrogate children (unless the child is mentally/physically challenged or has a life-threatening disorder)

While the twin laws have noble intentions, and many of their provisions aim to clean up India's unregulated surrogacy industry by bringing thousands of ART and surrogacy clinics under the ambit of the law, the claims that they are also deficient in many aspects are also

Get rid of complications



Early detection of diseases can help parents and doctors to help in early intervention

and treatment.

NEERAJ GUPTA tell us the importance of genetic testing among other things

A ny couple planning to have a baby may have already compiled a list of the family's medical history to analyse whether the future child is at risk for any disease. But, apart from questioning your parents or making notes on family medical history with pen and paper, there is another type of test that can determine the possibility of any genetic disorder in your unborn child. These tests are called genetic tests which look for any chromosomal abnormality in the foetus or look for mutated genes which may be carried through from parents to the child.

Genetic tests can be performed even before you conceive or during the pregnancy. Early detection can reveal whether you and your partner are at risk of passing along certain genetic diseases such as Tay-Sachs's disease or cystic fibrosis to your child (children).

There are various types of genetic tests done during each conception stage, whose results can help in knowing the pregnancy outcome or achieving a healthy pregnancy

Carrier testing is the first step of genetic testing even before conception. The test helps the couples learn if they carry any mutated gene and are at risk of passing these genes to their children, thus causing diseases such as cystic fibrosis, beta thalassemia, sickle cell anaemia, and Tay-Sachs disease. This type of genetic testing is usually recommended for individuals with a family history of a genetic disorder and people in ethnic groups with an enhanced risk of specific genetic conditions. When both the parents are tested, it can help provide informa-

tion about the couple's risk of giving birth to a child with a genetic condition.

Prenatal diagnostic testing is done to detect the changes in a foetus's genes or chromosomes. Couples who are at an increased risk of having a baby with a genetic or chromosomal disorder are recommended by the doctor to undergo these tests. With the help of amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling, fluid or tissue for testing is obtained to check for any irreg-

The most popular genetic testing is every new-born child undergo screening for genetic diseases. Early detection of diseases can lead to interventions and aid in preventing or delaying the symptoms of the disease.

There are several options that you can review with your partner and care team. After you get pregnant, you can take the prenatal screening or a diagnostic test to know for certain if your baby has any

If you and your partners are both carriers of any genetic disease, then you can get pregnant with donor eggs or sperm via in vitro fertilization (IVF). This process involves testing the embryo for genetic disorders before it is transferred to the uterus. You can talk to your genetic counsellor or doctor to help you plan a path for a healthy pregnancy.

The writer is Founder and CEO, Genes2Me

OOK FOR THESE SIGNS

If you have a concern, it's always best to call your doctor. Most of the time, your doctor would be able to answer your queries or help you to calm your mind, says DR ANUBHA SINGH

ll pregnant women experience some symptoms or the other and there are n numbers of questions and concerns that a pregnant woman wants to know from their doctor. Most women have also hesitated to call because they don't want to seem foolish or bothersome.

Look for these signs if you have complications: ♦If you are having regular con-

tractions

Occasional contractions are a part of your pregnancy period, especially when you get closer to your due date. Some of these early contractions could be painful. But they are not usually regular. If you are having contractions more than six times in an hour, this may be a sign of preterm labor. Let these be known to your doctor or gynaecologist for complete instructions about what to do at home and when to report to the hospital.

♦If your baby has stopped

If you are less than 28 weeks pregnant, it's likely that your baby's novements are irregular. But by 28



Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist, Shantah IVF Centre, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

weeks, most babies are active enough for their mothers to notice frequent movement in a pattern. At

this stage, notice all the movements

of your baby in a pattern and if you

than usual or not at all; immediately call your doctor. You may be given instructions to follow at home, or you may be advised to go to the hospital for monitoring.

If your blood sugar is too high

notice that your baby is moving less

Many women are diagnosed with gestational diabetes during pregnancy. It is very important to monitor your blood sugars and use your insulin as prescribed. There are serious risks during pregnancy for women with all types of diabetes. Gestational diabetes needs to be recognized and treated quickly because it can cause serious health problems for mother and baby. If your blood sugar falls outside the expected ranges, and your regular at-home instructions aren't helping, talk to your doctor then.

♦If you're bleeding heavily A small amount of blood dis-

charge is absolutely normal during pregnancy but if you are bleeding as heavily as during the menstrual period, or more severe than that then this could be fatal. Women whose placentas are in an abnormal

place should report any signs of bleeding during pregnancy because of the increased danger to both mother and baby with these diag-♦If you have abrupt severe

abdominal pain Although some abdominal

pains in pregnancy are normal from contractions to muscle pain or even constipation makes your belly hurt. But if you find yourself in abrupt severe pain can be a sign of a uterine rupture which is a medical emergency endangering the life of both you and your baby.

♦If you feel a flow of runny

Amniotic fluid in which your baby is wrapped is essential to the health of your baby. If your water breaks too soon, there are risks for both you and your baby. For moms, there is a risk of getting a dangerous infection. For babies, there is a risk of impaired growth and devel-

opment, preterm birth, and death. If you feel sudden water flow from your vagina, you should contact your doctor immediately for further procedures.

INBRIEF —

first female independent director

Nobel Hygiene onboards

robel Hygiene, India's private manufacturer of disposable hygiene products, has announced the appointment of Lara Balsara to their board of directors.

Balsara is the first woman independent director to be appointed to the company's board. She brings to the table her vast experience in the advertising and media planning industry and will add immense value to Nobel Hygiene's brands across their media intensive categories.

Kartik Johari, VP-Marketing & Commerce, Nobel Hygiene, says, "We are glad to have Lara onboard with us. She is a legend in the media and advertising indus-

Her insight and expertise will add great value to the company especially at a time when our brands are embarking on media intensive journeys.

There is an emotional connect with her, too-Nobel Hygiene was one of her first accounts that she reached out to as a media trainee during the beginning of her career at Madison. Our association has only grown stronger with time. Throughout the years, Madison has been a valued partner and we hope to deepen this relationship over the next phase of brand building."

She was inducted into the board of direc-

tors on 3rd February 2022.

India whitewash Lanka

Capatin Karunaratne's fighting ton goes in vain as Rohit & Co win Bengaluru Test by 238 runs to seal series

PTI ■ BENGALURU

ndia extinguished whatever little spark Sri Lanka showed and wrapped up the second Test inside three days for a comprehensive 238run win, completing a 2-0 whitewash of the Islanders, here on Monday.

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have 77 points in their kitty.

A herculean task at hand, Sri
Lanka took the field on the third day with a lot of determination but it was always going to be tough to negotiate the Indian attack on a track that has been offering turn and uneven bounce

Resuming at 28 for one in pursuit of an improbable 447-run target, the Sri Lankan batters, led by skipper Dimuth Karunaratne (107), resisted the Indian attack for some time before folding for 208 in the post-tea

Left-handed Karunaratne, one of the most consistent performers for Sri Lanka in recent times, raised his 14th Test century with a boundary off Jasprit Bumrah. He took some time to settle but worked the ball around swiftly, consistently placing them in the gaps. Bumrah (3/23) eventually sent him back with slightly seaming ball that beat his bat to shatter the stumps. The lethal Indian fast bowler, who consistently made life tough for the Lankans, returned with match figures of 8 for 47, having taken a fifer at home for the first time in the first

Ravichandran Ashwin (4/55), Axar Patel (2/37) and Ravindra Jadeja (1/48) did their bit in wrapping up the

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Lankan innings.

India now have won all three pink-ball Tests at home, having beaten beating Bangladesh (in Kolkata, 2019) and England (in Ahmedabad, 2021) before.

Visitors' early positive intent, something which has not been witnessed much in this series, resulted in a rare productive batting session for the Lankans who collected 123 runs



for loss of three wickets.

Adopting a positive yet cautious approach, both Kusal Mendis (54 off 60 balls) and Karunaratne used their feet with confidence to counter the Indian spinners.

Mendis was impressive on both front and back foot as he pulled and cut the short-pitched stuff and used his feet to cut down the spin.

Karunaratne too charged down the wicket, following a similar plan but

Mendis was more expressive.

Mendis completed his fifty with a single off Jadeja but was beaten by flight on an Ashwin delivery and was stumped by Rishabh Pant.

That brought about the end of their fighting 96-run stand for the second wicket.

From there on, it was a downward slide for the visitors. Jadeja cleaned up Angelo Mathews (1) and Ashwin had Dhananjaya de Silva (4) caught at forward short-leg.

Karunaratne was ruled caught behind by umpire off Jadeja but the Lankan skipper survived, using DRS with replay showing that the ball had kissed the thigh pad and the bat before reaching Pant's gloves.

He completed his fifty with a sin-

gle off Axar, who replaced Ashwin from the pavilion end.

A small partnership began to develop between Karunaratne and Dickwella (12) even as Mohammed Shami troubled the batters with his

Axar broke the 55-run stand when he had Dickwella stumped and also sent back Charith Asalanka (5) by having him caught in backward short leg, where skipper Rohit Sharma took simple catch.

Like the first innings, Dickwella did not build on a start.



Oz in command of 2nd Test

Spearhead Mitchell Starc led the Australian pace attack with three wickets Monday to put the visitors in the driving seat on day three of the second Test against Pakistan in Karachi.

The lanky left-armer used reverse swing to devastating effect, taking 3-29 as Pakistan were bundled out for a paltry 148 in reply to Australia's mammoth first innings of 556-9 declared.

Despite a big 408-run lead, Australia did not enforce the follow-on and at close were 81-1 in their second innings to take their lead to 489 with nine wickets

Opener Usman Khawaia was unbeaten on 35 and Marnus Labuschagne 37 after David Warner fell to Hasan Ali for

Australia have two full days to enforce a big win and take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series on their first tour of Pakistan for 24 years.

Pakistan's collapse in 53 overs was in complete contrast to Australia, who stayed out for 189 overs, plundering runs at

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ease. Starc, who went wicketless in the drawn first Test in Rawalpindi last week, had Azhar Ali (14), Fawad Alam (nought) and Sajid Khan (five) out as Pakistan lost six wickets in the space of 62 runs after being 38-1 at lunch.

Debutant leg-spinner Mitchell Swepson finished with 2-32 including the wicket of Azam, who miscued a drive and

Iyer wins ICC Player of the month award for Feb B'desh register 1st-ever Women's WC wins SA register hat-trick of wins



ndia batter and newly appointed Kolkata Knight Riders skipper, Shreyas Iyer won the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for

February 2022, while New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr was selected for the women's The 27-year-old Mumbaikar, who has

impressed in the

scored three back-to-back fifties and remained unbeaten throughout the series against Sri Lanka and played a big role as the Men in Blue whitewashed the islanders in the three-match

Shreyas made a 28-ball in the first match in Dharamshala and then

in the next two matches, helping India chase down the target to keep Sri Lanka at bay.

It was his excellent run with the bat that earned him a spot in the Indian Test side as well for the two Test matches against Dimuth Karunaratne's side, and he made the most of the given opportunity by scoring fifties in both the innings of the Day/Night Test in Bengaluru. However, Iyer's contribution in the red-ball matches wasn't ongoing second Test against Sri Lanka in taken into consideration for the monthly award because the Test Bengaluru, was in great series started in March.

> Iyer was in good touch against West Indies as well, and he made 80 off 111 balls in the third One-Day International and 25 in the third T20I. Iyer, who tested positive before the start of the ODI series and missed the opening two matches, was only selected to play in the third game of both the ODI and T20I series against West Indies.

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committed harakiri to hand debutants Bangladesh a ninerun win, their first-ever victory in the ICC Women's ODI World

Cup here on Monday. Chasing 235 to win, Ameen gave Pakistan a flying start, forging a 91-run partnership with Nahida Khan (43) for the first wicket and then added another 64 rums with Bismah Maroof (31).

With Ameen going strong, pener Sidra Ameen's 104 Pakistan were well on course for for two but Fahima Khatun (3/38) turned the match on its head with three quick wickets as Pakistan inexplicably lost five of their batters for just five runs to slip to 188 for seven and were eventually restricted to 225 for

> Khatun picked up the wick ets of Omaima Sohail (10), Aliya Riaz (0) and Fatima Sana

SA register hat-trick of wins

PTI ■ MOUNT MAUNGANUI

South Africa produced an allround display to continue their unbeaten run in the tournament, beating defending champions England by three wickets to register a hat-trick of wins in the ongoing ICC Women's ODI World Cup here on Monday.

South Africa first rode on Marizanne Kapp's (5/45), her best bowling ODI figures, to restrict four-time champions England to 235 for nine and then Laura Wolvaardt (77 off 101 balls) held their innings together as they overcame a late scare to chase down the target with four balls to spare.

South Africa skipper Sune Luus (36), Kapp (32) and Tazmin Brits (23) also provided use-

The win helped South Africa jump to the second spot in the eight-team standings with maximum six points from three games ahead



of India but below Australia on net run rate. England, on the other hand, suffered third straight loss and are yet to open their account in the points table.

This is South Africa's first World Cup win time that a defending champion side of a World Cup (men/women or ODI/T20I) lost their first three matches.

removed Nida Dar (0) before centurion Ameen fell for a runout to end Pakistan's hope.

Featuring in their first men's World Cup,

(0), while Rumana Ahmed Bangladesh had lost their first two games against South Africa and New Zealand, while Pakistan slumped to their fourth defeat in as many matches and 18th successive loss in the event.

Earlier, invited to bat, Bangladesh scored 234 for seven, riding on Fargana Hoque's 71 and some useful contributions from Sharmin Akhter (44) and skipper Nigar Sultana (46).

Jharkhand batters make mockery of Nagaland



PTI KOLKATA

Tharkhand batters showed no mercy against a listless Nagaland attack as they continued their run-fest on day three by notching up 880 -- the fourth-highest team total in Ranji Trophy, here on Monday.

Resuming at their overnight score of 769/9 with Shahbaz Nadeem unbeaten on 123 and No. 11 Rahul Shukla on 29, there was no declaration coming as Jharkhand's last pair added 191 runs (from 323 balls) before being bowled out

in 203.4 overs. The last partnership was also the highest in the entire innings as they made full use of the flat batting conditions and a below-par attack on offer from the Plate toppers.

Defending their strategy, Jharkhand batting coach Satish Singh termed it a "dead surface" on offer at the Eden Gardens and said his side gave their lower order the much-needed batting practice ahead of their potential quarterfinal clash against Bengal.

Left-arm spinner Imliwati Lemtur (4/179) finally broke the partnership when Nadeem tried a reverse sweep in vain to be trapped lbw. In reply, Nagaland were

130/4 with two days' remaining in the five-day knockout fixture as Jharkhand put one foot in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal slated post IPL in June. Having kept the wickets for

close to 204 overs across three days, veteran wicketkeeperbatter Chetan Bist showed no signs of fatigue. The 32-year-old former

Rajasthan glovesman remained unbeaten on a dogged 46 from 123 balls, while Abu Nechim was on 13 at close on day three.

During Jharkhand innings, left-arm spinner Nadeem hit 22 fours and two sixes for his career-best 177 (from 304 Shukla, on the other hand,

dealt mostly on sixes as he smacked the ball over the boundary six times, and hit seven fours en route to his 149ball 85 not out

Barca regain scoring touch



AP MADRID

Tt didn't take long for Barcelona's Loffense to regain its scoring

After being held to a disappointing scoreless draw with Galatasaray in the first leg of the round of 16 of the Europa League, Barcelona scored three goals in less than 30 minutes on Sunday en route to a comfortable 4-0 win over Osasuna in the Spanish

Ferrán Torres found the net twice and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and Riqui Puig added a goal each to keep the Catalan club in third place. It has the same 51 points as Atlético Madrid but leads on the head-tohead tiebreaker. Barcelona also has a game in hand compared to

the defending champions. Barcelona and Atlético trail second-place Sevilla by five points. League leader Real Madrid, which visits relegation-

threatened Mallorca on Monday, is 12 points ahead of Barcelona and Atlético.

Madrid hosts Barcelona next Sunday at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium. Barcelona had scored 14 goals in its last four matches in all competitions before the 0-0 home draw against Galatasaray on Thursday.

'We didn't do a good job the other day and we know it," Torres said. "But today the team responded well. When you keep creating chances, the ball will keep going in."

Torres opened the scoring Sunday by converting a 14th-minute penalty kick and added to the lead seven minutes later from inside the area after a nice through ball by Ousmane Dembélé.

Dembélé also set up the third goal by Aubameyang in the 27th, making a well-placed cross into the box from the right flank, and the fourth by Puig in the 75th.

Barcelona defender Gerard Piqué, making his 600th appearance with the club, had a goal disallowed for offside in the 55th.

Xavi Hernández's team is unbeaten in 10 straight games, since a loss at Athletic Bilbao in the round of 16 of the Copa del

Rey in January.
"We had a letdown in intensity against Galatasaray and paid for it," Xavi said.

"Today it was different. It was one of our best matches and it gives us more confidence going forward.

Barcelona women's team, which clinched its third straight league title earlier in the day, was honored before the match at the Camp Nou Stadium.

SEVILLA HELD

Sevilla was held again in its pursuit of Madrid with a 1-1 draw at Rayo Vallecano on Sunday, and is seven points off the lead.

It was the second consecutive league draw for Sevilla, and sixth in its last eight matches in the competition. Julen Lopetegui's team extended its unbeaten streak in the league to 14 matches, since a loss at Madrid in November. It hasn't won in four straight away games, drawing all of them.

Bebé put the hosts ahead early in the second half and Thomas Delaney equalized for Sevilla in the 63rd.

Sevilla had a penalty awarded in the second half but it was reversed by video review. It also had a goal disallowed by VAR early in the first half.

Rublev, Swiatek win in Indian Wells



AP INDIAN WELLS

Seventh-seeded Andrey Rublev pushed his ATP winning streak to 10 matches on Sunday, shaking off a slow start to beat Dominik Koepfer 7-5, 6-4 in his secondround opener at the Indian Wells WTA and ATP Masters.

Rubley, on the rise after titles in Marseille and Dubai this year, next faces Frances Tiafoe, who beat Brandon Nakashima 6-4, 6-4 in an all-American clash.

The action on Stadium Court was highlighted by a night session featuring third-seeded Alexander Zverev, who was taking on American Tommy Paul two weeks after the

German's outburst in Acapulco. Zverev received a two-month suspended sentence after losing his temper and repeatedly hitting the umpire's chair with his racquet. The evening opened with American Coco Gauff celebrating her 18th birthday with a third-round match against former World No Simona Halep of Romania.

In other early matches, sixth-seeded Italian Matteo Berrettini held on for a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 victory over Danish qualifier Holger

But ninth-seeded Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime bowed out, falling 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 6-3 to Botic van de Zandschulp of the Netherlands. Alexander Bublik, the 31st seed, sent for-

mer world number one Andy Murray packing with a 7-6(9), 6-3 win over the three-time Grand Slam champion. There was more disappointment for Murray's British compatriot Emma Raducanu,

who was beaten in the third round by Croatian Petra Martic 6-7(3), 6-4, 7-5. Third-seeded Iga Swiatek of Poland, the

highest-ranked player left in the women's field, struggled early but dominated late in a 6-7(3), 6-2, 6-1 victory over Denmark's Clara Tauson.