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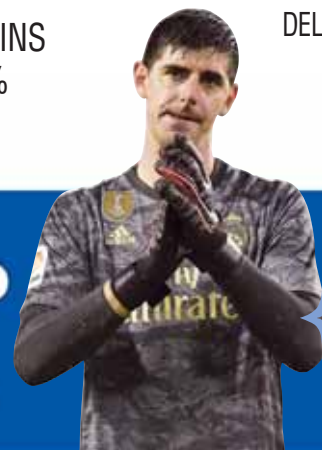
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## SC sets Rajiv's killers free

Court cites TN  
advice, convicts'  
conduct to order  
premature releasePIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

The killers of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi can now enjoy a life of freedom outside the prison walls.

The Supreme Court on Friday directed the premature release of six convicts: Nalini Sriharan, RP Ravichandran, Santhan, Murugan, Robert Payas and Jayakumar. They all were serving life terms for Rajiv Gandhi's assassination.

The court granted the relief on two counts: The Tamil Nadu Government had recommended remission of their sentences; and their "conduct" was satisfactory during incarceration.

A bench of justices BR Gava and BV Nagarathna said the judgment of the top court in the case of A G Perarivalan, one of the convicts in the case, is equally applicable in their matter.

Invoking its extraordinary power under Article 142 of the Constitution, the top court had on May 18 ordered the release of Perarivalan, who had served over 30 years in jail.

Under Article 142, the top court may issue any verdict or order necessary to provide "complete justice".



In this combo photo, (L-R) Sriharan alias Murugan, Nalini Sriharan and Santhan, convicts of the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, in Vellore district

"The court (SC) held that the Governor in matter of remission of an appellant convicted under section 302 was bound by advice of the State cabinet. Undisputedly, in the present case, the cabinet has resolved grant of remission to all the applicants.

"We, therefore, find that the factors which weighed with this court while directing the release of AG Perarivalan are equally applicable to the present applicants. We direct that all the appellants are deemed to have served their sentence in relation to the crime. The applicants are thus directed to be released unless required in

any other case," the bench said. Sriharan and Ravichandran have been out of jail on parole for nearly one year as sanctioned by the State Government under the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982, based on their request.

The Tamil Nadu Government had earlier favoured the premature release of Nalini and Ravichandran, saying its 2018 advice for remission of their life sentence is binding upon the Governor.

In two separate affidavits, the State Government had told the top court that in a cabinet meeting held on September 9,

2018, it had considered mercy petitions of seven convicts in the case and resolved to recommend the Governor for remission of their life sentences invoking the power granted under Article 161 of the Constitution.

Nalini and Ravichandran had moved the top court seeking premature release.

Both of them had challenged a June 17 order of the Madras High Court, which rejected their pleas for early release, and cited the apex court judgment ordering the release of co-convict Perarivalan.

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## Cong slams verdict as 'unacceptable'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

The Congress has condemned the Supreme Court's decision to set free the assassins of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi terming it "totally unacceptable and completely erroneous". The party said the apex court has not acted in consonance with the spirit of India on this issue.

In a statement, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jaiaram Ramesh said the decision of the Supreme Court to free the remaining killers of the former PM is "totally unacceptable and completely erroneous".

"The Congress party criticises it clearly and finds it wholly untenable. It is most unfortunate that the Supreme Court has not acted in consonance with the spirit of India on this issue," he said.

Meanwhile, another senior Congress leader and eminent advocate Abhisek Manu Singhvi said the party "disagreed with Sonia Gandhi", who had pleaded for their release from prison. He said the Congress would seek legal remedy against their release.

"Sonia Gandhi, above all, is entitled to her personal views.

But with greatest respect, the party doesn't agree and has made our view clear. In this case, the Congress' views are the same as that of the Central Government. The party does not agree with Sonia Gandhi's view, has never agreed with that view, and has made this view clear for years," Singhvi told NDTV.

A Congress MP from Tamil Nadu Manickam questioned the absence of the Central government's advocate in the Supreme Court when the case came up.

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## Cong's ally DMK, TN Opp ADMK welcome order

Chennai: Tamil Nadu's ruling DMK, which is a Congress ally, and main Opposition AIADMK welcomed the Supreme Court ruling.

Chief Minister and DMK president MK Stalin said: "This judgment as well of the Supreme Court forms the basis that Governors should not put the decisions and resolutions of elected governments in the back burner."

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## SC miffed at delay in Centre's nod to Collegium picks

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday expressed displeasure over the tendency of the Centre to keep pending the names recommended for appointment as judges in the higher judiciary, including those reiterated by the apex court Collegium.

"Just keeping the names pending is something not acceptable," a bench of Justices SK Kaul and AS Oka said.

The SC observed that the method of keeping names on hold is becoming "some sort of a device" to compel the persons whose names have been recommended for appointment as judges in the higher judiciary, to withdraw their consent.

The bench issued notice to



the incumbent Secretary (Justice) of the Union Law Ministry seeking response on a plea alleging "wilful disobedience" of time frame laid down to facilitate timely appointment in the apex courts April 20 last year order.

The plea filed by the Advocates' Association Bengaluru, through lawyer Pai Amit, has raised the issue of "extraordinary delays" in the appointment of judges to the High Court's as well as the segregation of the names, which is "detrimental to the cherished principle of the independence of the judiciary".

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## EC seizes record 1 lakh litre liquor from dry Guj

11L litre liquor, ₹17.8 cr in cash, ₹65 cr freebies seized in Himachal, Guj

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

Among the "record" seizures made by the Election Commission from the two poll-bound States is over 1 lakh litres of liquor from the "dry" State of Gujarat, where polling is scheduled for December 1 and 5. Gujarat has a prohibition policy in place.

In all, the EC has so far seized 11 lakh litres of liquor, freebies worth ₹65 crore and ₹17.84 crore in cash, respectively, meant to induce Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh's voters.

The total value of seizures of liquor, drugs and freebies has been pegged at ₹71.88 crore in Gujarat, which is more than a



two-fold increase compared to 2017 (₹27.81 crore). Similarly, the seizures in Himachal amount to ₹50.28 crore, over five times more as compared to ₹9.03 crore in 2017.

The EC said that authorities in Himachal Pradesh seized liquor worth ₹17.50 crore (9.72 lakh litres), drugs worth ₹1.20 crore, precious metals worth ₹13.99 crore and other freebies worth ₹41 lakh, besides ₹17.18 crore in cash. During the 2017 elections, authorities made seizures worth ₹9.03 crore.

The authorities have made seizures worth ₹71.88 crore in total, of which 66 lakh was in cash in Gujarat so far. Liquor

worth ₹3.86 crore or 1.09 lakh litres, drugs worth ₹94 lakh, precious metals worth ₹1.86 crore and other freebies worth ₹64.56 crore were also seized.

The EC said the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has also reported "massive seizures" amounting to ₹64 crore of toys and accessories that were being smuggled by way of "mis-declaration and resorting to concealment in the import cargo" at the Mundra port.

Two persons, including the mastermind, have been arrested in the case and further investigation is under progress, the EC said.

In order to curb the misuse of money in poll-bound Gujarat, the EC has deployed 69 expenditure observers while there are 23 expenditure observers present in Himachal.

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## China's Indian incursions expansionist strategy: Study

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NEW DELHI/NEW YORK

Amid lingering tension at the border in Eastern Ladakh and India maintaining that China forcibly tried to alter the status quo at the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a study says the incursions into the Aksai Chin region and Arunachal Pradesh are planned as an "expansionist strategy".

This study conducted by a group in Netherlands, including its Defence Academy, has come weeks after Indian and Chinese troops disengaged from the last stand-off site in Hot Springs-Gogra (Patrolling Point-15) sector following several rounds of military and diplomatic-level talks since trouble erupted at the LAC in May 2020.

Chinese infringements into the Aksai Chin region are not



random, independent events but are part of a strategically planned and coordinated "expansionist strategy" to gain permanent control of the disputed border area, according to the study on Chinese border incursions into India by a team of international experts.

The study "Rising tension in the Himalayas: A Geospatial Analysis of Chinese Border Incursions into India" by Northwestern University, Technical University of Delft in

the Netherlands and the Netherlands Defence Academy presented a geospatial analysis of the incursions, using an original dataset that covers the past 15 years.

"We find that the conflict can be separated into two independent conflicts, west and east, centered around the major contested areas of Aksai Chin and Arunachal Pradesh. Building on insights from game theory, we conclude that the Chinese incursions in the west are strategically planned and aim for a permanent control, or at least a clearer status quo of the contested areas," the study released late Thursday said.

For the study, the team defined an "incursion" as any movement of Chinese troops across the border — by foot or in vehicles — into areas that are internationally accepted as India's territory.

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## CAPSULE

## J'KHAND RAISES QUOTA TO 77%, ADDS A CAVEAT

Ranchi: The Jharkhand Reservation in Vacancies of Posts and Services (Amendment) Bill 2022 passed in the Assembly on Friday raised the quota for reservations in Government jobs for STs, SCs, EBCs, OBCs and Economically Weaker Sections to 77 per cent from a current 60 per cent. However, the Bill came with the caveat that "the Act shall take effect after it is included in the ninth schedule of the Constitution of India".

## AAP'S 10 GUARANTEES FOR MCD ELECTIONS

New Delhi: Clearing the three landfill sites, a corruption-free civic body and relief from the stray menace form the backbone of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's 10-point guarantee for the MCD polls. The AAP national convener on Friday announced 10 guarantees for residents of the national capital ahead of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections. He also referred to the guarantees as nothing less than "Fevicol ka jod".

## Aditya walks with Rahul; MVA unity on display

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

A day after the Opposition ANCP leaders joined "Bharat Jodo Yatra" in Nanded district, Shiv Sena leader and former Minister Aadiya Thackeray on Friday joined Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in his ongoing yatra in the adjoining Hingoli district in Marathwada region of Maharashtra.

In a display of unity among the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) — a front comprising Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress that ruled the State for two and a half years before its Government was toppled by rebel Sena leader in alliance with the BJP — Aadiya followed the NCP's suit and joined Rahul in his march at Kalamnuri in Hingoli district on the 65th day of the yatra.

Aadiya, 32, son of Sena's former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, and Rahul walked



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) leader Aadiya Thackeray during Congress' 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in Nanded district on Friday

side by side for more than two hours waving at people who had lined up on either side of the road.

Aadiya, who was accompanied by leader of the Opposition in the Maharashtra

Legislative Council Ambadas Danve and Sena leader from Mumbai Chin Ahir, heaped praise on Rahul, by saying that the "Bharat Jodo Yatra was much more than politics.

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## TV star Siddhaanth cut off in prime; another death at gym

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The quest for the macho persona and a pumped-up body that looks good from the outside but decays from within claimed one more life on Friday.

Popular TV actor Siddhaanth Surryavanshi, known for shows such as "Kkusum", "Kasauti Zindagii Kay" and "Ziddi Dil Maane Na", died on Friday after suffering a heart attack at a Mumbai gym. He was 46.

The cases of several young actors, particularly those hitting gyms and dying during exercise, have made not only the cine world but "health experts" sit up and take notice of the sudden collapsing of those who otherwise looked fine as a fiddle.

Surryavanshi, known to be a fitness enthusiast, was taken to the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital at 12.30 pm on Friday where he was



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declared dead, hospital insiders said.

"They tried to revive him. In all probability, he suffered a heart attack while he was at the gym. This was told to the hospital by the family," they said.

Surryavanshi, who earlier went by the name of Anand Suryavanshi, forayed into television with the 2001 show "Kkusum" and went on to star in daily soaps, including

"Mamta", "Grihasti" and "Waaris". His last major TV role was this year in Sony SAB's "Ziddi Dil Maane Na".

The actor's sudden demise sent shockwaves across the television industry with his colleagues Urvashi Dholakia, Gautam Rode, and Jay Bhanushali among others mourning the loss. Dholakia said she is still in disbelief.

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## SC extends protection of 'Shivling' area at Gyanvapi

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday extended the protection of the area where a "Shivling" was stated to be found on the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex premises in Varanasi.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices Surya Kant and PS Narasimha allowed the Hindu parties to move an application before the Varanasi District Judge for consolidation of all the lawsuits filed on the Gyanvapi row.

The SC directed the Hindu parties to file their replies within three weeks on the appeal filed by the management committee of the Anjanam Intezamia Masjid challenging the Allahabad High Court order on the appointment of a survey commissioner.

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## NCR-PULSE

**CURBS UNDER STAGE 3 OF GRAP TO CONTINUE: CAQM**  
New Delhi: The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) on Friday said curbs under stage 3 of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) will continue in Delhi-NCR as the air pollution in the region is showing an upward trend. Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index stood at 346 at 4 pm on Friday, deteriorating from 295 on Thursday. "The Air Quality Index (AQI) has been showing an increasing trend for the last two days in Delhi-NCR. Wind conditions have not been very favourable and accordingly dispersion of air pollutants has not been very effective," the CAQM said in a statement.Considering the need to continue with the steps to prevent deterioration of air quality, the sub-committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) has decided that the 'ongoing action implemented under Stage III of GRAP shall continue and it should not be withdrawn at this stage'.

**METRO SERVICES TO BE HIT ON BLUE LINE ON NOV 13**  
New Delhi: Delhi Metro on Friday announced that the operations on a section of the busy Blue Line will be partially available in the initial few hours on November 13 due to planned maintenance work. The segment between Ramesh Nagar and Kirti Nagar metro stations will be affected. "To undertake the scheduled track maintenance work between Moti Nagar and Kirti Nagar on the Blue Line that is Line-3/4 (Dwarka Sec-21 to Noida Electronic City/Vaishali), train services on the morning of 13th November 2022 (Sunday) will be regulated," the DMRC said in a statement.

**COURT RESERVES ORDER ON JAIN BAIL PLEA FOR NOV 16**  
New Delhi: A Delhi court on Friday reserved for November 16 the order on the bail applications of AAP leader Satyendar Jain and others in a money laundering case. Jain urged the court to grant him bail, saying that no purpose will be served by keeping him in custody any longer. Special Judge Vikas Dhull reserved the order after hearing arguments of the accused persons, including Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain, as well as the Enforcement Directorate (ED). "Put up on November 16, 2022 for orders on the bail applications of accused Satyendra Kumar Jain, Vaibhav Jain and Ankush Jain," the judge said while directing the superintendent of Tihar jail to produce them before court on Wednesday.

**SYNERGY 2022 BY SHREE GURU GOBIND SINGH VARSITY**  
New Delhi: Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, renowned for its patient care, teaching, and research in the health sciences and non-medical fields, hosted over 22,000 students from 150 schools across the Delhi-NCR at SYNERGY 2022. J&K Vice President of Higher Education Prof Dinesh Singh and Delhi's Additional Chief Secretary Rajiv Yaduvanshi were the special guests. Padma Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, Chancellor of SGT University, said, "The primary goal of holding this event was to provide a platform for interdisciplinary research, solve real-life problems, and overcome difficulties that go beyond the scope of research in industry, government and academia."

**INDIA KICKS OFF 3-DAY KOREAN FILM FEST AT PVR PRIYA**  
NEW DELHI: In continuation of its celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Korean Cultural Center, India has kicked off a three-day Korean Film Festival at PVR Priya, Delhi from Friday (November 11 to 13), screening 10 critically acclaimed movies made by renowned filmmakers. These include "Young Lady," "Miss," "The hen that left the yard", "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring", "The King of Pigs", "bat", "To Busan", "New World", Novelists film and "Scandal".

# 1932 land records to be used to decide domicile status in J'khand

PTI ■ RANCHI

A bill that proposes to use 1932 land records to determine people's domicile status was passed in the Jharkhand assembly on Friday. The bill is seen as a fight-back by Chief Minister Hemant Soren to strengthen his support base among tribals amid the political crisis in the state. Soren, who is facing summons from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the risk of losing his membership of the assembly over an office of profit case, said the day "will be written in gold letters" in the state's history as he sought to fulfil the demand of tribal bodies. In a special session of the assembly, the Jharkhand Definition of Local Persons

and for Extending the Consequential Social, Cultural and Other Benefits to such Local Persons Bill, 2022 was passed by voice vote. The bill states that the population of tribals is on a decline and policy intervention was needed to check it. Tribal bodies in the state have been demanding that the last land survey conducted by the British in 1932 be used as the basis for defining locals as against the currently accepted cut-off of 1985. The opposition BJP accused the JMM-led ruling coalition, helmed by Soren, of rushing the bill, without a debate, to gain political mileage as nothing was going to happen till the Centre approved it. People whose ancestors were living in the area before

1932, and whose names were included in that year's land records will be considered local residents of Jharkhand, when the proposals in the bill come into effect. Gram sabhas will be empowered to take a call in case a person was landless or his name was not recorded in the 1932 land survey, based on the culture, local customs and tradition, among others. This insertion is seen as a means to target forest-dwelling tribals, most of whom, do not have their names in any land records. As soon as the bill was passed, JMM workers across Jharkhand began celebrations with firecrackers and abir, dancing to the beats of 'dhol', 'nagara' and 'mander'. The bill seeks to provide

"certain rights and benefits to the original inhabitants/Moolvasis/aboriginals over their land, their stake in the local development of the rivers/lakes/fishery, their local traditional and cultural and commercial enterprise, their rights over agricultural indebtedness, maintenance, protection of their land records, for their social security, employment/unemployment both in private and public sector..." Hitting out at the BJP, Soren said the opposition MLAs were in uproar inside the House as they were in tremendous "pressure, fear and anxiety" due to the milestones achieved by the JMM-led coalition, which wants all-round development of the state, "instead of hatching conspiracies".

## Road projects worth ₹3 lakh cr to be completed in NE by 2024: Gadkari

PTI ■ GUWAHATI

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on Friday said that road projects worth around Rs 3 lakh crore will be completed in northeast by the end of 2024, in line with the BJP-led central government's commitment to improve connectivity the region. He also said that the Centre was ready to allocate projects worth another Rs 2 lakh crore for the region if issues related to land acquisition and forest clearances are timely resolved by the state governments. "If we take into account the projects that are underway or have been built, along with



the upcoming ones, it would be worth around Rs 3 lakh crore. And all of these will be completed by 2024," Gadkari said, addressing a press meet here. Besides the major road projects, there are several projects being undertaken in the region for ropeways, bridges, logistics and wayside amenities, he added.

## SC extends protection of ‘Shivling’ area at...

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Senior advocate Ranjit Kumar, appearing for Hindu plaintiffs, said the appeal filed by the mosque management committee has become infructuous as they had challenged the appointment of advocate commissioner done by the trial court. "They (mosque committee) have been participating in proceedings before the appointment commissioner, whose appointment they have challenged. Their application of Order 7 Rule 11 (maintainability of the suit) has been decided by the district judge, Varanasi on September 12," he said. Kumar said that on May

17, this court had passed an interim order directing the district magistrate of Varanasi to ensure protection of the area inside the Gyanvapi-Shringar Gauri complex where the 'Shivling' was stated to be found in the survey. "On May 20, the court had said that the May 17, interim order shall remain in operation till the maintainability of the suit is decided by the district judge and thereafter, for eight weeks to allow the aggrieved parties to approach a higher court," Kumar said, adding that now that period of eight weeks is getting over and protection needs to be extended. Senior advocate Huzefa

Ahmadi, appearing for the mosque committee, said that the interlocutory application was served upon him late and they need to file a rebuttal to that as not all facts are correct. "I need to rebut the statements made in the application filed by the other side and can't just make the offhand remarks. I have challenged the appointment of advocate commissioner and the appeal is before this court. If I succeed in the appeal, entire things fall apart. I have made this submission earlier also," Ahmadi said. Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, appearing for Hindu parties who have filed the suit before the district judge seeking

right to worship in the Gyanvapi complex said that an application has been filed for consolidation of all the suits. The bench then asked Jain to withdraw the application and granted him liberty to move an application before the district judge of Varanasi for consolidation of all the lawsuits filed in Gyanvapi row. Ahmadi pointed out that Hindu plaintiffs, who have filed the suit before the district judge have not filed their response to their appeal and it should be taken that they don't wish to file their replies. Kumar assured the bench that they will file their replies in two to three weeks. The bench then passed the orders.

## Cong slams order as ‘unacceptable’

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He also took a potshot at the Prime Minister and asked if Narendra Modi supported the crime of the three Sri Lankan accused who killed former PM Rajiv Gandhi. "Why were there no Union Government Advocates present today when the case came up? Whether Narendra Modi supports the three Sri Lankans' crime? What about the nation-

al security implications of Mr Modi? How can you close your eyes and help terrorists?" he tweeted.In 2000, Nalini Sriharan's sentence was reduced to a life term on the intervention of Sonia Gandhi. In 2008, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, the daughter of Rajiv Gandhi, met with her in prison in Tamil Nadu's Vellore. The sentence of six more convicts was also commuted in 2014.

# SC sets Rajiv’s killers...

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Nalini, Santhan, Murugan, Perarivalan, Robert Payas, Jayakumar and Ravichandran were sentenced to life terms and spent over 23 years in jail. The State Government had earlier said it is the competent authority to take a decision on the petition filed by Nalini and Ravichandran under Article 161 of the Constitution and the "decision of the State Cabinet dated September 9, 2018 thereon is final and it can be exercised by governor of Tamil Nadu as per the aid and advice of the cabinet". Both Nalini and Ravichandran have been on ordinary leave (parole) from

December 27, 2021 till date as sanctioned by the Tamil Nadu government under the Tamil Nadu Suspension of Sentence Rules, 1982 then and there based on their request. Nalini has been incarcerated in a special prison for women, Vellore for more than 30 years while Ravichandran is lodged in Madurai Central Prison and has undergone 29 years of actual imprisonment and 37 years of imprisonment, including remission. The high court had on June 17 rejected the petitions of Nalini and Ravichandran, to order their release without even the consent of the State's Governor.

Rajiv was assassinated on the night of May 21, 1991 at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu by a woman suicide bomber, identified as Dhanu, at a poll rally. In its May 1999 order, the top court had upheld the death sentence of four convicts Perarivalan, Murugan, Santhan and Nalini. However, in 2014, it commuted the death sentence of Perarivalan to life imprisonment along with those of Santhan and Murugan on grounds of delay in deciding their mercy petitions. Nalini's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment in 2001 on the consideration that she has a daughter.

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The release of convicts was recommended to then Governor Banwarilal Purohit by the previous AIADMK government in 2018. Stalin said the DMK championed the cause of their release while in Opposition too. After assuming power last year, his party-led Government urged the Centre to release them, writing to then President Ram Nath

Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and backed the legal struggle for setting them free, he said. The main opposition AIADMK took credit for their release saying its legal initiatives while helming the government over the past several years eventually led to their release. Their release is a "victory for the AIADMK," the party said.

## Aditya walks with Rahul; MVA unity on...

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Interacting with the media, Aaditya said: "This yatra is for democracy, for the country. This yatra is much more than politics. This is what vibrant democracy is about." The "Bharat Jodo Yatra" has been gathering momentum with every passing day.. Several writers, artists and political leaders of different hues have been joining the Yatra ever since it entered Maharashtra on November 7. Yesterday, Bollywood actor Sushant Singh participated in the yatra. Speaking at a rally organised as part of the yatra at Nanded on Thursday night,

Sushant indirectly hit out at the ruling BJP for spreading hatred across the country. "In in all this politics of hatred that we are witnessing in the country, it is difficult to follow the path of love. Rahul is doing precisely that. He is following the path of love," said Sushant. "At first I thought that this rally is for the Congress party. I had a doubt in my mind whether to participate in it or not.. But then I thought that this is a rally for India and we must participate in it," Sushant said. Sushant, who presented a poem by famous poet Kunwar

Narayan on this occasion, quoted a Hindi saying "Pyaar mein sab kuch har jaye toh hi jeet hoti hai...Jeet Jarur Milegi". "There is a need for victory, but the real need is to fight till the end without losing faith. Because after that we will surely get victory". "When you face the first snowstorm on your head, then you will find that there is no difference in winning everything and not giving up till the end," the actor added. Sushant is the second Bollywood actor to join the Yatra. Earlier, actress Pooja Bhatt also participated in the yatra.

# TV star Siddhaanth cut off in prime...

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"I had met him a year ago and he looked all good. He is into fitness and it is shocking to know about him. We would bond wherever we left from that point. It is something you fathom. I had met him on the sets of 'Kasautii Zindagi Kay', the actor said. Bhanushali took to Instagram where he posted a photo of Surryavanshi and wrote "Gone too soon". Surryavanshi is survived by his wife, model Alesia Raut, and a daughter from his previous marriage. He got married to Raut in 2017. She also has a son from an earlier marriage.

His sudden death is the latest in a series of fit men, in the prime of their lives, who collapsed while exercising. South star Puneeth Rajkumar and comedy star Raju Srivastava also suffered heart attacks while working out. And we are only counting... In June this year, Indian Filmmaker Raj Kaushal, husband to Actor Mandira Bedi, died of cardiac arrest after suffering a heart attack. He was only 49 years old at the time. Deepesh Bhan, actor of the popular comedy serial "Bhabhi Ji Ghar Par Ha" also suddenly collapsed and passed away at 41, on July 23, this year.

He too was known as an excessive gym freak by his co-actors. Actor Sidharth Shukla died on September 2, 2020, due to cardiac arrest. The heart attack happened to one who looked in the best of his health and again a fitness enthusiast. Hailing from Mumbai Shukla started his career in modeling and became the first Indian and Asian to win World's Best Model Contest in Turkey in 2005. The actor made his acting debut on the TV show "Babul Ka Anagann Chootey Na" on SonyTv. Shukla made his Bollywood debut in 2014 with the film "Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania." He

became more popular, in 2019, after he participated in the TV reality show BiggBoss, where he was declared a winner in February 2020. Zarina Roshan Khan, who became a household name from the TV serial "Kumkum Bhagya", died of cardiac arrest at the age of 54 on October 24, 2020. She appeared in many TV serials like "Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai", "Kumkum Bhagya", "Vidya". What is the reason for this growing epidemic of heart attacks in the young? In the past, such deaths were attributed to "lack of exercise" and now it seems to be the case of "excess".

## SC miffed at delay in Centre’s nod to...

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It has referred to 11 names which were recommended and later, reiterated also. The top court noted that the critical position of vacancies in the High Courts and delay in appointment of judges had constrained a three-judge bench of the apex court to pass the April 20 last year order seeking to lay down broad timelines within which appointment process be completed. "If we look at the position of pending cases for consideration, there are 11 cases pending with the Government which were cleared by the Collegium and yet are awaiting

appointment," the bench observed. It said the delay in clearing the recommended names, including those which have been reiterated by the Collegium, has led persons withdrawing consent and the system lost the opportunity of having an eminent person on the bench. "We find the method of keeping names on hold is becoming some sort of a device to compel these persons to withdraw their names, as has happened," the apex court observed. It said there are also names which have been reiterated by the Collegium but are still pending with the

Government. The apex court noted that counsel for the petitioner has said that one of the persons, whose name was pending after being reiterated, has even passed away. "Needless to say that unless the bench is adorned by competent lawyers, the very concept of rule of law and justice suffers in this elaborate procedure..." the bench observed. It also noted that senior advocate Vikas Singh, who is the president of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), has submitted before it that even the recommendation made for appointment in the Supreme Court more than five weeks is

pending appointment. "We are really unable to understand or appreciate this," the bench said, adding that it is issuing "simple notice" to the current Secretary (Justice) and Secretary (Administration and Appointment) for the time being. The bench posted the matter for hearing on November 28. The apex court had noted in its order that the then Attorney General had placed before it the appointment position in the High Courts to contend that against the sanctioned strength of 1,080 judges, 664 judges have been appointed with vacancies of 416 judges.

# China’s Indian incursions expansionist strategy...

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Then, they plotted each location on a map, identifying 13 hotspots where incursions happen most frequently. In the 15-year dataset, the researchers noted an average of 7.8 incursions per year even though the Indian Government's estimates are much higher. The India-China border dispute covers the 3,488-km-long LAC. China claims Arunachal Pradesh as part of southern Tibet while India contests it. Aksai Chin is a vast area in Ladakh which is currently under Chinese occupation. According to Indian Government data in 2019, the Chinese Army transgressed

into Indian territory 1,025 times between 2016 and 2018. Then Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik told the Lok Sabha in November 2019 that the number of transgressions by the Chinese Army in 2016 was 273 which rose to 426 in 2017. The number of such cases reported in 2018 was 326. The study's authors are Jan-Tino Brethouwer and Robert Fokkink of the Technical University of Delft, Delft Insititute of Applied Mathematics in Netherlands, Kevin Greene of Princeton University's School of Public and International Affairs, Roy Lindelauf of Netherlands Defence Academy, Faculty of Military Sciences in Breda,

Netherlands, Caroline Tornquist of Dartmouth College's Department of Computer Science and V.S. Subrahmanian of Northwestern University's Department of Computer Science and Buffett Institute for Global Affairs in Evanston, US. A press release from Northwestern said the authors assembled a new dataset, compiling information about Chinese incursions into India from 2006 to 2020 and used game theory and statistical methods to analyse the data. The researchers found that conflicts can be separated into two distinct sectors: west/middle (the Aksai Chin region) and east (the Arunachal

Pradesh region). "Chinese incursions across India's west and central borders are not independent, random incidents that happen by mistake," the release said. "While the researchers learned that the number of incursions are generally increasing over time, they concluded that conflicts in the east and middle sectors are part of a coordinated expansionist strategy," it said. Subrahmanian, the study's senior author and the Walter P Murphy Professor of Computer Science at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering and a Buffett Faculty Fellow at Northwestern's Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, said by

studying the number of incursions that occurred in the west and middle sectors over time "it became obvious, statistically, that these incursions are not random. The probability of randomness is very low, which suggests to us that it's a coordinated effort". "Knowing there are more incursions in the western sector is not a surprise," Subrahmanian said. "Aksai Chin is a strategic area that China wants to develop, so it's very critical to them. It's a vital passageway between China and the Chinese autonomous regions of Tibet and Xinjiang". The study, which notes the June 2020 Galwan clash that killed 20 Indian soldiers and an "an unknown number

of Chinese soldiers", said reports of Chinese incursions into Indian territory are now a frequent occurrence. The study said States respond not only to the actions directed toward them, but also respond to the actions directed within their alliance and rivalry networks. "India's participation in the Quad, the security dialogue between the United States, India, Japan and Australia, may serve as a trigger for Chinese activity along the China-India border. China, on the other hand, is involved in cooperative activities with Pakistan, and is ready to step in the void that is left behind after the retreat of the western powers in Afghanistan."

## EC seizes record 1 lakh litre liquor from dry...

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As many as 27 constituencies in Gujarat have been identified as expenditure sensitive constituencies and are being closely observed, the EC said. The EC pointed out that even during the recent bypolls in seven Assembly constituencies in Bihar, Odisha, Maharashtra, Telangana, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, significant seizures of Rs 9.35 crore were made. The seizures were made in the "highly expenditure sensitive" Munugode Assembly constituency in Telangana, where cash amounting to Rs 6.6 crore, along with thousands of litres of liquor and Rs 1.78 crore worth precious metals, was seized. "The comprehensive planning, reviews and follow-ups by Election Commission of India involving active participation of enforcement agencies have led to record seizures in the ongoing Assembly elections in the States of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh," the EC said in a statement.



# Won't deal with politics, SC on AAP-Centre row

Top court says it will decide constitutional issue on control of services, stops filing more petitions

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday prohibited the filing of any pleadings (filing of documents or affidavits) in a case relating to a dispute over who should control administrative services in Delhi and over the transfers and postings of officers in the national Capital.

The Centre on Friday blamed the Delhi Government for leaking the affidavit filed by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia to the press, before it was filed in court.

"This is a very incorrect practice. This affidavit shows political propaganda and was shared with the press earlier than being filed," Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Sanjay Jain said. "This is a complete abuse of the process of law and moreover, the affidavit asks the Centre to file its reply in a week," Jain added. However, Senior Counsel Abhishek

Manu Singhvi, appearing for Delhi Government, refuted the allegations made by the Centre. Singhvi said the Delhi Government has not given a single copy of any document to the press.

He added, "This is a matter before the Constitution Bench. We have filed an affidavit to show the paralysis in administration.... Today, no bureaucrat is responding to the calls of the Ministers." Singhvi said that he was merely bringing certain facts to the court's notice.

A Bench presided by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli took note of the vehement opposition of the ASG to Sisodia's affidavit that it has been filed when the case is already fixed for hearing and put a freeze on filing further pleadings, meaning thereby that parties to the case cannot file any more documents and affidavits till further orders.

Terming the bringing up of the political arena slugfest into the court "unnecessary", the Bench refused to be drawn into it and made it clear that it will not ask the Centre to respond to a fresh affidavit filed by Sisodia. "We will not ask for a reply now, otherwise people will start filing affidavits till the

last date. We will freeze the pleadings now and let the Constitution Bench take up the matter. The opposite side need not file a reply to the affidavit as of now," the CJI said.

"We will deal with the constitutional issue with regard to control of services. We will step back from the actual arena of political conflict," the Bench said, adding that such political conflicts are part of a democracy. "You could have said these things without filing the affidavit," the Bench said.

A five-judge Constitution Bench is scheduled to hear on November 24 the legal issue concerning the scope of the legislative and executive powers of the Centre and the AAP Government in Delhi over the control of services in Delhi.

Sisodia, in an affidavit, has told the Supreme Court that Lieutenant-Governor VK Saxena has "derailed" governance in Delhi by encouraging the "recalcitrance of civil servants" towards the elected Government.

In an affidavit filed before the top court, the AAP government has alleged that Saxena is "running a parallel system of governance in the NCT of Delhi" by taking unilateral executive decisions.

# DU to declare 3rd round of CSAS seat allocation for UG admission tomorrow

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Delhi University (DU) will declare the third round of seat allocation for undergraduate admission on Sunday. In the third round of the common seat allocation system (CSAS), admission will be done to all supernumerary quotas including extracurricular activities (ECA), sports, CW (children and widows of armed forces), and Kashmiri Migrants, along with regular admissions.

According to DU Registrar Vikas Gupta, the third round of seat allocation was scheduled to begin on Thursday but the university announced on

Wednesday that it had been rescheduled. Now the round will begin at 5 pm on Sunday and will conclude on November 20. The registrar also announced that the first spot allocation round for undergraduate programmes will begin on November 20 with the university announcing the number of vacant seats.

A senior university official said the rescheduling was done as the varsity needed some time to prepare the list for admission for all supernumerary seats like those under economically weaker sections (EWS) and sports categories. The third CSAS allocation list will be

declared on Sunday. The candidates would be given a two-day window from November 14 to 15 to accept the allocated seat. The college would verify and approve the online application from November 14 to 16. The last date for online payment of admission fees by the candidates would be November 17.

After the conclusion of third round, the university would open an upgrade window for only supernumerary seats and Christian candidates for St Stephen's College and Jesus and Mary College (JMC) from November 18 to November 19.

# AIMIM, ASP to contest on 100 Dalit dominated pockets

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The Hyderabad-based AIMIM and Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Aazad's outfit Azad Samaj Party (ASP) on Friday announced they will contest on 100 wards in the minority and Dalit-dominated pockets of the city.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) headed by Asaduddin Owaisi will contest 68 of the 100 wards, while ASP will fight the polls in 32 wards, leaders of the two parties announced in a press conference. "The decision to fight the MCD polls together by the two parties was approved by their heads Asaduddin Owaisi and Chandra Shekhar Aazad," AIMIM Delhi unit president Kaleemul Hafeez said.

Both the BJP and AAP have "completely neglected" the areas where Muslims and Dalits live in Delhi, Hafeez alleged. Muslims constitute 15 per cent, and Dalits 16 per cent of the total population in Delhi, he said. The entry of AIMIM in Delhi's politics through MCD



polls will be interesting to watch as the minority voters influence the poll results in 10 Assembly segments in Delhi.

Muslim voters are considered a strong votebank of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) led by Arvind Kejriwal, some of whose actions such as recommending photos of Hindu deities, Laxmi and Ganesha, on banknotes have been lambasted as "soft Hindutva."

ASP's Delhi In-charge Bhiku Ram Jain said that if Muslims and Dalits come together no political party will afford to ignore them. The 'Hissedari Morcha' formed by the two outfits is also joined by Liberal Party of India. "The Morcha will contest MCD polls



with all its might and teach a befitting lesson to BJP and AAP that have betrayed people," Jain said. The AIMIM had contested the civic body polls on nine wards in 2017 and lost all. This time the party intends to field its candidates on wards with sizeable Muslim pockets, such as Okhla, Matia Mahal, Seelampur, Mustafabad, Ballimaran, Babarpur, Sadar Bazar, and other such constituencies, said leaders of the party. Delhi has 12 reserved Assembly constituencies including Mangolpuri, Sultanpur Majra, Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar, Madipur, Deoli, Ambedkar Nagar, where the ASP is likely to field its candidates.

# Kejriwal announces 10 guarantees for Delhiites

If AAP wins MCD polls, we will make Delhi garbage-free, clean, beautiful, pay salaries on time: CM

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced 10 guarantees for the MCD elections, promising to make the national Capital garbage-free, clean, and beautiful, timely payment of salaries to its employees as well as to end corruption by making building plan processes online and regularise minor alterations done to properties through one-time penalties if the AAP wins in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) polls.

Kejriwal also referred to the guarantees as nothing less than "Fevicol ka jod". Taking on the BJP, Kejriwal asserted that the saffron party would not win more than 20 seats in the high-stakes contest on December 4. Kejriwal said the BJP, which has governed the civic body for the last 15 years, released a 'sankalp patra' and threw it in the trash after the elections.

"After December 7, their 'wachan patra' (pledge letter) will also meet the same fate. In the last elections, the BJP said they would clear out the garbage mountains; now they say every city has these. Do London, Tokyo, New York, Washington and Paris have garbage mountains?" he asked.

Under the first guarantee, Kejriwal said Delhi's garbage mountains would be cleared and the city beautified. "We will also shelve their (BJP's) plan of building 16 new garbage mountains. We will call experts from London, Paris, Tokyo to work this out. We will clean up the roads and galis (alleys) of Delhi," he said.

The AAP has long alleged that the BJP, during its tenure in the MCD, had planned to create 16 landfill sites alongside the three existing ones at Ghazipur, Okhla and Bhalswa.

Assuring that the MCD would be rid of corruption as part of the second guarantee, Kejriwal claimed that the building department was the most corruption-prone and the process of clearing all plans and maps would be digitised and simplified.

The third, fourth and fifth guarantees included solving the parking crisis, ending the stray-animal menace and repairing roads under the MCD.

"There are a lot of stray cows, dogs and monkeys that cause problems for residents. We will bring a solution for them too. All MCD roads are dilapidated today.

We will repair them and ensure that they no longer hinder anyone's commute," he said. Schools, dispensaries and hospitals of the MCD are in disrepair, Kejriwal said, and promised to transform them "like we have done under our government" under the sixth guarantee.

"The eighth guarantee is regularisation of contract workers. Many employees are not paid for months; they will all be paid on time. No matter how we arrange funds, everyone will get their salaries within the first week of the month," he said.

Alleging that traders were under severe distress due to the "bribes" that need to be paid to obtain a licence, he said the AAP planned to simplify and digitise the system. "We will end conversion and parking fees. We will end the 'inspector raj'. We will open up all the sealed shops and hear all the concerns of traders and resolve them," he said.

Under the 10th guarantee, Kejriwal promised to grant licences to hawkers to sit in vending zones. Kejriwal also raised the issue of free yoga classes and campaigns such as

'Red Light On, Gaadi Off', he appealed to the electorate to not cast their votes for people who obstruct progress.

"Don't vote for those trying to stop Delhi, Delhi must grow. Vote for those who will help Delhi grow. Don't vote for those who want to harm this nation, vote for those who want to make India number one," he said.

## Harbhajan, Mann in AAP's star campaigners' list

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Former cricketer and Rajya Sabha MP Harbhajan Singh, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and MLA Rajendra Pal Gautam would be among the star campaigners of the AAP for the December 4 MCD polls.

The list of 30 campaigners also includes the likes of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, Rajya Sabha members Sanjay Singh, Raghuvar Chadha and ND Gupta. Expenditure on electioneering by a star campaigner is not added to the candidate's poll expenses. According to election laws, these expenses are borne by their parties.

Interestingly, former Delhi Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam, recently quit as Minister amid a row over attending a religious conversion event. Under pressure due to forthcoming Assembly polls in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, Gautam resigned from his post.

The list also includes Ministers from Delhi and Punjab Cabinets such as Kailash Gahlot, Gopal Rai, Imran Hussain and the newly-inducted Raaj Kumar Anand. The list also includes party MLAs such as Durgesh Patthak, Vishesh Ravi, Atishi, Saurabh Bhardwaj and Ministers.

The 250-ward Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) goes to polls on December 4 and the counting of votes will take place on December 7.



Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai release the party manifesto ahead of the forthcoming MCD polls, during a press conference, in New Delhi on Friday.

# AAP's candidate list for MCD polls has 90% old leaders

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Ahead of the municipal elections, 90 per cent of the old candidates were given the ticket, who have been working for public interest at the grassroots level, by the AAP on Friday. Out of a total 134 candidates, 60 candidates are women, who were facilitated with the party ticket.

The party has given a ticket to Aashish Tyagi from Burari, Antul Kholi from Mukherjee Nagar, Manu Gupta from AzadPur, Savita Yadav from Samaypur Badli, Dharmendra Kumar from Begumpur, Ramesh Pradhan from Kerari, Bobby Kinnar from Sultanpuri-A, Richa Goyal from Rohini - F, Jalaj Chaudhary from Shalimar Bagh-A, Ravi Shankar from Model Town, Shamim Bano from Quresh Nagar.

Apart from this Rakesh Joshi has been given ticket from Karampura, Puneet Rai from Ramesh Nagar, Ronakshi Sharma from Baljeet Nagar, Babita Sharma from Sharti Nagar, Mahesh Khichi from Dev Nagar, Ashok Manu from Tilak Nagar, Ashok Pandey

from Vikas Nagar. "Leena Kumari from Malviya Nagar, Himani Jain from Vasant Vihar, Suman Gupta from Khan Pur, Neha Chauhan from Madhu Vihar, Nirmala Kumari from Sanik Enclave, Jeetu Sabarwal from Janakpuri West, Dimple Ahuja from Janakpuri South, Shilpa Kaur from Khayala, Asha Thakur from Chitrnagar Park are among few candidates to whom party has given the tickets, said a statement released by the party late on Friday night.

The list of Candidates were finalised in a marathon meeting of the AAP Political Affairs Committee chaired by the party supreme Arvind Kejriwal. During the meeting many senior dignitaries including Deputy CM Manish Sisodia and State Convenor and Cabinet Minister Gopal Rai were present.

"Before giving the tickets, the Party had surveyed all the candidates and took feedback from the local people upon their choice of candidates," it stated. "More than 20,000 party workers had applied to contest the MCD election on AAP's

ticket," it stated. "The party's preparations for the MCD Elections, as well as the political atmosphere of Delhi was discussed at length during the meeting. There was a serious discussion over the party's surveys and election data in regard to finalisation of the lists of candidates for the elections," it informed.

AAP releases first list of 134 candidates for MCD elections. The AAP said that Kejriwal took the views of all PAC members regarding the elections and candidates and the first list was announced.

It further said that the party has given weightage to the applicants who command a strong presence among the people of Delhi and workers who are constantly at the forefront of public service.

The AAP leaders said that the party has taken many safeguards in selecting eligible candidates. It had long sought applications from people interested in running for Municipal Corporation elections, so that each applicant could be thoroughly scrutinised. The party conducted extensive surveys of those who applied for ticket.

# BJP slams AAP for using Gautam for campaigning

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The BJP on Friday attacked the AAP over the inclusion of MLA Rajendra Pal Gautam, who recently quit as Minister amid a row over attending a religious conversion event here, in its list of star campaigners for the MCD polls, accusing it of taking an "anti-Hindu" stand.

"Arvind Kejriwal has been exposed... He is anti-Hindu as Gautam, who abused Hindu deities, has been made a star campaigner of AAP for the MCD polls," charged BJP MP Manoj Tiwari.

Delhi BJP leader Tajinder Pal Singh Bagga said Gautam's nomination as star campaigner exposes the "anti-Hindu face" of the Chief Minister and the AAP.

Gautam's elevation as AAP's star campaigner proves that Kejriwal was behind the anti-Hindu agenda furthered by the former Minister, alleged



BJP leader Kapil Mishra. Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor accused Kejriwal of not having any respect for the sentiments of Hindus.

# BJP, Congress term AAP's manifesto bundle of lies

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP and the Congress called the AAP's "10 guarantees" for the MCD elections just another "bundle of lies" and said the Kejriwal Government "fostered corruption" in the national Capital.

The BJP also hit out at Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia for allegedly leaking the scrapped 2021-22 excise policy to his "friends" months before it was made public and destroying "digital evidence" to hide the scam.

Citing media reports, BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra alleged at a press conference that those who guaranteed an honest Government in Delhi "changed 140 mobile phones costing Rs 1.2 crore to destroy evidence related to the excise policy scam."

"Thirty-four people accused in the excise policy scam, including Manish Sisodia, changed 140 mobile phones to cover their digital footprints. Sisodia did all this on the directions of (Chief Minister) Arvind Kejriwal,"

Patra charged.

"These people change phones costing Rs 1 to 2 crores. You can imagine the scale of corruption in the excise policy," he alleged.

After the CBI started probing the matter, the BJP leader alleged, Sisodia asked for soft copies of files pertaining to the formulation of the excise policy and the related tender documents in a pen drive from his own department. "What was the need for it? Did you want to make alterations? You knew you had committed a crime," he said.

Delhi Congress president Anil Chaudhary claimed that the promises to clear the landfill mountains and ending corruption were akin to the "pot calling the kettle black". "The AAP Government in Delhi was equally responsible for the three landfill mountains and corruption.

In the last eight years, the Kejriwal Government only fostered corruption in the national Capital and utilised every opportunity to make money," he alleged.

# Pet expo, 'FurFest 2022' organised at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Capital

To bring together three key players in India's pet industry, says organiser

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

India's first-ever mega pet expo, "FurFest 2022" has been drawing a huge attraction being held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in the national Capital. The three-day show to end on Sunday has something special for all kinds of pets and their devoted owners. More than



500 hundred pet lovers from across the country visited this mega pet expo on Friday.

"FurFest 2022" aims to unite the unorganized Indian pet industry under one roof through this first-of-a-kind expo. "FurFest 2022" began with emcee interaction followed by Veterinary Talk, Col Chug training and a dog show.

The event proceeded with Adnan Obedians Show and concluded with a grand banquet dinner arranged for prominent attendees and pet lovers who have come from all across India. The Security Dog Show, Fashion Show, Bird Show, Awards Show, are some of "FurFest 2022's" main highlights. More than 300 exhibitors showcasing pet supplies, toys, and food are

present at the event.

The three days event will also feature exciting games for pet parents in addition to a variety of activities for their pets. Along with the VIP room and cat play area, "FurFest 2022" also has plenty to offer to food lovers.

The primary objective of "FurFest 2022," according to the show's organizer Chaitanya Jain, is to bring together the three key players in India's pet industry—vets, retailers, and pet parents—on a single platform. He said, "We are overwhelmed with the great response of the public. People are excited and having a great time here. Dog show, Col Chug training, and the Adnan Obedians Show were main highlights of day 1."



# ED finds Panama papers link to Telangana granite industry



PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said suspect funds transfer from a Chinese entity, owned by a man named in the leaked Panama Papers, to Telangana-based granite businesses has been found after premises of a number of granite exporters, including that of State Welfare Minister Gangula Kamalakar, were searched this week.

The ED launched the searches, under sections of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), on Wednesday and Thursday at the offices and residential premises of Swetha Granites, Swetha Agencies, Sri Venkateshwara Granites Private Limited, PSR Granites Private Limited, Arvind Granites, Giriraj Shipping Agencies Private Limited and their related entities in Karimnagar and Hyderabad.

The premises of Kamalakar, allegedly linked to some of these companies, were

also searched. The Minister for backward classes welfare, food and civil supplies in the K Chandrasekhar Rao-led State government, who was abroad during the searches, later told reporters that he will cooperate with the agency and that he had done no wrong.

The ED, however, did not name Kamalakar in the statement. "The above entities are exporting rough granite blocks to China, Hong Kong and other countries.

During the course of enquiry, it was found that the exported quantity was more than the quantity on which royalty was paid and there was under-reporting of the quantity while exporting," the ED statement said.

"In many instances, the export proceeds are not realised in the declared bank accounts, thereby indicating that the export proceeds are received through other than banking channels," it said. The agency said it has seized ₹1.08 crore cash, allegedly received

through hawala against exports, apart from "voluminous" granite dispatch data of 10 years from the quarries. "Multiple benami bank accounts held in the name of employees of granite exporters, in which cash received against

the illegal granite exports was being deposited, were found. Search action also led to detection of money being routed back from Chinese entities into the Indian entities in the form of hand loans (interest-free loans) without docu-

ments," the ED said.

These Chinese entities, it said, are "owned" by one Li Wenhao, whose name appeared in the Panama leaks. The FEMA probe was initiated after the ED took cognisance of a report prepared by the

State vigilance and enforcement department which said that "large-scale evasion of Seigniorage fee on granite blocks transported from the quarry lease areas of Karimnagar district to the sea ports by railways was detected

and demands for the evaded royalty were raised but not paid by the exporters." Dubbed 'Panama Papers', an investigation of a stockpile of records from Panamanian legal firm Mossack Fonseca by the Washington-based

International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) in 2016 had named several world leaders and celebrities who allegedly stashed away money abroad in offshore companies. Some of them hold valid overseas accounts.

## Jailed IPS officer A Paul's premises searched by ED

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Friday said it has searched the premises of jailed IPS officer Amrit Paul, some government officials and private persons in connection with a money laundering probe linked to the police sub-inspector recruitment "scam" in Karnataka in 2021.

The ED said the operation, undertaken on Thursday at 11 premises in Bengaluru and Patiala in Punjab, led to the "discovery and seizure of various incriminating records and electronic gadgets." The residential premises of Paul were also covered, it said.

The alleged scam pertains to the Karnataka Police recruitment cell conducting an examination last year for filling up 545 vacancies of sub-inspectors

in the State police department. "After the results were out, there were allegations of cheating, corrupt practices in the said examination, due to which the Karnataka government ordered an investigation into the matter," the Enforcement Directorate said.

The probe was taken over by the CID wing of the Bengaluru Police which became the basis for the ED complaint that was registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Various FIRs were filed by the police against candidates, middlemen and police officials in Bengaluru and Kalaburagi. The police later conducted searches at various premises and arrested Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Paul and more than 100 persons, including aspirants who allegedly paid money to get selected, in

this case. Paul was the head of the police recruitment cell, as its Additional Director General (Recruitment), when the alleged irregularities took place.

"During CID investigation, it was observed that there was tampering of OMR sheets in the strong room of the recruitment cell at CID headquarters, Carlton House, Bengaluru.

Police officers, in-charge of the strong room of recruitment cell, switched off the CCTV cameras and two armed head constables entered the strong room and tampered with the OMR sheet. The police officials collected money from candidates for facilitating their selection using illegal means," the agency said.

The police sub-inspector recruitment drive started in October 2021 to fill 545 posts and 54,041 candidates appeared for the test.

## ₹8.70 cr assets of Turbotech Energy Services, Ashok Patni family attached

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has provisionally attached movable/immovable properties worth Rs 8.70 crore held in name of Turbotech Energy Services International Pvt. Ltd. (Turbotech), Ashok Patni and family in a money laundering case against Rolls Royce for violation of integrity pact for various purchase orders placed before PSUs like ONGC, HAL and GAIL.

The ED initiated a money laundering investigation against Rolls Royce and others on the basis of FIRs registered by CBI here in 2019. The period of offence relates to 2000-2013, the ED said. "During the course of investigation, Rolls Royce admitted that it had made commission payments to Ashok Patni and his associated entities in violation of the integrity pact in respect of

various purchase orders placed before ONGC, HAL and GAIL and also confirmed the payment of settlement amount approx. INR 80 crore to ONGC, HAL and GAIL against the value of commission/fees paid to Ashok Patni, which are proceeds of crime in this case," it said in a statement.

Further, investigation to ascertain whether Rolls Royce has made commission payments in other purchase orders/contracts in violation of the terms of contracts or not, is under progress, it said.

The PMLA probe revealed that Rolls Royce entered into agreements with HAL, ONGC and GAIL for supply of spare parts and services. Rolls Royce appointed Ashok Patni, Director of Aashmore Pvt. Ltd., Singapore as commercial advisor in India for providing sales, logistic support, local business expertise and strategic advice in violation of terms and condi-

tions of Purchase Orders (POs) and Integrity Pact with HAL/ONGC/GAIL, it said.

In case of supply of spare parts and services, Rolls Royce paid commission to Ashok Patni of Aashmore Pvt. Ltd. at the rate of 10 to 11.3 percent of the value of purchase orders, which was not declared prior to execution of contract.

## IN SHORTS

### VIKRAM-S SET FOR A NOV 15 LAUNCH

New Delhi: India's first privately developed rocket -- Vikram-S -- is set for a November 15 launch on a sub-orbital mission with three payloads, Hyderabad-based space startup Skyroot Aerospace announced on Tuesday. The maiden mission of Skyroot Aerospace, named "Prarambh" (the beginning), will carry payloads of two Indian and one foreign customers and is set for launch from the Indian Space Research Organisation's launchpad at Sriharikota.

### END COUNSELLING FOR PG MED ADMISSION BY NOV 16

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday directed all the states and union territories to conclude by November 16 the second round of counselling for admissions in post-graduate medical courses and submit the data the same day with the medical counselling committee.

### DMK GOT ₹308 CR AS DONATIONS IN 2021-22

New Delhi: DMK, which rules Tamil Nadu, received over ₹308 crore in contributions in 2021-22 fiscal, including ₹306 crore through electoral bonds purchased by corporates, according to its latest filing before Election Commission.

### COUNTER-TERROR SUMMIT ON NOV 18-19

New Delhi: The 3rd 'No Money for Terror' Ministerial Conference on Counter Terrorism Financing, to be held on November 18-19, will be attended by ministers of internal security of several countries. It will be hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs and attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah among others.

### CHARGESHEET AGAINST LTTE'S 3 SUPPORTERS

New Delhi: The NIA on Friday filed a charge sheet against three supporters of the LTTE who were planning terrorist acts to revive the proscribed group in Tamil Nadu. The charge sheet was filed against the arrested accused from Tamil Nadu -- Naveen alias "Chakravarthy M", Sanjay Prakash J and A Kabilar alias "Kabilan".

### SC TO LAUNCH PORTAL FOR RTI FILING

New Delhi: The Supreme Court Friday said an online portal for filing RTI applications to help people access information about the top court is "practically ready" for launch. A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justice Hima Kohli said the online portal to streamline responses of the Supreme Court under the Right to Information Act is ready for being unveiled.

### U'KHAND, TOP COP DISCHARGED FROM PIL

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday discharged the Uttarakhand government and the police chief from a list of parties in a contempt plea filed by activist Tushar Gandhi pertaining to alleged inaction in cases of hate speeches made at religious assemblies in Haridwar in the state and the national capital last year.

### 'CPWD CAN HELP INDIA BE 3RD-LARGEST ECONOMY'

New Delhi: CPWD can help country become third largest economy by 2030 with its fast paced work, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri said on Friday while addressing platinum jubilee of CPWD Engineers Association.

## 'Steps against NGOs taken due to illegal practices'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE/AGENCIES ■ NEW DELHI/GENEVA

Defending its action against some civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGO), India has said the step was taken due to their illegal practices including mala fide rerouting of money and continuing violations of foreign exchange and tax laws

of the country. Making this assertion at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the country's human rights record now underway in Geneva, India also stressed that such groups must operate in accordance with the law.

This clear stand was enunciated late Thursday when some members states raised concerns over the issue of the Foreign Contribution (regula-

tion) Act, 2010. Ireland voiced concern about the application of the FCRA under which over 6,000 NGOs have had their operation licenses revoked.

The US called for reduced application of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and similar legal provisions against journalists, human rights activists and religious minorities. Some other Member States drew the atten-

tion to death penalty in India and urged nationwide moratorium on it. India said the penalty is given in the "rarest of rare cases".

"Responding to the questions raised by member states concerning the FCRA, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta said actions were taken against some organisations due to their "illegal practices, including mala fide rerouting of money and willful and continuing violations of extant legal provisions, foreign exchange management rules and tax laws of India".

Mehta, who is leading the Indian delegation for the UPR, noted that India is home to over 100,000 vibrant, proactive and independent civil society organisations and NGOs, which play an important role in the protection and promotion of human rights. He said the FCRA provides the basic framework under which the NGOs

wish to seek funds from abroad for their activities in India. The legal provisions of the Act are similar to regulations in other democratic countries, he said, adding that the process of registration under the Act is transparent and technology driven.

Mehta said even if any renewal application is rejected or cancelled, the organisation can still continue its operation and receive foreign funds by seeking permission on a case to case basis. As per current data, 16,542 organisations are eligible to receive foreign funds under the Act.

In brief statements, UN member states voiced their recommendations to India over various issues. The US called on India to improve transparency of license adjudications related to the FCRA as well as ensure prosecution of those responsible for human rights abuses.

## Delhi HC axes PIL against appointment of CJJ, fines ₹1 lakh

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed with a cost of Rs 1 lakh a PIL challenging the appointment of Justice D Y Chandrachud as the Chief Justice of India. A bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad termed the petition as a "publicity interest litigation" and said it was filed only to gain publicity without any material. Petitioner Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari, who claimed to be national president of an organisation named Gram Uday Foundation, challenged Justice Chandrachud's appointment as the CJJ alleging that it was against the Constitution.

## No antics can match connection with people during yatra: Cong

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday took a dig at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to four southern states, saying the impact of the opposition party's Bharat Jodo Yatra is already being felt, but no antics can match the connection established with people by walking with and listening to them.

Modi is on a two-day visit to the southern states of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana from Friday, during which he would attend several events and launch development initiatives. Congress general secretary

in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said the impact of the Bharat Jodo Yatra, the foot march taken out by the party from Kanyakumari to Kashmir, is already being felt. "PM is now on a 2-day visit of 4 South Indian states that the Yatra has been through. There will undoubtedly be big photo-ops for camera-jeevi. But no antics can match the connect from walking with and listening to the people," Ramesh said in a tweet.

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi, along with other party leaders and workers, embarked on the Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari on September 7.

## Owaisi's attackers: Bail granted by Allahabad HC quashed by SC

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday quashed an Allahabad High Court order granting bail to two men accused of firing at AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi's vehicle in Uttar Pradesh in February. Observing that the seriousness of the offence has not been considered by the High Court, the apex court ordered the accused to surrender in a week.

A bench of justices M R Shah and M M Sundresh said High Court did not accord any reason while giving bail. **PNS**

## 'Repeat Covid infections may increase risk of organ failure'

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI


Limiting exposure to the virus is especially important with new variants emerging, mutating and already causing an upswing in infections in some parts of the world, a study has said warning that repeat infections with the SARS-CoV-2 virus may increase the risk of organ failure and death.

The study found that repeat Covid-19 infections contribute significant additional risk of adverse health conditions in multiple organ systems. Such outcomes include hospitalisation; disorders affecting the lungs, heart, brain, and the body's blood, musculoskeletal and gastrointestinal systems; and even death, the researchers said. Reinfection also contributes to diabetes, kidney disease and mental health

issues, said the research which is published in the journal Nature Medicine.

"During the past few months, there's been an air of invincibility among people who have had Covid-19 or their vaccinations and boosters, and especially among people who have had an infection and also received vaccines; some people started to referring to these individuals as having a sort of superimmunity to the virus," said senior study author Ziyad Al-Aly, from Washington University School of Medicine, US.

"Without ambiguity, our research showed that getting an infection a second, third or fourth time contributes to additional health risks in the acute phase, meaning the first 30 days after infection, and in months beyond, meaning long Covid-19 phase," Al-Aly said.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE:**  
**Builder Cancellation**


This is to bring to your notice that **VIVEKA / INDU SONI** (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number **LBDEL00002038296** located **FLAT NO. 1131-B, TOWER NO. 5 DWAARIKA HEIGHTS, MEERUT**. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.

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**Dated: November 11, 2022**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**For ICICI Bank Limited**  
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**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**For ICICI Bank Limited**  
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**Dated: November 11, 2022**  
**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**For ICICI Bank Limited**  
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This is to bring to your notice that **SANTOSH KUMAR YADAV / JYOTI SINGH** (borrower/s) has availed Home loan facility vide facility agreement number **LBDEL00002037116** located **g APARTMENT NO. 927-C,,TOWER NO. 5,DWAARIKA HEIGHTS, MEERUT**. The borrower/s has failed to pay the contractual amount to the builder as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.

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**Place: Delhi/ NCR**

**For ICICI Bank Limited**  
**Sd-**


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Omana V. G., W/o. B. Vijaya Kumar, R/o. 169D, Udaigiri-1, B-12, Sector-34, Noida do hereby declare and publically announce hereunder: that I am the registered General Power of Attorney holder of Flat bearing No.169D, Udaigiri-1, Block B-12, Sector-34, Noida of the original Allottee Mr.Suresh Srivastava, S/o. Naval Kishore Lal Srivastava R/O-37A, Sector-27, Noida. Now the above mentioned Flat is going to transfer in the name of Mr. B. Vijaya Kumar S/o Bhaskar Pillai and Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o Deepak Kumar. However, the agreement to sell executed in respect of said flat is/was not registered. So, if anyone have any objection in this regard, he/she may lodge their objection before the office of the O.S.D., (Housing) Noida Authority within 30 days from the date of this Publication.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Be it known that I Arvind Kumar S/o, Suresh Thakur owner of Flat no.- D-108, First Floor, KW Srishti, Raj Nagar Extn., Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201017 with my father Mr. Suresh Thakur S/o, Mangal Thakur who was co-owner of this flat passed away on 02nd July 2021 leaving this property share to his legal heirs And hereby informing that Mr. Suresh Thakur's legal heirs are Mrs. Sheela Devi, Mr. Arvind Kumar and Mr. Amrendra Kumar. Any person claiming to be legal heir may lodge the objection, if any with the undersigned within 7 days of publication of this notice at the address hereinbefore.

**MANOJ YADAV (ADVOCATE)**  
**Registration No D/268/2010**  
**9-B, DIWAN ESTATE, DWARKA MOD**  
**METRO STATION NEW DELHI-110059**  
**Date: 12/11/2022**



**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I JASVINDER SINGH HAPPY, S/o- Trilochan Singh Mahendru, R/o-J-191,Nar Vihar-II, Sector-34, Noida, Distt- Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201301, I have change my name Jasvinder Singh Happy to Jasvinder Singh for all future purposes.**

**PD(90194)A**

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**I, Mobin Syed Hasan S/o. Syed Nasir Hasan, R/o. D-647, Upper Ground Floor, Street No. 11, Zakir Nagar, Okhla New Delhi-110025 have actually lost my original mark-sheet & Certificate of 10th class Index Number T/312/014 (ICSE Delhi,1986).**

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# Cong, NCP forge pre-poll alliance in Guj

**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**

The Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) entered into a pre-poll alliance for the next month's Gujarat Assembly elections, as part of which the Sharad Pawar-led party will contest three of the total 182 seats in the state, the leaders of the two parties announced here on Friday.

In the 2017 Assembly elections, the two parties had contested the Gujarat elections separately. NCP's Kandhal Jadeja was the only MLA to win from the party. He represents the Kutiyana Assembly seat in Porbandar district.

Making an announcement about the alliance, Gujarat Congress president Jagdish Thakor said, "NCP will fight the upcoming Assembly polls in the state in alliance with the Congress. The NCP will contest three seats - Umreth (Anand district), Naroda (Ahmedabad) and Devgadhi Baria (Dahod district) as part of the alliance."



**21 sitting Cong MLAs figure in party's second list**

**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**

The Congress, which has been out of power in Gujarat for more than two decades, has fielded 21 of its sitting MLAs in the state for next month's Assembly elections.

In its second list of 46 candidates, the grand old party has also named four Muslim candidates.

The Gujarat Assembly elections will be held in two phases - on December 1 and 5, and the counting of votes will be taken up on December 8.

Of the total 182 seats of the Gujarat Assembly, voting for

## Two-time BJP MLA joins AAP

**PTI ■ AHMEDABAD**

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA representing the Matar Assembly constituency in Gujarat's Kheda district has joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) after the ruling party denied a ticket to him from his seat for the upcoming Assembly elections.

Kesarisinh Solanki, who had won the election twice from the seat, joined the AAP, said the Arvind Kejriwal-led party's state unit president Gopal Italia on Twitter.

"Kesarisinh Solanki ji, a popular, hardworking, fearless MLA of Matar Vidhan Sabha, has joined the Aam Aadmi Party today after getting inspired by the honest politics of Arvind Kejriwal. I heartily welcome Shri Kesar Sinh ji to the Aam Aadmi Party. Together we will form an honest government in Gujarat," Italia said in a tweet late Thursday night.

# Foreign ultra hiding in madrasa killed in Shopian

**PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ SRINAGAR**



A foreign terrorist, hiding in the Madrasa, was neutralised by the joint team of security forces in the Kapren area of Shopian district on Friday. Before eliminating the terrorist belonging to the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorist outfit the joint team of security forces safely evacuated three teachers and 31 students from the Darul Uloom Khalid Ibyn Walid madrasa.

During the search operation the security forces located two young kids of around 11 yrs age, who were tied up to the pillars with rope probably to be used as human shield by the dreaded Pakistani terrorist.

The neutralised terrorist has been identified by the Jammu and Kashmir police as Kamran Bhai @ Anees, a resident of Pakistan affiliated to JeM.

The terrorist was also

involved in various nefarious activities in the area including terrorising the locals of the area and recruiting the gullible youth, the police spokesman said.

Sharing details of the operation, a Srinagar based Defence Spokesman said, "On the basis of specific inputs provided by Jammu and Kashmir police regarding presence of terrorists in the Madrasa Darul Uloom Khalid Ibyn Walid in Village Kaprein, Shopian, a joint cordon and search operation was launched in the area by the Indian Army and JKP at about 1:00 AM (Friday).

In order to minimise the collateral damage several small teams converged towards the target area in order to seal all possible escape routes. "Special care was taken during the clearance of the target area as it included Madrasa having the presence of three teachers and 31 students" the defence spokesman said.

During the operation the security forces made sure that the mosque in proximity of the area was not used by the terrorist to take refuge and due restraint was exercised to prevent any damages to the Mosque and Madarsa.

"At around 06:10 a.m the foreign terrorist came out and fired indiscriminately on own troops in an attempt to escape. In retaliation, precision fire was brought down by the security forces resulting in the neutralisation of the terrorist. One AK series rifle and other warlike stores were recovered from the terrorist.

# Two held for following Suvendu convoy at night

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**

Two persons were arrested and later remanded in police custody by an East Midnapore district court for "towing and monitoring" Bengal Opposition Leader Suvendu Adhikari's convoy till almost up to his residence at Contai town in East Midnapore district, police said.

The Central Police Force personnel in charge of Adhikari's security intercepted the vehicles of Shantanu Maiti and Rajiv Ali Shah, two diploma engineers even as they were following the senior BJP leader's convoy in

the night intervening Thursday and Friday, police said.

They were handed over to the police after initial questioning by the CPF personnel, sources said. While one of the arrested personnel immediately fell ill and had to be hospitalised the other was remanded to police custody by an East Midnapore district court.

Sources however said the twosome looked to be in mentally depressed condition, sources said adding both had been trying to find a job but had failed to get one.

"We are trying to find out every angle ... at present they have been remanded to police



custody," a senior police officer said.

A vehement critic of his one-time mentor and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Adhikari's security had been a major concern of late with his one or the other car in his convoy getting hit by some "wayward vehicles" several times in the recent past.

Meanwhile, in a parallel development the Opposition Leader on Friday leveled fresh charges against the Trinamool Congress government this time accusing State PHE Minister Pulak Roy of siphoning hundreds of crores of central funds.

Adhikari alleged that Rs 1086 crore --- meant for the

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
Date: 12.11.2022

Sealed tenders under two Bid System (Unpriced & Priced) is invited for following jobs:

NIT No.	Brief Description	Estimated Cost (₹)	Cost of EMD (₹)	Due Date & Time of Submission	Date & Time of Opening
CMC/BY/22-23/RS/SS/49	PROCUREMENT OF TESTING & MEASURING EQUIPMENTS	2.38 Crore	4.76 Lakh	02.12.2022 14:00 Hrs	02.12.2022 15:30 Hrs
CMC/BY/22-23/RS/SS/50	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND TESTING OF SERVERS AND POE SWITCHES	1.12 Crore	2.24 Lakh	02.12.2022 14:00 Hrs	02.12.2022 16:00 Hrs
CMC/BY/22-23/RS/SV/51	SUPPLY OF SINGLE PHASE NATURAL ORGANIC ESTER OIL FILLED COMPLETELY SELF PROTECTED (CSP) TRANSFORMER OF RATING 25KVA 6.35/0.240KV	6.00 Crore	6.00 Lakh	02.12.2022 14:00 Hrs	02.12.2022 16:30 Hrs

Cost of each Tender Documents: ₹ 1,180/-  
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**Head (Contracts & Materials)**

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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas  
A housing loan facility was granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between ICICI Bank Limited ("Secured Creditor, which term shall include its successors and assigns) and the borrower & co-borrower, mentioned below ("Borrower(s)", which term shall include his/ its/ their respective [successors, assigns, heirs], The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Secured Creditor ("Authorized Officer") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, ("Rules") has issued demand notices under Section 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers / co borrowers mentioned below to repay the amount payable pursuant to the loan agreement and as specifically mentioned in the said respective demand notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices. The borrowers / co-borrower, having failed and neglected to repay the amount as claimed in the said demand notices, a notice is hereby given to the borrowers / co-borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules. The details including date of symbolic possession of the properties are as mentioned below

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
1.	Rajeev Nagpal/ LBDEL00001730295	Flat No. 204, 2nd Floor, Sec Zeta-1, Block-T-V, Amarpali Grand, Plot No. GH-09, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ November 07, 2022	January 22, 201/ Rs. 58,01,451/-	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 : November 11, 2022  
Place:Delhi/Ncr

Authorized Officer  
Secured Creditor

# Ex-Min Awhad arrested for stalling film screening

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

Maharashtra's former Minister and NCP leader Jitendra Awhad was on Friday arrested by Thane police for allegedly staging a protest against Marathi film 'Har Har Mahadev' and allegedly stalling the screening of the film in a local theatre.

Awhad was arrested at Thane's Vartak Nagar police station when he personally went to the police station to

receive a notice issued in connection with a protest he had led at a local cinema theatre against Marathi film "film 'Har Har Mahadev' recently.

Awhad had stalled the screening of the film and asked the patrons to leave the theatre, asserting that the movie allegedly "distorted" the Maratha history and that such movies would not be allowed to be released in the state.

In a statement issued after

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Name of work and its location : 30-Elect-49-T-2022-23-E3  
Electrical work in connection with improvement of lighting arrangement with other allied works in station goods siding over Delhi division  
Approx cost of the works : Rs. 32.63 lacs  
Address of the office : Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.  
Bid Security : Rs. 65,300.00  
Date & time of submission of tender : 05.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.  
Opening of tender : 05.12.2022, 12.00 Hrs.  
Website & notice board : [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.  
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**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**1ST CORRIGENDUM**

Tender No.: 30-Elect-27-T-R1-22-23-E3 Name of Work: Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of 04 nos. Escalators of Autometer make installed at FOB-2 Ajmeri Gate side & Paharganj side at New Delhi Railway station for three years. The amendments in above said tender are as under:-

Tender No:- 30-Elect-27-T-R1-22-23-E3	
Earlier published	Amended
Name of Work	Comprehensive annual maintenance contract (CAMC) of 04 nos. Escalators of Autometer make installed at FOB-2 Ajmeri Gate side & Paharganj side at New Delhi Railway station for three years.
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 4197670.00
Address of the office	Sr. Divl Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.
Bid Security	Rs. 84000.00
Date & time of submission of tender	14.11.2022, Time: 12.00
Opening of tender	14.11.2022, Time: 12.00
Website & notice board	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/ General, New Delhi.

The tender document of above mentioned tender has been modified kindly go through the amended documents available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) and submit your offer accordingly. 3013/22

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that my client Parveen Kumar is in process to avail the Loan against property with the Shriram City Union Finance Ltd. office at L-1, green park Extn., New Delhi against his Property No. 33-A measuring 50 sq. yds. out of khasra no. 568 situated at roshanara road, blk P, P-1, P2, N-1, & N VBlock area of village roshanara najafgarh New Delhi having acquired vide conveyance deed dated 11/8/2021 (document no. 648), and whereas he has lost all the previous chain of the documents i.e.  
1. Original GPA, ATS and will dated 4/10/08 executed by neeraj kumar in favour of ishwar singh  
2. Original GPA, ATS and will dated 18/8/09 executed by ishwar singh in favour of satpal if any one found please handover the same at below address  
Kamal Kant Gupta (Advocate)  
Shop No. 5 & 6, Pkt-E, CSC, Mayapuri Vihar-II, Delhi-81, Mob. 9810063351

# Dimple's Mainpuri candidature surprises political circles

**PNS ■ LUCKNOW**

After a series of electoral setbacks in bypolls to Azamgarh and Rampur Lok Sabha seats and Gola Gokarannath assembly constituency, the Samajwadi Party decision to field Dimple Yadav has surprised political circles since

Akhilesh Yadav's nephew and former Mainpuri Lok Sabha MP Tej Pratap Yadav was said to be the strongest contender for the coveted seat. But the 'bahu' of the SP first family was chosen, given that the legacy of the family is at stake in Mainpuri.

Moreover, sources in the SP said the candidature of Dimple Yadav would checkmate estranged uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav.

"Shivpal Yadav may sabotage the election in a discreet manner, but he cannot take a public stance against Dimple Yadav as it would be an affront to the legacy and memory of departed leader Mulayam Singh Yadav," said a SP leader.

SP leaders say Dimple Yadav's candidature will help in attracting sympathy votes in light of the recent demise of Mulayam Singh Yadav. "Akhilesh Yadav had four options: Tej Pratap Yadav, cousin Dharmendra Yadav, Dimple Yadav or someone from outside the family. Most of us had assumed it would be Tej Pratap, but Akhilesh Yadav chose Dimple because she is perhaps most suited to carry forward Netaji's (Mulayam) legacy in Mainpuri," said a senior SP leader.

"She is also the strongest option against the Bharatiya Janata Party. Also, it will not be easy for Shivpal Yadav to contest from Mainpuri against the 'bahu' of Mulayam Singh Yadav," he added.

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Results for the Quarter And Half Year Ended 30/09/2022

Particulars	3 months ended (30.09.2022)	Peceding 3 months ended (30.06.2022)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year (30.09.2021)	Year to date figures for current period ended (30.09.2022)	Year to date figures for the previous year ended (30/09/2021)	Previous year ended (31.03.2022)
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Total income from operations (net)	2041.67	2178.88	2560.95	4220.55	3813.91	9866.13
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax and Exceptional items	(219.58)	(169.34)	64.27	(388.92)	(1.41)	(13.17)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax and after Exceptional items	(219.58)	(169.34)	64.27	(388.92)	(1.41)	(13.17)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax and Exceptional items	(215.25)	(165.75)	65.15	(381.00)	2.08	(5.58)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(215.25)	(165.75)	65.15	(381.00)	2.08	7.63
Equity Share Capital (Face value Rs 10 each)	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98	1025.98
Other equity	-	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings per share for discontinued & continuing operations (of Rs. 10/-each):						
(a) Basic	(2.10)	(1.62)	0.63	(3.71)	0.02	(0.05)
(b) Diluted	(2.10)	(1.62)	0.63	(3.71)	0.02	(0.05)

Notes:-  
1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on November 11, 2022.  
2. This statement has been prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies to the extent applicable.  
3. Previous year/ quarter figures have been regrouped wherever required.  
4. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Results are available on the website of the Stock Exchange ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and on Company's website ([www.prakashwoollen.com](http://www.prakashwoollen.com))

By Order of The Board Date : 11-11-2022  
For Prakash Woollen & Synthetic Mills Limited

Sd/-  
Vijay Kumar Gupta  
Whole Time Director & CFO  
DIN:- 00353525

Place:- Village Amhera (Amroha)  
Date:- 11.11.2022

**ICICI Bank**

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice (Rs.)	NPA Date
1.	Naushad Ahmed, Aamir Ahmed, A-4/62, Vishal Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, A/c No: LBLUC00002001664	House On Plot No. D-122, First Floor, With One Car Parking Space In The Still Area & Space For One Utility With Common W.C. on The Top Terrace, Block-d, Anand Niketan, (within Limits of M.C.D.), New Delhi	06/10/2022 Rs. 2,49,66,947/-	08/08/2022
2.	Sonesh., Saroj., 141 Bass Bhaggi, Shamshabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, A/c No: LBAGR00005634079	Plot No. 66, Khasra No. 137 & 138, Rvn Royal Estate, Mauza Nagla Kalli, Tehsil Sadar & District Agra, Uttar Pradesh	08/10/2022 Rs. 5,78,774/-	07/07/2022
3.	Sonesh., Saroj., 141 Bass Bhaggi, Shamshabad Road, Agra, Uttar Pradesh, A/c No: LBAGR00005290476	Plot No. 66, Khasra No. 137 & 138, Rvn Royal Estate, Mauza Nagla Kalli, Tehsil Sadar & District Agra, Uttar Pradesh	08/10/2022 Rs. 9,47,610/-	07/07/2022

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

Date : November 11, 2022  
Place : Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer  
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**SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE**

Whereas  
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
1.	Tarun Kumar Nirman / Rakesh Kumar / LBDEL00004159788	Flat No. 0105, 1st Floor, Tower- E, Araville, Sector 79, Gurgaon, Haryana/ 07 Nov,2022	June 23,2021 Rs. 63,46,980/-	Delhi / NCR
2.	K Gunasekaran / Vijaya Padmavathi / LBGUR00002448178	Flat No. 1701, 17th Floor, Tower E, Mascot Soho Manorath, Plot No. GH-4B/1, Sector 16, Greater Noida- West, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP / 07 Nov,2022	May 29,2018 Rs. 45,82,230/-	Delhi / NCR
3.	Rajnish Kumar Singh / Rahul Kumar Singh / LBDEL00003840315 / LBDEL00003877836	Flat No- 1866, 17th Floor, Block-1, Gaur City- 2, 11th Avenue, Plot No- GH-03, Sector- 16C, Greater Noida Noida/ 07 Nov,2022	August 30,2022 Rs. 30,60,517/-	Delhi / NCR
4.	MD Irshad / LBNOD00004749432	Flat No 2216, Floor No 21 Tower- 02 Plot No-P7/TS- 02 A, ATS Allure, Sector-22D, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ November 07, 2022	February 28,2022/ Rs. 29,40,325/-	Delhi / NCR
5.	MD Irshad / LBNOD00004839227	Flat No 2216, Floor No 21 Tower- 02 Plot No-P7/TS- 02 A, ATS Allure, Sector-22D, Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida, Uttar Pradesh/ November 07, 2022	February 28,2022/ Rs. 1,89,711/-	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 : November 11, 2022  
Place: Delhi/NCR

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited



# ‘Very poor’ Delhi

Politics trumps people’s wellbeing, politicians’ claims of solicitude notwithstanding

As politicians of various hues pontificate about a glorious past and promise a bright future, deadly smog covers the national capital and other parts of north India. The air quality index (AQI) in Delhi entered the ‘very poor’ category as the AQI crossed the 300 mark at 6:30 am on Friday. For two days before that, it was ‘poor.’ The Commission for Air Quality Management or CAQM, the air quality panel under the Central Government, may reportedly decide on removing the curbs in place in the Delhi-NCR under the third stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). All such mechanisms are in place, but whatever changes happen to the AQI are because of the elements rather than GRAP and other such plans. The toxicity of air is a function of climatic conditions, essentially wind speed: when the breeze is swift, the AQI dips; when the speed is low, it soars; rain also brings down the AQI. It looks like the crisis is manmade but the solutions, when we get them, are natural. It’s not difficult to find why. The Central Government is more interested in lambasting the Arvind Kejriwal Government in the state of Delhi than in addressing the urgent issues at hand, be it that of air pollution and urban squalor. It is quite evident that without a working relationship between the Central authorities and the departments under the Delhi Government there cannot be a solution to the toxic air in the national capital, but neither of the parties seem interested in cooperating with each other for the greater good of people. Politics trumps people’s wellbeing, politicians’ claims of solicitude notwithstanding.

The Aam Aadmi Party came to power in Punjab this year. Before that, AAP leaders used to claim that the problem of stubble burning, which is a main cause of high AQI these days every year, was easy to solve. At a press conference a couple of years ago, Kejriwal had reportedly asserted that was at hand; now it was just political will that is required, he seemed to suggest. In fact, his government had even tested a technology that was developed by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) in Pusa. The technology turned the residual stubble into manure. In other words, the problem was solved. QED. “Now that we have this solution at hand, will all state governments and Central agencies adopt it to act on it and resolve the Delhi-NCR pollution menace?” he asked. What happened to that solution? The Centre may not be cooperating with the AAP Governments in Delhi and Punjab, but at least the two could have. The fact, however, is that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s administration failed miserably in Punjab to reduce farm fires, even as the neighbouring Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh managed to bring down stubble burning. As much as 90 per cent of crop burning has been happening in Punjab. Meanwhile AAP is busy ranting and canting.



A garden laden with Chinara trees, during the autumn season in Srinagar

# Fuddled Pakistan

Pakitan is facing its worst existential crisis in years

This is not the best time for Pakistan. The chaos and confusion have set in like never before. Pakistan has always had issues with democracy and its internal politics swayed from democracy to dictatorships, but that very transition is getting murkier. It is no more about the governance of Pakistan, it is about Pakistan itself, its very survival. It would take a Herculean effort to pull it out from impending doom, politically, economically, and psychologically. As if the political bickering was not enough Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Party chief Imran Khan was shot and wounded in a failed assassination attempt in Wazirabad, in Punjab province. The attack killed a Khan supporter and injured fourteen others, including several leaders of his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. Khan has taken full political mileage of the attempt and accuses Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, and a senior ISI official, Major General Faisal Naseer, of conspiring to kill him. However, it is not just an assassination bid that the people of Pakistan must be worried about. It is the return of murkier politics of bullet over ballot they must be pondering over. Imran khan could be right in blaming the ruling dispensation or way far off from the truth, either way, Pakistani politics has succumbed to a new low where a popular leader is not safe and unable to carry on with his march. The attack could have been an attempt to dissuade Imran to go on with his march rather than eliminating him but the danger to democracy is still very clear. Imran had set out on a long march and had been getting good responses as well, and somebody somewhere was not comfortable with that. With the retirement of General Bajwa with no more extensions, even the Pakistan army looks disheveled and internal squabbling is on to wield control and power. Then there is the invisible foreign hand that Imran had accused of dislodging him from his office. Ever since he was ousted in a no-trust parliamentary vote in April, Khan has claimed that his opponents came to power because the US wanted him out. His dismissal though constitutional has more to it than meets the eye. An unstable Pakistan is of course in nobody’s interest, least of all India, its internal chaos may spill over if the ruling elite of Pakistan fail to reach a negotiated power-sharing formula and restore some semblance of democracy.

# Education sans employability

The higher eduction in India does not bother about employability of the students thereby adding to the fleet of educated unemployed

India has the demographic dividend of having 65% of its youth in the working age group. The number of pass-out graduates is also satisfactory. But the crucial issue is their employability. Businesses and industries are disappointed with the graduates lacking the right kind of employability skills. The difficulty in filling up jobs, therefore, is 58% in Bharat, which is much above the global standard of 38% (as in 2015). As per India Skills Report-2021 (Chamber of Indian Industry, CII), only 42.72% of Arts graduates, 40.30% of Commerce graduates, and 30.34% of Science graduates of the country are employable. Split into gender, 41.25% of women were considered employable against 38.91% male.

Employability surveys find in graduates, apart from a lack of technical skills, poor communication and language skills. Business and industry prefer operational expertise to sheer scientific and academic knowledge. The makers of National education policy 2020 are aware of this ground reality. The primary reason for the low employability of students in mainstream courses is the poor quality of instruction received in the HEIs. As per AISHE (2019-20) report, 79.41% of students pursuing mainstream graduate courses were enrolled in private affiliated colleges, which hardly follow the quality parameters of teaching and learning.

Such HEIs are not properly regulated by the affiliating universities and respective state governments. If the employability of graduates is to be improved, ensuring quality teaching in these institutions is the first prerequisite. Enrolment in primary and middle schools witnessed a tremendous increase with Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (2001) preceded by District Primary Education Programme (1994) and in secondary classes under the impact of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (2009). Conscious efforts to raise the enrolment of girls through incentives and facilities also yielded positive results. All these



led to a massive upsurge in admission to higher education. The major initiative for higher education came as late as 2013 with Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA). State governments and universities that grant affiliation, need to regulate the private HEIs if we have to produce quality graduates. Job-oriented courses are the panacea for the malaise of unemployment. However, the generic mindset of our society is to go for an academic bachelor’s degree because vocational courses are held in low esteem.

A pragmatic approach, in this backdrop, will be to integrate vocational education with general education in colleges. NEP also wishes to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with vocational education by gradually integrating it into mainstream education. The first step should be strengthening the vocational courses running in government or university colleges. These courses need to be made skill-specific by re-orienting the curricula to National Occupational Standards (NOS) and relevant Qualification Packs

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EVERY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD OPEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ON ITS CAMPUS TO RUN B VOC COURSES WHICH AIM AT SKILLING, RE-SKILLING AND UP-SKILLING. IN 2018-19, TOTAL ENROLMENT IN B VOC WAS ONLY 33,263.

(QP) formulated by respective Sector Skill Councils (SSC). Since these courses are run under a self-financing scheme, only guest teachers of poor quality are hired for low wages. MSDI, which regulates vocational training, and ME, which regulates vocational education, need to act in perfect coordination in this respect. Vocational courses should be accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA). Some region-specific courses should be introduced after studying data on demand and supply provided by Labour Market Information System (LMIS). Every college of the university should open Community College on its campus to run B Voc Courses that aim at skilling, re-skilling, and up-skilling. In 2018-19, total enrolment in B Voc was only 33,263. This course needs to be popularised to improve the employability of youth. Community colleges should be properly linked up with the governing authorities of the government. The courses to be chosen must be relevant to the job market. The course composition for B Voc combines skill com-

ponents and general education credits in a ratio of 3:2. The B Voc program has multiple entry and exit options, like what NEP proposes for mainstream graduate courses. Anyone having passed higher secondary in the conventional or vocational stream may get admission. The course structure of B Voc is also similar to vocational courses in the mainstream. The German, Austrian and Swiss models that allow healthy convergence of vocational and conventional streams with flexible framework inside should also be considered. Nearly 79% of youth in the 18-23 age group, who are not enrolled in higher education, can be attracted to it if the employability of graduate courses is improved. The higher education system of Bharat is a sleeping giant which needs to be made a proactive, dynamic, and responsive sector capable of churning out good quality human resources by galvanizing it into action on the measures proposed hereinabove. (The writer is a member, Bihar State University Service Commission. The views expressed are personal)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### NO SC TAG FOR DALIT MINORITIES

Sir —The Central government made it mandatory that Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims can’t be given SC Status, And this move by the Government is highly appreciable, as the Right To Religion" states an individual can choose the religion of his choice. After that, they are restricted to take the facilities from the SC caste, on the other hand, stagnant rules should also get imposed on those who have already converted but kept their Income-Caste Certificate Unchanged and keep on enjoying the facilities from the SC quota, it should be made obligatory that while conversion their new religion should be documented and their Income-Caste Certificate should be verified and get changed immediately. Soon this statement should get a better response from the Supreme Court.

Vishal Mayur | Tumkur

### NO RED WAVE

Sir — For all its warts and a highly polarised electorate, the US does manage to put its best face forward at election time. The 2022 midterm elections to all the house seats and a third of its senate, saw a voter turnout close to that of 2018, which itself was the highest since 2002 at 50%. Americans are even more earnest in electing the best as their president. The voter presence therein is higher, it was 66% in 2016 when they elected Trump and 69% in 2020 for Biden. Applying studied acumen in its mid-term choice, the US electorate routinely endeavors to inlay a vitally needed check on the Oval office. If Trump had a Democrat majority House, now Biden has to contend with a Republican one. A flamboyant Trump had relentlessly been pushing his rhetoric for a red wave hoping to gain traction from the very high inflation set amidst an uncertain Ukraine war. But the electorate of 2022 chose to be pragmatic by providing the checks and balances on a powerful presidency. The Trump rhetoric proved a short haul.

### What went wrong in Semi final



After every major defeat, we just blame our poor fielding capabilities and lack of fitness. Fitness played a crucial role in affecting a runout or just making a catch after juggling for some time. The unimaginative captaincy added to all our woes. There is no hard and fast rule for maintaining the same batting lineup in key

matches. Pinch-hitting would have saved the day for India. An innovative bowling change could have provided a breakthrough and the resultant wicket as well. The top order played the T-20 game just as a 50-over game and paid a heavy price for the same result. Kohli was pushing back to form in the crucial game and the SKY playing airy shots survived for only 10 balls. Hardik Pandya’s fierce hitting toward the end was the only silver lining in India’s batting. We fell into the trap laid by England after putting Team India to bat first after winning the toss. The rag, tag, and bobtail outfit could not face the onslaught of both Hales and Butler. Hales struck like a Tsunami and Butler cooked India’s goose. What went wrong with Indian cricket?

CK Ramani | Chennai

With Washington settling down, we can expect saner counsel to prevail over the hugely disruptive misadventure in Ukraine. Not one nation has benefited from this misplaced universal bravado. With earnestness, the damage to economies can still be repaired. Germany has already taken the lead in the dialogue with China. Biden is slated to meet Xi at the G 20 meet. Given our abiding equations with Moscow, that India could take a lead in brokering peace in Ukraine ought to gather credence

R Narayanan | Mumbai

### DEMONETISATION UNDER SCRUTINY

Sir — Demonetization and CAA cases are in court. Demonetisation of Rs. 1000 and Rs. 500 currency notes is a fait accompli. At this stage, it cannot be undone. It is for the court to look at the maintainability of the case per se. Soon after taking over as the Prime Minister, Morarji Desai demonetized currency notes of higher denominations. In 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a similar step to demonetize Rs. 1000 and Rs. 500 currency notes. Rs. 1000 currency notes were replaced by Rs. 2000 currency

notes and a new form of Rs. 500 currency notes was printed in place of the old one. When the notes were demonetized, there were some hiccups in the initial stage. But it was not a wasteful exercise. Black money to the tune of crores of rupees was unearthed. The dust has settled now.

The courts cannot be faulted for the ongoing cases because the courts know pretty well that they cannot abdicate their responsibilities when cases come in for adjudication. When a step is taken with bona fide intention and if it goes awry, the government cannot be heckled. At the most, the government can go for course correction and avoid taking such steps in the future. In the case of demonetization of notes, except that the people had to face some tough days for a short period, the life of the common people has not been jeopardized. P. Chidambaram and Shyam Divan are the petitioners in the case. The case filed by him is politically motivated.

KV Seetharamaiah | Bengaluru

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## SOUND BITE

BJP has repeatedly formed the government by breaking all the traditions. This time the custom will be broken in Himachal too



Union Home Minister —Amit Shah

The Russian withdrawal from some areas in Ukraine does not mean the Ukraine war is concluding.

White House security adviser —Jake Sullivan

Then I thought this rally is to unite Bharat. And this is very important because many people are spreading hatred. You have chosen the path of love.



Actor —Sushant Singh

There will be major changes in the T20I setup now that this campaign has ended. Some of the older players like Captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli may consider retiring from the format.

Former cricketer —Sunil Gavaskar

Devendra Fadnavis has taken good decisions, will soon meet him, PM Modi and Amit Shah.




Leader Shiv Sena (Udhav) —Sanjay Raut



FIRST COLUMN

THE ART OF PROBLEM SOLVING AND ITS USES

Problem solving skills may differ across geographies



VINAYSHIL GAUTAM

The circumstances in which a lot of people find themselves at present times have a strong element of uncertainty and stress. Much of it is externally administered or enabled, and hence learning to cope becomes tricky. It is a skill that is not talked about enough in a formal way.

The result is a situation where it is difficult to have a programmed response to such stress. Perhaps, at our present state of knowledge, it is only possible to refer to a set of responses that have been tried out by some articulate people and who have documented their experience. Such guidelines, arising out of experimentation or a useful compendium, can have only limited predictive validity.

Ultimately, one has to rely on one's judgment. This is a tricky situation which one can only hope to test and succeed in; it has its pitfalls. One of the prominent gaps would be the deftness of the personality of the user in the practice of a technique that has worked for someone else.



This is a serious proposition, because a technique in this context is only as good as a compatibility with that technique with the personality of the user. The complexity also comes because of the need for compatibility of the method to the temperament of the person. Illustratively, some of us are more anxiety prone than others and spend so much time trying to analyze, test, and comprehend. There are other personality variables: like proneness to brood and skin, a problem to its basics over and over again. This for some continues until the methodology itself loses relevance because of its inability to solve the full problem.

The methodology of the problem-solving approach and the personality grain of the person trying to solve the problem are also important variables. The concern for dealing with the ambiguity and unknowns, without pre-programmed content, exists at many places.


In one part of the world, say, the United Kingdom, masks have almost been shed because the focus is on vaccination. The adult population has been covered by and large with four vaccinations. In India, the vaccination covered two basic shots and one booster shot. The fourth shot has not yet emerged, and in fact, one of the manufacturers of the vaccine had to discard a large number of vials. In India, many have given up the use of masks, and while some persist, the infection rate is not alarming. In the case of China, a city like Shanghai is in the grip of the third wave of a virus, and just a few days ago, Disney Land was abruptly closed in the forenoon with visitors and all still inside the campus.

Any individual will undoubtedly feel bewildered about how to cope with a potential situation. The first call will have to be on the type of virus, its ability to spread, and whether it is waxing or waning. The second concern would be the Government policy, and the third would be the individual's own capacity. Anxiety and strain are personality responses to a teaser. However, psychological coping with it is only a part of the response frame. A scientific framework requires other variables. Much has to do with the material requirements also, of course, a pinch of luck.

That indeed is the pattern of growth of 'problem solving methods' across many parts of the world and many situations needing a human response. Answers take time and get tested only by experience.

*(The author is a management consultant)*

# Include military emissions in COP27



NISHTHA KAUSHIKI

## Developing countries should initiate discussions on the vicious circle of arms production, supplies, wars and climate change

A lot seems to be happening at the COP27 at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. There are various stakeholders in this conference on Climate Change with the US, EU, the UK, and finally the 'most polluting' 'BASIC' countries (Brazil, South Africa, India and China). The agenda of "loss and damage" has been discussed for the first time since the talks began around 30 years ago.

Estimates indicate that the world's militaries produce between 1 to 6 per cent of all the greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. However, most international institutions have deliberately chosen to ignore the fact that wars and conflicts have their own carbon footprints. As reporting military emissions is purely voluntary, the lack of transparency results in a 'military emissions gap'. Almost all the developed countries jointly push the burden of 'guilt' towards the developing ones, especially the rising powers such as India. Numerous reports outline the environmental costs of wars and different military missions for various non-operational activities such as securing the sea lanes, carrying out regular sorties, military exercises, etc.

Further, both activities require massive energy fuels to withstand their duration and intensity. Lastly, the emissions caused during the post-war reconstructions are another largely ignored aspect. Thus, military carbon emissions or footprints are entirely outside the scope of discussions at an international level.

The Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan wars have been the most cited case studies of environmental damage on climate. For instance, a 1992 study in the journal Science reported that the oil field fires of the Second Gulf War contributed to two per cent of the global emissions that year. In its 2008 report, an international organisation, Oil Change International, published that the Iraq War was the cause of 141 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (CO2e). Another report by Brown University assessed that since the invasion of Afghanistan in 2001, the US military had emitted 1,212 million metric tons of greenhouse gases. In 2017 alone, CO2 emissions added up to 59 million tons. It also estimated that from 2001 to 2017 are estimated to be about 766 million metric tons of CO2e.

Interestingly, not only wars but also non-military activities have a rogue role to play in environmental damage. For example, the air force conducts sorties that also have a profound environmental impact. The report mentioned above also highlighted that, on average, a B-2 bomber of the US Air Force consumes 4.28 gallons of fuel per mile and produces 251.4 Metric tons of CO2e. In its 2021 report, Green Peace said that most of the EU military missions have interconnectivity with protecting oil and gas imports.



IN ITS 2008 REPORT, AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION, OIL CHANGE INTERNATIONAL, PUBLISHED THAT THE IRAQ WAR WAS THE CAUSE OF 141 MILLION TONNES OF CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT EMISSIONS (CO2E)

*(The author is an Associate Professor Central University of Punjab, Bathinda)*



Thus, there are potentially dangerous connections between the supply chain management of fossil fuels, military missions, and war that need to end. Well, that's how the world pays for great power geopolitics, and the developing countries are expected to remain silent.

The statistics above are just one aspect of the problem. The other side relates to the continuous arms production and the military supply chain maintained by the major weapons suppliers. The countries of the developed world rarely have norms of transparency about the percentage of weapons supplies contributing to their GDP and job creation. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) in 2019 estimated that sales by the largest 25 arms-producing companies increased to \$361 billion, an increase of 8.5 per cent compared to 2018.

SIPRI, in its Report, 'Environment of Peace: Security in a New Era of Risk' (2022), took the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and the disruptions in the wheat supplies in the picture and expressed its fear that "energy poverty" would henceforth a standard feature for developing countries as the food prices have reached "highest level in at least 30 years". Regarding decreased land fertility, about one-third of the world's soil is currently degraded, which the Report predicted could rise to 90 per cent by 2050. Additionally, the demand for food is set to increase by a sharp 60 per cent. Even seafood would not be spared, as oceanic warming, acidification, and de-oxygenation would drastically lead to fluctuations in the supply chain. The same

thoughts have been echoed in the 2022 Security Report of the Munich Security Conference.

Thus, the above-mentioned problems can give rise to new forced migrations, demographic changes and violent conflicts over the resources, obviously involving the geopolitical interests of the military suppliers. Small Island Developing States (SIDs) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) are at immediate risk, which needs to be addressed at a multilateral level. Each possible conflict would be met with resistance requiring more weapons, wars and human rights violations to settle it out. There is ample evidence to substantiate this argument. The SIPRI report has also highlighted that in 2021, global military spending surpassed \$2.1 trillion, which has been the highest since the end of the cold war. Further, the Institute for Economics and Peace study, 'Why United Nations Peace Operations Cannot Ignore Climate Change' (2021), highlighted that 10 out of the 21 ongoing UN peace operations were located in countries ranked as most exposed to climate change. Thus, there is an urgent need to sensitise the security agencies of developed countries to climate change.

Finally, the developed countries might argue that IPCC (2006) has supported inventory standards focusing on fuel for waterborne navigation and aviation and other machines not used in military operations. But this needs to be expanded too, because of established military carbon footprints. Narrow interpretations of military carbon emissions should be ended for the betterment of future generations.

Developing countries, particularly India, should initiate discussions and debates on the vicious circle of arms production, supplies, wars and climate change, for there can be no better platform than COP27.

It is here that India can take a possible lead as the world looks upon India, and PM Modi has reiterated on many platforms that violence and wars should come to a halt. India stands committed to international multilateral cooperation, and concepts on climate change and climate finance should be revisited in light of the above discussion. The militaries worldwide, including that of China, should firmly adhere to PM Modi's mantra of LiFE which invariably aims to substantially impact the planet's health and well-being. The developed countries should not let down the coming generations.

The new collective quantified goal on climate finance (NCQG) and climate financing should include the calculations of the military carbon emissions. It is the inclusion of these military carbon emissions into climatic change consequences that might change the inevitable catastrophe. The developed and the rich countries should contribute the most in technology, finance and capacity-building initiatives as they have contributed more to the "loss and damage" to the environment. Lastly, a leading futurist Jamais Cascio had said "preventing global warming from becoming a planetary catastrophe may take something even more drastic than renewable energy, super-efficient urban design and global carbon taxes".

POINT COUNTERPOINT

OLD PENSION IS SECURITY, A PROMISE, NOT A DEAL LIKE A NEW PENSION. CONGRESS WILL RETURN THE OLD FAITH TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF HIMACHAL PRADESH. — CONGRESS LEADER RAHUL GANDHI



CONGRESS DID NOT ACCEPT THE DEMAND OF OROP OF ARMY PERSONNEL FOR DECADES, AND MODI JI DID THE WORK OF GIVING OROP WITHIN A YEAR . — BJP LEADER AMIT SHAH



# All foreign drug trials must have patients from India

## Global pharma manufacturers are doing injustice by not having Indians in their drug trials for rare diseases



PRAVEEN SIKRI

In a globalised world, just like most products, drugs and medicines are also made for a global patient population. During the recent pandemic, the world saw how India supplied vaccines, medicines and other material to the rest of the globe. However, manufacturing of drugs is a complex process which involves a series of clinical trials before a drug is finally approved for licensing, manufacturing, distribution and sale. And it is purely a pharma manufacturer's prerogative to decide on a product and the target market based on which subjects for clinical trials are selected.

Typically for a global product, subjects would be chosen from a range of geographies and populations.

*(The author is CEO of Ikris Pharma Network)*

Now a country like India not only has a high disease burden, but also a high rare disease burden according to estimates. And indeed the government in recent years has sought to formulate a comprehensive policy for rare diseases in the country. However, despite its high rare disease burden, research has pointed out that hardly any Indian patients are included in the international clinical trials for global drug development programs for rare disease patients.

Research has pointed out how the participation of Indians has been slim in global clinical trials for orphan drugs. For 63 orphan drugs approved after 2008, there were 202 trials according to the US government's clinical

trial registry. Of these, only nine had been conducted in India, which amounted to a paltry 4.4 per cent. In fact, not more than one per cent of the remaining 193 trials had included people of Indian origin.

India offers a widely diversified ethnic and racial profile of people which would be an interest to pharma researchers and manufacturers. There are more than 2,000 known ethnic groups apart from over 700 tribes and other people with a shared gene pool from neighboring countries and geographies. And just as some race and ethnic groups may be more predisposed to certain diseases and illnesses, some groups may also respond differently to different drugs and lines of treatment.

Research has established how genetic variations, differences in environmental exposure and differences in diet and health-related practices are critical to understanding how a certain population group would respond to a line of treatment.

Assuming the estimate that nearly 6-8 per cent population of a country is affected with rare diseases, this amounts to between 81 and 108 million people in a population of at least 1350 million. By not including Indian patients in clinical trials, global pharma companies are possibly overlooking the health and lives of nearly 80-100 million people afflicted with rare diseases. These numbers are more than double (or even

more) of what they are in Europe and the US. Although in a world which has nearly 7,000 rare diseases, only about 450 of them have been recorded in India based on data from tertiary care hospitals.

Until the time India bolsters its rare disease surveillance and improves epidemiological data collection and analysis, global pharma companies could make a beginning with at least the already prevailing rare diseases in the country. Some of the existing rare disease conditions found in the country include Haemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle-cell Anaemia and Primary Immuno Deficiency in children, auto-immune diseases, Lysosomal storage disorders such as Pompe disease, Hirschsprung disease, Gaucher's disease, Cystic Fibrosis, Hemangiomas and certain forms of muscular dystrophies.

Typically, the cost of a clinical trial for a new drug for rare disease would be at least \$ 200 to 300 million – even with a small sample of 100-150 subjects. If the size of the sample is increased, the cost could go up even higher. Another related challenge would be in terms of the uncertain business environment for the manufacturer in the post-approval phase.

Typically, in developed countries, once a drug is approved, the government takes over the costs of the treatment for patients who continue to get treatment from the company. Furthermore, there is also a chance of

pilferage of sensitive proprietary information resulting in half-baked and unauthorized medicines coming into the market.

In addition to the unavailability part, given the high cost of treatment when available, the inclusion of Indian patients would at least provide patients the rare opportunity to get access to treatment for at least during the time of the trial. Also, given that 80 per cent of rare diseases are genetic in origin, they impact children the most. So, the inclusion of Indians in global clinical trials for rare diseases would not only address the needs of Indian patients but also make the entire drug research and discovery process more scientifically valid and robust.



# RUSSIA CLAIMS ALL TROOPS GONE FROM CITY IN SOUTHERN UKRAINE

AP ■ MYKOLAIV (UKRAINE)

The Russian Defence Ministry said on Friday that it finished pulling out its troops from the western bank of the Dnieper River in Ukraine's southern Kherson region, a retreat that marks another humiliating setback for Moscow in its war in Ukraine.

In a statement carried by Russia's state news agencies, the ministry said the withdrawal was completed at 5 am on Friday, and not a single unit of military equipment was left behind.

Areas the Russian military departed from included the city of Kherson, the only regional capital Moscow seized during its 8 1/2 month invasion of Ukraine. The Kremlin remained defiant on Friday, insisting the retreat in no way represented an embarrassment for Russian President Vladimir Putin. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that Moscow continues to view the Kherson region as part of Russia.

He added that the Kremlin doesn't regret holding festivities just over a month ago to cele-

brate the illegal annexation of Kherson and three other Ukrainian regions. Shortly before the Russian announcement, the office of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy described the situation in the Kherson region as "difficult."

It reported Russian shelling of some of the villages and towns Ukrainian forces reclaimed in recent weeks during their counteroffensive in the Kherson region.

Ukrainian officials were wary of the Russian pullback announced this week, fearing



their soldiers could get drawn into an ambush in Kherson city, which had a prewar population of 280,000.

Military analysts also had predicted it would take Russia's military at least a week to complete the troop withdrawal.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak said on Thursday that the retreating Russian troops laid mines throughout Kherson to turn it into a "city of death." He also predicted they would shell the city after relocating across the Dnieper River.

The state of the key Antonivskiy Bridge that links the western and eastern banks of the Dnieper in the Kherson region remained unclear on Friday, and could be key in determining whether the Russians have in fact all left Kherson city.

Russian media reports suggested the bridge was blown up following the Russian withdrawal; pro-Kremlin reporters posted footage of the bridge missing a large section. But Sergei Yeliseyev, a Russian-installed official in the Kherson region, told the Interfax news

agency that "the Antonivskiy Bridge hasn't been blown up, it's in the same condition."

Recapturing the city could provide Ukraine a launching pad for supplies and troops to try to win back other lost territory in the south, including Crimea, which Moscow seized in 2014.

From its forces' new positions on the eastern bank, however, the Kremlin could try to escalate the war, which US assessments showed may already have killed or wounded tens of thousands of civilians and hundreds of thousands of soldiers.

## UN, Russia hold talks on extending wartime grain deal



AP ■ GENEVA

Top Russian and U.N. Officials held talks in Switzerland on Friday to try to iron out the extension of a deal allowing Ukrainian grain shipments and Russian food and fertiliser exports, with just over a week left before the wartime agreement meant to ease a global food crisis is set to expire.

U.N. Humanitarian chief Martin Griffiths and U.N. Trade chief Rebeca Grynspan, who has been in charge of the Russian side of the agreement, were meeting in Geneva with a Russian team led by Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin.

"This discussion, it is hoped, should advance progress made in facilitating the unimpeded export of food and fertilisers originating from the Russian Federation to the global markets," U.N. Geneva spokeswoman Alessandra Vellucci told reporters.

The deal is critical because Ukraine and Russia are major suppliers of wheat, barley, sunflower oil and other food, especially to parts of Africa, the Middle East and Asia where many people are already going hungry and food prices have surged.

A failure to renew the wartime agreement has raised fears that a global food crisis would get worse.

U.N. Officials say the meeting will focus on "full implementation" of two separate agreements signed with Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul on July 22.

Russia briefly suspended its par-

ticipation in the deal two weeks ago, alleging a Ukrainian drone attack on its Black Sea fleet in Crimea.

Russian authorities have said they are dissatisfied with the implementation of the accord and that they haven't yet decided whether to extend the agreement brokered by the U.N. And Turkey after it is set to expire on Nov. 18.

There are no U.S. Or European Union sanctions on food and fertilizer shipments, but Russian diplomats have cited problems getting financing and insurance for ships and finding ports where Russian vessels can dock.

Grynspan, who heads the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, told the Security Council last week that Ukraine and Russia provide around 30% of the world's exported wheat and barley, 20% of its corn, and over 50% of its sunflower oil.

Russia is also the world's largest exporter of fertilisers, accounting for 15% share of global exports.

Ukrainian grain shipments from the Black Sea ports have topped 10 million metric tons, the U.N. Has said, and an end to the deal could have a ripple effect on food prices, availability and security in many parts of the world.

"Nobody, I think, wants to see that there is a termination of the deal. I think the situation would be really difficult, and the implications would be very serious," said Boubaker Ben Belhassen, who heads the trade and markets division of the U.N.'s Food and Agricultural Organization.



## German lawmakers OK delay in switching off nuclear plants

AP ■ BERLIN

German lawmakers have approved a plan to keep the country's three remaining nuclear power plants until mid-April, extending their life beyond the originally planned shut-off at the end of this year.

The lower house of parliament voted 375-216 to approve in the extension, with 70 abstentions. Friday's vote came after Chancellor Olaf Scholz last month ordered ministers to prepare the plan, putting his foot down on an issue that had divided his three-party government. The decision comes as Germany tries to prevent a possible energy crunch this winter due to cuts in fuel supplies from Russia over the war in Ukraine. Economy Minister Robert Habeck and his environmentalist Greens had argued that only two nuclear plants in southern Germany — Isar 2 and Neckarwestheim 2 — should be able to keep operating beyond the scheduled shutdown on Dec. 31 to ease possible power shortages over the winter.

Finance Minister Christian Lindner of the pro-business Free Democrats had suggested all three remaining plants — including the Emsland reactor in the northwest — should stay online, even beyond April if necessary.

## US to buy South Korean howitzer rounds to send to Ukraine



AP ■ WASHINGTON

The US will buy 100,000 rounds of howitzer artillery from South Korean manufacturers to provide to Ukraine, a US official said on Thursday, in a deal the two governments have been working on for some time.

The agreement comes as Ukrainian leaders press for more weapons and aid to take advantage of a counteroffensive that is pushing Russian forces out of some areas they had taken over earlier in the war. And it relieves concerns within the US military — particularly the Army and the Marine Corps — who are worried that persistent transfers of the Pentagon's howitzer ammunition to Ukraine are eating into their stockpiles.

Other defence officials confirmed the broad outlines of the contract and said it would help with stockpile pressures, specifically involving the howitzer ammunition, which Ukrainian forces have been using at a high rate.

Last week a defence official briefing reporters said Ukraine was burning through as many as 7,000 rounds of ammunition a day, while Russia was firing as much as 20,000 rounds daily.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because details of the deal had not been made public.

South Korea's Defence Ministry in a statement acknowledged ongoing talks over exporting an unspecified number of 155-millimeter artillery shells to shore up diminishing US inventories. However, the ministry said the negotiations were proceeding under the presumption that the US would be the "end user" of those rounds and that Seoul maintains its principle of providing only non-lethal support to Ukraine.

The South Korea agreement provides a sharp counterpoint to US accusations earlier this month that North Korea was covertly shipping artillery to Russia. It's not immediately clear whether the deal opens the possibility of South and North Korean artillery being fired against each other in Ukraine.

North Korea has aligned with Russia over the war in Ukraine while also blaming the United States for the crisis, insisting that the West's "hegemonic policy" has forced Russia to take military action to protect its security interests.

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Statement of Unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 30 September 2022			
(Amounts in INR thousand, except share and per share data, unless otherwise stated)			

Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 Audited
Total Income from Operations	3,20,648	3,25,212	8,34,742
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,56,102	1,65,873	2,09,121
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2,56,102	1,65,873	2,09,121
Net Profit / (Loss) for the year after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1,90,083	1,20,920	1,71,265
Total Comprehensive Income for the year [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	1,90,083	1,20,920	1,71,265
Paid up Equity Share Capital	1,52,967	1,52,967	1,52,967
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	18,22,229	15,81,652	15,77,462
Securities premium	13,66,029	13,66,029	13,66,029
Net worth	19,75,196	17,34,619	17,30,429
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	28,25,689	31,73,978	30,02,418
Debt Equity Ratio	1.66	1.89	1.77
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	12.43	7.90	11.20
2. Diluted :	12.43	7.90	11.20
Debenture Redemption Reserve	2,78,245	3,19,567	2,96,035
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	4.49	(0.21)	0.98
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	4.49	3.14	2.00

**Notes :**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of National Stock Exchange of India Limited and the Company (URLs <https://www.nseindia.com> & <https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/>).
- For the other line items referred in Regulation 52 (4) of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, the pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and can be accessed on the URLs <https://www.nseindia.com> & <https://renewpower.in/renew-wind-energy-limited-jath/>.
- The statement has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" (Ind AS 34) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 and relevant rules issued thereunder and other recognized accounting practices and policies.
- The company is in the business of development and operation of wind power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
- The financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 11-November-2022.
- India Ratings and Care Ratings has assigned long term issuer rating and rating for the outstanding non-convertible debentures of the Company to "IND AA (CE)" with negative outlook and "CARE AA (CE)" with stable outlook, respectively.
- Previous period figures have been re-grouped / re-classified wherever necessary, to conform to current period's classification in order to comply with the requirements of the amended Schedule III to the Companies Act, 2013 effective from 1 April 2021.

For and on behalf of the  
**ReNew Wind Energy (Jath) Limited**  
(Sd/-) **Balram Mehta**  
Managing Director, DIN : 06902711

Place : Gurugram  
Date : November 11, 2022

ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited			
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Statement of Unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2022			
INR in thousands			

Particulars	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 Audited
Total Income from Operations	4,16,493	1,26,540	9,53,769
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	65,581	51,941	1,27,701
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	65,581	51,941	1,27,701
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	48,517	38,843	1,30,383
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	48,517	38,843	1,30,383
Paid up Equity Share Capital	29,594	29,594	29,594
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	26,74,765	24,16,488	25,06,790
Net worth**	27,04,358	24,46,082	25,36,384
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	1,00,20,000	1,00,20,000	1,00,20,000
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.98	2.97	3.00
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	16.39	13.13	44.06
2. Diluted :	16.39	13.13	44.06
Debenture Redemption Reserve *	3,35,222	916	1,67,611
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	1.57	(0.39)	1.40
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.97	4.29	1.64

**Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.**

- Credit Rating : CRISIL A+/ Negative
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio : 157% (31 March, 2022 : 150%)
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth \*\* (30 September, 2022 : INR 27,04,358 (31 March, 2022 : INR 25,36,384).
- Net profit after tax : mentioned above
- Earning per share : mentioned above
- Debenture Redemption Reserve (30 September, 2022) : INR 3,35,221 (31 March, 2022 : INR 1,67,611).
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7)).

**Notes :**

- Ratios have been computed as follows :
  - Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares
  - Debt Equity Ratio\* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding amortize fees)
  - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense).
  - Debt Service Coverage Ratio\* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents )) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+Guarantee fee).
  - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders)

\*As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 24 September, 2021.  
\*\* Networth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the National Stock Exchange under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange and the Company - <http://renewpower.in/renew-sun-waves/>.

3. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the URL - <https://www.nseindia.com/companies-listing/corporate-filing-announcements>.

4. The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".

5. The above financial results of the Company for the quarter and for the period ended September 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on November 11, 2022. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the quarter and six months ended September 30, 2022.

For and on behalf of the  
**ReNew Sun Waves Private Limited**  
(Sd/-) **Rahula Kumar Kashyapa**  
Managing Director, DIN : 07637489

Place : Gurugram  
Date : November 11, 2022

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## TENDER NOTICE

MPMKVVCL, Bhopal, invites following bids from manufacturers through e-tendering.

Sr. Tender No.	Tender Specification Number	Particulars	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)	Tender Fee Including GST (in Rs.)	Date of Pre-Bid Conference	Date of Opening of Tender
1.	MD/MK/04/816	Procurement of 3 phase 4 Wire, 0.5S Class HT Tri-vector Energy Meter 5 amp, 110 Volt Category A for Feeder Metering without Modem	16.51	2360	24.11.2022 03.00 PM	01.12.2022 03:30 PM
2.	MD/MK/04/818	For Supply of Power (Chain) Saw Petrol Driven for All (O & M) Division in the MPCZ., Bhopal	66.49	5900	25.11.2022 03.00 PM	09.12.2022 03:30 PM
3.	MD/MK/04/819	AC Distribution Board 415 Volt alongwith 3 Phase Neutral Voltmeter, 3 Phase Ammeter & Selector Switches with one incomer and 9 nos outgoing MCCV Switches	229.75	11800	29.11.2022 03.00 PM	14.12.2022 03:30 PM
4.	MD/MK/04/820	Distribution Board DCDB 24 Volt Indoor Floor/Wall Mounted	117.07	5900	29.11.2022 03.00 PM	14.12.2022 03:30 PM
5.	MD/MK/04/821	Purchase of Safety Appliances (Full Body Harness & Torch Chargeable LED Type) for Line staff of various field units	135.60	5900	28.11.2022 03.00 PM	20.12.2022 03:30 PM
6.	MD/MK/04/822	BIS certified Energy Efficiency Level-III (Old)/Level-II (New) Conventional 11/0.433 KV, 315 KVA Distribution Transformer	321.58	11800	24.11.2022 03.00 PM	09.12.2022 03:30 PM

Other details and full Tender documents would be available on Company website <https://portal.mpcz.in> & Govt. Website <https://mptenders.gov.in> shortly.

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CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (PROC.)

INDIABULLS RURAL FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED							
(CIN :U74140MH1993PTC074596)							
Extract of the unaudited financial results for the quarter/half year ended 30 September 2022							
Particulars	Quarter ended 30 Sep 2022	Quarter ended 30 June 2022	Quarter ended 30 Sep 2021	Half year ended 30 Sep 2022	Half year ended 30 Sep 2021	(Rs. in crores)	
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total income from operations	5.71	4.91	5.31	10.62	10.91	21.01	
Net profit for the period (before tax, exceptional and extraordinary items)	2.97	1.82	1.85	4.79	3.82	7.37	
Net profit for the period before tax (after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	2.97	1.82	1.85	4.79	3.82	7.37	
Net profit for the period after tax(after exceptional and/or extraordinary items)	2.18	1.57	1.19	3.75	2.67	5.34	
Total comprehensive income for the period [Comprising profit for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	2.12	1.58	1.18	3.70	2.68	5.36	
Paid-up equity share capital	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80	41.80	
Reserves (excluding revaluation reserve)	28.36	26.24	21.98	28.36	21.98	24.66	
Securities premium account	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83	74.83	
Net worth	144.99	142.87	138.61	144.99	138.61	141.29	
Outstanding debt	49.85	49.79	49.65	49.85	49.65	49.75	
Debt equity ratio	0.34	0.35	0.36	0.34	0.36	0.35	
Earnings per share before extraordinary items (Face Value of Rs. 10 per Equity Share)							
*EPS for the quarter / half year are not annualised)							
-Basic (Rs)	*0.52	*0.38	*0.28	*0.90	*0.64	1.28	
-Diluted (Rs)	*0.52	*0.38	*0.28	*0.90	*0.64	1.28	

### Note to financial results:

- The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 November 2022.
- The above presentation is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly/ half yearly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and other disclosure requirements) regulations, 2015. The full format of quarterly / half yearly financial results are available on the company's website (<http://indiabullsruralfinance.com>) and on the website of BSE (<http://www.bseindia.com>).

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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Place : Gurugram  
Date : 11 November 2022

Vijay Kumar Agrawal  
Whole Time Director

## Ukraine war's environmental toll to take years to clean up



AP ■ DEMYDIV (UKRAINE)

Olga Lehan's home near the Irpin River was flooded when Ukraine destroyed a dam to prevent Russian forces from storming the capital of Kyiv just days into the war. Weeks later, the water from her tap turned brown from pollution.

"It was not safe to drink," she said of the tap water in her village of Demydiv, about 40 kilometres (24 miles) north of Kyiv on the tributary of the Dnieper River.



# Biden off to climate talks, 1st leg of around-the-world trip

AP ■ WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden is heading to a global climate meeting with a giant domestic investment in tow — and he’s likely to face questions about how far the US will go to pull other large greenhouse gas emitters along.

His attendance on Friday at the UN climate conference, known as COP27, in the resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, is the first stop on an around-the-world trip that will also take him to a meeting of Southeast Asian leaders in Cambodia and a Group of 20 summit meeting for leaders of the world’s largest economies in Bali, Indonesia.

Biden boarded Air Force One late on Thursday buoyed by a stronger-than-expected showing by the Democratic Party in Tuesday’s midterm elections, congressional passage this year of the largest climate investment in US history and Russian military setbacks



on the Ukrainian battlefield.

At the climate conference, Biden will discuss a new supplemental rule coming Friday that cracks down on methane emissions, a measure that expands on a similar regulation his administration released last year.

The 2021 rule targeted emissions of methane — a potent greenhouse gas that contributes significantly to global warming — from existing oil and gas wells nationwide, rather than focusing only on new wells as previous Environmental

Protection Agency regulations have done. But this year’s rule goes a step further and takes aim at all drilling sites, including smaller wells that emit less than 3 tons (2.7 metric tonnes) of methane per year.

He also will spotlight one of his key domestic successes — the Democrats’ massive health care and climate change bill known as the Inflation Reduction Act.

The US commitment of some USD 375 billion over a decade to fight climate change gives Biden greater leverage to

press other nations to make good on their pledges to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and transition the global economy toward cleaner energy sources.

Biden will be in a far different position from last year’s gathering, which came about during a particularly unhappy stretch in the bill’s tortuous path to passage.

That summit resulted in additional global commitments to meet the temperature targets agreed to in the Paris Climate Accord, which Biden rejoined after his predecessor, Donald Trump, pulled the US from the deal.

In his remarks, Biden will also make his case that “good climate policy is good economic policy,” while calling on all major emitting countries to “align their ambition” to the international goal of trying to limit future global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit), according to the White House.

## Former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif issued diplomatic passport: Reports

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD/LONDON

Pakistan government has issued a diplomatic passport to former premier Nawaz Sharif, who has been living in self-imposed exile in the UK since 2019, media reports said on Friday. Former prime minister Imran Khan’s Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf government had cancelled Sharif’s diplomatic passport after he was declared a proclaimed offender by a Pakistani court on corruption charges, the report said.

The 72-year-old Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo was issued the diplomatic passport for a period of five years after getting the clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday, the Express Tribune newspaper reported.

Shehbaz told media in London, “Mian Sahib (Nawaz Sharif) is coming, failure is destined for Imran Khan,” indicating that his elder brother may return to Pakistan.

# Spain appeases Catalans with planned reform of sedition law

AP ■ MADRID



The two parties making up Spain’s leftist coalition government on Friday presented a proposal to reform the centuries-old crime of sedition, which was one of the main charges against pro-independence Catalan activists and politicians convicted for their roles in a 2017 secession push.

Under the proposal, sedition will be replaced with the crime of aggravated public disorder and will carry lower sentences.

With the support of small-regional parties almost guaranteed, the bill is likely to be approved by parliament over the coming months although it might undergo some minor changes.

The crime of sedition, on the books since 1822, was one of the main charges against nine of 12 pro-independence Catalan activists and politicians that were convicted for their roles in a unilateral declaration of independence from Spain issued on October 27, 2017 following an illegal secession referendum earlier that month.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez issued partial pardons of the nine high-profile separatists last year, releasing them from prison after they had spent three years behind bars serving sentences that ranged between nine and 15 years.

They are, however, still banned from holding public office.

Announcing the reform late Thursday, Sánchez said it would bring Spain in line with other European democracies.

But Sánchez said the reform wouldn’t exempt former Catalan President Carles Puigdemont and his associates that fled the country in 2017 from eventually standing trial if they return, albeit for a crime with a lower sentence.

# Ethiopia asserts 70 per cent of Tigray now under military control

AP ■ NAIROBI

Ethiopia’s lead negotiator in ongoing peace talks asserted on Friday that 70 per cent of the country’s northern Tigray region is now under military control and aid deliveries have resumed to the area, but there is no immediate confirmation from aid workers or Tigray spokesmen.

National Security Adviser Redwan Hussein tweeted the information as the talks continued in neighbouring Kenya, and as the United States applied pressure on Ethiopia’s government to swiftly deliver aid and basic services.

The peace deal says Ethiopia will “expedite” both aid and ser-



vices to the long cut-off Tigray region of more than 5 million people, where food and basic medical supplies have run low. Redwan said 35 trucks of food and three trucks of medicine have arrived in the north-western town of Shire, which federal forces and their allies

captured last month.

That was before last week’s “permanent cessation of hostilities” in a two-year conflict estimated to have killed hundreds of thousands of people.

“Aid is flowing like no other times,” Redwan said, adding that services were being reconnected and flights allowed.

The Tigray lead negotiator, Getachew Reda, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. A lull in the fighting earlier this year allowed about 8,000 trucks of humanitarian aid into the region, according to the United Nations, whose experts have found that Ethiopia’s government used starvation as a tool of war.

# Migrant rescue ship docks in French port amid Italy rift



AP ■ TOULON

A maritime rescue ship docked in a southern French port on Friday carrying 230 migrants whose fates sparked a diplomatic row between France and Italy, as well as fury from far-right rivals of the French government.

The Ocean Viking disembarked its passengers at the Toulon port, where they were expected to undergo health and security checks at a military base, Var region prefect Evence Richard told reporters,

The passengers from Erit-

rea, Egypt, Syria, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other nations include 57 children, the youngest of whom is 3 years old, and more than 40 are unaccompanied minors, according to European rescue group SOS Mediterranée, which operates the ship.

Some of the people on the ship were rescued in the Mediterranean Sea three weeks ago, the group said. The French coast guard boarded the Ocean Viking Thursday to help four passengers who needed urgent medical attention ashore.

The ship became the cause of a rift between France and Italy after Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni granted three other private maritime rescue ships permission to dock in Italy but refused the Ocean Viking, claiming that France would take it although the French government had not said that publicly.

## SE Asian leaders do little to raise pressure on Myanmar

AP ■ PHNOM PENH

Southeast Asian leaders did little to ramp up pressure on Myanmar to comply with their plan for peace, agreeing Friday to a course of action that largely kicks the matter down the road. With violence in Myanmar spiraling out of control since the military seized power in 2021, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations has been trying to implement a five-point plan for peace, so far with little effect. Already, the group has banned leaders of Myanmar, from participating in its top-level events, such as the ongoing summit in Phnom Penh. A faction led by Indonesian President Joko Widodo had been pushing for that ban to be broadened to exclude Myanmar from other events — something urged by human rights groups.

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01	93225819	Supply & Installation of fire Extinguisher with anti theft system (stored pressure type, water based portable & rechargeable) for LHB coaches as per Drawing / Specification RCF-MD-PS-2021-2	1000 Set	07.12.2022

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 The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrower(s)/account holders have not responded /complied with the communication, and notice send by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/ accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in exercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on **15-11-2022** at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table:-

Loan No	Customer Name	Date of Loan	Overdue Amount Rs.	Branch Name
21744889	Pappi Bansal	09/02/2022	19270	Delhi- Bhajanpura
24410273	Abhilash Singh	25/05/2022	8735	Delhi- Bhajanpura
29579858	Pradeep Kumar	24/12/2021	7218	Delhi NCR - Burari
20813466	Himanshu Kumar Kaushik	03/01/2022	8472	Delhi NCR - Burari
22978729	Deepak Kumar	08/04/2022	25164	Delhi NCR - Burari
23563306	Jyoti Devraj Chandel	28/04/2022	7160	Delhi NCR - Burari
21385367	Ashwani Kumar	25/01/2022	27176	Delhi NCR-Burari
14613807	Mehandi Hasan	13/03/2021	6055	Delhi Shahdara
17398975	Gurdeep Kaur	02/09/2021	17832	Delhi Shadara
18474238	Mithun Kumar	14/10/2021	29516	Delhi Uttam Nagar
18626206	Munnu Khanuja	18/10/2021	13339	Delhi Uttam Nagar
12080693	Santosh Kumar Saha	10/08/2020	9438	Delhi-Adarsh Nagar
13556869	Jitendra Bhushan Saha	15/12/2020	11884	Delhi-Badli Nagar
10114365	Gori Shankar	24/12/2019	5428	Delhi-Bhajanpura
21983575	Geeta Om Prakash	24/02/2022	11390	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
22088110	Ram Mohan Saxena	03/03/2022	7805	Delhi-Dilshad Garden
20505345	Imran Shamsahad	22/12/2021	9515	Delhi-Gandhi Nagar
13869968	Deepak Sharma	12/01/2021	31635	Delhi-Hari Nagar
14038141	Rohan Singh	28/01/2021	19796	Delhi-Jagatpuri
20933023	Akash Kumar	07/01/2022	6170	Delhi-Jagatpuri
15594975	Mool Chand Jain	16/06/2021	18564	Delhi-Kalash Nagar
17195678	Nav Sada	25/08/2021	220705	Delhi-Kalash Nagar
21895990	Arun Kumar Chaudhary	19/02/2022	17452	Delhi-Lajpat Nagar
19867405	Kripal Singh Rawat	26/11/2021	23964	Delhi-Laxmi Nagar
20426854	Sofyan M	18/12/2021	13590	Delhi-Madipur
23054424	Mid Younus	11/04/2022	18025	Delhi-Nai Sadak
16488631	Ramvilash Viskarma	26/07/2021	5886	Delhi-Nangloi
24625721	Pawan Gupta	03/06/2022	20745	Delhi-Nangloi
22207635	Manpreet Singh Gill	11/03/2022	17850	Delhi-Ramesh Nagar
20843304	Mangtu Ram	05/01/2022	7220	Delhi-Sadar
22309781	Naveen Kumar Garg	16/03/2022	12756	Delhi-Shastri Nagar

The auction shall be conducted on an "AS IS WHERE" and "AS IS WHAT IT IS" basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction without further notice. Please note it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

**Place : DELHI Date : 12-11-2022**

**Authorised Officer (HDB Financial Services Ltd)**

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**Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Half Year Ended September 30, 2022**

Sl. No.	Particulars	(Rs. In lacs, except per share data)					
		Quarter Ended			Six Months Ended		
		30.09.2022	30.06.2022	30.09.2021	30.09.2022	30.09.2021	31.03.2022
	(Refer Notes below)	[Unaudited]	[Unaudited]	[Unaudited]	[Unaudited]	[Unaudited]	[Audited]
1	Total Income from Operations	24.38	21.76	11.47	46.14	20.66	70.10
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period & before tax and exceptional extraordinary items	(8.40)	(1.30)	0.19	(9.70)	(4.52)	(87.64)
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax and exceptional & extraordinary items	(8.40)	(1.30)	0.19	(9.70)	(4.52)	(87.64)
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax	(8.40)	(1.30)	0.19	(9.70)	(4.52)	(87.64)
5	Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Paid-up equity share capital	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08	980.08
7	Earning Per Share of Rs.10/- each (not annualised)						
	a) Basic	(0.09)	(0.01)	-	(0.10)	(0.05)	(0.89)
	b) Diluted	(0.09)	(0.01)	-	(0.10)	(0.05)	(0.89)

**Notes :**  
 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 and 30 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and half year ended September 30, 2022 are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and on Company's website [www.rlftd.com](http://www.rlftd.com).

**For RLF Limited**  
**Sd/-**  
**Vikas Grover**  
**Director**  
**DIN : 07075918**

**Place : Gurugram, Haryana**  
**Dated : November 11, 2022**

**Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited**  
 (Formerly "Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited" & "Indiabulls Integrated Services Limited")  
 (CIN: L51101HR2007PLC077999)  
 Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2022

Particulars	(Rs. in crores)				
	Quarter ended 30-Sep-2022	Half year ended 30-Sep-2022	Quarter ended 30-Sep-2021	Half year ended 30-Sep-2021	Year ended 31-Mar-2022
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	33.93	191.68	0.13	16.51	22.50
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	32.06	182.79	(25.95)	(33.28)	(131.76)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items))	32.06	182.79	(25.95)	(33.28)	(131.76)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax, Minority Interest and Share of Profit / (Loss) of Associate (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	32.27	182.79	(33.12)	(40.45)	(145.77)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	41.70	171.66	(70.05)	42.02	(154.88)
Equity Share Capital	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74	19.74
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the audited Balance Sheet	-	-	-	-	(313.85)
Earnings per Share (EPS) before extraordinary items - Basic (Amount in Rs.)	3.19	18.20	(3.30)	(4.03)	(14.51)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	3.19	18.20	(3.30)	(4.03)	(14.51)
Earnings per Share (EPS) after extraordinary items - Basic (Amount in Rs.)	3.19	18.20	(3.30)	(4.03)	(14.51)
- Diluted (Amount in Rs.)	3.19	18.20	(3.30)	(4.03)	(14.51)

**Notes:**  
 1) The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and subsequently approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on 11 November 2022.  
 2) Key Standalone Financial Information:

Particulars	(Rs. in crores)				
	Quarter ended 30-Sep-2022	Half year ended 30-Sep-2022	Quarter ended 30-Sep-2021	Half year ended 30-Sep-2021	Year ended 31-Mar-2022
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Total Income	52.35	473.91	0.14	15.37	20.79
Profit/(Loss) before Tax	49.74	463.93	(38.01)	(56.45)	(170.15)
Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax	49.74	463.93	(38.01)	(56.45)	(170.15)

3) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Half Yearly filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Half Yearly Financial Results are available on the Company's website (<https://www.yaari.com>) and on the website of BSE (<https://www.bseindia.com>) and NSE (<https://www.nseindia.com>).

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**For and on behalf of the Board of Directors**  
**Kubeir Khara**  
**Executive Director & CEO**

**Place : Gurugram**  
**Date : 11 November 2022**



# Sensex, Nifty zoom nearly 2% amid rally

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty on Friday spurred by nearly 2 per cent, propelled by heavy buying in IT, metal and financial stocks amid a rally in global markets after lower-than-expected US inflation data.

A strong rupee against the US dollar and unabated foreign capital inflows further bolstered sentiment, traders said.

Easing US inflation triggered speculation that the US Federal Reserve might slow down the pace of interest rate hikes.

The 30-share BSE Sensex zoomed 1,181.34 points or 1.95 per cent to settle at 61,795.04. During the day, it witnessed a high of 61,840.97 and a low of 61,311.02. Likewise, the broader NSE Nifty rallied 321.50 points or 1.78 per cent to finish at 18,349.70.



October from 8.2 per cent in September. Markets were on tenterhooks after the US Federal Reserve indicated more interest rate tightening to fight inflation. The current US inflation data points to an early end of the interest rate hike cycle.

In Asian markets, Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 7.70 per cent while the Nikkei in Tokyo surged 2.98 per cent. In Seoul, the Kospi rose 3.37 per cent.

The Shanghai Composite index 1.69 rallied per cent.

Equity exchanges in Europe were also trading in the green in the afternoon session. Stock exchanges in the US ended with significant gains on Thursday.

On the macroeconomic front, Moody's on Friday slashed India's GDP growth projection to 7 per cent for 2022, saying that global slowdown and high domestic interest rates would dampen economic momentum.

The rupee appreciated 62 paise to close at 80.78 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday.

# Industrial production regains momentum, grows by 3.1%

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India's industrial production expanded by 3.1 per cent in September, boosted by manufacturing, mining and power sectors, according to official data released on Friday.

Factory output had contracted by 0.7 per cent in the preceding month (August 2022). It grew by 2.2 per cent in July this year.

Factory output, measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), had expanded by 4.4 per cent in September 2021.

The manufacturing sector grew by 1.8 per cent in September 2022, compared to 4.3 per cent growth recorded in the year-ago period, as per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

The power sector showed a growth of 11.6 per cent against a 0.9 per cent rise a year ago. The mining sector also witnessed a



growth of 4.6 per cent in September 2022 compared to 8.6 per cent in the year-ago month.

During April-September this year, IIP rose 7 per cent against 23.8 per cent expansion in the same period of 2021-22.


Capital goods output, which is a barometer of investments, rose 10.3 per cent in September 2022 compared to 3.3 per cent growth in the corresponding month of the previous year.

The consumer durables segment declined 4.5 per cent from

1.6 per cent growth earlier.

The primary goods segment, which accounts for nearly 34 per cent of the index, expanded 9.3 per cent in September compared to 4.6 per cent growth in the year-ago period.

The ministry said the growth rates over the corresponding period of the previous year are to be interpreted considering the unusual circumstances on account of the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date	
1.	Rahul Gupta, Dinesh Kumar Gupta, E 28 Beta 1 GR Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar Noida Uttar Pradesh A/c No:- LBGHZ00005389938, LBGHZ00004072940	Shop No. 30, Ground Floor, Flat No. C06 Delta 1, Kaveri City Center, Greater Noida, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.	07-Oct-2022 Rs.6,49,082/- Rs.35,39,283/-	04-07-2022	
2.	Vinod Das, Purnima Das, Krishno Das, 42-B/88 Block -88 Ddaflats Chittaranjan Park Ali South Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL000044217831, LBDEL00004072940	Flat No 42 B, First Floor, Block-88, Janta, Kalka Ji, Kalkaji Extn, Delhi, Delhi.	13-Oct-2022 Rs.1,35,747/- Rs.23,53,169/-	04-07-2022	
3.	Rajesh Bhatia, Sonia Bhatia, 321 Sector 21 B Faridabad Faridabad Haryana A/c No:- LBDEL00004870017, LBDEL00004848090	H No 104, Ground Floor And Basement, B Block, Shivalik, Delhi, Delhi.	13-Oct-2022 Rs.10,48,493/- Rs. 2,18,45,982/-	11-07-2022	
4.	Abhishek Magu, Anil Kumar Magu, J- 94, IInd Floor Saket Delhi Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL0000441855, LBDEL00005113005, LBDEL00003145850	Flat No- J 94, 2nd Floor Saket Delhi.	13-Oct-2022, Rs.16,96,632/- Rs.2,39,407/- Rs.12,13,683/-	11-07-2022	
5.	Rajnish Kumar Thakur, Anju Thakur, House No 190 3rd Floor Pkt 4, Sec 25 Rohini Landmark Sec 25 Rohini Landmark Delhi Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004958621, LBDEL00004965421	Property No- 190, 3rd Floor, Pocket - 4 With Roof Rights Pkt- 4 Sector - 25, Rohini Delhi.	13-Oct-2022, Rs.17,67,357/- Rs.3,94,148/-	03-06-2022	
6.	Jaya Madaan, House No 2nk 27 Nit, Haryana Faridabad A/c No:- LBFDB00005453570, LBFDB00005804196	Plot No-2554, Block- H, 2nd Floor, Sector-49, Sainik Colony Haryana Faridabad.	13-Oct-2022, Rs.35,09,250/- Rs.3,49,513/-	08-06-2022	
7.	Poonam Pershad, Amrish Parshad, 105 New Friends Colony New Delh Idelhi Delhi. A/c No:- LBDEL00002421441	Flat No H-101, 1st Floor Terra Heritage Tower H Village Banbeerpur, Tehsil Tijara Dist Alwar Bhiwadi, Alwar, Rajasthan.	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 22,20,345/-	03-06-2022	
8.	Ashok Kumar, Asha Rani, 500/1 Jeewan Nagar Gouchi, Ballabgarh Faridabad Haryana Faridabad. A/c No:- LBDEL00004918761	Flat No- M- 902, 9th Floor, Sethi Venice, Plot No Sc 01/A-04, Sector-150, Noida, Uttar Pradesh Gautam Buddha Nagar.	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 35,35,666/-	04-07-2022	
9.	Nupur Chakraborty, Animesh Pal, Flat No. 704, Tower 2, Chd Avenue 71 Sector 71 Haryana Gurgaon. A/c No:- LBGUR00003106083	Flat No- T2/12a01, 12th Floor Tower T2, Sector- 73 Todays Callidora, Haryana Gurgaon.	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 31,44,033/-	04-07-2022	
10.	Gurvinder Kaur, Gurmeet Singh, H No. 858 Lakhi Market Sec 31 Faridabad Faridabad. A/c No:- LBDEL00003141419	H No- 858, Urban Estate Sec-31 Faridabad Faridabad.	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 29,41,033/-	04-07-2022	
11.	Lakshmi Devi, Amit Kumar, C 311 Bri Vihar Opposite Dav School Chander Nagar Ghaziabad Ghaziabad. A/c No:- LBGHZ00004250132	Flat No- 654, 6th Floor, Mig-1, Tower- Gangga, Mahagun Pura NH 24 Village Mehrauli Ghaziabad.	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 24,66,390/-	11-07-2022	
12.	Soumen Paul, Sudeshna Das, Air Force Khana Nr Khasa Police Choki Opp OBC Bank, Amritsar A/c No:- LBODD00002438587	Flat No- 2504, 25th Floor, Tower- Gangga, Mahagun Mantra -II Plot N O- Gh-01A Sec-10 Greater Noidaonida	08-Oct-2022 Rs. 25,60,178/-	30-06-2022	
13.	Ankit Sharma, Ashwani Kumar Sharma, D-256 Sector-47 Noida Noida A/c No:- LBGUR00002101829	Flat No- 1101, 11th Floor, Tower- 18, Lotus Panache, Plot No- Gh-05, Sector-110, Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 43,22,410/-	08-06-2022	
14.	Daniel Sharma, Pradeep Kumar Sharma D-232 T 7, Indrapuram Ashiyana Upwan Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad Ghaziabad. A/c No:- LBGHZ00002677567	Flat No- 0201, 2nd Floor, Tower-A, Misty Heights, Plot No- GH-01, Sports City Sec Adjoining Tech Zone- IV Greater Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 26,55,464/-	03-06-2022	
15.	Deepak Kumar, Parmanand Dhulani, H-2/111 Second Floor Sector 16, Sector 15, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00004958289	Property No- 11, 3rd Floor With Roof, Block - B, Pocket - 3, Sector- 16, Rohini, Delhi	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 26,27,797/-	05-07-2021	
16.	Manpreet Singh, Kiran Rajpal, 28 Nav Jeevan Vihar Malviya Nagar Adchini New Delhi. A/c No:- LBND000001522599	Appt No-88, 8th Floor, Building No-104, DLF Silver Oaks DLF Ph-I, Gurgaon Gurgaon	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 41,00,472/-	08-06-2022	
17.	Millesh Kumar A Mistry, Shalini M Mistry, H No. S 123, Uppal, South End Sohna Road, Gurgaon, South End Sohna Road, Gurgaon, Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGHZ00003367828	Flat No- 2105, 21st Floor, Tower- 5, Supertech Azalia, Sector- 68, Golf Course Extn. Road, Gurgaon Gurgaon	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 40,35,833/-	30-05-2022	
18.	Mukesh Kumar Singh, Nikita Singh, Plot No 330 Flat No 201, Sector 4 Vaishali Ghaziabad Sector 4 Vaishali Ghaziabad Ghaziabad. A/c No:- LBDEL00002464153	Flat No- A1- 2605, 25th Floor, Tower - A1, Victory Ace Plot No- GH-02 Sector-143 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 51,95,629/-	03-06-2022	
19.	Pankaj Kaushik, Gunjan Kaushik, 16A/810 Vasundhara Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBND000002198443	Flat No- A4/1002, 10th Floor, Tower- A4, The Romano, Plot No- GH-001 Sector 118/ GHP Gautam Budh Nagar Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 42,43,987/-	03-06-2022	
20.	Rajesh Pandey, Sushila Pandey, Jaco 4/12, Nova 2nd Floor, Shipra Suncity, Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBDEL00001466900	Flat No- Ja Co 4/12, (Nova) 2nd Floor, Shipra Sun City Vaibhav Khand Indira Pura, Ghaziabad	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 4,79,724/-	08-06-2022	
21.	Ram Bhargose, Ram Kumari, H No. 7 Janta Flat, Nand Nagri, New Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00000380186	Flat No- 4C-312, Vartok Society, Vasundhara Ghaziabad	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 3,51,612/-	08-06-2022	
22.	Sanjeev Kumar, Ajay Kumar, 76-77/ UGFD 2 Block, Jeevan Park, Delhi, Delhi A/c No:- LBDEL00003561898	Flat No- H/ UH 309, 3rd Floor, Aditya Urban Homes, Tower- Hshahpur Bhametta NH- 24 Ghaziabad	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 14,33,650/-	06-03-2022	
23.	Uma Pandey, Neeraj Pandey, 42 Vasundhara Enclave Vishal Apartments, Delhi A/c No:- LBND000002191613	Flat No- G-1901, 19th Floor, Tower- G, Elegant Splendour, Plot No- CP- GH- 05C, Sector Techzone- IV Greater Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 33,86,951/-	06-03-2021	
24.	Vikas, Anila, Rambir, Vill Ghausgarh PO- Jamalpur Po- Jamalpur Dist- Gurgaon 122503 Gurgaon A/c No:- LBGUR00004904013	Flat No- F- 810, 8th Floor, Rof Ananda, Tower- Fsec- 95 Gurgaon	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 13,39,569/-	25-06-2022	
25.	Vinod Vats, Chanchal Vats, Plot No 2 Shakti Khand 2, Second Floor SF 1, Indrapuram, Indrapuram, Ghaziabad. A/c No:- LBGHZ00002427631	Flat No- D-101, First Floor, Tower- D Antriksh Golf View II, Plot No- GH 04B, Sector 78 Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 14,12,154/-	03-06-2022	
26.	Arun Kumar Sharma, Bhawna Sharma, H No- 404 Plot No- 1, Sec-5 Supertech Avantgrade Vaishali, Ghaziabad, UP, Vaishali, Ghaziabad A/c No:- LBGHZ00002729595	Flat No- T-3 (A) / C-1701, 17th Floor, Shubh Kamna City, Plot No GH-02 A, Sec-01 Greater Noida Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs. 2,20,630/-	03-06-2022	
27.	Rajnesh Kumar Singh, Rahul Kumar Singh, 1668, Block 1, 11th Avenue, 17th Floor, Gaur, City 2, Gautam Buddha Nagar A/c:- LBDEL00003840315 / LBDEL00003877836	Flat No- 1866, 17th Floor, Block-1, Gaur City- 2, 11th Avenue, Plot No- Gh-03, Sector- 16C, Greater Noida Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs.28,98,129/- Rs.82,490/- Rs.1,62,388/-	09-06-2022	
28.	Rashmi Gupta, Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Vinram Exim Private Limited, A-506 Krishna Apra Garden-7 Vaibhav, Khand Indira, Pura, Shipra Sun City, Ghaziabad A/c:- LBGHZ00002070396/ LBND000002071472	Flat No- F-28/17, Floor 28th, Plot No- L-2 Awake One, Sector-18 Noida, Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs.28,05,282/- Rs.29,425/-	08-06-2022	
29.	Sagar Thapa, Sushel Thapa, Supertech ECO Village 2 Flat, Flat No. 204 Tower B 16, GH 01 Sector 16B Greater Noida UP, Greater Noida UP, Noida A/c:- LBND00003729412/ LBND00003765417/ LBND00003730026	Flat No- 204, 2nd Floor, (Without Roof Right) Tower- B 16, Plot No- GH 01, Sector- 16B Supertech Eco Village 2 Greater Noida Noida	06- Sep-2022 Rs.22,38,685/- Rs.92,490/- Rs.80,720/-	27-09-2021	
30.	Ankan Sani, Sushma Sani, X 141, DLF Capital Green, Shivaji Marg, Karam Pura, Delhi A/c:- LBDEL00005310910	C-192, Entire Basement And Entire Ground Floor Greater Kailash Part 1, New Delhi.	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 1,97,60,305/-	03-06-2022	
31.	Ishtia Bhatia, Nutan Bhatia, House No-1121 Sector-70, Punjab, Mohali A/c:- LBGUR00002161409	Flat No. 8092, 9th Floor, Type-A, Tower- 8th Ats Triumph Village Dhanwapsu Sector- 104 Haryana Gurgaon	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 2,25,54,007/-	03-06-2022	
32.	Miriyia Cheema, Anila Bhatia Cheema, B-38, Green Woods City, Sec-45 Haryana, Gurgaon A/c:- LBGUR00002191149	Flat No 8072 7th Floor, Type A Tower- 8 Ats Triumph Sector-104 Village Dhanwapsu Haryana Gurgaon	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 2,27,27,290/-	03-06-2022	
33.	Rajnesh Varshney, Ruchi Gupta, Neel Kanth Colony Ps Civil Lines Near PMS Public School, Uttar Pradesh, Moradabad A/c:- LBGUR00002186110	Flat No 1171, 17th Floor, Tower 1, ATS Triumph, Sector 104, Haryana Gurgaon.	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 1,36,54,373/-	03-06-2022	
34.	Richa Bahety, Ajit Singh Pahuja, H. No- 650/1, Sec- 41-A, Chandigarh A/c:- LBGUR00002187407	Flat No 6251, 25th Floor, Tower 6, Ats Triumph, Sector 104, Haryana Gurgaon	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 2,29,29,504/-	03-06-2022	
35.	Santosh Kumar Sharma, Sangita Sharma, C/1832 Block A Aya Nagar Extn New Delh, Idelhi A/c:- LBGUR00002081771	Flat No 4211, 21st Floor, Tower 4, Type D ATS Tourmaline, Sector 109, Haryana Gurgaon.	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 1,17,30,269/-	30-04-2022	
36.	Tirupati Balaji, Soni Singh, A-927, Gaur Green Avenue, Abhay Khand-II, Indrapuram, Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad A/c:- LBGHZ00002273142	Flat No 2052 5th Floor, Type B, Tower 2 ATS Triumph, Sector 104 Haryana Gurgaon	08-Sep-2022 Rs. 1,48,07,770/-	03-06-2022	

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

Date : November 11, 2022  
Place : Delhi/ NCR

Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

Among Sensex stocks, HDFC emerged as the lead gainer, rising by 5.84 per cent, followed by HDFC Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech, TCS, Wipro, Tata Steel and Reliance Industries.

On the other hand, M&M, SBI, Kotak Bank, Dr Reddy's, ICICI Bank and NTPC were among the laggards. In the broader market, the BSE small-cap gauge gained 0.15 per cent and the midcap index rose 0.33 per cent.

Financial markets rallied after the US consumer price index eased to 7.4 per cent in

# Better tax collection to help meet FY23 fiscal deficit target of 6.4%: Report

PTI ■ MUMBAI

The Centre is likely to meet the key fiscal targets led by the deficit getting contained at the budgeted target of 6.4 per cent in the current financial year, mainly due to better tax collection, according to a report.

Bank of America Securities on Friday said the key risks to budgeted fiscal deficit include higher subsidies, lower divestment proceeds, excise duty cut on petrol and diesel. But the off-setting factors include better than estimated tax revenue buoyancy, higher nominal GDP growth, and lower capex loan to states, it said in a report.

Accordingly, the brokerage said it expects the government to meet the budgeted FY23 fiscal deficit target at 6.4 per cent of GDP despite upside risks.

The report also noted that it was expecting the government to undershoot the fiscal deficit target when the budget was presented at 6 per cent.

However, as the year progressed, the outbreak of the



Ukraine war started to exert meaningful pressure on global commodity prices, particularly food, fuel and fertilisers. This implied upside risks to the already-elevated subsidy bill, stressing revenue expenditure estimates, it added.

On the capital expenditure front, however, the report said that it sees some savings from the budget estimates due to lower-than-expected loans and advances to the states.

On the receipts side, the report said the revenue foregone due to the excise duty cut on petrol and diesel and potentially lower-than-planned

divestment proceeds, further dimmed the fiscal outlook for the year.

Though in absolute terms, the fiscal gap will be turning out to be higher than budgeted, it said the number will be contained at or under the target given that the government has used up only 37.3 per cent of the full year borrowing target by September. This is because in spite of the expenditure run rate being a shade higher than the median expenditure run rate which is typical of the first half, sharply higher tax revenues led to this outperformance, the report said.

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Statement of Unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended 30 September 2022			
Particulars	INR in millions		
	Quarter ended 30 September 2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30 September 2021 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31 March 2022 Audited
Total Income from Operations	311	311	1,447
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	62	58	423
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	62	58	423
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	48	46	346
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	48	46	346
Paid up Equity Share Capital	133	133	133
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	2,817	2,491	2,682
Equity component of compulsory convertible debentures	1,144	1,144	1,144
Net worth**	4,095	3,768	3,959
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt*	5,890	6,268	6,079
Debt Equity Ratio *	2.18	2.54	2.31
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
1. Basic :	2.09	1.99	15.17
2. Diluted :	2.09	1.99	15.17
Debtenture Redemption Reserve *	283	286	270
Debt Service Coverage Ratio *	2.18	0.62	0.53
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	1.81	1.72	2.05
Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.			
- Credit Rating : IND AA+ (CE)			
- Change in credit rating : No			
- Asset Coverage Ratio : 159% (31 March, 2022 : 164%)			
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above			
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above			
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable			
- Net Worth ** (30 September, 2022) : INR 4,095 (31 March, 2022 : INR 3,959)			
- Net profit after tax : mentioned above			
- Earning per share : mentioned above			
- Debtenture Redemption Reserve (30 September, 2022) : INR 283 (31 March, 2022 : INR 270)			
There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))			
Notes :			
1. Ratios have been computed as follows : - Earning per share (Basic & Diluted) = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares - Debt Equity Ratio* = Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) / Equity (Equity share capital + share premium + quasi equity i.e. Short term borrowing but excluding unamortized fees) - Interest Service Coverage Ratio = Profit before interest, prior period items, tax, extraordinary items and depreciation / (Total Interest Expense). - Debt Service Coverage Ratio* = ((PAT based on Project Revenues realised (excluding non-cash adjustment, if any) + Depreciation + Interest (Interest, Guarantee Fees, other financing costs payable under Debenture and Project Documents )) / (Interest + Principal Repayment+Guarantee fee). - Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total Assets) / Debt (Amount due to Debenture Holders) *As per Debenture Trust Deed dated 20 September, 2017. ** Network represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital reserve, General reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.			
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the National Stock Exchange under regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website of the Stock Exchange and the listed entity - <a href="http://renewpower.in/renew-akshay-urja-limited/">http://renewpower.in/renew-akshay-urja-limited/</a>			
3. The company is in the business of development and operation of solar power. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".			
4. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange and can be accessed on the URL – <a href="https://www.nseindia.com/companies-listing/corporate-filings-announcements">https://www.nseindia.com/companies-listing/corporate-filings-announcements</a>			
5. The above financial results of the Company for the half year and for the period ended September 30, 2022 have been approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at the meeting held on November 11, 2022. The statutory auditors of the company have carried out the limited review of the above unaudited financial results of the Company for the half year ended September 30, 2022.			
For and on behalf of ReNew Akshay Urja Limited (Sd./) Rahul Jain			
Place : Gurugram Date : November 11, 2022 Managing Director, DIN : 07641891			



# RED DEVILS SURVIVE VILLA SCARE

AP ■ MANCHESTER

Bruno Fernandes sent Manchester United into the League Cup last 16 as the Portugal midfielder punished a howler from Aston Villa keeper Robin Olsen in Thursday's 4-2 win.

Erik ten Hag's side were in danger of losing to Villa for the second time in a week after trailing twice in the third round tie at Old Trafford.

Beaten 3-1 by Villa in the Premier League last weekend, United fell behind to Ollie Watkins' second half opener.

Anthony Martial equalised but Diogo Dalot's own goal restored Villa's lead in their second match under new boss Unai Emery.

Marcus Rashford hit United's second equaliser and Fernandes put them ahead after Olsen's woeful pass went astray before Scott McTominay wrapped up the victory in stoppage-time.

Ten Hag had said he wanted a "reaction" after branding United's limp loss at Villa Park as "not acceptable".

The United manager got his wish, but not before a scare from Emery's team, who have played with more verve since the Spaniard arrived from Villarreal to replace the sacked Steven Gerrard.

"Happy with that resilience. That's what we need and have to show every game. I was so disappointed and mad on Sunday



because we didn't fight," Ten Hag said.

"Our two halves are never the same. Tonight we controlled the game in the first half by good pressing but then did the wrong

things, so we missed a lot of opportunities.

"At half time we said keep the pressing but be more direct. I'm proud of the team we could do that. We are in the right direc-

tion but still a long way to go."

The League Cup remains United's last domestic trophy triumph in 2017 and Ten Hag would relish the chance to end that drought later this year.

He will have to wait until after the World Cup for United's next League Cup tie against Burnley, with the last 16 scheduled for just days after the final in Qatar.

Holders Liverpool have been handed a trip to Manchester City in a high-profile last 16 clash, but both teams are likely to feature youthful line-ups to allow their players extra rest after the World Cup.

Martin Dubravka was making his United debut and the former Newcastle keeper was almost embarrassed as Douglas Luiz's inswinging corner arrowed towards the near post, where McTominay headed off the line to spare the Slovak's blushes.

## UNITED HIT BACK

That near-miss was the highlight of a scrappy first half as each team surrendered possession more than 60 times.

The entertainment level rose dramatically after half-time.

Villa took the lead in the 48th minute when Jacob Ramsey's pass caught United in a failed attempt to play offside.

Watkins sprinted in behind Harry Maguire and Dalot before clipping a deft finish over Dubravka.

United produced the perfect response with an equaliser 60 seconds later.

Picked out by Dalot's pass, Fernandes got behind the flat-footed Villa defence and squared for Martial, who had the simple task of tapping in his fourth goal this season.

Villa went back in front after 61 minutes when former United defender Ashley Young crossed to the far post, where

Dalot stuck out a boot to deflect Leon Bailey's header into his own net.

On the day his place in England's World Cup squad was confirmed after his renaissance this term, Rashford bagged the 67th minute equaliser.

Rashford started the move with a header towards Christian Eriksen in the Villa area.

When the ball rolled back to him, Rashford showed a deft touch to evaded Tyrone Mings' lunge and then displayed his

strength by holding off Calum Chambers before ramming his close-range finish past Olsen.

United had all the momentum by that point and Fernandes completed their comeback in the 79th minute.

Olsen's horrendous pass went straight to Alejandro Garnacho and he set up Fernandes for a powerful strike that deflected in off Mings.

In stoppage-time, McTominay volleyed home from a pinpoint cross by eye-catching substitute Garnacho.

## City get Liverpool, United face Kompany's Burnley

AP ■ LONDON

Manchester City and Liverpool were pitted against one another during Thursday's draw for the fourth round of the League Cup.

Manchester United were rewarded with a visit from Vincent Kompany's Burnley after emerging from an eventful third round, while Gillingham — who, in 22nd place of League Two, are the lowest-ranked team left in the competition — will travel to Premier League strugglers Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Meanwhile, Newcastle United are set to welcome Bournemouth to St. James'

Park.

The matches are scheduled to take place the week of December 19.

### Full fourth-round draw

- Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Gillingham
- Southampton vs. Lincoln City
- Blackburn Rovers vs. Nottingham Forest
- Newcastle United vs. Bournemouth
- Manchester City vs. Liverpool
- Manchester United vs. Burnley
- MK Dons vs. Leicester City
- Charlton Athletic vs. Brighton & Hove Albion

## Kean fires Juve into top four

AP ■ VERONA

Moise Kean shot Juventus into the Serie A top four with the winner in Thursday's 1-0 victory at Verona which extended his team's league winning run to five matches.

Italy international Kean struck his second league goal of the season just after the hour mark of a scrappy match at the Stadio Bentegodi to put Juve provisionally third in Italy's top flight.

Massimiliano Allegri's job had been up for discussion after a series of embarrassing results at home and in Europe but Juve will stay in the Champions League positions at least until the final matches of 2022 this weekend.

Lazio host Monza in the day's last match and will move



above Juve and AC Milan into second place with a win at the Stadio Olimpico.

Juve, who take on Lazio on Sunday, haven't conceded a goal in their winning streak and

are 10 points behind league leaders Napoli, who are eight ahead of reigning champions Milan.

Allegri's injury-ravaged outfit were missing Dusan Vlahovic, Weston McKennie and recent returnee Federico Chiesa.

Verona meanwhile stay bottom of the division following their ninth straight defeat and already look destined for relegation to Serie B.

Salvatore Bocchetti's team were denied two potential second-half penalties, the first for a Danilo handball which was not given on the field by referee Marco Di Bello.

And another was cancelled with five minutes remaining following a VAR check, after Di Bello had originally awarded a spot-kick for a foul on Simone Verdi by Leonardo Bonucci.

## Divyansh wins Gold in Asian Airgun C'ship

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian shooters began their 15th Asian Airgun Championship campaign on a positive note in Daegu, Korea, picking up a Gold, Silver and Bronze on Friday.

The Gold came from Olympian Divyansh Singh Panwar in the men's 10m air rifle junior event, while Kiran Ankush Jadhav shot a Silver in the corresponding senior competition. Sri Karthik Sabari Raj Ravishankar won a Bronze in the junior men's air rifle.

Divyansh outgunned local favourite Bang Seungho 17-9 in the Gold medal match after topping the ranking round with a score of 260.7. Sri Karthik shot



258.8 to finish behind Seungho and settle for bronze.

In the men's 10m air rifle, Kiran Ankush Jadhav reached the final after coming second in the ranking round with a score of 262.4. Reigning world champion Rudranksh Patil finished fourth with 260.2, while Arjun Babuta finished seventh.

In the Gold medal clash, Kiran went down 10-16 to Korean Park Hajun.



## Real beat Cadiz to cut gap on Barca

AP ■ MADRID

Toni Kroos scored an impressive volley as Real Madrid beat Cadiz 2-1 to cut the gap on La Liga leaders Barcelona to two points on Thursday.

In the last league match before the break for the Qatar World Cup, Carlo Ancelotti's side were playing catch-up on their bitter rivals, who beat Osasuna on Tuesday.

The match threatened to turn ugly at times, with Cadiz repeatedly fouling Madrid winger Vinicius Junior, but Madrid got the points they needed thanks to Eder Militao's header and then Kroos's stunning strike. Lucas Perez pulled one back for Cadiz in the final stages, ensuring second-place Madrid have not kept a clean sheet at home in La Liga this season and have conceded in seven consecutive league matches.

Madrid were without striker Karim Benzema after he was unable to train on Wednesday, but he has been included in France's World Cup squad.

Without the Ballon d'Or winner, Madrid lacked sheen in

attack, and perhaps some minds had started to turn to the upcoming tournament in Qatar.

Pacha Espino's long-range strike clipped the top of the crossbar for the visitors, but they had few chances of note before Madrid opened the scoring. Militao headed home Kroos's cross in the 40th minute, doing well to stay fractionally onside and escape any defensive attention after a corner was partially cleared.

The second half meandered until Kroos brought fans to their feet with a special strike after 70 minutes, volleying home from outside the area after a cross deflected into his path.

The third should have arrived soon after but Luka Modric missed a sitter with the goal gaping after Vinicius cut the ball back in the box.

Thibaut Courtois spilled a shot he should have dealt with better and Perez rammed home to give Cadiz hope in the final stages.

Espino might have levelled for the visitors, 19th, in the 93rd minute but headed over from close range as Madrid held out.

## Cillessen surprise omission as Van Gaal names Dutch squad

AP ■ AMSTERDAM

Veteran Goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen was a surprise omission from the Netherlands' World Cup squad announced by coach Louis van Gaal on Friday.

Cillessen, 33, whom pundits say recently moved from Valencia to NEC Nijmegen to improve his chances of selection, was dropped in favour of Feyenoord's Justin Bijlow, Ajax's Remko Pasveer and the surprise inclusion of Heerenveen's Andries Noppert, the Dutch Royal Football Federation announced in a statement.

Cillessen, who made his debut for the Oranje in 2013 also featured in the team that finished third in the 2014 World Cup under Van Gaal, nicknamed the "Iron Tulip" because of his no-nonsense approach to management.

In total Cillessen has 63 appearances for his country and was also in the training squad before last year's European Championship — but was then dropped in favour of another veteran Maarten Stekelenburg after contracting Covid-19.

Dutch media reported Cillessen "exploded with anger" after earlier hearing he was not in the selection, having told website Voetbal International in an interview in October he "hoped to be on the plane to Qatar."

Virgil van Dijk, Matthijs de Ligt, Frenkie de Jong, Steven Berghuis, Steven Bergwijn, Memphis Depay and Cody Gakpo are all expected to play a crucial role for the team that failed to qualify for Russia four years ago.

The Netherlands start their Group A campaign against Senegal on November 21 then play Ecuador four days later and then the hosts Qatar on November 29.



**SQUAD**  
**Goalkeepers:** Justin Bijlow (Feyenoord), Remko Pasveer (Ajax), Andries Noppert (Heerenveen)

**Defenders:** Nathan Ake (Manchester City/ENG), Virgil van Dijk (Liverpool/ENG), Matthijs de Ligt (Bayern Munich/GER), Jurrien Timber (Ajax), Stefan de Vrij (Inter Milan/ITA), Daley Blind (Ajax), Denzel Dumfries (Inter Milan/ITA), Tyrell Malacia (Manchester United/ENG), Jeremie Frimpong (Bayer Leverkusen/GER)  
**Midfielders:** Steven Berghuis (Ajax), Frenkie de Jong (Barcelona/ESP), Teun Koopmeiners (Atalanta/ITA), Davy Klaassen (Ajax), Marten de Roon (Atalanta/ITA), Xavi Simons (PSV Eindhoven), Kenneth Taylor (Ajax).

**Forwards:** Steven Bergwijn (Ajax), Memphis Depay (Barcelona/ESP), Cody Gakpo (PSV Eindhoven), Vincent Janssen (Royal Antwerp/BEL), Luuk de Jong (PSV Eindhoven), Wout Weghorst (Besiktas/TUR), Noa Lang (Club Brugge/BEL)

## Injured Mane named in Senegal squad

AP ■ DAKAR

Ballon d'Or runner-up Sadio Mane was named in Senegal's World Cup squad by coach Aliou Cisse on Friday despite of a recent injury.

Cisse said he hoped the condition of the Bayern Munich attacker would improve within a few weeks and declared himself "really optimistic" that the injury would not require an operation.

Mane's involvement in the tournament was in doubt after he limped off during his club Bayern Munich's 6-1 win over Werder Bremen on Tuesday.

The 30-year-old was diag-

nosed with an injury to his right fibula and will undergo further tests.

"I preferred to keep him in the group," Cisse told reporters.

"Sadio Mane is an important player in our squad, it is important to continue to follow his injury, hoping that in two or three weeks there will be progress. But we are really optimistic."

"We will give ourselves all the necessary means to allow Sadio Mane to recover."

Senegal have been drawn in Group A and play the tournament opener against hosts Qatar on November 20, before going on to meet Netherlands and Ecuador.

## Lovlina, Parveen, Saweety & Alifiya win Asian C'ships titles

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Lovlina Borgohain looked at ease as she struck gold in her maiden appearance in the middleweight division while three other Indian boxers were also crowned Asian champions in Amman, Jordan on Friday.

World championship bronze medallist Parveen Hooda (63kg), Saweety (81kg) and Alifiya Khan (81-kg) packed a power punch to clinch the yellow metal in their respective categories.

Minakshi, on the other hand, concluded her maiden Asian Championships campaign by clinching a silver medal in the flyweight division (52kg) as Indian women boxers signed off with a haul of seven medals.

Parveen continued to impress as she notched up a facile 5-0 victory over Japan's Kito Mai to grab the first gold for India in the ongoing event, while Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina, competing in her maiden tournament in the 75kg category, also cruised to a unanimous decision win over Ruzmetova Sokhiba of Uzbekistan.

Saweety and Alifiya then added to the gold rush, defeating Gulsaya Yerzhan of Kazakhstan and Islam Husaili of Jordan respectively.



While Saweety pummelled Yerzhan into submission, Alifiya's opponent was disqualified bringing an end to the bout in the first round itself.

The title will be a big morale booster for the 25-year-old Lovlina who has struggled to find form since her bronze-medal winning exploits at the Tokyo Olympics. She made early exits in the World Championships and Commonwealth Games earlier this year.

The Assam boxer has moved up from 69kg to 75kg division as her former weight class doesn't feature in the Paris Olympics.

## Ansu Fati makes Spain WC side, Ramos excluded

AP ■ LAS ROZAS DE MADRID

Luis Enrique called up Barcelona forward Ansu Fati for the 2022 World Cup as he announced his squad on Friday.

The 20-year-old Barcelona forward was not used in September's Nations League clashes and has not been at his best for his club this season.

Fati has four caps for his country and one goal, and has spent the best part of the last two seasons on the sidelines because of repeated knee injuries. Luis Enrique included him in a list of 26 players for the tournament in Qatar, which did not include veteran Paris Saint-Germain defender Sergio Ramos, despite speculation he could return.

Ramos, who is Spain's record appearance-maker on 180 games for the national team, has found fitness and form with



his club this season.

Luis Enrique, who only brought 24 players to Euro 2020 out of a possible 26, has elected to select his full complement this time around. As well as veteran players like Barcelona duo Sergio Busquets, who was in Spain's World Cup winning squad in 2010, and Jordi Alba, the coach opted for younger, relatively untested options. Athletic Bilbao forward Nico Williams and Valencia defender Hugo Guillamon were selected, along with Villarreal winger Jeremy Pino.

Luis Enrique has been criticised in the past for not calling up Real Madrid players, but Los Blancos pair Dani Carvajal and Marco Asensio were included.

### FULL SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Unai Simon (Athletic Bilbao), Robert Sanchez (Brighton/ENG), David Raya (Brentford/ENG)

**Defenders:** Jose Gaya (Valencia), Jordi Alba (Barcelona), Eric Garcia (Barcelona), Aymeric Laporte (Manchester City/ENG), Pau Torres (Villarreal), Hugo Guillamon (Valencia), Cesar Azpilicueta (Chelsea/ENG), Dani Carvajal (Real Madrid)  
**Midfielders:** Rodri (Manchester City/ENG), Koke (Atletico Madrid), Marcos Llorente (Atletico Madrid), Sergio Busquets (Barcelona), Gavi (Barcelona), Pedri Gonzalez (Barcelona), Carlos Soler (Paris SG/FRA)

**Forwards:** Dani Olmo (RB Leipzig/GER), Pablo Sarabia (Paris SG/FRA), Alvaro Morata (Juventus/ITA), Ansu Fati (Barcelona), Ferran Torres (Barcelona), Marco Asensio (Real Madrid), Nico Williams (Athletic Bilbao), Jeremy Pino (Villarreal)



# DEBACLE DECODED: STUBBORNNESS IN SELECTIONS, ARCHAIC APPROACH FROM TOP ORDER

PTI ■ MELBOURNE

Old habits die hard, and the adage was truly reflected in the Indian team's outdated approach in the T20 World Cup.

A dated batting approach in powerplay by the biggest stars, failure to zero in on one of the two wicket-keepers, and head coach Rahul Dravid's aversion to taking risks contributed to India's failure to go all the way in the showpiece in Australia.

Their campaign ended with a 10-wicket surrender against England in the semi-finals in Adelaide on Thursday.

At the end of it all, Dravid's one-year report card doesn't paint a rosy picture and a meticulous planner like him will sit back and think hard about the tough calls he might need to take before the ODI World Cup in a year's time.

If skipper Rohit Sharma and Dravid put hands on their chests, they would know that reaching the semi-finals is a good enough finish for a team with multiple soft underbellies.

The worst feeling for any cricket aficionado or a diehard fan is how the Indian team promised so much but flattered to deceive on the big days.

There are multiple reasons for the sixth defeat in nine years in a knockout game of a global competition.

The first will be the absence of Jasprit Bumrah and Ravindra Jadeja due to stress fracture on back and knee surgery, respectively.

Bumrah's presence always meant that there is a cushion of two overs at the death.

Jadeja is a pure all-rounder who could be used as a floater in the batting order to bring a left-hander in the equation.

But these are the uncontrol-



lables for a team that often harps on "only controlling the controllables." They couldn't do that, either.

Here are some of the main reasons for the disaster that was waiting to happen.

## TOP 3'S SAFETY-FIRST PP APPROACH

Coming to the much-debated approach of the top three, perhaps KL Rahul, Rohit Sharma and, to somewhat lesser extent Virat Kohli, would admit that they failed to change their game with certain sameness in their styles.

As Nasser Hussain wondered why India played "old-

fashioned powerplay cricket", Dravid in one of his interactions had admitted that they indeed failed to display the fearlessness expected in tough conditions for batting.

In the top three, only one batter can afford to be an anchor, and perhaps, bat deep while the other two will have to attack.

But Rahul (128 runs, 120.75), Rohit (116 runs, strike rate 106.42) and even Kohli (136.40) has been conservative in their approach in the powerplays. Against South Africa on a pitch that offered pace, they managed 33/2 while in an earlier game against Pakistan, it was 31/3 at the MCG.

Then, on a placid Adelaide Oval track, 38/1 was inexcusable.

Among the 16 teams that played this edition of the T20 World Cup, India with a tournament average powerplay run rate of 6.02, lay at an abysmal 15th place. Only UAE had inferior rate at 4.71.

## PANT VS DK

Whether one likes it or not, Pant in white-ball cricket is at his best when he is opening the innings without a care in the world. He might not have got big runs but showed intent. The moment it became a middle-order slot, the semi-retired Karthik at 37, came into the pic-

ture.

The role of a designated finisher, with a target of 25 to 30 off 10 balls, is a good challenge on the sub-continental surfaces where he plays the IPL, but the moment the ball bounced a bit extra and jagged around, he was found wanting.

Then suddenly, a match before the semifinals the "Karthik experimentation" was done away with, and the team management sought the left-handed option in Pant.

If Karthik was specifically prepared for the last four months for this tournament why did the team, citing tactical change, switched to Pant. His confidence

in this whole merry-go-round took a serious beating.

This was done only to accommodate Rahul at the top.

## NOT USING CHahal

Yuzvendra Chahal is India's second leading wicket-taker in T20Is, but funnily enough, hasn't played a single T20 World Cup game as he was dropped in one edition and warmed the bench this time.

Someone who can turn his leg-breaks and bowl a good googly, Chahal wasn't playing against the English batting line-up, against whom he had good match ups.

Instead, they preferred Axar Patel, who was disappointing.

## DRAVID'S DECISION MAKING

Dravid has firmly entrenched himself in the position of the head coach in last one year but the time has come for him to dismantle the current template and set a new one.

Batters such as Shubman Gill, Prithvi Shaw, Rahul Tripathi, Rajat Patidar have shown immense promise and need to be groomed with two years in hand for the next T20 World Cup.

Similarly, dumping Avesh Khan for a few bad end overs in the Asia Cup seemed a bit contradictory. Rahul got umpteen games to succeed and all it took to reject Avesh was a couple of bad outings.

Two bad Asia Cup matches and it was decided that Harshal Patel needed to be roped in post injury, and such was his plight that he wasn't considered for any of the games after replacing Avesh. Dravid needs to make tough calls but in one year, he hasn't rocked the boat. Will he do that in the future? Watch out for this space.



# Eng & Pak could be crowned joint T20 WC winners in case of washout

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

England and Pakistan could share the T20 World Cup trophy as rain threatens to play spoilsport in the summit clash on Sunday as well as the reserve day at the MCG here.

Currently there is a 95% chance of rain in Melbourne on Sunday, with up to 25mm predicted to fall.

"Very high (near 100%) chance of showers. The chance of a thunderstorm, possibly severe, with heavy falls possible," a report in 'ESPNCricinfo' quoted the Bureau of Meteorology as saying.

Unfortunately, the forecast for Monday -- the designated reserve day -- is similar with 95% chance of rain and falls between 5 and 10mm.

Tournament rules for the final state that at least 10 overs a side are needed to constitute a knockout stage match.

If rain prevents play on both days then England and Pakistan will be forced to share the trophy.

"The first priority will be to complete a shortened match on Sunday if required, meaning the overs will be reduced before the reserve day is activated," the report said.

"If the game has started on Sunday but can't be completed then it will resume on the reserve day from the position it was halted. Once the toss has taken place, the game is considered live."

The match is scheduled to start at 7pm local time and if no play is possible, the game will spill over to the reserve day on Monday, when play would start at 3pm local time.

"If the reserve day is allocated, every effort will be made to complete the match on the scheduled day with any necessary reduction in overs taking place and only if the minimum number of overs necessary to constitute a match cannot be bowled on the scheduled day will the match be completed on the reserve day," the playing conditions read.

"If the match has started on the scheduled day and overs are subsequently reduced following an interruption but no further play is possible, the match will resume on the reserve day at the point where the last ball was played."

Previously, the 2019 ODI World Cup semifinal between India and New Zealand was played across two days due to rain.

# Allow young Indian players to play foreign leagues: Kumble



PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India captain Anil Kumble wants the BCCI to allow its young players to participate in different T20 leagues around the globe to gain exposure and experience before the 2024 World Cup to be held in the West Indies and the United States.

Since the emergence of the Indian Premier League in 2008, many countries have started their own T20 leagues including Australia's Big Bash League (BBL), Pakistan Premier League (PSL), Caribbean Premier League (CPL) etc.

However, while the overseas players are welcomed in the IPL, the BCCI doesn't allow any active Indian cricketer to participate in these foreign leagues.

"I think exposure certainly helps. We have seen that with the kind of development that it has

had on Indian cricket. For example, the IPL, where overseas players come in and the kind of changes we've had in Indian cricket has certainly helped.

"In terms of giving an opportunity to a young player to go overseas and have a crack, then why not?" Kumble was quoted as saying by 'ESPNCricinfo'.

"I think it's important that you need to have everything that you need to do that come 2024, you are well prepared to take on a World Cup event."

Several Indian players had entered the tournament without the experience of playing in Australia.

On the other hand, the likes of Jos Buttler and Alex Hales utilised their extensive experience of playing in the BBL to hand India a 10-wicket drubbing in the T20 World Cup semifinal on Thursday.

# What have India done since winning 50-over WC? Asks Vaughan

PTI ■ LONDON

India has achieved absolutely "nothing" since winning the World Cup on home soil in 2011 and has been the most under-performing white-ball team in the history, former England skipper Michael Vaughan said on Friday.

Vaughan blamed team's dated approach in white ball games for lack of performance following team's ouster from the T20 World Cup.

"India are the most under-performing white-ball team in history," Vaughan wrote in his column for 'The Telegraph'.

"Every player in the world who goes to the Indian Premier League says how it improves their game but what have India ever delivered?"

"Since winning the 50 over World

Cup on home soil in 2011 what have they done? Nothing. India are playing a white-ball game that is dated and have done for years."

Despite having the prodigiously talented Rishabh Pant in the squad, India opted to go with veteran Dinesh Karthik in the first four Super 12 matches. They include the dashing left-hander in the last group match against Zimbabwe and then the semifinal. But even in those two matches, Pant was under utilised as he came in to bat at No. 5 and No. 6 respectively with hardly any overs left.

Vaughan said he is baffled by India's approach in the shortest format.

"How they have not maximised someone like Rishabh Pant is incredible. In this era, put him up the top to launch it," he wrote.



"I'm just staggered by how they play T20 cricket for the talent they have. They have the players, but just do not have the right process in place. They have to go for it." In the absence of pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah and star all-rounder

# India should have hired ABD as mentor for T20 WC: Wassan

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

India needed to hire the best people to prepare for the T20 World Cup and someone like AB de Villiers would have done the job, former India cricketer Atul Wasan said on Friday as he advocated the need to have completely different coaching staff for the shortest format.

Wassan said specialised coaching staff is required to guide the players in the slam-bang format.

"We can't have the same coaching staff for the T20 and Test cricket. You hire the best for T20 format. Why didn't we hire AB de Villiers for the T20 World



Cup as a mentor? He could have guided the team better. He can tell the players a bit about manufacturing the shots," Wassan

said. "This game has proved again and again that you need a new breed. In 2007, we hardly had stars, the team was com-

prised of youngsters, they played freely and they won the title. We are relying too much on our bigger names to deliver all the time."

Wassan, who played four Tests and nine ODIs for India, said it's a wrong notion that excelling in IPL will guarantee success in international cricket.

"We also wrongly thought that the expertise of IPL will translate into the World Cup success. India is just faltering in big matches in do-or-die situations," he said.

The 54-year-old, who now works as an expert, is of the opinion that India should pick only most suited players for T20 format.

"We have five ex-captains and eight players who play Test format, competing in T20s. How can't we find another set of players for T20? You just can't have the same players. Just because they are big names you (the selectors) are playing them. I think we have to reset the button," he said.

"With Rohit Sharma, the age factor is there. He looks sluggish. The baggage of stardom is also there. It's high time that we plan for the next world cup from here on. We have become the new chokers in international cricket.

"The team needs to change its mindset and approach to do well in the T20 format."

# Laxman to coach India in NZ tour

PTI ■ ADELAIDE

National Cricket Academy head VVS Laxman will be India's acting head coach for the upcoming tour of New Zealand as the Rahul Dravid-led coaching staff has been given a break post the team's exit from the T20 World Cup.

India is slated to play six white-ball games in New Zealand, including three T20Is and as many ODIs, starting November 18 in Wellington.

While senior players like regular skipper Rohit Sharma, star batter Virat Kohli, opener KL Rahul and spinner Ravichandran Ashwin have been rested for the tour, the entire coaching staff has also been given a break after the T20 World Cup.

"The NCA team headed by Laxman with Hrishikesh Kanitkar (batting) and Sairaj Bahutule (bowling) will join the New Zealand-bound squad," a BCCI source said.

This will not be the first time Laxman will be in charge of the Indian team. The former cricketer previously coached India during the tours of Zimbabwe and Ireland and the recent ODI home series against South Africa.

All-rounder Hardik Pandya will lead the side in the T20 series while veteran opener Shikhar Dhawan will captain the ODI side.

# Need to plan carefully for Asian Cup: Stimac

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Calling for careful planning for 2023 Asian Cup, Indian men's football team coach Igor Stimac says he will be using the upcoming FIFA World Cup to build case studies which will help in preparing the team for the continental event.

India have little more than a year to prepare for the AFC Asian Cup.

"I will study what kind of results different kinds of preparations produce and come up with a plan for us as well. It's very important that we sit down with FSDL (commercial partners) soon and plan next season's calendar, which needs to give the national team enough time to prepare," said Stimac.

"The Asian Cup will be in January 2024, which will prob-

ably be mid-season in Indian football, so we must plan carefully.

"Over the last few weeks I've been following different national teams that will participate in the World Cup, and how they are preparing for it. It differs from team to team."

The introduction of promotion will make the I-League longer, intense and competitive, says Stimac.

As per the roadmap approved by the Asian Football Confederations (AFC), the winners of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 I-League seasons will stand a chance to gain promotion to the top-tier ISL without any participation fee, provided they fulfil the club licensing criteria.

Speaking on the roadmap that lays ahead for Indian football, Stimac opined, "I am very happy about this. We have



finally been successful in convincing everyone about the importance of promotion from the I-League to the ISL, and that's a big step.

"It will bring something very important to our league system -- competitiveness, and it will bring something the I-League clubs will have to fight for."

"I also can't wait for the time when the relegation starts as well, because the competitiveness will be present at that level too. It will bring more pace and intensity to such games."

Stimac feels though it may take a couple of years for the ISL to expand, the step will be an important one.

"Yes, we need to wait a couple of years for it to happen, but the league will finally become what it needs to be in regards to the size, the number of clubs

and so on," he said.

"That will be really good for football in India, as the players will get more matches, and we as national team coaches will get to see them in action more, before we make the decision on who to call up."

Stimac, who is currently in Croatia, said he will be following the fortunes of the I-League clubs closely.

"The last two years have been difficult for players in both the leagues, with the bio-bubble. But I would like to tell all the players in the I-League that you can now enjoy the football that you play and express yourselves. We are going to follow you closely," said Stimac.

"The AFC Asian Cup is not too far away, and as long as you hold an Indian passport, you stand a chance to play for the national team."

# Want to qualify for FIH Pro League 2023-24 season through Nations Cup: Savita

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Indian women's hockey team skipper Savita wants to qualify for the Pro League 2023-24 season through the upcoming FIH Nations Cup, a tournament which will also help in preparation for next year's Asian Games.

The FIH Nations Cup is an important fixture in the international calendar with its promotion and relegation system. The champions of the event will be promoted to the FIH Hockey Pro League from 2023-2024 season.

In the FIH Nations Cup to be held in Valencia from December 11 to 17, India are grouped in Pool B alongside Canada, Japan and South Africa,



while Pool A consists of Ireland, Italy, Korea and hosts Spain.

"We have working really hard for the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022. We are determined to win the tournament as it will also allow us to participate in the next season of the FIH Hockey Women's Pro League 2023-2024," said goalkeeper Savita in a Hockey India release.

"We also have our eyes on

the Asian Games which is going to happen next year. Every tournament till the Asian Games will act as a preparation and I am sure all the players will get the much-needed confidence with a good performance in the FIH Nations Cup."

The Pro League will be significant for the teams from next season as the men's and women's champions from 2023-24 will qualify directly for the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The FIH Pro League champions in 2023-24 and 2024-25 will earn direct qualification to their respective 2026 World Cups, while the winners of 2025-26 and 2026-27 will secure automatic berths in the Los Angeles Olympics.