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## TMC wins Bengal, BJP Assam, Cong HP

### Bypoll results in 3LS, 29 Assembly seats mixed fortune for major parties

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The Congress held its sway in Rajasthan winning both the seats, while the BJP and the Congress shared one seat each in Karnataka. The JD(U) won both the seats in Bihar.

The bypoll in Haryana which took place in the wake of farmers' agitation and the resignation of INLD secretary general Abhay Singh Chautala has gone in the favour of the latter. Chautala has won the Assembly seat against his nearest rival Gobind Kanda of the BJP-JJP combine in the Ellenabad Assembly constituency.

The bypoll was necessitated after Chautala in January resigned as the MLA from the seat in protest against three Central farm laws and to stand in solidarity with the farmers who are protesting against these legislations for more than one year.

The ruling BJP won the Sindgi seat in Karnataka with a margin of 31,185, votes but significantly lost the Hangal Assembly seat which fell in incumbent Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home district of Haveri. Bommai later said he had taken the loss of Hangal seat "very seriously



Congress candidate from Mandi Lok Sabha seat Pratibha Singh celebrates her victory in by-election in Shimla on Tuesday PTI

and will take corrective steps".

In Assam, BJP candidate Sushanta Borgohain, who switched over from the Congress, won the Thowra seat by a margin of 30,561, while UPPL nominee Jiron Basumatary pocketed the Gossaigaon constituency by a margin of 28,252 votes.

BJP candidates Phanidhar Talukdar (Bhabanipur) and Rupiyoti Kurmi (Mariani) won with big margins, while Jolen Daimary of the UPPL won the Tamulpur seat.

With these victories, the BJP's strength in the 126-member Assam Assembly has increased to 60 and UPPLs to six. The other partner in the ruling coalition, Asom Gana Parishad, which had not fielded any candidate in the by-elections, has nine MLAs.

The Congress has much to cheer about its show in Himachal which is also the home state of BJP president JP Nadda. Congress candidates Bhawani Singh Pathania, Sanjay, and Rohit Thakur won against her nearest rival Kargil war hero Brigadier Khushal Thakur of the BJP.

In the last Lok Sabha election in 2019 BJP's Ram Swaroop Sharma had won the Mandi seat by a whopping 4,05,000 votes.

In West Bengal, BJP suffered an embarrassing defeat at the hands of the ruling Trinamool Congress conceding all the four Assembly seats

that went to polls on October 30 by-elections.

The saffron outfit not only lost all the four Assembly seats — including the two it had won in April-May State polls — to the TMC but it also forfeited deposits in all but one seat of Shantipur in Nadia district. Even here the party lost to the Trinamool by a whopping margin of about 64,000 votes.

TMC's Braja Kishor Goswami won Shantipur defeating his nearest BJP rival Niranjan Das. Shantipur was earlier won by BJP's Jagannath Sarkar, an MP who later chose to retain his parliamentary seat.

In North Bengal, BJP's Ashok Mondal lost the Dinhatra seat to TMC's Udayan Guha by a huge margin of 1.64 lakh votes. Dinhatra is the home turf of Union Home Minister of State Nisith Pramanik (and Cooch Behar MP) who had contested from the seat in April-May elections defeating Guha by 53 votes before choosing to retain his LS seat.

"How the Home Minister performed is proved by the fact that his party trailed the TMC by 95 votes from his home booth," said Cooch Behar TMC leader and former Minister RN Ghosh.

Near to Kolkata, the TMC candidate and State Minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay won the Khardaha seat in North 24 Parganas by a huge margin of 93,800 votes. He defeated BJP's Joy Saha.

## Pak says no to multilateral Af meet in India

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Pakistan on Tuesday played spoilsport by declining India's invite for a meeting here on November 10 to discuss the situation in Afghanistan. The National Security Advisers (NSA) of India, Pakistan, China, Russia, Iran, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan were to take part in the meeting. China may also not take part in the meet.

Rejecting India's invite, Pakistan's NSA Moeed Yusuf said on Tuesday he will not attend the meeting as there will be no representation by the Taliban.

As reported in *The Pioneer* on October 18, as a major stakeholder in ensuring peace in Afghanistan, India was planning to host a meeting of the NSAs of the countries in the neighbourhood, including Pakistan. However, New Delhi is, so far, reluctant to extend the invitation to Taliban.

Sources said the Pakistani NSA declined to attend the meet to be hosted by Indian NSA Ajit Doval and said his country will not attend any meeting where there is no representation from the Taliban regime from Afghanistan.

Addressing a Press conference on Tuesday in Pakistan after signing a security protocol agreement with Uzbekistan, Yusuf said, "It may be a luxury for the Western world sitting 10,000 miles away (to not bother about Afghanistan) but we do not have any option to disengage from Afghanistan."

### China too may not take part in conference



## Captain severs ties with Cong, floats 'Punjab Lok Congress'

### Writes 7-page resignation letter to Sonia, slams Sidhu

**MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH**



Finally bidding a formal goodbye to the Congress almost a month-and-a-half after he stepped down as Punjab Chief Minister, Capt Amarinder Singh on Tuesday announced the name of his new political outfit — Punjab Lok Congress.

In his seven-page resignation letter addressed to Congress supremo Sonia Gandhi, Capt Amarinder maintained that he was "hurt", and minced no words to say that several party legislators and even Ministers were involved in illegal sand mining. At the same time, he lashed out at Punjab Congress

president Navjot Singh Sidhu by calling him "unstable", while not saying anything against his successor Charanjit Singh Channi. In fact, in his attack, he did not spare the Gandhi siblings — Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi — for "patronising" Sidhu's "shenanigans", and also took on senior leader Harish Rawat by calling him "the most dubious individual". "One of my enduring regrets would remain as to why I did not take some of them to task. The thought that it would embar-

ass the party held me back. However, I do intend to make the list of these people public as this has been provided to me by the Government of Punjab and State Intelligence from time to time," said Amarinder in his resignation letter.

Notably, Amarinder had resigned as the Chief Minister on September 18 citing humiliation at the hands of the party high command. Channi was unanimously elected leader of the Congress Legislative Party, and became Punjab's first Dalit Chief Minister.

"I actually felt deeply hurt by your conduct and that of your children who I still deeply love as much as my own children, having known their father, since we were in school together since 1954, which is for 67 years now," said Amarinder in his letter to Sonia Gandhi. The former Punjab CM came down heavily on Sidhu for his alleged Pakistani "links".

## Ex-Maha Home Min held in PMLA case

**TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI**

After 12-long hours of Aintense grilling, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) placed Maharashtra's former Home Minister Anil Deshmukh under arrest in the early hours of Tuesday in the alleged money laundering case linked to the charges of extortion made against him by Mumbai's former Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh. Later in the day, a sessions court remanded Deshmukh in ED's custody till November 6.



Former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh being taken to a hospital for his medical check-up in Mumbai on Tuesday PTI

As his questioning by the ED officials went on till late into Monday night and there was no official coming out of the investigating agency's office in south Mumbai, it had become more or less certain that Deshmukh would be placed under arrest.

At around 1.30 am, the ED formally arrested him under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act

## Navy Commander, 5 others charged for Navy info leak

### CBI files two chargesheets in espionage case

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**

The CBI on Tuesday filed two separate chargesheets in the suspected espionage case involving alleged leak of sensitive information on submarine retrofitting projects against six persons, including a serving Navy commander and two retired naval officers, besides a Hyderabad-based private company and its directors.

The chargesheets were filed on Tuesday within 60 days of the registration of the case on September 2 in order to prevent the accused from getting bail from the competent court here. Under the Prevention of Corruption Act if a chargesheet is filed within the stipulated 60-day peri-



od, the chances of the accused getting bail are diminished, officials said, adding that in the absence of the chargesheet, the accused are entitled to secure bail.

The time limit for filing chargesheet in cases under the Indian Penal Code is 90 days. The two chargesheets filed before a special CBI court at Rouse Avenue have charged the accused under IPC Section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and relevant provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act.

In the first chargesheet, the CBI has named six accused persons, including serving Navy commander Ajit Kumar Pandey and the Hyderabad-based private firm Allen Reinforced Plastics Private Ltd (ARPL), sources said.

The first chargesheet also named retired Navy commander SJ Singh and retired commodore Randeep Singh, Executive Director of ARPL, TP Shastris, and directors of the accused firm, NV Rao and K Chandrashekar, besides the company ARPL, sources added.

The second chargesheet has been filed against two accused persons SJ Singh and Randeep, both retired Navy officers, they said.

Earlier, the CBI had seized ₹2.4 crore in cash from the premises of Randeep during searches. CBI has filed a chargesheet for passing on confidential information about India's Kilo Class submarines to "unauthorised persons."

## KISS, UNDP ink pact for tribal development



**BHUBANESWAR:** The Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Tuesday to work for tribal development and sustainable development in Odisha. As per provisions, the two organisations will undertake targeted analytical tribal research activities based on SDG and Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), skilling through career guidance and counseling, management of natural resources especially water and biodiversity to ensure overall development of tribal areas.

## DMs asked to adhere to order on green crackers

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Chief Secretary Suresh Mahapatra on Tuesday directed all district Collectors and Superintendents of Police and Police Commissioners to strictly enforce the directions of the Supreme Court and the High Court and the guidelines of Special Relief Commissioner on sale and use of green crackers during Diwali.

Mahapatra reviewed the Diwali rule enforcement preparedness with these officials over a video conference. He made it categorically clear that public health and post-Covid care of the persons recovering from Covid were of prime importance. Only the crackers certified by the Petroleum and Explosive Safety Organisation (PESO) would be sold and used. No trader or retailer would sell crackers without a valid licence from the respective Collector or Police Commissioner.

All cracker vendors and the people violating the orders would be strictly dealt with as per provisions of law. SRC Pardeep Jena clarified that no trader would be allowed to deal with crackers merely showing the code of green certification on the product.

The certificates produced by the retailers should be verified from PESO before issue of the trading and retail licences.

## Nimapada's Tehsildar, brother held by Vig cops

₹5L cash, 5 PAN cards seized

**CUTTACK:** The Vigilance police on Tuesday arrested Rama Chandra Jena, Nimapada, and in-charge Sub-Registrar on the charge of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Rama Chandra's younger brother Laxman Jena was also arrested for being actively involved in his brother's corrupt activities and managing the ill-gotten money. Later, both were forwarded to court.

In the morning, Vigilance officials intercepted the Tehsildar near his official residence at Nimapada and recovered Rs 4.65 lakh from him while he was about to hand over the money to Laxman, which he could not account for satisfactorily. Laxman was working as a truck helper in 2002-2003 and a truck driver in



received a telephone call from Rama Chandra to collect Rs 4.65 lakh next morning. Accordingly, he had come to collect the money from his brother but was nabbed. During search at the Tehsildar's residence, five PAN cards bearing his different dates of birth and different "fathers' names" were seized. Cash of Rs 50,000 was also found in his residence.

The Income Tax Department has been informed about the seizure of multiple PAN cards, said a Vigilance official. Simultaneous searches were also conducted at Jena's official residence in Nimapada, residence at CDA Sector-11 in Cuttack and native Dhanmandal village under Garadpur block in Kendrapada district. The Tehsildar was earlier involved in two other Vigilance cases over illegal settlement of valuable land and issuance of pattas and illegal conversion of agricultural land as non-agricultural.

## State logs 327 new Covid cases, 4 deaths

44 kids among infected

**BHUBANESWAR:** The State recorded 327 new Covid-19 positive cases in 18 districts and State pool on Tuesday, with which total tally increased to 10,42,100. Among newly-infected were 44 children in age group of 0 to 18 years. In last 24 hours, 49,983 samples were tested and the test positivity rate (TPR) was 0.65 per cent. The active cases stood at 4,122.

Notably, the State had recorded 316 cases on Monday. Among new cases, 191 were quarantine cases and 136 local contacts. Khordha district registered day's highest 177 cases followed by Cuttack with 29, Mayurbhanj 13 and Sambalpur 10. Besides, 42 cases were reported from the State pool. Four more persons succumbed to the disease, surging the total death toll to 8,340. Khordha, Baleswar, Puri and Jagatsinghpur districts reported one death each. So far, 10,29,585 persons have recovered in the State. **PNS**



# MAMITA MURDER BJP MP dares Min Mishra for CBI probe

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Even as Minister of State for Home Diba Shankar Mishra has claimed innocence in the Mamita Meher murder case, BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi on Tuesday said a CBI investigation can only prove whether he is guilty or not.

Attending a programme 'Mo Paribara, Odisha Paribara' at Karanjakote under Golamunda block of Kalahandi district on Monday, the Minister said he was not involved in the crime and had never been to Sunshine English Medium School at Mahaling in the district where Mamita was a teacher.

In her reaction, Sarangi said, "Who is he (Mishra) to claim he is innocent? The CBI will only find out real accused." Sarangi further said Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik should hand over case to CBI to identify real culprits of Mamita case.

She had earlier questioned the silence of Chief Minister on the matter and asked that if no Minister was involved, why State Government is hesitant for a CBI probe. Meanwhile, BJP State president Samir Mohanty on Tuesday appealed to people to light a lamp on Diwali in memory of Mamita. Stating that women in State are not safe, Mohanty said BJP would continue to fight till Mamita's family gets justice.



## Cong calls Odisha Bandh on Nov 12

### Demanding justice for Mamita, arrest of Min Mishra

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Furthering its agitation on the issue of Mamita Meher murder, the Congress has called an Odisha Bandh on November 12. A PCC extended executive meeting on Monday adopted a special resolution demanding a High Court-supervised inquiry into the Mamita case and dismissal

and arrest of Minister Diba Shankar Mishra for his alleged role in the case. It called the demanding resignation of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik if he delays to take action against Mishra.

Party State in-charge Dr A Chella Kumar asked the party workers to take advantage of the emerging situation as people are dissatisfied with both the Modi Government at the Centre and Patnaik Government in State. OPCC president Niranjan Patnaik said party workers should work untidily to bring the Congress to power again.

# BBSR-Jaipur direct flight flagged off

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Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M Scindia on Tuesday flagged off a direct flight between Odisha's Bhubaneswar and Rajasthan's Jaipur.

Union Ministers Ashwini Vaishnaw, Dharmendra Pradhan, Odisha Minister Ashok Chandra Panda and Bhubaneswar MP Aparajita Sarangi were present on the virtual occasion.

The IndiGo airline will operate three flights in a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Scindia said he inaugurated the direct flight so that people of India in western and eastern parts would get connectivity between them.

This would boost tourism potential and ensure cultural exchange. Scindia informed that efforts are on to enhance passenger handling capacity of Biju Patnaik International

Airport in Bhubaneswar to 35 lakh with an investment of Rs 200 crore. Now the airport's domestic terminal has a capacity to handle 25 lakh passengers and the international terminal a capacity of 300 passengers per hour, he said.

Aparajita Sarangi said she has urged Scindia for direct flights from Bhubaneswar to Jammu, Siridi and Guwahati.

The Odisha Government has extended the initial incentive to the IndiGo for commencement of the flight operation. It will provide Rs 75,000 per round trip to the airliner.

The direct flight from Bhubaneswar to Jaipur will depart from Bhubaneswar at 9:05 pm and arrive at Jaipur at 12:10 am.

The flight from Jaipur will depart at 6:30 pm and reach Bhubaneswar at 8:35 pm. Besides, efforts are on to operate daily direct flights between Bhubaneswar and Goa from December, an official said.

# No jute sticks burning at Puri Jagannath temple

PNS ■ PURI

The Puri district administration has once again restricted the lighting of Kaunriya Kathis (jute sticks) before the Singhadwar of the Jagannath Temple during Diwali.

The administration has taken the decision to prevent air pollution caused by the smoke that emanates from the burning of the jute sticks.

Puri Sub-Collector Bhabataran Sahu said the lighting of jute sticks has been prohibited as smoke emanating from the burning of jute sticks is likely to worsen pandemic



situation. The temple would remain closed for devotees on Diwali. Prohibitory orders

under Section 144 under CrPC would be imposed around temple premises, he said.

# State hikes minimum wages for workers

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Tuesday increased the minimum daily wages for unskilled, semiskilled, skilled and highly-skilled workers by hiking their Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) by Rs 4 with effect from October 1, 2021.

The minimum daily wages for unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and highly-skilled workers were earlier Rs 311, Rs 351, Rs 401 and Rs 461, respectively. With the

hike in VDA, the minimum daily wages are now Rs 315, Rs 355, Rs 405 and Rs 465, respectively.

"The State Minimum Wages Advisory Board in its 52nd meeting has advised to adopt a system of revision of the special allowance called Variable Dearness Allowances @ Rs. 0.90 per point rise in the Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers (Base 2001-100) as admissible and shall be declared at half yearly inter-val i.e. on 1st April and 1st

October from the date of notification of revised wages, starting from 1st April 2019," a notification of the Labour Commissioner issued said.

"The Variable Dearness Allowance for the half year commencing w.e.f. 1st October, 2021 is required to be effected on the basis of the increase in average Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial workers reaching 345.21 from 340.95 as on 30.06.2021 and thereby resulting in an increase of 4.26 points," it said.

# OES executive body reconstituted



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The annual general body meeting of the Orissa Environmental Society, which has been working for the protection of environment and conservation of natural resources in the State for the past 40 years, has reconstituted its executive committee for the next three years.

The members unanimously reelected eminent environment expert Dr Sundara Narayana Patro as president, former PCCF (Wildlife) Dr Bijay Ketan Patnaik and senior wildlife expert Dr Lala AK Singh as vice-presidents, environmentalist Dr Jayakrushna Panigrahi as secretary, Er Manoranjan Mishra as joint secretary and Prof B Sitaram

Patra as treasurer. While discussing on the OES' future course of action, the meeting focused on organising programmes in various areas of the State on pertinent environmental issues, strengthening the next generation through increasing environmental awareness at the school and college levels and distributing fruit seedlings in different areas.

Emphasis was also laid on organising workshops in various parts of the coastal region in view of the gravity of the climate change scenario.

The president urged the members to strive for success of ensuing 22nd Odisha Bigyan 'O' Paribesh Congress to be held at Ravenshaw University on November 20 and 21.

# 2 men's bodies found in B'swar

PNS ■ BALESWAR

A dead body of an unidentified person aged about 30 was found in the sea beach of Kamatiapahi in the Includi area. The Khantapara police after seizing the body sent it for postmortem and began an investigation to ascertain the deceased's identity and the reasons of his death.

In another incident on the day, a body of a 48-year-old man, who presumably drowned in a pond, was fished out by fire brigade personnel after hours of a search exercise.

The deceased, identified as Ajay Sethi of village Tamulia, had gone to take bath in the nearby pond when he accidentally slipped into the water. Locals after failing to locate him had informed the fire brigade.

# Swarnim Mashaal taken in rally at Sainik School

BHUBANESWAR: The Sainik School Bhubaneswar welcomed 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh'- 'Vijay Mashaal' on Monday. The 'Swarnim Vijay Mashaal', one of the four which was lit at the National War Memorial to celebrate the 'Swarnim Vijay

Varsh', commemorating 50 years of India's victory against Pakistan in the 1971 war, was received by Group Captain and school principal S Dominic Rayan. The victory flame was displayed at the sanctum sanctorum wherein a wreath laying ceremony was organised and homage was paid to the brave



and valiant soldiers of the Armed Forces who laid down their lives while protecting our motherland and helping our neighbour nation Bangladesh in its freedom. The Vijay Mashaal was then taken to the school campus. Cadets and staff members of the school formed a human chain enroute and chanted slogans of Bharat Mata Ki Jai and Vande Mataram while welcoming and seeing off the Victory Flame. The Mashaal was also displayed at Vivekananda Hall wherein cadets of classes from IX to XII including the newly admitted girls presented a short cultural programme with patriotic outlook.

Principal Secretary, School and Mass Education, Satyabrata Sahu graced occasion as chief guest. While Principal gave welcome address, Air Marshal JN Burma, PVSMM AVSM VSM (Retd) also addressed the gathering among others. The event coincided with welcoming of first batch of 10 girl cadets of Class VI inducted into school this year.

# Man kills wife, son in city, held



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

In a gruesome incident, a man allegedly killed his wife and 10-year-old son in the K-4 area of Kalinga Nagar under the Tamando police station here on Tuesday.

The accused was absconding after committing the crime but was later traced and taken into custody. The bodies were found in a pool of blood in the house. However, it was yet to be ascertained why the accused took this extreme step.

Police reached the spot and sealed the house. Later, the accused Avanti Mangaraj was detained and questioned by police. He confessed that he killed his wife and son by throttling their throats, said city DCP Umashankar Dash, who was also at the spot.

# Shree mandir budget ₹190 cr

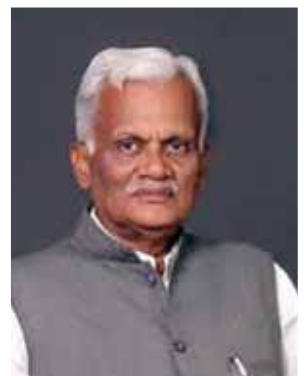
PNS ■ PURI

The Managing Committee of the Jagannath Temple on Tuesday approved a budget of Rs 190 crore for 2021-22. Under the chairmanship of Dibyasingha Deb, the committee in a meeting also gave its nod to the Rs 21-crore surplus budget, said Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) Chief Administrator Krishan Kumar.

Dr Kumar a target is set for over Rs 37 crore from temple corpus foundation fund, Rs 15 crore from stone mines and Rs 60 crore from land acquisition.

Besides, a new donation scheme would be launched, he said. He also said that for healthcare of the temple servants and staffs, the SJTA has discussed with the Apollo Hospitals for an MoU. The doctors of the hospital would visit Puri from time to time to provide treatment.

# ODISHA'S CONTRIBUTION IN BUILDING FEDERAL STRUCTURE



RAMA CHANDRA PANDA

Federalism is inherently an instinct in life and blood of every Odia as the legacy is inherited from Utkalgaurab Madhusudan Das, the founding father of Odisha's unification, who as member of Bihar-Bengal-Odisha Legislative Council had demanded decentralisation of power in order to strengthen local bodies in the country.

The concept of decentralisation was echoed later by Biswanath Das and other members in the Constituent Assembly. Madhubabu was the pioneer of concept of "linguistic States" to meet regional aspira-

tions by his strategic and distinct approach in British India. Many leaders of Odisha led by him ignored Congress's call to boycott Simon Commission.

He inspired the Odias to submit memorandums to the commission for unification of Odia speaking tracts though the entire Congress party was opposed to the Simon Commission.

This paved the way for creation of Odisha State in 1936 for which Odisha province could send representatives to the Constituent Assembly formed in pursuance to May 1946 decision of the Cabinet Mission to frame a constitution for independent India.

Veteran leader JB Kripalani as president of Congress equally demanded that the constitution should be democratic and federal in character which had its effective echo in the Constituent Assembly in which representatives of Odisha made repeated suggestions to shape the federal character of the constitution.

Pandit Nehru in his address to the Constituent Assembly on April 28, 1947 assured that India would be "Union of States". Biswanath

Das who refused to become PM of Odisha in 1937 for his precondition against any intervention by Governor in administrative functioning of the State had strongly urged the Constituent Assembly to limit the powers of the Governors and mentioned how a Governor had tried to divide his party in Odisha when he was its PM.

This view got support from Naziruddin Ahmad and Laxminarayan Sahu proposed that the Governor should be "elected" not appointed to strengthen democracy.

Members like Judhishira Mishra and Sarangadhar Das recalled the agreement with princely States held in Odisha in the presence of Home Minister Sardar Patel and demanded merger of left out Odia speaking areas like Sadheikala and Kharasuan of Bihar province with Odisha during the debate.

Sarangadhar Das on November 17, 1949 session said that India should have taken lesson from the US and others in order to declare natural resources as the "property of community" and he opposed bringing certain areas

"under Central control" for 10 years describing it as a "reactionary measure."

Laxminarayan Sahu, another Member from Odisha, opposed any role of the Centre in education when on August 31, 1949 he had said "My contention is that, education having been accepted a State subject, universities should have all powers in regard to this subject, and the Centre should have no power.

Unless universities have full freedom in this respect, education cannot be imparted to the people properly." He had also urged on August 23, 1949 for appropriate constitutional safeguards to secure impartiality of public service commission to wipe out any apprehension that it is working "under the influence of any political party."

Another very important point Odisha's representative Lokanatha Mishra laid on January 3, 1949 session when he demanded that "to safeguard the special interest of the States and their problem", the membership from each province irrespective of its population and geography should be limited to maximum three.

Laxminarayan Sahu said that the draft provisions are mere introspective contrary to the promise made to make India a federal State with provinces as "autonomous units."

But provinces have been "tightly chained to the Centre". Responding to various suggestions of the representatives of Odisha, Bengal, Kanada and Madras, provisions were made in the constitution for legislative sovereignty and dual public service etc.

The impact of Odisha unification movement was immense. It inspired other linguistic regions like Kanada, Telugu to demand for full linguistic Statehood for their people towards which provision was made for creation of a State Reorganization Commission which was instituted later in the year 1955.

The representatives of Odisha province in the Constituent Assembly had repeatedly pleaded to make provinces financially autonomous. On this issue, Biswanath Das was on the forefront. He was supported on different occasions by Dr PK Sen (Bihar provinces), Dr Ram Lingam Chettiar (Coimbatore

provinces) and HN Kunzuru (North-Western Provinces).

On August 9, 1949 while participating in a debate on Article-255, Biswanath Das said that "Here under Article 255 we are discussing grants-in-aid to the provinces.

Who made the Government of India, Finance Department, into a charitable institution that it gives occasional charities to undeveloped areas like Assam, Orissa, Bihar or Bengal? We stand on justice and equity, we stand here on our rights that every province must have social justice, must have a basic standard of income or revenue." Das was very emphatic towards honesty and integrity in financial proceedings of the provinces and the country.

On November 14, 1949 while participating on Articles 148 and 149, he pleaded for "Highest degree of financial integrity" and urged that in the interest of nation the office of auditor general/account general should be made "completely independent". Participating in long debates in the Constituent Assembly on the issue of federalism TT Krishnamachari on September 9, 1949 said "I

would like to repudiate at once so far as the Drafting Committee is concerned, that there is any idea of either overloading the Centre or erring on the side of the provinces.

All that we have done, to the extent that we are able to do, is only to see that the Centre takes only such powers as are needed for the purpose of coordinating the activities of the provinces."

While Dr Ambedkar in his explanation said that "The States under our Constitution are in no way dependent upon the Centre for their legislative or executive authority. The Centre and the States are co-equal in this matter.

It is difficult to see how such a Constitution can be called centralism." Dr Ambedkar while in response to similar debate on November 4, 1948 had asserted that "The Draft Constitution is a federal Constitution in as much as it establishes what may be called a dual polity.

The dual polity under the proposed Constitution will consist of a union at the Centre and the States at the periphery, each endowed with sovereign power to be exercised in the

field assigned to them respectively by the Constitution," He further proclaimed: "One can therefore safely say that the Indian Federation will not suffer from the faults of rigidity or legalism. Its distinguishing feature is that it is a flexible federation."

He however emphasized on public awareness as key to success of working of the Constitution. Most important features of federal Constitution is distribution of legislative and executive power between units and federation and an independent judiciary for arbitration in case of differences between Union and States.

Thus federalism is not a mere slogan but a reality inherently built in country's political ethos. In post constitution era Bijubabu was a votary of federal structure. From Indira regime to Deva Gouda, he never missed any chance to demand more financial power to States.

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# Involve men to end gender-based violence: NCRB

## CYSD, RD Women's Univ to start project to eradicate atrocities against women

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**  
The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data of 2020 puts Odisha as the second highest in the rate of crimes against women and girls in country. The gender-based atrocities reached an alarming high during the Covid-19 pandemic. In such situation, it is high time we took measures to empower and involve men to



achieve gender equality, said Rama Devi (RD) Women's University VC Prof Aparajita Chowdhury. "As basically, the perpetrators are male, efforts need to be made to understand their psychology and behavior and involve them in the process of eradicating sexual gender-based violence (SGBV)," Chowdhury added. She was addressing audience at learn-

ing-cum-experience sharing programme on 'Quick Impact Project' to mitigate Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) through community awareness and support system organised by Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD) and Centre for Gender Studies, RD University here on Tuesday. The Quick Impact Project is an initiative by CYSD to eradicate the SGBV through community participation. It is being implemented in three tribal-dominated districts - Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Koraput. She announced that the CYSD and the RD University will have a long-term coordinated action-research project on gender-based violence in the State. CYSD mentor and co-founder, Jagadanda emphasized on the need to reach out to the victims and measures to ensure that they can have easy access to facilities - like one-stop centres (OSCs), Swadhar

# Below-par water conservation pits dug in Baleswar

'Thanks to lack of quality check'  
MUKTA money gone waste: Intellectuals

**UBACHAK MOHANTY ■ BALESWAR**  
Allegations are galore that casual initiatives have been taken for construction of water reservation pits in Baleswar town under the Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan (MUKTA) and the construction of the pits where ever made is of poor quality. The scheme while is being implemented by the self help groups (SHG) with a motto to conserve rain water, it is alleged that a few constructions made in the town have proved meaningless and a waste of money. According to reports, in the town areas 310 water reservation pits were to



be made with an expenditure of Rs 29,100 each. Till date over 130 projects have been completed. The total project cost for the 310 projects was estimated at Rs 89.90 lakh. The worrying factor is that within a few months of construction of pits in some places they are found filled with soil, sand and chips. So, there is no utility of such pits made a few months ago. A few of them that are in a shambles are in the Shanti Kanan and in the campus of Shanskruti Bhawan Malikashpur, the Collectorate campus, circuit house and IIT ground etc. It is alleged that proper identification of sites was not made for construction

# Naveen launches health card in S'pur



**₹1.5 k cr projects also announced**  
SAMBALPUR: Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday launched distribution of smart health cards under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana in Sambalpur district at a meeting at Kuchinda. As many as 4.43 lakh people in the district would get the facility. Saraswati Bhoi of Kuchinda received the card from the CM as the first beneficiary of the district. Eight districts, including Sambalpur, participated in the programme. The CM also launched various projects worth over Rs 1,553 crore in Sambalpur, of which one of Rs 350 crore was inaugurated. He said Rs 1,000 crore has been provided for drinking water in Sambalpur.

# PRI poll: BJD meet held in Pallahara

**PALLAHARA:** The BJD held a meeting over strategy to fight the coming Panchayat election in Pallahara Block under the chairmanship of Block president Gangadhar Jit. State BJD secretary Kuna Bihari Das joined as chief guest, while among others Pallahara MLA Mukesh Pal, District BJD president Mahendra Bastia, chairperson of Pallahara Block Naba Naik, Laniha Block president Kailash Chandra Sahu and Narendra Bhukta gave their valuable suggestions regarding strengthening the BJD organisation in Pallahara constituency. All the welfare programmes lunched by the State Government should reach to every corner by the workers, opined Pal and Bastia. General secretary Das stressed on strengthening the BJD organisation. On the occasion, over 100 BJD and Congress workers joined the BJD. Party's GP members and presidents of No. 22 and No. 23 ZP zones were present. **PNS**

# Couple dupes JSpur music teacher of ₹7L

On plea of arranging melody show abroad

**KAHNU NANDA ■ JAGATSIINGHPUR**  
A couple was arrested by a police for duping a music teacher of Rs 7 lakh, promising the latter to arrange a musical show abroad. The couple was identified as Sephalika Mohanty, a classical dancer and her husband, Debasis Mohanty, hailing from Balikuda block and the victim music teacher who lodged an FIR in Jagatsinghpur police station is Banita Mohapatra, a resident of Sipi Mukundapur village here. Reports said that Banita runs a music school in her village where teenaged students had been learning music. Sephalika had been visiting the music school for imparting classical music to students. Using her closeness to Banita, three months back Sephalika offered a proposal that she had arranged shows for the music school students in Dubai, Singapore and US. For preparing aspirant students' passports, visa and plane tickets, she takes Rs 50, 000 each.

# Tusker death report hidden for 14 months In Athagarh



**ATHAGARH:** A 10-year-old tusker was killed in the Kulailo beat of Subasi Reserve Forest under Athagarh Division on August 27, 2020, the report of which was not made public by department. Rather, Athagarh Range Officer Aisha Akhtari Nisha after collecting the tusks had buried carcass. But tusks were kept with Range Officer till November 1 and deposited at division office on demand by present DFO Sudarsan Gopinath Jadav. **PNS**

# Rally at Paradip BJD demands Min Mishra's immediate arrest

**PNS ■ PARADIP**  
Accusing Minister of State for Home Capt Dibyashkar Mishra of involvement in the Mamita Meher murder case, the BJP unit here has filed a criminal case against him. A delegation led by Paradip constituency BJP leader Sampad Swain handed over a letter of complaint to Paradip Model police station officer Rajinikanth Mishra on Monday. Later, a candlelight vigil was held at police station square and a rally was staged by BJP at Badpadia Market Square. The party demanded immediate arrest of Minister Mishra. The programme was attended by BJP district vice-president Ajit Das, general secretary Arun Swain, district Mahila Morcha vice-president Sailendri Senapati, Paradip unit president Subrat Pradhan and leaders Sarbeswar Baliyarsingh, Nandini Parida, Sanjukta Baral, Pritirekha Manna, Jisukhrishta Pradhan, Prasanta Swain, Pradip Sundara, Smriti Ranjan Parija and Tapas Mohanty.

# M'ghanj villagers protest no amenities

**Warn of boycotting panchayat elections**  
**PNS ■ BARIPADA**  
People in large numbers in at least 11 blocks of Mayurbhanj district, on Monday, went for massive demonstration in front of their respective Block offices. They registered their strong protest and resentment over the lack of basic amenities of life in their areas, and also proclaimed that they would boycott the upcoming Panchayat polls, if their grievances were not addressed at the earliest. Villagers en masse, hailing from different Panchayats, were seen demonstrating and resorting to sloganeering against the administration. The Blocks, which witnessed these protests, were Udala, Khunta, Badsahi, Baripada, Samakhunta, Rasgovindpur, Morada, Kuliana, Sarakana, Bangriposi and Betnoti. The demonstrators deplored the Government's failure in providing them with basic necessities like drinking water, road etc even after so many years of Independence.

# Odisha to bring out FSR ahead of Budget 22-23

To outline objectives of public financial reforms

Also for macro-economic, medium fiscal outlook

**TATHYA ■ BHUBANESWAR**  
The Odisha Government will bring out a Fiscal Strategy Report (FSR) soon in order to provide an early indication of how the State Government is planning to approach the coming Budget. While the Team Finance led by Principal Secretary Finance Vishal Dev is working out a framework for the Annual Budget-2022-23, the FSR will outline the broad objectives of public financial reforms, macro-economic outlook and medium fiscal outlook. The FSR 2022 will be presenting a fresh look on the State



economy as it is looking up for a growth of 9.5 percent during 2021-22. State's own revenue is enhanced substantially as compared to 2020-21 and during 2021-22, annual targets for collection of Own Tax and Own Non Tax revenue is all set to surpass as indications are available from now onwards. While State's own revenues are set to have moderate growth, the GST compensation to bridge the gap between the projected revenue and actual collection will continue till June, 2022. Considering these factors, the spending is expected to increase by about 17 percent in Financial Year 2022-23 over the current year's revised estimates. The Department of Finance in consultation with the Department of Planning and Convergence will bring out the FSR, indicating the assumptions of revenue and expenditure projections in the medium term outlook for the State economy and finances. In fact, Odisha is one of the foremost States to prepare the FSR as the State has made great progress in building a foundation for improved fiscal discipline. As per projections, Odisha is expected to register a growth of 9 percent during 2022-23 and accordingly the Budget framework is being worked out, an official said. While Odisha is a Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) compliant State and the Odisha FRBM Act, 2005 mandates the State to generate revenue balance and contain fiscal deficit within 3 percent of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), these aspects will be taken care of. The fiscal policy of the State is guided by the principle of long term fiscal sustainability keeping in view the contraction of the GSDP due to impact of Covid-19 pandemic as well as its susceptibility to natural calamities. While the Department of Finance is engaged in formulation of Revised Estimates for 2021-22 and Budget Estimates for 2022-23, all the departments are engaged in through scrutiny and prioritization of the Budget proposals, sources said.

# In Mayurbhanj Leopard skin seized by STF; 2 arrested

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**  
The Special Task Force (STF) with the help of forest officials conducted a raid on Tuesday and seized a leopard skin near the Chaitani bus-stop under the Bisoil police station in Mayurbhanj district and arrested two wildlife smugglers while they were striking a deal for sale of the hide. The arrested were identified as Ajit Kumar Giri of Palas Bani under the Rairangpur PS and Shyam Kurji of Jagularghara under the Khunta PS in Mayubhanj. During search, besides the leopard skin, two M/Cs and other incriminating materials were seized from possession of accused. The accused could not produce any valid authority in support of possession of skin, for which they were detained and handed over to Rairangpur forest officials for necessary legal action. Further Investigation is on. In 2020, in special drives against wildlife criminals and poachers, the STF has seized as many as 19 leopard skins, 10 elephant tusks, two deer skin, five live pangolin and 15 kg pangolin scales and arrested 39 wildlife criminals, the STF said.



# INBRIEF

**TAPASWINI EXP HALTS AS ELECTRIC CABLE SNAPS**  
Balangir: Passengers onboard the Tapaswini Express escaped narrowly after an overhead electric cable fell on the track in Balangir district on Tuesday morning. The train halted between Titilagarh and Siker causing inconveniences to passengers. The incident occurred when the Puri-Hatia train was moving from Titilagarh to the next station.

**NEET: SWASTI SRAVAN ODISHA TOPPER**  
Bhubaneswar: Neeta N Swasti Sraavan Mishra of the SAI International School here emerged as the Odisha topper in the NEET (UG) 2021, the results of which were declared by the NTA on Monday. He secured 705 marks with a percentile score of 99.99. He was placed at the 75th spot in All India Rankings. Ishika Mandal of Odisha is at the 6th position in the list of Top 10 female (PwD) candidates with 569 marks and 97.74 percentile score.



# JSPUR BJD WOMEN STAGE STIR OVER RISING FUEL PRICES



Jagatsinghpur: The Jagatsinghpur district BJD women wing along with the party's students and youth groups on Monday staged protests in front of the Collector's office holding the Union Government responsible for the rising prices of fuel and other essential commodities. Earlier, BJD women activists started a rally that culminated at the Collector's parade ground where MP Dr Rajashree Mallick, MLA Prasanta Muduli, Kanakbala Lenka, Sabita Mohapatra, Priyabrata Mohapatra, Madhusudan Sahoo and other BJD leaders spoke.

# NATIONAL DAY OF UNITY HELD IN JSPUR

Jagatsinghpur: To commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the National Day of Unity was celebrated in the district headquarters in a function held here on Sunday. Collector Parul Patrawari chaired the meeting attended by officials and employees of the Collectorate. The Collector administered oaths to the employees and officers pledging to maintain unity, integrity, and security of the country.

# SWACHHATA PAKHWADA AT PARADIP PORT



Paradip: Coinciding with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, the Paradip Port Trust (PPT) began observance of Swachhata Pkhwada on Monday with a Swachhata Pledge administered by PPT Chairman PL Haranadh to HoDs and Dy HoDs. Due to Covid-19 Guidelines, different Heads of Offices and their staffs took the pledge in their respective office premises maintaining social distancing norms. The R&B Division of Engg Dept undertook cleanliness activities in the surroundings of the PPT Administrative Building.

# VIG AWARENESS WEEK CONCLUDES AT PARADIP PORT



Paradip: The valedictory function of observance of the PPT's Vigilance Awareness Week was held in the Officers' Club. PPT Dy CVO HS Rout informed about the programmes undertaken for the week. Chief guest PPT Chairman Haranadh said Vigilance is an important organ of any organisation. Honesty and integrity are social capital which contributes to the overall economic development. It should be reflected in the PPT's functioning. Guest of honour PPT Dy Chairman AK Bose said that instead of limiting Vigilance to a single week, it should be made "an integral part of our service life".

# GANJA TRANSPORT ACCUSED HELD IN BALANGIR

Balangir: After a thorough search, forest official nabbed the main accused in the illegal ganja transportation case, who had been hiding in a paddy field of village Karlipat under the Loisingha police station since Monday morning. The accused was identified as Suresh Patra of Matupali under Sonepur police station. Total 145 kg of ganja worth Rs 7.25 lakh was seized from vehicle. The accused was forwarded to court.

# BARIPADA ARTIST FELICITATED

Baripada: Manas Pati, a renowned artist and painter of Mayurbhanj, was felicitated at a special function held at Chandipur near Baleswar on Sunday. It was a national level art extravaganza entitled 'National Mega Art Workshop and Seminar' organised by Purvoday Art Foundation. The works of art displayed by Baripada artist Pati won acclaim and admiration of all.



# SHANTI HOSP LAUNCHES ROBOTIC SURGERY CENTRE



Bhubaneswar: The Shanti Memorial Hospital has operationalised a robotic surgery centre in Cuttack. This would be the first-ever state-of-art centre of excellence on robotic surgery in the State. People can avail this opportunity here instead of having to travel to other major cities to get their surgeries done. The cost of surgery will be marginally higher than lap surgery. Hospital chief surgeon Dr Sreejoy Patnaik said every healthcare facility needs to keep pace with innovation in technology to thrive in the healthcare industry.

# COFTEA TO EXPAND ITS ODISHA MARKET

Bhubaneswar: COFTEA, a brand from Kolkata-based Chhapparia Marketing besides Bhubaneswar, it plans to expand its reach to all the major cities and towns in Odisha. At present, the company has a capacity of producing 500 tonnes per annum pre-mixed tea and coffee. It utilises modern technology and a skilful workforce. Its MD Ankit Chhapparia believes that everyone deserves a thoughtfully sourced, skilfully roasted and properly brewed cup of tea and coffee.



# Desi defence industry gets ₹7,900 cr booster



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With the objective of giving a boost to the Indian defence industry, the Government on Tuesday cleared proposals worth over ₹ 7,900 crores including 12 light utility helicopters and naval guns. All these weapon systems will be manufactured within the country.

The proposals costing ₹ 7,965 crores were given the go-ahead by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The DAC is the apex body for clearing proposals put forward by the three Services.

Giving details of the contracts, defence ministry officials said here after the DAC meeting, all the proposals (100 per cent) are under 'Make in India' with focus on design, development and manufacturing in India. They will address the modernisation and operational needs of the armed forces.

In one of the big contracts,

the public sector aeronautical conglomerate Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) will supply 12 light utility helicopters including six each to the army and the IAF.

These helicopters will replace the ageing Chetak and Cheetah helicopters now used by the Army and IAF. In all, the forces need more than 200 light utility helicopters.

The HAL-designed helicopters have passed the mandatory flight tests in all kinds of terrain and weather conditions with more than 500 test flights. The prototypes flew in cold weather, hot weather, sea-level and high altitude complying with stringent certification and user requirements. The HAL is likely to deliver the 12 helicopters by late next year.

Besides its own indigenously designed three-ton light utility helicopters, the HAL may manufacture 200 Kamov helicopters in collaboration with Russia. While 60 of these helicopters will be acquired off the shelf, the HAL will manu-

facture the remaining 140 helicopters here. The deal is worth over one billion dollars.

The other proposals given the nod by the DAC included Lynx U2 Fire Control System from Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) which will enhance the detection tracking and engagement capabilities of war ships. Mid Life upgradation of the Dornier Aircraft from the HAL to increase the naval capacity of maritime reconnaissance and coastal surveillance was also approved by the DAC.

As a further impetus to 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', a global procurement case of naval guns was foreclosed with these guns' quantity added to the upgraded Super Rapid Gun Mount (SRGM) being manufactured by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

These SRGMs provide niche capabilities of engaging fast manoeuvring targets using guided munitions and range extensions and are to be fitted on the warships.

# Covid-19 rules flouting during festivals could trigger 3rd wave in India: Experts



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Health experts have cautioned that any carelessness during the upcoming festivals could derail the gain India has made as Covid-19 is still present in the country and in many parts of the world and could become a reason for the third wave of infection. Moreover, as the cases of the AY.4.2 variant, a sub-lineage of the Delta variant of the coronavirus, have already been reported in several States of the country, the Covid-appropriate behaviour is integral in fighting the virus.

"People will venture out to shop, meet relatives during festivals. However, meeting people during a short span of time may lead to the spread of infection. Besides, during prayers or enjoying a meal together, people forget to wear a mask or don't wear it correctly and many forget to maintain the physical distance. This complacency in behaviour could undo the country's efforts to curb the pandemic," pointed out Dr Ramji Singh, director, AIIMS, Kalyani, West Bengal.

Dr Gitanjali Batmanabane, director, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar

agreed saying that when the infection spreads uncontrollably, it gives the virus an opportunity to mutate more. "These mutations can change its characteristics—it can become less or more transmissible or virulent. The only way to contain the virus' spread is by following Covid Appropriate Behaviour particularly during festive celebration."

Dr Nitin Nagarkar, director AIIMS, Raipur recalled that early this year, the cases had gone down early this year only to shoot up in April as people had let their guard down. "In February, the country was reporting around 8,000 cases, but as soon as individuals and communities became complacent, the cases surged alarmingly. I urge people to remain cautious and to follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour, no matter what. People should keep wearing a mask and avoid crowding even while celebrating festivities."

Social gatherings of all kinds including during the festive seasons, cautions Dr Sarman Singh, director, AIIMS, Bhopal, could turn into a spreader event if precautions are ignored.

"People must be careful

while participating in gatherings or while going to any crowded market areas. But that does not mean that you cannot celebrate the festivals together. Technology has empowered us to remain emotionally and socially connected through virtual mediums."

Dr Saurabh Varshney, director, AIIMS Deogarh contended that unless people act responsibly, it is impossible to defeat the deadly SARS-Cov-2. "If we want to go back to normal in the near future, we need to impose self-restrictions, and the most important is to avoid socialising during festivals. If we can limit our social gathering for a few months till the time a large proportion of our population gets inoculated, we can successfully create a deterrent against spread of infection to a large extent," he says.

"In case it is essential and unavoidable, one has to follow physical distance, wear a mask and maintain hand hygiene."

The experts said that the vaccine provides over 95 per cent protection against severe disease and hospitalization, which means post-vaccination, most cases of Covid would be mild or asymptomatic.

# Centre reviews situation for normal restoration of school education system



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With several States reopening primary and secondary schools adhering to Covid protocols after a gap of almost 18 months, the Centre on Tuesday reviewed the situation for the normal restoration of the school education system which suffered for almost two full academic sessions and online education became the norm.

Giving utmost priority to the safety of the children. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who convened the meeting to review the status of school reopening, also sought the status of vaccination of teachers and non-teaching staff across the country.

As per data shared by the Education Ministry, over 92 per cent of teaching staff have been vaccinated. In the institutions under the Central Government, over 96 per cent of teaching staff have been vaccinated against Covid.

The Government had prioritised the vaccination

of teaching and non-teaching staff in schools to ensure a safe environment for reopening schools. A majority of States like Delhi, Bihar, Punjab have already opened the schools for all the classes.

Ministry officials said Pradhan has been regularly monitoring the vaccination progress of teaching staff and non-teaching staff to ensure enabling environment for schools to move towards reopening. He stressed upon the need to restore normalcy and vibrancy in the educational institutions in wake of rapid vaccination at scale happening in the country.

"Reviewed the vaccination progress of teaching and non-teaching personnel of schools, institutions and skill centres associated with the education and skilling ecosystem," Pradhan said on Twitter.

"With rapid vaccination at-scale in the country, we are looking at a future with restored normalcy and vibrancy in our schools and other educational and skilling institutions," he added.

# Cong asks Modi to shed arrogance, repeal 3 farm laws

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Bypolls after a successive loss of face, the Congress on Tuesday cited bypoll results to attack Prime Minister Narendra Modi, asking him to shed arrogance, repeal the three farm laws and stop petrol and diesel "loot". With a shot in the arm over winning two of the three Lok Sabha bypolls, the grand old party which has been looking for some moral enhancement for quite some time due to both external pressures and internal squabbling, it said BJP's exit is written on the wall.

Congratulating Congress workers for the party's victories against the BJP in the bypolls, former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi said they must "keep fighting hate" without fear. Reaching out to the party's grassroots workers, Rahul said every victory for the Congress is the victory of

its workers. "Every victory for the Congress is a victory of our party worker. Keep fighting hate. No fear!" Rahul took to social media to express his delight on the party's success.

Another Opposition party, Mamta Banerjee led Trinamool Congress made a clean sweep in West Bengal winning all the four seats where bye-elections were held. Banerjee led a massive triumph after a fierce poll battle against the BJP early this summer.

Congress won the Mandi Lok Sabha seat and won all the three assembly bypolls of Fatehpur, Arki and Jubbalkotkhai in Himachal Pradesh. Party candidate Nagraj Meena won the Dhariawad assembly seat in Rajasthan and the Hangal assembly in Karnataka.

Congress general secretary and chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala told the Prime Minister that "disdain

for people's pain is harmful". "The BJP has lost two out of three Lok Sabha seats. In Assemblies, BJP has lost at most places in direct contest with Congress. Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Maharashtra have witnessed it," Surjewala said at AICC Press conference.

"The constant service of people by Srinivas Mane and the immeasurable hard work of Congress workers and leaders have proved that Karnataka years for 'change,'" said Surjewala.

In the just concluded assembly elections in West Bengal, Assam, Puducherry the party had a very dismal performance which came after murmurs within the party which involved the formation of a group of 23 G23 leaders with senior party members expressing concern. Some of them had also voiced their concern against the leadership.

# 'AI in governance can help in devising better policies'

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Embracing the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in governance can help in devising better policies and predict challenges earlier. Focused on this thought, the National eGovernance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) organised an AI Pe Charcha (AI Dialogue) last week where in the panelists discussed the importance of data-driven and AI-enabled governance along with the global best practices.

The session had speakers from diverse backgrounds leading to an engaging session for Government officials, AI enthusiasts, AI practitioners, youth, and those who want to understand the implementation aspects of AI. The eminent panelists spoke about the importance of using the right data and how different governments around the world have employed AI to stand-alone departments and processes for devising prudent policies.

In his opening remarks, Abhishek Singh, President and CEO, NeGD noted that there are ample amount of case studies from around the world on the use of AI in the fields of Healthcare, Agriculture,

Skillings, Manufacturing etc. "What is needed is that such solutions become more ubiquitous and benefit people more and more," he said.

The keynote speaker at the session, Dr. Martin Klein, Global General Manager, Public Services, SAP, Walldorf, Germany, shared his views on AI for Public Sector, Defence & Security, Postal Services, Future Cities. Rahul Lodhe, Senior Director, Engineering, Head of SAP Artificial Intelligence Foundation, India gave a presentation and demo of AI driven solutions like Covid-19 City-scale simulator and Logistic modelling, Complex Document extraction to Government Resource Planning Systems and Intelligent Accounting Automation - Invoice, Receipt, Accounts Reconciliation using Machine Learning.

# V-P: Peaceful co-existence key elements of India's values

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Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on Tuesday called upon the people to give meaning to the words in our preamble to the Constitution of India. Describing the Indian constitution as a visionary document that reflects the core values of India, Naidu said it ensures fundamental rights to citizens while reminding them of certain fundamental duties.

"In the preamble to our constitution, we have solemnly resolved to constitute India into a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic and to secure to all its citizens: Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. This is what India is all about," he added.

Addressing the participants of the 61st National Defence College (NDC) course on the topic "India's National Core Values, Interests and Objectives", the Vice President said peaceful co-existence, global development and environmental protection are the key elements of India's values.

He said India's interests and objectives are guided by its universal vision enunciated and practised over the last many centuries. He said "We should not lose sight of these objectives as we move forward to shape the India we are dreaming of." Naidu stressed the need for Indians to recognise their inner strengths and build upon them. He emphasised



the need to be resilient, self-reliant and self-confident.

He said unlike other old civilisations that perished with time, the Indian civilisation survived foreign invasions because of its values, culture, heritage and traditions. Naidu said Indians believe in the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' which means 'The whole world is one family' and have always propagated for universal brotherhood and advocated for peaceful co-existence with others.

Noting that the Indian civilization has always prayed for the wellbeing of the entire world, Naidu said since time immemorial, India has shared its knowledge, skills and practices with the rest of the world so that others too can reap benefits. He said, "From zero to yoga, India's contribution to various fields, underpinned by the virtue of 'share and care', has been immense."

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Pointing to the emergence of negative forces threatening to retard the progress of the nation, the Vice President said, "We have to prepare our defences to defeat these destructive forces. We cannot ignore the threat of terrorism, insurgency and de-stabilizing rhetoric of hatred and bigotry."

# AIKS blames Govt for acute shortage of fertilisers

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The CPI(M)'s All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) on Tuesday blamed the Central Government for the acute shortage of fertilisers and demanded that the Government must bring back the price controls under Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) scheme and import adequate quantity of fertilisers through PSUs.

In a statement, AIKS leaders Hannan Mollah and Ashok Dhawale said that the Union Government led by BJP is totally lying on the crisis in the fertiliser supply across the country.

"The Narendra Modi led BJP government has been underplaying the disruption and havoc caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to agriculture and food security of the country. The Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers Mansukh Mandaviya denied reports of shortage and termed them as 'rumours'. He also put the blame on farmers and appealed them not to hoard fertilisers. AIKS condemns this apathy even as farmers are



facing acute shortage of fertilisers.

"The BJP Government has ignored the vulnerability of agriculture and food security, and has been harping on the resilience of farmers and how agriculture continued to grow despite the pandemic and the lockdown. This sab-changa-si (all-is-well) approach has been used to cover the fault lines created by three decades of neoliberal policies, reckless destruction of the economy by the present government and continuing economic distress of the peasantry," said AIKS leaders.

AIKS alleged that under the privatised and deregulated regime, large scale hoarding

and black marketing of fertilisers is going on. On the other hand, farmers are unable to get fertilizers even after standing in long queues for days. "All India Kisan Sabha demands that the Central government should immediately constitute a high-level task force to identify the sources for immediately securing additional supplies of fertilizers, re-introduce price controls for all fertilizers under the NBS scheme, and establish a high-level committee of experts to prepare a roadmap for enhancing the national production of fertilizers and preparing a mechanism to ensure that adequate stocks of fertilizers are maintained," they said.

# IMD predicts rainy days in Nov

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As the changes in the Sea Surface Temperature (SST) conditions over the Pacific and the Indian Oceans are known to influence the Indian climate, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Tuesday warned of rainy days in November over south India especially Kerala, in what seems to be a continuing and lasting trend since September.

October this year was the wettest ever month for Kerala, which recorded 589.9 mm rain against a normal of 330 mm since 1901.

The Met Department further said that India recorded 125 extremely heavy rainfall events during September and October in 2021, the highest in five years, owing to the late withdrawal of the southwest

monsoon and higher-than-normal low-pressure systems.

Addressing a press conference, IMD director general Dr Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said southern peninsular India is likely to receive 122 per cent rainfall with respect to its long period average (117.5 mm) this month. "The 2021 November rainfall averaged over the South Peninsular India is most likely to be above normal.

This monsoon mostly affects Kerala, Mahe, Tamil Nadu, coastal and interior Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana," the IMD said. October this year was the wettest ever month for Kerala, which recorded 589.9 mm rain against a normal of 330 mm since 1901. Similarly, Uttarakhand recorded its fifth wettest October recently.

# 1% increase in renal disease: Study

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With every 1 degree Celsius increase in daily mean temperature, there is an almost 1 per cent increase in renal disease, with those most impacted being women, children under 4 years of age and those 80+ years of age, said a first of its kind world largest study, ringing alarm bell as the countries face threats of climate change.

The study published in The Lancet Regional Health - Americas journal, for the first time quantifies the risk and attributions of renal diseases related to ambient temperature using daily hospital admission data from 1816 cities in Brazil.

It revealed that 7.4 per cent of all hospitalisations for renal disease can be attributed to an increase in temperature.

In Brazil - where the study was focused - this equated to more than 202,000 cases of kidney disease from 2000-2015. The study looked at a total of 2,726,886 hospitalizations for renal diseases recorded during the study period.

The study, led by Professor Yuming Guo and Dr Shanshan Li, from Planetary Health at Monash University comes as the world focuses on the impact of climate change at the COP26 conference in Glasgow from 31 October.

In 2017, a landmark article in The Lancet declared renal diseases a global public health concern, estimating that almost 2.6 million deaths were attributable to impaired kidney function that year. Importantly the incidence of death from kidney disease had risen 26.6 per cent compared to a decade

previously, an increase that this study may indicate was, in part, caused by climate change.

According to Professor Guo, for every 1°C increase in daily mean temperature, there is an almost 1 per cent increase in renal disease, with those most impacted being women, children under 4 years of age and those 80+ years of age.

The associations between temperature and renal diseases were largest on the day of the exposure to extreme temperatures but remained for 1-2 days post-exposure.

In the paper the authors - who are also from the University of Sao Paulo - argue that the study "provides robust evidence that more policies should be developed to prevent heat-related hospitalisations and mitigate climate change."

# Bengal bypolls: TMC wins by huge margins

SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA

History continued to repeat itself in Bengal even as principal Opposition party BJP on Tuesday suffered an embarrassing defeat at the hands of the ruling Trinamool Congress conceding all the four Assembly seats that went to polls on October 30 by-elections.

The saffron outfit not only lost all the four Assembly seats --- including the two it had won in April-May State polls --- to the TMC but it also forfeited deposits in all but one seat of Shantipur in Nadia district. Even here the party lost to the Trinamool by a whopping margin of about 64,000 votes.

TMC's Braja Kishor Goswami won Shantipur defeating his nearest BJP rival Niranjan Das. Shantipur was earlier won by BJP's Jagannath Sarkar an MP who later chose to retain his parliamentary seat. Up in North Bengal the BJP's Ashok Mondal lost the Dinahata seat to TMC's Udayan Guha by a huge margin of 1.64 lakh votes. Dinahata is the home turf of Union Home Minister of State Nisith Pramanik (and Cooch Behar MP) who had contested from the seat in April-May elections defeating Guha by 53 votes before choosing to retain

his Parliamentary seat. "How the Home Minister performed is proved by the fact that his party trailed the TMC by 95 votes from his home booth," said Cooch Behar TMC leader and former Minister RN Ghosh.

Near to Kolkata the TMC candidate and State Minister Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay won the Khardaha seat in North 24 Parganas by a huge margin of 93,800 votes. He defeated BJP's Joy Saha.

Further south near the Sunderbans TMC's Subrata Mondal won the Gosaba Assembly seat defeating BJP's Palash Rana by a huge margin of 1.97 lakh votes.

Even as the TMC continued to shatter records of winning margins --- leading the opposition to level charges of rigging --- percentage of votes showed TMC getting an absurd 84 percent vote in Dinahata, 87 percent in Gosaba, 74 percent in Khardaha and 55 percent in Shantipur. Compared to the ruling party the BJP polled 11 percent vote in Dinahata, 13 percent in Gosaba, 10 percent in Khardaha and 23 percent in Shantipur.

Over all percentage of polling saw the TMC getting 75 percent votes leaving the BJP with just about 14 per cent. The

Left Front clambered up improving upon its earlier percentage of secured votes by getting 7 percent votes. In the State polls the TMC had secured 48 percent votes while the BJP got 38 percent and the Left had got about 5.5 per cent votes.

While Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay attributed his party's victory to the "magic of Mamata Banerjee" the Bengal Chief Minister congratulating the people and the Trinamool Congress for its "stupendous victory" tweeted "This victory is people's victory, as it shows how Bengal will always choose development and unity over propaganda and hate politics."

With people's blessings, we promise to continue taking Bengal to greater heights!

A visibly listless BJP leadership however blamed "rampant rigging and cold terror and threats" for their loss.

"What can we say ... if the situation in which we are now continues no party will be able to win in Bengal ... because where the voters are threatened by the night not to venture out during the polls and where their votes are cast by the cadres you cannot do anything but sit as silent spectators," a dejected BJP national vice president Dilip Ghosh said.

# Malik accuses Wankhede of enjoying lavish lifestyle from extortion money

Alleges Wankhede's sister traps people in drug cases; Wankhede says Min is spreading canards

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Targeting Mumbai unit chief of Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Sameer Wankhede yet again, Maharashtra Minister and senior NCP leader Nawab Malik on Tuesday accused Wankhede of "enjoying" a lavish lifestyle from the proceeds of extortion money.

Talking to media persons here, Malik claimed that Wankhede was seen wearing shoes worth ₹2 lakh, shirts and T-shirts that cost more than ₹50,000 and ₹30,000, respectively, and had watches worth ₹20 lakh.

"How can an honest and upright officer afford such expensive clothes? He extorts crores of rupees by wrongly framing people and uses money for his lavish lifestyle. If this is the living of an honest officer, we wish it for the whole country," the minister said. Malik charged that Wankhede had "a private army" --- led by his sister Yasmeen Wankhede --- that "frames people over drug charges and extorts money".

"I am sharing a WhatsApp chat with you... In these chats, lady-don Yasmeen Wankhede is talking to a person arrested over drugs. She is sharing her visiting card and address. Why is the sister of the NCB officer communicating with a drug accused?," Malik asked.

Meanwhile, Wankhede has denied Malik's fresh allegations against him and his sister, terming them as "false". He said that a drug peddler had approached his sister, Yasmeen Wankhede, for legal representation. "A (drug) peddler named Salman had approached my sister. But, she told him doesn't take up NDPS cases, so she sent him back. Salman tried to trap us via a middleman. He was arrested and is in jail. False allegations being levelled by sharing

his WhatsApp chat," news agency ANI quoted Wankhede as saying.

"The middleman tried to trap us... had given a false complaint earlier this year to Mumbai Police. But nothing came out of it. After that, peddlers like Salman were used to trap my family. Such attempts are going on... the drug mafia is behind this," Wankhede said.

Alluding to Malik's charge about his "lavish lifestyle", Wankhede said the NCP leader's claims were based on rumours. "As far as my expensive clothes are concerned, it is just a rumour. He (Malik) does not have knowledge," he said.

Wankhede's name has figured in the allegations made by made by "panch witness" in the mid-sea bust case Prabhakar Sail against an accused Kiran Gosavi, who is also a "witness" in the case, in an affidavit dated October 23.

Sail's sensational affidavit dated October 23, it may be recalled, had caused considerable embarrassment to the anti-drug agency, prompting the NCB to launch a vigilance inquiry against Wankhede. The Mumbai police are looking into allegations made by Sail.

In his sensational affidavit released to the media on Sunday, Sail made a sensational claim about an alleged ₹8 crore extortion attempt made in the mid-sea drug bust case. Sail has also said that Wankhede's colleague had taken his signatures on 10 blank papers.

Among other things, Sail has alleged in his affidavit that he "overheard" Kiran Gosavi, for whom he works as a personal bodyguard" and who is also an "independent" witness in the case, while talking one Sam D'Souza, as saying: "you put a bomb of ₹25 crore, let's settle for ₹18 crore and give ₹8 crore to Sameer Wankhede".

# I-T Dept attaches assets worth ₹1,000 cr linked to Ajit Pawar

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

In a significant development that sent shock waves through the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi, the Income Tax (IT) department on Tuesday attached provisionally ₹1,000 crore worth property linked to Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and senior NCP leader Ajit Pawar and his family.

The five properties that were attached provisionally included: Nirmal Tower (₹25 crore) at Nariman Point in south Mumbai, Jarandeshwar cooperative sugar factory (₹ 600 crore), a flat in South Delhi (₹20 crore) and a resort in Goa (₹250 crore). The Nirmal Tower property is purportedly owned by Ajit Pawar's son Parth Pawar.

The IT department has given 90 days' time to prove that these properties have not been purchased through unaccounted money. Former BJP MP Kirit Somaiya, who has been targeting the leaders of MVA on their unaccounted assets, tweeted: "Income Tax authorities have attached Ajit Pawar's son Parth Pawar's Nirmal Tower officer and that of his mother, wife, sisters and in-laws".

NCP chief spokesperson and State minority affairs Minister Nawab Malik slammed Somaiya by saying that it was wrong on the latter's part to link relatives' properties with that of Pawar. "All this is being done to harass the MVA Government and its leaders," he said.

Dubbing the IT action as "politically motivated", NCP chief Sharad Pawar's grand-nephew and MLA Rohit Pawar said that his uncle had already clarified last month in detail on the issue.

The IT action that came on the heels of its officials raiding a group of middlemen and certain individuals some of whom are linked to Ajitdada --- as Ajit Pawar is known in the state political circles.

In the raids on 25 residential and 15 official premises that began on September 23 and continued till October 7, the IT officials had found unaccounted transactions worth ₹184 crore.

Also being searched during the raids were permanent suites booked in a five-star hotel in south Mumbai.

# Kerala HC grants bail to all in gold smuggling case

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Curtain is all set to come down in the infamous "diplomatic gold smuggling case" as Kerala High Court on Tuesday granted bail to prime accused Swapna Suresh and P S Sarith. Along with Swapna, five others who were arrested in connection with charges of gold smuggling (Mohammed Shafi, AM Jalal, KT Ramees, KT Sharafudeen and Mohammed Ali) too walked away to freedom.

A Division Bench consisting of judges K Vinod Chandran and C Jayachandran granted bail to Swapna, Sarith and others with a condition to furnish a bond of ₹ 25 lakh and two solvent sureties. It was known during the hearing stage itself that the "accused" would be granted bail as the investigating agency failed to

furnish sufficient evidence to keep them in prison for long.

Swapna, a former staff of the office of the Consulate General of the UAE at Thiruvananthapuram and her associate Sarith were arrested in 2020 July from Bangalore by the National Investigation Agency in connection with the alleged smuggling of gold through the diplomatic channel in Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Sandeep Nair, another accused in the case had walked out of the jail following the granting of bail to him by the High Court. The trio were slapped with various charges under COFEPOSA and UAPA in the first ever gold smuggling case that was probed by the NIA.

The case had created a lot of controversy because of the alleged involvement of senior

bureaucrats in the office of the Chief Minister's Office. M Sivsankar, Principal Secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was arrested and was imprisoned for nearly three months for his alleged liaison with Swapna, Sarith and Sandeep Nair.

Interestingly, the NIA or the Enforcement Directorate that probed the case could not lay their hands on anybody in the UAE Consulate. Two diplomatic staff in the consulate escaped to UAE with the "official connivance" of powers that be in New Delhi. The NIA could not make any progress in the probe despite investigators visiting the oil kingdom in search of the master brains behind the scam.

In February 2021, a bench of Judges A Hariprasad and MR Anitha of the Kerala High Court had ruled that the mere

act of gold smuggling, covered under the Customs Act, will not amount to a "terrorist act" under the provisions of the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act unless the same is done with the intention to threaten the economic security of the nation. This meant that gold smuggling with mere profit motive will not fall within the ambit of UAPA.

The NIA, Customs and ED could not furnish any concrete details about gold smuggling despite the Court adjourning the case a dozen times to facilitate the former to file evidences.

The diplomatic smuggling of gold was the lead issue in the 2021 assembly election in Kerala with the BJP leadership taunting the CMO and Cliff House (official residence of the Chief Minister) as a den of smuggling.

# Govt staffers with terror links dismissed from service in J&K

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ JAMMU

Lieutenant Governor Jammu & Kashmir Manoj Sinha Tuesday dismissed Feroz Ahmad Lone, Deputy Superintendent, Jail and Javid Ahmad Shah, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara, Anantnag from services with immediate effect.

The duo were dismissed over their alleged terror links.

According to the order issued by the General Administration department, "The Lieutenant Governor is satisfied after considering the facts and circumstances of the case and on the basis of the information available that the activities of Feroz Ahmad Lone, Deputy Superintendent, Jail S/o Abdul Gaffar Lone R/O Futlipora, Chhari Sharief, Budgam and Javid Ahmad Shah, Principal, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Bijbehara, Anantnag are such as to warrant their dismissal from service".

The Lieutenant Governor is satisfied under sub-clause (c) of the proviso to clause (2) of Article 311 of the Constitution of India that in the interest of the security of the State, it is not expedient to hold an enquiry in the case of Feroz Ahmad Lone and Javid Ahmad. Accordingly, the Lieutenant Governor dismissed them from their services, with immediate effect.

# Kerala logs 6,444 new Covid cases, 187 deaths

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala recorded 6,444 fresh Covid-19 cases and 187 related deaths which raised the caseload to 49,80,398 and the fatalities to 23,236, the State Government said on Tuesday.

With 8,424 more people recovering from the virus since Monday, the total recoveries touched 48,72,930 and the active cases reached 74,618, an official press release said.

Of the 187 deaths, 45 were reported over the last few days, 87 were those which were not confirmed until June 18 last year due to lack of adequate documentation and 55 were designated as Covid deaths after receiving appeals based on the new guidelines of the Centre and Supreme Court directions, the release said.

As many as 64,999 samples were tested in the last 24 hours. Among the 14 districts, Thiruvananthapuram recorded the highest with 990 cases followed by Ernakulam (916) and Thrissur (780).

# Hate speech: J&K BJP leader sacked from all posts

PNS ■ JAMMU

Following registration of an FIR by the Jammu & Kashmir police against the former BJP MLC Vikram Randhawa for making derogatory remarks and hurting the religious sentiments of members belonging to the majority community, the state unit of Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) Tuesday relieved him from all the party posts/responsibilities.

"Disciplinary Proceedings have been initiated against Vikram Randhawa State Secretary Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory in reference to making of reckless and defamatory remarks against particular community and woman folk", a statement issued by the media cell of J&K BJP stated. Randhawa was earlier

served show cause notice late Monday evening by the Disciplinary committee of the party as the statements made by him had created furore hurting religious sentiments of a particular community.

The action was initiated against Randhawa by the J&K BJP Unit chief, Ravinder Raina, after a disciplinary committee headed by Sunil Sethi in its interim report recommended relieving him immediately from all the party posts/responsibilities.

In its report Sunil Sethi had also claimed that the reckless statements made by Vikram Randhawa had a huge impact and brought bad name to the party.

Several protests rocked different parts of Jammu region seeking immediate arrest of Randhawa.

# Faizabad Junction railway station renamed as Ayodhya Cantt

Lucknow: The Railways on Tuesday changed the name of Faizabad Junction Railway Station to Ayodhya Cantt with immediate effect. Earlier last month, the Uttar Pradesh Government had decided to rename the Faizabad railway station.

It is notified for the information of the general public that the name of Faizabad (FD) Railway Station in Lucknow Division of Northern Railway has been changed to Ayodhya Cantt (station code: AYC) with immediate effect, Northern Railway PRO Dipak Kumar said here on Tuesday. A tweet by the Chief Minister's Office had said Faizabad station will be called the Ayodhya Cantt railway station. In another tweet, the CMO had said the Centre too has granted its consent to the decision and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has given the green signal to issue a notification in this regard.

# Son of Jammu doctors scripts NEET history with 100% marks

MOHIT KANDHARI ■ JAMMU

Son of a doctor couple from Jammu, Tanmay Gupta, has scripted a golden history by cracking the prestigious NEET 2021 examination by securing 100 per cent marks.

Tanmay stood at All India Rank 1 along with two other students from Telangana and Maharashtra.

All three candidates secured 720 out of 720 marks. Soon after the NEET 2021 results were announced late Monday evening, a large number of family friends and close relatives converged at their residence to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Tanmay's grandfather was full of pride. He credited Tanmay's success to all his hardwork and focussed approach. His parents claimed, Tanmay is our role model. He is always focussed and never compromises with his goals till they are achieved.

LG Manoj Sinha in his congratulatory message wrote, "Congratulations to Tanmay Gupta from Jammu who created history in NEET 2021 with hard work & determination. The national topper with 720 marks, Tanmay is the pride of J&K. It is a great achievement & the whole J&K is proud of you. Also, my best wishes to all successful students from J&K".

Tanmay himself, speaking to a battery of reporters, shared his success mantra.

Tanmay said, "If I can achieve this, everyone from J&K can achieve this; the only thing we need is to think outside the box and be consistent in our efforts". Initially I used to study for an average of 4-5 hours and on holidays I extended the schedule as per my requirement.

Tanmay's eventful journey started more than two years ago. After he cracked his class 10th examination by securing

100 percent marks in Mathematics and Sciences his father, Dr Akshay Gupta, currently serving as Professor and Head of Orthodontics at Indira Gandhi Government Dental College, Jammu convinced his wife Dr Shivali Gupta, herself a dentist, to shift him to Delhi for his Higher Secondary studies. The parents wanted to provide a stimulating environment to their only son to achieve his goals in life. During the Covid-19 pandemic Tanmay focussed on his studies and stayed away from social media platforms.

Tanmay said, "It is more important to be consistent in our studies than to increase the number of hours. I always had a target for each day and when I accomplished that it used to give me a sense of pride. He credited his success to all his teachers, parents, grandparents who stood behind him during these years.

# Minor girl lodges complaint against two doctors for threatening her

Kochi: The Crime Branch wing of the Kerala police on Tuesday registered a case against two doctors of Kalamassery Medical college here for allegedly threatening a minor girl, who has lodged a sexual abuse complaint against self-styled antiques dealer Monson Mavunkal who is now under arrest for several cheating cases in the State.

threatened her. We have registered a case based on her statement," a senior crime branch official told PTI.

The girl, in her complaint, also mentioned that she was asked inappropriate questions during the medical examination which was held last week. However, the Kalamassery Medical College authorities said that they followed the procedure in medically examining a rape victim and closing the door was part of that process.

ly abusing a minor girl for the last two years.

The case, registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO), was handed over to the Crime Branch special investigation team which is probing all the allegations against Mavunkal.

A native of Cherthala, Mavunkal who claims to be in possession of rare and historic antiques, was arrested late September by the Crime Branch wing probing complaints against the dealer of having swindled ₹10 crore from several people. PTI

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## An explosive issue

Citing the SC order, various High Courts are delivering different judgments on cracker use

Not a day passes without either a High Court or the Supreme Court passing an order about the use of crackers for Diwali. Yet, the confusion around the issue has not reduced an inch. Citing the apex court's orders, the High Courts are passing their orders depending on their understanding of them. The Odisha High Court has allowed green crackers to be sold ahead of Diwali, provided they are burnt only for two hours after 8 pm. The order was passed after the Odisha Government banned all crackers citing health reasons. In contrast, the Calcutta High Court imposed a complete ban on the sale and use of all crackers. It reasoned that there was no way to establish that only green crackers would be sold and burnt. The court's blanket ban extended right up to the new year celebrations. The Supreme Court was forced to intervene, calling it an "extreme order" and set aside the total ban. The court said the High Court's apprehension was "unfounded" and that even then, it should have first explained to the parties the aspects "weighing with it requiring such an extreme order". The apex court clarified once again that the use of green crackers and improved crackers with reduced emissions are permitted. Despite that, the Delhi Government has banned all crackers, even green ones, till the new year, on account of severe pollution in the national Capital.



The Delhi High Court refused to grant any relief to the cracker traders, saying both the Supreme Court and the National Green Tribunal are not permitting their sale in Delhi. The traders were asking the High Court for permission to sell their stock for use outside Delhi where there was no ban. It is high time that the Supreme Court intervened *suo motu* and put an end to all this confusion. The root of the problem is with green crackers. The Supreme Court earlier specified that crackers with low emissions and without using dangerous chemicals can be used for Diwali. The question is, who will decide what a green cracker is? Who will identify the genuine brands among thousands of them in the country? As it is, there are complaints that many brands may be fake. There is no nodal national agency drawing up the list of genuine green crackers and the Governments allowing their sale. There is no attempt to tell the people through mass media campaigns about such brands. The Supreme Court said the modalities should be handled by the executive. "What are the practical difficulties is also for the executive to decide," it said. Secondly, in a separate case on October 29, the apex court said that top administrative and police officers would be personally liable if banned varieties of crackers are found to be used in any of the States. It is not known if the Government, at the Centre or in the States, has taken note.

### PICTALK



A woman tries gold ornaments on the occasion of Dhanteras, in New Delhi RANJAN DIMRI/THE PIONEER

## Captain's knock

Captain Amarinder's launching a party could play spoilsport for the others in the fray

Former Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh has finally "put in his papers" after stepping down from the top post in the State at the behest of the Congress high command in September. And, with that, he also dismissed speculation of backchannel talks with the party, saying the "time for rapprochement is over". If anything, he seems bent upon 'punishing' his old party, the Congress, by entering the electoral arena and pitting his might against the *nouveau* leader Navjot Singh Sidhu. His seven-page letter to Congress president Sonia Gandhi illustrates well his dissatisfaction with the kind of farewell he has been given after almost 40 years of serving the party. The Captain, in his resignation-cum-farewell letter and obviously bitter with the treatment meted to him, called the former Punjab Congress in-charge Harish Rawat "the most dubious individual" and Navjot Singh Sidhu "an unstable man". Along with his resignation, the 79-year-old former Congress stalwart announced that his new party will be called the "Punjab Lok Congress" (the party is awaiting approval from the Election Commission of India). Now that the pawns are all set, the Captain would seek to settle the scores with Sidhu and the party high command for the "humiliation" that he took as the Chief Minister.



Also, the Captain having a good hold in Punjab, especially in the hinterland, is indeed a bugbear for the Congress. Therefore, picking Navjot Sidhu — who spent 14 years in the BJP — over Amarinder Singh is a questionable move. Besides, the Aam Aadmi Party, led by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, is seriously looking to pocket seats and retain power in Punjab. Though time is in short supply for the Captain to send a powerful message across to voters, the increasingly vocal notes of dissent between the Congress's Punjab unit president Sidhu and Channi are unlikely to help the party at the hustings. The Captain, on the other hand, has nothing to lose.

# Nepal's foreign policy resets ties with India



RISHI GUPTA

Since September 2015, bilateral relations have touched a new low. PM Deuba is trying to course correct predecessor PM Oli's ultra-nationalist outlook

Amid the gloom and pessimism in India-Nepal relations in the past five years, the two countries seem to be moving towards a reset in bilateral ties. Since taking office in July 2021, Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, along with his Cabinet members, has been making efforts to reach out to the leadership in India and resume the talks in several sectors, including railways trade, hydropower, culture and COVID-19. In reciprocation, India has also welcomed the Nepalese rapprochement.



Among immediate efforts in resuming the talks, India has assured the supply of COVID-19 vaccines to Nepal as it prepares to lift the ban on the export of vaccines. In terms of political exchanges, a special delegation of the ruling Nepali Congress Party arrived in New Delhi on October 8. The delegation held meetings with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and BJP president JP Nadda. The delegation's visit comes in the backdrop of the visit of Vijay Chauthaiwale, who heads the foreign affairs department of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), to Kathmandu in August this year.

Chauthaiwale's visit to Nepal was among the various efforts of the ruling BJP in improving ties with India's neighbourhood, including in Nepal. In the 2014 and 2019 election manifestos, the BJP categorically mentioned 'Neighbourhood First' as India's foreign policy vehicle to improve ties with its neighbours. While the Government-to-Government level interactions are ongoing, the BJP has been an ardent advocate of the party-level interactions in reaching out to India's neighbours to promote cooperation, cohesion, democracy, and human rights.

**The Backdrop:** From September 2015, bilateral relations between India and Nepal have touched a new low due to an ultra-nationalist outlook sported by former Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli concerning the Constitution, and the border dispute with India. These issues had become the only issues of prominence for KP Oli as it served his

political agenda. Despite looming political instability and an immediate emergency challenge of COVID-19, Oli ensured that the age-old 'small state' card was put to use against India. Traditionally, India and Nepal have resolved their misunderstandings through well-established bilateral diplomatic channels at the Foreign Secretary-level, but Oli was least interested in using confidence-building measures. From 2015 onwards, Oli had left no stone unturned in creating an anti-India narrative and sponsoring anti-India social media tool kits like #BackOffIndia and #GoBackIndia.

**Asserting Against Chinese Encroachment:** Oli had willingly ignored reports on China's border encroachment of Nepalese territories in 2020. While Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs had been late in responding to India's calls for border talks, Oli was too quick to refute allegations against China. The Nepalese media had taken up the issue of border encroachment by China after the Chinese side had reportedly built 11 buildings in a remote part of Humla district that Nepal claims as its own territory.

Against this, Nepal's Foreign Ministry stated that "the Department of Survey, Government of Nepal, based on the official records, reports

TRADITIONALLY, INDIA AND NEPAL HAVE RESOLVED THEIR MISUNDERSTANDINGS THROUGH WELL-ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY-LEVEL, BUT OLI WAS LEAST INTERESTED IN USING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES

of the joint field inspection and boundary maps, has verified and confirmed that the said buildings are not located within the Nepali territory". However, the current administration has taken up the matter with all seriousness. On September 1, 2021, Nepal's Home Minister Bal Krishna Khand had formed a committee to study the border issue with China. The committee included the Deputy Director-General of the Survey Department, the Senior Superintendent of Nepal Police, SSP of the Armed Force Nepal and Joint Director of the National Investigation Department. The committee had submitted its report within 25 days, on September 26, despite geographical difficulties in the border region.

As per the recommendations of the committee, "it has been found that the Chinese side has put up wires and fencing in the Nepali territory". Additionally, "the Chinese side was also trying to build a permanent canal 145 metres inside the Nepali territory. Accordingly, it wanted to build a road. After Nepal's Armed Police Force's objections, the structures were destroyed and the covered rubble was visible". Noteworthy, the 1963 Boundary Protocol identify the area from pillar number 5 (2) to the middle of the Kit Khola as the international

border between Nepal and China. China has reportedly fenced the area.

Hence, these encroachments by China violate the agreement. It shows that KP Oli had compromised in the matters of national security to achieve his political mandate. Nepal's Home Ministry intends to take the matter with China through diplomatic channels. Amidst this, China's unease with the change in Government in Nepal has been wide open. Within days of Prime Minister Deuba's appointment, Chinese State media had tagged him as a "pro-India" leader.

**Conclusion:** Understandably, Sher Bahadur Deuba has a short-term spell at hand as the Prime Minister, but these little steps in revamping Nepal's foreign policy priorities will help to fill the vacuum left behind by KP Oli. On the other hand, although Nepal has taken the matter of China's border encroachment very late, it is better late than never. The incumbent administration must ensure that China respects the sovereignty and freedom of Nepal by not allowing the latter to micro-manage Nepal's political affairs.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### VACCINE DISCRIMINATION MUST END

Sir — The recent approval given to the Indian made COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin by Australia is a welcome gesture. In what's being termed as 'vaccine discrimination', many countries gave travel approval to people who are administered vaccines manufactured in developed western countries. India raised this concern several times, on several platforms. And slowly and steadily, the indigenous vaccines are finally able to clinch the official nod from various countries. However, the approval from many other countries is still awaited. Indian vaccines are not being considered at par with their western counterparts. They are neither globally recognised, nor are they considered equated to Pfizer and others.

The vaccine equity is yet to be achieved. Countries must follow the words of Nelson Mandela, "It's only impossible, until it is done". If any one of us deliberately halts vaccine equity, it is only mankind's loss. We must come forward for global support for every single vaccine which is saving lives. The label of developed and developing must be kept aside when it comes to vaccines. More nations must support the genuine efforts of Bharat Biotech and Serum Institute of India, by giving official nods to their vaccine takers to freely travel the world.

Kirti Wadhawan | Kanpur

#### WORLD CUP: A DREAM OR NIGHTMARE?

Sir — The Indian cricket team is facing a now-or-never situation in the T20 World Cup currently underway in the United Arab Emirates. If the first match against Pakistan was a disaster, the second one was equally disappointing. Captain courageous Kohli made a mess of the captaincy in both the matches and his team selection was totally faulty. As the selection panel gave a nod to seasoned spinner R Ashwin, the captain made it a point not to extend a chance to the star players. Ashwin has proved crucial against left-handers and accounted the opening batsmen with his nagging spin, that too, with the new ball. The dislike of the captain proved to be a downfall of the Indian

#### Nature's call, who must answer?



The Glasgow climate summit is rightly billed as the last chance to prevent calamitous global heating and protect the planet Earth. Thanks to the SOS sent by the planet in the form of extreme weather events and the devastating impact of the global phenomenon on the lives, livelihoods and lands of the vulnerable multitudes, countries have finally come to realise that it's a make-or-break situation for the planet *vis-à-vis* climate and all that it entails. Admittedly, the world has run down the clock on tackling runaway climate change. The emission of

carbon dioxide into the atmosphere heats up the planet and poses a real threat to life-supporting systems and myriad life forms. The suffocating blanket of CO2 covering the planet is an indictment of reckless reliance on fossil fuels and over-exploitative and unsustainable development models. The commitments that countries make at the high-stakes COP26 summit in Glasgow to ratchet up cuts in carbon emissions are absolutely crucial to the future of the planet.

Since the affluent countries are the biggest emitters and main culprits for the climate crisis, the main burden of combating climate change falls on none but them. However, they can and should make it a joint effort by providing finances and technology to the impoverished countries. Time is fast running out for the international community to deactivate the ticking bomb of climate change to keep the planet a fit place for the present and future generations to live in.

G David Milton | Maruthancode

team. In the first match against Pakistan, we could not dislodge the openers and in the second match, an eight wicket defeat took away our chances at this year's World Cup. Now only a miracle can save the day for India. If our batting was pathetic, bowling was disastrous. However, we must stand by the team as cricket is a game of uncertainties and wins and losses should not drive us so badly that we start spineless trolling and of our own players.

MR Jayanthi | Mumbai

#### POLITICAL MILEAGE OUT OF BYPOLL

Sir — The re-election of INLD's Abhay Chautala from the Ellenabad Assembly constituency has again put forth the need to change the byelections framework. He had earlier resigned from the post in "solidarity" with the farmers who were protesting against the three contentious farm laws. However, he went on to contest the byelections held on Saturday and ended up winning. The

question arises why did he resign in the first place if he was anyway going to fill his nomination? What does he actually want to prove by first resigning and now by contesting? He just put the burden on the State's exchequer, thereby wasting the taxpayer's money.

The Election Commission of India must come forward to stop such activities by public representatives. Even our neighbouring country, Pakistan, which is considered a haven for terrorists, has a much better electoral process. Bypolls are not contested in Pakistan, and in case of death of a sitting leader, the runner-up is nominated for the vacant seat, thereby controlling the misuse of Government machinery. India should also take concrete steps in this regard and make sure that bypolls are not used by political parties and their leaders for political mileage.

Navneet Seth | Sangrur

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### SOUNDBITE

Whether they are developed countries or countries rich in natural resources, climate change is a big threat to everyone.



Prime Minister —Narendra Modi

The French have behaved unfairly. And if somebody behaves unfairly in a trade deal, you're entitled to take action against them.



British Foreign Secretary —Liz Truss

Overwhelmed by the response of #RRRGImpse. Thanks to my friends from the industry and fans for their wishes.



Filmmaker —SS Rajmouli

You must give an explanation for defeats, too. Sending Jasprit Bumrah for the press conference was not right.



Former India skipper —Mohammad Azharuddin

We are forced to venture out in other States as the Congress has failed to put up a fight against the BJP.



West Bengal Chief Minister —Mamata Banerjee



FIRST COLUMN

EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS: NATURE'S SOS

Our indifference to nature is precipitating extreme weather events, as seen recently



KOTA SRIRAJ

October is usually a pleasant month that bids a decisive adieu to monsoon and brings in cooler temperatures prior to the onset of winter. Climate change has played havoc with the seasons; winters are now feeble and do not last long. Summers are harsh and prolonged. Monsoons are unusually dry in some parts of the country and abnormally wet in other regions. As extreme weather events — floods and droughts — become the new normal, the role of climate change in causing this imbalance cannot be ignored. Kerala, considered the birthplace of monsoons for the subcontinent, faced the unexpected wrath of rain-led fury that claimed over 40 lives and caused numerous landslides. This untimely extreme weather event was predicted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in August this year when it indicated that India was likely to face severe and irreversible impacts of climate change in the form of intense tropical cyclones, floods and erratic monsoons. This forecast has not only come true for Kerala but for the state of Uttarakhand as well where extreme rainfall has claimed nearly 60 lives and caused immense damage to property and infrastructure. The adverse impact of climate change is making itself felt in altering the daily lives and livelihoods of the common man. As agriculture crops fail due to repeated floods and droughts, the economic plight of farmers is worsening forcing



marginal cultivators to take more loans that can no longer be repaid. According to credit ratings agency, India Ratings, the country's GDP is poised to shrink by three per cent annually in response to a one-degree Celsius rise in temperature. The extreme events are also damaging the environment. The recent floods in Uttarakhand, for instance, have not only caused irreversible damage to life and property but have also harmed the biodiversity of the Himalayas. As extensive landslides and flooded rivers alter the landscape, precious biodiversity too is permanently changed and impacted. To make matters worse, the role of humans is aiding and abetting the climate change. For instance, the continuous dumping of construction waste in Naini lake and indiscriminate mining in Kerala is being seen as precipitating factors that pushed an already aggravated condition over the edge. The severe weather events, especially rains, are not occurring suddenly. According to a study, the inordinately heavy rainfall events have tripled in India since 1950s and they are getting worse. These events may give the impression that India's summer monsoons have increased but the reality is that the same have decreased by six per cent over the past 60 years. If the past trend is any indication, India needs to prepare for more such extreme natural events in future. The Ministry of Earth Sciences data shows the country witnessed just one cyclone in 2016 but had six each in 2018 and 2019. Similarly, the extreme rainfall events have increased from 226 in 2016 to 554 in 2019. It must be realised that our indifference is precipitating these extreme weather events. Uncontrolled deforestation, rise in greenhouse gas emissions or increasing carbon footprint levels are triggering an increase in the pace of climate change which in turn is causing these extreme weather events. Extreme weather events are a symptom of climate change and India must not contend itself by "managing" them effectively. Instead, India must pursue the disease itself which is climate change and ensure that the same is significantly controlled by curbing the precipitating factors. This alone will help cure the disease and eliminate the symptoms as well.

(The writer is an environmental journalist. The views expressed are personal.)

Closure and mergers: Mantras for Railways?

What the Indian Railways needs is merging its different cadres, raising revenues, rationalising CapEx and reducing unit cost of transportation to face road/air competition



SUDHANSHU MANI SK LUTHRA

Reforms in the Indian Railways have been a subject of study for long. The most recent one was by the Debroy Committee appointed by the Modi Government in its early days in 2014-15. He was assisted by experienced civil servants and experts, including veteran private-sector manager, thinker and commentator Gurcharan Das. Its voluminous report was mostly ignored by the Government, except for the suggestion of doing away with a separate Railway budget. The railways is a behemoth which has resisted change ever since independence; it has a dismal record of first commissioning a study to recommend reforms and then letting its report gather dust. Another study consigned to the cooler was by the Rakesh Mohan Committee in 2002, which had recommended reforms similar to Debroy. Practically nothing was implemented.

In this backdrop, the sudden appearance of a report in mid-August (after Ashwini Vaishnav took over as Railway Minister and closely following the announcement of Rs 1.5 lakh crore monetisation plan for IR assets) by Sanjeev Sanyal, Principal Economic Advisor in the Finance Ministry, listing 14 areas of rationalisations on IR, came as a surprise. While the suggestions leave aside major areas of reform (corporatization, re-structuring of IR, separation of operations and planning, etc.), they are a mix of some important ones, some trivial issues, and some impossible ones (beyond IR's competence, like, changing its vigilance structure).

Interestingly, IR has been quick in implementing two suggestions. While the decision to close down IROAF, a small organisation working on alternate fuels and technologies, had been anticipated for long, the announcement of closing down Indian Railways Station Redevelopment Corporation has come as a big surprise. Station redevelopment has had a high pitch from the government of late. This got highlighted further when Modi inaugurated the remodelled Gandhinagar station in July 2021. An official statement said: "Work on the redevelopment of 125 stations is underway. Out of this, IRSDC is working on 63 stations and RLDA on 60 stations. Investment for redevelopment of 123 stations allied real estate is more than Rs 50,000 crore." This sudden closure of IRSDC has put a question mark on all this, and maybe put the clock back on IR's ambitions (although largely unattained) for monetisation of its land assets.

IR had been trying for two decades monetise its huge vacant land-bank of over 40,000 hectares, for which IRLDA — set up in 2006 as a statutory authority for this purpose — has had only a handful of successes, in spite of having attempted over 100 commercial development projects. Station development affords high-visibility as new infrastructure in vibrant parts of a city. Although included in RLDA's mandate, it is a multi-functional area linked with railway operations and higher potential for



HALF-HEARTED ATTEMPTS AND NIBBLING AT PERIPHERAL ISSUES WILL DIVERT ATTENTION LIKE IT HAPPENED AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INDIAN RAILWAY MANAGEMENT SERVICE (IRMS) WITH MUCH FANFARE, WHICH SO FAR HAS TURNED OUT TO BE MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

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commercial exploitation and non-fare revenues. ISRDC was, therefore, set up as a JV company between RLDA and IRCON. Although there is no information about the rationale behind this sudden closure, the only reason appears to be that the Sanyal paper sawan overlap in RLDA and ISRDC working, and suggested that one of the two could be wound up. It is learnt that Zonal Railways shall be asked to do this work, but land being a very sensitive issue, few civil servants like to risk their Vigilance profile in handling it and therefore, field officers who have other more pressing works, are hardly likely to get better results, leave aside the desired outcomes. If their working overlapped, IRSDC could have been merged with RLDA. The cure, it would seem, is worse than the disease.

Sanjeev Sanyal is a lateral entry economist into the Ministry of Finance in an Advisory position. He has exemplary educational and professional credentials in the private sector, and few books to his credit. He has the mandate to study various ministries with a free and open mind. That gives him a free-wheeling licence for selective suggestions, which he seems to be making, at times, without taking a holistic view.

As stated earlier, some suggestions by Sanjeev Sanyal pertain to trivial, non-core areas of Railways' working. Closing down schools, withdrawal of patronage to Institute of Rail Transport and Indian Railway Welfare Organisation, reorganization of IR's Zonal and Centralised Training Institutes, upgrade of hospitals, recruitment, etc. may happen easily but are not of major consequence.

However, a few of the suggestions, especially regarding some other CPSEs do require an involved analysis. He has suggested mergers of Railway PSUs IRCON and RVNL; and merger of Braithwaite (a wagon builder) with RITES. IRCON, RVNL and RITES are all recently listed, profit-making companies. Liberal economics require such companies to strive with minimal interference of the ministry, allow their Boards to take business decisions and work for the benefit of its shareholders (including retail, public investors). Having said that, RVNL-IRCON merger may not be a bad idea, because their domains are similar-Civil and allied infrastructure. A better idea would be a strategic sale. Incidentally, the strategic sale of IR's CONCOR is hanging fire for more than two years on account of a petty, inter-ministerial issue of deciding land lease rates.

The proposal of merging Braithwaite with RITES (a wide spectrum transport consulting and services company) is quite absurd. There is surplus wagon building capacity in the country. Burn Standard, another of IR's wagon building CPSE, was earlier closed down by this government. Braithwaite would readily be bought over by a private entity. There is no logic of saddling RITES with a business totally diverse from its core strengths.

An important suggestion is about rationalizing IT initiatives on IR. However, the suggestion of merging RailTel — a listed CPSE — and CRIS — an autonomous Society — with IRCTC, which is also recently listed, may not be desirable. RailTel, an infrastructure, not an IT, company, has no synergy with

IRCTC. Through CRIS, IR owns a widely used software for passenger reservations, some proprietary software and significant in-house competencies; it is limited by its governmental structure and IR should look to unlocking its value by its merger with IRCTC, sale to another premier IT company or it being allowed to mutate into a company as an independent IT services provider in the transportation sector. A hasty decision, without thorough examination of the subject, may turn out to be sub-optimal.

Similar suggestion of winding up COFMOW, of nearly 50 years standing in M&P planning and procurement, appears to be casual, ignoring its role in centralized technical and procurement work for IR's factories and workshops, something which field officers are never able to do fruitfully. The proposal to corporatize the 8 Production units of IR into CPSEs lies in limbo; it would be a major reform and the government should show firm resolve to take this forward, like it has shown in case of corporatizing ordnance factories.

IR requires major reforms in its structure. Merging its different cadres to break the silos of departmentalism, raising revenues, rationalising capex, reducing unit cost of transportation to face road/air competition are major challenges before it. Half-hearted attempts, nibbling at peripheral issues will divert attention like it happened after the announcement of Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) with much fanfare, which so far has turned out to be much ado about nothing. The Government needs to take a quick holistic view before IR sinks into being another big guzzler of taxpayers' money.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

THE TRINAMOOL AND THE BJP HAVE THE SAME DNA. IT IS DURING THE TMC GOVERNMENT THAT THE RSS HAS INCREASED ITS SHAKHAS IN BENGAL.

—BENGAL CONGRESS CHIEF ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY



THE RSS'S GROWTH CAN'T BE LINKED TO THE TRINAMOOL. THE BJP IS AT THE CENTRE AND IS FACILITATING ITS GROWTH.

—TMC LEADER SAUGATA ROY

Sasikala intends to take over the AIADMK

Sasikala knows that she cannot survive without the party's support. The AIADMK is up for grabs because of ego clashes among its leaders

Will VK Sasikala, close aide of late Tamil Nadu chief minister J Jayalithaa unite AIADMK or divide it? The question dogs the party. The controversial leader, who announced that she would not dabble in politics six months ago, has been making waves in the past few days. 'Chinnamma', as she is called, has come back to politics with a punchy slogan 'Naam Ondraaga Vendum; Kazhagam Vendraaga Vendum' (We have to be one, and we must win).



KALYANI SHANKAR

Her argument is that the party should have one leader at the top. Presently there are two leaders steering the party. She indicates that she is ready to take over.

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into its golden jubilee year on October 17, Sasikala, who was removed as the party's interim general secretary four years ago, revealed her political plan. She vowed to register a massive win for the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections with her unity mantra.

The factionalism in the AIADMK has the potential to split the party vertically. Today, former chief minister E Palaniswamy (EPS) needs the party, but three times chief minister O Panneerselvam (OPS) needs the party even more. Sasikala has concluded that she, too, needs the party. For nearly six months, 'Chinnamma' has been sending signals that she is eager to regain control of the AIADMK. So, there is a fight among the three groups



— EPS, OPS and Chinnamma.

The party is yet to put its house in order after losing the state assembly polls early this year. With its poor performance in the recently-conducted local body polls, some have started to feel that if Sasikala takes over, things will be set right and the dual leadership of OPS and EPS is

not working. She also seems to have the blessings of the BJP. The EPS group naturally resists this violently. Though both EPS and OPS have vociferously said in the past that there is no place for Sasikala in the party, the OPS faction is wavering. It appears the OPS faction has become soft following her visit to console him after his wife's death in September. OPS wants EPS out at any cost.

The question is, does Sasikala have the potential to divide the party vertically? EPS and OPS are presently the co-coordinator and coordinator of the party. EPS is confident that as the dismissed leader, she has no role in the party after the party had collectively thrown her out in the aftermath of

Jayalithaa's demise in 2017. Commenting on Sasikala's move, Party coordinator OPS recalled how he had announced long ago that he, along with EPS, as joint coordinator, would discuss the issue with other senior leaders before deciding on the fate of Sasikala. That has raised eyebrows. Speaking obviously for the EPS faction, former minister Jayakumar recalled how OPS had launched a 'dharma yudh' against Sasikala. Presently it is EPS who has the upper hand. The EPS group has 63 MLAs in the present Assembly, OPS could not mobilise such support in his southern belt. OPS is waiting for an opportunity to regain his predominant position. Sasikala has come in handy.

After all, both belong to the same Thevar community while EPS belongs to the Gounder community.

Sasikala has become a new headache for EPS. AIADMK's ally BJP has favoured the unity of the party including Sasikala but EPS and OPS had rejected it before the Assembly polls.

Sasikala's nephew TTV Dhinakaran had launched his outfit AMMK after he and his aunt were dismissed from the party in 2017. The AMMK polled 5.5 per cent vote of the AIADMK's in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, but this got reduced to 2.5 per cent in the assembly elections this year. When AMMK believed Sasikala could take over the party after she came out of prison in February, she disap-

pointed them by declaring that she would decide her political future only after the Assembly polls. Now she has revealed that she wants AIADMK as a whole and not head a small outfit like AMMK.

Sasikala knows that without the party's support, she cannot survive. There is no doubt that the AIADMK is up for grabs because of the ego clashes among the three leaders. While Sasikala is about 70, the other two contenders are much younger to her. But she has money power and muscle power and knows the party inside out. She has started early before the 2024 polls and might have enough time. We have to wait and see who moves the pawn in the chess board to win.



**GLOBE TROTTER**

**PAK: 860 TLP ACTIVISTS RELEASED AFTER DEAL**

Lahore: As many as 860 activists of the radical Islamic party Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) were set free on Tuesday under a secret deal between the Pakistan Government and the banned group following days of violent protests demanding the release of their leader and expulsion of the French envoy over blasphemous cartoons.

**OZ PM ATTACKS FRENCH LEADER'S CREDIBILITY**

Canberra: Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison attacked the credibility of French President Emmanuel Macron as a newspaper quoted a text message that suggested France anticipated "bad news" about a now-scuttled submarine deal.

**ARAB WORLD'S SINGER, SABAH FAKHRI, DIES AT 88**

Beirut: One of the Arab world's most famous singers, Sabah Fakhri, who has entertained generations with traditional songs and preserved extinct forms of Arabic music, has died. He was 88.

**NEPALESE AIRCRAFT ESCAPES ACCIDENT**

Kathmandu: A private Nepalese airline plane on Tuesday narrowly escaped a major accident after it collided with boards at the runway while preparing to take off from the country's Nepalgunj Airport, an official said. The incident happened when the 9N-AHB flight belonging to Sita Air was preparing to take off from the Nepalgunj Airport, situated 600 km west of Kathmandu, to Simikot in Humla district when it hit three boards as the mammals came in the way. "The aircraft was preparing to take off for Humla with 17 passengers including crew members at around 7 am.

# Deadly blasts near hospital in Kabul

At least 19 people were killed and 50 wounded

AFP ■ KABUL

At least 19 people were killed and 50 others wounded in an attack on a military hospital in Kabul on Tuesday, the latest assault to rock Afghanistan since the Taliban seized power. The attack got under way when a suicide bomber detonated his explosives near the entrance of the sprawling site. Gunmen then broke into the hospital grounds, firing their weapons there, the Taliban said.

"Nineteen dead bodies and about 50 wounded people have been taken to hospitals in Kabul," a Health Ministry official who asked not to be named told AFP.

The Taliban spent 20 years waging an insurgency against the ousted US-backed Government.

Now they face the struggle of bringing stability to Afghanistan, which has been hit in recent weeks by a series of bloody assaults claimed by the Islamic State group's local chapter.

Tuesday's attack has not yet been claimed by any group.

"All the attackers are dead. The attack was initiated by a suicide bomber on a motorcy-



Taliban fighter sends people away after an explosion on Tuesday

cle who blew himself up at the entrance of the hospital," a Taliban official from the media team said. "Some attackers entered the hospital compound."

Two explosions targeted the hospital area, he had earlier said in a statement. AFP staff in the city heard a second explosion some 30 minutes after the first was reported.

"I heard a big explosion coming from the first checkpoint. We were told to go to safe rooms. I also hear guns firing," a doctor at the Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital in Kabul told AFP while the attack was being carried out.

"I can still hear gun firing inside the hospital building. I think the attackers are going from room to room... like the first time it was attacked," the doctor added.

The hospital, which treats wounded soldiers from both the Taliban and former Afghan

security forces, was previously attacked in 2017, when gunmen disguised as medical personnel killed at least 30 people in an hours-long siege.

Although both IS and the Taliban are hardline Sunni Islamist militants, they differ on details of religion and strategy. ISIS has claimed four mass casualty attacks since the Taliban takeover on August 15, including suicide bomb blasts targeting Shia Muslim mosques. The group regards Shia Muslims as heretics.

In the 2017 attack on the military hospital, militants went room to room killing people, switching to knives when they ran out of ammunition.

That attack was claimed by the Islamic State group, and the Taliban denied responsibility. However, survivors told AFP that the attackers chanted "Long live Taliban" in Pashto and attacked all but two wards on the hospital's first floor where Taliban patients were admitted.

# Leaders vow to protect forests, plug methane leaks at COP26

AP ■ GLASGOW, SCOTLAND

World leaders promised to protect Earth's forests, cut methane emissions and help South Africa wean itself off coal at the UN climate summit Tuesday — part of a flurry of deals intended to avert catastrophic global warming.

Britain hailed the commitment by over 100 countries to end deforestation in the coming decade as the first big achievement of the conference in the Scottish city of Glasgow, known as COP26 — but experts noted such promises have been made and broken before.

The UK Government said it has received commitments from leaders representing more than 85 per cent of the world's forests to halt and reverse deforestation by 2030. Among them are several countries with massive forests, including Brazil, China, Colombia, Congo, Indonesia, Russia and the United States.

More than \$19 billion in



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and US President Joe Biden attend the COP26 Summit at the SECC in Glasgow, Scotland on Tuesday

public and private funds have been pledged toward the plan. "With today's unprecedented pledges, we will have a chance to end humanity's long history as nature's conqueror, and instead become its custodian," British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said. "Let's end this great chainsaw massacre by making conservation do what

we know it can do, and that is deliver long-term sustainable jobs and growth as well."

Experts and observers said fulfilling the pledge will be critical to limiting climate change, but many noted that such grand promises have been made in the past — to little effect. "Signing the declaration is

# Africa seeks \$12.5B from world to tackle climate

AP ■ KAMPALA, UGANDA

The head of the African Union says the international community must support the continent's efforts to adapt to climate change, including a program that requires \$25 billion over five years.

Speaking on Tuesday at the UN climate conference in Glasgow, President Felix Tshisekedi of the Democratic Republic of Congo said the continent needs the world to raise \$12.5 billion,

with the balance coming from the African Development Bank.

In his remarks before a meeting of world leaders, Tshisekedi noted that the global effort on climate change "can't be won unless it is won in Africa." He said he hopes the money will be raised before the next climate conference.

"It is a starting point rather than a ceiling, and it will contribute to building trust and confidence," he said.

# Ethiopia orders emergency as Tigray forces threaten capital

AP ■ NAIROBI

Ethiopia's Government has declared a national state of emergency as rival Tigray forces threaten to move on the capital as the country's yearlong war escalates quickly.

The declaration by the Council of Ministers on Tuesday was the clearest sign of alarm yet from the Government of Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who a year ago this week allowed soldiers from a neighboring country to invade

the Tigray region and pursue the Tigray forces alongside Ethiopian troops. Thousands of people have been killed since then.

The United States has warned the Tigray forces, who long dominated the national Government before Abiy took office, against any attempt to "besiege" the capital, Addis Ababa, after seizing control in recent days of the strategic cities of Dessie and Kombolcha. That positions them to move down a major highway toward

the capital. The state of emergency takes effect immediately and will last for six months. The Government can impose a curfew, disrupt transport services and detain indefinitely anyone suspected of having links with a terrorist group. Local administrations in some areas could be disbanded and a military leadership could be installed.

Such actions would be implemented by law. Ethiopian lawmakers are expected to convene within 48 hours.

# Putin: Russia must build up defences in view of NATO moves

AP ■ MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday emphasised the need to strengthen the country's air defences amid NATO's military activities near Russia's borders.

Speaking during a meeting with military officials and arms makers in the southern Russian city of Sochi, Putin specifically noted the deployment of NATO's US-led missile defence components in Eastern Europe and increasingly frequent missions by NATO ships near Russian waters in the Baltic and Black Seas. "Even now, a US warship has entered the Black Sea, and

we can see it in binoculars or crosshairs of our defense systems," he said in an apparent reference to the deployment of the US destroyer USS Porter, which sailed into the Black Sea over the weekend and is to be joined this week by USS Mount Whitney, the flagship of the US 6th Fleet.

US Sixth Fleet said in a statement that their mission will help "further enhance collaboration between US and NATO forces at sea," adding that "NATO allies and partners stand together to ensure a safe, stable and secure Black Sea region, building partner capacity to improve effectiveness and interoperability."

# US envoy urges Sudan general to restore Govt

Cairo: A senior US diplomat on Tuesday urged Sudan's top general to restore the country's civilian-led Government as mediation efforts pressed on to resolve the civilian-military dispute that was capped by last week's coup in the African nation.

US Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa Jeffrey Feltman said Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan should allow Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and his Cabinet to resume their work and release Government officials and politicians detained in connection with the takeover.

Hamdok has been under house arrest since the military takeover, led by Burhan, though he has been allowed to meet with visiting foreign mediators.

# France offers reprieve in fishing fight with UK

Glasgow: — France's President offered Britain extra time for negotiations on Monday to try to reach a compromise on a troubling post-Brexit fishing spat, hours ahead of a threatened French blockade of British ships and trucks.

France has threatened to bar British boats from some of its ports and tightening checks on boats and trucks carrying British goods if more French vessels aren't licensed to fish in UK waters by Tuesday. Paris has also suggested it might restrict energy supplies to the Channel Islands, which are heavily dependent on French electricity. AP

the easy part," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said on Twitter. "It is essential that it is implemented now for people and planet."

Alison Hoare, a senior research fellow at political think tank Chatham House, said world leaders promised in 2014 to end deforestation by 2030, "but since then deforestation has accelerated across many countries."

# Biden's climate plan aims to slash methane emissions

AP ■ WASHINGTON

The Biden administration on Tuesday launched a wide-ranging plan to reduce methane emissions, targeting a potent greenhouse gas that contributes significantly to global warming and packs a stronger short-term punch than even carbon dioxide.

The plan was announced as President Joe Biden wraps up a two-day appearance at a UN climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland. Biden pledged during the summit to work with the EU and dozens of other nations to reduce methane emissions worldwide by 30% by 2030.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is hereby notified that my client Shri Shivam Singh Shri Shri Ganesh and his wife Smt. Rajwanti, both R/o H. No. 4, Opp. Homeopathic Dispensary, Tikri Khurd, Delhi have severed all their relations with their son SHIV and daughter-in-law TANVA who have solemnized marriage on 01-11-2021 on their own and without the consent of my clients. All relations stand severed forthwith and they both are debarred from inheriting movable and immovable properties of my clients and he/she who deals with them shall be doing so on his/her own risk and responsibility and heretofore my clients shall not be responsible for any act(s) of their son Shiv and daughter-in-law Tanva.

NAVIN KUMAR CHAUDHRY ADVOCATE Chamber No. 3, CIVIL WING TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI-110054

**TRUSTABLE FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED**

CIN: U15100DL2006PT184138 REGD OFF: 802, ANTARIKHSHAWAN, 22 K.G.MARG, CONNAUGHT PLACE, NEW DELHI-110001, NEW DELHI CENTRAL DELHI DL 110001

Notice is hereby given that the 2nd Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the members of the TRUSTABLE FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED will be held on Tuesday, 30th day of November, 2021 at 11:45 A.M. at SCO, 101-102, TDL, Dist. Sub Centre, Shri Kanahya Sahib Chowk, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135001 in compliance with the provision of letter of intent granted by the Companies Act, 2013 (the "Act") and the Rules made thereunder to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice convening the EGM.

The Company has sent the Notice convening EGM on 30th day of October, 2021, through electronic mode and on 02nd day of November, 2021, through registered post to the following members:

- S. Cube Fininvest
- Ram Kumar Agrawal
- Succour Advisory Services Private Limited
- Kiran Khelani
- Sanjay Kumar Agrawal

The details/ instructions for registering/ updating email addresses, Casting vote and altering the EGM for members holding shares in physical mode are set out in the Notice of EGM.

For TRUSTABLE FOODS PRIVATE LIMITED Sd/- DIVAKAR KAUSHIK Director

Place: New Delhi Date: 03.11.2021 DIN: 08078134

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, M/s. Sarv Realtors Pvt Ltd is in the process of undertaking of development of an Affordable Plotted Colony under DDIA-2016 in the revenue estate of villages-Badshahpur and Nurpur Jharsa, Sector-68, HD Zone, Gurugram over an area measuring 13.56319 acres (an area measuring 8.18519 acres under migration from above said Licenses bearing Nos. 107 of 2013, 135 of 2014 and 136 of 2014 granted for Group Housing Colony as per High Density Zone Policy and an additional area 5.378 acres) in accordance with the approved site plan of the complete colony being developed under the above said licenses as a pre-condition for granting license for development of an Affordable Plotted Colony (DDIA-2016) over an area measuring 13.56319 acres (an area measuring 8.18519 acres under migration from above said Licenses granted for Group Housing Colony as per High Density Zone Policy and an additional area 5.378 acres). Accordingly, vide this public notice, objections are hereby invited from the allottees in the said Group Housing colony on the proposed migration of a part of the original licensed area into DDIA-2016 and revision of the site plan of the said colony resulting due to part migration. A copy of the earlier approved site plan and the proposed site plan due to part migration of the original licensed area into DDIA-2016 are available on our website www.supertechlimited.com. The said site plans plan can also be perused at the office of undersigned at Supertech Hues Sales Office, Sector - 68, Gurugram as well as in the office of District Town Planner, Ground Floor, HSPV Complex, Sector - 14, Gurugram.

Any allottee having any objection on the migration and / or revision in the site plan due to part migration, may file his objection, if any, in writing in my office or in the office of District Town Planner, Ground Floor, HSPV Complex, Sector - 14, Gurugram within 30 days of the publication of this notice, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed migration as well as revision in the site plan.

Place: Gurugram for M/s Sarv Realtors Pvt. Ltd.

**RATHI BARS LIMITED**  
 Regd. Office : A-247, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044  
 Ph.: 011-427760373, 42730360  
 Web: www.rathibars.com, E-mail: rathibars@hotmail.com  
 CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781

**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 13th Day of November, 2021, at 04.00 P.M. (inter alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the half-year ended 30th September, 2021.

This notice is available on the Company's website at www.rathisteels.com and also on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. www.bseindia.com.

By Order of the Board  
 For RATHI BARS LIMITED  
 Sd/-  
 Satinder Singh  
 Company Secretary/Compliance Officer

Place : New Delhi  
 Date : 03.11.2021

**N K Textile Industries Limited**  
 Registered office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025  
 CIN: L17299DL1983PLC163230,  
 Tel: +91 11 61119313  
 Email Id: n.ktextiles123@gmail.com, website:www.nktil.com

**NOTICE**  
 Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 05/2021-22 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 12th November, 2021 (Friday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.30 P.M to discuss the following agenda items:

- To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2021 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015,
- To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By order of the Board  
 For N K Textile Industries Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Balbir Singh  
 Director

Place: New Delhi  
 Dated: 02.11.2021  
 DIN: 00027438

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
**OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

**Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)**

Name of Work with its location:	(1) TSR (P) of 9.812 KM (DN KM 114.406 to 115.095, 118.940 to 119.265, 153.000 to 154.000, 161.524 to 161.578 & UP KM 13.000 to 16.000, 149.118 to 152.862 and 153.000 to 154.000) on DLI-BTI section under Sr. DEN-IV (NIT 16-W-IV-21-22)
(2) TRR(P) of 29.985 KM (DN KM 20.000 to 23.852, 24.937 to 41.200, 88.000 to 91.000, 120.220 to 126.150 & UP KM 127.060 to 128.000) on DLI-BTI section under Sr. DEN-IV, (NIT 17-W-IV-21-22)	
(3) Dewatering of LHS during rainy season in the section of Sr. DEN-IV (NIT 18-W-IV-21-22)	
(4) Construction of Limited Height Subway in lieu of L-xing no. 184 & 187 on DLI-BTI section under ADEN/MSZ, (NIT 19-W-IV-21-22)	

2. Approx. Cost of work: (1) Rs. 1.75,82,241.33 (2) Rs. 1.40,36,865.35 (3) Rs. 59,10,460.28 (4) Rs. 3,39,22,414.14

3. Earnest Money: Nil

4. Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender: Bidding Start date for work NO. Up to 15.00 hrs. on 16.11.2021 opening of e-Tender at 15.00 hrs. on 30.11.2021.

5. Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

No.: 128-W/260/Tender Notice/NIT 16,17,18 & 19-W-IV-21-22  
 Date: 01.11.2021 2506/2021

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**Sale Notice**  
 The under mentioned Assets will be sold through auction on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" for recovery of dues as per court orders, in the following cases:-

S. No	Case Details	Asset Details	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs)
1.	ICICI Bank Limited vs Naushad & Anr, Case No-CS (Comm) 2894/2019	Vehicle No-UP14HT8453, Make and Model-TATA and Model-TATA 1512, Manu Yr-2019	Rs. 11,70,000/-	1,17,000/-

**Auction Date and time:** 18.11.2021, from 11 am to 2 pm  
**Venue:** Mohd Nasir Khan Parking Yard, Chinhat, Lucknow-226028  
**Contact Person:** Avinash Kumar (8953652366)/Jitendra Kumar (7304914763)  
**EMD:** DD/PO of EMD amount to be made in favour of ICICI Bank Limited, payable at Delhi.

**Terms of Sale**  
 The particulars of the said asset specified herein above have been stated to the best of the information and knowledge of the undersigned, who shall however not be responsible for any error, misstatement or omission in the said particulars. The interested participant/s are therefore requested, in their own interest, to satisfy himself/ themselves/ itself with regard to the said asset and other relevant details pertaining to it before submitting the bids. All bidders are required to come at site with original DD/PO of EMD amount along with original KYC proofs to participate in the auction.

Successfully approved bidder shall have to deposit sale amount (Excluding EMD amount) within 5 days from the auction date by the way of pay order/demand draft/RTGS/NEFT. In case if you fail to make the remaining sale amount within 5 days, your EMD amount will be forfeited. The intending bidders may visit at ICICI Bank Ltd, Shal Towers, Plot No. 23, New Rohtak Road Karol Bagh Delhi - 110005 for details of the said hypothecated vehicle.

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons (1) Rahul, S/o Ramesh Chand, R/o: H. No. 23, Gali No. 01, Bhagat Mohalla, Vill-Ghonda, (2) Chiku @ Pawan, S/o Bhagat Ji @ Joginder Singh (3) Dhamu @ Dharmender, S/o Bhagat Ji @ Gullu @ Bhanwar Singh, both R/o: H. No. 372, Gali No. 01, Bhagat Mohalla, Vill-Ghonda, Delhi have committed the offences (or are suspected to have committed) in case FIR Nos. 64/20 U/s 147/148/149/427/436/452/380/34 IPC have been registered at P.S. Jafraabad, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said (1) Rahul, (2) Chiku @ Pawan, (3) Dhamu @ Dharmender, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said (1) Rahul, (2) Chiku @ Pawan, (3) Dhamu @ Dharmender, have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said (1) Rahul, (2) Chiku @ Pawan, (3) Dhamu @ Dharmender, accused of FIR Nos. 64/20 U/s 147/148/149/427/436/452/380/34 IPC have been registered at P.S. Jafraabad, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 14.12.2021.

By Order  
 Ms. Shama Gupta  
 Metropolitan Magistrate-04  
 Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/1153/NE/21

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# RBI issues revised PCA framework for banks

**Mumbai:** The RBI on Tuesday issued a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks to enable supervisory intervention at "appropriate time" and also act as a tool for effective market discipline.

Capital, asset quality and leverage will be the key areas for monitoring in the revised framework, the RBI said.

The revised PCA framework will be effective from January 1, 2022.

"The objective of the PCA Framework is to enable Supervisory intervention at an appropriate time and require the Supervised Entity to initiate

and implement remedial measures in a timely manner, so as to restore its financial health," the central bank said.

The PCA framework is also intended to act as a tool for effective market discipline.

The central bank also stressed that the PCA Framework does not preclude the Reserve Bank of India from taking any other action as it deems fit at any time, in addition to the corrective actions prescribed in the framework.

"Indicators to be tracked for capital, asset quality and leverage would be CRAR/Common Equity Tier I Ratio, Net NPA Ratio and Tier

I Leverage Ratio, respectively," according to the revised framework.

Breach of any risk threshold may result in invocation of the PCA.

The framework will apply to all banks operating in India, including foreign banks operating through branches or subsidiaries based on breach of risk thresholds of identified indicators.

"A bank will generally be placed under PCA framework based on the Audited Annual Financial Results and the ongoing Supervisory Assessment made by RBI," it said.

# RBI asks banks to remain vigilant to any emerging signs of vulnerabilities

**Mumbai:** RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on Tuesday asked banks to remain vigilant to any emerging signs of vulnerabilities and take timely remedial measures to mitigate the risks.

In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the governor held separate meetings with the MD and CEOs of public sector banks and certain private sector banks through videoconferencing.

In his opening remarks, Das acknowledged the improved financial and operational resilience of the banking sector that imparts strength to financial stability.

He emphasised the need for banks to continue providing necessary support in the revival

of economic activity, the RBI said.

"He also advised the banks to remain vigilant to any emerging signs of vulnerabilities and take timely remedial measures to mitigate the risks and maintain the stability of not only the institutions themselves but also of the overall financial system," it said.

Several other matters, including credit flows, especially to micro and small enterprises, were also discussed during the meetings.

As per the statement, discussions also took place on matters like 'outlook for stressed assets and measures for mitigation', 'pricing of risks', 'collection efficiencies' and 'engagement of banks with fintech entities'.

# ILFS resolves ₹ 52,200 cr debt so far, to address ₹4,800cr more by Mar: Kotak

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

Of the targeted ₹ 61,000 crore debt resolution by the fiscal-end, IL&FS has resolved ₹52,200 crore of the same by October-end and will address ₹4,800 crore more through the course of the year, the management said on Tuesday.

The company is sitting on a cash balance of ₹16,700 crore as of end-October, when it completed the third year of its bankruptcy.

The company has repaid Rs 14,100 crore of debt this fiscal so far, according to chairman Uday Kotak who added that the company will address

₹4,800 crore more this fiscal year to meet the repayment target of ₹61,000 crore by March.

Till date, the new management has addressed debt of ₹52,200 crore across group entities and the earlier estimate of resolving ₹61,000 crore of debt, which represents 62 per cent of the overall fund and non-funded based debt of over ₹99,000 crore as of October 2018, is also on course, Kotak said.

The resolution of ₹52,200 crore represents 86 per cent of the overall estimated resolution value of ₹61,000 crore and 53 per cent of the total debt.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the General public on behalf of ICICI Bank that Mrs. Frederica Petra Singh Knottwetter wife of late Mr. Armit Singh is legal heirs of late Mr. Amarj Singh and carrying ownership of Apartment, Bearing No. 162, on 13th Floor, in Block 15, in The Close (South), Navana Country, Southzy - II, in Sector 49, 50 & 57, Telihi & Distt. Gurgaon, Haryana (the said property) by virtue registered will dated 06.09.2011 of late Mr. Amarj Singh and on the basis of Mutation Letter in the record of Unitech Limited, and Municipal Corporation Gurgaon, All persons including other legal heirs if any are hereby informed that above mentioned address want to sell the said property, to Mr. Ajay Kumar who is taking loan from ICICI Bank Ltd. for purchase of the said property, if anybody has any objection's upon the ownership of Mrs. Frederica Petra Singh Knottwetter its sale / Mortgage/lien, and any kind of objections kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 10 days of the present notice. For more details contact the undersigned at **Kumar & Associates (Advocates & Consultants)** 200, 11th Floor, 23, Shivaji Marg, Moti Nagar, N. Delhi-110 011-4111227/28. kumarassociatesadvocates@gmail.com

**RAMPUR FERTILIZERS LTD.**

CIN: L15136UP1989PLC010084  
Email id: info@rampurfert.com  
Regd. Off: Judges Barelly Road, Rampur-244901 U.P.

**NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING**

In pursuance of Regulation 47 of SEBI (LODR) 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, the 12th November 2021, at 4:00 P.M. at its Head Office: 319-A, Hemkunt Chambers, 89 Nehru Place, New Delhi - 110019, inter alia, to consider, approve and adopt unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended on September 30, 2021 pursuant to Regulation 33 of LODR.

The said information is also available on the Company's website at [www.rampurfert.com](http://www.rampurfert.com) and the same has been also sent to CSE and MSE to upload on their websites i.e. [www.cse-india.com](http://www.cse-india.com), [www.mse.in](http://www.mse.in) respectively.

By order of Board  
Sd/-  
Anshuman Khaitan  
(Managing Director)

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 02.11.2021

# Hiring activity in India grows by 43% annually in Oct: Report

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

The report further stated that demand for tech professionals continued to soar as the sector witnessed a significant 85 per cent Y-O-Y growth in October.

The upcoming launch of 5G and related services coupled with the government's product linked incentive scheme (PLI) and the recent relief package for players in the field has boosted employment opportunities in the Telecom/ISP sector that grew in October, it observed.

Hiring activity has also picked up in sectors like Retail (51 per cent) and Hospitality/Travel (48 per cent) with the ongoing holiday season, opening up of major offline outlets and peak sale season for e-commerce retailers.

According to the Naukri JobSpeak report, with 2,523 job listings in October 2021, there was a 43 per cent year-on-year (Y-O-Y) growth. However, sequentially there has been 8.35 per cent decline as the total number of job listings was 2,753 on the portal in the previous month.

The Naukri JobSpeak is a monthly Index that calculates and records hiring activity based on the job listings on Naukri.Com website month on month.

# Yahoo pulls out of China amid 'challenging' environment

**Hong Kong:** Yahoo Inc. On Tuesday said it plans to pull out of China, citing an "increasingly challenging business and legal environment."

The company said in a statement that its services will no longer be accessible from mainland China as of Nov. 1.

"Yahoo remains committed to the rights of our users and a free and open internet. We thank our users for their support," the statement read.

Yahoo is the second largest U.S. Technology firm in recent weeks to reduce its operations in China. Last month, Microsoft's professional networking platform LinkedIn said it would shutter its Chinese site, replacing it with a jobs board instead.

Yahoo had previously downsized operations in China, and in 2015 shuttered its Beijing office. Its withdrawal from China is largely symbolic as at least some of Yahoo's services, its web portal, has been blocked in the country.

# Former SBI chairman Pratip Chaudhury held

**New Delhi:** Former SBI chairman Pratip Chaudhury was arrested by the Rajasthan Police in Delhi on Sunday in a case of loan default and sale of properties to asset reconstruction company (ARC) has been sent to 15 days of judicial custody by a Jaipur court. The arrest has baffled banking fraternity prompting some sharp responses from former bosses of SBI, including Arundhati Bhattacharya who succeeded Chaudhury after his retirement in September 2013.

The case relates to a hotel project in Jaipur in 2007, which slipped into NPA in June 2010 after which, as part of recovery efforts, the bank assigned the dues to an ARC for recovery in March 2014. It is alleged by the hotel group that their assets valued at Rs 200 cr were confiscated by the bank for default on Rs 24 cr loan and sold to Delhi-based Alchemist Asset Reconstruction Company (AARC) in a wrong manner. The borrower had initially filed an FIR with the State police against the sale of asset to ARC. They later on filed a protest petition before the CJM court in Jaipur after a negative closure report filed by the police. The SBI in a statement said that all the facts of the case were not presented properly before the court.

JINDAL LEASEFIN LIMITED									
CIN: L74899DL1994PLC059252									
Regd. Office: 110, Bahar Road, New Delhi 110001									
EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30.09.2021 (Rs. in Lacs)									
Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended		Year Ended			
		30.09.2021	30.06.2021	30.09.2020	30.09.2021	30.09.2020	31.03.2021	Unaudited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	-	-	16.69	-	33.2	33.82		
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	-2.97	-5.04	13.69	-8.01	24.93	17.65		
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	-2.97	-5.04	13.69	-8.01	24.93	17.65		
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or extraordinary Items#)	-3.74	-6.35	9.32	-10.09	2.64	-2.65		
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	5.63	0.86	18.65	6.49	24.22	31.89		
6	Equity Share capital	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89	300.89		
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	456.4	450.76	442.23	456.4	442.23	449.91		
8	Earning per Share (face Value of Rs. 10/- each)(not annualised)								
1	Basic	-0.13	-0.21	0.31	-0.34	0.09	-0.09		
2	Diluted	-0.13	-0.21	0.31	-0.34	0.09	-0.09		

**NOTE:**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual 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/Annual Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange website [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com). The same is also available on the Company's website [www.jltd.co.in](http://www.jltd.co.in).
- The above results duly reviewed by the Audit Committee, were approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 02.11.2021.

Date: 02.11.2021  
Place: New Delhi

Sd/-  
(SURENDER KUMAR, JINDAL)  
Managing Director

# Sensex declines 109 pts on profit booking in energy, IT, metal stocks

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**

Benchmark BSE Sensex declined by 109 points on Tuesday due to losses in index major Reliance Industries, Tata Steel and ICICI Bank amid a muted trend in global markets.

The 30-share index ended 109.40 points or 0.18 per cent lower at 60,029.06 with 16 of its constituents closing in red.

The broader NSE Nifty fell by 40.70 points or 0.23 per cent to 17,888.95 as metal, IT and energy stocks declined.

Tata Steel was the top loser in the Sensex pack, shedding around 3 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech,

IndusInd Bank and Reliance Industries.

On the other hand, Maruti, NTPC, Titan, SBI and L&T were among the gainers.

Sectorally, BSE metal, energy, basic materials, oil and gas and healthcare indices fell up to 1.93 per cent, while realty, consumer durables and auto index ended with gains.

Metal, oil and commodity stocks dragged, fuelled by profit booking while realty, PSU bank and consumer durables made frail attempts at lifting the indices, analysts said.

Broader midcap and small-cap indices rose up to 1.11 per cent.

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM**

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL EDUCATION, ASSAM**

**SIXMILE, KHANAPARA, GUWAHATI-22**

Web site: [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in), email:- [dmeassam@gmail.com](mailto:dmeassam@gmail.com), Fax:- 0361-2366236

**No. DME/PediatricSurgery/277/2020/19949**

**INVITATION FOR E-BID (IFB)**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

Re-E-Tenders are invited online through e-procurement system i.e. through website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) from the intending manufacturer/Accredited Dealers for Supply and installation of Equipment related to PEDIATRIC SURGERY DEPARTMENT to all Medical College Hospitals of Assam, under the Health & F.W. Department, Govt. of Assam.

The Equipment tendered here have been invited for bids vide an earlier tender, but due to unavoidable circumstances the same was not finalized and now is being re-tendered again.

The E-Tender is Two-Bid System, to be submitted with affixed Court Fee Stamp Rs. 8.25 (Rupees eight point two five paisa) only (for local bidders) or IPO of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten) only (in case of bidders from outside of the State of Assam) in favour of "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022.

**Important dates of the e-Tender**

Sl. No.	Scheduled	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
1.	e-Tender Publishing	03-11-2021	-	-	-
2.	e-Tender Download	03-11-2021	12.00 Noon	06-12-2021	12.00 Noon
3.	Pre-Bid meeting	18-11-2021	11.30 AM	Office of the Director of Medical Education Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati.	
4.	Bid Submission	20-11-2021	2.00 P.M.	06-12-2021	02.00 PM
5.	Bid Opening	06-12-2021	05.00 PM		

**1. Brief Schedule**

Sl No.	Description (Name of the Items)	Bid Security (E.M.D.)	Delivery/Installation schedule/Completion period	Tender fees in Rs.	Eligibility
1.	Supply and installation of Equipment related to Pediatric Surgery DEPARTMENT	Rs. 4.00 Lakhs	25 days,	Rs.5,000/-	Manufacturer /accredited Dealer

The detailed information of Bidding documents are available online through e-procurement system i.e. through website [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in) only. The bidders would be required to register in the website for submission of the bids. The bidders are required to have Digital Signature (DSC) from any of the Certifying Authorities. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement may obtain the same by registering in the [www.assamtenders.gov.in](http://www.assamtenders.gov.in). The requirements to register with the e-procurement portal are available on the website indicated above. The tender fees is non refundable and payable in favour of the "Director of Medical Education, Assam, Sixmile, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022, at SBI-Dispur (Guwahati) Branch.

Sd/-  
Director of Medical Education, Assam

**Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Limited (GMVN)**

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) 741, Rajpur Road, Dehradun - 248001 (Uttarakhand)

CIN: U05191UR1978SC229429 Phone: 9135-2746817, 2746398 E-Mail: [gmvn@gmvnl.com](mailto:gmvn@gmvnl.com)

**E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 02/11/2021

GMVN Invites Tenders from Reputed Vendors to operate the Selected TRHS/TICs of GMVN on Rent for performing tourism activities for the period of three years.

Tender details are available at [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) and [www.gmvnonline.com](http://www.gmvnonline.com). Last date of submission of Bid is 22.11.2021, upto 1700 Hrs. Further updates will be available only on these websites therefore interested parties are advised to visit these websites regularly.

L.N. - 2458 date 01.11.2021 Managing Director

**RATHI BARS LIMITED**

Regd. Office : A-24/7, Mohan Co-operative Industrial Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044  
Ph: 011-42780373, 42730360  
Web: [www.rathibars.com](http://www.rathibars.com), E-mail: [rathibars@hotmail.com](mailto:rathibars@hotmail.com)  
CIN No: L74899DL1993PLC054781

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 13th Day of November, 2021, at 04.00 P.M., inter alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the half-year ended 30th September, 2021.

This notice is available on the Company's website at [www.rathibars.com](http://www.rathibars.com) and also on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

By Order of the Board  
For RATHI BARS LIMITED  
Sd/-  
Satinder Singh  
Company Secretary/Compliance Officer

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 03.11.2021

**N K Textile Industries Limited**

Registered office: Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025  
CIN: L17299DL1983PLC163230,  
Tel: +91 11 61119313

Email Id: [n.ktextiles123@gmail.com](mailto:n.ktextiles123@gmail.com), website:[www.nktil.com](http://www.nktil.com)

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the meeting no. 05/2021-22 of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on 12th November, 2021 (Friday) at the registered office of the Company at Omaxe Square, Plot No. 14, 5th Floor, Jasola District Centre, Jasola, New Delhi-110025 at 4.30 P.M to discuss the following agenda items:

- To take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2021 in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015.
- To discuss any other business with the permission of Chair.

By Order of the Board  
For N K Textile Industries Limited  
Sd/-  
Balbir Singh  
Director

Place: New Delhi  
Dated:02.11.2021  
DIN:00027438

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET**

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]  
**Notice for sale of immovable assets**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) /Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Vijay Grover (Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower) LBDL00002365295	Flat No B1 1301, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq Ft	Rs. 80,35,211/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 49,42,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
2.	Vijay Grover (Borrower), Reena Grover (Co-Borrower) LBDL00002371601	Flat No B1 1302, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 80,02,720/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 49,42,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
3.	Himanshu Gupta (Borrower), Vandna Rani (Co-Borrower) LBGHZ00002313993	Flat No B1 1801, 18th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 83,08,371/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 49,42,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
4.	Neera Sharma (Borrower), Ankur Mohan (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002313398	Flat No B1 1304, JKG Palm Court, Plot No Gh 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-1635 Sq.Ft.	Rs. 7,939,415/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 45,78,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
5.	Sandeep Kumar Upadhyay (Borrower), Shilpi Upadhyay (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002275165	Flat No B1 1704, 17th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No GH 1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-1635 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 7,455,516/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 45,78,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
6.	Sanjay Lamba (Borrower), Madhu (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002935333	Flat No 1603, 16th Floor, A2 Palm Court, Plot No. GH-01d Sector-16c, Greater Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar 201301. Super Builtup Area 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 6,078,644/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 34,36,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
7.	Manoj Kumar Sharma (Borrower), Rachna (Co-Borrower) LBNOD00002375543	B2-1801, 18th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. GH/1-d, Sector 16c, Greater Noida West, UP - 201307 Super Builtup Area - 1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 81,85,964/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 49,42,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
8.	Vikrant Singh (Borrower), Ritu Singh (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002386632	Flat No. B1-1802, 18th Floor, Jkg Palm Court, GH-1D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area- 1765 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 82,09,528/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 53,20,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
9.	Ganesh Sharma (Borrower), Kamla Katwal (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002947887	Flat No 1804, (18th Floor), JKG Palm Court, Tower B2, Plot No. GH-1D, Sector 16c, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201307. Super Builtup Area- 1635 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 80,63,527/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 49,50,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
10.	Kanishka (Borrower), Santosh Kumari (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002372750	B-2-1303, 13th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. GH/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area-1395 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 70,38,055/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 43,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
11.	Gunjan (Borrower), Rahul Chandna (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002866940	Apartment No. A2-1503, 15th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. GH/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area- 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 46,44,681/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 36,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
12.	Vishal Khattar (Borrower), Bhawna (Co-Borrower) LBNOD00002261419	Flat No -A2 1804, 18 Floor, JKG Palm Court, at Plot No. GH/1-D Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area- 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 54,05,697/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 36,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
13.	Surya Prakash Sharma (Borrower), Apar Sarkar (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002430669	Apartment No. A2-1508, 15th Floor, JKG Palm Court, Plot No. GH/1-D, Sector 16C, Greater Noida West, UP Super Builtup Area- 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 55,35,353/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 36,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
14.	Aditya Prakash (Borrower), Prem Shashank (Co-Borrower) LBGHZ00002441728	Flat No 1408, 14th Floor Tower-A2, JKG Palm Court, Situated At Plot No GH-1D Sector-16C, Greater Noida, Noida, Super Builtup Area - 1185 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 50,91,211/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 36,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
15.	Chintu Ghai (Borrower), Shilpi Ghai (Co-Borrower) LBDEL00002342824	Flat No 1805, (18th Floor), JKG Palm Court, Tower A1, Plot No. GH-1D, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh- 201307 Super Builtup Area- 1090 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 49,05,475/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 33,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
16.	Nisha Anand (Borrower), Asheesh Anand (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002263446	Flat No-A2- 1605, JKG Palm Court, Tower A1, Wing 2, Sector 16 C, Greater Noida UP 201307) Super Builtup Area-1090 Sq. Ft.	Rs. 52,10,606/- as on October 30, 2021	Rs. 33,00,000/- as on October 30, 2021	November 12, 2021 From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	November 25, 2021 From 11:00 AM Onwards
17.	Ashish Vashishtha (Borrower), Shobha Sharma (Co-Borrower) LBGUR00002872796	A-				



Talent management covers the whole journey of the employee, right from enrolling, onboarding to training and upskilling. Performance management alludes to estimating the performance of the professionals based on feedback, metrics and engaging them to further develop efficiency and achieve hierarchical objectives, says YUGANDHAR PENUBOLU

# Understanding management



Talent management and performance management are two interconnected but different terms. While the former is a broader task, the latter is just one of the many aspects that come under talent management. Performance assessment is a part of the performance management process that estimates how well the professionals are performing as needed for the job role. It considers the recognizable assignments, behaviors, and attitudes that together comprise "the correct way of doing the work". Talent management covers the whole journey of the employee, right from enrolling, onboarding to training and upskilling. Performance management alludes to estimating the performance of the professionals based on feedback, metrics and engaging them to further develop efficiency and achieve hierarchical objectives.

**TALENT MANAGEMENT**  
The intent of talent management is to guarantee that the organization has the right stock of applicants to understand its essential objectives in the present as well as the future. Talent management depends on four pillars in accordance with business necessities: Sourcing, training, retention, and promotion. Empowering a business to decrease attrition and retain top talent by upskilling them with the latest industry skills takes an effective and efficient talent management process. Using the right technologies available in the market today, HR supervisors can check the adequacy of the ability of talent management strategies. The fundamental provi-

sions of a powerful talent management process or system is to facilitate recruitment, onboarding, retention, succession, learning as well as growth, and most importantly performance management.

**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**  
Performance management is the process that facilitates setting of expectations so as to provide the employees with objectives in accordance with the organization's vision or necessities. This process thereby enables organizations to include their staff in improving organizational effectiveness and accomplishing the firm's main goal and objectives. The employees also get adequate opportunities to explore the different methods that can be adopted to achieve the set objectives. They engage with superiors, peers and juniors in the journey of goal achievement to seek support and manage challenges. Assessment of employees should include evaluation of performance, potential, fitment and development needs.

**ROLE OF TALENT MANAGEMENT**  
◆ Performance enhancement: With top experts in the company, the workforce can arrive at any objective. Talent management is best of all when it amalgamates three key components: rapid allocation of prospective candidates, positive experience of the staff, and a strategic HR department.  
◆ Competitive edge: By recruiting and effectively managing talented workers, the firm becomes sustainable and more than ever ready to confront changes and dangers. When it

comes to talent management, the right strategy will help in forming a productive team. This is undeniably more helpful than simply having a lot of imaginative and skilled individuals in the company.

◆ Strong employer branding: When the professionals feel valued and recognize that they will have many opportunities to develop, they are more averse to looking for work somewhere else. The right talent review helps the leadership of the organization with insights pertaining to employee development and facilitate decision making. A robust talent strategy shall enable higher employee engagement and ensure the right people are doing the right jobs.

◆ Inspire others to grow: Having inspiring talent on the team will influence other working professionals and higher satisfaction and productivity.

**ROLE OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**  
◆ Setting expectations: Supervisors channel the endeavors of individual staff members and groups toward accomplishing the target of an organization by laying out performance objectives and expectations.

◆ Monitoring staff performance: Keeping track and mentoring the workers at regular intervals allows leaders to recognize employee performance at any time.

◆ Developing the ability to perform: Performance management gives business professionals an opportunity to recognize necessities with regard to growth and development. Directors can further develop work

processes, teams and new abilities, or provide training. Individuals could benefit significantly if work plans are put in place by them in order to achieve the goals. A work plan is the process of laying down the method that is most suitable for achieving the goal. In some cases, multiple work plans need to be drawn in order to achieve a goal.

◆ Performance rating: This incorporates rating a team member or the whole team inside the organization against components and norms set out as goals and relegating a rating for the record. This should lead into a performance discussion between the manager and individual members. It is also one of the fundamental roles of HR and business leaders to perceive individual workers as well as teams for phenomenal execution and recognize their commitment to the mission of the company.

Every one of the eponymous factors once accomplished helps in driving a vital part of fruitful organizations: Solid employee engagement. Thus, this continues to drive good performance. It's basically a cycle that all organizations and associations need to comprehend for the sole purpose of achieving growth and development. Thoroughly understanding this concept and utilizing it accurately will assist with guaranteeing that every other business need is being met. Performance management will consistently be a piece of the overall talent assessment and development strategy.

The writer is Founder and CEO, Winzard

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**Education is a passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.**  
— Malcolm X

## Reimagining the future of education and work

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Even as the pandemic has precipitated an unprecedented jump in online education and job upskilling uptake in the country, India is soon to become a USD 313 billion online education market. This was revealed in a report titled Investing for Impact: Education, Skills & EdTech and released by Aspire Circle, the foremost Impact Leadership champion and advocate in the country.

Setting out 10 disruptive investment ideas which can bring about a transformational change in the way Indians receive their education as well as post-education skilling and training facilitated and catalysed by new-age educational and training technologies – the report points a way forward for developing and building human capital in keeping with the needs of the 21st century education and job market. The ten ideas which have been identified in the report can be

spelled out as the following sub-segments:

Technology-enabled K-12 Education; Online Test Preparation Platforms-led Inclusion & Affordability; Supplemental & Extra-curricular Education; Teacher Training & Development; Affordable Education Loan Platforms; Gig Economy & Unbundled Microtasking; Affordable Student Housing; Innovative Finance in Education & Skilling; Micro and Alternative Credentials for Employability Skills and Social and Emotional Learning.

"The Top Ten Ideas in 21st century education and skills lie at the intersection of technology and impact. India's Education & Skills market will grow 2X this decade, from \$180 billion in 2020 to \$313 billion in 2030, while creating 5 million incremental jobs and impacting 429 million learners", said Amit Bhatia, Founder of Aspire Circle & Creator - Impact Future Project.

## VIT-AP felicitates Campus Placement Achievers

PNS ■ VIJAYAWADA

VIT-AP University felicitates campus placement achievers on Saturday at Taj Gateway Hotel, Vijayawada in the presence of chief guest J. Nivas, Collector & District Magistrate. Chief Guest J. Nivas, Collector and Dist. Magistrate after felicitating campus placement achievers during his address told that it's a happiest moment to the campus placement achievers and I'm happy to be the part of this felicitation ceremony.

VIT is known for its quality education and placement. VIT-AP in a very short span

picked up well and ensuring the standards was set its Mother Institution VIT. Loyalty is more important in careers.

Dr SV Kota Reddy, Vice Chancellor stated "We are delighted that once again the top companies of the country and the MNCs have reposed their faith in our students. The hard work put in by our students and the quality education imparted by the university is reflected in these placement results.

As on 30th Oct.2021 a total of 535 students were placed against 917 total offers including 193 super dream offers, 219 dream offers.

# Gear up for NDA Exam 2021

From an examination standpoint, current affairs are quite significant, therefore candidates should devote time to reading newspapers, taking important notes, and thoroughly revising them, says SHISHIR DIXIT

The Union Public Service Commission - UPSC will hold the NDA 2 2021 exam on 14th November 2021 as per the rescheduled notification. Following recent verdicts on the ongoing issue of permitting female candidates to join the country's renowned defence academy, the National Defence Academy (NDA) is ready to welcome female aspirants from its upcoming course.

◆ Important tips to crack focus on syllabus

The NDA written test is administered in a paper-and-pencil format and consists entirely of objective-type questions. The two important papers included in the syllabus of the NDA written exam are mathematics and the General Ability Test (GAT), which also contains 50 questions from English.

Aspirants should concentrate on English and General Knowledge, as these are the areas in which they must score well in order to pass the NDA exam. Candidates take advantage of General Knowledge and English in both the written exam and the SSB interview. Aspirants should study newspapers, current affairs, magazines, and other sources to gain a strong command of these sections.

The General Knowledge Test (GAT) covers a wide range of topics, including English, physics, chemistry, general science, history, geography, and current events. Focus on



topics like vocabulary, reading comprehension, spotting errors, and para jumbles if you want to do well in the English section.

In the Mathematics paper, a total of 120 questions are asked, with 2.5 marks assigned for each correct answer marked by a candidate. Algebra, Differential Calculus, Matrices and Determinants, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry - 2D and 3D, Vector Algebra, Integral Calculus, Differential Equations, Statistics and Probability are all covered in the Mathematics paper.

Attempt mock tests and previous year papers

A candidate must also solve the previous years' papers, which are crucial, in order to gain a better knowledge of the nature and type of questions asked in the actual exam. Candidates should take mock tests and practice model papers to help them manage their time and assess their accuracy.

Other components of the GAT paper require you to concentrate on the essentials, such as reading NCERTs and other preparatory materials, in order to grasp the core concepts efficiently. It is difficult to overestimate the value of solving previous year's papers.

Aspirants can obtain an idea of the precise exam structure and the difficulty level of the questions asked in the NDA written examination by attempting previous years' questions. Candidates should make short notes on significant mathematical themes and formulae in order to quickly review them and establish a practical approach to solving the questions.

Analyse previous year cut-off score

To pass the exam, one must grasp the minimal cut-off criteria; even if you are weak in one topic, you can still pass the exam by achieving the minimum cut-off in that subject and performing well in the others. The minimal cut-off criteria as per section range from 25 to 30%.

A smart study plan is required for strategic preparation in order to focus on each significant topic covered in the syllabus. Candidates must be able to effectively manage their time in order to study for the exam in a systematic manner.

Take guidance of experts for deep understanding

The NDA exam is exceedingly competitive, therefore competent guidance and a decent approach are vital. Even while some students can pass the NDA exam without coaching, in a persistently competitive environment, joining a coaching institute will help you enhance your performance and speed your NDA prepa-

ration.

Coaching institutes help you maintain a high level of consistency in your exam preparation, which results in greater performance. Under the guidance and mentorship of experienced professionals, coaching institutes provide students with extensive learning opportunities.

A mentor can assist candidates in identifying their strengths and limitations, as well as assisting them in fast recovering from setbacks.

Focus on current affairs

From an examination standpoint, current affairs are quite significant, therefore candidates should devote time to reading newspapers, taking important notes, and thoroughly revising them. Current events are likewise quite dynamic in nature because they change all the time.

Current Affairs is a component that is included in every competitive exam because of its relevance and continuous aspect. The questions from current affairs may be linked to the static section of the syllabus directly or indirectly.

This is to see if a scholar can keep up with what's going on in the news. Since dynamic questions appear in both the written and interview portions of the NDA entrance exam, current affairs play an important part in NDA entrance exam preparation.

The writer is Founder and Director of Centurion Defence Academy

## A mind so young yet so wise and creative



The young prodigy, Abhijita Gupta recognised as the world's youngest writer by the International Book of Records started writing poetry and prose at the age of five. The seven-year-old is the granddaughter of poet duo Rashtrakavi-Shri Matthalisharan Gupt and Santkavi Shri Siyaramsharan Gupt.

She has been a source of inspiration for all aspiring writers as she has already penned two books "Happiness All Around" and "We Will Surely Sustain". She started writing at the tender age of five years. Currently a class three student, Abhijita is on the verge of completing her third book as part of her signature deal with Invincible Publishers.

The little girl invokes her creative muse to create a vivid and unique portrait for distinct

composition.

Appreciating her contribution, the Ministry of Culture on behalf of the Government of India invited her to be amongst the 40 youth icons to be a part of "Mauka Hai" song written by Manoj Muntashir, composed by Rochak Kohli and sung by B Praak.

Her first two books, Happiness All Around and We Will Surely Sustain, were released in November last year and February this year respectively. All three books – published by Invincible Publishers – are collections of short stories and poems.

With more than 9,700 copies of her first two books already sold cumulatively across platforms, she and her mother are excited to know how her third book will be received by the masses.

## 11th Amity International Moot Court competition

PNS ■ NOIDA

The 11th Amity International Moot Court Competition 2021, a simulation based on a leading issue of Public International Law dealing with extradition, asylum and diplomatic immunities and other issues, was won by the students of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Patiala. National

University of Advanced Legal Studies, Kochi bagged the second position.

The competition conferred a unique opportunity for the participants to understand the various conducts and procedures of International Law, and simultaneously apply them in their own unique and creative methodologies, creating noteworthy handy arguments.

The three day paper less competition witnessed eminent dignitaries from the legal fraternity and the participation of over 100 teams from across the country and internationally, including 8 National Law Universities, 20 International University, 68 Indian Colleges and law colleges from Japan, Philippines, South Africa, Kenya, Nepal, Brazil,

Nigeria, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Maldives etc. An outstanding level of legal deliberation was displayed by the participating teams with the finest law students coming together and presenting their arguments.

Erika Hennequet, Lecturer of International Law, University of Sheffield, UK called upon young students to remain positive towards their profession.

## Build an effective LinkedIn profile

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Great Learning, one of India's leading Edtech companies for professional and higher education has announced that it will be hosting a webinar on How to build an effective LinkedIn Profile on 3rd November 2021. The one-hour long live session is free of cost and can be attended by those who want to increase their visibility and understanding on how to keep their LinkedIn profile active.

The live session will be conducted by Mr Shantanu Rana, Research Analyst at Great Learning who will talk about the

importance of profile branding that summarises one's professional experience. He will also help participants to figure out how to structure one's profile by showing relevant examples.

It offers comprehensive, industry-relevant programs across various cutting-edge Technology, Data and Business domains. Its programmes are developed in collaboration with the world's foremost academic institutions like Stanford University, MIT, The University of Texas at Austin, National University Singapore, IIT Madras, IIT Bombay, IIT Roorkee, IIIT-Delhi, Shiv Nadar University and Great Lakes Institute

of Management and are constantly reimagined and revamped to address the dynamic needs of the industry.

Great Learning is the only ed-tech company to provide these programs in a blended mode, classroom mode, and purely online mode, relying on its vast network of expert mentors and highly qualified faculty to deliver an unmatched learning experience for learners in India and the world over.

It is on a mission to enable transformative learning and career success in the digital economy for professionals and students across the globe.





# Last minute CAT prep tips

Only a few weeks left for the CAT 2021 exam. SUMIT SINGH GANDHI shares tips that can help aspirants ace it

**C**AT 2021 Preparations: The Common Admission Test (CAT) is a computer-based test for admission in a graduate management program. As per the latest media report on the CAT official website, in order to lessen the time pressure on students to complete the CAT 2021 exam, the number of questions from each CAT section will be reduced. However, the CAT exam pattern will remain the same with 2 hours duration.

According to the media report, the CAT 2021 exam pattern is divided into three sections and it is expected to be a total of 64-66 questions. In VARC and QA sections, 22-23 questions are expected, and in the DILR section, there will be 20-21 questions.

**STUDY PLAN**  
Get your basic concepts clear. Having crystal clear concepts means you have a thorough knowledge of all the applications of a concept and you have, through practice, learned the subtlety and acquired the fine fidelity of applying it in actual questions. Since CAT asks tricky questions, the more ideas you have of applying the concepts, the more edge you get in the actual exam. There is no shortcut here. You might be intelligent

but not having a clear understanding of the concepts would land you in a soup. "A mansion is built only when the foundation is strong". Being thorough with basic concepts is crucial because it is the base on which your strategy rests. Set your weekly targets. You need to determine a time each week (Sunday morning works best for me) to focus on your goals. Flexibility and consistency are required to put this time aside to give mocks once in 15 days and stick to it. Try to get at least 5 questions correct in each section. Fix up a plan and turn the world upside down.

Get involved in curricular activities. You should get involved in the curricular activities especially for the non-engineer students. Try finding what more talent you have other than academics which will make you stand out from the mass. You can get involved with an NGO; do some small projects as well as some certification courses which will be an asset for your resume.

Try to manifest. Trying to visualise your thoughts and feelings about your dream college; this will then help you to feel more positive and motivated to make these changes a reality. This will then

**Improve on weak and strong areas. Identify your weak areas and practice more questions on them. Learn from the mistakes and try to avoid the same mistake in other mock. Try solving more questions of your strong portions**

push you to take some action and ultimately manifest your goals into your life.

Go for the shortcut tricks. Try to solve the questions using tricks so that you can complete them within seconds while others take much time to solve them. This can give a huge difference in the ultimate scores.

Aligned prep. Make a habit of reading for at least 30 mins every day. You can watch BBC channels to try to get the feel of the corporate world. You should start reading AEON essays, newspapers and novels.

Sectional preparation. Prepare a separate strategy according to each section. Pay attention to not only the section you are comfortable with but also to the one you have a tough time understanding. Having a holistic approach is vital to crack CAT.

Strategies for mocks. After getting the whole idea about the question and pattern of CAT, try solving mocks twice a week.

**FOCUS AREAS**  
Accuracy: Identify questions that you wish to attempt from each section. Select questions from the entire lot which you are confident of solving accurately. Proceed to the

questions where you are somewhat confident of reaching the accuracy level. The last set comprises questions where you are confident of making informed guesses which can steer you to a level close to the accuracy level required. Get at least 8 of them correct in each section.

Improve on your weak and strong areas: Identify your weak areas and practice more questions on them. Learn from the mistakes and try to avoid the same mistake in other mock. Try solving more questions of your strong portions in mocks.

Time Management: After you have conquered your weaker areas, now your focus shifts to time management. This will gradually increase after you keep giving mocks using the shortcut tricks more.

Analysis: One thing many forget is analysing the mocks. Thoroughly analysing each mock will help you set a mental map of your current preparation and you can mold your strategy accordingly. Give more time to analyse your mocks. Look into the questions which you guess. After analysis, try solving the questions on your own so that you never forget them.

The writer is CEO, CATKing Educare

# 'Latest design courses on offer'

Blended academic concepts with industry-focused practicals prepare students to meet evolving work environment, says **DAKSHITA KHANDELWAL**

**■ What is the benefit of the collaboration between JSID and Ecole Intuit Lab?**  
We chose to partner with Ecole Intuit Lab because they are renowned for the quality of design education and for the intensive curriculum which prepares students for the industry. Ecole Intuit Lab has been successfully running a design school in Mumbai for the last ten years, and they are familiar with the needs of the Indian design industry too. These industry veterans have a vision to build a design culture and not just a school.



Dakshita Khandelwal  
Managing Partner, Ecole Intuit Lab New Delhi and Co-founder, JS Institute of Design

**■ What are the myths that people have about job opportunities in offbeat professions?**  
Our education system is often very theory-oriented, with a great focus on acquiring academic knowledge. However, employers are increasingly looking for graduates who can blend theoretical and practical knowledge, while being familiar with contemporary techniques and technologies. With economy rapidly globalising and modernising, many new kinds of jobs and professions are becoming the norm. For instance, 15 years back, there were not many digital product designers or game designers. Today, such jobs are widely advertised.

**■ Why did Ecole approach JSID for creating presence in Delhi-NCR?**  
The institutional philosophy of JSID and Ecole Intuit Lab are highly aligned and students in Delhi-NCR could benefit. Hence, the collaboration.

**■ How will collaboration help to pursue a career in designing?**  
The curriculum is regularly updated, and students are taught by faculty who have extensive industry experience. The students at Ecole Intuit Lab also participate in regular design workshops conducted by international faculty, and have the opportunity to go on international exchange programmes to Paris and Marseille, or do a semester abroad. Every student is required to undertake two mandatory industry internships, and complete an intensive industry-oriented project.

**■ What are programmes that will be offered?**  
Ecole Intuit Lab Delhi will be offering four UG and one PG programme:  
**UG Visual Communication (4 years & 30 students a batch):** Trains students to infuse words and images with life and meaning, in ways that can persuade, educate, entertain or inform.  
**UG Digital Product Design (4 years & 30 students a batch):** Goes beyond traditional graphic design to encompass UX Design. Students are trained to become functional designers and creative problem solvers who are equipped to manage digital product lifecycle.  
**UG Game Art & Design (4 years & 30 students a batch):** Equips students with the artistic and technical skills required to design and develop games, and produce other interactive solutions.  
**UG in Fine Art (4 years & 30 students a batch):** Students are trained to be contemporary artists who are able to channel their creativity and visual expression to share ideas and messages with the world.  
**PG in Advertising Design & Visual Communication (18 months):** Provides an in-depth understanding of advertising, branding, design, digital and communication strategies.

**O**ver the last few years, AI has become one of the buzzwords of not just the IT industry, but every sector imaginable. Given its huge potential, it's not surprising that it is amongst the most sought-after skills by employers and employees alike. Artificial Intelligence exists as a broader concept, and an amalgamation of human intelligence with machines. The main aim behind deploying AI-based solutions is to enable machines or systems to act by itself without repeated programming code.

There are certain requirements in order to enjoy a successful career in AI and ML. For starters, one needs to

have in-depth knowledge of data science & statistics, and basic knowledge of data processing and software engineering. Additionally, a strong combination of both technical as well as non-technical skills can greatly help in exploring a career in AI

**Technical Skills:**  
**■ Computer programming:** One of the fundamental skills to have is the ability to program. Computer architecture, optimization algorithms, data structures, trees, and graphs are just some of the subjects that one would need to be well-versed with.  
**■ Statistics & probability:** At the root of

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data science is statistics. This is a core part of AI and ML, and having a working knowledge of probability concepts including conditional probability, Markov models, Bayesian principles, etc. is very important.

**■ Data modeling:** A strong skill that can help in AI is data modelling. It is used extensively in AI to handle pattern recognition and datasets classification.  
**■ Strong understanding of Unix tools:** AI professionals are required to have a strong understanding of Unix tools, their functions, and how to best utilize them since most AI processing will take place on Linux-based environments.  
**■ Efficiency in distributed computing:** Majority of the AI jobs require programmers to deal with large volume of data, which can't be processed effectively using a single machine. Hence, programmers need to have skills in distributed computing as this data will be equally distributed across systems.

**■ Design & software:** Although on record this may seem like the most irrelevant skill still they need to develop this skillset as the ultimate product will be developed in the form of a software only. Hence, its design will have a huge impact on customer experience.

**Non-Technical Skills:**  
**■ Communication skills:** AI jobs require professionals to be good communicators. In addition to having technical know-how, AI aspirants need to communicate innovative ideas effectively to their teams.  
**■ Collaboration:** For an AI professional, it is necessary to effectively collect data and

convey the information in a comprehensible manner to the team. This requires teamwork. Hence, collaboration is essential.

**■ Marketing skills:** No matter how good your idea or project is, it will not sell itself. Being able to market your ideas is crucial to succeed in the AI space.

**■ Systematic and analytical thinking:** Is very important when building a career in AI. One needs to have a curious mindset, and a thirst for problem solving. AI aspirants need the ability to understand problems faced by users and then devise solutions accordingly.

The writer is Lakshmi Mitra, VP and Head, Clover Infotech

### Scholarship

**The University of Sheffield, UK invites applications for its 125 International Postgraduate Taught Merit Scholarships in 2022.**

Each scholarship is a competitive award worth 25% of the original tuition fee for a post-graduate taught programme starting in September 2022. The scholarships are available to all new international students who meet the eligibility criteria.

You must hold an offer to study at the University of Sheffield

**Eligibility:** Your programme must commence at the University of Sheffield in autumn 2022.

You must receive an offer for a course studied in full at the University of Sheffield. Masters programmes split between the University of Sheffield and a partner institution are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.

For tuition fee purposes you must be self-funded and required to pay the overseas tuition fee.

You must not be a sponsored student.

For further terms and conditions please visit <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/international/fees-and-funding/scholarships/postgraduate/international-merit-postgraduate-scholarship>

Applications will open in mid-November.

**Applications deadline:** The deadline for scholarship applications is 13:00 (UK time) on Monday May 16, 2022.

In order to support high achieving aspirants from all over the world, Trent University is awarding Trent-United World Colleges Scholarships in Canada.

**Eligibility:** Applications from all over the globe are eligible (except Canada)

Acceptable Course or Subjects: Undergraduate degree program in any subject area offered by the university.

The university offers these grants to those candidates who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, community service, leadership potential, and financial need.

**Supporting documents:** Must send the High School diploma, CV, transcripts, short statements of purpose.

**Admission requirements:** For taking admission, candidates are required to meet the entry requirements of the university.

**Language requirement:** You are needed to provide proof of English proficiency (or conditional admission through Trent-ESL: English for University).

**How to apply:** Before applying for this award, aspirants are required to take admission in the undergraduate degree program at Trent University. After enrolling, students will be considered automatically for this education award.

**Application deadline:** The last date to apply for Trent-United World Colleges Scholarships is February 1, 2022.

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Deadline: November 10, 2021

## IN BRIEF

**NEW COVID-19 DATA WEBSITE**

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras, the Centre for Networked Intelligence at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) are collaborating with Semantic Web India, a private technology firm based in Bengaluru, to continue the efforts of a critical COVID-19 Data Website. The new public repository is being hosted at [www.incovid19.org](http://www.incovid19.org). The website, which till now was run by volunteers based on a crowd-sourcing model, provided valuable data to the public as well as researchers studying the pandemic. The organisers recently announced that they would stop their operations beyond 31st October 2021.

This new initiative of these Academic Institutions and Semantic Web India will now continue updating the data from November 1, 2021 and make it available at [www.incovid19.org](http://www.incovid19.org).

**SIMPLILEARN GETS AWARD**

The Simplilearn Industry Inc. and seamless learning experience to working professionals in the emerging technologies and IT sector.

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**17TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF SRM**

The 17th Annual Convocation of SRM Institute of Science & Technology was held in a dual-mode. Rank Holders and Ph.D. degree awardees were given their degrees in person at Dr. P. Ganesan Auditorium, Main Campus, Kattankulathur. About 15,154 students belonging to the Faculties of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Science and Humanities, Medicine & Health Science and Management studies including 176 Ph.D. scholars received their degrees in various disciplines. 256 students were awarded medals for having secured first, second, and third rank in their courses.

**NCU LAUNCHES STATE-OF-THE-ART SMART CLASSROOMS**

To optimise the learning and classroom experience of students, The NorthCap University (NCU) launched state-of-the-art smart classrooms. The first of its kind, smart classrooms are fully equipped with digital technology to replicate a physical classroom in a virtual world.

The classrooms will enable students to attend virtual interactive lectures from anywhere in the world in a physical classroom-like environment. It also enables the faculty to deliver lectures in hybrid mode in a classroom-like environment.

The smart classrooms are also equipped with smart audiovisual technology like ceiling array microphones that enable camera tracking, smart ceiling speakers that can be programmed, PTZ camera for speaker tracking, interactive digital podium, 85" 4K displays for students, and 55" 4K displays for enabling an interactive teaching-learning environment.

The use of audio tracking cameras enabled by smart array microphones will ensure the instructor's freedom of movement in a virtual classroom. The university made sure to introduce simple to use technology that provides for a multi-modal delivery.

**SEMINAR, WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE**

The Leads Connect Services, Noida based Agri-tech company in collaboration with one of the most reputed institutes of India, Birla Institute of Technology (BIT), Mesra organised National Seminar-cum-Workshop on Application Of Space Technology and Artificial Intelligence for Climate Resilient Agriculture & Disaster Management.

The seminar-cum-workshop was held virtually with the objective of exchanging healthy and insightful conversations on environmental issues, management strategies, sustainable practices and technologies for climate resilient agriculture and disaster management, using AI, Space Technology and GIS among others, for the future.

**INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPORTS MGT HONOURED**

The International Institute of Sports Management (IISM) founded by former India cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni, was bestowed with the prestigious Rashtriya Khel Pratishthan Puruskar Anurag Thakur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. The institute received this award for its outstanding work in sports promotion and development.

The institute was last year bestowed the Rashtriya Puruskar virtually by the President Ram Nath Kovind.

The National Sports Awards 2020 ceremony was held virtually for the first time in history with the President attending the event from the President's House.

The institute is a pioneering initiative in sports management education, was founded by Kulkarni, who played three Tests and 10 ODIs, eleven years ago along with his wife Rasika. The Andheri-based institute offers professional courses for under-graduate and post-graduate students, and explores uncharted avenues of sports management education in the country.

The IISM achieved 100% internships and consistently good placement record.





WHEN PEOPLE TAKE PACE OFF THE BALL, YOU'VE GOT TO WAIT FOR THE BALL. WHEN THERE'S PACE ON IT, THEN YOU CAN SIT ON IT

— DAVID WARNER

# South Africa closer to semis

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Pacers Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje ran through the Bangladesh batting-line up to fashion South Africa's comfortable six-wicket win, which took the Proteas closer to the T20 World Cup semifinals, here on Tuesday.

South Africa skittled out a struggling Bangladesh for 84 in 18.2 overs and then knocked off their target in 13.3 overs to consolidate their second position in Group 1.

With three wins from four matches, South Africa now have a match left against in-form table toppers and unbeaten England on November 6.

Already down and out, Bangladeshi batters were at sea against a disciplined South African attack, which was not only consistent with its teasing line and length but also got the ball to jump off good length.

Rabada's (3/20) first spell in which he scalped three batters, including two in two balls, was instrumental in the slide of Bangladesh, who were playing without star-all rounder Shakib Al Hasan.

Nortje (3/8) also got rid of three batters while Shamsi Tabraiz (2/21) dismissed two.

Had it not been for Mahedi Hasan's 27-run cameo, Bangladesh would not have even crossed the 80-run mark.

Chasing a small total, South Africa lost openers Quinton de Kock



(16) and Reeza Hendricks (4) cheaply and Aiden Markram also exited without scoring, as the Bangladeshis bowled with lot of firepower and pur-

pose. However, skipper Temba Bavuma (31 not out) and Rassie van der Dussen (22) steadied the innings, having taken some time to get the

measure of the pitch which was assisting the fast bowlers.

Eventually Bavuma got the job done in the company of David Miller

(5 not out), who finished the match in style, with a four off Mahedi Hasan.

Earlier, spinner Keshav Maharaj and Rabada were terrific with their line and length when they opened the attack. They did not let either Liton Das (24) or Mohammad Naim free their arms.

When Naim (9) tried to break the shackles, the left-hander ended up giving a simple catch to Reeza Hendricks at mid-wicket, off Rabada.

The young pacer trapped Soumya Sarkar (0) in the next ball which brought Mushfiqur Rahim to the crease.

Rahim survived the hat-trick ball but went back without scoring after facing three balls, when he could not handle the bounce that Rabada got off the surface, and edged one to Hendricks at gully.

Nortje also kept the Bangladesh batters on a tight leash, which meant that the South Africans completely dominated the power play overs, conceding only two boundaries in 28 runs.

Nortje, too, got the ball to jump off the track and skipper Mahmudullah (3), who could not handle the bounce, edged it straight to Aiden Markram at point.

Dwaine Pretorius joined the party when he castled Afif Hossain (0) to leave Bangladesh tottering at 34 for five. From there the slide just continued for Bangladesh.

## Scoreboard

BANGLADESH (BATTING)	SOUTH AFRICA (BOWLING)
Mahedi Hasan (27)	Anrich Nortje 3.2 (8, 3wkt)
Liton Das (24)	Kagiso Rabada 4 (20, 3wkt)
Shamim Hossain (11)	Tabraiz Shamsi 4 (21, 2wkt)
<b>Total 84 (0 wickets, 18.2 overs)</b>	

SOUTH AFRICA (BATTING)	BANGLADESH (BOWLING)
Temba Bavuma (31)	Taskin Ahmed 4 (18, 2wkt)
Rassie van der Dussen (22)	Mahedi Hasan 2.3 (19, 1wkt)
Quinton de Kock (16)	Nasum Ahmed 2 (22, 1wkt)
<b>Total 86 (4wickets, 13.3 overs)</b>	

## Scoreboard

PAKISTAN (BATTING)	NAMIBIA (BOWLING)
M. Rizwan (79)	D. Wiese 4 (30, 1wkt)
B. Azam (70)	J. Frylinck 4 (31, 1wkt)
M. Hafeez (32)	B. Shikongo 2 (19, 0wkt)
<b>Total 110 (7 wickets, 20 overs)</b>	

NAMIBIA (BATTING)	PAKISTAN (BOWLING)
In progress..	

## Total

## points table

Team	Matches	NRR	Points
England	4	+3.183	8
South Africa	4	+0.742	6
Australia	3	-0.627	4
Sri Lanka	4	-0.590	2
West Indies	3	-1.598	2
Bangladesh	4	-1.435	0

## Group B

Team	Matches	NRR	Points
Pakistan	3	+0.638	6
Afghanistan	3	+3.097	4
New Zealand	2	+0.765	2
Namibia	2	-1.287	2
India	2	-1.609	0
Scotland	2	-3.562	0

# Yuvraj Singh hints at comeback from retirement next year

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

World Cup-winning former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has decided to come out of retirement in February next year "on public demand", more than two years after he called it quits.

In a surprise late-night post on Instagram on Monday, Yuvraj posted a clip of his final century for India when he

smashed 150 against England in Cuttack in January 2017. "God decides your destiny !! On public demand I be back on the pitch hopefully in February ! Ain't nothing like this feeling! "Thank you for your love and wishes, mean a lot to me ! Keep supporting IND it's our team and a true fan will show his or her support in tough times," Yuvraj wrote.

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**Letter No. 5034 Date: 29.10.2021**  
**1" CORRIGENDUM TO BID IDENTIFICATION NO. DFO(T) 05/2021-22/NGP Dated. 21.10.2021.**

The critical dates for the works Construction of Five (05) nos. of Forest Guard Quarters, one (01) no. Forester Quarters and 01 nos. Seizure Yard in Nabarangpur Forest Division" invited vide Bid Identification No. DFO(T) 05/2021-22/NGP Dated. 21.10.2021 have been modified as follows.

The Online Bid documents for the work will be available in the website: [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in) from 11:00 AM of 05.11.2021 instead of 11:00 AM of 29.10.2021. The Bid Documents shall be available in the website [www.tendersodisha.gov.in](http://www.tendersodisha.gov.in) from 05.11.2021 to 15.11.2021 and the opening of bids shall be at 11:00 AM of 16.11.2021.

All the other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

OIPR: 08018/11/0005/2122 Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Nabarangpur Forest Division.

# Babar, Rizwan fifties power Pakistan to 189/2

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Babar Azam and Mohammad Rizwan produced yet another century-plus opening stand as Pakistan exploded in the back end to post a formidable 189 for two against Namibia in their Super 12 clash of the T20 World Cup here on Tuesday.

Captain Babar led from the front with a classy 49-ball 70 as he took the early initiative, even as Rizwan struggled to get going in the beginning. But the Pakistani wicketkeeper-batter, who saw an LBW decision overturned while he was on two from 11 balls, turned it around in style to smash an unbeaten 79 from 59 balls. His knock was studded with eight fours and four sixes, while Babar found the fence seven times.

Struggling to find time, Rizwan took charge against Namibia's best bowler, Ruben Trimpelmann, stepping out to hit him over long-on.



After that, there was no looking back for him.

From being 59 for no loss at the halfway mark, the Babar-Rizwan duo toyed with the Namibian attack, putting on a 113-run opening stand -- the first pair to do so five times in T20 Internationals.

Babar and Rizwan also became the first pair to aggregate 1000 T20 runs in

a calendar year as Pakistan accelerated in style.

Mohammad Hafeez also returned to form with a sensational cameo of 32 not out from 16 balls (5x4) as Pakistan scored 71 runs from the last five overs.

Having virtually sealed the semi-final spot with three wins on the trot, Pakistan skipper Babar earlier surprised everyone by opting to bat first after winning the toss.

It was an uncharacteristically slow start for the Pakistani duo, who were also batting first for the first time in four games, with the Namibian bowlers hardly giving any room.

Ruben Trimpelmann led the attack superbly, returning with figures of 2-1-2-0 in his first spell, as Pakistan reached six for no loss in the first three overs.

Rizwan was further tested after being hit by a Ben Shikongo short-pitched delivery but he managed to hold on, even as his skipper went after the bowling.

# Rohit set to lead in NZ T20s

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Rohit Sharma is expected to lead the Indian cricket team in the three T20 Internationals against New Zealand, starting November 17, while Virat Kohli's future as ODI captain will be discussed when the BCCI leadership and the national selectors meet in the next couple of days.

The possibility of outgoing T20 skipper Kohli losing his ODI captaincy is strong.

As reported by PTI on October 31, another failure to win an ICC tournament will put his leadership future in doubt and when BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah hold a virtual meet with the national selectors in a couple of days' time, the leadership issue will be discussed.

Currently, India don't have any ODI assignments this year and even



next year, there are very few 50-over games on schedule with another T20 World Cup set to be played in Australia.

"First things first, the squads for New Zealand series need to be decided. Rohit hasn't yet said that he doesn't want to lead in the T20 Internationals against New Zealand. And why would he not want to lead? It's his first series as full-time T20 captain," a senior BCCI official told PTI when asked if Rohit would take rest.

However, some sources have indicated that top players like Rohit might just take a break from the two Test matches against New Zealand in Kanpur (November 25-29) and Mumbai (Dec 3-7).

It could well be that those who are rested for the T20s will come back for the Tests while some who play the shortest version will then get a break before the South Africa tour that starts end of December.

India have only three 50-over games in the current home season with all the encounters against West Indies in February. The BCCI is keen on having a two-year master-plan, going into the 2023 World Cup here.

While they are in no hurry to announce a new ODI captain but it is certain that they wouldn't want a separate white ball captain for just three games with 17 T20 games in India till June.

# Beleaguered India up against gritty Afghans

PTI ■ ABU DHABI

Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin's inexplicable absence from the playing XI is in focus as India skipper Virat Kohli tries to figure the combination that can bring his team's floundering campaign back on track when it takes on a feisty Afghanistan in the T20 World Cup here on Wednesday.

India's run has been derailed after two crushing defeats against Pakistan and New Zealand and the performance that they have put in is not worthy of a semi-final spot even though mathematics keeps their hopes alive.

Afghanistan have expectedly won their two games against Scotland and Namibia and were in the contest



against Pakistan for the better part before Asif Ali took the game away with four sixes in one over.

In this backdrop, Mohammed Nabi and Rashid Khan would like to use all their might and T20 freelancing experience to add insult to the Indian injury and prolong the nightmare that started on October 24.

## OTHER SPORTS

### Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen enters second round of HYLO Open

PTI ■ SAARBRUCKEN (GERMANY)

Young Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen stormed into the second round of the HYLO Open Super 500 tournament with a straight set win over Thomas Rouxel of France here on Tuesday. Lakshya took 36 minutes to get the better of Rouxel 21-17 21-14. However, a tough second round awaits the Indian as he faces the winner of the match between fourth seed Tzu Wei Wang of Chinese Taipei and Sweden's Felix Burestedt. The other Indian in men's singles, Ajay Jayaram will take the court later in the day against fifth seed Rasmus Gemke of Denmark.

Young Lakshya, ranked world number 22, had a decent outing at the Denmark Open and French Open.

### Debutant Akash Kumar enters semis



PTI ■ BELGRADE

Debutant Akash Kumar (54kg) secured India's first medal at the ongoing AIBA World Men's Boxing Championships here on Tuesday after advancing to the semifinals with a superb win over former Olympic silver-medallist Yoel Finol Rivas of Venezuela.

The 21-year-old Akash, who is a reigning national champion, prevailed 5-0 in a fabulous performance during which his punching and showmanship were simply outstanding. The fearless youngster

scored on counter-attacks with a non-existent guard and taunted his opponent, all this while staying out of his range with terrific pace and footwork.

The Services boxer, who is a product of the Army Sports Institute in Pune, lost his mother to a lung infection in September and competed in the national championships unaware of the tragedy.

His father died more than a decade back after initiating him to boxing and his younger brother is in jail in connection with a murder case.

On Tuesday, Akash became only the seventh Indian male boxer to secure a world championship medal and is also assured of a prize money of at least US\$ 25,000.

Rivas had originally won a bronze in the Rio 2016 Olympics.

### Barcelona's Aguero out at least 3 months after heart tests

AP ■ BARCELONA

Barcelona striker Sergio Aguero will be sidelined for at least three months after undergoing heart tests.

Aguero was "subjected to a diagnostic and therapeutic process" that won't allow him to play for a while, the club said on Monday.

Barcelona did not give any more detail on the therapeutic process undergone by the 33-year-old Argentine. He had to be hospitalized for tests on his heart after feeling unwell on Saturday in the first half of the team's 1-1 home draw against Alaves in the Spanish league.

Aguero, who just joined



the Catalan club from Manchester City, had already missed several matches at the beginning of the season because of a previous injury. He has five appearances for the club so far, but started in only the previous two games.

Aguero's only goal this season came in the 2-1 loss in the clásico against Real Madrid at the Camp Nou last month.

Barcelona has struggled in its first season without Lionel Messi in almost two decades. It is winless in three straight matches in all competitions.

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**PERCENTAGE RATE e-TENDER**

1. The Superintending Engineer Nuapada Irrigation Division, Nuapada, Dist-Nuapada, Pin-766105, (Odisha) on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites "PERCENTAGE RATE Bids" IN SINGLE COVER SYSTEM, in electronic tendering system for the construction works as detailed in the table below, which are eventually to be drawn on P1 agreement.

Package No	BID ID No(NID) 09/2021-22 TO (NID) 20/2021-22
Nature of Work	12 (Twelve) Nos. C.C. Guard wall with bed lining, renovation of canal & flood bank protection
Approximate value of work	Varies Rs.7.09 to Rs.17.76 Lakhs (Excluding GST)
Period of Completion	03, (Three) calendar Months.
Classification of Bidder	'D' & 'C' class Contractor only
Bid documents available Date and Time	05.11.2021 to 18.11.2021 up to 17.00 Hrs
Bid clarification start date & Closing date.	05.11.2021 to 18.11.2021 during office hours
Date, Time and Venue of opening of bid online.	20.11.2021 at 11.30Hrs at O/O the Superintending Engineer, Nuapada Irrigation Division, Nuapada
If stipulation arises the Tender will be decided through Lottery System.	26.11.2021 (at 11.30Hrs) at O/O the Superintending Engineer, Nuapada Irrigation Division, Nuapada.

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