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Guv unethical, have blocked him on Twitter: Didi

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee said Monday she had blocked governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Twitter to protest against his "unconstitutional and unethical acts" that were encouraging "BJP goondas" to kill TMC workers. She accused him of snooping on her government using Pegasus spyware. P 9

Delhi payout for last mth's crop losses too

CM Arvind Kerjiwal has said that farmers who suffered losses due to rain damaging their mustard crop in January will also be given compensation. P 3

Follow law or pack bags: HC to Twitter

Follow law or pack your bags, Andhra HC told Twitter, pulling it up for not complying with order to take down abusive content against the judiciary. PAGE OPP

2 ex-staffers kill clinic owner's son

An eight-year-old boy was allegedly abducted and killed by two ex-staffers of his father, a Bulandshahr clinic owner, as the duo were upset for being sacked. PAGE OPP

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We're in a democracy, can't stop rivals from contesting polls: SC

Protects Majithia From Arrest Till Punjab Elections

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday protected SAD functionary Bikram Singh Majithia from arrest in a drug trafficking case till February 23 and told the Charanjit Singh Channi-led Congress government in Punjab that in a democracy governments must not slap election-eve criminal cases on political opponents to prevent them from contesting.

A bench of Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli ordered reprieve to Majithia, against whom the FIR under the NDPS Act was registered on December 20 for offences that allegedly took place between 2004 and 2015. The breather means that Majithia's fate will be decided by the new government after the February 20 voting in the state.

> When the election is on Feb 20, the FIR just 2 months before the polls appears odd... Mr Chidambaram, once again I am requesting you to please advise your state govt. **This impression should not get to us that its actions are politically motivated...** —CJI N V Ramana

I'm aware that political vendetta is sometimes unleashed on opponents. But this case (against Majithia) has a long history and was monitored by the HC... **this is not a political action**
—P Chidambaram | appearing for Punjab govt

This is a classic case of grossest political vendetta and heaping humiliation. Majithia is a mainstream political opponent in the state... The FIR registered on Dec 20 itself is a tell tale
—Mukul Rohatgi | appearing for Bikram Majithia

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Pegasus: More Oppn MPs move privilege notice against IT min

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New Delhi: A day after Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury served a notice for breach of privilege against IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for allegedly misleading Parliament over the Pegasus issue, more opposition MPs followed suit on Monday, setting the stage for another confrontation in the two Houses after the presentation of the Union Budget on Tuesday.

"The government is snatching people's freedom by spying on opposition leaders, judges, journalists and bureaucrats," said leader of opposition in RS Mallikarjun Kharge after submitting notices for a privilege motion against Vaishnaw, along with Congress colleague K C Venugopal, Left MPs B Viswam and V Sivadasan and TMC's Saugata Roy.

▶'Evidence public', P 10

PM: State polls must not affect Parl session

PM Narendra Modi has urged all MPs to make the Parliament Budget session fruitful by holding "thoughtful" discussions with an "open mind" and making sure the upcoming assembly elections don't adversely affect the proceedings. P 9

I&B min nixes channel licence; HC stays order

Kochi/Kozhikode: The Kerala high court on Monday deferred by two days the operation of the information and broadcasting ministry's order revoking the licence of Malayalam news channel MediaOne TV. The channel, linked to Jamaat-e-Islami, resumed its broadcast around 7.15pm after going off air in the afternoon.

Justice N Nagaresh issued the directive after considering a petition by channel operator Madhyamam Broadcasting Ltd (MBL) during the court's afternoon session. The court asked assistant solicitor general (ASG) S Manu to get detailed instructions on the matter by the next hearing. TNN

▶Not essential service, P 10

EC eases rally curbs, raises cap for outdoor meetings

New Delhi: Allowing physical campaign to begin across the five poll-bound states from Tuesday in view of the flattening curve of Covid infections, the Election Commission on Monday allowed in-person public meetings in open spaces subject to a cap of 1,000 participants, up from 500 earlier, while also raising the attendance ceiling for indoor meetings to 500 persons from 300. The relaxations will apply uniformly to all the seven phases of polling, **reports Bharti Jain.**

However, roadshows, processions, padyatras and bike or car rallies shall remain banned until February 11.

LIMIT UP TO 1K

- **EC allows in-person public meetings** in open spaces subject to a **cap of 1,000 participants,** up from 500 earlier
- **Raises attendance ceiling** for indoor meets to 500 from 300
- Ups limit of persons allowed for **door-to-door campaign to 20**
- **Roadshows, processions,** bike or car **rallies banned till Feb 11**

▶Avoid crowding, P 10

SP promotes fake socialism, says Modi at virtual rally

Meerut: PM Narendra Modi lashed out at the Samajwadi Party in his first virtual rally for poll-bound UP on Monday, addressing 21 constituencies in the western part of the state that vote in the initial phase on February 10, and said that the SP has been promoting "nakli samajwad (fake socialism)", **reports Sandeep Rai.**

Lauding the BJP in the state for being a "government of the poor", the PM accused the opposition of "crying for revenge when BJP wanted to bring in development". Modi was referring to comments made by SP candidate Adil Chaudhary in Meerut on Thursday.

> We are committed to bringing about a change in UP with our double-engine govt and the opposition wants to take revenge... Five years ago, dabang (musclemen) & dangai (rioters) were the law. While the region was burning in riots, govt was busy celebrating
> —PM Modi

▶Special funds: PM, P 10

City records its cleanest and 2nd coldest Jan

Delhi this year had its cleanest January — the monthly average air quality index (AQI) was 279 — since CPCB started measuring it in April 2015. Excess rainfall that made it the wettest January in 121 years, fewer foggy days and seven western disturbances kept the air clear.

The city also recorded its second-coldest Jan since 1951 and the coldest in the past 16 years, with the average monthly maximum temperature at 18 degrees C. P 4

City riots: Court takes dig at cops' 'silent plot' angle

New Delhi: Hearing the bail plea of ex-JNU student Umar Khalid, a Delhi court on Monday said it saw a "common thread" in the prosecution's arguments on the northeast Delhi riots, where it tries to use both what was said in WhatsApp chats and what wasn't said to its advantage.

"When somebody has done something and said something in a WhatsApp group, the prosecution says they have said something nasty, but when they don't, the prosecution says they are so clever (in remaining quiet)," additional sessions judge Amitabh Rawat observed. TNN

> There was an incitement to violence and silence. I will show from the record why this is a conspiracy of silence
> (Accused) did not talk about violence directly (on WhatsApp) and the moment someone said there might be violence, there was silence in the group —PROSECUTION

▶'Was incitement', P 4

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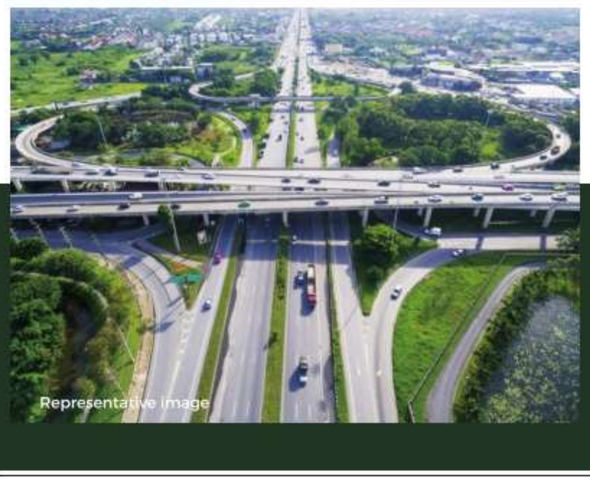

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Capital gains: How Delhi turns a startup hub

New Policy To Be In Place Soon To Promote Such Businesses & Make City Global Destination, Says Govt

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New Delhi: With Delhi overtaking Bengaluru to become the startup capital of India, the AAP government said a number of factors, including an honest and accessible government, better living conditions, good infrastructure and a push for green energy, made the capital an attractive destination for new-age businesses.

Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) vice-chairperson Jasmine Shah said a new startup policy would be in place soon to promote such businesses, which would help Delhi transform into one of the best destinations for startups, globally. "Businesses suffer because governments don't let them function freely. Our mantra is to make their life simpler by removing or minimising the role of government and government interface," he added.

According to Economic Survey 2021-22, over 5,000 recognised startups were added in Delhi between April 2019 and December 2021, while 4,514 startups were added in Bengaluru. Interestingly, this was the time when Covid spread its wings across the country and Delhi faced the brunt.

"Going by the mandate of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, the industries department of Delhi government worked relentlessly over the past few years to ensure ease of doing business. It coordinated with 30 departments and the civic bodies to eliminate redundant compliance that any company was required to fulfil to set up its business. Till date, 460 compliances have either been eliminated, amended or simplified," Shah said.

He added, "The compliances included doing away with the necessity to submit notarised affidavits and replacing it with self-declaration and increasing the validity of various certificates or approvals from one year to three years.

"Delhi is the leader in giving out electricity connections without hassles not only in India, but also Asia. It is doing much better than countries such as Japan and China. It doesn't take more than 31 days to provide a new electricity connection to an establishment. If the necessary infrastructure and distribution network exists, the maximum period is seven days. India's rank in Ease of Doing Business has improved significantly and it is derived from a favourable business environment in Delhi and Mumbai," Shah said.

JASMINE SHAH SAYS

The industries department coordinated with 30 govt departments and civic bodies to eliminate redundant compliances

The DDC vice-chairperson said Delhi provided an honest and accessible government, which was a big attraction for businesspersons. "One of the first things that the Kejriwal government did was to remove the 'raid raaj'. We ensured that the system of a tax inspector visiting a business and extorting money was completely eliminated. The tax department is largely seen as clean and traders can come to the government and discuss issues, which are solved immediately," he added.

Shah stated, "About 150 services are delivered on the doorstep. Good, high-quality infrastructure, such as a huge network of Delhi Metro and buses, free ride for women and round-the-clock availability of electricity make Delhi an attractive destination for startups."

"The focus on clean energy has invited a large number of startups related to green technology, automobiles and delivery services mushrooming in and around Delhi-NCR. We have created a conversation on entrepreneurship as a desired goal in itself. We introduced the entrepreneurship mindset curriculum three years ago, launched Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University in 2020 and last year we came up with Business Blasters, which made setting up a business a conversation among students of classes XI and XII," Shah said.

WHAT MAKES DELHI AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION

Over 5,000 startups added between April 2019 and December 2021 (As per Economic Survey)

- Industry department coordinates with **30 different Delhi agencies** for giving approvals to new business
- **460 compliances** amended or modified in the last 5 years
- **31 days** is the max limit for giving electricity connections, best in Asia
- **150 services** under doorstep delivery scheme
- **'Inspector Raj'** removed from taxation department
- **Good infrastructure:** Delhi Metro, free ride for women in buses
- Reliable **24x7 electricity**
- **Focus on green technology;** this attracts energy-related startups
- **Entrepreneurship-based** school curriculum, Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University, and Business Blasters programme to produce young entrepreneurs

DELHI STARTUP POLICY IN OFFING

Focus areas

- Artificial intelligence and robotics
- Automation and technical innovation
- Cyber security
- Big data education
- Solid waste management
- Urban infrastructure planning and environment
- Renewable energy and clean technology
- Industrial revolution 4.0 technologies
- Creative ideas pertaining to agriculture, e-commerce, healthcare, logistics and transportation, rural innovation, e-governance

Two sisters beaten up for objecting to sale of drugs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Days after the horrific sexual assault case of a 21-year-old woman in Kasturba Nagar shook Delhiites, in another case, two sisters were beaten up by a group of people allegedly after they objected to them selling drugs. One person has been arrested, police said.

The incident took place on Sunday around 6 pm in the F block area of New Seemapuri. The 22-year-old woman complainant told police that her younger brother was addicted to drugs. "I got information that he was purchasing drugs from someone in the Seemapuri area," the complainant said.

On Sunday, she followed her brother and found that he was purchasing drugs from a woman. "When I objected to her that why she was selling drugs, her husband and three people, all known to her, came to the spot and stopped me," the complainant told police. They were allegedly abusing the woman. When the complainant's sister (24) arrived at the spot, both of them were allegedly thrashed by the group, including women.

Police were informed about the incident and the victims were rushed to a hospital for treatment. The accused fled the spot after the incident. The complainant, in her statement, told police about the involvement of four people.

Confirming the incident, a senior official said they had registered a case and one person was arrested. "Both women were assaulted by another two women having a criminal history," the officer said. A case under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 341 (punishment for wrongful restraint) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of IPC was registered at Seemapuri police station.

In the Kasturba Nagar case, police have so far apprehended 11 people, including eight women and three juveniles.

Govt to offer 3 meals a day at 300 night shelters

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New Delhi: After running a successful pilot for six months, Delhi government has roped in Akshay Patra Foundation to provide three meals a day to the homeless staying in over 300 night shelters in the city.

Officials said freshly cooked breakfast, lunch and dinner would be provided to the poor staying in night shelters run by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB). While there are 6,000-8,000 homeless during summers, their numbers shoot up to 13,000 during winters when they look for a proper bed and a roof over their heads in the biting cold nights.

There are currently 309 night shelters, including permanent buildings, temporary structures and pagoda tents, across the city, especially in central Delhi where the concentration of the homeless is higher.

DUSIB member-expert Bipin Rai said the government had finalised the contract with Akshay Patra Foundation and the order would be issued soon. The foundation started the pilot in August 2021, which ended on January 31. The finalisation of the contract would ensure that distribution of free food continues without any obstruction.

The meals would include roti, rice, dal and vegetables based on the fixed weekly menu. DUSIB will pay Rs 18.34 per meal to the agency as subsidy. The cost of cooking the meals and transporting them to the shelters will be borne by the foundation. The food will be cooked at kitchens located at Jahangirpuri, Gole Market and Badarpur DMC.

Rajesh Mehta

The government has finalised a contract with NGO Akshay Patra Foundation

Pregnant and lactating homeless women are being separately provided nutritious food, based on the guidelines laid down by Union ministry of woman and child development, by a different agency.

"It is our government's responsibility to ensure that no one sleeps hungry. We are working on that motto. We have been working hard to provide better facilities to the homeless. They have been given cots and mattresses to sleep and doctors visit them frequently for regular check-ups. We will now provide tasty, nutritious and piping hot food to them," said Rai.

Apart from catering to the homeless, the foundation has been providing meals and water bottles to about 3,500 attendants of patients at AIIMS, Ram Manohar Lohia and Bara Hindu Rao hospitals. It provided mid-day meals to over 65,000 children before the lockdown. It also supplied cooked food at hunger relief centres and to the poor, apart from specially curated menus to the staff of five government hospitals.

AAP legislator Mohinder Goyal acquitted in rape case, brother freed too

New Delhi: A Delhi court has acquitted AAP MLA Mohinder Goyal in a rape case filed against him in 2019. Special Judge Geetanjli Goel also acquitted his brother Ishwar Chand Goyal, saying benefit of doubt was given to him.

Mohinder was booked for the offences under sections 376(2)(n) (rape), 506 (criminal intimidation), 509 (word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) of IPC. Ishwar was booked for the offences under relevant sections of the Information Technology Act.

The complainant had alleged that she was raped on multiple occasions by the MLA when she went to see him regarding a pension issue. She was allegedly pressured by him to establish physical relations with him. She alleged that she eventually accepted an apology from the MLA in December 2018 owing to the fear of losing her reputation. The complainant further claimed that on February 5, 2019, she received a message with obscene videos from the MLA's brother. TNN

Farmers losing mustard due to Jan rain to be compensated

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Farmers in the city who suffered losses due to rain damaging their mustard crop in the month of January will also be given compensation. This was stated by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday.

Taking a dig at the Congress government in poll-bound Punjab, where AAP is a serious contender, Kejriwal alleged that farmers in the state were promised a meagre Rs 12,000 per acre as compensation when pink bollworm infested cotton crops, but even that amount was not paid.

The CM was speaking at an event to hand over compensation cheques to 11 farmers who lost their crops due to the prolonged monsoon last year. In all, Rs 55.35 crore will be paid to farmers for crop damage, while a fresh survey has been ordered to assess losses due to rain this month.

"I have been informed that the mustard crop has been affected due to rain this month. We have decided to compensate farmers for this loss. Officials have been directed to start the survey soon," said Kejriwal, adding that Delhi farmers got the highest amount of compensation for damage to their crops due to weather.

ANI

The CM handed over cheques to farmers for last year's crop loss

Referring to Punjab, Kejriwal said the pink bollworm blighted crops last October. "The (Punjab) government announced a compensation of Rs 12,000 per acre despite the costs for farmers being higher. But even the promised amount has not been given to the affected farmers," he added. He further stated that in Delhi farmers were being given Rs 20,000 per acre compensation.

If the damage to the crops is less than 70%, farmers will be paid 70% of the compensation amount and 100% if the damage is more. "Unlike other states that have the audacity to hand over cheques of just Rs 10-20 as compensation to insult the farmers, Delhi government is paying a very respectable amount. A lot of these cheques are over Rs 2-3 lakh," said Kejriwal.

Revenue minister Kailash Gahlot, chief secretary Vijay Dev and several senior officials were also present at the event.

Reduction in teachers' workload & student credit among UG feedback

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New Delhi: Delhi University has received feedback from stakeholders about its undergraduate curriculum framework and the major critiques relate to concerns about reduction in workload for teachers and the lowering of required credits for the three-year programme.

DU had stipulated January 30 as the last date for responses to the curriculum framework, which proposes the implementation of a four-year undergraduate programme under the new National Education Policy. The undergraduate curriculum framework was published on January 21 for its perusal by the stakeholders on January 21.

While the number of credits required over four years (eight semester) is 176, for someone exiting after three years, the requirement has been put at 132, less than the 148 currently required for the three-year undergraduate programme. This framework facilitates multiple entry and exit for students such as a certificate for exit after a year of studies, a diploma after two years, a bachelor's honours degree after three years and an honours degree with research over four years.

DU DEAN OF COLLEGES SAYS

They have not realised that the University Grants Commission notification actually makes 160 credits the requirement. The DU framework has kept the requirement at 176

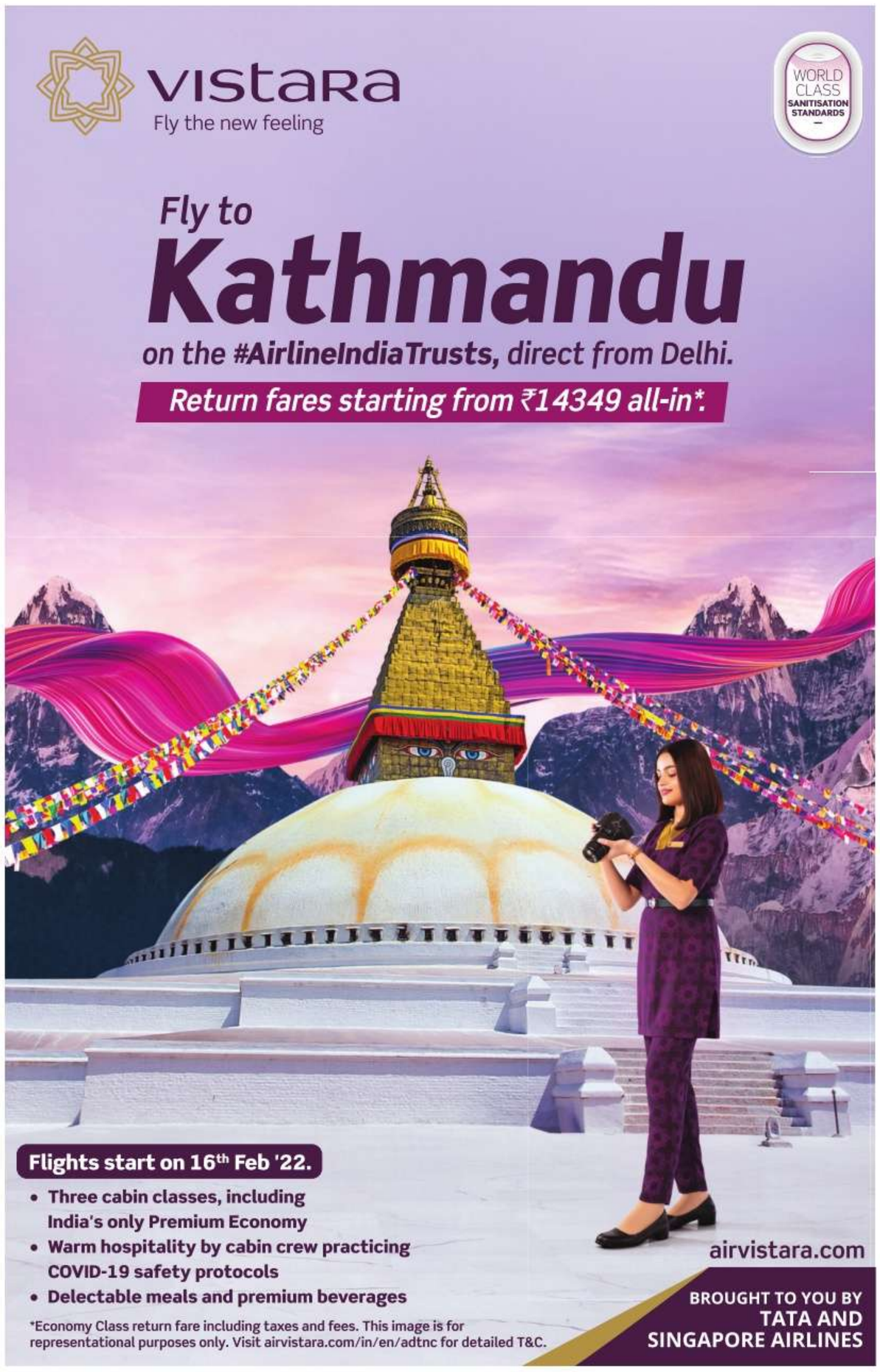
Balram Pani, DU dean of colleges, told **TOI**, "I am not sure of the exact number of responses that we have received, but many of those who gave us their feedback have raised concerns about teachers being affected by the reduced workloads and about the decrease in the credits required for a degree. However, they have not realised that the University Grants Commission notification actually makes 160 credits the requirement. The DU framework has kept the requirement at 176."

A college principal, who had been part of the committee that considered DU implementing NEP, said 176 credits would be the final requirement. "The UGC norm is the minimum requirement, and it allows autonomy to the university to make some adjustments. As far as I know, 176 will be the final requirement at DU," said the principal on condition of anonymity.

While the university intends to put in the new system into operation from the 1922-23 sessions, one of the biggest concerns of the teachers is that such a massive task of implementing a new curriculum and updating syllabi cannot be completed in the few months left for the stipulated academic session.

The questions about the reduced workload for the teachers revolve around many courses such as the compulsory ability enhancement courses like environmental studies whose credit requirement has been reduced to two from the existing four. The teachers have been demanding the absorption of ad hoc teachers prior to the implementation of NEP.

Addressing teachers at Kamala Nehru College, vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh had said that NEP implementation would entail no job losses and the new curriculum was meant to foster holistic development of the students.



Weather Elements Help Delhi See Cleanest Jan Since AQI Launch...

Excess Rain, Fewer Foggy Days, More WDs Give It Rare 'Satisfactory' Days

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New Delhi: The capital saw its cleanest January this year since the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) started measuring the Air Quality Index (AQI) from April 2015 onwards, mainly owing to excess rainfall, fewer foggy days and seven western disturbances.

The month's average AQI stood at 279 against 324 in 2021. This January witnessed two rare 'satisfactory' days and one 'severe' day.

Experts said when a strong western disturbance affects the region, it causes rain, rise in temperature and wind speed and helps in improving air quality. Rain activity was intense, making January 2022 the wettest in 121 years.

"Fog, which comes from Indo-Gangetic plains, carries a huge quantity of air particles. Fog formation also affects the boundary layer height and causes calm conditions by trapping pollutants," said Gufran Beig, founder project director, SAFAR.

CPCB data shows that two 'satisfactory' air quality days were recorded this January. In contrast, no such day was seen in January in the previous years. At three, this January also saw the highest number of 'moderate' days.

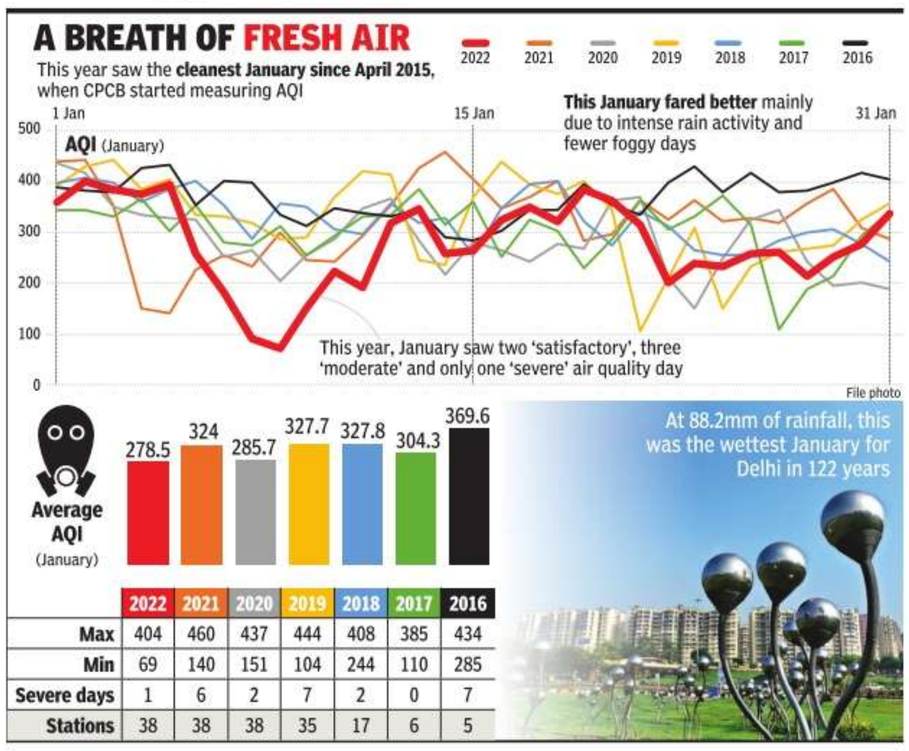
According to CPCB, 26 out of 31 days this month had air quality in the range of 'poor' to 'severe' (AQI above 201). In comparison, there were 29 such days each in January 2021, 2019 and 2017; 31 each in 2016 and 2018; and 28 in 2020.

"This January, there has been a significant decrease in the 'severe' and 'very poor' days compared to last year. This is because of intermittent rain, higher wind speeds to the tune of average 5m/sec and reduced and no severe foggy days," said Dipankar Saha, former head of CPCB's air laboratory, who analysed the past few years' AQI for January.

Pointing out that winter was about to end, Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, Centre for Science and Environment, said "action for sustained change" must gather momentum.

"Daily average levels of PM2.5 are bouncing back again. There has been rapid increase since January 28. The improved monthly average level of pollution this month seems to be the result of record rainfall and a cold spell for an extended period as well as more unique winter conditions. The impact of changing climate on air quality patterns will have to be understood better for interventions," she said.

Delhi had last year recorded its cleanest October and dirtiest November.



	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Max	404	460	437	444	408	385	434
Min	69	140	151	104	244	110	285
Severe days	1	6	2	7	2	0	7
Stations	38	38	38	35	17	6	5

'If not made offence, marital rape will remain condoned'

Times News Network

New Delhi: The Delhi high court on Monday debated if it can strike down a legal provision as unconstitutional if it creates an offence by doing so. However, it underlined that if a provision is shown as "manifestly arbitrary", the courts have a duty to step in and quash it.

A bench of justices Rajiv Shakdher and C Hari Shankar continued hearing a batch of petitions to strike down the exemption from prosecution for the offence of rape, granted to husbands under the IPC.

"Can the court strike down a legal provision as unconstitutional if it violates Fundamental Rights even if by doing so, it creates a new offence?" Justice Shankar sought to know.

Appearing for two petitioner NGOs, advocate Karuna Nundy said that striking down the exception will not create a new offence as the offence of rape is already present in the law. She also stated that the Indian Constitution was "transformative" in nature and the case is about "people versus patriarchy and bigotry".

HIGH COURT SAYS

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Nundy further submitted that marital rape will remain condoned until it becomes an explicit offence and such declaration would recognise that marriage is not a universal licence to ignore consent. She added that only a specific labelling of the offence will promote the boundaries of the "conjugal right to sex" concerning the bodily integrity of wives.

Nundy said the court's declaration criminalising marital rape will go a long way in realising the constitutional goal of equal respect and dignity to all.

"Until marital rape becomes an explicit offence, it will remain condoned. This case is about the moral right of a married woman to refuse unwanted forcible sexual intercourse. It is about respecting the right of a wife to say no and recognising that marriage is no longer a universal licence to ignore consent," the lawyer said as she argued that the exception created a "fiction" of consent on part of the wife which gives immunity to the husband.

Justice Shankar, however, questioned this line of argument, saying he was "at odds" with it. "Prima facie it (exception) is based on the differentia being created when the parties are married vis- à-vis a state when the parties are not married and it may not necessarily be based on a fiction of consent," the judge said.

...With long 'cold day' spell, month also one of the coldest since 1951, avg max temp lowest in 72 years

Times News Network

New Delhi: January this year was one of the coldest Delhi has seen since 1951, with the average monthly maximum temperature of 18 degrees Celsius on a par with the January 2015 mean. The lowest mean maximum temperature for the month was recorded in 2006, at 17.6 degrees Celsius.

The city also saw seven cold days this month, the highest since 2012. Moreover, it also recorded its highest rainfall for January in the past 122 years, at 88.2mm.

"The average maximum temperature for January, 18 degrees Celsius, is the second lowest in the past 72 years. The same was recorded in 2015," said R K Jenamani, senior scientist, IMD.

He added that back-to-back western disturbances, which started January 3, resulted in a colder January this time. "They led to below-normal daytime temperatures and more rainy days. High moisture resulted in low clouds, which blocked sunlight. The combination of cloud, fog and rains led to colder days," Jenamani said.

He added that the city could see moderate fog on Tuesday. "After February 2, there will be another western disturbance, which will be followed by rains," said Jenamani.

On Monday, the maximum temperature at Safdarjung, the city's base station, was recorded at 22.2 degrees Celsius, the season's average, the same as a day earlier. The minimum temperature dropped from Sunday's 7.5 degrees Celsius to 6.4 degrees Celsius. The maximum and minimum at Ridge were recorded at 18.7 degrees Celsius and 7.7 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, air quality deteriorated to 'very poor' on Monday and was recorded at 338 against 278 a day earlier.

"The AQI is likely to be 'very poor' or 'poor' for the next three days as the prevailing weather conditions are unlikely to change significantly. On February 3, rainfall is likely to occur with gusty winds, which is expected to improve the air quality to 'moderate' or the lower end of 'poor' through wet deposition and strong dispersion. From February 4 onwards, air quality gradually degrades as the rate of accumulation of pollutants is likely to be more than that of ventilation," a statement from System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) said.

File photo

The minimum temperature dropped to 6.4 degrees Celsius on Monday

Khalid case: There was incitement to violence & silence, claims SPP

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To this, special public prosecutor Amit Prasad, appearing for the police, said this was a "conspiracy of silence". "There was an incitement to violence and silence. I will show from the record why this is a conspiracy of silence," Prasad told ASJ Rawat while opposing Khalid's bail plea.

While reading out chats from WhatsApp groups of which the accused persons in the case were members, Prasad alleged that they did not talk about violence directly and the moment someone said there might be violence, there was silence in the group.

He further claimed there was a proposal to incite violence by the main conspirators of the riots and BJP leader Kapil Mishra was not in the picture. Reading out portions of some WhatsApp chats, Prasad said, "There was a proposal to incite violence on 17th February 2020, which is the time when you draw a narrative that Kapil Mishra came there... Where was Kapil Mishra then? He had not even surfaced anywhere and your proposal to incite violence had surfaced."

The public prosecutor went on to say that the blockade was not the picture. "The picture is the riots that follow, the riots which happened. That is the reason despite the fact that you had blocked crucial locations, you say this. Kapil Mishra is not there till then, not a whisper (from him) on the 17th. For that you need a name and a narrative," he further claimed.

Court: File nods to try Ansal in passport case

New Delhi: A court on Monday directed Delhi Police to file requisite sanctions within three weeks from the authorities concerned to prosecute Sushil Ansal, convicted in the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire, which killed 59 people, for allegedly playing fraud while getting his passport renewed.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Pankaj Sharma directed the investigating officer to procure the sanctions by February 21.

Earlier, police had told the court, in its charge sheet, that Ansal played a fraud on authorities by concealing information about criminal cases pending against him while getting his passport renewed. The case was lodged on directions of Delhi High Court on a petition by the Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy chairperson Neelam Krishnamoorthy, alleging that Ansal concealed or gave false information to the authorities for renewal of his passport. The plea claimed that Ansal had two passports. TNN

Namaz row: SC agrees to hear ex-MP's plea on urgent basis

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list for urgent hearing a former Rajya Sabha lawmaker's plea seeking contempt action against top Haryana government officials over alleged disruptions in the offering of Friday 'namaz' in Gurgaon.

A bench comprising Chief Justice N V Ramana and Justices A S Bopanna and Hima Kohli took note of the submissions of senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for former MP Mohammad Adeeb, and said state government officials have not been following the 2018 apex court judgment issuing a slew of directions to stop hate crimes. PTI

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Date and Time for submission of tender and Opening of tender	Upto 11:00 hrs on 12.02.2022 Opening of Tender at 11:30 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

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Whereas complaint has been made before me that **Jitender, S/o Karamvir R/o H.No.488-B/29, New No.590/29, Tilak Nagar, Distt.-Rohtak, Haryana** has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case **FIR No.49/2021 dt. 16.02.2021 u/s 380 IPC, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Jitender** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Jitender** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Jitender** of **FIR No.49/2021 dt. 16.02.2021 u/s 380 IPC, P.S. Prashant Vihar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **01.02.2022.**

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5	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **23.03.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक (on website www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
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Privileged schoolgirl helps SDMC school get playground

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A basketball court was built in the SDMC school and floor tiles installed on a vacant area with the funds

New Delhi: Going past the SDMC Pratibha Vidyalaya in Andrews Ganj, Inaayat Passi, a former student of the private Vasant Valley School, wondered how different her educational exposure must have been from those of the students attending the institution run by South Delhi Municipal Corporation. But even the little that she could establish in this regard was enough to drive her to ensure proper infrastructure for students of the primary school and she launched a project to raise funds for the development of the primary school.

For the 16-year-old Passi, who now studies in Wellington College in the United Kingdom, there was a clear correlation between play and positive educational outcomes. "When I visited the primary school for the first time, I saw its dilapidated condition. I spoke to the school principal and found out even attendance was an issue in the school," said the teenager. "We managed to raise Rs 7 lakh and with the funds, we created a basketball court in the school and also installed floor tiles on a vacant area so that it can be used for assembly and social events."

Passi was gratified to learn that with the incentive for students to go to school, attendance had improved. "The students are happy with the basketball court. I am delighted to have contributed to the change," she smiled. "My school experience has been so different to theirs. I want to extend this help to other schools now."

Lauding Passi's efforts in collaboration with NGO Education Alliance, Indu Batra, principal of the school, said, "I joined the school in September 2019 and soon after the pandemic struck. So not a lot of development could take place. We also faced a funds crunch. There were mounds of mud lying across the school. When Passi approached us, we suggested a good ground. This is something which is necessary. Playgrounds can make students feel nice."

INAAYAT PASSI SAYS

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Batra said that the basketball court now even attracted the neighbourhood children. "We are now trying to hire a coach so that the students can be trained properly and we can help them participate in tournaments," said Batra. "The job done by Inaayat is remarkable because her intent was amazing. I wish to build a model school for the students who come here as they really have no resources whatsoever."

Amitav Virmani, CEO and founder, The Education Alliance, said, "We believe in the power of collaboration. When civil society organisations come together to stimulate change, the result is nothing short of magical. It is a pleasure to see the product of this collaboration in the Andrews Ganj school, where over 400 young children from underprivileged backgrounds learn, play and develop holistically."

Pradeep Sindhu, director, education department, SDMC, said, "We appreciate the steps taken by the student to develop a playground in the south corporation-run school. The department welcomes active and responsible citizens taking initiatives to create a better future for our children. The corporation has been taking steps like setting up a sports cell, smart classrooms, kitchen gardens, distribution of bicycles and sports equipment, to improve the quality of education in corporation run schools."

Fast relief: Panel to check Covid ex gratia cases

To Send Recommendations To CM

Times News Network

New Delhi: To ensure speedy disposal of compensation cases of healthcare and frontline workers who died of the disease while on Covid-19 duty, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal will look into each case personally.

Tweaking the procedure of giving out 'Samman Rashi' of Rs 1 crore to the families of government officials dying on Covid-19 duty, the Delhi cabinet on Monday formed a group of ministers, which will examine all such cases and send its recommendation to the chief minister.

Kejriwal will take charge of dispensing the compensation and also act as the final authority in case of any discrepancy. The panel, which will be handling the compensation cases, will be led by deputy CM Manish Sisodia and have health minister Satyendar Jain and revenue minister Kailash Gahlot as members.

Sources said, earlier, the compensation files would often move between health and revenue departments for a long time with officials often raising queries before the files were approved by the head of departments. "This was defeating the purpose of lending immediate help to the affected family," said an official requesting anonymity.

"With the group of ministers examining the cases and the chief minister taking the final decision, the process will now get completed in a time-bound manner and the families of Covid warriors will get the compensation in a record time," he added.

The families of Delhi government employees, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, healthcare and frontline workers, including police officers, whether temporary, permanent or contractual, in government or private sector, deployed for Covid-19 duties are eligible for the compensation of Rs one crore if they die of the disease.

The chief minister had earlier announced that if any person, including doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, security/sanitation staff, police personnel or other government official, whether temporary or permanent employee or contractual, in government or private sector, deployed for Covid-19 duties by government of Delhi, expires by contracting the disease during discharge of their duty, their family shall be paid an ex gratia amount of Rs one crore, posthumously.

Kejriwal argued that as a responsible and sensitive government, it was their job to look after the family of every single employee on Covid-19 duty and stand with them in times of need.

Pandemic adds to anganwadi staff's woes, protest on for pay

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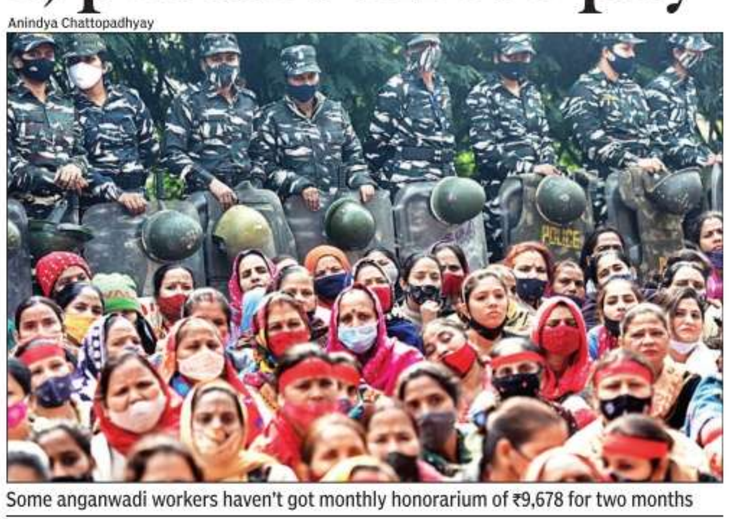

Some anganwadi workers haven't got monthly honorarium of ₹9,678 for two months

New Delhi: Sunita, an anganwadi worker, is exhausted with the increasing workload which is not helped by recurring delays in the release of her monthly honorarium. "Apart from other routine activities, we maintain the daily record in nearly 16 offline registers and some online one. Though our work timings are from 9am to 2pm, we are made to work at odd hours, at night for example, updating the Poshan Tracker app," grumbled Sunita. "Despite this hard work, we often do not receive our honorarium on time." She is yet to receive her monthly honorarium of Rs 9,678 for two months now. A single mother, Sunita said it is difficult to run the household if she doesn't get her money in time.

Sunita was among the thousands of anganwadi workers and helpers who went on indefinite strike from Monday to press for a hike in the honorarium. The amount was last increased in August 2017 after they struck work for 58 days. On Monday, anganwadi workers and helpers sat in protest outside the residence of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.

Delhi has nearly 11,000 anganwadi workers and helpers each. Anganwadi workers play an important role in providing door-to-door nutritional supplements to children and mothers, counselling on pregnancy and infant care, facilitating health check-ups, conducting online classes for pre-school children and assisting Delhi government's health department in Covid-related surveys.

Anganwadi helpers who assist the workers earn just Rs 4,839 per month. The honorarium pay-out is shared by the central and state governments in the ratio 60: 40. With the indefinite strike under way, most Anganwadi centres remained closed on Monday.

"Anganwadi workers and helpers work hard but they do not receive their honorarium on time," claimed Shivani Kaul, president, Delhi State Anganwadi Workers and Helpers Union. "During the pandemic, proper safety equipment wasn't arranged for those working on the ground level at significant risk. Anganwadi workers toiled during the pandemic despite privations and played a crucial role in arresting the further spread of the infection. But both the Centre and Delhi government have cheated the workers."

Kaul added, "On September 11, 2018, the central government announced an increase in its share of the honorarium, but we have not received the declared amount till now despite the workload increasing significantly." The association has demanded that the honorarium for workers and helpers be increased to Rs 25,000 and Rs 20,000 per month, respectively.

Manisha, an anganwadi helper, said, "After my husband injured his leg in an accident, he has been confined to home for over a year. With my meagre salary, it is extremely difficult to make ends meet. We were forced to discontinue the studies of one of our sons and get him to earn and boost the family income." Manisha said they are not shying away from hard work but wanted a proper honorarium, commensurate with the workload and living costs.

Another anganwadi worker, Shyamli, said, "Due to the pandemic, we have been delivering supplementary nutrition at the doorsteps of the beneficiaries twice a month. We are scared to visit homes as we might contract the infection, but we still have been performing our duties diligently." Rani added that the protesters would resume work only when their demands were met.

8L teens have got 1st dose of vaccine, phase II begins

Times News Network

New Delhi: After inoculating more than eight lakh children with the first dose of vaccine against Covid-19, the second phase of vaccination of the teenagers started on Monday across the city.

Many of the districts received good response from the eligible beneficiaries in the age group of 15 to 17 years. As on Monday, 8.05 lakh teenagers are vaccinated with the first dose with around 1,234 taking the jab in the last 24 hours.

"Today was the first day for the second dose for the 15 to 17 age group. In our district, till 5:30 pm, we saw an overall turnout of 374 teenagers who were vaccinated with their second dose," said an official from West district administration.

The process of vaccination for the 15-17 age group began on January 3 and on Monday, 21,022 beneficiaries were eligible to take the second dose of Covaxin.

"On Monday, we had 325 beneficiaries for the second dose and 715 for the first. So far, we have vaccinated more than 76,000 teenagers in our district," said an official from the South-East district office.

Though the second phase of vaccination has begun, district officials are trying to ensure that they are able to vaccinate all the teenagers with the first dose.

A SHOT OF HOPE

"Our focus is now mostly on getting the teenagers vaccinated. The turnover at schools has been satisfactory, but there are still many children who haven't come forward to take the doses. We are eyeing areas like slums and clusters. We are also engaging many NGOs for this purpose. We are hoping that we will soon be able to cover all the children," stated an official from the South District office.

Last week, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia had said that compared with Delhi government schools, the private ones were still lagging behind. While 85% of the government schools had covered their students with vaccines, the percentage in private schools was only 42%.

"Three schools had approached us, we have covered two schools and one school has rescheduled its process," said the official from the South-East DM office.

2,779 new cases, + rate dips to 6.2%

Delhi reported 2,779 cases and 38 deaths due to the virus on Monday, taking the Covid-19 tally and death toll in the national capital to 18,30,268 and 25,865 respectively. The positivity rate marginally declined to 6.2%, according to the latest health update. The number of cases could be low due to the lesser number of tests (44,847) conducted on Sunday.

The number of daily cases has been declining after the record high of 28,867 on January 13. The city had recorded a positivity rate of 30.6% on January 14, highest during the ongoing wave of the pandemic. Of the 15,428 beds for Covid patients, 1,518 (9.84%) are occupied. The number of active cases on Monday stood at 18,729 and containment zones at 38,046. In total, 555 coronavirus patients were on oxygen support, out of whom, 128 were severe and on ventilator support. The number of people in home isolation stood at 14,328. TNN

Elderly woman robbed at her home, man held

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly robbing the house of an elderly woman after locking her in her room, police said on Monday.

The incident took place on Saturday around 7.30 pm when the victim was alone in her house, they said.

The arrested accused, Devender Saud (35), a resident of a village in Kailali district of Nepal, and his two associates consumed liquor, locked the woman and made away with a mobile phone and two tablets, police said. Saud's aides include Lokesh (34), who works as a cook in the victim's house.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Northwest) Usha Rangnani said a case was registered against them under Sections 392 (robbery) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) at Model Town police station. "Lokesh has absconded with the other aide. Searches and raids are on to nab them," she said. TNN

School closure creating gaps in learning: Pvt school body

Times News Network

File photo

NPSC has urged LG to look into the matter

New Delhi: A day after Action Committee urged Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to reopen schools in the city, the National Progressive Schools' Conference (NPSC), an umbrella body of about 400 private schools, also wrote a letter to him Monday, pointing out that learning gaps could have "long-term repercussions".

"Education plays the most vital role in shaping individuals and children's holistic development… Unfortunately, Delhi schools have had pandemic-driven closures for about two years and this has taken a massive toll on mental and physical health of children of all ages. The present scenario is creating huge learning gaps, leading to a generational catastrophe which will unfailingly have long-term and deep-rooted repercussions," NPSC said in the letter.

It also questioned why schools have remained shut if other public places have opened. "When schools reopened after the lockdown for some time, we observed not only learning lapses, but also change in behavioural patterns and mental health issues in students. Online mode is leading to undesirable scenarios like increased exposure to violence and undesirable content, cyber bullying, obesity, social isolation, feeling of uncertainty, aggression, frustration and depression," said the letter, adding that the vaccination drive for the 15-17 age group was already on in full force.

The Jagrook Parents Association also sent a letter to the LG, saying higher education institutes must reopen too. "Schools and colleges have better discipline and follow all the SOPs," its president Virendra Singh said.

The matter of reopening schools is likely to be taken up at the next DDMA meet on January 7.

"The decision to impose, revoke or relax restrictions is taken by DDMA, which comprises, apart from the LG, the CM, deputy CM, ministers, experts and the chief secretary. It takes into account all variables of specific as well as larger public interest. Any decision to continue with curbs is taken keeping the pros and cons in mind," the office of the LG, who is DDMA chairman, said.

KNC to get new academic block, smart classes

New Delhi: Delhi University's Kamala Nehru College is set to get a new academic block with three floors. The academic block is part of the Other Backward Classes infrastructure plan, which was implemented in the university in 2017.

The foundation stone of the block was laid by the new vice-chancellor, Yogesh Singh, on Monday.

As part of the plan, the ground floor will have a lecture hall with a seating capacity of 180 people with a green room, equipment room, store room and toilets. The basement will have nine tutorial rooms, a staff room and lockers for the students. The mezzanine floor has a loft and store rooms, while the first floor will have classrooms, terrace porch and a bridge to the existing buildings.

Singh in his address appreciated the efforts of the college for setting up of the new academic block. He also spoke about National Education Policy (NEP) and stressed on the need to encourage imagination, originality and creativity among the students. TNN

3 booked for religious tone to Jan 26 case

Times News Network

New Delhi: Delhi Police booked three persons on Monday for allegedly spreading misinformation on social media and 'giving a religious colour' to the incident in which a woman had been allegedly abducted, gang-raped and paraded by a group in east Delhi's Kasturba Nagar on January 26. The cops have also asked Twitter to ascertain the identities of the handles through which the 'inflammatory posts and rumours' were spread.

Two of the three FIRs registered in this regard were based on tweets by users @sukh_slatch and @StarKissan, a police officer revealed. The cases were filed at Vivek Vihar police station under the Indian Penal Code's sections 153 (wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot) and 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc., and acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony).

DCP (SHAHDARA) SAYS

Some Twitter handles and YouTube channel also disclosed the identity of the rape victim, which is prohibited by law

The third FIR was registered under Section 228A (whoever prints or publishes the name or any matter which may make known the identity of any person against whom an offence under section of rape and other) against one Madan Lal, who had posted a video identifying the victim and containing details of the incident on YouTube, the officer added.

R Sathiyasundaram, DCP (Shahdara), said on Monday that a false narrative was being spun around the incident and a communal colour being given to it on social media by "distorting" the facts. Reiterating the registration of three FIRs for the communalising of the incident, Sathiyasundaram said rumours about suicide by the victim were also posted on social media without verifying the truth. "Some Twitter handles and YouTube channel also disclosed the identity of the rape victim, which is prohibited by law," he said.

Police said they had conducted geo-analysis of these social media posts, which revealed that the posts were generated in Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. Some also originated in other countries, such as the US, Canada, UAE and UK. Police said it appears to be an attempt to give the unfortunate incident a communal undertone.

Refuting all possibilities of a communal angle to the incident, police clarified that both the victim and the accused in this incident belonged to the same community. DCP Sathiyasundaram took to Twitter on Monday and posted a video urging people not to share rumours and false information through social media platforms. So far, police have arrested eight women and a man and apprehended three male juveniles in the case.

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CORONA ISN'T OVER YET! REMEMBER TO GET VACCINATED

Children in the 15-18 age group must get the Covid-19 vaccine

(All those born before 31st December, 2007 are eligible)

Health care workers and front line workers must get the Precaution Dose of Covid-19 vaccine

(On completion of 9 months/39 weeks from the date of 2nd dose)

60 years + with co-morbidities must take the Precaution Dose of Covid-19 vaccine

(On completion of 9 months/39 weeks from the date of 2nd dose)

"According to experts, Omicron spreads very rapidly, but there is no need to panic. Continue to wear your mask, follow all covid norms and when it's time, remember to get your Precaution Dose of the Covid-19 vaccine"

- Arvind Kejriwal

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Directorate of Health & Family Welfare, Government of NCT of Delhi

WhatsApp crooks held for booster dose racket

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A gang involved in WhatsApp hacking on the pretext of facilitating an "Omicron booster dose" has been busted and three fraudsters, including an alleged sex offender, have been arrested by Delhi Police's Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit.

The crooks used to pose as government officials and induce a target to share the OTP through a conference call. This gave them access to the victim's WhatsApp account and his contact list.

According to DCP (Special Cell) K P S Malhotra, two dozen complaints have been found to be linked with this syndicate. "Eight bank accounts, four debit cards, a cheque book and six mobile phones have been seized," Malhotra said.

One of the WhatsApp victims approached the IFSO Unit, alleging that he had received a call from an unidentified person who claimed that the former's booster dose was due. "The caller asked the complainant to take the incoming call on conference and asked him to convey a code received on his phone. The code was actually for WhatsApp account number change," the DCP said.

Kumar, Singh and Tomar (clockwise) were held in WhatsApp hack case

POLICE SAY

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Soon, his friends and relatives received several messages and his brother even deposited Rs 50,000 in the fraudsters' account through UPI for a cooked-up emergency. Police found 20 similar complaints on the cyber-crime portal and registered an FIR.

The main caller was identified to be one Manish, who has allegedly been involved in three cases of outraging modesty of women. A team led by ACP Raman Lamba and inspectors Manoj Kumar and Vijender Yadav conducted a raid in Agra and Manish, along with two of his associates, Rohit Singh and Kaushlendra Singh Tomer, was arrested. The mobile phone and the devices used in the crime were seized.

Manish said that about a year ago, he had learnt techniques of WhatsApp hacking from YouTube and started cheating people. To convince the victims, he would insist on a conference call instead of sending the code on a message. Once the accounts of the victims get hacked, the gang induces their relatives and friends to send money through various financial channels.

HC asks DMRC to specify how it will pay DAMEPL for Airport line

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Delhi high court on Monday asked Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to clearly inform how it will pay the amount of the arbitral award of over Rs 4,600 crore to Reliance Infrastructure's subsidiary DAMEPL.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait agreed to take up the matter on February 14 instead of March 29 and told DMRC counsel that "on the next date of hearing, I don't want to hear anything here or there. You have to take clear instructions on how to pay the amount. This liability, that liability will not work otherwise you will face an unpleasant order."

The court was hearing a plea by DAMEPL seeking to enforce the arbitral award passed against DMRC. Senior advocate Parag Tripathi on behalf of DMRC told the court that the utility would not seek any further accommodation.

DAMEPL approached the high court following the Supreme Court's January 24 order. The apex court had asked both parties to appear before the high court on Monday and requested the high court to take up the matter at the earliest and dispose of the execution application without any further delay, "as consequences of pendency of this application are detrimental to the interest of the petitioner as well as the respondent."

On January 11, the high court had pulled up DAMEPL for playing "hide and seek" with the court and "holding out-of-court communications" with DMRC to settle the dispute depite arguing before the court that it was not ready to accept the proposal made by the PSU.

An arbitral tribunal in its May 2017 award had ruled in favour of DAMEPL, which had pulled out from running the Airport Express Metro line over safety issues. The tribunal accepted its claim that the running of operations on the line was not viable.

2 held for shooting gangster

New Delhi: After a close associate of jailed gangster Neeraj Bawana was gunned down in Alipur on Thursday last week, Delhi Police on Monday said they have arrested two members of the Gogi gang for their involvement in the case from outer-north Delhi.

Investigators claimed that the victim had disrespected one accused's mother in 2018 and had also slapped him, after which he wanted to take revenge. Police said on Thursday that one Parmod Bazad was shot dead in Alipur. During the probe, police found that the murder was the result of a gang war and Gogi gang members were involved. "Bazad was close to Neeraj Bawana gang," an officer said. TNN

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E-TENDER NOTICE

RFP No: 000100/HO IT/RFP/127/2021-2022

United India Insurance Company Limited a public sector company invites Bids for Appointment of Cert-in Empaneled Auditor for **"Comprehensive Information and Cyber Security Assurance Audit".**

Please visit our website https://uiic.co.in for details of Bids & RFP. Interested Bidders may submit their responses on or before 5 PM on 23.02.2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF AFFORDABLE GROUP HOUSING COLONY IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTORS OF VARIOUS TOWNS OF THE STATE UNDER AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY-2013 AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

1. Applications for grant of licence are hereby invited for setting up of Affordable Group Housing Colony as per provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder, within a **period of thirty days** from the date of publication of this public notice. The application received under present window shall be examined and decided as per the balance available net planned area after decision on all pending applications earlier received under policy dated 19.08.2013 in the respective sector.
2. The applications through hardcopy for seeking licence under the Affordable Housing Policy-2013, as amended from time to time, should be submitted on the prescribed Form LC-1 and must be w.r.t. provisions of Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975. No application shall be accepted unless it is accompanied by the requisite fees prescribed for grant of license to setup Affordable Group Housing Colony, documents and plans alongwith prescribed Form LC-1. The list of documents required is available on the website of the Department.
3. The applicants whose applications earlier stands rejected/returned by the Department under Affordable Housing Policy-2013 due to deficiencies, may also apply afresh under this public notice after removing the deficiencies pointed out by the Department at the time of rejection.
4. The net planned area available for each residential sector of the towns shall be subject to the decision on the pending applications under Affordable Housing Policy-2013 and as per the outcome of the Orders of the Appellate Authority/order of the Hon'ble Court, if any.
5. All the application received under this notice shall be decided in accordance with the policy of the Department dated 10.11.2017 as amended from time to time as well as in accordance with the policy of Affordable Housing Policy-2013 as amended from time to time.
6. The interested companies/parties/individulas may submit the application in hard copy for seeking licence for Affordable Group Housing Colony within the validity of this public notice in the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana, Nagar Yojna Bhavan, Plot no. 3, Sector-18-A, Madhya Marg, Chandigarh on any working day within office hours. For any query, Senior Town Planner, Gurugram (0124-2305872), Rohtak (01262-266655), Panchkula (0172-2560217) and Faridabad (0129-2220692) or District Town Planner (HQ) (0172-2774169) may be contacted during working hours.

Dated : 31.01.2022
Place : Chandigarh

K. Makrand Pandurang
Director,
Town and Country Planning,
Haryana, Chandigarh.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt.No.. 7218/31/01/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Directorate of Medical Education
Swasthya Bhavan, Salt Lake
Block-GN,29; Sector : V, Kolkata : 700 091

Memo No: HFW-23099/92/2021/M/106 Date 29.01.2022

Notice for counseling of UG Medical, Dental and AYUSH State Quota, Private College Management Quota, NRI Quota and AYUSH Private College AIQ seats 2021.

The candidates who have qualified through NEET UG 2021 conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) and want to participate in the counseling in West Bengal Under Graduate Medical, Dental and AYUSH State Quota, Private College Management Quota, NRI Quota and AYUSH private college AIQ quota seats 2021, are hereby informed the following:-

- Online Enrolment, Fees payment, Registration, Choice Filling, and Choice Locking Round 1 shall begin on 02.02.2022
- For further detailed information all candidates are requested to visit www.wbmcc.nic.in website
- Candidates are requested to visit the websites www.wbmcc.nic.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in frequently for updates and information.
- Any kind of suppression of facts or forged/fabricated information furnished by candidate at any stage of counseling if detected shall lead to cancellation of the candidature with immediate effect and shall also instigate punitive action.

Sd/-
Director of Medical Education and Chairman WBMCC
Govt. of West Bengal

ICA-N43(6)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

JALPAIGURI ZILLA PARISHAD
JALPAIGURI
Memo. No. 60/Eng
Date : 31.01.2022

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender of NIT No. WBZP/ 27 - DE/JLP/ 21-22 for 1 (One) no. works is invited vide Tender ID No. 2022_ZPHD_363472_1. Details may be seen in at our website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & simultaneously this office Notice Board during working hours.

Sd/-
District Engineer
Jalpaiguri Zilla Parishad

Memo No. : 21(3)/ADVT/DICO/JAL, Dated : 31.01.2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, PHE Dte.
PNB House (4th Floor), 18A, Brabourne Road, Kolkata-1

TENDER NOTICE

[Tender Ref. No WBPHED/SE/EC/NIeT-72/2021-22
Tender ID : 2022_PHED_362608_1, 2022_PHED_362608_2, 2022_PHED_362608_3, 2022_PHED_362608_4,]

e-Tenders in WBF 2911 are invited for the work:- "Providing Functional Household Tap Connection(FHTC) from existing and new proposed distribution system within the command area under different Water Supply Scheme at SWARUPNAGAR Block, Dist.- North 24 Parganas under Barasat Division. PHE. Dte." **Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): 25.02.2022 at 12.00 p.m."** Further details are available in the website:- **http://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, PHE Dte.**

ICA-T1781(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, PHE Dte.
NUALAY, PLOT NO. CN-8, SEC-V, SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA - 700091
[Tender Reference No WBPHED/SE/EC/NIeT-74/2021-22

TENDER NOTICE

Tender ID : 2022_PHED_362790_1, 2022_PHED_362790_2 2022_PHED_362790_3, 2022_PHED_362790_4 2022_PHED_362790_5 & 2022_PHED_362790_6

e-Tenders in WBF 2911 are invited for the work:- "Laying of Distribution System including specials, valves & pipe carrying structure all complete.... of different Ground Based Water Supply Scheme to accommodate FHTC under different block under Nadia Divn, PHE Dte. (Sl No 1 to 6)." **Bid Submission Closing Date (Online): 26.02.2022 at 12.00 pm."** Further details are available in the website:- http://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app **Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle, PHE Dte.** ICA-T1767(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED NOTICE e-TENDER

e-NIT No.: WBIW/EE/BID/e-NIT-02/ 2021-22

The Executive Engineer, Berhampore Irrigation Division, Berhampore, Murshidabad, I & W. Dte. on behalf of Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal invites online tender from eligible bonafide contractor having requisite credential for 01 (One) no. of work under jurisdiction of Berhampore Irrigation Division. Amount put to tender is Rs. **51,95,394.00.** Last date and time of submission of Technical & Financial bid (online) - **15.02.2022** upto 17.30 Hours. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website www.wbiwd.gov.in **&** https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Berhampore Irrigation Division, Berhampore, Murshidabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

No. WBPHED/EE/CMD/eNIT-13/2021-2022. Tender ID-2022_PHED_362482_1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the EE, CMD, P.H.E, Dte., Purtha Bhavan (5th floor), Sadarghat, Purba Bardhanman for Supply & Installation of Submersible P/M, V/S, Chlorination System and Internal House Wiring for Tube well No.-3 at Majhigram [Mongalkoat] Water Supply Scheme under CMD, PHE Dte. Dist-Purba Bardhaman. Both Financial & Technical Bid submission Closing date (online): 15.02.2022 at 6.30 p.m. All other details may be had from above office and website: http://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- EE, CMD, P.H.E, Dte.

ICA-T1775(2)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. **NIeT No. 28/SE/WC OF 2021-2022** and ID: **2022_PHED_362808_1to 2.** Laying distribution pipe line, soil test, FHTC & construction of R.C.C. Over Head Reservoir of different capacity with allied work for Augmentation of **different** W/S scheme in **different** Block under Midnapore Division, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is **18.02.2022 upto 18:30 Hours.** Sd/- for **Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte.** ICA-T1787(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. **NIeT No. 23/SE/WC OF 2021-2022** and ID: **2022_PHED_362602_1** for Laying distribution pipe line, soil test & construction of R.C.C. Over Head Reservoir, FHTC **Sarta Sijua** PWSS within Paschim Medinipur District. Details will be available in the website **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is **18.02.2022 upto 18:30 Hours**. Sd/- for **Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte.**

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

CORRIGENDUM

WBPWD/SEKHEC/KNHED/NIQ02/21-22. e-Tender being invited by the SEKHEC, PWD, KIT Annex Building, 5th Floor, Kolkata-73 from the eligible contractors for-Construction of Administrative cum Academic building for West Bengal University of Health Science at Salt Lake (Electrical work) ---- SITC of Air conditioning System. Tender ID:-2021_WBPWD_355847_1. Rescheduled Last date of submission:-08.02.2022 may be seen at https://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- RAJARSHI ROY, Superintending Engineer, Kolkata Health Electrical Circle, PWD.

ICA-T1756(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. **NIeT No. 26/SE/WC OF 2021-2022** and Tender ID: **2022_PHED_362637_1 to 12.** Rejuvenation & Retrofitting of ground water based **different** W/S Scheme by providing LDS and FHTC work with in **different**. Block under Tamluk Division, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website **wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is **22.02.2022 upto 18:30 Hours**. Sd/- for **Superintending Engineer, Western Circle, PHE Dte.** ICA-T1784(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

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With Deep Sorrow and Grief
We Inform the Sad Demise of

Shri. Ghanshyam Das Sahni

S/O Late Shri Pishori Lal Sahni

The Chautha & Uthala Ceremony

will take place

Tuesday, 1st February, 2022

from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

at Gurdwara Sahib, Moti Pahari, Rajendra Place, New Delhi, Delhi 110008

RSVP — M/s Pishori Lal Charanjit Lal
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In Grief — Smt Vinod Sahni (Wife)

Shri Charanjit Lal & Smt Rattan Sahni (Brother & sister-in-law) | Smt Santosh Khanna (Mother-in-law)
Shri Sameer & Tamana Sahni (Son and Daughter-in-law) | Shri Subhash Sahni (Brother-in-law)
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Shri Sandeep & Bobby Sahni (Nephew & daughter-in-law) | Hunar, Devaditya, Saisha and Shaurya (Grandchildren).

The soul is neither born, nor does it ever die;
nor having once existed does it ever cease to be.
The soul is without birth, eternal, immortal and ageless.

- Bhagavad Gita 2.20

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10/10/1948 - 29/01/2022

He lived his life with dignity, always guided by the
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His legacy of kindness and benevolence remain our guiding lights.

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Mrs. Kusum Mittal

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Ishita & Siddharth Jain

Grand Children:
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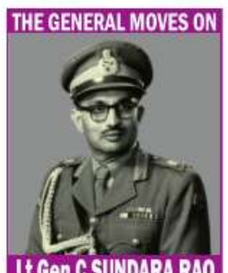

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You were un safe;
He is Al-Hafeez.

You were gifted;
He is Al-Kareem.

You were forgiven;
He is Al-Gafoor.

You Prayed;
He is Al-Mujeeb.

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Daughters & Son-in-laws
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Noshi Sethi

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-Thus Spake Christ

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Manmohan Lal Mehra

(16/08/1934 – 30/01/2022)

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Make Budget session fruitful, don't let polls impact it: PM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Piyal Bhattacharjee

PM Narendra Modi at the Parliament complex in New Delhi on Monday. He asked parties to hold discussions on issues with an 'open mind'

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged all MPs to make the Budget session of Parliament fruitful by holding discussions with an "open mind" and making sure that the ongoing assembly elections do not affect the session, which is very important as it draws a blueprint for the entire year.

Addressing the media just before the start of the session, PM Modi said that it is true that because of frequent elections, sessions and discussions get affected but elections have their own place and will keep happening, and hoped that there are discussions that are free, thoughtful, full of human sensitivities, and with good intent.

"There are many opportunities for the country in today's global situation as the country's economic progress, vaccination programme against Covid-19, and India-made vaccines have built trust for it across the globe," the Prime Minister said. Modi's appeal for a debate with an "open mind" has come at a time when the session is likely to be stormy with opposition parties poised to raise issues like the Pegasus controversy.

In this Budget session also, the "open-minded" discussions of parliamentarians can become an important opportunity for making a global impact, Modi added.

"I hope that all MPs and all political parties will definitely help in taking the country on the path of progress and in accelerating it by having quality discussions with an open mind," the PM said. Modi said,"...I urge all members of Parliament that elections have their own place and will keep happening... this Budget session in a way draws a blueprint for an entire year and therefore, it is very important."

"The more fruitful we make this session with full commitment, there will be a big opportunity in the coming year to take the country to new economic heights," he said.

The session comes ahead of the assembly elections from February 10 to March 7 in five states — Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Goa. The counting of votes would take place on March 10.

Some aspects of RSS worker's killing need CBI probe, says HC

Kochi: The Kerala HC on Monday said certain aspects in relation to the killing of an RSS worker, who was hacked to death in November last year, in Kerala's Palakkad, require to be probed by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

It said some of the accused in the case had hideouts outside the state and therefore, "let CBI enquire into it".

Justice K Haripal said certain concerns about the case were also raised by the state's police chief recently and therefore, the CBI can also probe the matter.

The court was hearing a plea moved by the slain RSS worker's wife seeking handing over of the case to CBI. The state, opposing the plea, said its final report was almost ready and that only one of the 18 accused remains to be arrested. It said the whereabouts of the sole absconding arrest have been ascertained and he would be arrested soon.

"Why do you (police) want to hurry? Let CBI enquire, what is your problem," Justice Haripal said. The high court listed the matter for hearing on Wednesday.

A Sanjith (27) was hacked to death on November 15, 2021, while he was taking his wife to her workplace. PTI

India takes middle path at UN, abstains from vote on Ukraine

In Geopolitical Interest, Doesn't Go Against Russia Despite US Pressure

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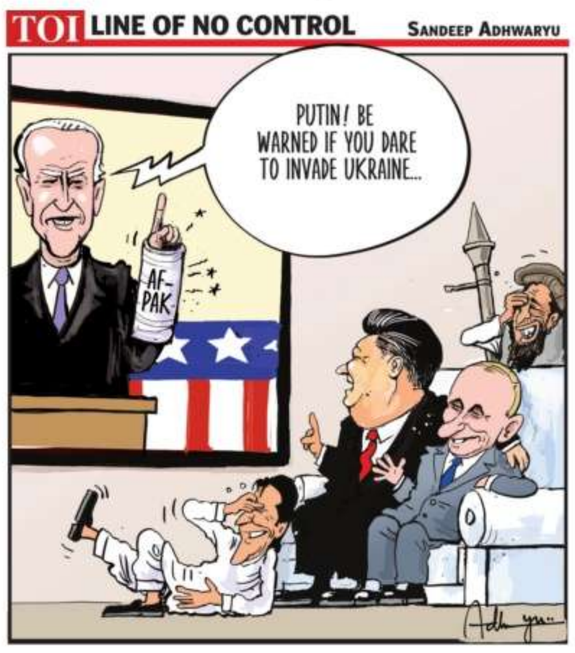

New Delhi: As it called for immediate de-escalation on the Ukraine issue, the government's hands-off policy saw India abstaining on Monday from a procedural vote in UN Security Council on whether or not discussions were required on the threat of an invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces.

While the discussions did take place with 10 countries led by the US voting in favour of having a meeting, India joined Kenya and Gabon in abstaining. Russia and China voted against. The vote was a procedural one and not subject to veto. It required nine affirmative votes. The US apparently was confident all along that there was support from more than nine member-states for discussions.

Following the vote, India for the second time in the past few days said the issue should be resolved through diplomatic and constructive dialogue.

"India's interest is in finding a solution that can provide for immediate deescalation of tensions taking into account the legitimate security interests of all countries and aimed towards securing long term peace and stability in the region and beyond," said India's ambassador to UN TS Tirumurti, adding India had been in touch with all concerned parties. He also said over 20,000 Indian students and other nationals were living in Ukraine, including in the border areas.

India's decision to abstain is in line with its balancing act that has seen the government refrain, despite pressure from US to speak up, from saying anything to call out Moscow's alleged aggression. Apart from the significance it attaches to defence ties with Russia, India is also banking on support from Russia in ensuring that its interests in Afghanistan are not undermined. Moscow proposed and helped India organise a conference on Afghanistan last year in November.

Significantly, just ahead of the UNSC meeting, Russian deputy minister of foreign affairs Sergey Vershinin visited India to hold discussions on UN related issues. Russia will take up the presidency of the Council for February on Tuesday. It is understood that the Ukraine issue was discussed during his meetings here.

"It's our considered view that the issue can only be resolved through diplomatic dialogue. In this context, we welcome the efforts underway, including under the Minsk agreement and the Normandy format. Flowing from the recent meeting in Paris under the Normandy format, we also welcome the unconditional observance of the July 2020 ceasefire (in Donbass) and reaffirmation of Minsk agreements as the basis of work under the ongoing Normandy format," said Tirumurti, while also welcoming their agreement to meet in Berlin in two weeks.

Minority-status petition: SC fines govt for not responding

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday pulled up the Centre for not taking a stand on a plea seeking that minority status of a community be decided at state level and not at the national level and imposed a fine of Rs 7,500.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M M Sundresh pointed out that the court had on January 7 granted one last chance to the Centre to file an affidavit but the government again failed to take a stand on the issue.

Additional solicitor general KM Nataraj submitted that the draft of the affidavit is ready and there was delay in filing because of the pandemic. But the bench was not convinced and quipped, "Don't make excuses which we find very difficult to accept." The court said the government has to take a stand on the issue and granted it the last opportunity to file an affidavit within four weeks.

"We grant one further opportunity of four weeks to file the counter affidavit subject to deposit of cost of Rs 7,500 to SCBA (Supreme Court Bar Association) Advocates' Welfare Fund as requested by the senior counsel for the petitioner," it said.

The proceedings had an element of irony to it as the court was hearing a petition filed by BJP member Ashwini Upadhyay seeking that a community should be declared as a religious and linguistic minority on the basis of its population in a state to allow it to run institutions of its choice.

His petition also challenges the validity of Section 2(f) of the National Commission for Minority Education Institution Act for giving power to the Centre to declare minority community echoes the agony of many on the Hindutva side of the spectrum, who hold that the current scheme of determining "minority" status on the basis of countrywide head count is inimical to the interests of Hindus in states where they are in a minority.

He said Hindus are in minority in 10 states while Muslim and Christians, which have been declared minority communities, are in majority in many states. "Muslims are in majority in Lakshdweep (96.58%) and Kashmir (96%). Christians are majority in Nagaland (88.10%) and Mizoram (87.16%) and Meghalaya (74.59%)," it said. "Hindus are merely 1% in Laddakh, 2.75% in Mizoram, 2.77% in Lakshdweep, 4% in Kashmir and 8.74% in Nagaland...," it added.

Second SC judge recuses himself in Tejpal plea over in-camera hearing

Seniormost judge of the SC, Justice UU Lalit, on Monday recused himself from hearing the appeal of journalist Tarun Tejpal against the Bombay HC's order rejecting his plea for an in-camera hearing of the proceedings challenging his acquittal in a 2013 rape case. Earlier, Justice L Nageswara Rao had recused from hearing the plea as he had appeared for the Goa government, as a lawyer, in 2015. Justice Lalit, who was presiding the bench which comprised Justices S Ravindra Bhat and PS Narasimha, recused from the matter as he had earlier represented Tejpal before SC. The matter has now been referred to CJI NV Ramana for listing before a bench to which Justice Lalit and Justice L Nageswara Rao are not part. PTI

Hindu outfits protest in Guj over murder

Ahmedabad: Several Hindu outfits held protests across Gujarat on Monday against the killing of a youth in Dhandhuka town on January 25 over a Facebook post he had shared on January 6 that some people alleged hurt their religious sentiments.

Kishan Boliya was shot dead by two motorcycle-borne men over the post and four people, including two Muslim clerics, have been arrested.

On Monday, functionaries of VHP, Hindu Jagran Manch and Bajrang Dal organised vehicle rallies and foot marches in several cities, with the police having to resort to a mild baton charge in Rajkot. Protest programmes, including marches, shutdowns and prayer meets, were also held. PTI

Mamata blocks Dhankhar on Twitter over 'unethical acts'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mamata said she had asked PM Narendra Modi several times to 'remove this governor'

Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday said she had blocked governor Jagdeep Dhankhar on Twitter to protest against his "unconstitutional and unethical acts" that were encouraging "BJP goondas" to kill TMC workers.

The remark was made hours after TMC MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay approached President Kovind in Parliament with a request to remove Dhankhar from Bengal governor's post. State Congress chief Adhir Chowdhury supported the demand.

Dhankhar was quick to respond. "Mandated under Article 159 of the Constitution to ensure none in the state 'blocks' constitutional norms and rules of law and those in authority, bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution," he tweeted.

Banerjee said she was forced to block him on Twitter. "His acts are instigating BJP goondas to kill our workers," the CM said, referring to the killing of a TMC member near Barrackpore on Saturday.

She also alleged that he was using Raj Bhavan to "snoop on Bengal and tap phones". "Pegasus is being run from Raj Bhavan. We have an all-India Pegasus there (Delhi)," she said. "We have Pegasus in Delhi, here we have a super-paharadar (super guard) in Bengal."

She said she had asked PM Modi many times to "remove this governor". "An elected government has become bonded labourers to a nominated governor," Banerjee said, alleging that Dhankhar was denying civic services to people of Howrah and Bally.

Car blast: NIA, NSG & IB team reaches Kullu

Manali: A nine-member team comprising officials of the National Investigation Agency, National Security Guard and Intelligence Bureau reached Kullu on Sunday to probe the car explosion that rocked Jari village of Parvati valley in Himachal on Friday night. They have joined the probe along with Himachal Police, reports **Suresh Sharma.**

A large number of people have being questioned and many samples from the spot have been preserved for forensic examination. Police said as per preliminary probe, gelatin was used in the blast.

A car that was parked by the roadside outside Jari village on Kullu-Manikaran road was completely damaged in the high-intensity explosion.

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Incomplete housing projects in Noida to get spl funds: PM

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Modi was referring to comments made by SP candidate Adil Chaudhary in Meerut on Thursday, when the latter had said, "We will take revenge against their oppression...so they think 100 times before doing anything again." Chaudhary later clarified that he had been "misquoted".

Modi said, "We are committed to bringing about a change in UP with our double-engine government and the opposition wants to take revenge. They have given tickets to such people whose behaviour is proof that they have a 'riot' mentality. These criminals want a friendly government in the state." He also focused on the law-and-order situation in UP.

"Five years ago, *dabang* (musclemen) and *dangai* (rioters) were the law. The mafia ruled the state. Traders were robbed and daughters were afraid to come out of their homes. While the region was burning in riots, the government was busy celebrating," Modi said. The Kairana "exodus" was then brought up.

The PM claimed that "extortion demands and abduction ruined the lives of traders" in Kairana before CM Yogi Adityanath dealt with the mafia. Modi invoked Ambedkar and Chaudhary Charan Singh in his speech, saying "BJP-implemented schemes made India the country they dreamt about". He cited initiatives such as removal of the triple talaq law for Muslim women, the setting up of medical colleges and universities for the youth, building defence corridors, free ration for the poor, and increasing jobs as achievements of his government. He added that MSP procurement from farmers had seen a more than two-fold increase in the past five years. Modi touched upon the issue of incomplete housing projects in Noida, and said that his government plans to issue special funds for their completion.

The opposition called the virtual rally, "mere pomp and show divorced from reality". Mairajuddin Ahmad, former UP irrigation minister, said, "I cannot understand what benefit they (BJP) are going to draw from virtual rallies when their candidates are being chased away from villages." National spokesperson of SP Sunil Singh Sajan said, "All those who portray SP in a bad light should compare BJP-promoted data with that of the National Crime Record Bureau and reality will tumble out." Some districts chosen for the rally were Shamli, Muzaffarnagar, Baghpat, Gautam Buddha Nagar, and Saharanpur.

'WHO informed about wrong map of India'

New Delhi: Faced with questions about WHO's continued "wrong depiction" of India's map, government sources recalled on Monday that the issue had been taken up strongly with the organisation last year and that India had unambiguously reiterated its position on the need for right depiction of its boundaries.

Official sources recalled MoS (MEA) V Muraleedharan's remark in Rajya Sabha in February 2021 that the issue had been raised with WHO at the highest-level.

In response, the WHO had informed the Permanent Mission of India in Geneva that they had put a disclaimer on their portal.

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SC: Power gencos will shut if dues not paid

State Discoms Owe Cos Over ₹1 Lakh Crore

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IN THE DARK: Union power ministry data shows that Maha tops the list of defaulters

New Delhi: Noting that the country-wide total power dues have now crossed Rs 1 lakh crore, the Supreme Court on Monday warned that if state-owned power distribution companies (discoms) do not promptly clear their dues to power generators, the latter will shut shop.

This warning came from an SC bench while dealing with an application from Adani Power Maharashtra seeking at least 50% payment from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Corp Ltd and keeping in mind the large number of power generating companies moving the court against state-run discoms that have chronically defaulted in payment of outstandings. Directing MSEDCL to pay 50% of the outstanding amount to Adani Power within four weeks, the bench said, "Everyday the power generating companies supply electricity and you use it. Their money is with you. They cannot run their plants unless you pay up promptly. Otherwise, they will shut their plants and tomorrow there will be no electricity."

A similar order was passed by a bench on February 16 last year directing Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam to pay up 50% of the outstanding Rs 1,100-odd crore.

Data by Union power ministry shows that Maharashtra tops the list of defaulters. The total current outstanding amount against Maharashtra is Rs 21,249 crore. Tamil Nadu is a close second with outstanding amount of Rs 21,132 crore, Rajasthan 12,393 crore, Uttar Pradesh 11,307 crore, Madhya Pradesh 6,964 crore, Karnataka 6,202 crore, Jharkhand 2,773 crore, Bihar 1,781 crore and Delhi 1,398 crore.

All northeastern states are shown to be promptly clearing their power dues with Arunachal registering the lowest outstanding of Rs 10 crore. Uttarakhand has an outstanding due of Rs 54 crore, Himachal Pradesh Rs 257 crore, Odisha Rs 338 crore, Chhattisgarh Rs 738 crore, West Bengal Rs 946 crore and Gujarat 1,149 crore.

The serial defaulting by states makes even the revival of private power plants, facing insolvency proceedings, that much more difficult. Jhabua power plant is a case in point as it is yet to be paid Rs 822 crore as of January 1 by the discoms. As per the ministry of power, the overdue amount at the end of January was the maximum for IPPs, which cumulatively have not been paid Rs 55,377 crore against the electricity already supplied. The central public sector enterprises have not yet been paid Rs 23,511 crore of which Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd alone has an outstanding of over Rs 10,000 crore and NTPC nearly Rs 7,000 crore.

Channel not an essential service: ASG

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The interim order was opposed by the ASG, at which the court said broadcasting of the channel should not be disrupted until the case is decided.

The Centre's decision to revoke the licence is based on adequate reasons and the court should not interfere in it as the order had been issued for security reasons, the ASG argued. He said the channel was not an essential service. On behalf of MBL, senior advocate S Sreekumar said only the ministry of home affairs could have issued a show-cause notice. MBL was not given a hearing, amounting to violation of the principles of natural justice, the counsel said. Revoking the licence also violates the fundamental right of MBL, he contended.

Based on the ministry's order, permission for broadcasting was revoked with immediate effect on Monday after considering MBL's reply of January 19 to a showcause notice issued on January 5. The order cited the denial of security clearance to MBL by the MHA.

"...The company has inter-alia mentioned that they are unaware of the grounds for denial of security clearance and requested not to initiate any further proceedings in the matter.... The security clearance is based on security parameters of the MHA-...Since the MHA has denied the security clearance, the channel cannot be allowed to operate," I&B ministry's order read. Editor of MediaOne Pramod Raman, said: "...The government has not been forthcoming with the details."

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PC: Majithia's case not one of vendetta, was monitored by HC

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It also leaves him free to campaign against Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu in the latter's stronghold of Amritsar East.

The bench asked Majithia to surrender before the trial court concerned on February 23 and move a regular bail plea, which it said would be considered expeditiously in accordance with law. The bench expressed its worry over election-eve FIRs getting registered in Punjab. It said another MLA, Simarjeet Singh Bains, too, has moved an anticipatory bail petition alleging that the FIR was registered out of political vindictiveness and to prevent him from contesting the forthcoming assembly elections. The Justice Ramana-led bench said, "Sorry to say this about the conduct of the government. Today morning also there was a mention of another MLA, Simarjeet Singh Bains.

According to him, an FIR is fabricated at the last minute to prevent him from filing nominations. Sorry to tell you, we are in a democracy. At least allow the opponents to file nominations-...Suddenly these criminal cases are coming up before the elections. This makes everyone believe there is involvement of political motive." Appearing for the state, senior advocate P Chidambaram said: "The fact is, Punjab today is sinking under drug trade. Unless we send a message that the drug menace will be controlled severely and will not receive political patronage, the future of the youth of Punjab is damned..."

The CJI was quick to dispel Chidambaram's impression about the court order protecting Majithia as one that would impede the investigations and actions against the drug mafia. Justice Ramana said, "We have no quarrel with your government...When the election is on February 20, the FIR just two months before the polls appears odd. We are not asking state police not to go after the drug mafia...Let Majithiado election campaigning." The CJI said, "Chidambaram, once again I am requesting you to please advise your state government. This impression should not get to us that its actions are politically motivated. Tomorrow the petition by Bains is coming up for hearing. Please get instruction, we will decide that also." Chidambaram said, "I am aware that political vendetta is sometimes unleashed on opponents. But this case (against Majithia) was monitored by the HC. Any other case, I will certainly tell the government not to take any politically vindictive action... this is not a political action."

Appearing for Majithia, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi said, "This is a classic case of grossest political vendetta and heaping humiliation. Majithia is a mainstream political opponent in the state and had never dealt in drugs...The FIR registered on December 20 is a tell tale." Even before he could narrate the sequence of events, the bench cut short the long argument by giving a brief summary of the case: "In 2013, the Punjab and Haryana HC registered a suo motu case and asked police to investigate. In 2014, based on the HC proceedings, some of the accused were arrested. The Enforcement Directorate also initiated some proceedings, One of the accused had implicated Majithia, but subsequently retracted his statement. In October 2015, the HC constituted an SIT since the investigation was not being conducted properly."

The SC continued, "The SIT filed 10 supplementary chargesheets. Majithia was not named...Meanwhile, several media reports appeared about Majithia's link with the drug cartel. He sued the media houses. On Dec 20, 2021, an FIR was registered on the direction of the DGP." Rohatgi said the acting DGP took charge on December 18 last.

"The STF had not examined either Majithia or anyone from 2018 till 2021. The FIR gets registered a month and half before the election," he added. "Majithia cooperated with the probe. But ridiculous kinds of questions were asked...I am not running away," he said.

Chidambaram said: "This is a gross case of international drug racket. Investigation has been delayed..we have to confront Majithia with incriminating statements of accused persons...."

'Ban extended as EC wants to avoid crowding'

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The ban was extended because the EC wants to avoid crowding on roads and also as it is difficult to regulate the number of participants who keep joining a roadshow or procession as it moves, sources said. "EC felt it is comparatively easier to enforce the attendance limit and Covid norms for public meetings in designated grounds and indoor spaces," said a senior functionary.

The commission, which reviewed the status and projected trends of the Covid pandemic with the Union health secretary and chief secretaries as well as chief electoral officers of UP, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa and Manipur, also decided to raise the maximum limit of persons allowed for door-to-door campaign to 20 persons from 10. The poll panel on Monday said the curbs were eased in view of satisfactory vaccination coverage, declining positivity rate and low hospitalisation rate in the poll-bound states.

The EC said the curbs were eased for all phases this time, unlike earlier when it was done only for the first two phases, in view of the "requirements of necessary political activity in election mode by the political parties". Also, it is not practical to keep reviewing curbs after every three days as campaigning will soon run concurrently for different phases, said a source. Both outdoor and indoor meetings will need to restrict participation to 1,000 and 500 persons, respectively, or 50% of the ground or hall limit or the prescribed SDMA limit, whichever is less.

During the online conference with the EC, the officers of the poll-going states cautioned that Covid protocols need to be adhered to so that no undue spurt takes place due to intense public contact on account of heightened political activity.

Numerous pieces of evidence now public, point to Pegasus buy: Left

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All the notices referred to the recent New York Times report that said India bought the Pegasus spyware as part of a $2 billion defence deal that was firmed up during PM Modi's visit to Israel in 2017 and alleged the government, through the IT minister, had "wilfully misled Parliament" on the issue.

Vaishnaw had, in statements to both Houses during the monsoon session of Parliament last year, asserted that there was "no substance" to the "sensationalism" contained in media reports over the surveillance launched on political leaders, judiciary and journalists using the Pegasus spyware.

"The press reports of 18th July 2021 also appear to be an attempt to malign Indian democracy and its well-established institutions," he had said.

Viswam, who had sought to raise the issue in a Parliament question that was not admitted and eventually lapsed, said on Monday that "numerous pieces of evidence have been made public that point towards the government's purchase of Pegasus spyware", despite its efforts to hide the truth.

He added that the matter concerns grave allegations of snooping that violate Constitutional rights and safeguards, but "the minister's deliberate attempt to mislead the members of Parliament constitutes a breach of privilege".

Alleging that the Pegasus spyware issue has undermined the country's democratic structure and freedom of speech, Kharge also said that Congress would discuss the issue with like-minded opposition parties to corner the central government over the issue.

All opposition parties must "unite and raise the issue of Pegasus" in the House with unanimity, he added.

"The IT minister misled Parliament by stating that Pegasus was not connected with the Indian government. One of the most credible newspapers of the world says the Pegasus deal was done during the Prime Minister's visit to Israel. That is why were moving privilege motion," Venugopal said.

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Alwar girl's father claims she was raped by two people

Alwar: Father of the 15-year-old speech-impaired girl, who was found in an injured state on a flyover in Alwar a fortnight ago, claimed on Monday that his daughter told him in sign language that she was gang-raped by two persons. The father further accused district collector Nannumal Pahadia of offering bribes in form of money and land to keep silent. The district collector refuted the allegation.

The girl's father addressed a press conference here and said, "My daughter, in her sign language, has stated that she was raped by two persons. Police is not allowing me to meet her. I have been pressured and government and local administration are offering me bribes."

The father then accused Alwar collector Pahadia of luring him with money and land.

Refuting the allegations, Pahadia told **TOI**, "The charges are far from truth. I had met the girl's father when deputy superintendent of police Anjali Jorwal was accompanying me. We facilitated things that the family is entitled to under the government schemes. I never offered any bribe or favour to him." TNN

Marriage age change to empower girls: PM

'Women's Role In Growth Cycle Is Increasing'

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New Delhi: Reiterating the government's commitment to a "zero tolerance policy" with regards to crime against women and asserting that the participation of women in the growth cycle of "new India" is increasing relentlessly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday cited the government's move to seek an amendment to the law to increase the age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 as a step aimed at empowering girls to complete their education and build a career.

"To ensure that marriage at an early age does not hinder the education and career of daughters, an effort is being made to raise the age of marriage for women to 21 years," the PM said in his address via video conferencing on the ocassion of the 30th Foundation Day of the National Commission for Women.

The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was introduced by the government in Lok Sabha in the winter session in December. It is currently under scrutiny of a parliamentary standing committee.

"We have seen those governments that did not prioritise women safety, women have ensured their departure from power," the PM said taking a swipe at previous governments without naming anyone. PM Modi remarked that as India evolves, the role of women is continuously expanding. Therefore, he said, the expansion of the role of the National Commission for Women is also the need of the hour. "All the women's commissions of the country will also have to increase their scope and give a new direction to the women of their states," the PM said.

He cited women empowerment as a critical factor in development and highlighted the government's focus on women led MSMEs and steps taken to bridge the urban and rural divide to enable empowerment of all sections. PM Modi noted India's strength has been the small local industries that are now referred to as MSMEs.

Parl panel seeks views from public on Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill

The parliamentary standing committee examining the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2021 that was introduced in the Lok Sabha during the winter session in December, has sought views and suggestions from the public, experts and stakeholders on the proposed amendments. The Bill proposes to increase the age of marriage for girls from 18 to 21 years and bring it at part with men. After introducing the Bill in the LS amid protests from the opposition on December 21, women and child development minister Smriti Irani had sought that the Bill be referred to a parliamentary standing committee for further scrutiny and said that the government was open to further discussion on it. TNN

Hyd vet rape-murder: Panel on encounter submits report to SC

Hyderabad: The Supreme Court-appointed commission to inquire into the alleged encounter killing of the accused in the veterinarian rape and murder case in Hyderabad has submitted its report to the apex court. The commission had held hearings for 47 days last year and examined 57 witnesses, reports **Mahesh Buddi**.

The commission submitted its report to the court on January 28, secretary of the inquiry panel S Shashidhar Reddy said.

On December 12, 2019, the apex court appointed the three-member commission of inquiry under the chairmanship of former SC judge V S Sirpurkar with former judge of Bombay high court RP Sondur Baldota and former CBI director DR Karthikeyan as its members to inquire into the circumstances under which four accused — Mohammed Arif, Ch Chennakeshavulu, Jollu Shiva and Jollu Naveen — were killed in an alleged exchange of fire while they were in police custody at Chattanpally on December 6, 2019.

The commission was appointed following a writ petition by SC advocate GS Mani and others. "The inquiry commission report is submitted to the SC in a sealed cover. The court has to now set a date for hearing," Mani said.

Advocate PV Krishnamachary, representing the families of the four accused, said they were hopeful of the report bringing out the truth. The inquiry was delayed due to the pandemic and the commission finally began the public hearings from August 21, 2021, and concluded it on November 15, amid Covid restrictions. During this period, 57 witnesses had been examined and their evidence recorded.

Don't make it political issue, SC tells Tripura govt on land dispute

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday took strong exception to Tripura governemnt for backing out from an agreement with Centre for settling the dispute over a piece of land in Agartala which is being occupied by Assam Rifles and asked it not to make it a political issue.

As Tripura government sought adjournment by citing that it had sought review of the recommendation of the central government to regularise title of the suit land in name of Assam Rifles, a bench of Justices M R Shah and B V Nagarathna turned down the plea and said that it was not a private land and it belonged to the country and objected the stand taken by the state.

Additional solicitor general Madhavi Divan and senior advocate S Wasim Qadri, appearing for the Centre, were also taken aback and told the bench that they were not aware that the state has resiled from its stand and is seeking review. The bench said that the new stand taken by the state has been mentioned in the adjournment letter circulated in court and summoned the principal secretary of revenue department of the state to appear before it in virtual proceedings.

"Do not make it a political issue. We are not telling you but your chief minister," the bench told him.

Farmer, grandson shot dead in Baghpat; old rivalry suspected

Meerut: An eighty-year-old farmer and his grandson were murdered by unidentified men in broad daylight in Baghpat on Monday. Over 20 bullets were fired at the duo, whose bodies got entangled in the steering of the tractor they were riding even as they tried to escape. Police officials said they suspected old family rivalry as the cause of the double murder, reports **Ishita Mishra**.

According to eyewitnesses, the shootout took place around noon. The bodies lay unattended in the middle of the road for over an hour before police reached the spot and sent the bodies for autopsy. They also recovered some live and defused cartridges from the spot.

A photograph of Mandeep Singh (20) hanging on his tractor trolley went viral on Twitter soon after he and his 80-yr-old grandfather Sat Singh were murdered. According to police, the two were on their way to the market to sell sugarcane when the attack happened.

Mandeep's father, Rishipal Singh, was also shot dead in jail in 2019 and his grandmother passed away a few years ago. "After Rishipal's death, his wife decided to leave the house with her two younger children, and Mandeep decided to stay back with his grandfather.

Baghpat SP Neeraj Kumar Jadaun told **TOI** "it appears to be a matter of an old family rivalry..."

Mumbai cops lodge FIR against site for journo's morphed tweet

Mumbai: Mumbai cyber police registered a case against an online media platform for posting a morphed fake tweet of an independent journalist that read 'I hate India and I hate Indians', which led to an onslaught of threats on Twitter since January 26, reports **V Narayan**.

In her complaint, she said, "This fake news has led to a barrage of hate against me... My timeline has been inundated with rape and death threats. My family and I are in imminent danger." She also alleged her photograph had been misused on the Bulli Bai app. On Monday, she tweeted: "Mumbai Police has registered an FIR against those who disseminated fake news, morphed tweets, and death and rape threats against me. About time these brazen and consolidated acts of online violence are stopped and the perpetrators brought to book." She then tweeted: "Impressed with the alacrity and co-operation of @CPMumbaiPolice @Dwalsepatil @supriya_sule @satejp @CMOMaharashtra."

The website, The Scoop Beats, did not respond to a **TOI** email enquiring about the complaint.

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER CTU & DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, UNION TERRITORY, CHANDIGARH

No. 816/Acctt(H)/CTU/2022 Dated : 31/1/22

E-Tenders (Online Tenders) are invited for **"HIRING OF 20 NOS. HVAC FULLY BUILT-UP BS-VI DIESEL BUSES FOR INTER CITY OPERATIONS ON KILOMETER BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS"** on the terms and conditions and technical specifications as set out in the Tender documents which can be downloaded from the website http://etenders.chd.nic.in or chdctu.gov.in. The important dates with regard to uploading the tenders are as under :-

Bid Reference	:	No. _____/Acctt(H)/CTU/2022 Dated : 31.1.2022
Date of commencement of downloading of bid document	:	31.01.2022
Last date for seeking clarification if any.	:	08.02.2022 up to 05:00 pm
Pre-bid meeting	:	08.02.2022 at 11:30 am (U.T. State Guest House, Sector-6, Chandigarh)
Last date and time for EMD and Bid processing fee in physical form and uploading of bid (Technical and Financial) in e-procurement platform http://etenders.chd.nic.in	:	21.02.2022 upto 02:00 pm
Date and time of opening of technical bids	:	The bids will be opened online by the Authorized Officers on 21.02.2022 at 3:00 pm
Date and time of opening of Financial Bids	:	Will be intimated to technically responsive bidders
Place of opening of bids and address for communication	:	**Chandigarh Transport Undertaking** O/o Director Transport cum Divisional Manager, Plot No. 701, Industrial Area Phase-1, Chandigarh.
In case of any query/ clarification	:	The bidders can approach General Manager, CTU Chandigarh on any working day between 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM in case of any clarification/query regarding e-tender (Phone No. 2679002) or mail at ctu-chd@nic.in

No tender except EMD and Bid processing fee shall be accepted in physical form. The Director, Transport, U.T. Chandigarh cum Divisional Manager, CTU shall have every right to cancel/withdraw/amend the advertisement or extend the due date at his sole discretion or accept or reject any tender without assigning reason.

General Manager, Director Transport, Union Territory, Chandigarh.

LOOKOUT NOTICE

Muhammed Arfas

Muhammed Arfas Age 21, S/o Nasrath Beevi, Afsana Manzil, Maniyanmukku, Arkanoor is missing from his house since 22.12.2021. A case in crime no .1642/2021 U/s 57 of KP Act has been registered in Chadayamangalam Police Station in this regard.

Physical Details : 165 CM Height, White Colour, Slim Body

If any information received about the missing person please contact any of the phone numbers given below or at the nearest Police Station.

District Police Chief, Kollam Rural	**: 9497996908**
Deputy Spdt.of police Kottarakkara	**: 9497975154**
Inspector of Police, Chadayamangalam	**: 9497947137**
Sub Inspector of Police, Chadayamangalam	**: 9497980161**
Chadayamangalam Police Station	**: 0474 2475311**

152/F2/2022/I&PRD

Sd/-, Sub Inspector of Police

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(A Statutory Body of the Government of India)
Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110 070
011-29581021, 29581022, 29581028 Website: https://www.aicte-india.org

F.No.: 2(268)/ADMIN-III/2017-18/ Dated: 01.02.2022

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

AICTE invites online e-bids in two bid system (Technical & Financial) from the eligible Bidders for Selection of agency for running **"Kitchen, Catering and Hospitality Services" for AICTE Guest House & Canteen at its Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi through e-wizard Portal (URL: https://mhrd.euniwizarde.com/) (Tender ID No. 2(268)/ADMIN-III/2017-18).** The last date of submission/uploading of **e-Bids is 22.02.2022 upto 15:00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened on 23.02.2022 at 15:30 Hrs.** at AICTE HQ Vasant Kunj New Delhi. For Further Details visit AICTE website **URL: https://www.aicte-india.org/** and e-Wizard portal **(URL: https://mhrd.euniwizarde.com/)**

Advt. No. Admn.-III/01/(03)2022 **Member Secretary (AICTE)**

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CASH & ACCOUNTS-II

NOTICE to nationalized banks for investment of an amount of Rs. 5,63,79,616/- (Rupees Five Crore Sixty Three Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen only plus interest accrued thereon) IN FIXED DEPOSIT.

All the Nationalized Banks are informed that the above mentioned amount is to be invested in Fixed Deposit for a period of ONE YEAR. Interested Nationalized Banks are requested to quote in sealed cover, the highest rate of interest valid till 05.02.2022, for this deposit in accordance with the prescribed format and hand over personally to the undersigned upto 5.00 p.m. on 03.02.2022. No offer will be accepted after 5.00 p.m.

For more details, prescribed format and instructions, log on to **www.supremecourtofindia.nic.in**

HANS RAJ NARULA
Drawing & Disbursing Officer
Supreme Court of India

Date : 31-01-2022

Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

Haji Ali Park, K. Khadye Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400 034.
Website www.aiipmr.gov.in

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from candidates for admission to the following courses for the academic year 2021-22.

Name of the Course	Duration	Eligibility Requirement
Bachelor of Prosthetics & Orthotics (BPO)	4 & ½ Academic years	➢ The candidate must be born on or before **31/12/2004.** ➢ Selection will be on the basis of NEET score and guidelines. ➢ Candidates should apply with current year NEET Score and Class 12 Mark sheet on or before **17/02/2022.** ➢ The candidate must be an Indian National.
Entrance test for the following courses will be conducted on 27/02/2022, date may change hence candidates are instructed to check the Institute website regularly. Last date for submission of filled in application forms is 17/02/2022, for MPO, MPT, MOTh, FCRPT, FCROT courses.		
Master of Prosthetics & Orthotics (MPO)	2 Academic years	➢ Bachelor's degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics (P & O) from an Institute/College recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India with compulsory completion of Internship of 6 months. ➢ Date of completion of Internship - On or before **31/7/2021.** ➢ Certificate of registration with Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi. ➢ The candidate must be an Indian National. ➢ Candidates who have obtained B.P.O. degree from distance learning mode will not be eligible. (As per MUHS Circular No. 8/2017 & Outward No. MUHS/C-5/PG. Allied/1280/2017 dated 16.8.2017)
Master of Physiotherapy (MPT)	2 Academic years	➢ Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. ➢ Date of completion of Internship - On or before **30/11/2021.**
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Physiotherapy (FCRPT)	1 Academic year	➢ Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council. # ➢ The candidate must be an Indian National.
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOTh)	3 Academic years	➢ Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. ➢ Date of completion of Internship - On or before **30/11/2021.**
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy (FCROT)	1 Academic year	➢ Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council. # ➢ The candidate must be an Indian National.

A) APPLICATION FORMS & PROSPECTUS: i) Application form and prospectus can be downloaded from Institute website www.aiipmr.gov.in.
ii) Duly filled in application form is to be sent by Speed Post to this Institute along with application fees.
B) Application fee (Non-refundable) for BPO, MPO, MPT, FCRPT, MOTh, FCROT courses is as given below:-
i) For MPO, MPT, FCRPT, MOTh, FCROT courses: (a) For general category candidates. - Rs 650/- (b) For SC/ST/PH Category Candidates - Rs. 550/-.
ii) For BPO course: (a) For general category candidates. - Rs. 350/- (b) For SC/ST/PH candidates - Rs. 250/-.
iii) **Payment will be accepted** in the form of **Demand Draft only** from Nationalized Bank, to be drawn in favour of **'Director, AIIPMR' Payable at Mumbai.** Payment in any other form will be rejected. The fees once paid is non refundable and non-transferable under any circumstances.
iv) **Application received after last date will be rejected.**
C) Other relevant details are mentioned in the Prospectus. Applicants are requested to go through the same before applying.
D) Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/PH will be done according to government guidelines.
E) Implementation EWS reservation will depend on receipt of required approvals for the same.
Note:- Admissions are subject to grant of affiliation from University for all the courses.
for candidate from out of Maharashtra time will be given to obtain the same with payment of late fee to be paid to the University.
In View of Corona pandemic, the entrance examination may be preponed/postponed or cancelled, changes if any will be updated on the Institute website www.aiipmr.gov.in Candidates are instructed to check the same regularly.

davp 17134/11/0001/2122 **Director**

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Notice for Short Term Request for Proposal for Selection of an agency to **"Design, Develop and implement a New Website, CRM, Financial Management System, AMC & IVR with 3-Agent Call Center for non android users"** in Bihar LiveStock Development Agency under Animal & Fisheries Resources Department, Government of Bihar के तकनीकी निविदा सं0– PR No 11383(Animal), Website निविदा सं0– BLDA/12/2021-22 को खोलने की तिथि 09.02.2022 समयः 03:00 बजे अपराह्न निर्धारित की जाती हैं, निविदा की प्राप्ति की तिथि व समय पूर्ववत रहेंगें।

परियोजना निदेशक
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PR- 012490 (Animal) 2021-22

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\EOI Cancellation Notice
Urban Development and Housing Department
1st Floor,Vikas Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna–800015
(Tel: 0612- 2215580, Fax: 2217059 Email: urbansec-bih@nic.in)

EOI Cancellation Notice

Due to some unavoidable reasons the EOI No. 1166 (PR.No. 0004952, 2021-22) dated 14.08.2021" Selection of Agency for Set-up and Running of OLD Age Home in 38 (02 unit of 50 bed each) districts in State of Bihar." is being cancelled and a fresh RFP(Request For Proposal)with new terms & conditionsis being floated for the same.

Special Secretary
Urban Development & Housing Department
Govt. of Bihar.

PR- 012491 (Urban) 2021-22

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GOVERNOR'S SECRETARIAT, BIHAR
RAJ BHAVAN, PATNA-800022

Invitation for Applications for appointment of Vice-Chancellor, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna
RE-ADVERTISEMENT

The advertisement dated- 19.09.2020 & dated- 14.01.2021 regarding submission of application form for the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna were canceled due to some unavoidable reason. Chancellor's Secretariat, Patna invites fresh applications for appointment of Vice-Chancellor of Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna.

The **Vice-Chancellor** shall be a person possessing the highest level of competence, integrity, morals and institutional commitment. He should be a distinguished academician with a minimum of ten years experience as Professor in a University or ten years of experience in a reputed research or Academic Administrative organization with proof of having Demonstrated Academic leadership, in the fields as defined in section 2(27) of Aryabhatta Knowledge University (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Section 2(27) of Aryabhatta Knowledge University (Amendment) Act, 2021 stipulates:-

"Professional Education " means education connected with a job that needs special training or skill, and includes Engineering & Technology including Management, Information Technology, Medical; Dental, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Law, Teaching etc.;

The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a term of three years from the date on which he enters upon his office and he shall be eligible for re-appointment for further terms.

Procedure for appointment

· The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor from out of a Panel of not less than three persons recommended by the three member of Search Committee.

The Chancellor's Secretariat invites applications from eligible academicians, for the post of Vice-Chancellor of the Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna. All necessary details are available on the website of Chancellor's Secretariat, Bihar, **governor.bih.nic.in.**

Interested, eligible individual who have not completed 67 years of age as on **03.03.2022** may apply online on Chancellor's Secretariat website **governor.bih.nic.in.** The application should be submitted on or before **03.03.2022** by **6:00 P.M.**

Candidates must give their e-mail ID at which communication addressed to them should be sent, so that they may be informed to come for interaction with the Search Committee.

Search-Committee may invite short listed applicants with higher merits for a presentation and/ or personal interaction, for which no TA/DA shall be paid.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of any candidate, in order to bring undue influence upon the selection process, shall attract disqualification.

Note:- Interested, eligible individual who had applied earlier for the post of the Vice-Chancellor, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna vide advt. dated-19.09.2020 & 14.01.2021 if interested it is mandatory to apply again within the given timeline.

(Robert L. Chongthu)
Principal Secretary to Governor-
Cum –Chancellor, Raj Bhavan, Patna

PR- 012513 (Governor Secretariat) 2021-22

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No. PDM/Purchase/33-002/F-100/2022, Bhopal, Dated : 27/01/2021

e-Tender Notice

e-tender are invited by Senior Superintendent of Police (Radio) MP Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for the Following Work :-

S. No.	Type of Work	QTY.	EMD Required	Tender Fee
1.	Shifting, Painting, Installation of Lightening arrester and earthing of Different type wireless Towers **(As Per enclosed Annexure - A)**	09 Nos.	Rs. 31,000/-	Rs. 2,000/-

1. Cost of tender documents (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition.
2. The Tender fee and EMD should be deposit online through website.
3. The Tender should be submitted online on website https://www.mptenders.gov.in in favour of SSP (Radio) M.P. Bhopal within scheduled date and time.
4. Tender documents also available for ready reference on the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
5. Schedule :-

Document Download/Sale Start Date	27/01/2022 from 1800 Hrs
Bid Submission Start Date	31/01/2022 from 1830 Hrs
Bid Submission End Date	09/02/2022 up to 1700 Hrs.
P.Q. Bid will be Opened on Date	10/02/2022 at 1720 Hrs.

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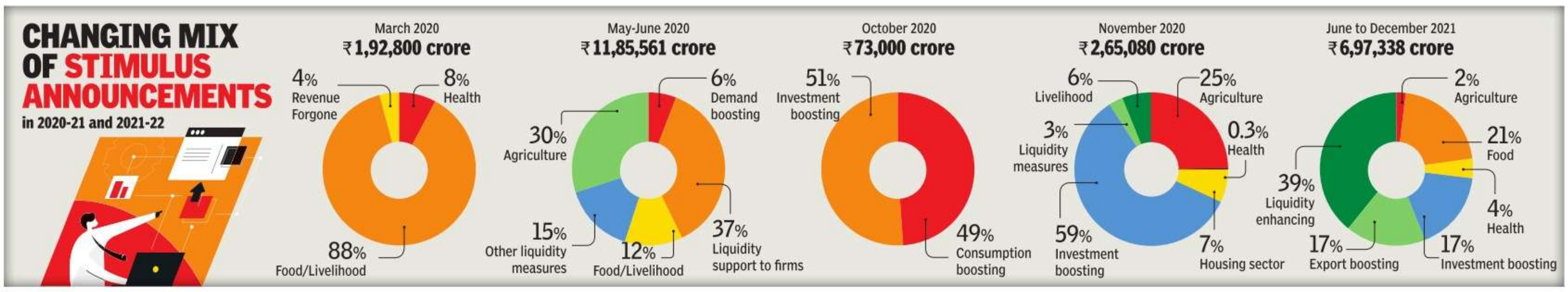
M.P. Bhopal



Vaccination opened up services, look at it as a macro-economic indicator

Govt Centres Gave 95% Of Jabs: Survey

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Vaccination against Covid-19 should be treated as a macro-economic indicator as it is not merely a health response but is also a buffer against economic disruptions caused by different waves of the pandemic and critical for opening up the economy, the Economic Survey 2021-22 suggested.

"Vaccination is not merely a health response but is critical for opening up the economy, particularly contact-intensive services. Therefore, it should be treated for now as a macro-economic indicator," the Survey, tabled in Parliament on Monday, said.

Except for about 4-5% of total doses administered in the country, rest have been administered at government Covid-19 Vaccination Centres, the Survey highlighted.

It also shows that out of total administered doses of Covid-19 vaccines, 49% have been administered to females and more than 70% of the jabs have been given at CVCs located in rural areas.

Underlining how vaccines emerged as best shield against the Covid-19 infection to save lives and sustain livelihood, the Survey said: "With the vaccination drive having covered the bulk of the population, economic momentum building back and the likely long-term benefits of supply-side reforms in the pipeline, the Indian economy is in a good position to witness GDP growth of 8.0-8.5% in 2022-23."

The Survey pointed out several milestones crossed by the country in around a year since the massive drive was rolled out on January 16, 2021.

A total of over 166 crore doses have been administered in the country till Monday, this includes 4.7 crore doses given to youngsters of 15-17 years age apart from adults who have been the primary focus of the national Covid immunisation drive so far. Over 75% of adults in the country are now fully vaccinated, whereas more than 95% have been covered with at least the first dose. Besides, over 1.2 crore 'precaution dose' (boosters) have also been given to frontline workers along with elderly above 60 years age since January 10.

Rajesh Mehta

INJECTING HOPE

Cap on margins made med devices cheaper

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Centre's decision to cap trade margin of several commonly used medical devices in treatment and management of Covid-19 has lowered prices of most brands selling them by up to 89%, the Economic Survey said.

The devices which were brought under price control included oxygen concentrators, pulse oximeter, glucometer, blood pressure monitor, nebulizer, and digital thermometer.

According to the Survey report, the availability of key medicine used in treatment of Covid-19 are also being monitored through regular surveys being conducted at chemist shops at various locations across the country by the Drugs Controller General of India. Besides, the price regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) regulates prices of most of the medicines used in Covid-19 treatment.

"Most of the drugs used for Covid management are scheduled drugs for which ceiling price has been given by NPPA. Even in the case of a few non-scheduled medicines like Remdesivir, which are part of Covid-19 protocol, on government intervention, MRPs of various brands of Remdesivir have been reduced voluntarily by the major manufacturers/marketers," the Survey said.

Besides, multi-pronged approach is followed to monitor and coordinate equitable distribution of Remdesivir, Tocilizumab and Amphotericin — drugs mostly used in treatment of critical patients of Covid-19, it said.

The report said that through the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, ceiling prices for 355 medicines and 886 formulations have been fixed for medicines under the National List of Essential Medicines, 2015 till December last year.

Safety nets cushioned poor from lockdown blow: Survey

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The economic safety nets provided by the government, including the world's largest free food programme, direct cash transfers and relief measures for small businesses had helped overcome to a large extent the impact of one of the strictest lockdowns in the world, according to the Economic Survey.

It said that the government had recognised that lockdowns and quarantines disrupt economic activity and had quickly put in place the economic safety nets to cushion vulnerable sections of the population.

"The Reserve Bank of India simultaneously provided monetary support to the economy. Many of these safety net provisions continued during the second wave and have been extended further. This was combined with a paid ramp up of the vaccination programme," according to the Survey.

The Centre released nearly Rs 31,000 crore to 20.6 crore women beneficiaries under the plan to provide Rs 500 per month for three months to women Jan Dhan Account holders. Another Rs 2,814 crore was released to cover Rs 2.8 crore beneficiaries for providing Rs 1,000 to vulnerable sections (widows, elderly and disabled).

The government transferred Rs 1.8 lakh crore to more than 10 crore farmer families as on January 1, 2022 since February 2019 under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan). This plan involves providing Rs 6,000 per year in three instalments. The Survey listed a raft of other such measures including free cooking gas cylinders and one nation one ration card scheme which helped shield the vulnerable sections from the bruising impact of the lockdown.

It also lauded the monetary and financial support provided by the Reserve Bank of India. "Monetary policy since the outbreak of the pandemic was calibrated to provide a cushion and support growth, but was carefully controlled in order to avoid the medium term dislocations of excess liquidity," according to the Survey.

"An important aspect of the safety-net was the use of government guarantees to provide access to financial aid to the economy in general and MSMEs in particular. Combined with a moratorium on insolvency proceedings, the government was able to avoid a payments logjam that could have caused a cascade of defaults," the Survey said.

SOFT LANDING?

17 states have pre-published draft rules for labour reforms

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Labour reforms are progressing steadily as at least 17 states have pre-published draft rules for four labour codes on wages, social security, industrial relations and occupational safety, health and working conditions (OSH), according to the Economic Survey 2021-22, tabled in Parliament on Monday.

"As on January 11, 2022, 26 states/UTs have also pre-published the draft rules under the Code on Wages, 22 states/UTs under Industrial Relations Code, 20 states/UTs under Code on Social Security, and 17 states/UTs under OSH & WC Code," it said.

In 2019 and 2020, 29 central labour laws were amalgamated, rationalised and simplified into four labour codes, which included the Code on Wages, 2019, the Industrial Relations Code, 2020, the Code on Social Security, 2020, and the Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020.

"The new laws were in tune with the changing labour market trends and at the same time accommodating the minimum wage requirement and welfare needs of the unorganised sector workers, including the self-employed and migrant workers, within the framework of legislation," the Survey said, adding that while the Centre has pre-published draft rules for all four codes. The states are now required to frame regulations on their part as labour is a concurrent subject, it added.

NIRMALA'S BUDGET BRIGADE

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FM Nirmala Sitharaman with junior ministers Pankaj Choudhary (left) and Bhagwat Karad and the core team of officers involved in the Budget exercise. (Standing L-R): CBIC chairman Vivek Johri, CBDT chairman JB Mohapatra, financial services secretary Debasish Panda, DIPAM secretary Tuhin Pandey, revenue secretary Tarun Bajaj, CEA V Anantha Nageswaran, finance secretary TV Somanathan, economic affairs secretary Ajay Seth, joint secretary budget Ashish Vachhani and principal economic advisor Sanjeev Sanyal

Agriculture sector needs pvt funds, crop diversification

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The farm sector has experienced buoyant growth in the past two years, showing resilience in the face of the Covid-19 shock, the Economic Survey said on Monday while strongly pitching for private corporate investments in the sector and recommending the government to give priority to crop diversification towards oilseeds, pulses and horticulture by addressing the core issues of irrigation, investment, credit and markets.

Underlining how "investment is critical to the growth of a sector", the Survey, tabled in Parliament by FM Nirmala Sitharaman, said, "Higher access to concessional institutional credit to farmers and greater participation of private corporate sector, whose investment rates are currently as low as 2 to 3% in agriculture, may help in improving private investment in agriculture."

"Private corporate investments need to be crowded in by offering an appropriate policy framework and increase in public investment along the entire agricultural value system," said the Survey while noting how the more or less static investment is a major roadblock to growth of the sector.

"The Survey concluded that future of agriculture rests on investment and diversification. However, both public and private investment became static despite the tall claims made by the government," said Sudhir Panwar, agriculture expert.

FOR SOME GREEN SHOOTS

Despite green push, India will need 1.5bt of coal by 2030

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India will remain hooked to coal in spite of the big push for renewables and needs to ramp domestic production as demand rises, the Economic Survey said on Monday giving a perspective on the government's decision to open up the sector for commercial mining. At the same time, aware of the adverse impact on the country's 'Net Zero' goals, the Survey noted that the public sector coal and lignite producers are taking several initiatives to mitigate their carbon footprint.

The Survey said India will need around 1.5 billion tonne of coal annually by 2030 as it accounts for 55% of the country's energy basket and 70% of the electricity sent to the grid.

Given the fuel's importance, the Survey described the decision to open up coal mining for the private sector as "the most ambitious coal sector reform" "This will bring efficiency and competition in production, attract investments and best-in-class technology, and help create more jobs in the sector," it said.

The Survey also noted the shortfall in meeting production targets by public sector producers, which, read with the observation on allowing competition, indicates that opening up the sector will help speed up domestic production.

Students quitting pvt schools, govt system needs aid

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Highlighting the ASER report, the Economic Survey 2021-22, stated that during the pandemic, children in rural areas have moved out of private to government schools in all three age groups (6-14; 11-14; 15-16) and suggested that the shutdown of low-cost private schools, financial distress of parents, free facilities in government schools, and families migrating back to villages could be the probable reasons. The Survey recommends additional support for the government school system if this reverse migration trend holds.

The Survey however could not throw light on the real time impact of repeated lockdowns on the education sector because of lack of latest available comprehensive official data as it banked on various smaller surveys by the government and by citizen-led non-government agencies. The Survey, while acknowledging the academic disruption due to the pandemic, found that despite the Covid-19 situation "enrolment in the age cohort of 15-16 years continued to improve as the number of not enrolled children in this age group declined from 12.1% in 2018 to 6.6% in 2021." However, children (age 6-14 years) in the 'not currently enrolled in schools' category increased from 2.5% in 2018 to 4.6% in 2021.

If the reverse migration from private schools continues, the survey said the government run school system would require enhanced support "in terms of teacher-pupil ratio, classroom space, and teaching/ learning materials, to absorb students migrating from private schools and from urban to rural areas."

While school drop outs and learning gaps especially for children from marginalised communities have always remained major challenges in education, the survey pointed out that the academic disruption caused by the pandemic and subsequent switch to online learning, aggravated the existing digital divide and thus access to education.

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HARSH LESSONS

Bring SOP for cross-border insolvency, says Survey

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As part of insolvency reforms, the Economic Survey 2021-22 has suggested several steps to simplify voluntary liquidation to improve 'ease of exit', while recommending a standardised framework for cross-border insolvency that is currently missing.

One of the reasons delaying the insolvency process, the survey pointed out, is "delays in obtaining no objection certificates (NoCs) from departments, including Central Board of Direct Taxes, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Custom, Employee Provident Fund Organisation and other sectoral regulators".

Since there are no well-defined standard operating procedures (SOPs) in the departments for granting NoC, it often results in delays. The "hesitancy in the banks for closure of existing bank accounts" and also for the opening of the new liquidation bank account by the liquidator is another reason.

"To sum up, there is a case for simplifying the problems in the voluntary liquidation process, to improve ease of exit for business," the Economic Survey said and argued in favour of a single window system for the entire process. "A portal that combines all the steps of the liquidation process altogether, starting from application by companies to processing by all departments will prove to be very useful," it said.

Eyes on larger slice of global space economy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Space regulator Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), in a little over a year since it was announced, has received close to 40 proposals from large industries, MSMEs, startups and the academia, covering a broad range of space activities from manufacturing of launch vehicles and satellites to earth observation applications and communications, the Economic Survey 2021-22 said on Monday.

It said with policy initiatives and private sector participation, the sector is expected to capture a larger share of the global space economy, whi- ch was close to $447 billion in 2020. India accounts for only about 2% of the space economy. It also said the number of space startups rose to 101 from one in 2012.

Foreign aid key in meeting climate goals

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: With India stepping up efforts to move towards a low carbon-growth path as part of the new promises it made at the recently-held global forum in the UK, the Economic Survey 2021-22 on Monday underlined the need of financial support from developed countries and multilateral agencies to fulfil the country's ambitious climate action targets, and said that India's climate vision is integrally linked to its vision of development that foregrounds the goals of poverty eradication.

"Climate finance will remain critical to successful action by developing countries, including India," said the Survey while noting that there has already been greater thrust on climate action following the announcement of India's target of reaching 'Net Zero' emission by 2070.

PM Narendra Modi at the UN climate conference (COP26) at Glasgow in November last year had announced the country's 'Net Zero' goal and also spelt out other ambitious targets to be achieved by 2030 to enable further reduction in emissions.

The Economic Survey enlisted a number of measures which are being taken by the country to fulfill its mitigation (emission reduction) pledges under the Paris pact on climate change. As part of its action on the climate adaptation front, the Survey emphasised the need for disaster risk financing and resilience of critical infrastructure sectors such as power, telecommunications and health as well as urban systems.

The Survey, tabled in Parliament on Monday, said the climate change-related financial risks pose both micro and macro prudential concerns. In May 2021, the RBI set up a new unit — Sustainable Finance Group — to effectively counter these risks, and for leading the regulatory initiatives in the areas of sustainable finance and climate risk.

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CARBON CONUNDRUM

How nightscape threw light on state of economy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Use of new forms of data and information for tracking economic activity and development is an important theme of this year's Economic Survey which looks at the use of geospatial data and cartographic techniques to track, compare and represent longer term developments of various sectors including agriculture, forests, highways and water resources.

Though the use of maps is not entirely new and previous Economic Surveys have used them for years, there is a plethora of information this year from satellites, drones, mobile phones and other sources. "Moreover, there has also been a dramatic improvement in cartographic technology that allows for better representation of the information," said the Survey, tabled in the Parliament on Monday.

Referring to satellite images that provide India's night-time luminosity between 2012 and 2021, the Survey said. "Night-time luminosity provides an interesting representation of the expansion of electricity supply, the geographical distribution of population and economic activity, urban expansion as well as growth of ribbon developments between urban hubs."

Using geospatial and cartographic techniques, the maps show the extent of physical as well as financial infrastructure development in India. This includes expansion of national highways, airports, commercial bank branches, metros, etc. The images also show the net sown area of India over the last 15 years. "The maps have been created by combining satellite data over the course of a 12 month period in each year" said the Survey.

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INFORMATION HIGHWAY

BJP pits Union minister, an ex-SP neta, against Akhilesh

Anuja Jaiswal & Pankaj Shah | TNN

Agra/Lucknow: Springing a surprise, BJP has fielded former SP leader and party's Dalit MP from Agra, Satya Pal Singh Baghel, against former CM and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav in "family bastion" Karhal.

Baghel, who is presently the minister of state for law and justice at the centre, filed his nomination papers soon after Akhilesh completed the formality in the constituency, which comes under Mainpuri.

BATTLEGROUND UTTAR PRADESH

"This war will be full of surprises," said Baghel. "The first surprise in this war has been the announcement of my candidature and this will go in my favour." He added that though he was defeated by Akhilesh in Firozabad in 2009, it had created a fissure in the Yadav stronghold and he had won "people's hearts". "We will surely win this seat," claimed Baghel. He **TOI** that SP patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav's blessings will be with him. "The son usurped all powers," he said, adding that this seat was won by BJP in 2002 and history will be repeated in 2022. "This seat is not Akhilesh's personal property and he should remember this," the Union minister said.

After filing his nomination papers, Akhilesh said, "People of Mainpuri have decided to defeat BJP with a huge margin to end its negative politics. This is the 'karam sthali' of Netaji (Mulayam Singh Yadav) and he has always maintained warm relations with Mainpuri. I am confident that the public will make my victory historical."

On Baghel being thrown in the arena against Akhilesh, political analysts said it showed the BJP's well-planned move to engage the SP chief in a keen contest.

JUST LIKE THAT AJIT NINAN

'Duo or Die', INC!

Ex-minister in BJP, ED ex-official may follow

In yet another blow to SP ahead of UP polls, Shiv Kumar Beria, who was a minister in the Akhilesh Yadav government, joined BJP on Monday. Considered close to Akhilesh's uncle Shivpal, Beria has been a five-time MLA. In 2012, he won from Rasulabad reserved seat (Kanpur rural).

Meanwhile, ED joint director Rajeshwar Singh took voluntary retirement on Monday to join politics. An officer of UP Police, he has been on deputation to the ED for the past 14 years. He is likely to join BJP soon. TNN

Global investors have faith in India growth story: Prez in Parl address

Highlights Govt Focus On Muslim Women, Kids

Times News Network

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday said the inflow of $48 billion in investments in the first seven months of the current financial year is a testimony to the increasing belief of the global investor community in India's growth story and also lauded the country's handling of the Covid pandemic with record number of vaccinations.

In his address to a joint sitting of Parliament, which is seen as the intent of the government of the day, the President gave a detailed account of the Centre's initiatives towards empowering farmers and made a specific mention of the government's focus on women and girl-child belonging to the Muslim community.

"India has again emerged as one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. GST collection has consistently remained above Rs 1 lakh crore during the past several months. The inflow of $48 billion in the first seven months of the current financial year is a testimony to the belief the global investor community has in India's growth story," Kovind said.

Mentioning that the government has made a beginning to liberate the society from the manifestly arbitrary practice of Triple Talaq by making it a criminal offence, the President further said that restrictions on Muslim women from performing the Haj only with Mehram (male guardian) have also been removed.

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"While about three crore students from minority communities were provided scholarships prior to 2014, my government has provided scholarships to 4.5 crore such students since 2014. This has led to a significant reduction in the school dropout rate of Muslim girls and an increase in their enrolment," he said.

Highlighting that the government has made record procurement to match record production, the President said the government is working continuously to empower farmers and the country's rural economy. He said the United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets, which the government will celebrate on a large scale.

Referring to the Startups Intellectual Property Protection Programme, he said the government has simplified and accelerated the processes related to patents and trademarks. "As a result, nearly 6,000 patents and more than 20,000 trademarks have been applied for in this financial year," he added.

Kovind said the government is aware of rapidly-evolving drone technology and related opportunities and has notified the simplified Drone Rules 2021 and also launched a PLI scheme for the manufacturing of drones and drone parts in the country. Talking about India's capability in the fight against Covid-19, the President said the country has already surpassed the record of administering more than 150 crore vaccine doses in less than a year. "Today we are among the leading countries in the world with the highest vaccine doses administered. The success of this campaign has given a shield to the country providing enhanced protection to our citizens, while also boosting their morale," he said.

Kovind: Justice delivery to doorstep govt priority

Times News Network

New Delhi: President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday emphasised the government's commitment to judicial reforms, highlighting the goal of delivering justice to the doorstep of citizens.

Kovind, in his address to a joint sitting of Parliament, said initiatives on alternate dispute resolution mechanisms and bringing justice to the doorstep of citizens through its tele-law scheme remain the government's top priorities. "Many important steps are also being taken to make delivery of justice easier and more accessible. A platform has been set up for pre-litigation advice through tele-law programmes," he said.

To expedite settlement of disputes, the government has introduced the Mediation Bill in Rajya Sabha.

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Stop defaulter's poll process: Bank to EC

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Tarn Taran: An alleged loan default of Rs 6.3 crore has come to haunt politician Ramanjit Singh Sikki, who has filed his nomination papers twice as a Congress as well as an Independent candidate for the Khadoor Sahib constituency in the Punjab assembly polls this month. The manager of Bank of India's Avtar Nagar branch in Jalandhar has asked the Election Commission to stop his nomination because of the "default".

BATTLEGROUND PUNJAB

The manager wrote to the EC that Sikki has a KCC-limit credit account in the bank with an outstanding amount of Rs 6.3 crore and it was declared a non-performing asset in December 2020. Two days later, Sikki filed his nomination papers. "In spite of regular follow-up, Sikki hasn't returned the money. He committed a deliberate default by not repaying his loan," he said.

Cong starts tele-poll for Punjab CM face

Congress has launched a tele-poll to get responses from the general public on who should be ithe party's CM face in Punjab, reports **Vibhor Mohan.** Sources said the AICC has begun making telephone calls to voters to help it decide whether to pick Channi or Sidhu or no one for the top post. The party is banking upon its database of Punjab voters and citizens who received promotional calls about the initiatives of Channi as CM.

Beant's killer seeks votes for SAD

Former Punjab CM Beant Singh's convicted assassin Balwant Singh Rajoana on Monday used the HC-granted opportunity to attend his late father's bhog ceremony to make a 15-minute speech in which he urged the electorate to vote for Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) to "avenge the killing of Sikhs by Congress", reports **Payal Dhawan.**

RLD sees 'BJP ploy' to divide Jat votes in UP

Lucknow: Desperate to regain political ground in UP, RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary is finding himself under the shadow of his father late Ajit Singh, who was known for frequently switching political camps, reports **Pankaj Shah**.

This became apparent a day after Union minister and BJP's UP election in-charge Dharmendra Pradhan dismissed Jayant as "politically immature" who was not aware about history of his father – in what RLD brass saw as BJP devious attempt to fuel "confusion" among the electorally significant Jat voters.

Not surprisingly, Jayant sensed BJP's deft move and was quick to reply through a tweet: "The big leaders of the country are worrying so much about me... feels good-....That means, I'm doing fine!". Political analysts point out that Pradhan stance came days after Union home minister Amit Shah reportedly said that Jayant had chosen the "wrong camp", in a clear reference to RLD's alliance with the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party.

No legislative business in 1st part of Budget session

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New Delhi: With only 10 sittings of Parliament possible until February 11, the concluding day of the first part of the Budget session, the government has said no legislative business will be taken up in both Houses of Parliament during this period.

This was conveyed to floor leaders of all parties by the government during a virtual meeting convened by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu.

With only 23 hours of time available for business other than Zero Hour, Question Hour and Private Members' Business, Naidu is learnt to have said that the discussion on Motion of Thanks to the President's address and the Union Budget 2022-23 will take precedence over all else in the first part of the Budget session.

A formal meeting of the Rajya Sabha BAC will be convened on Tuesday to allocate time to the discussions on the motion of thanks and the Union Budget.

Piyal Bhattacharjee

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Parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi also told the Lok Sabha BAC that the first half of the session will be mainly devoted to the financial business relating to the Union Budget for 2022-23 and on discussion on the Motion of Thanks on President's address.

In the second half of the Budget session from March 14, tentatively 20 items have been identified for being taken up, including 14 bills and six financial items.

In the last Budget session of 2021, discussion on these items had taken up over 26 hours. This time, both will have to be completed in 23 hours.

Speaking for the government during the Monday's meeting, Piyush Goyal said that given the limitations of time, there would be no legislative proposals during the first part of this session.

Parties have assured, will help run House smoothly: Speaker

Times News Network

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday said members of all political parties have assured him of cooperation in the running of the House and hoped that Parliament will function smoothly during the Budget session.

Birla on Monday chaired a meeting of the business advisory committee of Lok Sabha, which was attended by parliamentary affairs minister Pralhad Joshi and floor leaders of all parties. It also acted as the customary all-party meeting at the start of a Parliament session.

The meeting decided to allocate 12 hours each to discussions on the Union Budget and the motion of thanks to the President's address, sources said. Opposition leaders also raised the issue of alleged snooping by using the Pegasus spyware.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said he has urged the floor leaders to raise people-centric issues during the Budget session

Later, Birla said leaders of all parties have assured him of cooperation and active participation. "I hope that with the cooperation of the government and all parties, the House will run smoothly and we will be able to do public welfare through result-oriented discussions," he said. He said he has urged floor leaders to raise people-centric issues and sought their cooperation.

Of 23,500 FIRs in poll-bound states, just 260 Covid-related

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New Delhi: As many as 23,500 first information reports (FIRs), including 17,000 for violations of Excise Act and anti-narcotics law, 650 for model code breach and 260 for Covid-19 violations, have been filed across the five poll-bound states since the announcement of assembly polls on January 8.

In line with EC's earlier warning that retribution in cases where money power is used to influence the voters would be swift and strict, around 17,000 or 70% of the total FIRs registered between January 9 and 30 related to seizures of liquor, narcotics and other freebies aimed at voter inducement.

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"Field expenditure monitoring machinery has been instructed to further intensify their monitoring in the days to come," said an EC functionary . Around 4,600 FIRs were filed for violation of various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Also, with strict Covid-19 safety guidelines having been issued by EC to limit and regulate public gatherings for campaign purposes, over 260 FIRs were filed for Covid-19 violations between January 9 and 30.

Also, aother 650 FIRs registered since January 9 related to violation of the model code of conduct.

A total 25,365 complaints have been received by EC so far through the cVIGIL mobile application, which allows common citizens to report violations of model code or attempts to bribe or intimidate voters. Of these, 22,257 or 88% complaints were found to be genuine.

"EC has a zero tolerance approach towards any attempts to jeopardise the sanctity of the electoral process. The election machinery of the five states have been taking various stringent actions, wherever required, to ensure that level playing field is maintained," said an EC functionary.

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Konkan Railway Corporation Limited requires candidates for the following posts for it's Design and Inspection Cell on Contract basis.

POST	VACANCY	DATE OF WALK-IN-INTERVIEW	VENUE
Assistant Project Engineer (Fabrication)	04	07.02.2022	KR Vihar, Konkan Railway Executive Club, Sector-40, Seawoods-West, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400706.
Senior Technical Assistant (Fabrication)	10		

Candidates should see the details of notification, eligibility criteria, date and time of Walk-in-Interview on the KRCL website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the link **Recruitment -----> Current Notification** and may report directly for walk-in-interview at the above address.
Chief Personnel Officer

Government of Maharashtra
Directorate of Archaeology and Museums
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E-mail : mahaarchaeology@gmail.com Tel. No. (022) - 22623380
No. Museum 2021-22/State Museum-T.N./182 Date - 28 JAN 2022
Tender Notice
The Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Maharashtra State invites tender from the eligible firms through the online mode for the appointment of the Museum Master Planner for the proposed Maharashtra State Museum. The applicant firm should fulfill the eligibility criteria mentioned below.
1. The firm should have completed a project of establishing a Museum with the Central or State Government on the site area of minimum ten acres.
2. The build-up of the completed Museum project should be of the minimum size measuring 20,000 Sq. Mtr. and of the minimum cost amounting to Rs. 250 crores.
3. The applicant firm should have a minimum annual turnover of Rs. 2.50 crores for the last five financial years.
4. The applicant firm should be practicing in the field of Museum Establishment and Design for the minimum period of fifteen years. The firm having a global experience in the field is desirable.
5. The appointment will be purely on a project based and no any permanent claim will be entertained in this regard.

The tender form and docuinent will be available for download with applicable charges on the website http://mahatenders.gov.in from 01st February, 2022 to 10th February, 2022. The eligible firms may visit the above mentioned website for more details.
The Directorate reserves the right to cancel/postpone this notice of tender at any point of time and to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason.
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Director
DGIPR/2021-2022/4026

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Urban Development & Housing Department
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Notice for e-Auction
Tender Notice No.:RSCCL/e-auction/117/2018/18 Date: 29.01.2022
Notice for e-Auction (Phase-III) for Allotment of 41 plots of land in ABD area of Ranchi Smart City at Dhurwa area on Leasehold (99 Years) basis for Institutional, Commercial, Public & Semi Public Uses., mixed use,

1.	Name of the Assignment	e-Auction of Plots in ABD area for Institutional, Commercial, Public & Semi Public and Mix use.
2.	Registration Fee and EMD	Processing/Registration Fee: 0.01 % of the Reserve price (Non Refundable) +GST(18%) Application Fee/EMD: 5% of the Reserve price(Refundable)
3.	Date of Issue of the Scheme Brochure & Auction Publish	01.02.2022
4.	Start date for Registration on web portal	02.02.2022 from 10 AM
5.	End date for Registration on web portal	04.03.2022
6.	Date for pre-bid meeting	11.02.2022 Mode of Pre-Bid meeting will be notified on website.
7.	Bid Document & EMD Submission Start Date	14.02.2022 from 10 AM
8.	Bid Document & EMD Submission End Date	05.03.2022 up to 5PM
9.	Time and date for auction	Will be intimated to the shortlisted bidders
10.	Availability of Bid Document, Master Plan, Land Allotment Rules, Manual for Plots etc.	https://www.rsccl.in https://eauction.rsccl.in
11.	Email ID	E-mail – ranchismartcity@gmail.com
12.	Bid submission address	Ranchi Smart City Corporation Limited JUPMI Building ,2nd Floor, Plant Plaza Road, Dhurwa,Ranchi-834004
13.	e-auction portal	https://eauction.rsccl.in
14.	Contact No.	9431711119

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Chief Executive Officer, Ranchi Smart city Corporation Ltd

DELHI JAL BOARD; GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (E&M)I
CHANDRAWAL WATER WORKS NO.1, CIVIL LINES, DELHI-110054
PRESS NOTICE INVITING TENDER NO. 20 (2021-22)

S. No.	Subject	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Date & ID of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date of submission of tender
1	Design, Build, Operate & Maintain 9 MGD Pressure Sand Filters(PSF) at Chandrawal WW No.1 including all civil and electrical works for period of 5 years (Re-Invited)	Item Rate	17,60,000/-	1500/-	29.01.2022 2022_DJB_215589_1	21.02.2022 at 3.00 P.M

The tender is available at the E-Portal website : https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)
Advt. No. J.S.V. 1063 (2021-22)
Sd/- (S.P. Gautam)
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" STOP CORONAVIRUS - WEAR MASK, MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING, HAND WASH REGULARLY "

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT OF N.C.T OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PROJECT) W-VIII
A-BUILDING, VARUNALAYA, JHANDEWALAN, NEW DELHI-110005
Phone No:- 011-23533083, Email:- eeprojectw8@gmail.com
STOP CORONA
WASH YOUR HANDS WEAR MASK MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE
PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to shut down of 700 mm dia. Burari main emanating from Wazirabad Recycling plant for making interconnection of loop line laid by DMRC at Mother Dairy Wazirabad, The water supply of following areas (Burari Constituency:- Sant Nagar, Bhagat Colony, Baba Colony, Hanuman Kunk, Nathu Pura, Kaushik Enclave, Satya Vihar, Burari UGR and its adjoining areas) will not be available or will be available at low pressure in the evening of 02.02.2022.
Residents are advised to store sufficient quantity of water in advance as per their requirement. During the shutdown period water tanker will be available on request at following Telephone Nos.
1. Burari Water Emergency : 27619244, 27617609
2. Toll free No. DJB : 1916 (for all areas)
Inconvenience caused to the public is deeply regretted.
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Sd/-
A.E.E. (Project) W-VIII

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T)M-6
D-BLOCK MOTI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110015
PRESS NIT NO: 65 EE (T)M-6 (2021-22)

S. NO	Name of work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee Rs.	Last date/time of receipt of tender through e-procurement solution
01	Improvement of Sewerage System by P/L 500 mm dia sewer line by Trenchless technology along road no 41 in Punjabi Bagh West Under EE(west)-II AC-26 (Reinvited). Tender ID:- 2022_DJB_215513_1	78,78,514.00	1,58,000.00	1000.00	10.02.2022 upto 3.00 PM

Further details in this regard can be seen at http:/delhi.govtprocurement.com
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Advt. No. J.S.V. 1061 (2021-22)
Sd/- (TRILOK CHAND)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (T) M-6
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N.I.T. NO. 07 (2021-22)

SN	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Rs.)	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date/time of submission of e-tender/ Tender ID
1	Providing and laying 2400 mm Diameter Raw Water Main from Delhi Sub-Branch near Haiderpur WTP up to Outfall at Wazirabad WTP	Lump sum	1.88 08,000./- (Rs. 20 Lacs Through RTGS and Balance through B.G.)	1500/-	11.02.2022 at 03:00 P.M	25.02.2022 at 03:00 P.M. : Tender ID 2022_DJB_215545

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(Naresh Kumar Dargan)
Dy. Superintending Engineer (Project) Water-IX
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are hereby invited by Managing Director, Biswa Bangla Marketing Corporation Ltd. (BBMC) for supply of about 2 Lakh Faceshield Headbands and Visors for Faceshield. Technical & Financial bids are to be submitted Online only at https://wbtenders.gov.in For details, please visit www.biswabangla.in

NIT No.	Date of Publication of NIT	Item and Quantity to be supplied	Start Date & Time for submitting e-tenders		Date & Time for Online pre-bid Meeting		Last date for Submission of Tenders	
BBMC/FS/ 2021-22/NIT08(e)	01.02.2022	2 Lakh Faceshield Headbands and visors for Faceshield	01.02.2022	11 a.m.	03.02.2022	3 p.m.	08.02.2022	11p.m.

ICA-T1822(3)/2022

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LTD.

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
CIN: L45203DL1976GOI008171, Web: www.ircon.org

E-Procurement Notice (National Competitive Bidding)

e-Tender No.: IRCON/3024/ASEP/EPC/2022/01 **Date:** 01.02.2022

e-Tender is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirement for the work of "Construction of Eight Lane access-controlled Expressway form Km 3.00 to Km 20.200 (Shirsad to Akloli section - Spur of Vadodara Mumbai Expressway) in the state of Maharashtra **on EPC Mode,** under Bharatmal Pariyojana."

Estimated Cost of Work	**₹1072.29 Crore (including GST)**
Last Date and Time of e-Bid Submission	**21.02.2022 up to 20:00 Hrs. IST**

For further details, visit website **https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app**. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website.

Executive Director / Infrastructure

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY
RAJA RAMANNA CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, PO: CAT, PIN: 452012

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. RRCAT/Admn./Rect/2022/107 **January 28, 2022**

Online tenders are invited through E-Procurement mode by Chief Administrative Officer, RRCAT, PO-RRCAT, Indore – 452013, on behalf of President of India in two bids, from eligible reputed contractors for **"Engaging an agency to conduct end-to-end recruitment process"** at an estimated cost of ₹88,00,000/-(Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Only). More information useful for submitting online bids on the CPP portal, may be obtained at: **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**. Schedule of dates given as under:-

Dates of availability of Tender Documents for download : **From 01.02.2022 (10:00 hrs.) to 14.02.2022 (upto 1600 hrs.),** Last date of closing of tender uploading i.e. submission : **Upto 1500 hrs. on 21.02.2022,** Online opening of Technical Bid on **: 15:30 hrs. on 23.02.2022**

Financial Bids of qualified bidders will be opened at a later date to be notified separately. The detailed E-Tender (NIT) may also be viewed & downloaded from **www.rrcat.gov.in**. After free viewing of Tender Documents in PDF Format, interested agency to download Technical & Financial Bids in Excel Formats for participating, using their User ID/Password & Class III DSC before last date of sale. Registered agencies only can purchase/ download & submit /upload tenders. Agencies may visit above website for **registration.**

(S. S. Gondane)
Chief Administrative Officer
For and on behalf of the President of India

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. CEE/T&P/SEE-1/EE-T4/T13/KCO-158/32031/14577-98 Date: 31.01.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites bids on Electronic mode for the following work on **Total Turnkey Basis** against following Bid Enquiry Number:

Enquiry No.	Particulars
KPTCL/ CEE/ T&P/ 400kVGIS/ DOMMASANDRA/ TTK/ TLSS-1332	Establishing **2x500MVA, 400/220kV GIS Sub-Station at Dommasandra** in Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District along with Construction of associated 400kV Transmission lines, 220kV 1200Sqmm & 66kV 1000Sqmm UG Cable and 400kV Terminal Bay on **Total Turnkey Basis**, including designing of 400kV Transmission Towers/ Monopoles, Supply of all equipments/ Materials including Mandatory Spares, Erection (including Civil Works) of all equipments/Materials, Testing and Commissioning.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/** with hyperlink "e-procurement KPTCL" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.02.2022.** Last date and time for receipt of Bids is **3.00pm on 18.03.2022. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission/ Amendments will be intimated in the e-procurement portal**. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours. All Corrigendum/Addendum shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of bids.

Sd/-, Chief Engineer, Electy, Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560 009.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

SRDEN/III/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tender bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money **only through online payment modes** available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.

Tender No.	**181-DRM-MB-21-22**
Date	**Date :- 31.01.2022**
Name of work	Renewal of channel sleeper by H-beam sleeper and other associated work on bridge no. 1012 DN, 1021DN, 1038DN, 1062DN, 1072DN, 1076DN, 1126DN, 1131DN, 1135DN, 1021UP, 1038UP, 1062UP, 1072UP, 1075UP and 1077UP in MB-RAC section under Sr.DEN/III/MB
Tender Closing Date Time	24.02.2022 16:00
Advertised Value (Rs.)	3,75,75,084.80
Earnest Money (Rs.)	3,37,900.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	0.00
Bidding Start Date	10.02.2022
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 days
Period of Completion	06 months

No. 75-W/2/3/WA/Publication DATED : 31.01.2022 **209/2022**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. CEE/T&P/SEE-1/EE-T3/KCO-146/31972/2021-22/14429-44 Date: 31.01.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Re-Tender)
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, invites bid on Electronic mode for the following work on **Partial Turnkey basis**:

Enquiry Number and Particulars

KPTCL/CEE/T&P/220KV/Ghanagapura/PTK/TLSS-1331

Establishing 2x100MVA and 1x10MVA, 220/110/11kV Substation at Ghanagapura (Nimbarga) in Aland Taluk, Kalaburagi district along with construction of associated 220kV & 110kV overhead Transmission lines and 220kV & 110kV Terminal bays on Partial Turnkey Basis including supply of all Materials/equipments, Mandatory spares **(excluding supply of 2x100MVA, 220/110kV Power transformers along with NIFES, 1x10MVA, 110/11kV Power transformer and 11kV Switchgear)** and Erection (including Civil works) of all materials/ equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in/** with hyperlink "e-procurement KPTCL" or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.02.2022.** Last date and time for receipt of Bids is **3.00pm on 10.03.2022. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission / Amendments will be intimated in the e-procurement portal.** Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.

Any Corrigendum/Addendum shall be noticed by the bidders before the last date of submission of bid.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer, Electricity, Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL, III Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru – 560 009. Tel : 080 22274744.**

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Government of Rajasthan, Medical Education Department through its Executing Agency HSCC (India) Limited invites Online bids through e-tendering from eligible firms for following works required for Establishment of New Medical College at below mentioned locations in Rajasthan.

Nature of Work	Project Sites
Consent to Establish (Phase-I)	Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Dausa, Hanumangarh, Jaisalmer, Jhunjhunu, Karoli, Nagaur, Tonk, Pali & Churu
NBWL Clearance and Consent to Establish (Phase-I)	Bundi & Sawai Madhopur
EIA Clearance, NBWL Clearance and Consent to Establish (Phase-II)	Bundi & Sawai Madhopur
EIA Clearance and Consent to Establish (Phase-II)	Dausa, Karauli, Jhunjhunu & Baran

Tenders are available online from 01.02.2022 & Last date of Bid submission shall be 09.02.2022 up to 14:30 Hrs. Please refer detailed NIT available on e-tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC, HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal. Corrigendum/Amendment to this tender, if any, would appear only on said websites.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

Principal chief materials manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
1.	82195142C	P2-Fully Automated Immunoassey System	01 No	28.02.2022

Note:- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS websites i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for details. **2.** No Manual offer will be entertained.

Tender Notice No.: 82195142C date: 29.01.2022 208/2022

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Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
Teen Murti House, New Delhi 110011

An autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture Nehru Memorial Museum and Library(NMML) is developing Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya (Museum on Prime Ministers) in the Teen Murti complex.

NMML invites E bids for the following :

RFP MoPM/RFP/2022/003V4 For Setting up and Operating a Souvenir shop on Revenue sharing basis.

The last date for submission of e-bid is 14th February, 2022 up to 11AM.

For more details please visit website **www.tenderwizard.com/NMML** , **www.eprocure.gov.in**. and **http://nehrumemorial.nic.in/e-tenders.html**

davp 09142/12/0026/2122

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड बीजापुर (छ.ग.) (जल जीवन मिशन)

"ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना"

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली के अंतर्गत निर्धारित श्रेणी डी उच्च में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से निविदा क्रमांक 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131. 132, 133, 134, 135, 136 दिनांक 10.01.2022 सिस्टम नंबर 90522, 90523, 90524, 90525, 90526, 90547, 90548. 90550, 90553, 90554, 90556, 90558 e-procurement (Online) निविदाएँ डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 15.02.2022 है। निविदाओं की कुल लागत रू. 508.70 लाख है।

उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यो की निविदा की सामान्य शर्ते, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in से दिनांक 31.01.2022 से डाउनलोड की जा सकती है।

Sd/-
कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड बीजापुर

G-67299/6

कार्यालय कार्यपालन अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड नारायणपुर

Tel.No. 07781-252934 & E-mail ID - "eenar-phecg@nic.in"

(जल जीवन मिशन)
ऑनलाईन निविदा संशोधन सूचना

जी क्रमांक - 87883, 87884, 87885, 88051, 88145, 66083, 66382, 66958

इस कार्यालय द्वारा नीचे दर्शित कॉलम अनुसार निम्नलिखित ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना में अपरिहर्य कारणों से निविदा के तिथियों में संशोधन किया जाता है। विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

स.क्र.	निविदा सिस्टम क्रमांक	डाउनलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि
1.	System No. - 72571, 73055, 73186, 74278, 74507, 74516, 74512, 88904, 88913, 88921, 88944, 88981, 88986, 88988, 88992, 88993, 88998, 89015, 89019, 89021, 89471, 89477, 89482, 89494, 89504, 89505 89510, 89842	07.02.2022

उक्त निविदा की शेष नियम व शर्ते यथावत रहेंगी।

जी क्रमांक- 87883, 87884, 87885, 88051, 88145, 66083, 66382, 66958

Sd/-
कार्यपालन अभियंता
लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी खण्ड नारायणपुर

G-67304/5

NIT No: NSI/ESF/Boiler/2021-22

राष्ट्रीय शर्करा संस्थान
NATIONAL SUGAR INSTITUTE

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(खाद्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग)
Department of Food & Public Distribution
(भारत सरकार)
Government of India

कल्यानपुर, कानपुर
Kalyanpur, Kanpur
दिनांक/**Dated: 31.01.2022**

Notice Inviting Tender

The Director, National Sugar Institute, Kanpur (NSI, Kanpur), on behalf of President of India, invites for pre-bid meeting for "Boiler Configuration" from reputed Indian manufactures and authorized dealers for the supply, installation, integration (wherever required) under two bid systems:

The schedule of Pre-bid meeting is as under-

1. Date of Pre-Bid Meeting: **08.02.2022** at **12:00 PM.**
2. Date of Uploading of finalized specifications after pre bid: **18.02.2022**
3. Last date of submission of Bid: **28.02.2022**

For details refer to the institute website www.nsi.gov.in and/or e-procurement portal of the government http://eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app

Administrative cum Purchase & Sales Officer

Dr. H.K. Mahatab Library
Fakir Mohan University

Vyasa Vihar, Nuapadhi, Mitrapur, Balasore, Pin-756089
Tele No(s) : 06782-295949 (New Campus), 06782-241839 (Old Campus)
email: hkmahatblibraryfmu@gmail.com

No: FMU-LIB-PUR-104-2022-673 **Date : 31.01.2022**

INDICATIVE NOTICE REGARDING EXTENSION OF LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF JOURNALS.

In continuation to our Tender Call Notice No : **FMU-LIB-PUR-104-2022-77, Dtd. 6-01-2022,** this is to notify that the last date of receiving tenders for supply of journals to Fakir Mohan University is here by extended till **10.02.2022 (by 5.00 PM)** with same terms and conditions. The details of the advertisement, procurement process, terms and conditions etc are available in our website: **www.fmuniversity.nic.in**.

Sd/-
Registrar

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
26, Civil Lines, Electricity Distribution Circle, Roorkee
CIN: U40109UR2001SGC025867 Website: www.uktenders.gov.in

Date Extension Notice (Contact Number 01332-357325)

The last date & time of submission of tender documents of Tender No. SE/EDC-RKE/2021-22/46, SE/EDC-RKE/2021-22/47, SE/EDC-RKE/2021-22/48 & SE/EDC-RKE/2021-22/49 is hereby extended upto 10.02.2022 upto 11:00 hrs and Date of opening of bid is hereby extended upto 10.02.2022 at 15:00 hrs. Others terms & conditions will remain same. Please saw website www.uktenders.gov.in for Terms & Conditions and other description regarding above E-Tenders.

Superintending Engineer

पत्रांक: 2783/वि.वि.म.रू./नि. **Date: 28.01.2022 Electricity Distribution Circle, Roorkee**

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16-20, Barakhamba Lane, New Delhi-110001

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

FCI, Headquarters, New Delhi invites online e-tender under Two Bid System for engagement of Service Provider for sale of foodgrains through e-auction under OMSS(D). The Bid Document and other detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from Central Procurement Portal (**https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**) and FCI website (**www.fci.gov.in**)

General Manager (Sales)

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH

(New Deluxe Building, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh) Ph. 0172-2787200

RFP Reference No. 2022_MCC_64105_1

The Municipal Corporation Chandigarh (MCC) invites online bids from the interested bidders / agencies / companies for "GIS based Mechanized and Manual Sweeping of selected roads in Southern Sectors of Chandigarh". Interested bidders may download the RFP document from the e-Tendering portal i.e. https://etenders.chd.nic.in and shall submit their bids latest by 21st February, 2022 before 5.00 P.M. on the e-Tendering portal.

Corrigendum (if any) related to this RFP will only be published online at https://etenders.chd.nic.in

Joint Commissioner (I)
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money

NIT-21-22-37
SNP-Annual zone work for repair and maintenance of staff quarters and service building etc. from Badli to Ganaur in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/SNP on DUK section under ADEN/PNP for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹1,00,00,064.67, **Earnest Money:** ₹2,00,000.00

NIT-21-22-38
JP-Annual Zone Work for Repair and Maintenance of Staff Quarter and Service Building etc. in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/PNP for JHI-PNP branch line section under ADEN/PNP for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹50,00,051.23, **Earnest Money:** ₹1,00,000.00

NIT-21-22-39
PNP-Annual Zone Work for Repair and Maintenance of Staff Quarter and Service Building from GNU to KFU in the section of SSE/W/PNP under ADEN/PNP on DUK section for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹1,00,00,130.49, **Earnest Money:** ₹2,00,000.00

NIT-21-22-40
KKDE-Annual Zone Work for Repair and Maintenance of Staff Quarter and Service Building etc. in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/KKDE under ADEN/KUN for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹1,00,00,130.33, **Earnest Money:** ₹2,00,000.00

NIT-21-22-41
KUN-Annual Zone Work for Repair and Maintenance of Staff Quarter and Service Building etc. in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/KUN on DUK section under ADEN/KUN for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹89,47,097.87, **Earnest Money:** ₹1,79,000.00

NIT-21-22-42
NK-Annual Zone Work for Repair and Maintenance of Staff Quarter and Service Building etc. in the jurisdiction of SSE/W/KKDE on NRW-KKDE branch line section under ADEN/KUN for the period ending 30.06.2022.
Approx, Cost: ₹59,97,361.86, **Earnest Money:** ₹1,20,000.00

Completion Period for the work at S.N. 1 to 6	05 Months

Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only, **Note:** FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016

Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 22.02.2022 opening of e-tender at 15:00 hrs. on 22.02.2022
Website particulars, published tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and website where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**
Similar nature of work	**Definition of Similar work: S.No. 1 to 6 :-** Any Civil work other than track work.

Note: All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIV is compulsorily

No.: 128-W/280/Tender Notice/21-22/W-I (NIT-37-42) Dated: 31.01.2022 218/22

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Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society
State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Bihar

Govt. of Bihar

Caution Against Fraudulent Offers

It has come to our notice that some unscrupulous elements are issuing fraudulent communication inviting candidates to appear in interview for supposedly vacant position in BRLPS(Jeevika) on monetary consideration. Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) popularly known as "JEEVIKA" would like to bring to the notice of all job aspirants,candidates and public that no such communication/email has been sent by BRLPS (Jeevika). **Therefore, the prospective candidates/job aspirants are cautioned not to fall prey to the designs of such unscrupulous elements who are trying to mislead the aspirants/ candidates.**Information about any vacancy and related recruitment in Jeevika is communicated through official website of the BRLPS(Jeevika)either on www. Jobs.brlps.in and/or on **www.brlps.in** only. Authenticity of any related recruitment to be ascertained from the mentioned official website of BRLPS(Jeevika). BRLPS(Jeevika)shall not be responsible for any fraudulent activity. Issued in the interest of General Public.

PR- 012532 (Ni.Ni.) 2021-22

Additional Chief Executive Officer,
Bihar Rural Livelihood Promotion Society

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT OF LICENCE FOR SETTING UP OF GROUP HOUSING COLONY UNDER 20% COMPONENT OF NET PLANNED AREA OF A RESIDENTIAL SECTOR IN VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE STATE UNDER POLICY DATED 10.11.2017 AND POLICIES DATED 14.06.2012, 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 (LEFT-OVER POCKET POLICY).

1. The Department of Town & Country Planning, Haryana has notified a policy dated 10.11.2017 for grant of license for setting up of those categories of colonies for which there is a cap on the Net Planned Area (NPA). This policy is hosted on the website of the department at https://tcpharyana.gov.in/Policy/PF-64Pawan%20Bhatia%20Notification.docx% 2010 11 2017 4 20.pdf. The policy gives guidelines with respect to grant of licenses under the provisions of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975 and Rules framed thereunder (Act 8 of 1975) for those categories of colonies which are allowed on limited area.
2. The Government has also notified the policy dated 14.06.2012 and amended on 09.08.2016 & 30.05.2018 for the development of left-over land pockets through grant of license under the provisions of Act no. 8 of 1975. The said policy also prescribes grant of license for setting up of Group Housing Colonies in the Developed Sectors on the Left Over Land Pockets as per the area norms prescribed in the aforesaid policies. These policies are also available on the website of the Department i.e. www.tcpharyana.gov.in.
3. In view of provisions of the policies mentioned above, the online as well as hard copies of the applications are hereby invited for grant of license for setting up of Group Housing colonies (within 20% limit of Net Planned area of residential sectors) on the prescribed form LC-I in accordance with Rule 3 of the Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Rules - 1976, provisions of policy dated 10.11.2017 and zoning regulations of relevant Final Development Plans published under Section 5(7) of Act No. 41 of 1963, for the net planned area available for Group Housing Colony in the respective residential sector, which is hosted on the website of the Department.

   The hard copies of the applications are to be submitted in the office of Director, Town & Country Planning, Haryana. The link for submission of online licence application is as follow : https://ofa.tcpharyana.gov.in/.

   No online application and hard copy on LC-I form received after expiry of **two months** period will be entertained.
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

E-Tender Notice No:- PAY AND USE-MTJ-2022-02 **Date:-31.01.2022**

E-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Divisional Railway Manager's Office, North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of The President of India for awarding of Normal Pay & Use Toilet complex between PF 01 & 07 in front of GRP Thana & Third Entry Circulating Area New Toilet Complex at Mathura Jn. Railway Station on operation and maintenance (O&M) basis, North Central Railway for the period of Three years under **"Single Packet Tendering System"**. The details of particulars are as follows:-

1	**e-tender No.**	**PAY AND USE-MTJ-2022-02 Date:-31.01.2022**
2	**Name of Work**	Normal Pay & Use Toilet complex between PF 01 & 07 in front of GRP Thana & Third Entry Circulating Area New Toilet Complex at Mathura Jn. Railway Station on operation and maintenance (O&M) basis.
3	**Duration of Work**	3 Years
4	**Approx. cost of the Work**	Rs.31,76,983/- (For 03 years)
5	**Earnest Money Deposit**	Rs.98,900/-
6	**Cost of Tender Form**	Rs.3,540/-
7	**Validity of offer**	60 days from the date of tender opening
8	**E-Tender Closing Date & Time**	21.02.2022 up to 11:30 Hours
9	**E-Tender Opening Date &Time**	21.02.2022 up to 12:00 Hours

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A thought for today

As monetary policy stance tightens more broadly this year, economies will need to adapt to a global environment of higher interest rates

GITA GOPINATH

Good Growth But ...

Survey realistic on GDP, big macro picture. But private consumption, formal sector jobs are worries

The key message of the *Economic Survey* is that in 2022-23, the economy is expected to grow between 8-8.5%, mainly on account of vaccination-triggered normalcy, robust exports and the availability of fiscal space for GoI investment. These are reasonable assumptions and lend credibility to projections. But the forecast also assumes there won't be any more shocks. First, the Survey expects monsoon to be normal. Second, it assumes key central banks in rich countries will ensure that financial markets don't panic during liquidity tightening. Third, it says the average price of oil will drift down from the current $89/barrel to about an average of $70-75.

Even assuming all these hold, there are implicit assumptions in the Survey. These are less convincing. GoI assumes that the pandemic's economic cost is entirely temporary. That vulnerable economic segments will bounce back. This is inconsistent with data on both employment and overall consumption. Private consumption in 2021-22 is not expected to reach the level that existed two years ago even though the overall GDP will be higher. The underlying cause shows up in the employment data, be that of GoI or CMIE. GoI's quarterly surveys on urban employment show that jobs have shifted to the informal sector. In the January-March 2021 survey, there's a 2.4 percentage points dip over a year in formal sector jobs to 48.1%. Those jobs have shifted to the informal sector. CMIE's data covers the period till September-December 2021. It shows that over two years, there's more than a 2 percentage points fall in the labour force to 40.3% of the population. With people dropping out of the labour market, and informal sector jobs offering low and uncertain incomes, consumption hasn't kept pace with overall GDP. This also has implications for revival of private investment. Even if banks have lendable funds, industry will wait for robust demand.

The recovery in overall GDP, however, has provided GoI with fiscal space arising from buoyant revenue. Therefore, in addition to capital expenditure, it needs to use the fiscal space to help contact-intensive services sectors to get back on their feet. This will also improve the job market and feed into private consumption. Recovery has been good. But worries remain, domestic and possibly external.

Elections & Budgets

Economic conditions are more important for voters than many politicians think

The Union Budget this year will be presented while EC's Model Code of Conduct is in force across five states, including India's most populous one, UP. In 2017, EC had forbidden GoI from announcing state-specific schemes or broaching achievements relating to the five poll-bound states in the Budget speech. The 2012 Budget, now infamous for Pranab Mukherjee's retrospective taxation fiasco, was postponed to March 16 for state polls to conclude. This year, EC hasn't issued specific directions like 2017 though MCC's usual strictures against announcing "any financial grants or promises" that have the effect of influencing voters should still apply.

But elections have other effects on budgets. For example, UP's and Punjab's discoms are among the most debt-ridden. They urgently require reforms worked out for the electricity sector to come into effect. But these reforms are usually unpopular, because they attack subsidies, especially those given to farmers. So, it is almost certain today's Budget will steer clear of signalling anything on electricity reform. Sometimes 'election budgets' do the other thing – when MCC is not in force, they give generous doles. The best recent example is Congress's 2008 Budget – general elections were in 2009 – that announced the farm loan waiver. That sop was thought to have helped Congress come back to power. But when Congress increased allocation for food security in the 2013 Budget – general elections were in 2014 – and followed it up with a food security law, voters remained unimpressed and the party was thrashed.

The lesson here is that sops alone can't win elections, and sometimes you can win elections even without competing on giving the best sop. In the election year 2019, Congress came up with the basic income transfer scheme, Nyay. But BJP's Budget proposed a limited income transfer scheme to farmers. BJP won a thumping majority – thanks to other factors.

However, BJP also won in 2019 despite elections being held in the middle of slowing GDP growth. This should not be seen by parties, including BJP, as indicating that the economy is irrelevant. It's very, very relevant most times because it is one of the factors that determine how voters feel about themselves. UP polls, being held amidst job losses and rising inflation, will be a test of the economy-election hypothesis.

Big suspense

Not so much about the budget as about what the economic experts will declare it to be

Bikram Vohra

I belong to that category of people who nod wisely over the details of the annual budget but have no clue what it all means. In my time the newspapers had two columns with arrows going up and down. They were for items that concerned me like electronic appliances, petrol prices, cooking oil, gas, cigarettes, stuff that threatened to wreck my budget. In a jiffy I knew if the government had got another raise at my cost. The esoteric stuff I had no time for though I do confess the years that they said the budget was robust and healthy I cried copious tears of relief. Who wants a weak and fragile budget? Occasionally it is buoyant which floats my boat because we cannot have it sink on us.

Since we seldom get to read any postmortem of the last budget and how it panned out these 12 months or how wide is the chasm between the perceived and the reality it is difficult for the self-confessed economically deficient to read much into the clichés.

The pro-government lobby will call it a people's budget and how it is balanced which is gratifying since no one wants it toppling over but the opposition will call it inflationary and unrealistic and only benefiting the rich. They will also say it is anti-agriculture and the government spokesman will announce that it will galvanise industry and is forward-thinking besides being strong on fiscal consolidation. Someone anti-establishment will then accuse it of being populist and I have never figured out what is wrong with populist. Populist is good, if you are sucking up to the public that voted you into power, then it is wonderful. We will then be told it provides stimulus and that reminds me of one of those energy drinks like it has got a second wind and cantering to victory.

Then the economic experts will kick in and tell us it is visionary, not visionary, impractical, growth-oriented (phew at least we won't be stunted), user-friendly and offering relief to the middle class. I love that relief bit only it never quite manifests itself as the year unfolds. Come June we don't say, hey, still waiting for the relief seeing as how we were informed total personal income tax slabs would be slathered with kindness. We will then be told recovery is still fragile so fiscal interventions are still necessary which means uh oh, there is a catch here and it might make the markets volatile and that is worrying. But it is reform-oriented and the monetary deficit will be bridged, though neither bothers me, I am looking for a newspaper that has arrows going up and down.

Economy Set To Accelerate

Eco Survey shows growth & stability indicators are healthy. Now we just need a clear road

Sanjeev Sanyal

The last two years have been very difficult for the world economy due to the Covid pandemic. After a significant decline during the national lockdown, followed by a sharp revival, the economy experienced a much shallower slowdown during the 'second wave' of April-June 2021. Since then it has witnessed a sustained recovery even if Omicron may have impacted some sub-sectors in January 2022. Most high-frequency indicators like GST collections, freight traffic, e-way bill generation, and fuel consumption broadly follow the above trends. This year's *Economic Survey* argues that a combination of responsive policy-making and supply-side reforms place India in a good position to generate strong growth in 2022-23.

According to advance estimates, GDP has climbed past pre-Covid levels with growth registering 9.2% in 2021-22 after a contraction of 7.3% in 2020-21. Agriculture was the least affected sector but output in most segments of industry and services is also above the pre-pandemic level of 2019-20. However, the recovery is still not complete for contact-intensive sectors such as travel and tourism. Thus, the sub-sector 'trade, hotels, transport, and communications' in national accounts remains 8.5% below pre-pandemic levels of activity.

Restrictions on contact-intensive services are unavoidable as long as serious health concerns persist. The good news is that, over the course of a year, India delivered 157 crore doses that covered 91 crore people with at least one dose and 66 crore with both doses. The vaccination process for boosters and for the 15-18 years age group is also gathering pace. With vaccination having covered the bulk of the population, and economic momentum in its favour, this year's *Economic Survey* forecasts that the Indian economy is in a position to witness GDP growth of 8.0-8.5% in 2022-23. This would make India the fastest growing major economy in the world. The IMF's latest forecast, released on January 25, is even higher at 9%.

Nonetheless, the global environment still remains uncertain with high inflation in many countries, spikes in energy prices, global supply-chain disruptions, and financial liquidity likely to be withdrawn by major central banks. This is why it is important to look at India's macro-stability indicators and their ability to provide a buffer against these stresses.

India's balance of payments remained in surplus throughout the last two years despite swings in both capital and current accounts. This allowed sustained accumulation of foreign exchange reserves, now at $635 billion – equivalent to 13.2 months of imports. The current account deficit remains small despite a surge in imports because both merchandise and services exports have also done well. Thus, India's external sector sustainability indicators look much stronger than during the global financial crisis of 2007-09 or the 'taper tantrum' episode of 2013.

Similarly, the banking system is well capitalised and non-performing assets (NPAs) seem to be steadily declining. The gross NPA and net NPA ratios declined from 11.2% and 6% respectively in 2017-18 to 6.9% and 2.2% at end-September 2021. Meanwhile, there has been record mobilisation of risk capital by Indian companies, with Rs 89,066 crore raised via IPOs in April-November 2021.

Despite healthy macro-stability indicators, the lesson of the last two years is that we should be ready for the unexpected. As the *Economic Survey* explains, the key reason that the Indian economy was able to navigate these turbulent times was a 'barbell' response strategy that combined safety nets and a flexible 'Agile' framework, which used feedback loops and real-time responsiveness

On the fiscal front, support given to the economy as well as to the health policy response caused the fiscal deficit and government debt to rise sharply in 2020-21. However, revenue collections have been very strong for both direct taxes and indirect taxes in 2021-22. Thus, both fiscal and primary deficits declined for April-November 2020-21 despite sustained spending on health and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, inflation has reappeared as a global issue in both advanced and emerging economies. In India, consumer price inflation remains within the 2-6% target range. However, wholesale price inflation has been running in double digits. This is partly due to a low statistical base but there is a need to be wary of imported inflation, especially from elevated global oil prices.

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The same barbell strategy was used to roll out a slew of supply-side reforms. On one hand, measures like deregulation, process simplification, production-linked incentives, privatisation, and infrastructure investment have been used to boost the efficiency and competitiveness of the Indian economy. At the same time, the Atmanirbhar Bharat framework is being used to build India's resilience to global supply-chain disruptions by encouraging indigenous innovation as well as domestic production of key inputs like chips and pharmaceutical ingredients. It should be clear that Atmanirbhar Bharat is not a return to socialist-era import-substitution.

To conclude, the Indian economy is in a good place – macro-indicators are reasonably healthy and the growth engine looks primed to deliver the world's highest growth rate. Of course, unexpected headwinds from geo-political developments and spikes in energy prices remain a risk. This is why the biggest strength of the Indian economy is the policy willingness and administrative capacity to adapt to new situations, as demonstrated in the last two years.

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The Performative Democracy Of Manipur Elections

But the rise of indigenous parties holds out hope of meaningful change in the Northeast

Binalakshmi Nepram

As Manipur goes to polls in two phases, on February 27 and March 3, the state is at a crossroads. It can either continue with the performative democracy it has been for decades, or catalyse real change across the Northeast.

One of my first memories of elections in Manipur were the colourful election symbols that flooded our localities in Imphal. Badges, banners and candidate posters were plastered almost everywhere. Candidates outstretched folded hands, begging for votes. There was hardly any debate. Rather, elections were like big shows involving announcements, feasts, liquor and distribution of money. We also saw former contractors, drug traffickers, money launderers, jailed militants, men with connection to armed groups and gangs becoming part of the performative democracy. We hardly saw sincere, honest people get elected.

Baggage of the past

This year, too, nothing much has changed. It is a similar performance that is being staged. The actors remain the same: Congress, BJP, National People's Party (NPP), Naga People's Front (NPF), Lok Janshakti Party (LJP), TMC, CPI, Republican Party of India-Athawale, Shiv Sena and a few independents. In the last 2017 elections, Congress was the single-largest party with 28 seats. However, BJP, which got 21 seats, engaged in horse trading to form the government with the support of four NPP members of legislative assembly, four members of NPF, one TMC and one independent member.

As of January, eight MLAs of Congress plus one TMC MLA have reportedly joined BJP, and there are multiple candidates seeking BJP tickets leading to the breaking out of violence and infighting. With 31 as the magic number to form the government in the state, there are attempts by smaller parties to form poll alliances. Sources mention the ongoing negotiation of NPF with BJP, while there is already an alliance between BJP and NPP at the Centre and in Meghalaya. As of now, BJP has 30 MLAs and Congress has 20.

Under the shadow of the gun

Democracy at gun-point

BJP, after much delay, announced on January 29 candidates for all 60 assembly constituencies. While it was banking on the promise of good governance and development, the situation following the announcement has been filled with dismay with violence erupting in several parts of Manipur. Protesters took to tearing down flags and banners saying that BJP had not remained true to the values it espouses. Plus, the fielding of political dynasts and candidates charged with drug-trafficking has led to an outpouring of anger. Even with regard to women candidates, only three have been given tickets, contradicting the BJP state president who had earlier stated that more women candidates will be fielded this year. Given this scenario, larger issues such as the repeal of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), Naga political imbroglio, boundary dispute with Myanmar etc, remain on the backburner.

Thus, the current political environment remains unclear as to which party or group of parties has the edge in the upcoming polls. With electoral bonds and the majority of those funds going to the current ruling party, the latter will certainly try to press the advantage. However, the new phenomenon of use of guns and rise in violence leading up to the polls – already there have been several election related killings – means that democracy at gun-point continues to best exemplify Manipur.

Green shoots of hope

However, there are several new positive trends as well that are being viewed as strong beacons of hope. First, the emergence of several youth leaders and women who have entered the political fray. Youth in the state are now taking action and are aware of how change is critical. Second, there is a rise in local indigenous parties such as the Manipur People's Party, NPF, and the recently formed Kuki People's Alliance. These new political actors are part of a landscape of several indigenous political groups and alliances emerging across the Northeast. These include the TIPRA-Motha in Tripura, a newly formed indigenous political party that won a stunning majority in the 28-member Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections last year.

If this trend continues, the election equation may change in Manipur too. The continued imposition of martial law, the debacle of CAA, attacks on minorities, attempts to distort indigenous history and way of worship, the ongoing Naga Peace Talks, the arrest and detention of journalists, denial of freedom of expression, the criminalisation of people's movements, and Covid-related losses will also be deciding factors in the upcoming polls.

For sustainable peace and development to come to Manipur, we must elect representatives who have the moral fibre to ensure that AFSPA is repealed and a truth and reconciliation commission is created to look into decades of war, protection of history, way of life and faith of indigenous peoples, thereby starting a process of healing. Only then can Manipur be a beacon of light in the Northeast.

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Living In Silence

Silence is free from beginning and end. It was before the beginning of all things ... All activity is creative when it comes from silence ... It is the home ground of all creative activity ... The one established in silence lives in constant offering, in prayer without asking, in thankfulness, in continual love.

Jean Klein

Amavasya That's Symbolic Of The Need To be Still

Pranav Khullar

The state of mauna, stillness, lies at the heart of all spiritual traditions, alluding to a dimension of consciousness far beyond the thinking mind, wherein one becomes aware of awareness itself, of a silence within, which is one's own Self.

Drawn from the word 'muni', the ascetic who practises silence, mauna takes one into a state beyond the chatter of the mind as well as the practices of meditation. It is often said that while we may choose our manner of prayers and meditation, stillness will choose you when you are ready. The famous Psalm, "Be still and know that I am God" beckons one to anchor oneself in silence and stillness. Eckhart Tolle refers to this phenomenology of silence as stepping into a state of inner still alertness, wherein "you are present ... you have stepped out of thousands of years of collective human conditioning".

The yog tradition lays out mauna as a spiritual practice itself, where the seeker is required to preserve silence as a spiritual discipline in order to quell the clutter of the mind. This was seen as a prerequisite for inducing pratyahara, a gradual withdrawal from the objects of external senses, a realisation of the transitoriness of the outer world, giving rise to a detached perspective on life and living. It is in keeping with this spiritual practice that the ancient seers kept aside an entire month for introspection, reflection and meditation for seekers and the common man alike, which would conclude on the 15th day of the month of Magha, now known as Mauni Amavasya.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Mauni Amavasya is symbolic of the need to quieten down, take a pause and reassess the journey of life undertaken so far, so as to gather strength anew for the road ahead. It is a call to choose the road ahead wisely, prioritise one's goals as per the life we would like to ideally lead.

Moving from silence to stillness is the inner road taken by those who search for the deeper purpose of life. It is this journey which transformed Mahavir and the Buddha themselves, Mahavir choosing silence for 12 years on his path, and the Buddha choosing a 'noble silence' as a response to philosophical questions, as Shakyamuni himself, 'the silent one of the Shakya tribe'.

In modern times, this same voice of silence marked the sadhana of Sri Aurobindo and Gandhiji, one choosing mauna to go deeper into the evolution of the human spirit, and Gandhiji choosing mauna to be guided by the Inner Voice in navigating public life. Ramana Maharishi, of course, himself embodied this state of mauna in his teachings, by making silence itself as the medium of instruction.

Thich Nhat Hanh refers to this transforming voice of silence as the 'power of quiet' in a world full of noise. He would gently prod people to heed to this eloquent sound of silence, in which we can hear the call of life and love. According to the Chhandogya Upanishad, mauna is a form of Brahmacharya, in the sense that the mind is fixed on the Brahmn in this state of silence, in the final realisation that we are not just this body and mind.

Mauni Amavasya is on February 1

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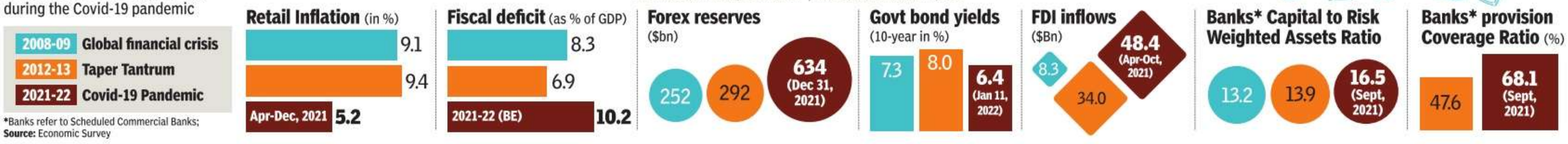

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Eco Survey Lists Performances, Warns Of Challenges

Need capex to boost growth, pvt sector investment: Survey

Centre Seen On Track To Achieve Fiscal Deficit Target For FY22

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Economic Survey has stressed on the need for capital expenditure to sustain growth, underlining how the strategy adopted by the government is expected to create conditions for private sector investment by generating demand, and also create employment in the coming months.

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The finance ministry's annual economic report card has suggested that the government seems to be on course to achieve the fiscal deficit target during the current financial year, given that revenue has been buoyant, with both direct and indirect taxes showing robust growth.

The need to sustain "targeted focus" on capex is in line with demands from the private sector for finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to continue with her strategy. "The targeted focus on capital expenditure, with its resulting multiplier effects, will be vital in sustaining the economic growth. As the economy grows further, the revenue collection from all the sources is expected to be more robust, which will help to strengthen the fiscal position on one hand, and create fiscal space on the other," the report said.

Although the survey points to a 13.5% increase in capex during April-November 2021, against 26% targeted in the Budget, it is banking on a sharp pick-up in spending during the second half of the financial year, citing past experience. The finance ministry has been prodding government departments to push capex as many of them have lagged. Despite the higher capex and increased spending due to higher subsidies and clearing Air India dues, the survey is hopeful of the government meeting the fiscal deficit target of 6.8% of the GDP.

"...a strong rebound in government revenues in 2021-22 has meant that the government will comfortably meet its targets for the year, while maintaining the support, and ramping up capital expenditure. The strong revival in revenues (revenue receipts were up over 67% YoY in April-November 2021) means that the government has fiscal space to provide additional support if necessary," it said.

Referring to the data till last November, the survey said the focus of capital expenditure from April to November 2021 was directed towards infrastructure-intensive sectors like roads and highways, railways, and housing and urban affairs.

Eyes Pick-Up In Spending In H2

- The government's capex strategy is expected to create conditions for private sector investment, says finance ministry's annual economic report card
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GST mop-up tops ₹1.38L cr in Jan, nears April record

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Goods and services tax (GST) collection topped Rs 1.38 lakh crore in January, compared to Rs 1.29 lakh crore in the previous month, providing further comfort to the government ahead of the Budget.

The government appeared satisfied with the overall jump in revenue, as collections up to 3 pm on Monday were the second highest for any month since the new regime came into force in July 2017. The previous high of Rs 1.41 lakh crore was recorded in April (for sales in March 2020-21).

It marked only the fourth month of over Rs 1.3 lakh crore mop-up, with the thrust coming from GST on imports, which soared 26%, while the rise on domestic transactions was to the tune of 12%, the finance ministry said in a statement. "The revenues for the month of January 2022 are 15% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year and 25% higher than the GST revenues in January 2020," it said.

The numbers come despite most experts and businessmen arguing that Omicron would impact economic activity. While the third wave started in December, it rose sharply in January and is seen to have peaked now. The Economic Survey has already pointed to the rapid rise in tax collections, providing the Centre with enhanced headroom for fiscal intervention.

"The GST collections have once again surpassed expectations. The continuing increase in collections both on domestic transactions and import transactions viewed together with the recent increases in export revenues, would provide more fiscal headroom in the FY23 budget calculations," said MS Mani, partner at Deloitte India.

Tatas' ₹12k cr bid bags PSU steel co Neelachal

Move After AI Buy Part Of Tata Steel Plan To Focus On India After Cutting Losses Abroad

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Mumbai: Tata Steel will take control of Neelachal Ispat Nigam (NINL) after bidding Rs 12,100 crore, including equity and debt, the government said on Monday. The unit of Tata Sons plans to make Neelachal's Odisha facility, currently defunct, the hub for its long steel business in the future. Long steel products refer to rods, rails and bars used in the construction sector.

The deal comes hot on the heels of Tata Sons acquiring Air India from the government through the privatisation process. The M&A is in line with Tata Steel's strategy of doubling down on the India business after selling some unprofitable overseas ventures. In 2018, it had acquired Bhushan Steel for Rs 35,200 crore, the largest M&A under Tata Steel chairman N Chandrasekaran (who is also the chairman of Tata Sons) — the first India consolidation move as part of that strategy.

On Monday, the government said it has approved the highest bid of Tata Steel Long Products, a unit of the $21-billion Tata Steel, for a 94% stake in the loss-making Neelachal at an enterprise value of Rs 12,100 crore. Besides Tata Steel, billionaire industrialist Sajjan Jindal-controlled JSW Steel and a grouping of Jindal Steel & Power (owned by Sajjan's younger brother Naveen Jindal) and Nalwa Steel & Power submitted financial bids for Neelachal.

Tata Steel will have to pay 10% of the bid amount when it signs the share purchase agreement. Neelachal's debt exceeded Rs 6,600 crore, while its accumulated losses was Rs 4,228 crore as on March 31, 2021. This is the first instance of privatisation of a public sector steel manufacturing enterprise in India.

LONG PRODUCTS BIZ TO TAKE OFF

4th asset bought by Tatas from govt

- 2001 | CMC
- 2002 | SNL
- 2021 | Air India
- 2022 | NINL
- M&As under N Chandrasekaran
- 2018 | Bhushan Steel (largest buy at ₹35,200cr)
- 2019 | Usha Martin Steel
- 2021 | BigBasket, 1MG, Tejas Networks, Air India
- 2022 | NINL

- Tata Steel plans to make Neelachal Ispat Nigam (NINL) a hub for long products business in future
- The NINL acquisition, financed through a mix of internal accruals & bridge loans, will close within a couple of months
- It gives the steel giant 1-million-tons-per-annum (mtpa) of steel-making capacity, 2,500 acres for future growth, and iron ore reserves of around 100 million tons
- Tata Steel will also build a 4.5mtpa long products complex in some years, and expand it to 10mtpa by around 2030
- The long products segment is poised to witness significant growth as India builds its infrastructure and industrialises

Delhi NCR pips B'luru to emerge as startup capital, Maha tops in states

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Bengaluru: Delhi NCR has dethroned Bengaluru as the startup capital of India, the Economic Survey for 2021-22 showed on Monday, highlighting the rise of the national capital on the startup ecosystem.

Delhi added more than 5,000 recognised startups between April 2019 and December 2021 compared to 4,514 added to the total tally of the Silicon Valley of India. Maharashtra, with 11,308 recognised startups, tops the charts among states.

Last year, India's booming startup ecosystem, too, set new records. While 44 startups became unicorns (valued at more than $1 billion), India overtook the UK to emerge as the country with the third-highest number of unicorns after the US and China that added 487 and 301 unicorns respectively in 2021.

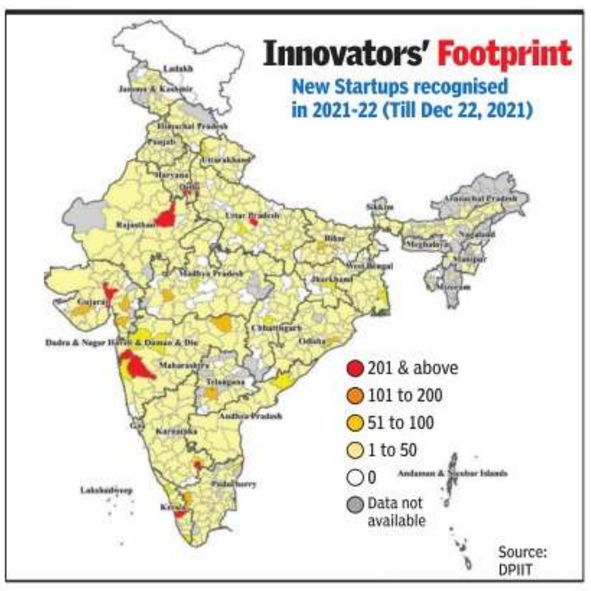
In addition, at least 14,000 new startups were recognised in India last year, up around 20 times in five years. Only 733 startups were registered during 2016-17. Similarly, 555 districts had at least one new startup in 2021 compared to only 121 districts in 2016-17, according to the survey.

For the rapid progress, stalwarts in the startup sector lauded the government's Startup India initiative launched in 2016. Government recognition offers several benefits to a startup, including exemptions on income tax and capital gains. Under the digital initiative, other than having access to alternative investment funds, startups enjoy the benefit of an easier winding down process, as well. India boasts over 80 unicorns with an overall valuation of around $278 billion, while the total number of recognised startups in the country currently stands at 61,400.

The department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT), which earlier said government-recognised startups have created around 6.5 lakh jobs in the country, wants to register around 50,000 new startups in the four years. The survey also pointed to the growth of startups in the space sector that shot up from 11 in 2019 to 47 last year. The domestic space sector, which currently accounts for 2% of the $447 billion global space economy, is expected to capture a much larger share going forward.

Innovators' Footprint

New Startups recognised in 2021-22 (Till Dec 22, 2021)



RIL co forms JV with designer

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Continuing its shopping spree to strengthen its fashion portfolio, Reliance Brands (RBL) on Monday announced a 60:40 joint venture with Indian designer Rahul Mishra. The JV, that will include Mishra's ready-to-wear business, will create and own a new brand with the designer as the creative director.

It's a similar arrangement, which the Mumbai-headquartered retailer recently struck with another Indian designer Anamika Khanna for her brand AK-OK. The development comes close on the heels of rival Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail (ABFRL) buying 51% stake in House of Masaba Lifestyle for around Rs 90 crore.

RBL, part of Reliance Industries, is expanding its play too, by partnering and buying into domestic designers crippled by store closures during the pandemic.

No escape from fuel price hike after polls

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Economic Survey 2021-22 has flagged rising oil prices and rupee exchange rate – both of which impact fuel prices – without giving any guidance on the need for further reduction in excise duty. In the backdrop of global benchmark Brent breaching the $90/barrel mark, it is safe to assume pump price revisions will resume once the political expediency of state polls is over on March 10.

Referring to November's cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel, the survey said it was done to bring relief to consumers when oil prices spiked beyond $84 per barrel in October.

Eco shrank 6.6% in FY21, lower than 7.3% estimate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India's economy contracted by 6.6% in 2020-21, narrower than the earlier estimate of 7.3% decline, highlighting that the economic damage inflicted by one of the strictest lockdowns in the world to ward off spread of coronavirus was less severe than estimated earlier.

Data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday also showed that the economic slowdown was sharper at 3.7% expansion compared to the earlier estimate of 4% growth for 2019-20.

The use of latest available data from various agencies has resulted in some changes in both the levels of GVA (gross value added) and growth estimates for 2018-19 and 2019-20, the NSO said.

The 7.3% contraction was the sharpest in nearly four-decades as the Covid-19 induced lockdown had hurt the economy. But the revised data seems to show that the damage was lower than what was expected. The lockdown had hurt several key sectors of the economy, particularly the contact intensive sectors, such as tourism, hospitality, aviation and others.

The agriculture sector has been the mainstay of the economic revival, that has taken place after lifting of curbs. The sharp contraction had triggered a debate over the management of the economy and impact of lockdown.

Dec core sector output grows 3.8%

New Delhi: Production of eight infrastructure sectors expanded by 3.8% in December 2021 against a 0.4% contraction in the same month last year on better show by coal, cement and refinery products, according to the official data released on Monday. PTI

Sensex rallies on growth forecast

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Backed by a rebound in global markets, the sensex rallied through Monday's session and closed 814 points higher at 58,014 as strong growth projections in the Economic Survey improved investor sentiment. Buying was across the board, with 27 of the 30 sensex constituents closing higher, which helped it reverse a two-session drop.

The 1.4% rise in the sensex, however, came despite a Rs 3,624-crore net selling by foreign funds. Domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 3,649 crore, BSE data showed.

According to Kotak Securities head (equity research - retail) Shrikant Chouhan, as the markets were in an oversold position, Monday's sharp bounce-back was on expected lines ahead of the Budget. "The upward bias was also supported by firm global cues and the Economic Survey report that has pegged a strong GDP growth for FY23," Chouhan wrote in his post-market note.

The day's rally, which was led by strong buying in Infosys, Reliance Industries and HDFC Bank, added about Rs 3.3 lakh crore to investors' wealth. The BSE's market capitalisation now stands at Rs 267.4 lakh crore.

In the forex market, helped by strong flows of dollars from corporates, the rupee closed 42 paise stronger at 74.62 to a dollar. In the government bond market, after the RBI announced that short-term government bonds worth about Rs 1.2 lakh crore would be switched to longer dated bonds, sentiment improved and the benchmark 10-year gilt yield closed at 6.68%, softer from 6.75% on Friday.

Despite the day's gains in the rupee, market players are keeping their stance guarded because of the strong foreign fund outflow. Data collated from CDSL and BSE showed that during January, foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) net sold stocks worth Rs 36,928 crore, the highest monthly outflow since March 2020.

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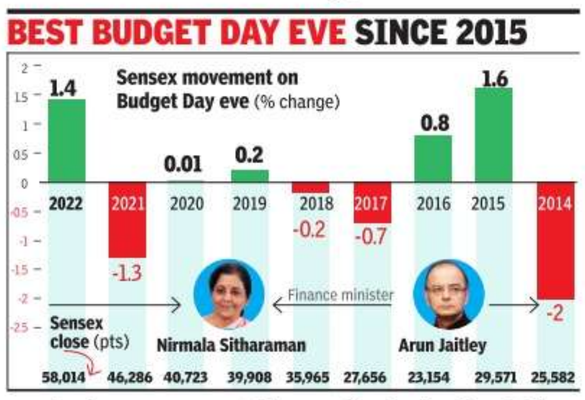

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CANADA PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU TESTS +VE FOR COVID, SAYS NO SEVERE SYMPTOMS AND WILL WORK REMOTELY THIS WEEK

'BRIDGERTON' STAR NICOLA COUGHLAN SLAMS BODY SHAMERS: IF YOU HAVE AN OPINION ABOUT MY BODY, DON'T SHARE IT WITH ME

Pakistan's US envoy pick terror sympathiser, reject nomination: Lawmaker

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Calling Pakistan's new ambassador-designate to the US Masood Khan a "jihadist", and a "terrorist sympathiser", an American lawmaker has urged the Biden administration to reject his diplomatic credentials amid continued deterioration in Washington's ties with Islamabad.

In a letter to President Joe Biden last week, Republican Congressman Scott Perry called Khan a "bona fide terrorist sympathiser" and an "unscrupulous individual" who is working to undermine US interests as well as "the security of our Indian allies".

Acceptance of Khan's credentials following his nomination for the US ambassadorship has reportedly been put on hold by the state department, but Perry said while he was encouraged by that, it's not enough. "I urge you to reject any diplomatic credentials presented to you by Masood Khan and reject any effort by the Pakistan government to install this jihadist as Pakistan's ambassador to the US," he said.

Perry's objections centred to Khan's purported support for terrorism in Kashmir, where he said the diplomat had "praised both terrorists and foreign terrorist organisations — including Hizbul Mujahideen — in stark and unsettling terms" and has "encouraged young men to emulate jihadists like Burhan Wani". Wani, a Hizbul commander, was shot down by Indian forces in 2016 and is celebrated as a hero by jihadists.

Perry also outlined Khan's support for terrorism-supporting organisations such as Jamait-e-Islami and his efforts to free convicted Pakistani scientists Aasia Siddique to argue that his nomination served to illustrate Pakistan's support for terrorism and it should be rejected.

"A litany of examples accompanies Mr Khan's perverse attachment to Islamic terrorism, which makes it exceedingly obvious that Pakistan has embraced its identity as a super terrorist state," Perry said. Pakistan Imran Khan's decision to send him to Washington can only be described as a "breathtaking lack of judgment" and a demonstration of Islamabad's "unmitigated contempt for the US." Khan, who served in the Pakistan embassy in US early in his career, has close ties with Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, where he was born in a Pashtun family. He went on to become Islamabad's UN envoy and ambassador to China before he was made "president" of POK.

'I'm sorry, I'll fix it,' says UK PM after partygate report

Sue Gray Does Not Criticise Johnson Directly, But Puts The Blame On 'Failures Of Leadership And Judgment'

London: British PM Boris Johnson apologised on Monday for lockdown-flouting parties in Downing Street — but insisted that he and his government can be trusted. Johnson told lawmakers in the House of Commons that he would make changes to the way the government is run in the wake of the "partygate" scandal. "I get it and I will fix it," he said. He spoke after senior civil servant Sue Gray found that gatherings by the PM and his staff when Britain was under coronavirus restrictions represent a "serious failure" to observe the standards expected of government. Gray published findings on four gatherings in 2020 and 2021, and police are investigating a further dozen events. Johnson has rebuffed calls to resign from opposition politicians and some of his own Conservative lawmakers.

Gray did not criticise the PM directly, but said "there is significant learning to be drawn from these events which must be addressed immediately across government". In her report, Gray concluded that "failures of leadership and judgment" allowed events to occur that "should not have been allowed to take place." "Against the backdrop of the pandemic, when the government was asking citizens to accept far-reaching restrictions on their lives, some of the behaviour surrounding these gatherings is difficult to justify," Gray said. Gray's glimpse inside a 10 Downing Street marked by excessive alcohol consumption and staff afraid to speak out about workplace problems are a blow to Johnson — who has previously said the rules were followed at all times — and come despite the fact that Gray's conclusions relate to just four of the 16 events she investigated. Her findings on 12 other events in 2020 and 2021 have been withheld at the request of the police, who have launched a criminal investigation into the most serious alleged breaches of coronavirus rules. The cuts have led opponents to accuse Johnson of a whitewash.

AFP

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The allegations that the PM and his staff flouted restrictions imposed on the country to curb the spread of the coronavirus have caused public anger, led some Conservative lawmakers to call for Johnson's resignation and triggered intense infighting inside the governing party. Johnson has denied personal wrongdoing and said he has "absolutely no intention" of resigning. But Johnson's grip on power has been weakened by the allegations of "bring your own booze" office parties, birthday celebrations and "wine time Fridays". "The hardship under which citizens across the country worked, lived and sadly even died while observing the government's regulations and guidance rigorously are known only too well," Gray wrote. "At times it seems there was too little thought given to what was happening across the country in considering the appropriateness of some of these gatherings." AP

Taliban keeping Abdullah Abdullah, Karzai under virtual house arrest

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Former Afghanistan president Hamid Karzai and the country's erstwhile chief executive Abdullah Abdullah are suspected to be under house arrest in Kabul, with cautious social media interactions and occasional visits by foreign dignitaries under Taliban surveillance their only known link with the world outside. Amid the flight of Afghan leaders and officials in the wake of the Taliban's takeover of Kabul last year, Karzai and Abdullah had stayed back and engaged with leaders of the new regime, including the Haqqani Network, to work out the modalities for an inclusive government. Since the announcement of an interim government last September, neither has been seen in public, strengthening speculation that they could be under virtual house arrest. Karzai lives with his family in a government accommodation in the vicinity of the presidential palace, while Abdullah stays in his personal residence. Both are active on Twitter, although there has been no post yet even remotely critical of the performance and policies of the Taliban. Select guests are allowed to meet them, but any correspondence with the duo requires the Taliban's approval.

TOI attempted to find out why they did not opt to flee the country after the Taliban entered Kabul, by which time scores of other former officials and even warlords like Abdur Rasheed Dostum of Mazar-i-Sharif had already left. "These leaders had been in contact with the senior Taliban leadership for a long time. Their criticism of the former president Ashraf Ghani and his government had further softened the stance of the Taliban towards them," said Abdul Haq Omari, an Afghan journalist. "They knew beforehand of the deal between the Taliban's Doha office and the Americans that the group's fighters would not enter Kabul without a formal transfer of power. They were also assured of participation in the process."

Everything went haywire thereafter, sparked by the evacuation of foreign and Afghan nationals, coupled with the collapse of the government machinery. Omari said it was Karzai who asked the Taliban to enter the capital to restore law and order. "Since he and Abdullah were in contact with both the Americans and the Taliban, they had a plan," said Ali Akbar Khan, a Peshawar-based journalist. "They were the ones who engaged with the Taliban and Haqqani Network leaders after the fall of Kabul. They had the Taliban's ear and their emphasis on forming an 'inclusive government' was highlighted by media. They thought that their guidance and advice was unavoidable for the Taliban."

Karzai and Abdullah were further emboldened by the secret visit of CIA director William Burns to Kabul and his meeting with Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the current Afghan deputy PM. A role in the future Afghan government for both was allegedly discussed in that meeting. Taliban's plan, which was kept a secret until the announcement of their government, turned out to be the opposite of what Karzai and Abdullah had expected. The new government was neither inclusive, nor did it have any representation for women.

Both Karzai and Abdullah are, however, still considered valuable by Taliban. "The regime realises that both are prominent Afghan figures having global acceptance and recognition. ...They think their stay in the country would be more beneficial," said Syed Waqas Shah, a Pakistani journalist who covered the war against terror in Afghanistan. He said Taliban believes that Karzai or Abdullah living abroad and being openly critical of the government would be more harmful.

US, Russia clash in UNSC debate, accusing each other of warmongering

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: The US and Russia traded insults and warmongering at a UN Security Council meeting on Ukraine on Monday in exchanges reminiscent of Cold War theatrics, even as India took a cautious neutral stance in the war of words. Russian diplomats accused the US of conducting "megaphone diplomacy" and "whipping up hysteria" while trying to "mislead the international community" that Moscow was an aggressor, while their American counterparts accused Moscow of "fabricating a pretext to attack Ukraine", as the two sides clashed during opening remarks that kicked off a discussion on developments in Ukraine, which is caught in a superpower scrap.

Russia found support from China in trying to quash the discussion, but with the backing of its Security Council allies, US carried it through for an extended debate, although any outcome in terms of resolution arising from it can be vetoed by any one of the permanent five UNSC members. In a blistering attack, Russian ambassador Vasily Nebenzya accused Washington of "provoking escalation" by falsely charging Moscow with preparing to invade Ukraine. "You're waiting for it to happen, as if you want your words to become a reality." Nebenzya told US ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield. The US envoy's response: "Imagine how uncomfortable you would be if you had 1,00,000 troops sitting at your border." If Russia invades Ukraine, she added, "none of us will be able to say we didn't see it coming. And the consequences will be horrific, which is why this meeting is so important today." The Russian envoy however accused the US of introducing tensions into the region by bringing "pure Nazis" to power on Russia's border and wanting to make "heroes out of those peoples who fought on the side of Hitler."

At the heart of the dispute is the perception in Washington that Moscow is trying to reconstitute a 2.0 version of the old Soviet Union and the perception in Moscow that Washington is trying to further encircle it by drafting more former Soviet Republics, including Ukraine, into Nato. Neither side is backing down. US efforts to corner Russia is being undercut not only by Ukraine, which accuses Washington and its allies of causing needless panic, but also by domestic public opinion. Trump Republicans are calling on the Biden dispensation to focus on China as the principle threat, saying they see nothing wrong in Russia wanting to safeguard its security in the region. On the liberal side, critics are invoking memories of Washington misreading Saddam Hussain's purported weapons of mass destruction (which turned out to be non-existent) to justify another foreign intervention.

Bomb threats at Black schools in US

Woodstock (US): At least a half-dozen historically Black universities in five states and the District of Columbia were responding to bomb threats on Monday, with many of them locking down their campuses for a time. The FBI said it was aware of the threats.

In Georgia, Albany State University warned students and faculty on social media that "a bomb threat has been issued". School officials at Southern University and A&M College in Louisiana, told students to stay in their dormitories until an all-clear was given. At Bowie State University in Maryland, school officials told everyone on campus to shelter in place. Howard University was also the subject of a bomb threat before dawn on Monday. In Florida, police said in a tweet they have cleared the Bethune-Cookman campus of any bomb threat. Delaware State University spokesperson said a bomb threat to that campus was made early Monday morning. AP

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Economic Survey: India's Financial Position Can Withstand Disruptions Due To Global Rate Hikes Despite Inflation Concerns

Broadcasting services still below levels before Covid

Team TOI

New Delhi: The contract intensive sub sector of trade, hotels, transportation, communication and services related to broadcasting still remains below its pre-pandemic levels, despite the services sector as a whole largely recovering from the impact of the nationwide lockdown imposed during March -May 2020 and localised shutdowns during the second Covid wave in April-May 2021.

The crucial services sector contributes over 50% to India's GDP. "While Covid has had an adverse impact on most sectors of the economy, the services sector has been the worst affected as its share in gross value added declined from 55% in 2019-20 to 53% in 2021-22," the Economic survey has said.

The services sector contracted by 8.4% year-on-year in 2021. This decline was driven by a sharp contraction of 18.2% in trade, hotels, transport, communication and services related to broadcasting. "Owing to its contact intensive nature, the services included in this sub sector had to bear the maximum brunt of the disruptions caused by the prevailing pandemic," the survey said.

Energy prices: India needs to be wary of imported inflation

Double-Digit Wholesale Prices To Ease In Months Ahead

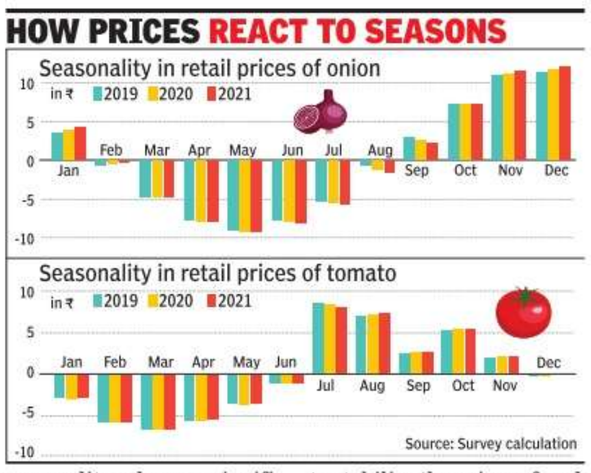
Times News Network

New Delhi: India needs to be wary of imported inflation, especially from elevated global energy prices, the Economic Survey said on Monday, while stating that wholesale price inflation, which has been running in double-digits is largely due to base effects, that will even out.

Inflation has emerged as a major global policy headache with the US and the UK reporting multi-year highs. In India too, price pressures have started building up. Retail inflation is five-month high of 5.6% in December, while WPI (wholesale) inflation has been in double-digits for the past nine months, despite moderating in December to 13.6% from 14.2% in November. Rising global crude oil prices have also posed a risk to the inflation dynamics in India.

The survey said that while seasonality plays a significant role in the case of vegetables, random shocks like untimely rains also have an impact on their availability and prices. "A strong network of cold storage chains well supported by effective transport infrastructure is needed to stabilise the prices of such perishable commodities."

It said both seasonal as well as shock components contribute to spikes of tomato and onion prices and added that seasonality in prices, resulting from seasonal production patterns, requires policy attention.



Referring to the divergence between retail inflation and WPI, the survey said it is due to a number of factors, which include variations due to base effect, difference in scope and coverage of the two indices, their price collections, items covered and difference in commodity weights. "With the gradual waning of base effect in WPI, the divergence in retail inflation and WPI inflation is also expected to narrow down."

It said average retail inflation, which was 4.8% in 2019-20, inched up to 6.2% 2020-21, on account of Covid-19 related supply chain disruptions and stalled economic activity due to the lockdown. Since July 2021, retail inflation has been well within the tolerance band of targeted limit of 4% plus/minus 2% set by the government for April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2026.

Fed taper expected to be without tantrum

Times News Network

Mumbai: India's financial position with regard to the external sector has improved well enough to withstand disruptions like fund outflows arising out of a tapering of the monetary policy in the US.

According to the Economic Survey, although the current account deficit has widened, the vulnerability indicators relating to reserves, such as reserves to total external debt, reserves to short-term debt, and reserve cover of imports have shown marked improvement due to accretion of a large foreign exchange reserves in recent months. "India's external sector is resilient to face any unwinding of the global liquidity arising out of the likelihood of faster normalisation of monetary policy by systemically important central banks, including the Fed, in response to elevated inflationary pressures," the report said.

The report has highlighted that the current macroeconomic situation is a far cry from 2013, when the post-global financial crisis tapering by the US resulted in Indian markets going into a tailspin and the rupee entering a free fall. According to the survey, this time around, the taper will take place without 'tantrums'.

"The long-awaited taper process has commenced by the systemically important central banks, renewing thereby an element of interest — within the academia and policy circles — in the potentially destabilising spill-over impact on the emerging market and developing economies as also for India," the survey said.

It added that there is evidence that these emerging markets, including India, have succeeded in strengthening their external economic and financial position since 2013 and the ramifications of the taper on the Indian external sector would be limited.

Banks' financial health has improved

Mumbai: The financial health of Indian banks, including their capital adequacy, has improved remarkably since September 2020. Also, with improving profitability, the public sector banks (PSBs) do not have to depend on the government for capital.

According to the Economic Survey, net profit for PSBs increased from Rs 14,688 crore during the first half of 2020-21 to Rs 31,144 crore during first half of 2021-22. Similarly, net profit for private banks increased from Rs 32,762 crore to Rs 38,234 crore during the same period. Overall, for scheduled commercial banks, the net profit increased from Rs 59,426 crore at end-September 2020 to Rs 78,729 crore at end-September 2021. The improvement in profits helped the banks better their capital position. TNN

India's patents' share 2x in 10 yrs

Chennai: With intellectual property being the backbone of a knowledge-based economy, the Economic Survey 2021-22 notes that India is on the right path with filing and granting of patents registering a steady rise and more Indians innovating and applying for patents.

The number of patents filed in India increased by almost 50% from 2010-11 to 2020-21, the Economic Survey showed. Number of patents filed stood at 39,400 in 2010-11, and 58,502 in 2020-21. TNN

Employment indicators stable in pre-Covid range

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Interestingly, the Survey argues that higher levels of MGNREGA work cannot be seen as reflective of reduced movement of migrant labour because of Covid. It says that states which are source of migrant labour (West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar) have registered lower employment under job scheme during most months of 2021 as compared with the corresponding levels in 2020. In contrast, migrant recipient states (Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu) have notched higher employment under the job scheme for most months of 2021 over 2020.

The job scheme has proved the safety net for the poor during the Covid, generating 389.2 crore persondays of work in 2020-21 with an expenditure of Rs 1.11 lakh crore. However, its budget was slashed to Rs 73,000 crore for 2021-22, but the programme ran out of money in October 2021 itself, forcing the government to make available additional funds.

Talking about the employment indicators stabilising at pre-pandemic levels, the Survey said, "The various indicators of employment have bounced back remarkably, after showing a decline during the first quarter of 2020-21, during the lockdown due to Covid"

Quoting the quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey data up to March 2021, the Survey said employment in urban areas affected by the pandemic has recovered "almost to the pre-pandemic level". This is in addition to the Employees Provident Fund Organisation data, where formalisation of jobs continued during the second Covid wave, the Survey said, showing that the adverse impact of Covid on formalisation of jobs was much lower than during the first wave.

Software key export driver in April-Sept

Times News Network

Bengaluru: India's success in exports this year has much to do with what's happening in software services. Exports of software services grew by 21.6% to $57.6 billion, in the first half of 2021-22, compared to the year-ago period, the Economic Survey showed. The segment now contributes nearly 50% to India's overall services exports of $117 billion. The next biggest export category was petroleum products at $39.5 billion. Exports of petroleum, and gems & jewellery grew faster than software exports in H1 of this year, but that was on top of sharp declines in the previous year.

Shape of eco's recovery? It's a tilted W: Top official

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Like last year, the Survey records the sparkling performance of the farm sector, but also draws satisfaction from the recovery clocked by manufacturing and the fact that the second and third waves failed to knock down the services sector, which accounts for over 50% of the economy. It seems to heave a sigh of relief that the damage from the deadly Delta variant was not as severe as initially feared.

The document tabled in Parliament strikes a note of balance in that it neither predicts a V-shaped recovery nor succumbs to the pessimistic projection of a U-shaped long haul. When asked, principal economic advisor Sanjeev Sanyal described it as a tilted W, essentially meaning that predicting the exact shape of revival could be hazardous.

Unlike the past, when the Survey sought to provide the reform roadmap, the latest edition has focused more on the economic assessment for the current financial year, with just a sprinkling of steps that may be needed. For instance, it calls for policy measures to address seasonal price variations in products such as tomatoes and onions. Similarly, it argues in favour of higher investment in farming, especially via the private sector.

The key thrust of the annual paper is on listing out measures taken by the government over the last two years in supporting the poor and vulnerable and measures to aid various sectors, while pushing "process reforms".

The finance ministry's pre-budget analysis points to robust revenues, which gives the government much-needed fiscal headroom to provide a further boost, if necessary, and strengthen the growth impulses. In addition, it lists out other positives such as high foreign exchange reserves, rebound in exports, resilience of the farm sector and a strong vaccination drive adding to the overall confidence.

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How Relentless Rafa Conquered Great Odds & Ran Through The Best Of The New Generation

'GAVE EVERYTHING I HAVE INSIDE'

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Daniil Medvedev didn't take his eyes off Rafael Nadal for most of their Australian Open epic. After approaching the net, he'd backpaddle to the baseline, tracking his opponent's every twitch while his ears took in the pandemonium in the house. At the other end, Nadal, invisible blinkers in place, was the picture of a prizefighter who had turned inwards, his gaze clapping on the wiry pro across the net only briefly as he prepared to serve.

Match play for Nadal is all about his own fight. It has little to do with that savage forehand or a first serve that never got out of bed and everything to do with staying competitive. Each shot, every point. It's in his DNA. That's perhaps why when the scoreboard told him that he was down two-sets-to-love, staring at three breakpoints in the third set, a loveless 0-40, he leaned on the chances he had in that tumultuous second essay. Where he'd found a way before losing it like a billionaire on a night out.

"Two sets to love up, I was like, go for him, go for more," Medvedev said. "In fifth set, I was like make him run. The way he played at the four-hour mark I was surprised."

The 35-year-old kept running, his surgically patched left-foot holding up against the demands of the job. Even though he was going over, with the glaring regularity of a traffic delinquent, on crucial points the Spaniard kept pressing, refusing to back off.

"I don't want to say 'fight', we all know that Rafa fights," the Russian said. "The way he played all the sets, even in tough moments... huge respect for beating me because I tried my best. I really tried."

While the decibel level of the capacity crowd at the Rod Laver Arena had dropped after the second set, it exploded into the Melbourne night following the third. They were high on what was unfolding before them. When Nadal played Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals in 2019, only a very small section of fans on the majestic Philippe Chatrier court were for him. When the king of clay took on the dust storm, uncorking a control and cunning rarely seen on a tennis court, the silence was audible. Nadal was Roland Garros' 11-time champion at that point.

After the 5 hour 24-minute final, that started on Sunday evening and carried into the early hours of Monday, the Spaniard paid obeisance to the fans. He had just demonstrated in the match what he had earlier fashioned in his career -- comeback from the dead.

"Knowing that you have an injury that you can't recover from, not being able to do the things that you need to do is painful, heartbreaking even sometimes," said Nadal, who had been reduced to the sidelines following the French Open last year, returning briefly in August, playing two matches, winning one.

"We were trying things without any success for a long period of time," said Nadal of his left foot. He even dabbled with coming to Melbourne only to say goodbye. The 35-year-old, who had his foot operated on in November, was down with Covid the following month. He arrived in Melbourne then without great expectations. He triumphed in his opening tournament, an ATP 250 Series event, beating American Maxime Cressy, who was ranked outside the top-100 then, in the final.

Nothing Nadal had experienced in the last weeks, however, could've prepared him for Melbourne Park, where he dismantled the best of the NextGen -- No. 30 Karen Kachanov, No. 14 Denis Shapovalov, No. 7 Matteo Berrettini and No. 2 Medvedev. "I was not ready for these kind of battles physically," Nadal said. "I couldn't practice enough, but I gave it everything that I have inside." That much was obvious.

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"I KNOW IT'S A SPECIAL NUMBER, 21. I FEEL HONOURED, I FEEL LUCKY TO ACHIEVE ONE MORE VERY SPECIAL THING IN MY TENNIS CAREER.

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"EVEN NOW I AM DESTROYED, HONESTLY, PHYSICALLY. I CAN'T THINK MUCH, I CAN'T REMEMBER A LOT OF MOMENTS OF THE MATCH."

Euphoric Spain unites to celebrate monumental feat

Madrid: Spain united on Monday in celebration of Rafa Nadal's epic comeback to beat Daniil Medvedev in the Australian Open final and secure a record 21st Grand Slam title. "When someone tells you something is impossible, think about Rafa," the front page of sports newspaper *Marca* said on Monday.

Nadal moved one ahead of his long-time rivals Roger Federer and Noval Djokovic on the list of all-time men's Grand Slam singles champions. "The best ever," was the headline on *AS*, next to a photo of a smiling Nadal holding the trophy, surrounded by pictures of his other 20 Grand Slams titles. "The biggest among the biggest," said the front page of *El Pais*, Spain's most popular paper, while French sports paper *L'Equipe* described Nadal as the "martian".

It was a long Sunday morning for Spanish fans, with every major radio station broadcasting live commentary of his epic five-hour 24-minute battle with Russian Medvedev. The match started around 10 am local time and went on into the afternoon, with crowds gathering around TVs in bars and restaurants to watch their hero complete what he himself described as "the most improbable" triumph of his career.

"How well you represent the values of sports, Mister Rafael Nadal," wrote Real Madrid's Croatian midfielder Luka Modric, one of many athletes who took to social media to congratulate Nadal. "An example of character and will. Bravo, Rafa," said Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti.

"My goodness, that was brutal!," wrote former motorcycling world champion Marc Marquez. "What a heart, what a mindset, what guts, what everything, what a reference you are! I'm at your feet!" "Those 21 titles are nothing compared to the legacy that you keep building day after day," former basketball world champion Pau Gasol wrote about his close friend.

"I thought I have seen everything but this man keeps proving us wrong," said an emotional former world number two Alex Corretja.

The King of Spain also congratulated Nadal. "Rafa, we are running out of nice words to say. There are no obstacles for those who have no limit," he said. REUTERS

Jeering crowd drives Medvedev to the edge

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The catcalling and negative cheering that dogged world No. 2 **Daniil Medvedev's** campaign at Melbourne Park left him hopelessly deflated. So much so that the Russian doesn't see himself in the sport post 30.

Early on Monday, the 25-year-old delivered an emotional monologue ahead of his post-match interaction, calling it, 'a story of a young kid who dreamed big things in tennis'. He touched on his early years in the game, the breakthroughs that came later, but walked around the jagged edges of a broken dream.

"I'm talking about a few moments where the kid stopped dreaming, today was one of them. I'm not going to really tell why," Medvedev said, adding, "From now on I'm playing for myself, for my family, to provide for my family, for people that trust in me. Of course, for all the Russians because I feel a lot of support there."

Medvedev didn't rule out being targetted because of his nationality. "If there is a tournament on hardcourts in Moscow, before Roland Garros or Wimbledon, I'm going to go there even if I miss Wimbledon or Roland Garros. The kid stopped dreaming," he said. "The kid is going to play for himself."

Medvedev, who applauded the crowd when they cheered his double fault, said, "Before Rafa served, even in the fifth set, there was somebody, this one guy screaming, 'come on, Daniil'. A thousand people would be like, tsss, tsss, tsss. Before my serve, I didn't hear it (tsssss)," he said. "It's disappointing. It's disrespectful."

MAN OF THE MOMENT: The front pages of Spain's leading newspapers were all about the tennis icon

One doesn't need to be captain to be leader within a group: Kohli

New Delhi: Virat Kohli on Monday clearly expressed that one does not need to be a captain of a team to play the role of a 'leader'.

"See, I think firstly you need to have a complete understanding of what you set out to achieve and whether you have achieved those targets or not. Everything has a tenure and time period, so you have to be aware of it. As a batter, you might be able to give more to the team, so take pride in that," said Kohli on an episode of 'Fireside Chat with VK'.

"You do not need to be a captain to be the leader. When MS Dhoni was in the team, it was not like he was not the leader, he was still the guy from whom we wanted to have inputs. To win or not win is not in your hands, the striving for excellence and to be better every day, is not something you can do short term. When it comes to a culture, it will last beyond your playing years and your responsibility," he added.

Further talking about his viewpoint, Kohli said: "To add to that, moving on is also a part of leadership, to understand the right time to do that. I think one has to embrace all kinds of roles and opportunities. I have played under MS Dhoni for a while and then I became the captain, my mindset has been the same all this while. I always thought like a captain when I was just a player in the team."

"I think, it is very important to be aware of what you think about yourself. At the end of the day, if you have more responsibility, you know you can have a different vision so you need to stay true to yourself.

"If I know my game is not where it should be, then I do not need someone to push me, I am myself aware of it. Communication is the most important thing, you cannot someone cut off saying I do not need your point of view, you can respectfully say I am in a good space and if there is help to be taken, then I will reach out to you. That sort of balance has worked out for me," he added.

Talking about the team culture within Team India, Kohli said: "Culture is a very difficult thing to change but I have experienced in any field in India it is important to set the culture from the top and that is how things have had an impact in our society. When I became the captain, my focus was on cultural change." AGENCIES

Ranji Trophy to kick off from Feb 16

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Mumbai: The 2021-22 edition of the Ranji Trophy, which will be divided into two phases— pre and post IPL — will kick off from February 16. The group stage games of the Elite group stage will be played till March 5. The BCCI has picked nine venues for the Ranji Trophy — eight venues will eight Elite Groups consisting of four teams each, while the ninth venue will host six teams in the Plate Group. The matches are set to be staged in some venues which would be 'home turf' for a few teams as well.

"The idea is to prevent at least one team from travelling to the venue," said a BCCI official. Amongst the venues likely for the Ranjii Trophy are Chennai, Trivandrum, Cuttack, Baroda, Ahmedabad and Rajkot.

In the Elite Group, the top side in each pool (eight teams overall) will progress to the next stage, which will be a 'Super League,' or the knockouts, and will be played post the IPL. The Plate Group will involve six teams playing each other. The top two teams in this group will be promoted to the Elite Group next year.

After the league stage, the teams take a break for the IPL, which will kick off on March 27.

GALLERY

On debut, India drub China 7-1 in Women's FIH Pro League

Muscat: Sushila Chanu scored a brace as the Indian women's hockey team made a grand debut at the FIH Pro League, hammering China 7-1 in the first game of the two-leg tie here on Monday. Chanu (47th, 52nd minutes) converted two penalty strokes while Navneet Kaur (5th), Neha (12), Vandana Katariya (40th), Sharmila Devi (48th) and Gurjit Kaur (50th) netted one each to hand India a convincing win.

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: U-19 WC: Semi-final, Afghanistan vs England, 6.30 pm (Star Sports 1); PSL, 8 pm (Sony Six); **FOOTBALL:** ISL: FC Goa vs Odisha FC, 7.30 pm; **HOCKEY:** FIH Pro League: China vs India, 4.30 pm (SS Select 2); **KABADDI:** PKL, 7.30 pm & 8.30 pm (Star Sports 2); **TENNIS:** Tata Open, 12.45 pm (SS Select 1)

After dramatic entry into semis, Afghanistan seek history vs Eng

North Sound: Their late arrival in the Caribbean had forced the ICC to rework the fixtures of their group matches but Afghanistan, with their magnificent run to the semifinals of U-19 World Cup, ensured the tweaking by the apex body was worth it, even if it meant rescheduling as many as four matches.

Accustomed to dealing with issues far removed from and bigger than cricket, the battle-hardened Afghanistan team will chase history on Tuesday, in a sport that has often been a soothing balm for the country's many battered souls. Having punched above their weight, they now face England in the Super League semifinals of the U-19 showpiece at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, an appropriate setting for those seeking inspiration for doing things in cricket which only the man after whom the venue is named could do in his heydays.

Afghanistan will create history if they are able to beat fancied England, for they have never been to the final of the U-19 World Cup.

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ELATED: Afghanistan players celebrate after their quarterfinal win against Sri Lanka

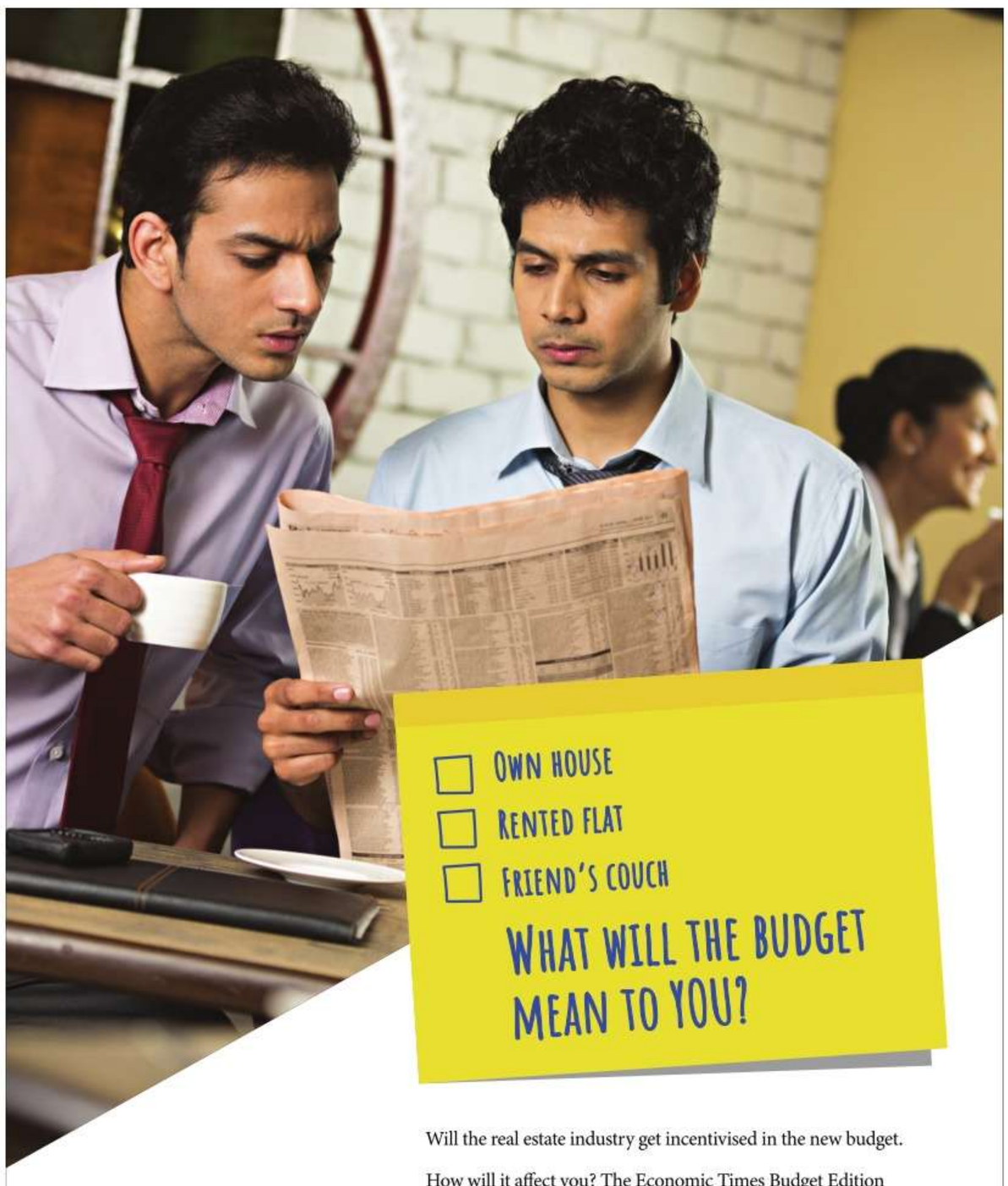
UNDER-19 WC

If their entry into the tournament was not bereft of drama, thanks to visa-related issues, no less dramatic was their march to the last-four stage. The odds were heavily stacked against them when they posted just 134 on board after Sri Lanka asked them to take first strike in their quarterfinal match but Afghanistan produced a superb performance with the ball to bundle out the island nation for 130 in 46 overs at Coolidge Cricket Ground in Antigua.

Before that, having obtained the necessary permission to travel to the West Indies, Afghanistan won all three matches in the group stage. It is only the second time, the first being the 2018 edition in New Zealand, that Afghanistan have made it to the Super League semifinals of the U-19 World Cup.

However, England will undoubtedly be their biggest challenge. England are widely known for their batting depth in white-ball cricket and Jacob Bethell is one name that might be creating problems for the Afghanistan bowlers.

England will be hoping that Bethell continues his good form against the Afghans, though they also have others capable of contributing to the team's cause. PTI



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Salah, the saviour

Egypt's Talisman And Senegal's Mane Are On Course To Meet In Their Continent's Biggest Game

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Egypt's Mahmoud 'Trezeguet' Hassan (R) celebrates with Mohamed Salah after a goal in the Africa Cup of Nations quarterfinal against Morocco

Yaounde (Cameroon): Mohamed Salah's Egypt and Sadio Mane's Senegal reached the African Cup of Nations semifinals on Sunday. One more win for both teams will see the Liverpool pair meet in the final.

Salah scored the equalizer and created the winner to inspire Egypt's comeback to beat Morocco 2-1 after extra time in the day's first quarterfinal. Mane set up Famara Diedhiou for Senegal's opener in a 3-1 win over Equatorial Guinea later at the same Ahmadou Ahidjo Stadium in Yaounde.

AFCON SEMIFINALS

On Wednesday: Burkina Faso v Senegal
On Thursday: Cameroon v Egypt

Substitutes Cheikhou Kouyate and Ismaila Sarr finished off Equatorial Guinea, which had drawn level through Jannick Buyla a few minutes after having a penalty awarded and then taken away through a VAR check.

Egypt progressed to a semifinal game against tournament host Cameroon, a repeat of the 2017 final that Cameroon won. That game on Thursday will also be a clash between the two most successful sides in African Cup history with 12 titles between them. Senegal play Burkina Faso in the first semifinal on Wednesday, when Mane's team will be aiming to make a second straight final. Senegal hopes to finally win one this year to get rid of its unwanted label as the best team to never win an African title.

Egypt fell behind to an early penalty won by Achraf Hakimi and converted by Sofiane Boufal in the seventh minute. Egypt captain Salah reacted quickly to knock in a rebound to make it 1-1 in the 53rd and sent in a perfect low cross for Trezeguet to tap in near the end of the first half of extra time.

Egypt was left to rely on third-choice goalkeeper Mohamed Sobhy for most of extra time after an injury to Mohamed Abou Gabal, who was already in the team in place of No. 1 Mohamed el-Shenawy.

Abou Gabal was injured in normal time but tried to play through it. He couldn't and had to come off in the sixth minute of extra time, leaving the 22-year-old Sobhy to make his debut for his country in the final stages of a high-pressure game.

In the end he wasn't tested and Salah and Trezeguet combined for the winner four minutes after Sobhy came on. Salah was faced with three defenders covering him on the right wing but he went for the outside and sent a right-foot cross into the path of Trezeguet at the back post.

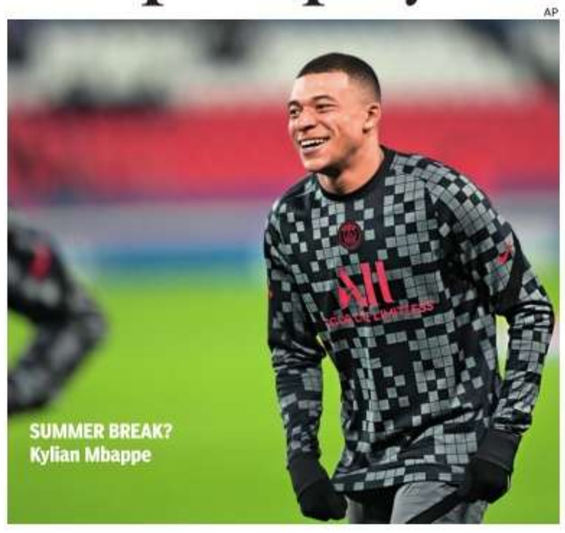
Trezeguet's celebration was all about recognizing the brilliance of Salah. He kneeled in front of the Liverpool forward, put Salah's right foot on his knee and pretended to shine his boot. Egypt hasn't won the African Cup since its record-extending seventh title in 2010. Salah made his debut for the national team the year after that triumph and is still searching for a first major title with his country.

So is Liverpool teammate Mane, although Senegal's wait has been much longer. Mane's pass opened up Equatorial Guinea's defence for center forward Diedhiou to score in the 28th.

Senegal appeared in control but got a first warning when captain Kalidou Koulibaly had a penalty awarded against him in the 50th minute. AP

'Real set to make Mbappe the highest-paid player'

French Superstar To Join Spanish Giants In The Summer On Free Transfer: Report



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SUMMER BREAK? Kylian Mbappe

Madrid: Real Madrid and Kylian Mbappe have reportedly reached an agreement which would see the France international join Los Blancos next summer on a free transfer, according to Spanish newspaper *Marca*.

Mbappe's contract with Paris Saint-Germain runs until June 30, but the forward has turned down all of the club's renewal offers amid interest from Real Madrid. Mbappe will earn 50 million euros gross per season at the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, which would make the 23-year-old the highest-paid player in the world, *Marca* drew from a *Bild* report.

The deal between the two parties will not be made official before the Champions League last-16 tie between Real Madrid and PSG is over.

50m

Mbappe will reportedly earn 50m euros gross per season at Real Madrid where he will join after his contract runs out at PSG on June 30

The German publication also stress that the Ligue 1 club have already given up on their efforts to extend Mbappe's contract.

Mbappe has already stated in various interviews that he is currently focused on winning trophies with PSG.

Real Madrid are also working on striking a deal to also land Dortmund star Erling Haaland. AGENCIES

ERIKSEN SET FOR PLAYING RETURN AFTER SIGNING FOR BRENTFORD

London: With a thumbs up to the camera, **Christian Eriksen** revealed his new team and planned return to playing - almost eight months after having a cardiac arrest on the field at the Euro 2020. "I'm happy to announce that I've signed for Brentford Football Club," Eriksen said in Monday's social media video. "I can't wait to get started." It will be a remarkable playing comeback to the Premier League for the Denmark playmaker, who has said he was essentially dead for five minutes after collapsing in the opening Euro 2020 game against Finland. The signing was an early announcement on the final day of the January transfer window in the Premier League. Eriksen is returning to England where he played with Tottenham until joining Inter Milan two years ago and winning the Serie A title.

BARCA TO SIGN AUBAMEYANG, SELL DEMBELE

Madrid: The last day of the winter transfer window arrived in Spain on Monday with Barcelona hoping to seal the signing of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang and find a buyer for Ousmane Dembele. Aubameyang arrived to finalize negotiations with the Catalan club after being stripped of the captaincy at Arsenal for disciplinary reasons, after reportedly being late returning from a personal trip. The Gabon striker went to the African Cup of Nations but didn't play after being diagnosed with heart lesions during his recovery from the coronavirus. Aubameyang, Arsenal's highest-paid player, would reportedly be accepting a hefty pay cut to join Barcelona as the club doesn't have a lot of salary cap space.

It has been slowly restructuring its finances after it couldn't keep Lionel Messi at the end of last season. AGENCIES

Ole's daughter Karna makes United history with debut

KARNA SOLSKJAER

Manchester: The Solskjaer family wrote another chapter in Manchester United's history on Sunday when Karna made her debut for the women's team, following in the footsteps of Ole Gunnar as the pair become the first father and daughter to play for the club.

The Norwegian, 19, came off the bench in the 85th minute of a 2-0 FA Cup win away to Bridgwater United as her father, who was renowned for his goalscoring feats as a substitute, proudly watched on from the stands.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was sacked as coach of United's men's team last November and will be more fondly remembered for his playing career, scoring 126 goals in an 11-year spell, most famously hitting the winning strike in the 1999 Champions League final against Bayern Munich after coming off the bench.

Karna was given her first opportunity in the women's first team after scoring for the youth academy in a 5-0 win over Aston Villa last week.

"Obviously she's got a famous dad but she wants to be famous in her own right," said Man United women's team's coach Marc Skinner.

"We were privileged to have Ole as our manager, as well as a wonderful player for this club, but again, it stops becoming about Ole as much and more about Karna." REUTERS

CANADA SHOCK US, CLOSE IN ON WC SLOT

Hamilton (Canada): Canada took a giant step towards their first World Cup qualification in 36 years on Sunday after scoring an upset 2-0 victory over arch-rivals the United States in CONCACAF qualifiers. A Cyle Larin goal after just seven minutes and an injury time effort from Sam Adekugbe secured all three points for the Canadians at a frigid Tim Hortons Field in Hamilton to extend the home side's lead at the top of the CONCACAF standings.

The unbeaten Canadians now have 22 points from four games with four fixtures remaining, pulling four points clear of the USA who are second with 18 points.

Canada have emerged as the surprise package from the Central America, North America and the Caribbean qualifying region, and are now firmly on course for only their second trip to the World Cup after reaching the Mexico finals in 1986.

"We're turning into a football country," Canada's jubilant English coach John Herdman said afterwards.

"(The USA) are a great team, a very good team, they had great quality today. But we matched their spirit." AFP

OGBECHE STARS AS HYDERABAD DRUB NORTHEAST UNITED

ISL

Fatorda: Star striker Bartholomew Ogbeche scored a brace on either side of halftime to take him top of the charts in the Hero Indian Super League's all-time scorers' list and also ensure Hyderabad FC a 5-0 win over NorthEast United FC here on Monday. Ogbeche scored in the third and 60th minute to take his tally to 14 goals this season and overall number to 49, one more than Sunil Chhetri and Ferran Corominas.

Besides Ogbeche, Akash Mishra (45th), Nikhil Poojary (84th) and Edu Garcia (88th) also found the net as Manolo Marquez's men ran riot at the PJN Stadium here to stretch the lead at the top to four points. They have 26 points from 14 games. NorthEast United's tumultuous season continued unabated as they remained on 10 points from 15 matches.

It took Hyderabad three minutes to nose ahead and Ogbeche was at the right place at the right time, slamming home a rebound after Joao Victor's header pinged off the post and fell kindly for the red-hot Nigerian who took his tally to 13 goals this season and joined Ferran Corominas and Sunil Chhetri in the all-time leading scorers' list in the ISL with 48 strikes. PTI

Vinesh presses the reset button

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New Delhi: Wrestler Vinesh Phogat will return to the competitive mat after almost seven months since her disastrous Tokyo Olympics campaign — she lost in the quarterfinals. She will take part at the United World Wrestling's (UWW) Yasar Dogu international meet in Istanbul from February 24 to 27, **TOI** has learnt.

"Vinesh had originally planned to return at the Matteo Pellicone ranking series tournament in Rome from February 4-7. But, the tournament was rescheduled to June by the UWW owing to the spread of Covid-19's omicron variant. Now, Vinesh will take part in the Istanbul meet," a WFI official informed. "Vinesh will not compete in her usual weight category of 53kg though. She will take part in 55kg. It could be a one-off decision," the official added.

Upon her return from the Olympics, the reigning CWG and Asian Games champion was temporarily banned by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) over 'three counts of indiscipline' in Tokyo, including her alleged refusal to train with the Indian contingent. Her suspension was later lifted by the WFI but the unsavoury controversy took a heavy toll on her mental health, as the wrestler admitted to having been suffering from depression.

Vinesh made an unsuccessful attempt to return to competitions after she was forced to pull out of the World Championships trials here because of blurred vision – she had suffered a concussion in 2017. Later, she decided to go under the knife for an injury suffered in her right elbow during the Olympics which took her several months to recover. The two-time Olympian still has some distance to cover before regaining full fitness but the wrestler has set her sights on the Yasar Dogu meet for her much-awaited comeback. Vinesh has a busy calendar ahead, including senior Asian wrestling championships (April 19 to 24), Birmingham CWG (July 28 to August 8) and Hangzhou Asian Games (September 10 to 25), apart from ranking series and invitational tournaments.

It has been learnt that other Tokyo-returned wrestlers including silver medallist Ravi Dahiya, bronze winner Bajrang Punia and Deepak Punia will also return to competition at the Istanbul meet. All three were nursing niggles/injuries which forced them to skip the Nationals, World Championships (Oslo) and Commonwealth meet (Johannesburg). "Ravi has also decided to participate in a higher weight category — 61kg — in Istanbul. He won't be competing in his usual weight class of 57kg. Bajrang (65kg) and Deepak (86kg) will participate in their original weight categories," the official informed.

DJOKOVIC REMAINS WORLD NO. 1; FEDERER HITS 21-YEAR-OLD LOW

Paris: Rafael Nadal's record-breaking 21st Grand Slam singles title frustrated Novak Djokovic's hopes of being the first to do so, but the Serb remains world number one in the rankings released Monday. Djokovic extended his record-breaking run as number one to 358 weeks.

Roger Federer sits at 30th position with 1,665 points. ederer slipped 13 places in the rankings. The last time the Swiss maestro was this far down in the ATP rankings was in January 2001, when Federer was just 19 years old.

Nadal's beaten opponent in the Melbourne final, Daniil Medvedev, stays second. Djokovic will keep the points he earned from winning the Australian Open title last year till February 21 as last year's tournament was played at later dates. Nadal remains fifth in the rankings. In the WTA rankings, Ashleigh Barty increased her lead over Aryna Sabalenka to over 2,600 points. AGENCIES

Holder claims four wickets in four balls

'Classic Finish' Earns 3-2 T20 Series Win For Windies Over Eng

Bridgetown: Jason Holder shattered England's hopes of Twenty20 success on Sunday with four wickets in the final four balls to lead the West Indies to a 17-run victory in Barbados and clinch a 3-2 series win over the tourists.

Holder bowled Saqib Mahmood to become only the fourth player to claim four wickets in four balls in T20 history having already secured the scalps of Chris Jordan, Sam Billings and Adil Rashid in consecutive balls.

"Classic finish," Holder said, according to cricinfo. "Not the best of starts but (we were) just trying to stay in the game.

"People are seeing what I can do and giving me the responsibility. Every time I step on the field it's about what I can deliver for the team."

Jason Holder shakes hands with Garfield Sobers after West Indies win the 5th T20 International match against England at Kensington Oval

The West Indies had set England a target of 180 to win after hitting 179 for four, with captain Kieron Pollard top scoring for the hosts with 41 runs from 25 balls.

Brief scores: **West Indies 179-4, 20 overs** (Kieron Pollard 41 no, Rovman Powell 35 no; Adil Rashid 2-17, Liam Livingstone 2-17); **England 162, 19.5 overs** (James Vince 55, Sam Billings 41; Jason Holder 5-27, Akeal Hosein 4-30) **Result:** WI won by 17 runs

WI name unchanged T20 squad for India series

West Indies named a 16-member squad to be led by Kieron Pollard for the upcoming three-match T20I series in India starting Feb 16, the same team that faced England in the home contest. Shimron Hetmyer was left out of the squad on fitness grounds again. AGENCIES

Yuki stuns Czech Kovalik

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Pune: Yuki Bhambri lacked matches under his belt but hardly showed any sign of rust as he overcame Czech Republic's Jozef Kovalik to move into the second round of the Tata Open Maharashtra here on Monday. The 29-year-old had played only the Qualifying of the Australian Open, losing in the 2nd round, since entering the ATP 500 Qualifying event in Dubai in March last year.

But the long layoff seemed to have little effect on his game as he beat the 168th ranked Kovalik 6-7 (10), 6-2, 7-5 in the opening round of the $494,000 ATP 250 Series event. "I think it comes with experience. I have been practising as well for some time. In the end it comes down to believing in your own game," said the Delhi native of his ability to play at the highest level straightaway after a considerable gap.

The three-hour and six-minute encounter might have just been the perfect match that Bhambri needed to get into the groove as he makes yet another comeback and looks forward to playing a full season.

TATA OPEN MAHARASHTRA

Prajnesh exits

Prajnesh Gunneswaran squandered a set point while going down to German 5th seed Daniel Altmaier 6-7 (5), 2-6. The 32-year-old was playing as a wildcard.

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Survey sees 8.5% growth in FY23, warns of price pressure

Economy Shrank 6.6% Last Yr, Less Than Estimated

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New Delhi: The Economic Survey 2021-22, a largely feel-good document, has forecast 8-8.5% expansion in the next financial year, and called for boosting capital expenditure to sustain high growth.

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However, the optimism is tempered with caution about potential headwinds such as inflation, especially rising crude prices, and withdrawal of liquidity globally.

The over 400-page document emphasises the recovery to pre-pandemic level but also points to the continuing threat from the virus. The projections came on a day when the NSO's revised GDP estimates for 2020-21 pegged the economic contraction at 6.6%, narrower than the 7.3% estimated earlier.

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STRENGTH | Strong growth, healthy fiscal situation this year
- Robust vaccination drive
- High forex reserves to help overcome liquidity withdrawal by global central banks

WEAKNESS | Private consumption remains below pre-pandemic levels
- Aggregate MGNREGS employment still higher than pre-pandemic level
- Low private investment in agri, weak crop diversification

OPPORTUNITY | Manufacturing to be aided by PLI scheme, other steps
- Higher private investment
- Record exports

THREAT | Higher inflation internationally, rise in oil prices & possible hike in interest rates in the developed countries
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- Supply disruptions such as container, chip shortage

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Delhi overtakes B'luru as India's startup capital

Delhi added more than 5,000 recognised startups — the highest among all Indian cities — between April 2019 and December 2021, compared with 4,514 in Bengaluru, according to the Eco Survey.

Maharashtra, with 11,308 recognised startups, tops the charts among states. At least 14,000 new startups were recognised in India last year, up around 20 times in five years. With 44 startups in India turning unicorns (valued at more than $1 billion) in 2021, it overtook the UK to emerge as the country with the third-highest number of unicorns after the US and China. **P 3, 17**

Tata Steel to get Neelachal Ispat after ₹12k cr bid

Tata Steel will take control of Neelachal Ispat Nigam after bidding Rs 12,100 crore, including equity and debt, the government said on Monday, **reports Reeba Zachariah**. The unit of Tata Sons plans to make Neelachal's Odisha facility, currently defunct, the hub for its long steel business in the future. The deal comes hot on the heels of Tata Sons acquiring Air India from the government.

On Monday, the government said it has approved the highest bid of Tata Steel Long Products, a unit of the $21bn Tata Steel, for a 94% stake in Neelachal at an enterprise value of Rs 12,100 crore. **P 17**

Organised sector jobs near pre-Covid level

New Delhi: Organised sector employment seems to have clawed back to the pre-pandemic level, but there appears to be a weakness in the unorganised sector where demand for jobs under the rural jobs guarantee scheme is higher than in the pre-Covid period.

The Eco Survey notes demand for MGNREGA has stabilised after peaking during the lockdown in 2020 and following the second wave. This puts the spotlight on how the Budget would perceive the future pattern in the job guarantee scheme amid forecasts the virus may taper out soon. TNN

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'Need to support govt schools'

Children have moved from private to govt schools, the Survey said, recommending additional support to the latter, mainly in terms of teacher-pupil ratio and space. **P 12**

'Treat Covid vax as a macro indicator'

Vaccination against Covid should be treated as a macro-economic indicator as it is a buffer against economic and critical for opening up of the economy, the Survey said. **P 12**

Sensex rallies 814 pts on global cues, Eco Survey

The sensex rallied on Monday and closed 814 points higher at 58,014, backed by a rebound in global markets and buoyed by improved investor sentiment following strong growth projections in the Economic Survey.

Buying was across the board, with 27 of the 30 sensex stocks closing higher, helping it reverse a two-session drop. The 1.4% rise came despite Rs 3,624-crore net selling by foreign funds while domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 3,649 crore. In the forex market, helped by strong flows of dollars from corporates, the rupee closed 42 paise stronger at 74.61. **P 17**

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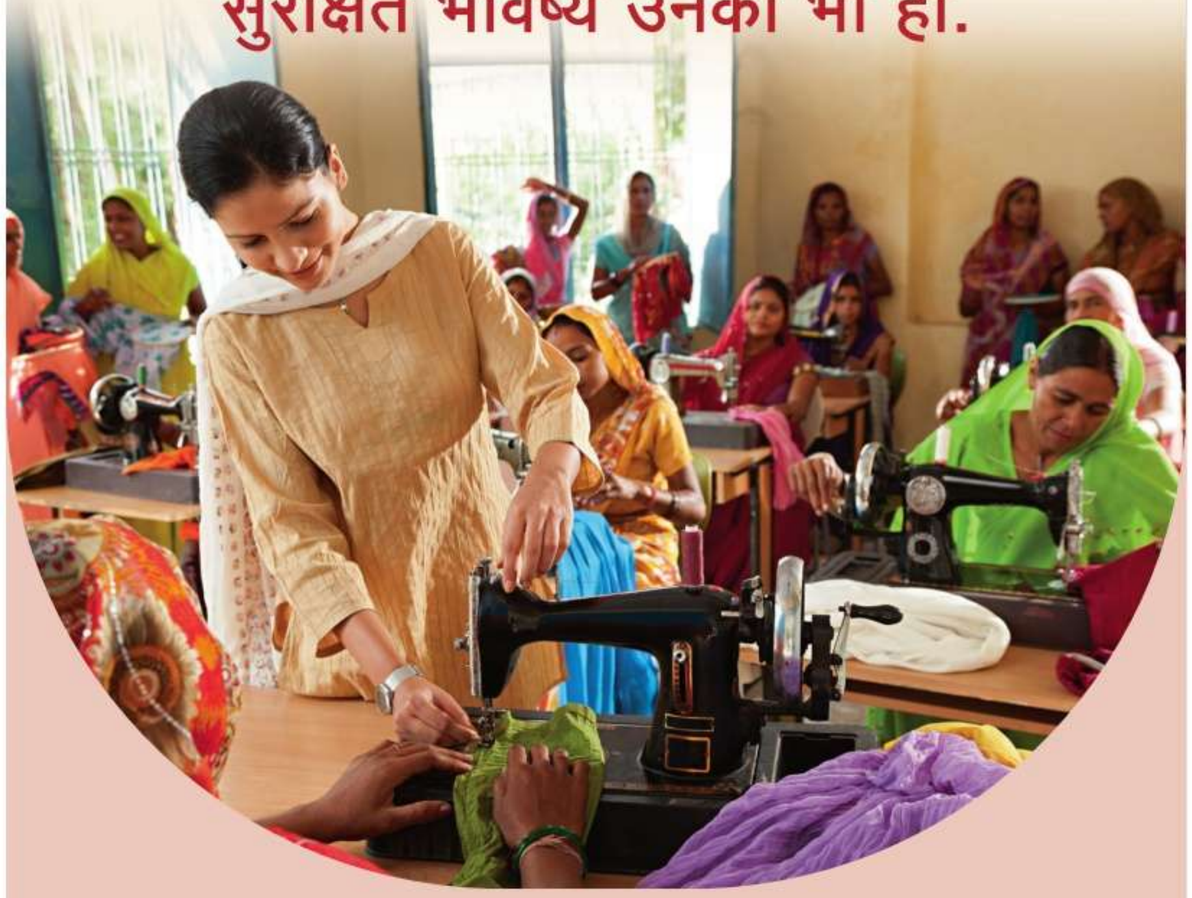

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Fully foreign-funded projects get 'shield' against HC scrutiny

Be Careful While Taking Up Challenges To Such Projects: SC

Dhananjay Mahapatra & Amit Anand Choudhary | TNN

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The apex court disapproved of the Delhi HC order asking the NHSRC to reconsider the bid of a firm disqualified from the bullet train project

New Delhi: In a important judgment that will have a bearing on all foreign funded developmental projects, the Supreme Court on Monday disapproved the casual manner in which the Delhi high court ordered the National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRC) to reconsider the bid of a Gujarat-based construction firm disqualified from participating in the Bullet Train project.

Montecarlo Ltd's bid was rejected by the Japan International Consultants Consortium, the technical body appointed for evaluation of bids by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has granted Rs 1 lakh crore for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train project.

A bench of Justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna said, "The terms and conditions of the tender documents were settled by JICA as per JICA's international guidelines, which are required to be followed by all bidders, including Montecarlo. Therefore, when the terms and conditions of the tender document were settled by JICA, it is ultimately for JICC/JICA to take a decision whether a bid submitted by a particular bidder is non-responsive and/or non-compliant to the technical requirements of the bidding documents."

"...unless there are specific allegations of mala fides and/or favouritism, the same could not have been the subject matter of scrutiny by the HC in exercise of powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India," Justice Shah said writing the judgment.

The bench asked all HCs to be careful in entertaining challenges to fully foreign-funded projects and said such challenges and interference by courts often result in delay, cost escalation and sometimes scrapping of the project as unviable.

"These investments from developed nations are made on the basis of non-negotiated (sic) terms and conditions, where the sole discretion as to what would be the conditions of the investments and on what terms the contractors would be chosen to implement the project, vests with the investor foreign developed nation," the SC said.

"It is difficult for a developing country to go ahead with such a high cost project unless the developed country grants loan/subsidy and/or is ready to fund such high cost projects... any delay in execution of such mega projects, which are very important for a developing country like India, may not be in the larger public interest and in the nation's interest," the Supreme Court bench said.

Interference by courts midway and delay in projects like these... may affect future investments/funding, it said.

"Therefore, high courts should be extremely careful and circumspect in exercise of their discretion while entertaining such petitions and/or while granting stay in such matters," it said.

66L cases in Jan, highest monthly count since 2nd wave's peak

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India recorded just over 66 lakh Covid-19 cases in January, the third-highest monthly count since the start of the pandemic and the highest since peak of the second wave in May last year. Deaths reported during the month, however, were relatively much lower at less than 15,000.

With the third wave appearing to have peaked last week, the Covid case count in January stayed below the worst second-wave months of April and May, when 69.3 lakh and 90.1 lakh cases, respectively, were recorded. There were over 14,750 deaths reported in January, the highest for any month since July last year, when the toll was 24,897. By comparison, India had recorded 48,768 deaths in April, 1,19,183 in May and 68,576 in June last year.

Excluding deaths from earlier periods reported during the respective months, January recorded around 9,270 fatalities, the highest since August last year, when a count of 14,328 was logged.

The data in January is consistent with Omicron waves in countries such as South Africa—a sharp but short surge in cases with fewer hospitalisations and fatalities than in Delta-driven infections. While cases appear to have peaked in the third wave, in India deaths were still on the rise. On Monday, India reported around 1,65,500 fresh cases, down from 2.1 lakh on the previous day, and 538 deaths.

BUDGET SESSION OPENS

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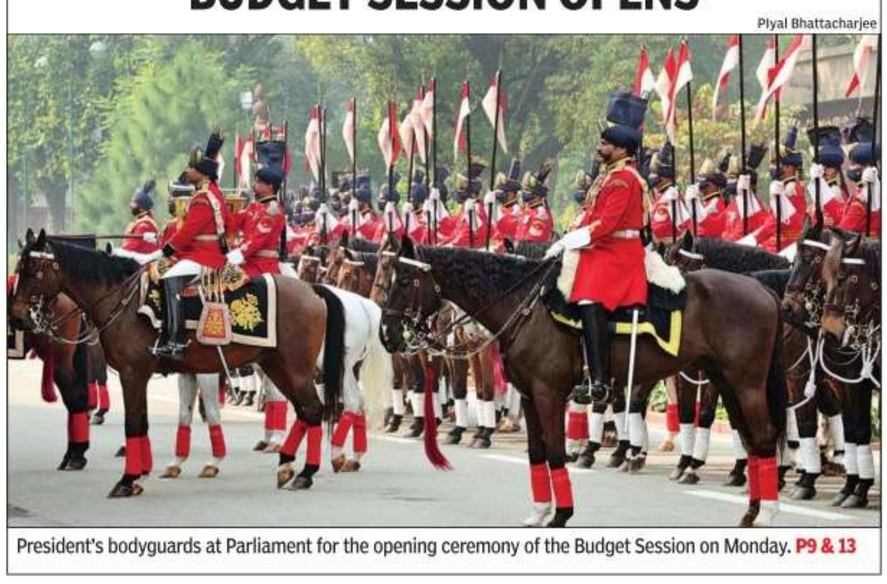

President's bodyguards at Parliament for the opening ceremony of the Budget Session on Monday. P9 & 13

6,000 skip third dose in MP, salary stalled

The Indore district administration has stopped the salaries of at least 6,000 employees — government and private — for failing to get their precaution doses of the Covid vaccine, reports **Sagar Choukse**. A week ago, collector Manish Singh had warned that salaries of health workers and frontline staff who have skipped taking their third dose will be withheld. As many as 1,678 police personnel didn't get their January salary on the last day of the month.

Conversion row: HC casts doubts on TN cops, gives CBI case

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Madurai: Saying it had a 'duty to render posthumous justice' to a Class XII girl who had committed suicide, triggering debate as to whether there was any attempt by her school to convert her to Christianity, the Madras HC has directed the CBI to 'take over' the investigation.

Citing statements by a 'high-ranking minister', the interviews by district superintendent of police and some 'leaked' video clippings, Justice G R Swaminathan concluded that the investigation is 'not proceeding on the right lines' and said: "The attempt of the police appears to be to derail the investigation." He then directed the CBI director to assign an officer to take over the investigation from Tamil Nadu police.

The girl, a boarding student of Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Michaelpatti, consumed pesticide on January 9 and took ill. She died on January 16 after recording her statements. Justice Swaminathan, slamming police for having failed to carefully analyse the dying declaration, said: "There is nothing inherently improbable in the allegation that there was an attempt at conversion. It could be true or false. The matter called for investigation and not outright rejection...The Thanjavur superintendent of police in a press conference, asserted that in the preliminary enquiry, the conversion angle was not made out. This court fails to understand as to why the SP reacted as if she had come in contact with a live electric wire. After all an allegation has been made that there was an attempt to convert."

> **There is nothing inherently improbable in the allegation that there was an attempt at conversion. The matter called for investigation and not outright rejection**
> MADRAS HC

The judge said counter-narrative was also being built as if the father and the step mother of the child are responsible for the suicide. Meanwhile, a team of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on Monday visited Thanjavur to inquire into the suicidal death.

Sacked staffers kidnap 8-yr-old son of employer, murder him

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Meerut: Shadab Jarrah, 8, was allegedly abducted and killed by two former assistants of his father, a clinic owner in UP's Bulandshahr. Police recovered the body of the boy from a water reservoir near Aligarh. They claimed that the accused were upset about being fired from their jobs and wanted to take revenge. "They demanded Rs 5 lakh ransom from the father. After he failed to pay, they killed the child," said circle officer (CO) of Dibai Vandana Sharma.

Police said they received a missing person complaint from the child's father, Farid Jarrah, on January 28. He said that his son had disappeared from outside his house. Once the family told the police about the ransom demand, five teams were formed to trace the boy. "After gathering preliminary evidence, two suspects, Nijam and Shahid , were taken into custody for interrogation. The duo informed us about the location of the boy's body. We recovered it on Sunday," Sharma said. The accused used to work as compounders in the clinic of the boy's father. He had fired them for misconduct around two years ago.

"The clinic of the boy's father was doing very well. The accused were angry about it, more so because they were unemployed," Sharma said.

Follow law or leave, HC tells Twitter

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The court said Twitter cannot play hide-and-seek with Indian law

Vijayawada: Follow Indian law or pack your bags, the Andhra Pradesh HC told Twitter on Monday as it pulled up the social media giant for not complying with its orders to take down abusive content against the judiciary on the popular platform.

"This is a clear case of contempt. We may also initiate criminal proceedings against Twitter going by the recent judgment against Google where an FIR has been registered," the HC said before announcing February 7 as the next date of hearing.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice M Satyanarayana Murthy said Twitter must explain why 'cease and desist' orders shouldn't be given against it before the next hearing. The court said Twitter cannot play hide-and-seek with Indian law and should mend its ways if it wants to continue its operations in the country.

The HC took note of the CBI's submissions on abusive content. Appearing for CBI, assistant solicitor general SV Raju said such posts are still visible on Twitter, despite the court's categorical directions to take them down.

"Twitter has removed content from the handles of those who declared their nationality as Indian. The abusive content is still available on the handles of those who, despite being residents of India, declare their nationality as that of some foreign country," Raju said. This has been the case only with Twitter, not with others like YouTube or Facebook, he said.

Twitter's counsel Saransh Jain, standing in for senior counsel Arvind Datar, responded that the technology has been designed to work that way and it applies to all social media platforms. But YouTube's senior counsel Sajan Poovayya countered that the video-streaming platform has taken down all contentious URLs given by the CBI.