



# Opinion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

**AMERICANS CAN HEAVE** a sigh of relief that Mr Donald Trump will be finally out on January 20, 2021. Yet, they cannot wish away the sobering fact that 73,890,295 citizens of the United States voted for Mr Trump, only 6,136,426 less than the number that voted for President-elect Joe Biden. America is divided as never before since 1860.

The civil war of 1860 was fought on the issue of 'right to equality'. Should black Americans be treated as equal before the law? The divisive factor was race. Eventually, after a bitter war in which an estimated 800,000 lives were lost, President Lincoln prevailed. He also got the Congress to pass the 13th Amendment to the Constitution.

Throughout the struggle for Indian Independence, Indians were not divided on race, religion, caste, language or gender. The pages of history of the struggle are filled with names of people who belonged to different regions, spoke different languages, identified themselves with different castes and practised different faiths.

#### Equality enshrined

At the dawn of independent India, therefore, 'equality before law' of every Indian was given. The idea was effortlessly translated into fundamental rights of citizens and embodied in the Constitution: Article 14 – Equality and equal protection of the laws; Article 15 – Prohibition of discrimination; Article 16 – Equality of opportunity; Article 21 – Protection of life and personal liberty; and Article 25 – Freedom of conscience.

Mindful of the havoc wrought following the Partition, the Constituent Assembly made two special provisions to reassure the minorities: Article 29 for protection of interests of minorities and Article 30 for Rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions. Any citizen having a distinct language, script, culture or religion was a 'minority'.

In the US, as the years rolled by, new facets of equality were discovered and upheld by the Courts: among them were the right to vote, right to desegregated schools and public spaces, and right to abortion. The fountainhead was the 13th Amendment.

#### Primitive instincts

Many Indians seem to have forgotten history. Many appear to repudiate the fundamental principles of the Constitution. Many are proudly proclaiming their assumed distinctiveness and superiority. These primitive instincts were kept under check as long as the political space was dominated by persons who believed in liberty, equality and fraternity of all the people of India. When the BJP – and its mentor, the RSS – acquired a presence, and grew, in the political space, these primitive instincts acquired political legitimacy.

We can cite many examples: the imposition of Hindi on non-Hindi speaking people, the discriminatory National Register of Citizens and the Citizenship Amendment Act, the dismemberment of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, the denial of human rights to under-custody and under-trial prisoners, the detention of political leaders without charge or trial, the erosion by stealth of the reservation for SC, ST and OBC, the onslaught on federalism and the brazen attempt to impose an One-nation in everything from ration cards to entrance examinations to elections.

It is a majoritarian agenda. The 37.38% vote and the 303 seats secured by the BJP in the last election to the Lok Sabha

#### ACROSS THE AISLE

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## A fraud on the Constitution



Indian activists protest against a legislation in Uttar Pradesh directed against inter-faith marriages AP

did not mean that 50% + 1 citizens supported the agenda of the BJP. The BJP has the right to rule, but not the right to destroy or subvert the Constitution.

#### Onslaught on liberty

The BJP governments have the right to protect the cow but no right to stipulate that no one (including Christians and people of the North East) shall eat beef. They have the right to encourage the use of Hindi but no right to impose the language upon non-Hindi speaking people or make it difficult for the latter to participate in the governance of the country. They have the right to prevent obscenity in public but no right to unleash the police on young lovers in a park.

The latest excess – testing the limits of egregiousness – is the law made by Uttar Pradesh to punish what is crudely called

'love jihad'. The targets are Muslim men who love or marry or live with Hindu women. The text of the U.P. law is directed against inter-faith marriages or living together, particularly Hindu-Muslim couples. The questionable text reads:

"No person shall convert or attempt to convert, either directly or otherwise, any other person from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement, fraudulent means or marriage....."

The law equates marriage with misrepresentation, force, undue influence, coercion, allurement and fraudulent means!

It is a brazen attempt to legislate on something very private - choice of partner. The law departments of these states have evidently not read the judgements of the Supreme Court (*Shafin Jahan, Puttaswamy*) and the Allahabad High Court (*Salamat*

*Ansari vs State of UP, dated 11-11-2020*). More likely, having read them, the draftsmen have been assured by their political masters that those judgements will be overruled and the law re-written to pander to the primitive instincts of the rulers.

The law is an onslaught on choice; on freedom; on privacy; on dignity; on the equality of man and woman; and on the right to love or live together or marry. The Constitutional Courts, which have re-affirmed their foremost duty to protect liberty, will undoubtedly strike down the law.

The ultimate result is not in doubt. It is the 'meanwhile' that puts in peril democracy and freedom. The first victim, meanwhile, of the UP law is Mr Uwaish Ahmed.

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## Diego eternal

Diego Maradona's genius allowed him to come out of abject poverty and become a world star

#### RINGSIDE VIEW



Shamik Chakrabarty

'As the snow flies  
on a cold and gray Chicago mornin'  
A poor little baby child is born  
In the ghetto / And his mama cries'  
– Elvis Presley / Mac Davis, In the Ghetto

YOU CAN EASILY change Chicago with Villa Fiorito but the reality stays the same. Many a child from that shanty town on the southern outskirts of Buenos Aires broke the rules in desperation and met a sad end, as their hunger burnt. Diego Maradona's genius allowed him to come out of abject poverty and become a world star.

What Maradona did with his life was absolutely inconsequential to us. It was for his family members, relatives and close friends to judge whether the stocky and diminutive Argentine failed them. For the outsiders, it was down to what he did on the football pitch, which changed a lot of lives. His left foot weaved magic. Nobody played the game better than him on the planet

earth. The nonsensical 'one of the greatest ever' phrases should be laid to rest, as we talk about football and Maradona. He was the Mozart of football.

Zinedine Zidane was a great player in his own right – a World Cup winner for France and a Real Madrid legend. Zidane could have made the ball talk in his pomp and like many other top-class players, he, too, drew the Maradona comparison. As the debate raged on, the great Michel Platini – we are talking about the footballer here, not the administrator – was asked to compare the two. Platini was Maradona's direct rival on the pitch, as he played for Juventus in Serie A (Italian top-division league), while the Argentine plied his trade for Napoli. Also, Maradona was the reason why Napoli had knocked Juventus off their perch.

Platini, though, didn't vote for his comrade, Zidane. "What Zidane could do with a ball, Maradona could do with an orange," the former France captain was quoted as saying by the Fifa website.

India had its first date with live World Cup coverage on 1982. Only the two semifinals and the final were shown live. Four years later, when we got a real taste of the World Cup, with Doordarshan telecasting every game live from Mexico, fans from this part of the world bumped



Players observe a minute of applause as they pay their respects to late Argentinian football player Diego Maradona ahead of the English Premier League soccer match at the London stadium AP

into Maradona and his soccer sorcery. His second goal against England made him a hero, so much so that even his 'hand of god' deception was celebrated. Many players in the Calcutta league tried to stick out a hand to score goals from crosses and corners, of course without Maradona's 'precision'. This correspondent personally knows a former India centre-forward who deliberately went for a 'hand of god' impersonation in a Mohun Bagan versus East Bengal fixture.

Match officials spotted his attempt and ruled out the goal. Much later, after he had hung up his boots, the player confessed that he wanted to copy his 'idol'. The 1986 World Cup made everybody who loved football, to fall in love with Maradona. And it will never change. If you love football, you love Maradona. Period. Quotes from Jorge Valdano on the Fifa website summed up how Maradona was revered in the dressing-room. "Diego apologised to me after he scored the sec-

ond goal against England (in the 1986 World Cup). He could see me unmarked at the far post the whole way but he couldn't find a gap to get the ball to me. The fact is I felt offended. It was an insult to my profession. I mean, even on a run like that he still has the time to look up and see me. As a player I was nothing compared to him. He was incredible." Valdano, a top-class forward in his own right, was Maradona's team mate at the 1986 World Cup.

Maradona was respected by his team mates and opponents, he was adored by football lovers and every time he took the field, the little genius became a representative of the world's have-nots. Many people in the smart seats sneered at his apparent 'classlessness'. Maradona didn't give a hoot. He had the support of the game's biggest stakeholders, fans. He mocked Fifa, and the men running, it for fun. He lambasted the game's governing body for forcing the players to play in sweltering heat to satisfy the broadcasters. He questioned Fifa's financial dealings.

The high and mighty eventually had their opportunity at the 1994 World Cup. The Argentina captain was thrown out of the tournament after he had tested positive for five variants of ephedrine. His drug addiction and his off-the-pitch controversies didn't do him any favours. Maradona, though, denied having taken illegal substances and hinted at a wider conspiracy. By the way, some of the officials, part of the Fifa then, are now banished from public life for alleged wrongdoings. Maradona was no saint. Far from it. He was a flawed genius. Then again, Maradona was a by-product of the Third World poverty and what he needed while growing up in football was an education programme and an arm around his shoulder. Fifa and/or the officials concerned should have mollycoddled the once-in-a-century talent to ensure that his life off the pitch didn't fall by the wayside. They chose conflict instead. The game's parent body failed Maradona's genius.

#### INSIDE TRACK

COOMI KAPOOR

#### Plush plane

President Ram Nath Kovind is said to be excited about the new VVIP Air India One aircraft, equipped with the latest features, including a sophisticated defence system and audio/video communications. Its plush interiors with conference rooms and suites are reportedly on a par with the US President's Air Force One. Kovind was keen to try out the aircraft dedicated for the exclusive use of the President, Prime Minister and Vice President, and went on the inaugural flight. The aircraft landed in Chennai and the President travelled to Tirupati in a helicopter. PM Modi has yet to use the aircraft and is reportedly waiting till he flies abroad.

#### All doors open

There is major churning on in talks for Tamil Nadu's Assembly polls to be held next year. The DMK's M K Stalin is said to be discussing the possibility of an alliance with S Ramadasu's PMK. If the alliance were to materialise, then Dalit leader Thirumavalavan of the VCK would walk out of the DMK camp. His preference would be a joint front with the Congress and Kamal Haasan's party. The snag is that Rahul Gandhi is unlikely to abandon the DMK, even if the Congress is allotted a humiliating number of seats. Another option for the VCK is to join hands with Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM, a move which could damage the DMK. The AIADMK, meanwhile, is planning a tie-up with the BJP and actor Vijayakanth's DMDK. The key question of course is with whom superstar Rajinikanth ties up. As a Tamil Nadu politician put it, "All doors are open at this juncture."

#### Limited success

The Haryana Police was told to prevent the Kisan brigade, travelling in tractors and buses, from reaching Delhi. Their hands were tied though, as they were ordered not to use lathis or fire gun shots. The police resorted to water cannons and tear gas, but the farmers simply retreated and then regrouped. The Haryana Police's only recourse was to erect blockades along the road with heavy-duty cranes and seemingly insurmountable iron barricades. But the well-prepared farmer organisations came armed with implements and accompanied by trained mechanics and successfully cleared the roads. A police officer claimed that while they could not prevent the farmers eventually reaching the Delhi border, they managed to slow down the march.

**GST COMPENSATION**

# Jharkhand joins GST borrowing scheme

All 28 states and 3 UTs have now come on board

**F E BUREAU**  
New Delhi, December 5

**JHARKHAND HAS CHOSEN**  
Option-1 of the Centre's borrowing plan to bridge GST revenue shortfall, which will allow the state to receive ₹1,689 crore this fiscal in compensation dues while also entitling it to unconditionally borrow ₹1,765 crore as part of incentive for joining the scheme, the central government said on Saturday.

With this, all 28 states and three UTs are now on board for the plan.

Jharkhand was among the 10 states initially opposed to the borrowing plan, but since then other states had come on board. They demanded that full compensation of ₹1.82 lakh crore should be given instead of a portion (₹1.1 lakh crore) that was purely due to GST implementation issue without factoring in the impact of the pandemic.

"All the 28 States and three Union Territories with legislature have decided to go for Option-1 to meet the revenue shortfall arising out of the GST implementation," the government said after Jharkhand communicated its decision.

The borrowing scheme, under a special window, was operationalised on October 23. The central government has so far borrowed ₹30,000 crore in five installments, and passed the same to states as back-to-back loans. The total borrowing under the scheme is fixed at ₹1.1 lakh crore, which is the shortfall attributed to GST implementation issues.

The next installment of ₹6,000 crore will be released to the states/union territories on December 7, the government said.

The Option-1 of the scheme also grants states unconditional permission to borrow the final installment of 0.5% of GSDP of the 2% additional borrowings permitted by the central government. This amounts to a little over ₹1.05 lakh crore in the current fiscal for all the states, and is over and above the special window of ₹1.1 lakh crore.



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Petrol price at 2-year high of ₹83/litre, diesel at ₹73.32

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
New Delhi, December 5

**PETROL PRICE ON** Saturday breached the ₹83-per litre mark in Delhi for the first time in more than two years after a rally in international oil prices forced a 13th increase in rates in the last fortnight.

Petrol price on Saturday was raised by 27 paise per litre and diesel by 25 paise, according to a price notification of oil marketing companies.

Petrol price in Delhi rose to ₹83.13 per litre from ₹82.86. Diesel rates went up from ₹73.07 to ₹73.32 per litre.

This is the highest rate for petrol and diesel since September 2018 and followed the 13th increase in rates since November 20, when oil companies resumed daily price revision after nearly a two-month hiatus.

In 16 days, the petrol price has gone up by ₹2.07 per litre and diesel rate has risen by ₹2.86. ICICI Securities said vaccine hopes were driving oil prices up. Brent crude oil is up 34% from lows in end-October 2020 driven by hope that Covid-19 vaccines would lead to demand recovery.

"The oil price surge is despite a second wave of Covid in Europe and US (which has led to demand recovery reversal), and surge in Libyan oil output from 0.1 million barrels per day (bpd) to 1.25 million bpd," it said.

Oil cartel OPEC plus its allies like Russia, (called OPEC+), decided to raise output from January 2021 more modestly than earlier agreed and is likely to ensure global supply deficit even in the first quarter of 2021.

The central government has estimated ₹1.1 lakh crore as GST shortfall for states this fiscal from the level of protected revenue guaranteed to them under the law. States are assured of 14% year-on-year growth in GST revenue, which is met by their own revenue and any resultant shortfall is made up from cess funds.

The borrowing proposal was presented to states after it became clear that compensation fund, which collects proceeds from cess imposed on goods under GST, was woefully inadequate to meet the projected revenue of the states.

## Mizoram enters solar map of India with 2-MW solar plant

**THE NORTHEASTERN STATE** of Mizoram has entered the solar map of the country with the commissioning of the first solar power plant at Tlungravel, an official said on Saturday. The grid-connected 2-megawatt solar photovoltaic (SPV) plant was inaugurated by the state's power minister, R.Lalziriana, on Friday.

Lalziriana said, besides solar energy, the hydroelectric potential of the state must be harnessed, so that the vision of the Mizoram government with respect to self-sufficiency in power can become a reality.

The ministers said solar plants of 20-MW and 5-MW capacities were under construction at Vankal in Khamawli district and near Saitual town. —PTI

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Date : 05.12.2020, Place : New Delhi

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**NOTICE OF 12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given that the 12th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Indian Institute of Insurance Surveyors and Loss Assessors ("the Company") will be held on **Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. (IST)** at The Plaza Hotel, 6-3-70, Beside CM Camp Office, Begumpet, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500001 and also through Video Conferencing/Audio Visual Means (VC/AVM) in compliance with the General Circular Nos 20/2020, 14/2020, 17/2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) to transact the business as set forth in the Notice of AGM dated 04th December, 2020.

In compliance with the Circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of AGM and the Annual Report 2019-20 have been sent to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company. These documents are also available on the website of the Company at https://www.iiisa.co.in and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com.

Members may cast their votes electronically on the business as set forth in the Notice of AGM through the electronic voting system of NSDL (Remote E-Voting). Members are hereby informed that:

- i. The business as set forth in the Notice of the AGM may be transacted through remote e-voting or voting at the AGM;
- ii. The remote e-voting shall commence on **Friday, 25th December, 2020 at 09:00 A.M. (IST)** iii. The remote e-voting shall end on **Sunday, 27th December, 2020 at 00:00 P.M. (IST)** iv. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote by remote e-voting or by e-voting system at the AGM shall be **04th December, 2020**.
- v. The remote e-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the remote e-voting module shall be forthwith disabled by NSDL upon expiry of the aforesaid period.
- vi. The manner in which persons who have acquired shares and become members of the company after the dispatch of notice may obtain the login ID and password (This point does not arise as the Company does not have share capital and cut-off date and Notice Dispatch date is same).
- vii. Member may note that: a) The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL beyond 5:00 P.M. IST on 27th December, 2020 and once the votes on a resolution is cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently; b) The facility for voting will also be made allowed during the AGM, and those members present at the AGM through VC/AVM facility, who have not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through the e-voting system at the AGM. c) those members present in the AGM physically at the venue who have not cast their vote on the resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through the e-voting system or polling/ballot papers as provided in the AGM. d) The members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes again; and e) Only persons whose name is recorded in the register of members as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting.
- viii. Members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to register the same with the Company at its e-mail id mmpl.mgg@gmail.com in order to participate in the AGM by voting through e-mail or show of hands. Any query/grievance in connection with voting during AGM, should be addressed to the Compliance Officer Sh. Narinder Kumar at the above mentioned email id and / or address/Phone Number .

### RECRUITMENT OF INTERNAL OMBUDSMAN ON CONTRACT BASIS

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### FOR INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY

Pursuant to MCA circular dated 05.05.2020, Notice alongwith Annual Account Statements etc. convening the Annual General Meeting of the members of the company through Video Conferencing on Wednesday, 30th day of December, 2020 at 11.00 A.M. will be emailed to all shareholders whose email ids are registered with the Company. The members who have not yet registered their e-mail addresses are requested to register the same with the Company at its e-mail id mmpl.mgg@gmail.com in order to participate in the AGM by voting through e-mail or show of hands. Any query/grievance in connection with voting during AGM, should be addressed to the Compliance Officer Sh. Narinder Kumar at the above mentioned email id and / or address/Phone Number .

### For MITHILA MALLEABLES PRIVATE LIMITED

Charan Singh  
(Director)

DIN : 02004688

Place : Sirhind  
Date : 04.12.2020

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Charan Singh  
(Director)

DIN: 02004688

Place : Mandi Gobindgarh  
Date : 05.12.2020

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### NOTICE OF 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION TO MEMBERS

The Notice is hereby given that:

- a) The 40th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the members of the Company will be held on **Wednesday, the 30th December, 2020 at 02.00 P.M.** at its registered office situated at SP-825, Road No. 14, V.K.I Area, Jaipur-302013 (Rajasthan) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM. Statement that the business may be transacted through voting by electronic means.
- b) Electronic copies of the Notice of the 40th AGM and the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year 2019-20 have been sent, in terms of Sections 101 and 136 of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with the relevant rules made thereunder through electronic mode to all the members whose email IDs are registered with the Company's depositary Participants and physical copies of the same have been sent to all other members who have not registered their email IDs with the Company's depositary Participant(s), at their registered address in the permitted mode on or before 05th December, 2020.

b) The Notice of the 40th AGM and the Annual report for the Financial Year 2019-20 is available on the Company's website [info@bajorajagroup.in](http://www.bajorajagroup.in) and also on the website of CDSL [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com)

c) Pursuant to provisions of Section 91 of the Act, read with Rule 10 of The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the register of members and share transfer books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, 24th December, 2020 to Wednesday, 30th December, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

d) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 91 of the Act, read with Rule 20 of The Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (as amended) and Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing to its members the facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be passed at the said AGM electronically using an electronic voting system from a place other than the venue of the meeting ("remote e-voting").

e) Any person who acquires shares of the Company and becomes member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice of AGM and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. 23rd December, 2020 may obtain the login ID and password by sending a request at [helpdesk.evoting@cslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cslindia.com). However, if a person is already registered with CDSL for e-voting then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote.

f) In this regard, the Members are further informed that:

(a) The remote e-voting module shall start at 09.00 A.M. on Sunday, 27th December, 2020 and shall end at 05.00 P.M. on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020. Voting after 05.00 P.M. on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020 will not be allowed through electronic means. Thereafter, remote e-voting module will be disabled by CDSL for voting.

(b) The facility for voting through paper ballot shall also be made available at the AGM and the members attending the AGM who have not already cast their votes by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM.

(c) The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

(d) A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. 23rd December, 2020 only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting by ballot at the AGM. The detailed procedure for remote e-voting are contained in the Notice of the AGM.

(e) In case of queries pertaining to remote e-voting, the members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting user manual for members at the e-voting module available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) under help section, write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cslindia.com). Members may also contact to Ms. Neha Dusad, Company Secretary of the Company at Contact No. 0141-3203610 or at Email ID [info@bajorajagroup.in](mailto:info@bajorajagroup.in) or at the Registered Office of the Company situated at SP-825, Road No. 14, V.K.I Area, Jaipur-302013.

For Rajasthan Cylinders and Containers Limited  
Avinash Patel  
(Chairman cum Managing Director)  
DIN: 01402573

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: 06/12/2020

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# Words Worth

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

ON THE SHELF

## The politics of a memoir

While the popularity of the political memoir has been unflagging, Barack Obama's hugely successful *A Promised Land* is much more than just continuation of the long political tradition of a public servant accounting for their time in office

SUVAKSHKRITI SINGH

**B**ARACK OBAMA IS no stranger to literary fame. Even before *A Promised Land*, the celebrated latest addition to the American genre of presidential memoirs, broke records to become the darling of every bestseller list, his chops as a memoirist had already been established. A much younger Obama recorded his quest for identity and belonging in the penetratingly intimate *Dreams From My Father*, with his authorial debut selling an impressive 3.3 million copies globally.

Yet, admire the literary merit of *A Promised Land* as one may, reading it, one cannot escape the weight of the cultural responsibility it bears. Obama's memoir is a continuation of the long political tradition of a public servant accounting for their time in office: Bill Clinton produced the nearly thousand-page-long *My Life* in defence of his political legacy, and while George W Bush may have clothed his *Decision Points* in the language of leadership lessons, the justificatory impulse remained. From across the pond, there are Tony Blair's *A Journey*, and David Cameron's *For the Record*, to name only the most recent. A hop, skip, and a jump from there is Emmanuel Macron's memoir-cum-manifesto *Revolution*.

And these cover only the last three decades. The popularity of the political memoir has been unflagging, from the Caesars of classical Rome to Babur in Mughal India to Ulysses Grant writing on the American Civil War. And, of course, Jawaharlal Nehru and MK Gandhi in British India in the inter-war years, as well as Winston Churchill and Charles de Gaulle in post-war Europe. George Egerton, professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia's history department and a scholar of the political memoir as a literary genre, explains the appeal of memoirs as a function of both their purpose, and the circumstances of their production.

Memoirs, Egerton asserts, are almost always generated by moments of crisis, "by interesting times like wars and revolutions, by leadership or witness to the exercise of power", and "the personal linkage between the author and the past in memoir transforms the description of events, behaviour, and circumstances into the narration of personal experience." What explains *A Promised Land*'s 8.8 lakh first-day sales figure, then, is not only that it speaks to the Trumpian challenge facing the mythical liberal democracy that is the pride of the US, but also the empathy it evokes for Barack the son, suitor, husband, father, and friend — for Barack, the fallible human.

However, relative to the origins of the genre itself, the rising economic value of political memoirs is a rather recent phenomenon, dating back roughly to the late 19th century. Even though the memoirs of Grant, and Lloyd George earned impressive sums, for much of even the 20th century, a

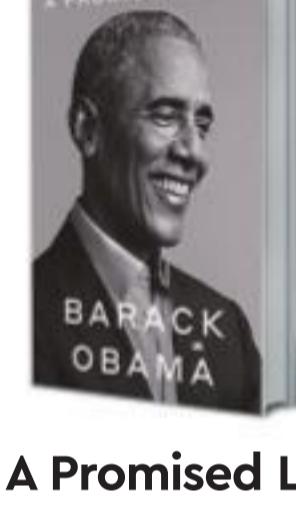


A file photo of former US President Barack Obama

\$65-million advance for a three-book deal — Barack's two-part memoir, and Michelle's *Becoming* — was unheard of. Before the Obamas took the publishing world by storm, the record for the steepest advance for a memoir was held by Clinton's *My Life* at \$15 million, with Hillary Clinton's *Hard Choices* a close third at \$14 million. In comparison, Blair's *A Journey* bagged a £4.6-million advance, equivalent to around \$7 million (at 2010 exchange rate).

This puzzle is perhaps better resolved by the view that the politics — and, inevitably then, the economics — of memoirs is one of personality. Elizabeth Kuruvilla, executive editor at Penguin India, identifies two broad strains of political memoirs and autobiographies. The first are personality-driven narratives of the inspirational kind, into which she slots the books by both Obamas to explain the magnitude of their appeal. "The other style of putting out a memoir," she says, "would be the explosive, tell-all kind." Churchill and Cameron jump to mind.

The distinctions, of course, are not rigid. What makes the political memoir valuable as a source of contemporary historiography goes much beyond revelatory trivia: reflection on the memoirist's growth in response to their circumstances, and an honest appraisal of the stamp the individual leaves on their socio-political environs. Equally, one appreciates the gossipy bits in an otherwise high-minded oeuvre. In India itself, one reason for the hype around Obama's book, as Kuruvilla observes, has come from the uproar surrounding the titbits on the author's



**A Promised Land**  
Barack Obama  
Penguin Random House  
Pp 768, ₹1,999

impression of Rahul Gandhi and Manmohan Singh, as well as the nature of the BJP's politics.

One would be amiss, having spoken of Obama and Singh in the same breath, not to state the obvious. Despite his 10 years at the helm of the Indian nation, a tenure marked by much criticism, controversy, and change, the only literature on offer from Singh seems to be academic. No memoir of scandalous — or record-straightening — revelations, nor one of reflective self-assessment. Not even one of vindication. In this, Singh is the norm, not the exception. IK Gujral's *Matters of Discretion* remains the only memoir by an Indian prime minister in the last three decades.

Admittedly, the list of autobiographical works by leaders of national import is relatively more substantial. On offer is literature ranging from LK

Advani's *My Country, My Life* and P Chidambaram's *Speaking Truth to Power* to Lalu Prasad Yadav's (co-authored) *Gopalganj to Raisina Road* and Pranab Mukherjee's multi-volume memoir. Yet, where the prevalence of political memoirs in popular culture is concerned, even a cursory comparison between the Anglophone West and India reveals glaring differences. Not the least of these is the near-absence of a global appeal to political memoirs from India.

Manasi Subramanian, executive editor and head of literary rights at Penguin India, believes that comparing American and Indian politicians is inherently false. For her, this is a function, in part, of the relative international significance of the United States vis-à-vis any other nation. She asserts that the phenomenal success of the Obama memoirs stems, without a doubt, from the global superstardom enjoyed by the couple — he, the leader of the free world, with a rockstar status to boot, and she, an icon of both feminism and style. Subramanian reasons that within India, an Advani or Lalu memoir enjoys a substantial readership, comparable to the one similar writing by a popular leader of any other country would find within that country. "But, I would be surprised," she explains, "if a memoir by a politician from a small eastern European nation, for instance, finds much appeal outside its borders."

The inequality is structural, a function of American hegemony, and universal.

Where, then, does the lack of a supply-demand equilibrium in the genre of

political memoir stem from?

For Rachna Kalra, founder of marketing and communications consultancy WindWord, the answer lies, perhaps, in the culture of party politics in India, which makes politicians wary of writing a tell-all memoir. "The united party front that politics seems to call for prevents controversial revelation in memoirs, regardless of whether the individuals in question are still active in politics or not. Perhaps, people feel this would be like opening a Pandora's box, which then can't be shut," she says. Kuruvilla and Subramanian push the thought further. "In India," they claim, "a politician never really truly retires".

To search for the truly revelatory political memoir in India, then, one must broaden one's scope, and define the genre as personal, reflective literature by those with a first-row view of history. When one considers the sheer immensity of contribution that bureaucrats and journalists have made to the genre, the imbalance between demand and supply becomes less stark. An exhaustive listing is an impossible task here, but a recent sampling would include Montek Singh Alhuwalia's *Backstage*, Raghubir Rajan's *I Do What I Do*, Vinod Mehta's *Lucknow Boy*, and, among the more notorious, Sanjaya Baru's *The Accidental Prime Minister*.

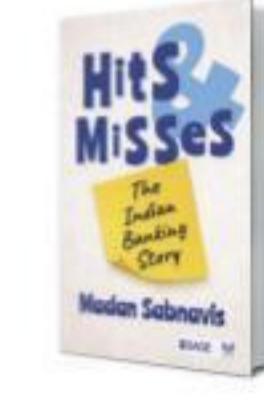
This sampling is limited to literature in English. Certainly, if one were to search for memoirs written in regional languages and vernaculars, the discoveries would astound — as, lamentably, is the case with every other genre of writing in India. In fact, if one were cynically disposed, one could complain of the culture of overproduction within the genre.

Kalra points, also, to the wide readership of political biographies, a genre closely aligned with the memoir. The success of Vinay Sitapati's biography, first, of PV Narasimha Rao, and recently, of the BJP of the Vajpayee-Advani era certainly attest to the deep interest among Indian readers about the private lives of politicos, and the inner workings of governance. And, more reassuringly, dispels the fear of cultural apathy toward political literature.

But, writing, as all writers do, with one eye on posterity and an agenda to vindicate themselves, the politician as memoirist runs the risk of committing that cardinal sin of tidying things up, narrating the past through a retrospective lens, attributing to it anachronous perspectives, motives, and meanings. And, it is here, Subramanian believes, that the objectivity of the biographer can supplement the rich, if sometimes inaccurate, interiority of the memoirist.

The political actor is, in the ultimate analysis, also a performer. Their memoir, then, is necessarily an attempt to simultaneously create and market themselves, to reconcile their public and private selves — non-fiction, that is honest for its acknowledgment of its fictionality.

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HITS AND MISSES  
Madan Sabnavis  
Sage  
Pp320, ₹550

Do you often wonder—"Is my money safe in banks?" India is grappling with its worst banking crisis ever, and we are still trying to figure out what landed us here. This book analyses the role of the government and RBI in allowing the problem to reach the dimension it has assumed today. When will the NPA issue be resolved? Does it make sense to merge two PSBs when the culture and governance structures are alike? The book ponders on such questions.



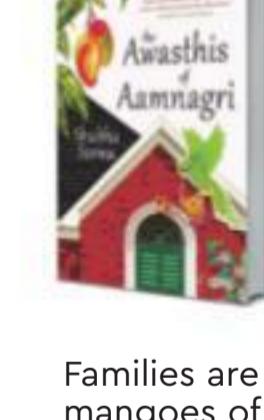
CITY POETRY FOR THE (IN)FREQUENTLY MOBILE  
Nanya Sudhir  
Wisdom Tree  
Pp178, ₹295

City Poetry for the (In)frequently Mobile is a powerful work on moving, living and loving. Through poems and prose poems, Nanya Sudhir illustrates what it means to live in this world and how she comes to terms with a nomadic life that often leaves questions where other people may have fixed historical and cultural storylines to fall back on. The work weaves through a global stage but distills down to our shared humanness.



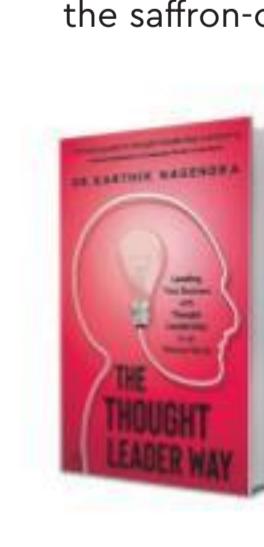
RHYTHM OF WAR  
Brandon Sanderson  
Hachette  
Pp1,232, ₹899

After forming a coalition of human resistance against the enemy invasion, Dalinar Kholin and his Knights Radiant have spent a year fighting a protracted, brutal war. Neither side has gained an advantage, and the threat of a betrayal by Dalinar's crafty ally Taravangian looms over every strategic move. As new technological discoveries by Navani Kholin's scholars begin to change the face of the war, the enemy prepares a dangerous operation.



THE AWASTHIS OF AAMNAGRI  
Shubha Sarma  
Niyogi Books  
Pp188, ₹350

Families are like the sweet mangoes of Aamnagri—messy, filled with juicy secrets and sticking together through all times. The Awasthis of Aamnagri are the quintessential Indian family, who bumble through their lives encountering missing jewels and stolen eggs, deaths foretold, averted and a suspected suicide with no body. The mysteries are solved by the inquisitive minds of young Lakshmi and Guddu and the saffron-clad Guruji.



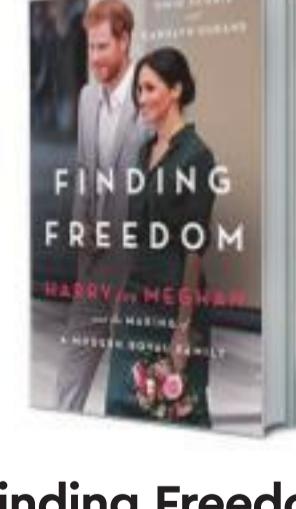
THE THOUGHT LEADER WAY  
Karthik Nagendra  
Notion Press  
Pp128, ₹199

Thought leadership is a much-abused term in business. It often conceals thinly veiled self-promotion that is shallow and superficial. But Nagendra takes a thoughtful view, emphasising that thought leadership involves factors such as transparency and integrity that are vital to establishing trust. The book offers several examples to show how institutions can enhance their influence by sharing intellectual capital with those who wish to learn.

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## The dark side of royalty

Harry and Meghan's story is too fresh to be re-read in a book



**Finding Freedom:**  
Harry and Meghan  
and the Making  
of a Modern  
Royal Family  
Omid Scobie &  
Carolyn Durand  
HarperCollins  
Pp 368, ₹599



A file photo of Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan in Sydney, Australia

As for Meghan, she was destined for greatness right from the start. Growing up, she found joy in plastic Happy Meal toys. Often finding himself a misfit, he found a woman who, like his mother, mirrored his drive to support those on the margins of society. But when it became too much, he rebelled just like his mother.

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because of appearance rather than talent. Her tryst with racism had begun early on. When on *The Wendy Williams Show*, Meghan was labelled 'Prince Harry's girlfriend', Priyanka Chopra had quipped, "Also Meghan Markle the

REYA MEHROTRA

**W**HATEVER THEY MIGHT do or not do, the British royals are rarely out of news. Diana continues to evoke interest years after her death, with BBC recently conducting an inquiry whether famous interviewee Martin Bashir's 1995 was secured through unethical means. Harry and wife Meghan shook the world when they renounced their royal duties and privileges, and with Meghan's powerful article recently describing her miscarriage, the world is tuned to the royals yet again. The couple's recent book, *Finding Freedom*, just reinforces that interest.

Diana had once told her son, "You're naughty. Just don't get caught." It seems Harry took only the first part of the advice seriously. Often caught partying and in the middle of troubles, Meghan bought much-needed balance in his world. In finding love, he found himself. The normalcy-craving prince and the girl from another 'normal' world instantly bonded. The first few chapters of the book follow a Harry-in-trance as he meets Meghan and the dawn of their love before transcending into the trials and tribulations that are a part and parcel of the royal life, and the infamous Megxit.

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# Spotlight

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VAISHALI DAR

**W**HEN THE LOCKDOWN was announced in March, it came as a blessing in disguise for Delhi-based communications professional Meha Khera. As she began working from home, she realised that she was able to devote more time to her 16-month-old son. Needless to say, she is making the most of this phase. "This scenario has come at an apt time...when I needed it the most. I can take care of my son, as before the lockdown, I would miss his milestones since I was at work most times. Now, I am with him 24x7 and it's good to see him grow up...I am also less stressed about my daily commute and hectic work schedule," says the 34-year-old, who feels that the pandemic has not only given her time to be with family, but also taught her life lessons on how to evade worldly pleasures and learn the importance of nature, eating right and staying healthy.

It's true that the pandemic has created havoc in everybody's life. But it has also presented us an opportunity to assess the positive effects of negative emotions, and use them for personal improvement. From going slow and minimal to conscious buying and eating, the health crisis has been instrumental in accelerating many positive changes

Experts have, in fact, found in the pandemic an opportunity to assess the positive effects of negative emotions and experiences, and how one can use them for personal improvement. In the journal *Psychological Review*, evolutionary psychologists Paul W Andrews and J Anderson Thomson suggest that sadness and depression have persisted in the face of evolution because they bring cognitive benefits. "Sadness makes us better at assessing reality in social situations, as we are less likely to flatter ourselves or gloss over negative truths. Sadness can even make us more productive at work by enhancing focus and helping us learn from mistakes. This is how failure, via the resulting negative emotions, can help lead to later success," the report states.

As per a recent article on Melbourne-based professional news platform *The Conversation*, London-headquartered YouGov (an international research data and analytics group) surveyed a nationally representative sample of around 2,000 respondents each week across Great Britain from June 2019 to June 2020. It asked them to report on 12 mood states: happiness, contentment, inspiration, optimism, energy levels, sadness, apathy, stress, boredom, frustration, loneliness and fear. Resultant data suggested that the pandemic had a strong negative effect on people's mood, but this quickly returned to baseline after the introduction of the lockdown. Boredom, loneliness, frustration and apathy increased with the imposing of the lockdown, but so did happiness, optimism, contentment and even inspiration. Meanwhile, sadness, fear and stress all fell. The analysis suggests that life satisfaction fell with the arrival of the pandemic and rebounded after the lockdown began.

## Press pause

In a year that confined all of us to our homes, many—voluntarily and involuntarily—adopted the slow life. As radio storyteller, author, scriptwriter and lyricist Neelesh Misra said in a recent interview with *Financial Express on Sunday*, "This life-changing experience is making a lot of people re-evaluate their life choices. Should they be living in big cities at all? If they can work from home, can't they work from their hometown? Their village? Can they get healthier food, and not just as a fad? What are they watching and listening to TV, radio? The world is moving too fast, our lives are on a roller coaster and when this giant machine suddenly creaked to a halt, people began asking: is the ride worth it?"

Misra is right. Thanks to the pandemic, businesses have shrunk to laptop screens today and smart buying has become the new norm for the working class. The digital life is asset-light, feels Mumbai-based Roshan Abbas, managing director, Geometry Encompass, an experiential marketing company. Abbas is also the president of the industry body Event & Entertainment Management Association and co-founder of Kommuine, a performing arts collective for storytellers. "I can engage a larger audience on screen with 130-odd webinars, workshops. I can be anywhere in the world, teach, earn and learn. I've done workshops on podcasting, virtual screen engagement and a lot more, besides collaborating with people for online plays, dramatic readings, hosting a poet from London or a podcaster from the US," he says.

Before the lockdown, socialising with friends and family, holidaying and other leisure activities were all taken for granted, says Coimbatore-based Megha Asher, co-founder and COO of Juicy Chemistry, a natural beauty product line. "The lockdown changed that. We should introspect our habits...like indulging in a wasteful lifestyle by buying things we don't need...and spend money on sustainable/smart products for better con-

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"Fear and anxiety about the disease remain, but there has been a shift of thought patterns of late and a sense of acceptance has started to creep in. With less social outings and less impulsive buying, minimalism will certainly become the new normal. People have realised what is essential for them and this would help lower the financial burden to a certain extent. Family ties have become stronger and physical distancing has actually brought in social togetherness. With the work-from-home culture stepping in, work-life balance has become better," says Mumbai-based neurospinal surgeon Shraddha Maheshwari who met people with increased irritation, anger outbursts and signs of depression related to their jobs, layoffs, etc. "Insecurity over jobs and businesses had mounted, but it has also given everyone enough time to figure out options," she says.

## Mind matters

During the period of the lockdown, from April to June, around 4,500 labourers—who took refuge in makeshift shelters with their families in the national capital—were detected with mental health issues and required professional counselling. Loss of livelihood amidst an

uncertain future was the major cause of their anxiety. Delhi-based Institute of Human Behaviour and Applied Sciences (IHBAS) measured the prevalence rate of mental health concerns among the migrants at 10-15% after its teams visited the shelters housing over 53,548 migrants from April 2 to June 18. The study, likely to be a first in India in terms of the significant sample size during the lockdown, revealed that at least 849 migrants were given medication for problems ranging from anxiety and depression to more severe underlying conditions like psychosis and schizophrenia that manifested or got aggravated due to the stress caused by the pandemic. Despite facing extremely difficult circumstances, the migrants were, however, found to have a very high level of resilience, as per IHBAS director Nimesh G Desai. "The estimated rate shows that while many required help, a majority did not appear distressed to the levels as to require counselling. It is important to ensure regular access to mental health camps for migrants across states to help them cope with the challenges. Mental health issues increased soon after the lockdown and peaked through May, but with access to food, ration and welfare measures, the distress started declining gradually," says Desai.

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## SMILE THERAPY

A University of Kansas study found that smiling—even fake smiling—reduces heart rate and blood pressure during stressful situations. Both surprise and stress induce physiological response: elevate heart rate substantially

## THE SILVER LINING



servation," says Asher.

When it comes to work from home, many are finding it increasingly beneficial, as it saves a lot of time, among other benefits. An August survey by Indian flexible workspace provider Awfis, in fact, proves this. The survey was conducted in June and July across seven metros of India and analysed 1,000 employees across diverse industries. The survey found that 74% respondents are willing to work remotely, while 80% said their job roles can be performed from a remote environment. Around 29% reported saving ₹3,000-₹5,000 monthly as a result of work from home, money which was earlier spent on commuting, clothing, food, etc. It was noted that around 60% employees usually spent more than an hour commuting to and from office.

With work from home, an employee on average saves 1.47 hours of travel time every day. This translates to time worth 44 additional working days in a year. Therefore, the positive sentiment to work from remote locations can be attributed to factors like significant cost savings, considerable time savings, better time management and self-discipline. Clearly, a hybrid model—combination of virtual and physical office environments—will define the future of the Indian workspace.

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instance, gave a research student an extra three months to complete secondary research and read about his subject, thus boosting confidence to face the examiners. A writer could complete two books ready to be published as the world opens up. A young girl complained that she was pressured to study by her parents while she wanted to learn playing tabla. Seeing her sitting in front of the TV, her father ordered a tabla online, she downloaded lessons and is doing well, shares John.

There has been a seismic shift in the behaviour of corporates as well, says Mumbai-based Marcus Ranney, general manager, India, Thrive Global, a software service platform. "From migration stage of employees to adoption in policies, companies were forced to move and take action at unprecedented speed. Google established a Covid-19 fund that enabled all temporary staff and vendors globally to take paid sick leave if they have potential symptoms or can't come to work as they're quarantined. American entrepreneur, professional sports team owner and investor Mark Cuban announced that his employees will be reimbursed for lunch and coffee purchases from local, independent small businesses. Companies like ICICI, Naspers-owned PayU, Amway and Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages conducted virtual engagement programmes, external webinars for self-paced learning and upskilling on various topics like AI and machine learning, as these will be of ever-increasing importance in the near future," says Ranney, adding that the aftermath of the pandemic will see priorities shifting, making digital transformation a case of "when and how" and not "if". "Winning cultures encompass trust in people, transparency of work, caring for others, as well as continuous learning. Nurturing these important values during difficult times will ensure that firms retain their digital talent, get things done and continue to thrive," he says.

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## A CASE FOR HOPE

**72%**  
People who said they are focused more on limiting food waste now, as per an August report by Accenture, which surveyed 2,500 consumers in India between March and June (among 45,000 globally)

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People who said they will make more environmentally-friendly, sustainable and ethical purchases, as per the above report

**80%**  
People who said they are eating healthier and only home-cooked meals, as per an August study by Ernst & Young, which covered 2,033 respondents from across India

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"There is a massive reduction in impulse and unnecessary buying, as most are buying essential goods and services. Consequently, they are spending very little on socialising or apparel, for that matter. Additionally, as the world is moving towards digitisation, people are spending judiciously on good mobile phones, laptops and Wi-Fi. Health checks are a priority, too, as the fear of falling ill is predominant. So taking preventive measures to build resilience for future calamities will be a prime focus," feels Gurugram-based clinical psychologist Simmy Rohilla, who is also the programme director at Serefe, an organisation that supports holistic well-being.

People are increasingly opting to buy from small- and medium-sized sellers and this was evident from online retailers' sales. Amazon saw that personal computing, large appliances, kitchenware and smartphones were the top-selling categories in terms of value, while apparel and pantry sold the most in terms of number of units during a sale.

Some interesting findings by Flipkart highlight the impact across geography and demography. "A growing preference towards e-commerce is not limited to metros. We have seen tier II and III cities feature among the top-selling ones. We have seen a massive shift towards work-and education-oriented products such as mobiles, laptops, desktops, IT accessories, power banks and storage. India wants to focus on uninterrupted productivity and invest in devices for both education and work. After work, India bought fitness and product upgrades with smart wearable and tripods, highlighting the focus on health and fitness," says the company spokesperson.

An August study by Ernst & Young—called *Life in a pandemic* and conducted from May 14 to 25—took an in-depth look at the impact of the pandemic on the consumer, revealing that Indian consumers have experienced a fundamental change in behaviour driven by health, privacy and hyper-localisation. The survey covered 2,033 respondents from across India—30% women, up to 70% IT professionals and up to 80% in the age group of 24-40 years. In the survey, 80% of the respondents said that they are eating healthier and strictly eating only home-cooked meals, while 94.5% said they have accepted work from home as the new normal, with 55% stating that they are likely to advocate for work from home post the pandemic. About 80% students have shifted to online education and 46% are open to continuing with online learning post the pandemic.

Luxury retail, too, is seeing customers shift from offline to online. Those who earlier travelled abroad to make luxury purchases are now buying online. The customer response has been overwhelming, says Nakul Bajaj, founder, Darveys.com, a luxury shopping platform that houses over 500 multi-brand international retailers. "We saw 400% growth in overall sales during the pandemic till June, with a further increase in sales in the activewear and clothing sections...the overall order flow has increased, which was unexpected," says Bajaj.

# Express Adda

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**KIRIT PARIKH**

CHAIRMAN, INTEGRATED RESEARCH AND ACTION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Is the Finance Commission more important than the Planning Commission because it is allocating more funds to the states? Also, how is it that our allocations for education, healthcare, and development have been far from adequate?

Whether there is a permanent institutional mechanism for a dialogue between the Centre and the states is a larger issue. And whether, in the absence of the Planning Commission, the current functions of the Niti Aayog enable this important consultative mechanism between the Centre and the state to be purposefully used, is a much broader issue.

About education and health – yes, there can be no doubt that these have been neglected. In fact, the Finance Commission's recommendations on the health sector are important, particularly given the context of the pandemic. The implementation of the new education policy, which has come after 30 years, and the new health policy of 2017, which is relevant particularly in the pandemic context, these past inadequate public outlays need to be rectified. We need to look at both public and private outlays in important areas of health and education.

**JEETU PANJABI**

CEO, EM CAPITAL ADVISORS

For the last five years savings rates are going down when they should go up because there is a new pool of young population contributing to the pool. The implications of this are the draconian policies on tax laws and how a lot of wealthy individuals have become NRIs, no longer adding to the savings pool or creating jobs. Do you see that as a concern and a giant policy misstep for India?

The savings-investment ratio and the incremental capital-output ratio based on total factor productivity and other efficiencies need to significantly go up if India's growth rate is to climb back to what would be necessary to sustain the national priorities and other objectives. There is no question about that. Now, how draconian our tax laws are is a much wider question. Our tax rates, particularly our corporate tax rates are perhaps internationally competitive. There is no doubt that tax administration needs to be based on greater trust and greater friendliness. That is necessary not only to prevent the outflow of talent, but to get more talent into the country and foreign investments.

**SAMEER BARDE**

CEO, THE ONLINE RUMMY FEDERATION

Since ours is a digital business, we only pay IGST (Integrated Goods and Service Tax), leaving very little interest for the states to support this new business stream. How do you think tax revenues could be shared so that the Centre and state would be equally motivated to encourage digital businesses?

I think that your suggestions for revenues getting mutually augmented by bringing more activities in the GST is an important question which should be addressed to the Ministry of Finance.



## 'The pandemic may make us write a new social contract'

**At an e.Adda held recently, NK Singh, Chairman, 15th Finance Commission, spoke on financial and banking sector reforms, being active partners in the gains of trade, privatising state-owned banks and his book *Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside***

PVAIDYANATHAN IYER: In your book, you talk about the Westminster model of parliamentary democracy being de facto replaced by the presidential model...

NK SINGH: The Westminster model is based on one central principle — the Prime Minister is the first among equals. The moment this is altered, you've altered the gene particles of the model. After all, votes are garnered and elections won on the basis of who is going to lead the country; what matters to the voter is who is more likely to deliver on the aspirations. If not de jure, then de facto, it is this unsettled equilibrium, in which the Cabinet Office increasingly takes the traditional role, namely the Cabinet Secretary is the secretary of the council of ministers. The Secretary to the PM is to carry out the orders and initiatives of the PM. Chief Ministers have also adopted a similar model. So, it is the changing voter psychology all over the world, which has been the most important guiding factor in moving away from traditional models of governance.

The pandemic has demonstrated one more thing, namely, the very important role of a central unifying factor in being able to work out social security systems. You may have to, in fact, write a new social contract.

ANANT GOENKA: In your experience, the autonomy given to bureaucrats and the strength of democratic institutions — in which of these models do democratic institutions thrive?

NK SINGH: We need to opt for a hybrid between the two. The permanent bureaucracy is the most important institution, particularly in a federal polity like ours. It lends permanence to any volatilities and uncertainties in the governance rubric, fearlessly being able to put across their point of view, leaving the policy options to the political masters. In this framework, of course, there are other questions — does meritocracy always pay off in the changing dynamics, besides other factors that come into play.

ANANT GOENKA: There is this notion that coalition governments have actually delivered more reform. Do you subscribe to that view?

SHANKARACHARYA: I'm not sure that we have got enough data points to really come to a definitive view. Two of the best periods for economic policy were the Narasimha Rao government years — from 1991 to 1996, and the Vajpayee years from 1998 to 2004. Both of them were coalitions. But do you agree with my possibly rather bold characterisation that two of the richest periods for good economic policy were the Narasimha Rao years and the Vajpayee years. This essentially spanned almost 13 years, with a hiatus in between. And what do you think are the things that we should have done better in those 13-14 years, by way of economic policy?

NKSINGH: Suppose we asked ourselves, in case the Narasimha Rao government had been what it was, how much of those reforms were acts of conscious choice, as products of compulsion? I wonder what the reply would be. We seem to be a nation acting with an amazing amount of coordination in moments of crisis but then complacency



NK Singh was in conversation with Shankar Acharya, economist and former Chief Economic Adviser (left); Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group (centre); and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor (National Affairs), *The Indian Express*

sets in. The Vajpayee government being the first BJP government, which followed thereafter, wanted to naturally prove, both on the economic and the political side, what he had inherited. Soon on the political side, he took the audacious step, notwithstanding sanctions which it invited, of India becoming a nuclear power. Equally on the economic side, he continued with some far-reaching economic reforms, which were left somewhat incomplete from 1991 to 1993. To your second question, what did we fail to achieve in the 13 years?

Well, again, I want to raise the issue that you and I know, which is that we got out of the fund bank arrangement in 1993. We got off rather lightly. We felt no compunctions to undertake other reforms — structural

reforms, reforms in factors of production, in terms of land and labour, financial sector reforms that went on a backburner, which haunt us even today. Issues of labour reforms that continue to be elusive, land

has become more complicated, and issues of social reforms, in terms of education and health also did not take priority. Therefore,

in the 10 years, where Dr Manmohan Singh, who had led these reforms as Finance Minister, became the Prime Minister, on many of these was far less satisfied.

SHANKARACHARYA: To a large extent what happened from the '90s and continued in the 2000s was essentially opening up of the Indian economy. In the last two to three years, some of our actions appear to have been reversing course, whether it comes to increasing tariffs on goods from abroad, whether it comes to not engaging as we perhaps might have in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership with the rest of Asia. Now, to me, this is disquieting. Is this a worry that you share?

NK SINGH: Who can disagree that

countries which seek to grow at seven-eight per cent or more must really use trade. Our second issue is, has the world increasingly become more protectionist? Multilateral institutions, including the World Trade Organisation, are languishing.

Now, I would like to believe with you that this is a transient phase. And I would like to believe that we will go back to what common sense would tell us, namely the importance of trade and trade policies, and making once again, trade as an engine of growth.

We will have to wait for perhaps January to see how the new policy framework by the United States, in this particular way, pans itself out. Your third important point was that

should we not look at trading arrangements with nations where the benefits will be significant? I think that there it would be somewhat naive to forget that geopolitics has an important role to play. While certainly we cannot afford to be a protectionist country, we need to be active partners in the gains of trade.

PVAIDYANATHAN IYER: Proximity to corporate or industry leaders is still seen as something which politicians or bureaucrats want to keep away from.

NK SINGH: Corporates have easier access to top decision making much more freely than it was in my time. This is because there is a greater and easier relationship between them. Also, as we move away from direct controls into the regulatory framework, you have independent regulators in a whole host of activities.

PVAIDYANATHAN IYER: In the book, you talk about bank nationalisation during Indira Gandhi's time. We have come a long way. Do you think we have done enough in

banking or financial sector reforms?

NK SINGH: I feel we have not done enough on banking and financial sector reforms. For instance, trying to give greater autonomy to banks, the fact that the Insolvency Bill was a very major step, the exit process, the culture of 'evergreening', which many banks had begun to follow, has come to wear off. But if you want to ask the question, have we allowed the freedom and flexibility for new entrants to come to the banking and financial sector, the answer is that this was a kick down the street. When the crisis of 1991 had come, we appointed this Narasimhan Committee Report, which Shankar was very connected with and then the second version of that. But I don't think that the reforms which have been undertaken are something which really are the best for 21st century India.

PVAIDYANATHAN IYER: If you were the Finance Minister today, what would be the things on the agenda for banking reforms?

NK SINGH: Well, first and foremost, to complete the ongoing reforms, which are there — which is really, banking amalgamation. Then the Indradhanush programme. The main ingredient of that programme needs to be completed in a significant way. We need to have greater accountability of shareholders, we need to accord the banks the necessary autonomy, and then look at rules of transparency and how space can be given for new entrants, who can add to the competitive efficiency of financial intermediation.

SHANKAR ACHARYA: I've long felt that our experimentation with essentially a public sector-owned banking system dominantly, which is still the case 65 to 70% of the total number of assets and liabilities, are held by government banks or government-majority owned banks and it hasn't really worked. I think that no government, so far, has really bitten the bullet.

I think the nearest we came was during Vajpayee's tenure when, if memory serves me right, in the finance ministry, a bill was drafted, which would have amended the relevant banking legislation in a way that the minimum 51% ownership would be reduced to 33%. That's the closest we've come to what I would regard as the desirable outcome. Nothing can be done overnight. Let's be realistic. It's not an easy process. But I think the time has come because otherwise we know the cycle.

Three years down the road, you know, we capitalise again.

NKSINGH: That's the closest we came, it was at the time of Mr Vajpayee and I must complete the story, because then, there was huge opposition from the Congress party... but who can disagree that the path forward would be at least in the case of one or two banks to move forward, to do away with the kind of present ownership structure, which we have inherited from a decision (of bank nationalisation) and if you look at, historically, maybe that decision may have served its purpose and we need to move on.

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**ASHOK KHEMKA**

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA

What was the level of the cascading effect of taxes in the pre-GST regime? In the post-GST regime have tax collections improved as a percentage of GDP?

Do I consider GST to be a path-breaking economic reform? Yes. Is this a perfect GST? Surely not. And that is a real issue. The implementation of the GST is an ongoing process. I think three important changes in the GST are necessary. We need to have a greater rate rationalisation, you need broadbanding into the bulk of it, and move to a regime which is genuinely revenue neutral. We need to get rid of exemptions, improve the quality of invoice matching, quality of technology in terms of ensuring greater compliance.

**SANJAY PUGALIA**

EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, THE QUINT

You have just finished your report on the Finance Commission and spoken to all the states. What are they saying about the spirit of federalism?

It won't come as a surprise if no state government was happy with what the 14th Finance Commission had given — 42%. Each would be happier with a figure like 50%. It's a balancing act of reconciling divergent objectives. And that's what we have endeavoured to do. But I can certainly say that all state governments reiterated their confidence in the working of fiscal federalism.

**VIVEK JAIN**

DIRECTOR, DCW LIMITED

With India's GDP growth declining, is the government thinking of any fiscal measures to revive demand and get the struggling corporate sector back on its feet?

The issue of a fiscal stimulus is one which is under continuing review. Monetary and fiscal policies clearly need to act in tandem for a significant revival of the Indian economy. The sharper the contraction this year, the greater would be the rebound next year. The question is what kind of growth rates do I see going forward? If the ongoing reforms are implemented, I see us getting back to the higher growth trajectory in the latter part — the post-pandemic period.

**MUDIT JAIN**

MANAGING DIRECTOR, DCW LIMITED

Oxford University teaches a very popular degree course called 'Philosophy, Politics and Economy'. India has exemplary philosophical thinking. Why hasn't this excellence translated into good governance and into a developed nation? Why this disconnect between philosophy and reality?

The course you mentioned at Oxford should be something which we should also consider here. It's a good blend of politics, philosophy and economics. Why hasn't that kind of learning replicated itself in the governance of the country? Well, there are many complex reasons, some of which are based on legacy. These are the kind of issues which I have endeavoured to address in the book.

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# Leisure

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## Ayurveda renaissance

REYA MEHROTRA

**A**COW URINE-BASED hand sanitiser, turmeric milk mixes, a plethora of immunity-boosting products. The hot business trends of 2020 tell a lot about the year. As the pandemic caught the world unawares, mankind found solace in hope—and immunity-boosting products. Immunity, in fact, became the keyword for fighting the invisible demon wreaking havoc worldwide. In no time, large and small businesses and marketing teams were beaming with the idea of 'natural cures' and 'immunity builders'. And with the government stamping a blue tick on it, Ayurveda was discovered as the hero in the fight against the pandemic.

It all began in January when the ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) recommended Unani medicines for 'symptomatic management of coronavirus infection'. This was a time when treatment to patients was being administered on the basis of their symptoms and the disease was only a few weeks old. Now, when the race for vaccines is on, Ayurveda still seems to be the saving grace. On September 13, the health and family welfare ministry issued a set of guidelines for recovered Covid-19 patients that included consumption of chyawanprash, turmeric milk, gooseberries, Giloy, ashwagandha, amla, medicines like AYUSH Kwath, along with regular walks and yogasanas.

Interestingly, it's not just India, which is making a beeline for Ayurveda. The global market, too, is waking up to its potential. In a research conducted by market research publisher QY Research in July, it was noted that the global Ayurvedic products market size will reach \$5,172.7 million by 2026 (from \$4571.7 million in 2020) growing at a CAGR of 12.0% during 2021-2026.

### Booming business

With the widespread global popularity of Ayurvedic and natural treatments, Indian brands seem to have seized the opportunity and are witnessing gigantic growth in sales. While some brands have rebranded their products as 'immunity-boosters', others that had never ventured into Ayurvedic products are now coming out with a series of them. On September 16, consumer goods company Marico announced that it has extended its edible oil brand Saffola to include Ayurvedic and immunity-boosting products like Kadha Mix and Golden Turmeric Milk Mix. Cosmetics-maker Lotus Herbals acquired organic skincare and make-up brand Vedicare Ayurveda (which owns Soul Tree) to foray into the Ayurvedic wellness space. The Himalaya Drug Company, Emami, Dabur, Baidyanath, Charak, Patanjali, Emami Healthcare are few other names in the business.

Consumer goods giant Dabur, too, enhanced the production of its existing

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Ayurvedic brands like Dabur (top) and Upakarma (above) are witnessing great demand for their products

immunity-building products like Chyawanprash to ensure uninterrupted supplies in the face of growing consumer demand.

"The demand for Ayurvedic products has been on the rise for a few years now, but the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic led to a sharper growth in consumer interest," affirms Mohit Malhotra, CEO, Dabur India. The January-March quarter witnessed a 400% surge in demand for Chyawanprash, while the first quarter of FY2020-21 saw nearly seven-fold growth in demand for the product, he adds. Other Ayurvedic products like Ashwagandha and Giloy Ghanvati also reported strong growth. Owing to the good business, the brand rolled out more than 40 new products within a span of three months since the Covid outbreak, including Tulsi Drops, Haldi Drops and Amla Juice.

Another Ayurvedic brand Upakarma Ayurveda is witnessing 60% month-on-month increase in sales of its immunity-boosting products and has launched 11 new immunity-boosters recently. "The global immunity-boosting food products market has been valued at \$15.4 billion in 2020 and is pro-



### SCIENCE OF LIFE

Ayurveda finds mention in the Vedas. Its origin is attributed to Atharva Veda, which describes it as a treatment for several diseases. In fact, Ayurveda, or the 'science of life', is considered as the Upa-Veda or supplementary subject of Atharva Veda

'Ayurveda revolution' hasn't been without its fair share of controversy. Patanjali Ayurved made headlines when it branded its medicine 'Coronil' as the ultimate Covid cure. Later, the AYUSH ministry gave permission for it to be sold as an immunity-booster. Then, the internet went into a tizzy when Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal claimed that a certain papad could cure coronavirus.

That's not all. Union health minister Harsh Vardhan, while releasing a protocol for Covid-19, cited ashwagandha and AYUSH-64 for the prevention of Covid-19 and treatment of mild cases. The Indian Medical Association warned against such unverified claims and questioned their scientific basis, asking the minister to subject himself and his colleagues to the treatment first.

### Ultimate winner

Despite all the controversies, the growth of the sector has been phenomenal, with reports suggesting it will only intensify in the future. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Narendra

Modi solidified that fact with figures and mentioned that the export of Ayurvedic products like turmeric and ginger, considered as immunity-boosters, had increased by about 45% in September compared with 2019, and that this shows the sudden boost in confidence in Ayurvedic solutions and Indian spices worldwide. He also remarked that the prices of Ayurvedic herbs such as ashwagandha, Giloy and tulsi have increased significantly after the pandemic and that this will be beneficial for farmers culturing them.

The sudden interest in natural cures has also led to the recognition of Indian Ayurvedic institutes. The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda in Jamnagar, Gujarat, has been conferred with the status of an Institution of National Importance, while National Institute of Ayurveda in Jaipur has been designated an Institution Deemed to be University by the University Grants Commission.

Furthermore, the hope for an Ayurvedic cure for coronavirus has been further strengthened with the announcement that Dalmia Health-care's Astha-15—developed by Dalmia's research arm Dalmia Centre for Research and Development—will be the first Ayurvedic drug and an indigenous formulation from India in the global market addressing respiratory disorders in Covid-19.

Not just that. In July, it was announced that Ayurvedic researchers and practitioners in India and the US were planning to initiate joint clinical trials for Ayurvedic formulations to fight the health crisis. Earlier this month, the World Health Organisation also declared that it would be setting up a global centre for traditional medicine in India, prompting PM Modi to declare the country the 'pharmacy of the world'. The centre would work towards strengthening evidence, research, training and awareness of traditional and complementary medicine.

Clearly, Ayurveda's moment of glory has arrived.

Saffola (top) & Mamaearth (left) now sell Ayurvedic products too; (above) skincare brand Nourish Mantra

jected to grow at a CAGR of 7.6% till 2025, according to Market Research Future. We are trying to tap a significant chunk of this fast-growing market with our products," says Vishal Kausik, founder, Upakarma Ayurveda.

Plant-based nutrition brand Oziva, too, has recorded a 50% increase in demand every month for the past three months for its plant-based supplements.

Interestingly, not just eatables, but the demand for Ayurvedic personal care and hygiene products is also on the rise. Organic brand Mamaearth, which deals in toxin-free skincare products, launched its Ayurvedic range of hair-care products—BhringAmla hair conditioner, mask and oil—in August. "We were planning to launch Ayurveda haircare products since a long time now. The brand and the product portfolio have been very well received by consumers," says Ghazal Alagh, co-founder, Mamaearth.

Beauty and skincare brand Kama, which provides Ayurvedic consultations, saw higher demand. Ayurvedic skincare brand Nourish Mantra, which was launched early this year, is also seeing a good number of queries on online platforms in the first year itself.

Even with all its success, the

## A binge fest

From comfort food to gourmet grub, some joints that you can order from to indulge your tastebuds

### BETWEEN SIPS



Magandeep Singh

**THE PAST FEW** months were spent exploring food from the comfort (and safety) of my home and, then, just when I thought things would get better and India would become a model nation in showing the world how to deal with an unprecedented pandemic, well, we went and did what was originally expected of us all along. We messed it up! It's as if Diwali and the general onset of pollution somehow made us forget about Covid-19. Just like headlines, which are hot one day and relegated the next, we expected Covid-19 to also simply be retired to the annals of horrible memories past.

Alas, it's here and stronger than ever before, which means more home deliveries and even stricter hygiene checks. In light of this, here are some glutinous, gourmet jaunts that I have indulged in recently all from the comfort of my home.

**Crepe-Fe:** This is an all-out comfort food address. Order in when you crave all those things that your physical trainer told you to steer clear of—waffles, crêpes (duh!), croffles, pancakes, bagels, and a big list of sundaes and shakes. Again, this was rather indulgent and I needed a good few workouts to restore balance, but it was worth it!

**Asuma Kara:** The words translate to 'From the East', which should give you an idea of where their fare is from, or focuses on. A good range—dim sums, Japanese starters, main courses, including curries—somewhat adapted to local palates, but still yummy and well-han-



dled. The pricing was fairly decent for the portion sizes and that is always pleasing when trying to order for the entire family and worrying about not getting to try everything.

**Tiella:** This place is a smorgasbord of flavours Mediterranean, all executed fairly well and delivered fresh. The Pep-

**THE COVID WAVE IS STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE, WHICH MEANS MORE HOME DELIVERIES & STRICTER HYGIENE CHECKS**

peroni pizza and Moroccan lamb burger deserve a special mention, as also the Has al Ranout chicken, which is possibly the healthiest I have eaten in a long time.

**Aku's:** The original place that introduced India to proper artisanal burgers (before that, it was a year-long wait for the Hard Rock burger fest or maybe a trip

to Mumbai when Woodside hosted their annual Burgers and Beers affair). Well, they are still around and just as good. Definitely get the parmesan and truffle fries to go with, else you will never know what a completely wholesome burger-based food-gasm feels like.

**Gobsmacker:** Another relatively raw joint, great burgers, quality buns and meats, with a great range of toppings. Extremely customisable (even if it works out a tad expensive) and, personally, I wish they didn't leave me with so many choices. If I am too lazy to cook to feed myself, I certainly am lazier still to apply too much brainwork to choose my meal.

**Fig & Maple:** These guys worked relentlessly through the lockdown and recently opened their doors to a select few, serving up their famed concoctions and grub on their terrace. For Christmas and New Year's Eve, they plan to visit Xmas traditions (or rather, culinary gourmet traditions) from around the country and serve them up as a lead-up to the big day. Sounds like quite a feast and, given their repertoire, definitely worth checking out as we get closer to Christmas.

The writer is a sommelier

# Footloose

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## HISTORIC FEEL

While Madrid possesses modern infrastructure, it has preserved the look and feel of many of its historic neighbourhoods and streets. Its landmarks include Plaza Mayor, Royal Palace of Madrid, Royal Theatre, among others



(From left) A person wearing a protective mask rides a bicycle through the Times Square neighbourhood in New York; a street food cart waits for customers; and with theatres closed and tourists largely gone, vendors struggle to make ends meet

## The eerie emptiness of Times Square

The throngs of visitors have disappeared from New York City's famous neighbourhood, stirring fears that it could return to its 1970s self

COREY KILGANNON

**A**TUR BUS AGENT desperately tried to discern which passers-by were New Yorkers and which ones were out-of-towners. Newlyweds from Maryland, hoping to celebrate their nuptials with a special dinner, had to settle for McDonald's. Four homeless men sat on a sidewalk, sharing cigarettes and a pipe filled with marijuana.

This is Times Square, jarringly quiet beneath flashing billboards. Times Square needs a crowd, which is as much a part of its character as the incessant lights. "Look around," said Ronnie Boyd, 54, from Brooklyn, who has been selling souvenir hats and T-shirts on the sidewalk since 2004. "Without the Broadway shows, the office workers, the tourists, the crowds, you got no Times Square." The throngs of visitors — the trademark of the famous neighbourhood for more than a century — are gone. The air is no longer thick with the aroma of hot dogs and roasting nuts. Broadway theatres are closed. Office buildings, which drew a daily work force of millions, are nearly vacant. And there is an eeriness to the emptiness, helping to stir the faint fear that Times Square could slip back to its 1970s self, a seamy neighbourhood known for open crime, drugs and sex shows.

The neighbourhood's transformation — from gritty to "Disney" — was a significant chapter in the revitalisation of New York City, even as detractors criticised the new Times Square as losing its edge. Times Square has an outsized share of the city's economic activity, despite occupying only 0.1% of the city's land mass, said Tim Tompkins, president of the Times Square Alliance, the area's business improvement district. Before the pandemic, the square, where Broadway meets Seventh Avenue from 42nd to 47th streets, helped to draw a crush of tourists to the city. A record 66.6 million visited the city in 2019, with many making their way to a show, the New Year's Eve ball drop or to a little patch of sidewalk just to stand beneath all those lights. That level of tourism is not likely to return until 2024, according to one forecast.

Times Square is now a microcosm of the city's struggle to survive the pandemic, as restaurants and businesses close and residents lose their jobs. There are no crowds to shield and disguise the popula-



IN THE 1970s, TIMES SQUARE WAS A SEAMY NEIGHBOURHOOD KNOWN FOR CRIME, DRUGS AND SEX SHOWS. ITS TRANSFORMATION IS A SIGNIFICANT CHAPTER IN NEW YORK'S HISTORY

tion of homeless people, mostly men, living there on the street. "Times Square has always been New York on steroids, so whatever is happening in New York City is amplified in Times Square," said Tompkins. Beginning in August, overnight counts tallied by Times Square Alliance staffers reported that the number of people sleeping on the street in Times Square was roughly double the 2019 levels, and many are "much more aggressive with passers-by or are ignoring social distancing," said Tompkins.

Despite the shortage of tourists, Ruth Njuguna, the tour bus agent, still searched for likely customers to consider her sales pitch, passing out pamphlets and wearing a placard around her neck bearing her name, "Miss Ruth." "People came from all over the world to Times Square, and now they're just not coming," she said. Before the pandemic, willing tourists would buy up to 100 tickets a day, Njuguna said, which allowed her to support her two children in the Bronx and send some money home to relatives in Kenya. Now, there are days when she may sell merely two or three tickets. Visitors have slowly returned, especially on nights and weekends. And the district has re-emerged occasionally as a central gathering spot for events such as Black

Lives Matter protests and celebrations after President-elect Joseph R Biden Jr's victory was declared.

Still, the district feels

empty by Times Square standards. About 108,000 pedestrians pass through the area each day compared with 380,000 before the pandemic.

Tompkins said it was still unclear whether December would bring a bump, given the pandemic restrictions. The office towers largely remain empty, and most of the hotels in the area have closed, at least temporarily, including the 478-room Hilton Times Square, as have stores like Old Navy and the US Polo Association. Restaurants such as Planet Hollywood, the Hard Rock Café and Dave and Buster's have not yet reopened.

Between March and October, at least 26 of the 46 hotels in the Times Square area shut, at least temporarily, the alliance said, and 39 of the 151 retailers closed, as did 84 of the 162 restaurants. Of the two multiplexes on 42nd Street, the Regal has closed permanently and the AMC Empire 25, the top-grossing theatre in the country, remains closed because of city restrictions on movie theatres. The annual New Year's Eve ball drop, which draws crowds of more than one million, will be held without live spectators this year. Broadway theatres will remain closed at least until June, and few



believe any substantial comeback in the area will happen before that.

Formerly known as Longacre Square, Times Square was renamed in 1904 after *The New York Times* moved its headquarters to a newly erected building at what is now One Times Square, the site of the annual New Year's Eve ball drop. After World War I, it became a cultural hub full of theatres, music halls and hotels, as well

as the city's main gathering spot, but by the 1960s, the area had grown increasingly seedy — rife with go-go bars, sex shops, peep shows and adult theatres. It became synonymous with the city's decline through the 1970s and 1980s as crime rates soared, before city and state officials in the 1990s took over the revitalisation of 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenue. Now, Times Square may feel

(Left) Times Square wears a deserted look; and (below) pedestrians walk past Hard Rock Café in the neighbourhood

sketchier without the festive crowds, but the sharp decline in visitors and workers has actually caused a drop in crime.

The total number of major crimes in the Midtown South precinct, which covers much of Times Square, has declined so far this year by nearly 22%, compared to the same period last year. With fewer visitors, the number of grand larcenies, which often involve electronics and credit cards, dropped from 1,718 last year to 1,026 so far this year, while there has been a rise in burglaries, most likely of closed stores and restaurants. The pandemic came down hardest on Times Square's anchor block, 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues, which is now a shadow of its pre-pandemic self. The block saw a 70% decline in pedestrian traffic compared to last year, according to a study conducted by the alliance.

Roughly 80% of its businesses are now closed or inactive, including theatres where *Aladdin* and *Harry Potter* were playing when the lockdown came. "There isn't a single block that went so quickly and so hard from everything blooming in full to everything shut down," Tompkins said. "The city and state spent two decades and tens of millions of dollars turning it around. It was a major economic engine, and it has completely shut down."

Alan Rosen owns two outposts of Junior's Restaurant in Times Square that were among the busiest restaurants in the country last year, having served nearly two million diners combined. Their kitschy New York deli décor lies darkened behind locked doors. Although indoor dining is permitted at 25% capacity in the city, Rosen has visited Times Square recently to "feel the vibe" and has decided he still cannot open because the area is too quiet. "There are people who say it's going to back to the way it was in the '70s," Rosen said. He said that he is not one of those naysayers, but rather believes that Times Square will bounce back with the return of Broadway, tourism, hotel use and office workers.

For now though, there are no crowds, and vulnerable people living on the street are more visible. People who have no housing have been pushed out of the subway system since it began closing each night from 1 am to 5 am for cleaning. To combat the spread of coronavirus, the city removed thousands of people from crowded shelters and into hotels emptied of tourists. Advocates say many newly arrived homeless people also have left crowded shelters on their own, taking their chances on the streets during the pandemic. In the hotels, two strangers generally share a room, an arrangement that can also spread the virus.

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## Discovering vintage Madrid

When the pandemic temporarily closed El Rastro, the city's sprawling street market, neighbouring shops had a chance to shine

ANDREW FERREN

ONE COULD EASILY amass a collection of ice buckets in Madrid. Vintage *cubiteras*, as they are called in Spanish, are everywhere. Many are mid-century models combining materials like Lucite, chrome, brass, Bakelite, leather or cork — stylish objects one could readily imagine resting on a bar within arm's reach of Ava Gardner during her hard-partying years in Spain in the late '50s. Such enthusiasms are easy to indulge in the Spanish capital, and not because people drink more or have vast apartments with extra cupboards. Rather, it's because El Rastro, the sprawling flea market that winds through a sizeable part of the city centre, is always so well stocked with chic barware and other collectibles: books, fur-

niture, china and ceramics, paintings and prints, vintage fashion and many other things you never knew you wanted to collect — often at bargain prices relative to other European capitals.

Located just south of Plaza Mayor, between Calle de Toledo and Calle de la Ribera de Curtidores, the Rastro dates back centuries to when the neighbourhood was full of tanneries. The name, which applies to the market and the neighbourhood, refers to the "trail" (rastro) of blood that once stained the streets as animal carcasses were moved about. The area remained a prime clearinghouse for the city's castoffs, with shops evolving in the last decade from unheated warrens of old furniture piled to the ceiling to gallery-like spaces with curated vignettes



CALLE DE LA RIBERA DE CURTIODORES IS ONE OF THE MAIN AVENUES OF THE RASTRO MARKET AND A GREAT PLACE TO SHOP-HOP

of beautiful, covetable objects.

On pre-pandemic Sundays, a sprawling outdoor market attracted thousands of locals and tourists looking for antiques and perusing hundreds of stalls set along the main streets and plazas selling items that included T-shirts, off-brand underwear, flamenco CDs, plumbing fixtures and handicrafts. The Sunday market was closed in March and is just now being phased back to life, but in the meantime the surrounding shops, which reopened by early June, have been given a chance to shine on their own. Despite the drop in foot traffic, many dealers said business had been stable. Several have converted old storerooms into display space, and most open daily from 10 am to 2 pm and receive clients by appointment as well. Online shopping is also an option, either through their websites or Instagram feeds.

Rastro regulars have their own preferred routes through the dozen or so streets, but unless you prefer walking uphill, start at the neighbourhood's north end, perhaps at Casa Josephine on Calle de Santa Ana, where furniture, ceramics and, lately, some groovy 1960s textile art walk

the line between rustic and chic. Nearby Olfane is a well-known source for lamps, sconces and other decorative fixtures that are restored in-house. At La Recova, there's mid-century furniture, ceramics and glass from Germany, the Netherlands and Britain. One block south, Calle del Carnero offers a particularly diverse mix of vendors. Virtually everything at Almoneda Txomin has gracious, country-house proportions and Art Nouveau flourishes. A few doors away, the dealer Andrés Serrano is a major source for vintage china and glassware.

Before the pandemic, strolling Ribera de Curtidores on a Sunday morning was something of a contact sport, and crowds may soon be back. But Monday through Saturday, the tree-lined boulevard is delightfully tranquil, especially as the two biggest shopping destinations are pretty interior courtyards lined with multiple shops. Even if you're in the market only for inspiration, a morning of window-shopping in one of Madrid's oldest neighbourhoods, with its beautiful tile-encrusted tavern facades, intricate iron balconies and old-school workshops, provides a glimpse into the authentic soul of the city.

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# Mind & Games

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

## It's official: Every celeb now has a beauty line

**Some new celebrity brands make sense, some don't. What's driving the trend?**

COURTNEY RUBIN

**W**HEN SELENA GOMEZ introduced her makeup brand Rare Beauty earlier this year, she was unable to promote it in person because of Covid. Instead, Gomez took on a role often delegated to a makeup artist: for Sephora, the brand's exclusive retailer, she filmed all the education and training videos herself, iPhone in selfie mode, duct-taped to her bathroom mirror at home in Los Angeles. "She really wanted to show that anyone could use the makeup," said Joyce Kim, the chief product officer at Rare Beauty. Gomez is one of the latest in a wave of celebrities no longer content to be a spokeswoman. They want to be beauty moguls. So they are, if you believe the hype, brainstorming new types of products. They are, in the case of Lady Gaga with Haus Laboratories, up until all hours doing mood boards and insisting that lipstick prices be brought down from \$15 to \$11.

Of course, it's hard to know exactly what and how much the celebrities do, only that seemingly everyone is doing it. Consider the *Cosopolitan* headline: *10 Best Celebrity Beauty Brands of 2020 That Are Actually Good*. Besides Gomez, Issa Rae, the *Insecure* creator and star, announced that she is an owner of Sienna Naturals, a clean haircare line for textured hair. Cardi B has a makeup line on tap. Lauren Conrad, who previously capitalised on her fame from the reality TV show *The Hills* to unveil clothing and bedding lines and even a *New York Times* best-selling novel, introduced Lauren Conrad Beauty, an eco-friendly vegan line of products. Pharrell Williams' new Humanrace line offers what the singer/producer/entrepreneur calls a "three-minute facial"; three skincare products designed for all genders.

That's just a fraction of the new wave. They join old guard of celebrity beauty moguls, and models of success, like Rihanna, whose Fenty Beauty generated an estimated \$570 million in revenue in its first 15 months, not to mention releasing 40 (now 50) shades of foundation



(Clockwise from above) Kylie Jenner's Kylie Cosmetics; Rihanna's Fenty Beauty generated an estimated \$570 million in revenue in its first 15 months; and Selena Gomez introduced her makeup brand Rare Beauty earlier this year

without even using the word "inclusive".

Or Kylie Jenner, whose Kylie Cosmetics lip kits sparked a flurry of other brands attempting to sell "kits" and "bundles" so customers could recreate a look. Jenner sold Coty a 51% stake in her company for \$600 million (never mind that shareholders are now suing Coty for allegedly overpaying).

Why is a beauty line now a necessary accessory of fame? Money, of course. "In some instances, maybe a very steady amount of money that can go on for years, after your acting career is over or diminished," said Bruno Maglione, the president for licensing at IMG, which has recently created beauty lines for Dolly Parton, Brigitte Bardot and Paris Hilton. Starting your own company (à la Gomez, or à la Gaga's Haus Laboratories, which was introduced in 2019) is generally more lucrative than a licensing deal (which Rihanna's technically is), both of which can generate more cash than being a spokeswoman.

There are also hybrid licensing deals,

which offer some equity, along with the guaranteed royalty of the licence. Going the startup route also has the potentially huge prize down the road of an IPO or a deal like Jenner's, but not everyone has the stomach for it because "you can lose a boatload of money," Maglione said, and yes, he means the star's own.

As for the licensing deals, he declined to discuss numbers. But documents filed in a copyright infringement lawsuit against Khroma Beauty offer a peek: Boldface Licensing + Branding paid Khloe, Kourtney and Kim Kardashian an advance of \$1 million for licensing rights, with guaranteed minimum royalty payments of \$4.6 million to \$5.2 million, depending on the launch dates of various products.

Katie Slater, a partner at William Morris Endeavor who handles celebrity endorsements (she did Olivia Wilde's deal with True Botanicals), also cited the money clients can make, along with the creative control they can exert. Instead of just turning up for shoots and PR



days, stars can have a say in what is being said. Besides, doesn't every star these days want to be a multi-hyphenate?

Actors, Slater said, "are writing, directing, producing. They are building their own brands."

Whether this rush to create a brand is leading to some debuts that don't seem authentic, or with products that aren't actually wanted or needed, customers will decide.

"You have to make something damn good and differentiated," said Michael Yanover, the head of business development at Creative Artists Agency who helped start Haus Laboratories. "And is this the right product for this fan base?" (to measure a celebrity's cultural influence and whether it can be converted to sales, CAA uses a proprietary and somewhat secretive analytics tool, CAA Intel).

Last year, customers quickly called out the teenage actress Millie Bobby Brown for a video she posted of her skincare routine (she was trying to promote her new line) in which she wasn't using the products (or even water), and her makeup remained intact. And Alicia Keys, who famously swore off makeup in 2016, will soon face the market with Keys Soulcare, a line of products. In October, Keys, a former spokeswoman for Proactiv skin care, promoted her new wares to a virtual VIP lounge full of influencers and answered pre-vetted questions from beauty editors and TikTokers.

"Alicia never swore off makeup," said Kory Marchisotto, the chief marketing officer of e.l.f. Beauty, with which Keys has a licensing deal. "She had a moment of clarity where she wanted to break free from covering up. The makeup community turned that into their own narrative and made it a play against makeup."

What does a would-be beauty mogul want? Celebrities have long done licensing deals for fragrances (Rihanna and Gaga both had them), and in fact, celebrity perfume is the only sector of beauty to have posted growth this dark year. It's up 2%, when every other category is well into negative double digits, according to the NPD Group research firm.

But makeup and skincare are what's hot for would-be moguls. They are bigger slices of the beauty industry (skin care alone accounts for anywhere from 45-60% of the profits, depending on which figures you use) and they are now easier to get into than ever. Thanks to e-commerce, they require less capital because there's no need to hire a department store sales force to push products. And with social media, there's a big savings on marketing, since a huge chunk of it is often the cost of the celebrity's own time on Instagram.

Beauty, and makeup in particular, is also a lot more straightforward than, say, clothing or homewares. There are no sizing issues, and it generally isn't out of season as quickly, if ever. The overhead is lower. And customers are open to buying a lipstick or an eyeliner from a celebrity in a way they may not be with skincare products.

"It's 'How can I trust that a celebrity knows the proper ingredients to go into skincare?'" said Larissa Jensen, a vice-president at the NPD Group. "Makeup is much easier to create, to manufacture and to look at the celebrity in terms of makeup they typically wear, like is it a nude look or a bright look?" And beauty in general is a lot easier (read: cheaper) to buy as a fan than, say, Gwyneth Paltrow's \$1,999 pink velvet sofa, a collaboration with CB2.

Venture capitalists also like celebrity beauty. Like all beauty, it has high margins, high repeat purchases and high customer word of mouth. And it's easier to acquire a customer through a celebrity than it is through Facebook, Quinn of Lightspeed said. She looks not just for huge followings but at what the commenters are saying.

"Are they saying, 'Oh my God, you look so beautiful?'" or are they saying, "Wow, it's a really cool beach you're on. Wish I were there," said Quinn, whose firm has invested in Jessica Alba's Honest Company and Paltrow's Goop. ("I was just talking to GP the other day," she said.)

With so many brands, it's impossible for everyone to be successful, but don't expect the pipeline to dry up anytime soon. Maglione of IMG said that some stars do hesitate because of fear of failure and possible damage to their reputation, but the sheer number of brands means that some misses aren't even noted. As Gaga noted in a video she posted to social media: "The last thing the world needs is another beauty brand, but that's too bad."

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### How to make the perfect cookie box

■ While eating the cookies is part of the appeal, so is giving them away, packed by the dozen into tissue-paper-lined boxes. The goal is to create a visually stunning cookie box with a balance of flavours.

■ When it comes to cookie varieties, more is more. There's nothing better than discovering a hidden almond snowball beneath a gingerbread frog.

■ Every box needs a fruity, jammy note. Jam-filled cookies like rugelach and honey-roasted peanut thumbprints are sturdy and pretty, and the moisture in the jam keeps them soft for a few weeks.

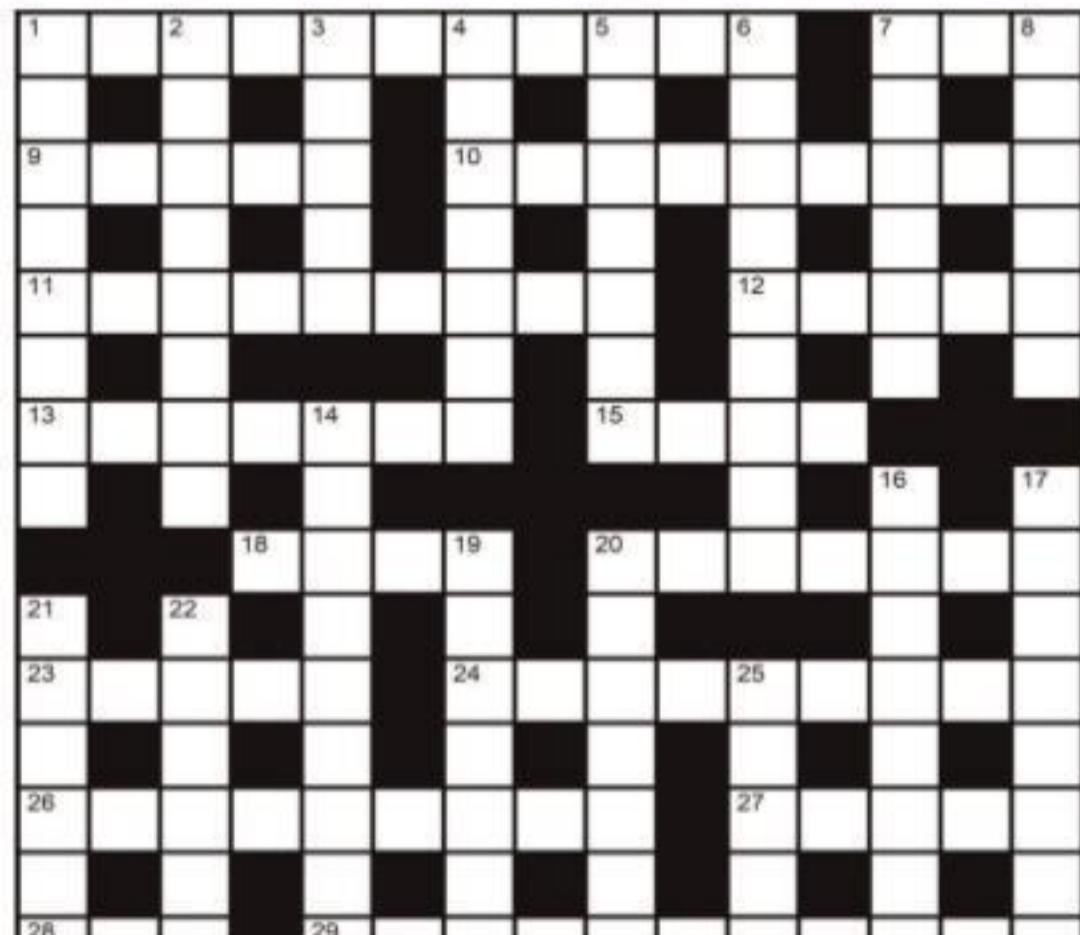
■ Something sparkly and colourful is a must. Put these on the top to dazzle when the lid comes off. Think vivid-hued gingerbread painted with royal icing and festooned with sprinkles.

■ Plan to include something with crunch. Either a buttery, nubby crunch like cornmeal lime shortbread, or a nutty crunch, like toasted almond snowballs dusted with powdered sugar, will round out the textures of the mix, making it even more fun to eat.

■ A chocolate moment is non-negotiable. Whether sprinkled with sea salt, strewed with chopped candy canes, or crowned with nuggets of white chocolate that caramelise as they bake, brownies are possibly the most beloved chocolate option.

MELISSA CLARK/NYT

### CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1 "2K" in Y2K? (3,8)
- 2 Triumphant cry (3)
- 3 A mammary gland? (5)
- 4 Walking unsteadily as if about to fall (9)
- 5 Hyderabad landmark (9)
- 6 12 Bristles - "tease" anagram? (5)
- 7 Financial centre of Israel (3,4)
- 8 15 Think or judge (4)
- 9 One time only (4)
- 10 Unfortunate or unlucky (7)
- 11 Rishi Karanji's famous weekly magazine? (5)
- 12 Conceiving and creating? (9)
- 13 Became fewer or smaller or slighter (6,3)
- 14 Santa \_\_\_ : Californian city? (5)
- 15 After recall test (3)

29 Company whose tagline is 'Harrang kuch kehta hai har ghar kuch kehta hai' (5,6)

**DOWN**

1 Shorten by cutting (8)

2 Persons having beliefs that are unusual but harmless (8)

3 "I harm" anagram for a Biblical person? (5)

4 Peter \_\_\_ : famous Hollywood star of days gone by? (7)

5 Dressed (7)

6 In a \_\_\_ : dreaming away to glory, you'll agree? (4,5)

7 Raises or hauls up (6)

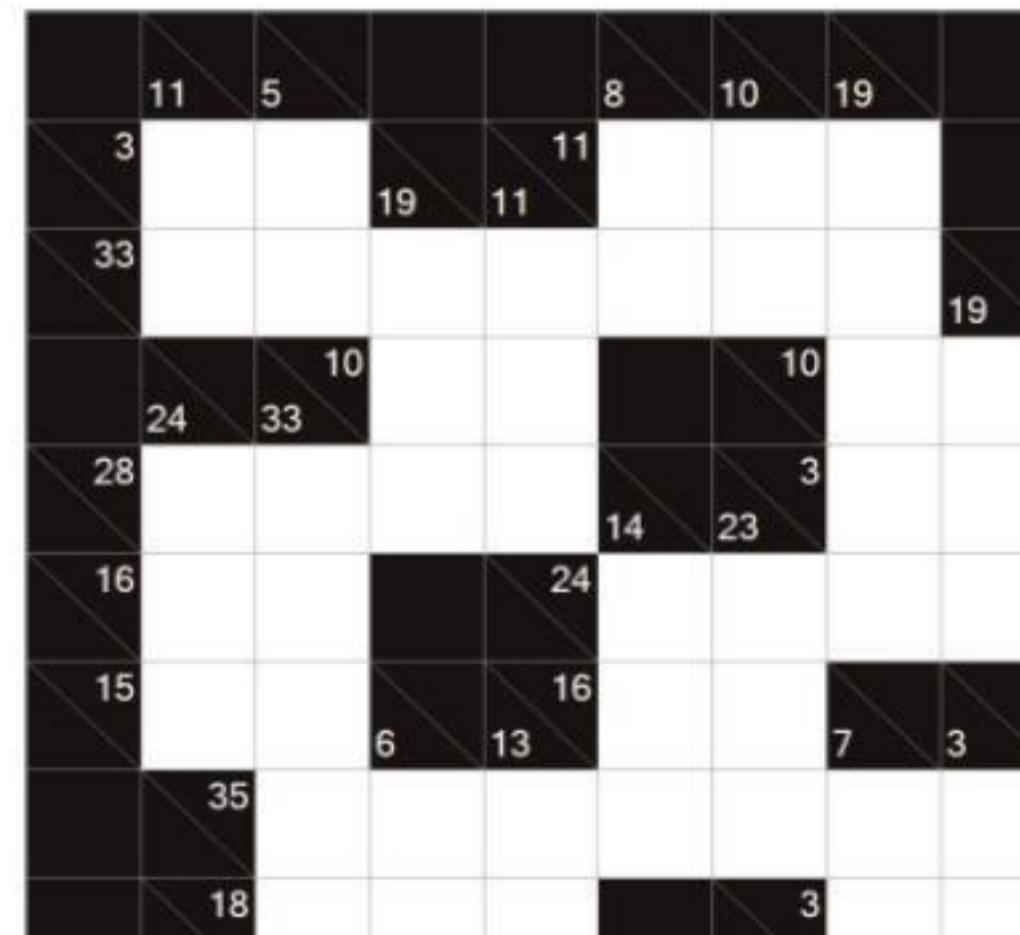
8 \_\_\_ Software Systems : HSS, in short (6)

14 Founder member-country of OPEC (9)

16 Conversion or transformation, in a way? (8)

17 Lines on a map connecting points of equal

### KAKURO



In Kakuro sum puzzles, the numbers in the black squares refer to the SUMS of the digits, which you are to fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the black square containing the number. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine. An important point: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination.

### BIZ QUIZ

1. The Union govt has decided to forego interest on eight categories of loans up to what amount on account of Covid-19?
2. Which new definition was included in the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019?
3. Which country is set to impose a new competition regime next year to curb dominance of Google and Facebook?

### ANSWERS

### SOLUTIONS

### BUZZ WORD

The Buzz Word is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's clue: ALH equals MOW  
Fazvsazf xlmpfvnlwlnfzib hrkv xlms flazljz zifz hlmiq nszo xlwm.  
- Qy Drsri

### COMMON SENSE OR SCIENCE? - PART THREE

Let us discuss the requirements for bidding a slam: Firstly, there should be enough trumps and secondly, excellent controls in the remaining suits.

Playing match-points and with neither side vulnerable, partner opens 1H in first seat. You respond 2D with S K-Q-6 H K-4 D A-K-J-T-6-4 C T-3. Partner rebids 3C and you rebid 3NT. Partner surprises you by bidding 4H. What do you do? If partner had had 6-4 and a minimum (12-14), he would have rebid 2H at his first turn. So, you conclude he has better than minimum values. You launch into 4NT, RKC. Partner bids 5S to show two key-cards and the queen of trumps. What now? In case, partner has the SA and good heart suit, he may have only the king of clubs. So, you should bid 6H and not 6NT. The E-W hands are:

SKQ 6	N	SA 7
HK 4	W	HA QJT 8 3
D A K JT 6 4	S	D 3
C T 3	E	C K J 6 3

In the actual game, some tried 6NT and went down as south held C A-Q.

### Problem II:

None Vul and playing Precision, you open 1C with S A-K-Q-J-5-2 H K-7 D 6 C A-K-6-4 in an IMPs contest. Partner responds 1NT to show 8-13 points. You rebid 2S and partner jumps to 4S to indicate 8-10 with three or four trumps. You launch into 4NT, RKC and to your surprise get a 5H response to show two key-cards. You can easily count twelve tricks now. How to explore for the grand? This hand requires extra special bidding technique. You should skip the 5NT bid which asks for specific king in responder's hand. Instead, you bid 6C, the suit where you want to know whether partner has third round control there or not. Partner jumps to 7S as he has a doubleton. The E-W hands are:

SA K Q J 9 2	N	S T 7 5
H K 7	W	H A 9 6 2
D 6	S	D A 5 4 3
C A K 6 4	E	C 5 3

Ruff the third club with a small trump and the fourth club with the ten and claim!

If east turns up with Q-x-x in clubs, declarer draws two rounds of trumps. If trumps are 3-1, he should hope that he can ruff the fourth club in dummy, if clubs are not 3-3.

### IDEA DEBT

■ *n. Imagining, planning, or thinking about a project instead of doing it.*

Idea debt is something that, without knowing it, have been in for years. The realization came after reading a blog post by a comic artist named Tracy Butler about having many ideas with tons of lore and planning, but with little to no execution of those ideas into a tangible product.

-aroman8, "I'm in Idea Debtor's Prison," Writing for Designers, February 11, 2016



New Delhi

## NTPC powers awareness via comic route

Currently, the total installed capacity of the power behemoth stands at 62,910 mega-watt (MW), comprising 1,070 MW of renewable energy-based plants. By 2032, it plans to have a total power production capacity of 1,30,000 MW and 30% of this would be non-thermal energy based. In another 12 years, NTPC wants to have a base of 32,000 MW renewables, 5,000 MW hydro and another 2,000 MW of nuclear power plants.

"With this comic strip we at NTPC wish to raise awareness among children, who are the future of this country, about the complete process of electricity generation, from how it reaches the switch inside their house to light the lights," a senior NTPC official told FE, adding that "we also have tried to raise awareness on the judicious consumption of electricity and the efforts being put to ensure a greener and cleaner environment."

Unlike other contemporary elementary handbooks that intend to initiate children on the complex issue of electricity generation, transmission and distribution, the comic book at no point of time vilifies fossil fuel-based power systems. Keeping it firmly gripped with the economic realities of India, the comic book narrative subtly insinuates that coal-based power will be the mainstay of electricity generation for the years to come, although renewable power sources have not been snubbed at anywhere in the text. Pretty prudently, the comic book has been successful in staying away from the clichéd 'renewables vs thermal' debate which inevitably tries to portray one to be better than the other. Comics have traditionally been a way to engage children while breaking down complex concepts into simple storylines. "At our end, we definitely saw a shift in terms of how brands wanted to talk to their customers about ten years ago," Kuriakose Vaisian, editorial director at Amar Chitra Katha, said. "There is a clear switch from traditional one-page advertisements to more story-telling, more gamification," Vaisian remarked.

**After boom, apartment sales could go bust**

The ratings agency expects the momentum to continue in the second half of FY21. "That said, while the overall rebound in real estate demand in October was faster than envisaged earlier, its sustenance post the festive season will be a thing to monitor. On full-year basis, we estimate overall primary sales to witness a decline of 40-50% in top 10 cities. With ready-to-move inventory constituting 10-20% of total inventory in key cities and upcoming supply this fiscal at similar levels, capital values are likely to remain under pressure at least for the rest of this fiscal," CRISIL added.

Anarock Property Consultants chairman Anuj Puri expressed similar views. "What we are seeing right now is an organic pent-up demand driven by the desire to own homes, further accelerated by schemes and offers." Speaking with FE, he said "As per Anarock research, we anticipate housing sales in the ongoing quarter to see a 35% rise against the preceding Q3 2020 in the top seven cities collectively. In such a scenario, we would see housing sales in the whole of 2020 to rebound to over 50% of the overall sales made in 2019."

However, figures so far

## From the Front Page

seem less optimistic. Roughly 2,61,500 units were sold in 2019 across the top seven cities. During Q3 2020 (calendar year), housing sales stood at around 29,520 units compared to 45,200 in Q1 2020. Sales in Q2 2020 stood at a mere 12,730 units. In November, ICRA in a report also pointed out that residential segment witnessed a sharp recovery in Q2 FY21, post a severe decline in Q1 FY21. Overall housing sales volume witnessed a Y-o-Y decline of 50% in H1 FY21 across the top eight cities. However, sales volume bounded back considerably with a Q-o-Q growth of 60%, recorded across property markets in the second quarter of the current fiscal. It was primarily driven by a gradual unlocking of the economy, pent-up demand and improved affordability on the back of reduced home loan rates and attractive payment schemes/discounts, it said.

The ratings agency had earlier expected a 45% overall decline in sales volumes in FY21. "However, post the lows in Q1 FY21, sales across the top eight cities rebounded in Q2 FY21, indicating some green shoots of normalisation. With some further recovery expected in H2, ICRA is revising its earlier estimate of sales volume decline in FY21 to 35-40%," it added.

### Vaccinated minister +ve; got only one dose

The 67-year-old minister was given the first shot on November 20. Stressing that experts would know better about how the vaccine works, Vij said he has sore throat, fever and body ache. Bharat Biotech also defended its vaccine, Covaxin, terming it safe and efficacious. "Covaxin clinical trials are based on a two-dose schedule, given 28 days apart. The vaccine efficacy will be determined 14 days post the second dose," Bharat Biotech said in a statement.

### BSNL low in performance, but high in ambition

Analysts said BSNL and MTNL may have sounded ambitious in their responses for fixing minimum speeds at 2 mbps, but if that happens, they may be the worst sufferers. For instance, in the wireline segment, BSNL has 7.85 million broadband customers, followed by Bharti Airtel which has 2.53 million users.

But as majority of BSNL's wired broadband connections run on ADSL (asymmetric digital subscriber line) using copper lines, ensuring a higher speed for all users could be difficult, espe-

cially in smaller cities and towns. BSNL has fibre to home (FTTH) connections but it is limited to only few bigger cities.

Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel are mostly providing FTTH connections and also putting in massive investments in it, hence ensuring higher speeds is not a problem. In the wireless segment, BSNL does not currently offer 4G services but has 3G services which is also categorised as wireless broadband. During the various speed checks by global analytical firms like Ookla, Opensignal as well as Trai, the speed on BSNL network usually lags behind that of private operators. Private operators in their comments to Trai have highlighted that affordability and availability of broadband should be the topmost priority of government and till the time infrastructure becomes omnipresent, the current definition should be continued.

### No breakthrough; next meet on Dec 9

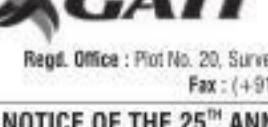
The changes offered include empanelment of traders with Centre's agency to buy from outside mandis, removal of the current clause for dispute resolution to allow farmers to move court, easing of penalty on and criminalisation of stubble burning.

While Saturday's meeting of farmer unions with agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar and food minister Piyush Goyal went on for over four hours, the talks had reached a virtual deadlock at the start of the meeting itself, with the farmers making it clear that they won't accept any formula other than repeal of the laws. Earlier in the day, Modi had a meeting with senior ministers to finalise the government's stand.

The fifth round of meetings, in fact, saw a hardening of stand by farmers, as at one point they sat in 'silent protest' for 30 minutes, demanding to know the government's position on their main demand for laws' rollback, after which Tomar huddled with officials and announced that the government would come out with 'concrete proposals' in the next meeting and asked for suggestions from the unions.

There are also indications that talks could happen even earlier than Wednesday if the government is able to firm up its offer so that the Bharat bandh called by farmers on December 8 could be averted, sources said. Briefing media after the meeting, Tomar said: "The MSP will remain there

proposals in the next meeting. I am still hopeful that they will send us such suggestions." The protests, already over ten days long, are spearheaded by farmers from Punjab who fear that APMC mandis and the MSP system, of which they are biggest beneficiaries would wither away as a result of the reformist laws. Sources from farmer groups told FE that farmers from other parts of the country, including Uttarakhand and Rajasthan are reaching the borders of the national capital in large numbers to join the protests.



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#### NOTICE OF THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the Members of Gati Limited ("Company") (CIN: L63011TG1995PLC020121), will be held on **Monday, December 28, 2020 at 3:00 PM** through Video Conferencing ("VC") or Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility ONLY, to transact the businesses, as set out in the notice convening the said AGM.

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held through VC/OAVM without physical presence of the Members and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") read with rules made thereunder and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 05, 2020 read with Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements") Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 issued by Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circulars") to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM. Members attending the AGM through VC/OAVM facility shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Act. Further, pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and Regulation 42 of Listing Regulations, the Company has decided to close its Register of members and share transfer books of the Company from Tuesday, December 22, 2020 to Monday, December 28, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 25<sup>th</sup> AGM.

In compliance with the above circulars, the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 and Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM are being sent electronically to those Members whose names appeared in the Register of Members / Register of Beneficial owners as on close of business hours on Friday, November 27, 2020 and who have registered their email addresses with the Depository Participants or with the Registrar & Share Transfer Agent of the Company ("RTA") or with the Company. The Annual report for the Financial Year 2019-20 and Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM is also available on the Company's website at [www.gati.com](http://www.gati.com), website of stock exchanges, BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com), National Stock Exchange of India Limited at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and on the website of e-voting facility provider National Securities Depository Limited ("NSDL") at [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

Manner of Registering/Updating e-mail addresses is as below:

Members holding shares in physical mode and who have registered/updated their e-mail addresses with the Company are requested to re-register/update their email addresses by sending a duly signed request letter to the Company's R&T Agent viz. Link Intime India Private Limited at their below mentioned address by providing Folio No. and Name of the Member or may also send an e-mail to Ms. T.S. Maharani, Company Secretary at [investor.services@gati.com](mailto:investor.services@gati.com).

Link Intime India Private Limited  
Plot No. 12, Survey No. 12, Kothaguda, Kondapur, Hyderabad - 500 084  
E-mail : [investor.services@gati.com](mailto:investor.services@gati.com)

Members holding shares in Dematerialized mode are requested to register/update their email addresses with their relevant Depository Participants.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Act read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended ("the Rules") and Regulation 44 of the Listing Regulations, the Company has engaged the services of NSDL as agency for providing e-voting facility.

a) The Company has provided the facility to the Members to cast their vote on the matters set forth in the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM, either by way of remote e-voting facility, prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM or by way of electronic voting system during the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM. The instructions for joining the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and the manner of participation and voting are provided in the Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM.

b) The manner of voting by the Members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their e-mail addresses has been provided in the Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM.

c) A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Cut-off date i.e., **Monday, December 21, 2020** only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or participation at the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and voting through electronic voting system thereof.

d) Remote e-voting facility to the Members will be available during the following period (inclusive of both days):

Time, day and date of commencement of remote e-voting : 09:00 A.M. (IST) on Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Time, day and date of end of remote e-voting : 05:00 P.M. (IST) on Sunday, December 27, 2020

e) Any person who has become a member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and holds shares as on the cut-off date, may obtain the User ID and password for e-voting by sending e-mail, imprinting ID and Client ID / Folio No. at [evoting@nsdl.com](mailto:evoting@nsdl.com) with a copy to [investor.services@gati.com](mailto:investor.services@gati.com). The detailed procedure for obtaining user ID and password is also provided in the notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM which is available on Company's website and NSDL's website. However, if you are already registered with NSDL for e-voting, you can use your existing User ID and password for casting your vote.

f) The Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 05:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 27, 2020.

g) Further, the facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available during the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM, to the Members who are attending the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and have not already cast their vote(s) through remote e-voting.

h) Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may also attend the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM, but shall not be allowed to vote again at the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM.

i) In case of any queries relating to voting by electronic means, please refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and the e-voting user manual for members available at the download section of [www.evoting.nsdl.com](http://www.evoting.nsdl.com).

For any grievances relating to voting by electronic means, members may contact Mr. Amit Vashal, Senior Manager, NSDL, Trade World, 'A' wing, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Kamala Mills compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013 at [amit.vashal@nsdl.com](mailto:amit.vashal@nsdl.com), Tel No. 022-24994360.

Members are requested to carefully read all the notes set out in the Notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or through electronic voting system during the 25<sup>th</sup> AGM.

For GATI LIMITED  
Sd/-  
T. S. Maharani  
Company Secretary  
M. No. F8098

Place : Hyderabad  
Date : December 05, 2020

### SUPERNOWA ADVERTISING LIMITED

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Email : [info@supernovaads.com](mailto:info@supernovaads.com); Website : [www.supernovaads.com](http://www.supernovaads.com)  
CIN : L22212MH2008PLC181088

#### NOTICE

Shareholders are hereby informed that the 12th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the company will be held on Monday 28th December 2020 at 12:30 P.M. (IST) through Video Conferencing/other Audio Visual means(OVAM) to transact the business as set forth in the Notice of the AGM which will be sent to the shareholders for convening the AGM of the Company.

In view of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and difficulty involved in dispatch of physical copies of the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) vide general circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CR/P/2020/79 (SEBI Circular) have permitted the companies to conduct the AGM through VC/OVAM, during the calendar year 2020, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the rules framed thereunder and the SEBI ("Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements") Regulations, 2015. Shareholders will be able to attend the AGM of the Company through VC and their presence the VC facility shall be reckoned for the purpose of quorum under Section 103 of the Act.

In compliance with the above provisions and the circulars, the notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 will be sent to all the shareholders of the Company after their email addresses whose email ids are registered with the Company/Depository Participants/Register and Transfer Agent (RTA). The electronic dispatch of the Notice and Annual Report has been completed on December 04, 2020. The Annual Report along with Notice of AGM is also available on Company's website: [www.cybermedia.co.in](http://www.cybermedia.co.in), website of stock exchanges, BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and the website of Link Intime India Private Limited ("LIPL"), [www.instavote.linkintime.co.in](http://www.instavote.linkintime.co.in).

By order of the Board  
For Supernova Advertising Limited  
Sd/-  
Manish Agarwal  
Company Secretary

Place : Mumbai  
Dated : 05/12/2020

### ProYuga Advanced Technologies Limited

CIN : U74999MH2017PLC296222  
Regd. Office : 1609, Lodha Supremus Powai, Sakhi Virah Road, Opp. MTNL Office, Mumbai - 400072, Maharashtra, India  
Tel. No.: 8008858585 | E-mail ID : [company@proyuga.tech](mailto:company@proyuga.tech) | Website : [www.proyuga.tech](http://www.proyuga.tech)

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING (VC) / OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL MEANS (OAVM)

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, Rules made thereunder and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and General Circular No. 17/2020 dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020 issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred to as "MCA Circulars"), the 03<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of ProYuga Advanced Technologies Limited will be held on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. through video conferencing facilities without any physical presence of Members in compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the MCA Circulars. The process of participation in the AGM will be provided in the Notice of the AGM. Pursuant to the General Circular as mentioned above, the Annual Report will be released by December 08, 2020 by sending e-mails to the members who have registered their e-mail ID with the Company / Depositories for receiving the communications by email. The Annual Report will also be available on the website of the Company [https://www.proyuga.tech](http://www.proyuga.tech). No hard copies of the Annual Report will be made available to the Members. Manner to register/update email addresses: Members who have not registered their e-mail address with the Company or their Depository Participant are requested to register their e-mail address in the following manner for receiving Annual Report and dividend, if any declared by the Company from time to time. For Physical Shareholders: Send Scanned copy of the following documents to the RTA of the Company i.e KFin Technologies Private Limited by email to <a href="mailto:enward.ris@kfin

**INTERWORLD DIGITAL LIMITED**

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Regd. Off.: 701, Anandul Building, 19, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001  
Phone: 011-43571045, Fax: 011-43571047, Website: [www.interworlddigital.in](http://www.interworlddigital.in), Email: [interworld@interworlddigital.in](mailto:interworld@interworlddigital.in)

**Notice of Annual General Meeting, Book Closure and Remote E-voting Information**

Notice is hereby given that the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Wednesday, 30th December, 2020 at 09.00 A.M. at 701, Anandul Building, 19, Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001 to transact the business set out in notice dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 of the AGM. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the F.Y. 2019-2020 has been sent to all the members through permitted mode on 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

Pursuant to Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 along with the applicable Rules made there under, it is hereby intimated that the Register of Members and share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to Wednesday, 30 December, 2020 for the purpose of AGM.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 the Company has provided electronic voting facility for transacting all the business items as mentioned in the AGM notice dated 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 through the Remote e-voting facility on the platform of Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). Remote E-voting will commence on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 09:00 A.M. and end on 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. No Remote E-voting shall be allowed beyond the said date and time. The notice of the Annual General Meeting along with Remote e-voting instructions has also been displayed on the website of the Company [www.interworlddigital.in](http://www.interworlddigital.in) and on the website of the Agency [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com). The Members of Company holding shares as on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 may cast their vote electronically through Remote E-voting platform of CDSL at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) or vote at the General Meeting through the Ballot Form. Members may participate in the General Meeting even after Remote E-voting but shall not be eligible to vote at the meeting. Voting, if exercised will be invalid and the vote cast through Remote E-voting will be considered. Members are requested to read the instructions pertaining to e-voting as printed in the AGM Notice carefully. In case members have any queries or issues regarding Remote E-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Remote e-voting manual available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) under help section or write an e-mail to [helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com). Shareholders may contact Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, M/s Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, contact no. 011-40540193 to 97 for their respective Depositories for registration/updation of their email IDs and other matters.

**Members holding shares in physical form are requested to get their shares Dematerialized pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/ADR-NRO/2018/24 dated 08th June, 2018. Further members are also requested to register their email ID, PAN & bank account details with the RTA-Company. Necessary communication in this regard has already been sent separately to members by the company.**

The AGM will be held at the said venue by strictly adhering to the Social Distancing Norms and Other Safety Protocols including face masks, hand sanitization etc. as per the latest guidelines / advisories / SOP issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and the State Govt. amid COVID-19 Pandemic.

For and on behalf of Board Directors of Interworld Digital Limited

Sd/-  
Peeyush Kumar Agarwal  
Director  
DIN: 0009423

Place: New Delhi  
Date: 06/12/2020

**BRIGHTCOM GROUP LIMITED**

(Formerly Lycos Internet Limited)  
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**NOTICE OF 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND E-VOTING INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given that the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, at 11.00 a.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) facility/ Other Audio Visual Means("OAVM") to transact the business as set out in the Notice of the said Annual General Meeting.

In compliance with the General Circular Nos 14/2020, 17/2020, 20/2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CDF/CMDC1/CIR/P/2020/79/issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Circulars") companies are allowed to conduct AGMs through VC or OAVM without the physical presence of members at the venue. Hence, the AGM of the company is being held through VC.

In Compliance with the Circulars, electronic copy of the Annual Report 2019-20 has been sent to all the members whose e-mail IDs are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s) on Friday, November 27, 2020. The Annual Report including Notice of 21<sup>st</sup> AGM of the Company is available on the website of the Company ([www.brightcomgroup.com](http://www.brightcomgroup.com)), Stock Exchange websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and website of CDSL the agency for providing the remote e-voting / e-voting system at the AGM([www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com)). The dispatch of Notice of the AGM through emails will be completed by December 6, 2020.

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 and Regulation 44 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 the Company is pleased to provide its Shareholders with facility of remote e-voting and e-voting system at the AGM. The facility of casting votes by members using remote e-voting as well as e-voting system on the date of the AGM. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members, maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. December 21, 2020, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM. The members who have already cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again at e-voting at the AGM.

The remote e-voting period begins on Friday, December 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. and will end on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. During this period the eligible shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.

Those persons who have acquired shares and have become members of the Company after the dispatch of Notice of the AGM by the Company and whose names appear in the Register of Members as on the cut-off date i.e. December 21, 2020 can also view the Notice of 21<sup>st</sup> AGM on the Company's website. Such members can exercise their voting rights through remote e-voting by following the procedure as mentioned in the Notice of AGM.

In case of any queries / grievances relating to voting by electronic means, the Shareholders may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com), under help section or write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com) or the Company's email at [ir@brightcomgroup.com](mailto:ir@brightcomgroup.com) or may contact the Company Secretary the Company who is also the Compliance Officer at 040-67149910.

The Record Date under Regulation 42 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015 for the payment of Final Dividend for FY 2019-20 will be Monday, December 21, 2020. The last date for payment of dividend shall be on or before Monday, January 25, 2021.

The "Relevant Date" for the proposed issue of warrants in accordance with the SEBI (ICDR) Regulations shall be Friday, November 27, 2020 being the date 30 days prior to the date of passing of the Resolution by the Members of the Company for the proposed preferential issue of Warrants convertible into Equity Shares as mentioned in the Notice of AGM.

Mr. A. Sridhar, Practicing Company Secretary (C P No.:12011), has been appointed as a Scrutinizer to scrutinize the e-voting process in fair and transparent manner.

Notice is also given pursuant to Section 91 of Companies Act, 2013 and the applicable Rules thereunder and Regulation 42 & 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Tuesday, December 22, 2020 to Monday, December 28, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 21<sup>st</sup> AGM. Members who have not registered their email addresses are requested to register their email addresses with their respective Depository Participants and members holding shares in Physical mode may provide necessary details like Folio Number, Name of the shareholder by email to [ir@brightcomgroup.com](mailto:ir@brightcomgroup.com) and [info@arthiconsultants.com](mailto:info@arthiconsultants.com).

for BRIGHTCOM GROUP LIMITED  
(formerly Lycos Internet Limited)

Sd/-  
Mollama Manohar  
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

Place: Hyderabad  
Date: December 4, 2020

**ACE INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

CIN: LT4140DL1997PLC088373  
Regd. Office: B-13, DSIDC Complex, Functional Industrial Estate, Industrial Area Patparganj, New Delhi-110092

Email- ceo-[cse@aceintegrated.com](mailto:cse@aceintegrated.com)

Phone No. 011-49537949, 011-22162970, Website: [www.aceintegrated.com](http://www.aceintegrated.com)

**NOTICE OF 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given that the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Ace Integrated Solutions Limited is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the registered office of the Company at B-13, DSIDC Complex, Functional Industrial Estate, Industrial Area Patparganj, New Delhi-110092 to transact the business as set forth in the Notice of 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM.

Notice has been sent to all the Members of the Company, whose name appeared on the Register of Member or Register of beneficial owners maintained by Depositories as on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Electronic Copies of the Notice of the 23<sup>rd</sup> AGM and 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2019-20 have been sent to all the members whose Email IDs are registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s) and physical copies of the same have been sent to all other members at their registered address in the permitted mode, whose Email IDs are not registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s). The process of dispatch of 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report 2019-20 in Physical and in Electronic mode is completed on Friday, December 04, 2020.

**Remote E-Voting**

Pursuant to the provision of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 ("the Rules") as amended from time to time, and Regulation 44 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the Company is providing its members, the facility to exercise their right to vote by electronic means on all the business transacted as set forth in the Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company through the remote e-voting facility provided by CDSL. The detailed instructions for remote e-voting facility are contained in the Notice of Annual General Meeting which has been sent to the Members.

1. The Notice of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting is available on the Company's website at [www.aceintegrated.com](http://www.aceintegrated.com) and on CDSL website [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) and 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2019-20 is available on the Company's website at [www.aceintegrated.com](http://www.aceintegrated.com).

2. The remote e-voting will commence on Saturday, December 26, 2020 (9:00 a.m.)

3. The remote e-voting will end on Monday, December 28, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)

4. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL beyond 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 28, 2020 (5:00 p.m.) and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the member, the Member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

5. The Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, on cut-off date i.e. December 22, 2020 may cast their vote electronically to transact the business set forth in the Notice of AGM.

6. Person who have acquired shares and become members of the Company after dispatch of the Notice of the AGM and holding shares as on the cut-off date i.e. December 22, 2020 may cast their votes by following the instructions and process of remote e-voting as provided in the Notice of the AGM.

7. A person whose name is recorded in the Registers of Beneficial Owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only, shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting in the AGM.

8. Members may participate in the annual general meeting even after exercising right to vote through remote e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting.

9. The facility for voting through poll paper shall also be made available at the AGM and Members who have not cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the AGM.

10. If you have any queries or issues regarding attending AGM & e-Voting from the e-Voting System, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com), under help section or write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com) or Mr. Mehmood Lakhanji (022-23058543) or Mr. Rakesh Dalvi (022-23058542).

11. All grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25<sup>th</sup> Floor, Marathoon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai - 400013 or send an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com) or call 022-23058542/43.

**Closure of Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company**

Pursuant to the provision of Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from Wednesday, December 23, 2020 to Tuesday, December 29, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of holding 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company.

For ACE INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Sd/- Ranjeet Singh  
(Company Secretary)

Date : December 05, 2020

**TELANGANA STATE POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED**

VIDYUT SOUDHA :: HYDERABAD – 500 082.

T.No.e-20/CE(C&C)/SE(C&C)/DE(C)/A1/TSGenco/2020-21

BTPS – Transportation of 12.0 Lakh MT of Coal from Manuguru area mines of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., to Bhadrak Thermal Power Station, Manuguru, Bhadrak District by using road tippers of not less than 22 tonnes capacity for a period of one year. Scheduled Open & Closing Date: 04.12.2020 at 19:00 Hrs & 19.12.2020 at 12:00 Hrs.

For further Details: " [www.tsgenco.co.in](http://www.tsgenco.co.in) & <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>"

**JALAN TRANSOLUTIONS (INDIA) LIMITED**

CIN: L63090DL2003PLC19773

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Website: [www.jalantransolutions.com](http://www.jalantransolutions.com); Email- info@jalantransolutions.com

**NOTICE OF 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, BOOK CLOSURE AND REMOTE E-VOTING INFORMATION**

Notice is hereby given that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Jalan Transolutions (India) Limited is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at **Aura Grand Residency, 439 Jagriti Enclave, Near Karkardooma Metro Station, Delhi-110092** to transact the business as set forth in the Notice of 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

Notice has been sent to all the Members of the Company, whose name appeared on the Register of Member or Register of beneficial owners maintained by Depositories as on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. Electronic Copies of the Notice of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Company for the F.Y. 2019-2020 have been sent to all the members whose Email IDs are registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s) and physical copies of the same have been sent to all other members at their registered address in the permitted mode, whose Email IDs are not registered with the Company or Depository Participant(s).

Members who have any queries or issues regarding Remote E-voting, they may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and Remote E-voting manual available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) under help section or write an e-mail to [helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com). Shareholders may contact Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, M/s Skyline Financial Services Private Limited, contact no. 011-40540193 to 97 for their respective Depositories for registration/updation of their email IDs and other matters.

**Members holding shares in physical form are requested to get their shares Dematerialized pursuant to SEBI Circular No. SEBI/ADR-NRO/2018/24 dated 08th June, 2018. Further members are**

## WELGA FOODS LIMITED

REGD. OFFICE : SHIAM NAGAR, BUDAONI-243601 U.P.  
CIN : U15419UP1983PLC005918  
E : marketing@welgafoods.com W : www.welgafoods.com T : +91 5832 224535,  
F : 5832 224561

PUBLIC NOTICE  
FOR KIND ATTENTION OF THE SHAREHOLDERS-NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in compliance with MCA Circular dt. 05/05/20 read with circulars dated 08/04/20 & 13/04/20 and for the said purpose it proposes to transact the business mentioned in the Notice of AGM. The Notice of AGM has been sent to all the members whose email IDs were registered with the Company & in the records of Depositories as on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. In case any shareholder has still not registered his email ID or contact details with the company, we once again request them to update their Email IDs & contact numbers for supply of Annual Reports, Notice of AGM and other communications from the Company at welgac@gmail.com, jvpcorporateconsultant@gmail.com latest by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Kindly note that no physical copy of Annual Report 2019-20 will be sent to the members either before or after the AGM.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FOR WELGA FOODS LIMITED

Sd/-  
PLACE: BUDAONI  
DATE: 05/12/2020

GYAN PRAKASH  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

FORM B  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT  
[Under Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India  
(Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016]

S. No.	Particulars	Details
1	Name of corporate debtor	Maor Packaging Limited
2	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	12.08.1996
3	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated/ registered	The Registrar of Companies, NCT of Delhi & Haryana, New Delhi
4	Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate	L74950DL1998PLC018459
5	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	Registered Office: 319/15, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Gali No.1, Sangathan, Paharganj, New Delhi-110055, India.
6	Date of closure of Insolvency Resolution Process	26.11.2020
7	Liquidation Commencement date of Corporate Debtor	26.11.2020. Copy of Order was uploaded on the NCLT Website on 02.12.2020
8	Name and registration number of the Insolvency Professional acting as Liquidator	Name - Mohd Nazim Khan Registration No.: IBBN/PA-002/IR/N00076/2017-10/207 Tel: +91-11-45599230
9	Address and e-mail of the liquidator, as registered with the Board	Address-G-41, Ground Floor, West Patel Nagar New Delhi-110008 Email address: nazim@mkkassociates.com
10	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the Liquidator	Address-G-41, Ground Floor, West Patel Nagar New Delhi-110008 Email address: nazim@mkkassociates.com
11	Last date for submission of claims	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal New Delhi Bench IV has ordered the commencement of liquidation of Maor Packaging Limited on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Order copy was uploaded on the NCLT Website on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020).

The stakeholders of Maor Packaging Limited are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims or update their claims on or before 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Sd/-  
Date : 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020  
Place : New Delhi  
Mohd Nazim Khan  
(Liquidator)

## ICL Organic dairy Products Limited

A-105, 3rd floor-sector-63, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida 201301 UP

Email: organicpo@gmail.com TEL NO. - 0120-431944

## Notice of Annual General Meeting to the Members

1. Notice is hereby given that the 07<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of ICL Organic dairy Products Limited ('The Company') will be held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 01:00 p.m. IST through video conferencing ("VC")/other audio visual means ("OAVM") facility.

2. In view of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing norms to be followed and the continuing restriction on movement of persons at several places in the country and pursuant to General Circular Nos.14/2020, 17/2020 and 20/2020 dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 5, 2020, respectively, issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/ CFD/ CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular") and in compliance with the provisions of the Act and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"), the 07<sup>th</sup> (Twenty Seventh) AGM of the Company is being conducted through Video Conference (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM), which does not require physical presence of Members at a common venue.

3. The Notice of 07<sup>th</sup> AGM along with the Annual Report for the FY 2019-20 have been sent to all those Members whose e-mail IDs were registered with the Company or their respective depositories. The Members can join the 07<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company through VC/OAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the AGM and the manner of participation in the remote e-voting or casting of the vote through e-voting system during the 07<sup>th</sup> AGM has been provided in the Notice of the 07<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Company.

The Annual Report is also available on the website of the Company and BSE Ltd. (old matter). The notice of the AGM and the Annual Report are also available on the website of the Company and BSE Ltd.)

4. The Register of Members and Share Transfer Books will remain closed from Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 to Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of the AGM.

5. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a Member of the Company after dispatch of the Notice and is holding shares as of the cut-off date, i.e., Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.

6. The voting period begins Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 9.00 a.m. (IST) and ends on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2020, at 5.00 p.m. (IST). During this period Shareholders of the Company, holding shares either in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date, i.e., Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 may cast their vote electronically. The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL for voting thereafter.

7. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend / participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

8. In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and E Voting manual available at [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com), under help section or write an email to [helpdesk.evoting@cldslindia.com](mailto:helpdesk.evoting@cldslindia.com) or call 1800225533.

9. Members are requested to send all communications relating to shares, change of address, bank details, email address etc., to the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent Cameo Corporate Services Ltd. at "SUBRAMANIAN BUILDING", #1, Club House Road, Chennai-600002, India can also send an email at [investor@cameoindia.com](mailto:investor@cameoindia.com)

Place : Noida  
Date: 05th December, 2020  
Roop Kishore Gola  
Director

## GENOMIC VALLEY BIOTECH LIMITED

Regd. Off.: 4 K.M. Stone, Beri Chhara Road, Village- Khera Musalman,

P.O. Tandaheri, Tehsil-Bahadurgarh, District-Jhajjar, Haryana-124507

CIN: L01122HR1994PLC033029; Tele: +91-9811341542

Email: [genomicvalley@gmail.com](mailto:genomicvalley@gmail.com); Visit: <http://www.genomicvalley.com>

## Notice of 26th Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 26<sup>th</sup> (Twenty Sixth) Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Genomic Valley Biotech Limited (CIN L01122HR1994PLC033029) will be held on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at the Registered Office of the Company at 4 K.M. Stone, Beri Chhara Road, P.O. Tandaheri, Teh Bahadurgarh, Dist. Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 to transact the businesses as set forth in the Notice of the AGM which is to be sent by e-mail to all members of the Company.

In compliance with the Circular No. 20/2020 dated 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 read with Circular No. 14/2020 and 17/2020 dated 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 respectively ("MCA Circulars") issued by Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and applicable provision of the Companies Act, 2013 ("the Act") and the Rules made thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("SEBI Listing Regulations"), the AGM of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 4 K.M. Stone, Beri Chhara Road, P.O. Tandaheri, Teh Bahadurgarh, Dist. Jhajjar, Haryana-124507.

In compliance with the aforesaid MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report for the Financial Year 2019-20 to be sent to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depositories. The Notice of AGM and Annual Report also to be made available on the website of the Company i.e. [www.genomicvalley.com](http://www.genomicvalley.com) and the websites of the Stock exchange i.e. BSE Limited at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

In order to receive the Notice and Annual Report, members are requested to register/update their email addresses with the Depositories in case share are held in demat and with the Registrar and Share Transfer Agent (RTA) of the Company i.e. Beetal Financial & Computer Services Private Limited case shares are held in physical mode. For any query relating to registration of e-mail address, members may write to [beetal@beetalfinancial.com](mailto:beetal@beetalfinancial.com) or [cs.gvb@gmail.com](mailto:cs.gvb@gmail.com).

Members holding shares in physical form or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting/e-voting at AGM and voting at AGM Venue. The Company has engaged the services of Central Depository Services (India) Limited to provide e-voting facility.

All members are informed that:

1. members who have already casted their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to vote again;

2. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained with depositories as on cut-off date will be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or voting at AGM venue;

3. A person who becomes the member of the Company after dispatch of the notice of the AGM and holding shares as on the cut-off date will obtain the user id and password by sending a request letter mentioning the name of the shareholder, self-attested copy of PAN and Aadhar by email to the Company at [beetal@beetalfinancial.com](mailto:beetal@beetalfinancial.com) or [cs.gvb@gmail.com](mailto:cs.gvb@gmail.com).

Members holding shares in physical form, who have not registered their email addresses with the Company can obtain the Notice of the AGM alongwith the Annual Report 2019-2020 by sending a signed copy of request letter mentioning the folio no. and name of the shareholder, self-attested copy of PAN and Aadhar by email to the Company at [beetal@beetalfinancial.com](mailto:beetal@beetalfinancial.com) or [cs.gvb@gmail.com](mailto:cs.gvb@gmail.com).

The Members are requested to update their complete bank account details with their Depositories in case shares are held in demat mode and in case of physical holding, with the Company's RTA or Company at [beetal@beetalfinancial.com](mailto:beetal@beetalfinancial.com) or [cs.gvb@gmail.com](mailto:cs.gvb@gmail.com) respectively along with the copy of the request letter mentioning the name of the member, folio number, bank account details, self-attested copy of PAN and cancelled cheque leaf.

By order of the Board

For Genomic Valley Biotech Limited

Sd/-  
Yogesh Agrawal

Chairman & Managing Director  
DIN: 01165288

Place: Haryana  
Date: 05.12.2020



## Fullerton India Credit Company Limited

Corporate Office: Supreme Business Park, Floors 5 & 6, Wing, Powai, Mumbai 400 076

Branch Office: 4-45/47, 3rd Floor, Near PVR Plaza, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110 001

## SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice of 24 days for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Fullerton India Credit Company Limited/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28.12.2020 at 11:00 am to 02:00 pm (with unlimited extensions of 5 minute each), for recovery of Rs. 23,05,434/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Lakh Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Only) due on 07.11.19 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Fullerton India Credit Company Limited/Secured Creditor from the Borrowers and Guarantor(s) namely Ram Raj Medicos, Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta, Ms. Alka Gupta, Mr. Sudhir Gupta, Ms. Sandhya Gupta, Ms. Rajkumar.

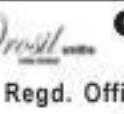
The reserve price will be Rs. 2,35,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Five Lakh Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 23,50,000/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Fifty Thousand Only). The last date of EMD deposit is 26.12.2020.

Description of Immovable Property: At the part and parcel of property bearing - "Property No. WA - 75, Part of Khasra No. 177, Block WA, Shakarpur, Delhi 110092" (admeasuring 212 Sq. yards) owned by Mr. Ajay Kumar Gupta and Smt. Rajkumar (

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Fullerton India Credit Company Limited/Secured Creditor's website i.e. [www.fullertonindia.com](http://www.fullertonindia.com)

Place: Delhi  
SD/-, Authorised Officer:  
Fullerton India Credit Company Limited

Date: 06.12.2020



## OROSIL SMITHS INDIA LIMITED

CIN: L74110DL1994PLC059341

Regd. Office: Flat No. 620, Hemkunt Chambers, 89,

Nehru Place, New Delhi 110019

Corp. Office: A-89, Sector-2, Noida (U.P.) 201301, India

Phone No.: +91-0120-4125476,

Email Id.: [info@etrosil.com](mailto:info@etrosil.com), Website: [www.etrosil.com](http://www.etrosil.com)

## NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that 26th Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Orosil Smiths India Limited ("the Company") will be convened on Wednesday, 30th December, 2020 at 12:00 PM through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder, circular dated 5th May, 2020 read with circulars dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") circular dated 5th May, 2020 read with circular dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") circular dated 5th May, 2020 read with circular dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") circular dated 5th May, 2020 read with circular dated 8th April, 2020 and 13th April, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") circular dated 5th May,



## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Notice is hereby given that:  
 1. The 43rd Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members of Escorts Dealers Development Association Limited ("Company") will be held on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 03:00 p.m. through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") in compliance with the applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder, Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020, and other applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") (collectively referred to as "relevant circulars") to transact the business as set forth in the Notice calling the AGM.

2. Electronic Copies of the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report 2019-20 will be sent to only those members whose email IDs are registered with Company. These documents will also be available on website of CDSL i.e. www.evotingindia.com

3. Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting.

**Escorts Dealers Development Association Limited**  
 CIN: U51909HR1901PLC008636  
 Regd Office: 18/4, Mathura Road, Faridabad, Haryana - 121 007  
 Phone: 0129-2225216  
 E-mail: statutoryfiling@escorts.co.in

By the order of the Board  
 For Escorts Dealers Development Association Limited  
 Sd/  
 Shenu Agarwal  
 Date: 05/12/2020  
 Place: Gurugram

## SAI INDUSTRIES LIMITED

CIN NO: L17115PB1998PLC021084  
 Regd Off: 302, 3rd Floor, C-2/6, Community Centre Ashok Vihar, Phase-2 Delhi-110052  
 Email: saiindustries1609@gmail.com

NOTICE OF 29<sup>th</sup> AGM, E-VOTING & BOOK CLOSURE

## AGM:

Notice is hereby given that the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Sai Industries Limited will be held on Wednesday, 30th December, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. at the Registered Office at Village Mandala, Kalan, P.O. Bija, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana - 141412. Ph: 01628-289842, E-mail: cs@sjgroup.in, www.jindalcotex.com

1. The Notice is hereby given that 23rd Annual General Meeting of the member of Jindal Cotex Limited is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 30th day of December, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. at the Registered Office at Village Mandala, Kalan, P.O. Bija, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana.

2. Notice of AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2019-20, has been sent in the electronic mode to all the members who have registered their email id. with depositaries or with the company and the same is also available on the website of the company at www.jindalcotex.com.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, the company is providing the facility to exercise their right to vote to its members, at the 23rd AGM by electronic means ("remote e-voting"), and the business may be transacted through the e-voting services provided by Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL).

4. The remote e-voting window will open on Saturday, 26th December, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. and ends on Tuesday, 29th December, 2020 at 05:00 PM.

5. Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form as on cut-off date i.e. 23rd day of December, 2020 may cast their vote electronically through electronic voting system of the Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL) as well as voting through ballot at the AGM on the businesses as set out in the notice of AGM.

6. Any person, who acquires shares and becomes member of the company after email of the notice of Annual General Meeting and hold shares as on cut-off date i.e. 23rd December, 2020, may obtain login ID and password for remote e-voting by sending a request at rajesh@bigshareonline.com

7. The remote e-voting module will be disabled after the above time line by CDSL i.e. beyond 05:00 PM, 29th December, 2020 and e-voting shall not be allowed thereafter.

8. The facility for voting through ballot paper shall be made available at the time of Annual General Meeting. The members attending the meeting who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right at the meeting.

9. The members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the meeting may also attend the meeting but shall not be entitled to cast the vote again.

10. Further, pursuant to the provisions of section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Regulation 42 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015, the register of members and the share transfer books of the company will remain closed from Friday, 25th December, 2020 to Wednesday, 30th December, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of 23rd Annual General Meeting.

11. A person whose name is recorded in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositaries as on cut-off date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting as well as voting at the annual general meeting.

12. In case you have any queries or issues regarding e-voting, you may refer the Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and e-voting manual available at www.evotingindia.com under help section or write an email to helpdesk.evoting@cDSLindia.com or contact at registered office, Village Mandala, Kalan, P.O. Bija, Tehsil Khanna, District Ludhiana, Punjab, Phone No.: 01628-289842, Email: cs@sjgroup.in

## For JINDAL COTEX LIMITED

Sd/-  
 (Sandeep Jindal)  
 Managing Director  
 DIN: 01639743

Date : 05.12.2020  
 Place: Ludhiana

## Hi-TECH

## HI-TECH PIPES LIMITED

CIN: L27202DL1985PLC019750

Regd Office: 505, Pearls Omaxe Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034

91-1148440050, www.hitechpipes.in, Info@hitechpipes.in

## NOTICE TO THE MEMBERS

Members are hereby informed that pursuant to section 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the company has on Saturday, the 05th day of December, 2020 completed the dispatch of Notice of Postal Ballot dated December 04, 2020 along with the Explanatory statement to all the members whose names are appearing on the Registers of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners as November 27, 2020.

In view of the unprecedented situation caused by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, ("MCA") vide its General Circular No. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020 read with General Circular Nos. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020 and 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020 (the "MCA Circulars"), has advised the Companies to take all decisions requiring Members' approval, other than items of ordinary business or business where any person has a right to be heard, through the mechanism of Postal ballot / e-voting in accordance with the provisions of the Act and rules made thereunder, without holding a General Meeting that requires physical presence of Members at a common venue.

In compliance with the MCA Circulars, hard copy of Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Form and pre-paid business reply envelope will not be sent to the members and notice of the Postal Ballot is being sent only through electronic mode to those members whose names appear in the Register of Members/ list of Beneficial Owners as received from Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)/Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) as on November 27, 2020, (Cut-off date). The Postal Ballot Notices are sent for seeking the approval of the shareholders of the Company through voting by electronic means, for the following matters:

S. No.	Description of the Resolution
1.	Special Resolution under section 42, 62 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Chapter V of SEBI (ICDR) Regulation, 2018 for issuance of 13,70,000 Fully Convertible Equity Warrants on the Preferential Basis to the persons belonging to Promoter, Promoter Group and Non-Promoter Category.
2.	Ordinary Resolution under section 149, 150 and 152 of the Companies Act, 2013 for the Appointment of Mr. Mukesh Kumar Garg (DIN: 08936325) as Independent Director of the Company.

The Company has engaged services of Central Depositories Services Limited (CDSL) for the purpose of providing e-voting facilities to all its members. Members are requested to note that the voting, through electronic mode shall commence from Monday, December 07, 2020 (9:00 a.m.) and ends on Tuesday January 05, 2021 (5:00 p.m.).

The Board of Directors has appointed M/s NSP & Associates, Practicing Company Secretary as scrutinizer for conducting the postal ballot in fair and transparent manner.

Members whose names appear on the registered of Members/ List of Beneficial Owners as on the cut-off date i.e. November 27, 2020 will be considered for the purpose of E-voting. A person who is not the member as on the cut-off date should treat this notice for information purpose only. Any member who does not receive the Postal Ballot Notice may e-mail to cs@hitechpipes.in or may apply to Bigshare Services Private Limited Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent at bssdelhi@bigshareonline.com and obtain a soft copy of Notice. The Postal Ballot Notice and Form may also be downloaded from the website of the Company i.e. www.hitechpipes.in

The results of the postal ballot shall be declared by the chairman or any other person authorized in writing by the chairman or before Thursday January 07, 2021 and communicated on the same day to the Stock Exchange, Depository, registrar and share transfer agent and will also be displayed on the website of the Company i.e. www.hitechpipes.in

In case of any queries/ grievances connected with the e-voting may refer to the user manual available to the CDSL website i.e. www.evotingindia.com. In case queries related to the postal ballot the shareholder can address the queries to the:

- a) The Company Secretary, 505 Pearls Omaxe Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 at cs@hitechpipes.in
- b) M/s Big Share Services Private Limited Registrar and Share Transfer Agent by writing to him on bssdelhi@bigshareonline.com

By the Order of the Board of Directors  
 For Hi-Tech Pipes Limited

Sd/-  
 Ajay Kumar Bansal  
 Managing Director

Place: New Delhi  
 Date: December 05, 2020

## HDFC

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.

Nothern Regn. Office : The Capital Court, Munirka, Outer Ring Road, Olof Palme Marge, New Delhi - 67

Tel.: 011-4115111, CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916, Website: www.hdfc.com

## POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer/s of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on various dates as mentioned in the notice calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The Borrower and others having failed to repay the amount, the notice is hereby given to the borrower/mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the date mentioned are below. The borrower/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subjected to the charge of YES BANK Limited for balance outstanding amount of Rs. 3,36,53,376/- (Rupees Three Crore Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six Only) due as on November 30th, 2020 and interest and costs thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

Name of the Mortgagor and Owner mentioned below:

Sr. No.	Description of the mortgaged property as per documents	Boundaries as per the title documents	Mortgagor
1.	Built Up Property Measuring Area 125.5 Sq Mtr (150 Sq Yards), Bearing the Property No. - 1057-E, Together with construction built there on, With rights up to last storey, Forming part of the Khasra No. 402/91-101, Situated in the abadi of near Malai Devi School, Babarpur, At the area of village babarpur, illaqा - Shahdara, Delhi - 110032.	North - Property of others. West - Road. South - Property of others. East - Property of others.	Mrs. Suksham Verma
2.			

sd/-

For YES BANK Limited

Rohit Nijhawan Vice President (Authorized Officer)

5A/15, Tilak Nagar, Near Subhash Nagar Metro Station, Delhi: 110018, Phone +91 9350741339 / 011-40154020, 21.

Date: 03/12/2020

Place: New Delhi

Authorised Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

Regional Office, Dehradun

595, Malik Chowk, Indira Nagar, Dehradun, U.K.

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**CIRCLE SASTRA CENTRE, CIRCLE OFFICE BULANDSHAHAR**  
 E-mail:- cs8212@pnb.co.in; cobrsam@pnb.co.in Ph No: 9771414649

M/s Khurja Cable TV Network Prop: Shiv Kumar Gupta; 588; Panjabiyati 5; Subhash Road; Khurja Distt Bulandshahr 203131  
 Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Girish Chand Gupta, 588, Panjabiyati 5, Subhash Road, Khurja Distt Bulandshahr 203131  
 Smt. Rajdulari w/o Late Sh. Matrujal Mohalla City Station Khurja Bulandshahr 203131

**POSSESSION NOTICE (RULE 8 (1) READ WITH SECTION 13(4);**

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest [Act], 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 04.03.2020 calling upon the borrower M/s Khurja Cable TV Network, Sh. Shiv Kumar Gupta S/o Sh. Girish Chand Gupta, Smt. Rajdulari w/o Late Sh. Matrujal to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 11,62,102.97 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Two and Paise Ninety Seven Only) + interest w.e.f date 01.07.2019 until payment in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said [Act] read with rule 9 of the said rules on this **04 day of December of the Year 2020**.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for an amount Rs. 11,62,102.97 (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Two and Paise Ninety Seven Only) + interest w.e.f date 01.07.2019 until payment in full.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

EM of Residential Plot situated at Part Khet No. 17 10, Mohalla City Station Khurja Distt Bulandshahr 203131 measuring area 168.00 Sq.M. Bounded as under: East: House Smt. Dulari Devi etc., West: Rasta kacha proposed 15 ft wide, North: Rasta kacha proposed 12 ft wide, South: Plot Naresh Kumar son of kale

Place : Bulandshahr, Date : 04.12.2020

For Punjab National Bank, Circle SASTRA Head (Chief Manager)

**Indian Overseas Bank**  
 (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)

इण्डियन ऑवरसीज बैंक  
 (भारत सरकार का उपकरण)

**E-AUCTION NOTICE**

RO: Lucknow CO: Chennai

Date & Time of E-Auction- 22.12.2020 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM  
 (With Auto extension of 10 minute each till Sale is Completed)

Last Date for submission of online application for BID with EMD- 21.12.2020 upto 2:00 PM

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**  
 {UNDER PROVISION TO RULE 8(6) AND 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002}

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Mortgagor(s), Guarantor(s), Director(s) and Legal Heir(s) that the below described Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS" AND "WHATEVER THERE IS" on above mentioned date of sale, for recovery of mentioned below amount & future interest and other charges due to the Indian Overseas Bank (Secured Creditor) from mentioned below Borrower(s), Guarantor(s), Director(s) and Legal Heir(s). The Reserve Price and earnest money deposit amount is mentioned below. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/lbapi>.

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Borrower/ Mortgagors/Guarantors/ Directors/Legal Heirs	Description of Immovable Property	Outstanding Amount	Reserve Price
				EMD Bid Increase Amount EMD Remittance A/c Details
<b>Artoni Branch Opp. Moolchand Hospital VPO Artoni, Agra - 282007, Phone: +91-7088801116 , Email: lob0423@lob.in</b>				
1.	The Borrower & the Mortgager: Pramod Sharma Khasra No 1362, 1372-1379 S/o Vinod Sharma, Poornima and 1383-1396 Triveni Rangoli Colony, Mauza Baijpur, R/o H. No. G-33, Triveni Rangoli Colony, Sikandrana, Agra-282007. The Guarantor: Naval Singh S/o Pooran Singh R/o 77A, Chandan Nagar, Behind Sabji Mandi, Sikandrana, Agra- 282007	Address: House No G-33, Colony, Mauza Baijpur, Sikandrana, Agra-282007. Description: Plot area 96.15 S/Mtr, Constructed 72.46 S/Mtr, Bounded: East Others Land, West : Road 9 Mtr, North:House No 34, South: House No 32	Rs 30,79,862.16 + As on 03.12.2020 + further interest at contractual rates charges etc & other charges	Rs. 20,15,114.00 Rs. 2,01,512.00 Rs. 10,000.00  A/c No. 259402000000814 IFSC Code IOBA0002594 Branch Code: 2594

**\*Bank's dues have priority over the Statutory dues.**  
 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer to the Service Providers  
 For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer to the Service Providers link <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/lbapi>. or Bank's website i.e. [www.lob.in](http://www.lob.in)[[http://www.lob.in/TenderDetails.aspx?TenderType=E\\_Auction](http://www.lob.in/TenderDetails.aspx?TenderType=E_Auction)]. Intending Bidders/Purchasers are required to participate in the e-auction process at e-auction Please Contact Service Provider M/s MSTC Limited having Registered Office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 (Contact Phone & Toll Free Numbers 033-22901004, operation time of Help desk: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm)  
 For Property Inspection of Participating in bid of the above property for any clarification interested purchaser may contact above mentioned Branch.

Date: 06.12.2020 Place: Agra Authorised officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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**REGIONAL OFFICE DELHI (NORTH) 1398, FIRST FLOOR, CHANDNI CHOWK, DELHI-110006. TEL: 011-23832226**

**APPENDIX IV-A [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (9)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the secured creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Central Bank of India, Secured creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on date 24.12.2020 for recovery of dues to the Central Bank of India from below mention Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is displayed against the details of respective properties. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in: [www.centralbankofindia.co.in](http://www.centralbankofindia.co.in) or <https://lbapi.in>

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES TO BE AUCTIONED ON 24.12.2020 (15 DAYS NOTICE)**

S. No.	Name of Branch	Authorised Officer & Ph. No.	Name of the Account	Description of Secured Assets	Demand Notice Date & Amount Due (Rs. in Lakhs)	Rs. In Lakhs Demand Price EMD Bid Increase	Date & Type of Possession
1.	GHONDA DELHI	MR. PRAKASH KUMAR SINGH MOBILE: 9999917130	INDU HOISIERY	3 Storeyed Building, IX-1908, Plot No.-74, Gali No.-3, Kailash Nagar, Near Jain Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110031, Owner-Kamla Wati Devi Jain Area 75 Sq Yards (Sale shall be subject to outcome of SA No.-256-2019, titled Jain Co-op Bank Vs CBI pending at DRT-III, Delhi)	21.01.2019 Rs.266.65 Lakh + Other Charges Applicable deductions/ repayments	02.08.2019 08.75 Lacs ₹ 8.08 Lacs ₹ 0.85 Lacs	21.12.2019 (Physical Possession)
2.	SAHIBABAD GHAZIABAD	MR. CHHTRAPAL SINGH Mob: 8800013508	AYAN GARMENTS	Plot/Khasra No.295, Three and Half Storeyed Residential Building, Savitri Enclave, Mangal Bazar Road, Village Pavi Sadakpur, Pargana Loni, District Ghaziabad, U.P. Area 100 Sq.Yards. Owner: Mrs. Hasina Begum	01.10.2019 Rs.48.81 Lakh + Other Charges Applicable deductions/ repayments	21.12.2019 ₹ 21.60 Lacs ₹ 2.16 Lacs ₹ 0.22 Lacs	21.12.2019 (Physical Possession)
3.	SAHIBABAD GHAZIABAD	MR. CHHTRAPAL SINGH Mob: 8800013508	AYAN GARMENTS	Plot No.64, Khasra No. 295, Two Storeyed Residential Building, Savitri Enclave, Near Mangal Bazar Road, Village Pavi Sadakpur, Pargana Loni, District Ghaziabad, U.P. 201102, Area 50 Sq. Yards. Owner : Mrs. Noor Jahan Ansari	01.10.2019 Rs.48.81 Lakh + Other Charges Applicable deductions/ repayments	21.12.2019 ₹ 8.00 Lacs ₹ 0.80 Lacs ₹ 0.10 Lacs	21.12.2019 (Physical Possession)
4.	SAHIBABAD GHAZIABAD	MR. CHHTRAPAL SINGH Mob: 8800013508	USHA TYAGI	Flat No. J- 262 (Without Roof Right), Ground Floor, Sector 23, Sanjay Nagar, Ghaziabad 201001, Area 27.75 Sq. Meters. Owner Mrs. Usha Tyagi	01.10.2019 Rs.17.73 Lakh + Other Charges Applicable deductions/ repayments	10.09.2020 ₹ 11.00 Lacs ₹ 1.10 Lacs ₹ 0.11 Lacs	10.09.2020 (Physical Possession)

**E-Auction Date:** 24.12.2020, Time: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM with auto extension of 10 Minutes.  
**Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD and Documents (Online) on or Before:** 23.12.2020 Up to 4:00 P.M. Bidder will register on website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com> and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be Deposited In Global EMD wallet through NEFT/RTGS/transfer (after generation of challan from <https://www.mstcecommerce.com>). The Auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider "<https://www.mstcecommerce.com>".

E-auction will be held "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever is there is" basis. For detailed terms and conditions please refer to the link provided in [www.centralbankofindia.co.in](http://www.centralbankofindia.co.in) secured creditor or auction platform [<https://lbapi.in>] Helpline No. -033-22901004.

The borrower/ guarantors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

**DATE: 06.12.2020**  
**PLACE: DELHI**

Mr. K Gupta, Mob: 7428536228, Authorised Officer, CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, R.O. (North) Chandni Chowk, Delhi

**ANNA INFRASTRUCTURES LIMITED**  
 Regd. Office: Shop No. 1 & 3, E-146, First Floor,  
 Shanta Tower, Sanjay Place, Ghazi-282002  
 CIN-L65910UP1993PLC070612, Email ID:annainfra@gmail.com  
 Ph. No. 0562-2526650, Website: www.annainfrastructures.com

Notice is hereby given that 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held through video conferencing on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 1 PM onwards to transact ordinary business as per notice in the notice of 28<sup>th</sup> AGM dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020. The said notice along with proxy form, attendance slip and Annual Report together with Financial Statement have been dispatched to all Members at their registered address by prescribed mode and electronically to those Members who have e-mail address on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020. The same is available on the website of the Company mentioned above.

**BOOK CLOSURE:** Notice is further given that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 24-Dec-2020 to 30-Dec-2020 (both day inclusive) for the purpose of AGM.

#### E-VOTING

The details regarding the E-voting required by the Rules of the Companies Act, 2013 are given hereunder:

- Date of completion of Dispatch of Notice: 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020.
- Date & time of commencement of e-voting: 10:00 A.M. (IST) on Sunday, 27.12.2020.
- Date & time of end of e-voting: 5:00 P.M. (IST) on Tuesday, 29.12.2020.
- E-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 P.M. (IST) on Sunday, 29.12.2020 and any Form received thereafter would be strictly treated as if it has not been received.
- The Notice of Annual General Meeting along the Form and instructions for e-voting are also available on the website of CDSL [www.evotingindia.com](http://www.evotingindia.com) and on the website of the company [www.annainfrastructures.com](http://www.annainfrastructures.com). Shareholders who do not receive the Notice may download it from the abovementioned websites or may request for the copy of the same in writing to the Company Secretary at the abovementioned e-mail.
- For any grievances/queries/clarification(s) relating to voting by electronic means, shareholders are requested to contact Beetal Financial & Computer Services Private Limited, Share Register and Transfer Agent (RTA) at telephone No-011-29961281-84 or write RTA@beetal@beetalfinancial.com.

For and on behalf of Anna Infrastructures Limited

Sd/-

Date : 05/12/2020  
 Place : Agra  
 Kanchan Agarwal  
 (Company Secretary)

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 General Services Administration Division  
 PNB CIRCLE OFFICE,BSNL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING,BASTI

**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
 Punjab National Bank, Circle Office Basti invites e-Tender for Interior Furnishing and allied works of RAM Basti at ground floor of BSNL Telephone Exchange Building, Basti, UP  
 Estimated cost of the work is Rs. 24,00,000/-, EMD Rs. 48,000/- Tender Cost Rs. 5900/- (including GST).  
 Last date for re-encryption and bid submission is 16.12.2020upto 12:00 hrs.  
 For more details and corrigendum/clarification in respect of above said work visit our website <https://pnbindia.in> and <https://etender.pnbnet.in> Chief Manager

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**BRANCH OFFICE: ASHOKA HOTEL 50 B, CHANAKYAPURI, NEW DELHI-110021**  
**POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immoveable Property)**  
 Appendix -IV [See Rule - 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA**, Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi Branch, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated 19/08/2020, calling upon the **Borrowers:** MR. AMIT KUMAR S/O. GANGA PRASAD GUPTA AND GANGA PRASAD GUPTA, to repay the amount mentioned in notice being Rs.26,01,775.99 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Ninety Nine Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 on this day **03.12.2020**. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of **Central Bank of India**, Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi Branch, for an amount of Rs.26,01,775.99 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs One Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five and Paise Ninety Nine Only) and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section (13) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

#### DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY

Equitable Mortgage of all that part and parcel of Property No.1st & IIInd Floor with Roof Right, Bearing No.D-28, Out of Khasra No.15/12, situated in the area of Village Dabri, Colony known as Dabri Extension, New Delhi. Measuring 150 Sq.Yards.

**Plot Boundry:**  
 North: Road 15 ft. wide  
 East: Property No.D-27  
 West: Property No.D-29  
 Authorised Officer, Central Bank of India

**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Office of The Executive Engineer (Special Project) Rohini  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Sub-zonal Office Building  
 Sector 17, Rohini, Delhi

No. EE(SpPr)/RZ/TC/2020-21/04 Dated: 04.12.2020

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

North Delhi Municipal Corporation invites responses from eligible bidders for "Appointment of Independent Consultant (IC) to Independently Monitor the main work of Public Private Partnership Project in Collection, Transportation, Treatment and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in designated select Zones on a long-term Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis for Municipal Solid Waste".

Last date of Registration with IT

Department of North DMC : 22.12.2020 Upto 15:00 hours

Last date for downloading of tender document: 22.12.2020 Upto 17:00 hours

Pre-bid Meeting : 11.12.2020 at 15:00 hours

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## WELCOME MOVE

# US court orders full reinstatement of DACA to protect immigrants

The restoration of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy will help a large number of Indian migrants. As per reports, there are at least 630,000 Indians in the US who are undocumented

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Washington, December 5

**REVERSING THE DECISION** of the outgoing Trump administration, a federal court has ordered full reinstatement of an Obama-era programme that protects undocumented immigrants brought to the US as minors from deportation, a ruling that will help a large number of Indian migrants.

The Trump administration tried ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in 2017, but the US Supreme Court blocked its attempt in June.

On Friday, US district judge Nicholas Garaufis in the Eastern District of New York directed the department of homeland security to extend the two-year renewals to DACA recipients and start accepting applications from first-time applicants beginning Monday.

This means that the first time since September 2017, new applicants who were not previously eligible may now apply for the programme which shields undocumented immigrants who came to the US as children from deportation.

"The court believes that these additional remedies are reasonable. Indeed, the government has assured the court that a public notice along the lines described is forthcoming," Judge Garaufis said in his order.

The DACA is an immigration policy that allows some individuals with unlawful presence in

the US after being brought to the country as children to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and become eligible for a work permit in the US. DACA recipients are often referred to as Dreamers. To be eligible for the programme, recipients cannot have felonies or serious misdemeanours on their records.

Approximately 640,000 immigrants are enrolled in the DACA programme. According to a 2019 report by South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), there are at least 630,000 Indians who are undocumented, a 72% increase since 2010. There are currently at least 4,300 active South Asian DACA recipients. As of August 2018, there are approximately 2,550 active Indian DACA recipients. Only 13% of the overall 20,000 DACA eligible Indians have applied and received DACA, SAALT said.

There are 1,300 active Pakistani DACA recipients, 470 Bangladeshi recipients, 120 Sri Lankan recipients, and 60 Nepali recipients, it said. The Trump administration can now appeal to a federal appeals court or go to the Supreme Court for temporary relief from enforcement of the judge's order.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the court has upheld the Obama-era programme initiated under the presidency of Barack Obama, which respects American values and the will of the American people.



A file photo of a rally outside the US Supreme Court

AP

Republican-led Senate, notwithstanding the fact that a strong, bipartisan majority of Americans are demanding action, he said.

He urged the Trump Administration to accept first-time applications consistent with this decision. Pro-immigration and lobbying group FWD.us president Todd Schulte said the judge's ruling makes clear that Chad Wolf acted unlawfully when he tried to slash DACA months ago.

The Judge ruled that the DACA 2012 memo is the law of the land, and that three days from now, on Monday, DHS must be prepared to implement this, including accepting and processing new DACA applicants. Thousands of young people who should have been eligible for deportation protection and work authorisation have been waiting for over three years to access this life-changing programme and live with peace of mind in the country they call home. It is well past time for DHS to finally follow the repeated judicial orders and begin to accept these applications, Schulte said.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer described it as a "victory" for Dreamers, their families, and communities they contribute their talents to across the country. "However, I continue to believe we must solve the DACA crisis created by President Trump by enacting legislation to provide Dreamers with certainty they can remain here and pursue a pathway to citizenship," he said. Hoyer said that House Democrats passed the American Dream and Promise Act nearly 18 months ago, and it has languished in the

36,652 new cases take India's virus tally to 96,08,211

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, December 5

**INDIA'S COVID-19 CASELOAD** rose to 96.08 lakh with 36,652 new cases in a day, while 90,58,822 people have recuperated from the disease so far pushing the national recovery rate to 94.28 % on Saturday, according to the Union Health Ministry data. The total Coronavirus cases mounted to 96,08,211 and the death toll climbed to 1,39,700 with the Coronavirus claiming 512 lives in a span of 24 hours in the country, the data updated at 8 am showed. The Covid-19 case fatality rate was recorded at 1.45 %.

There are 4,09,689 active cases of Coronavirus infection in the country which comprises 4.26% of the total caseload, the data stated. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), a cumulative total of 14,58,85,512 samples

have been tested up to December 4 with 11,57,763 samples being tested on Friday. India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23 and 40 lakh on September 5. It went past 50 lakh on September 16, 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11 and crossed 80 lakh on October 29 and 90 lakh on November 20. The 512 new fatalities include 127 from Maharashtra, 73 from Delhi, 52 from West Bengal, 29 each from Uttar Pradesh and Kerala, 20 from Punjab, 19 from Haryana, 15 from Chhattisgarh and 13 from Karnataka.

A total of 1,39,700 deaths have been reported so far in the country including 47,599 from Maharashtra followed by 11,834 from Karnataka, 11,762 from Tamil Nadu, 9,497 from Delhi, 8,628 from West Bengal, and so on.

Moscow starts mass Covid-19 vaccination with its Sputnik V shot



Vial labelled Covid-19 vaccine over dry ice

REUTERS

REUTERS  
Moscow, December 5

**MOSCOW BEGAN DISTRIBUTING** the Sputnik V Covid-19 shot via 70 clinics on Saturday, marking Russia's first mass vaccination against the disease, the city's Coronavirus task force said.

The task force said the Russian-made vaccine would first be made available to doctors and other medical workers, teachers and social workers because they ran the highest risk of exposure to the disease.

"You are working at an educational institution and have top-priority for the Covid-19 vaccine, free of charge," read a phone text message received by one Muscovite, an elementary school teacher, early on Saturday and seen by Reuters.

Moscow, the epicentre of

Russia's coronavirus outbreak, registered 7,993 new cases overnight, up from 6,868 a day before and well above the daily

tallies of around 700 seen in early September.

"Over the first five hours, 5,000 people signed up for the jab - teachers, doctors, social workers, those who are today risking their health and lives the most," Mayor Sergei Sobyanin wrote on his personal website on Friday.

Moscow closed down all public places including parks and cafes, with exception for delivery, in late March, with police patrolling the streets looking for those violating the rules. Restrictions were eased from mid-June, however.

Russia as a whole reported 28,782 new infections on Saturday, its highest daily tally, pushing the national total to 2,431,731, the fourth-highest in the world.

In October, certain restrictions such as remote learning for some secondary school children and a 30% limit on the number of workers allowed in offices were introduced again.

## Decoded: How airflow inside car may affect virus transmission

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Boston, December 5

**USING COMPUTER SIMULATIONS**, scientists have analysed the airflow patterns inside a car's passenger cabin, shedding light on the potential ways to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission while sharing rides with others. The study, published in the journal Science Advances, assessed the airflow inside a compact car with various combinations of windows open or closed.

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