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India developing seven more Covid vaccines: Minister

UNION HEALTH minister Harsh Vardhan on Saturday said the country is developing seven more Covid-19 vaccines and also working on further vaccine development to inoculate every citizen of India, reports PTI. He said the Centre does not have any immediate plan to make the vaccines available in the open market and a decision will be taken as the situation demands. Three vaccines are in trial phase, two in pre-clinical stage, one is in phase 1 and another in phase 2, he said.

H-1B visa process for 2022 to begin on Mar 9, results by Mar 31

THE REGISTRATION process for the H-1B visa application for the next fiscal year will begin on March 1 and the successful applicants through a computerised draw of lots would be notified by March 31, a federal agency has said, reports PTI. The notification by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services on Friday came a day after the Biden administration announced that it will continue with the traditional lottery system to issue the work visa to foreign professionals.

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■ The department of telecommunications may allow operators to use existing spectrum bands to provide 5G services

■ 5G speeds require large amounts of spectrum which would not be possible by optimising the existing bands of 4G spectrum

■ For real 5G speeds, operators need spectrum in the 3.5 Ghz band, which the government is not putting up for auctions planned in March



2G, 3G and 4G. To provide services under these technologies, different networks have to be created but in case of 5G services, a different layer of network is not required.

Through dynamic spectrum sharing the same spectrum can be used to provide 4G as well as 5G services.

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**FARMERS' PROTEST**

## Chakka jam mainly in Punjab, Haryana; no violent incident

- Police on alert, farm leaders fan out to keep peace in 3-hr highway blockade

RAKHI JAGGA &  
VARINDER BHATIA  
Ludhiana/Chandigarh, Feb 6

FOR THREE HOURS, from 12 noon to 3 pm, farmers protesting against the Centre's new farm laws blocked several roads including national and state highways mainly across

Punjab and Haryana Saturday on the call for a nationwide chakka jam.

This disrupted traffic on several highways even as farmer unions took steps to ensure that there was no repeat of the Republic Day violence when a section of the protests had spiralled out of control.

On most stretches, traffic resumed after 3.30 pm; ambulances and essential service vehicles were allowed to pass through; several leaders criss-crossed the state and underlined to protesters the need to keep the peace; the blockade wasn't allowed to extend beyond the stipulated 3 pm. The government, too, was

on alert. Right through the day, all district police chiefs were in the field. Ahead of the chakka jam, the Centre, on February 5 midnight, snapped Internet services at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur, all the three sit-in protest sites until 11.59 pm February 6.

An order issued by ministry of home affairs said it was being done "in the interest of maintaining public safety and averting public emergency".

After the January 26 violence, the Centre had suspended internet in these areas through a series of orders first between January 26 and January 27, and then between January 29 and February 2.

Clearly, the shadow of January 26 hung over the protests on Saturday. Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Vicky Jainpuri of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC), whose members veered off the designated route on R-Day, said: "We told our youngsters, 'you have already seen the consequences of the RedFort incident. No one should misbehave again.' Peace is our strength."

Buta Singh Burjill, president of BKU (Dakunda), one of the key protesting unions, said that he and his senior vice-president Manjit Dhaner repeatedly underlined this caution.

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**HACKERS AT WORK**

## Data of armymen using Airtel in J&K allegedly leaked

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New Delhi, February 6

A HACKER GROUP has allegedly leaked data of Army personnel using Bharti Airtel network in Jammu and Kashmir, however, the company has denied any breach in its system.

The group, with the name of Red Rabbit Team, hacked some Indian websites and posted the data on the web pages of those portals.

The hackers shared some links of those web pages on Twitter in a comment over a tweet of cyber security researcher Rajshekhar Rajaharia and tagged several media organisations.

The query sent to the Indian Army did not elicit any reply but an Army official said "We are not aware of any such information but it appears to be malicious intent of some inimical elements".

When contacted, Bharti Airtel spokesperson denied any breach of its server.

**In the dark**

The hackers posted the leaked data on the web pages of those portals and shared some links of those web pages on Twitter

The links shared by the hacker were initially accessible with mobile number, name and address of subscribers but stopped working after sometime

Airtel says multiple stakeholders have access to some data as per regulatory requirements

"We can confirm there is no hack or breach of any Airtel system as claimed by this group. Multiple stakeholders outside of Airtel have access to some data as per regulatory requirements."

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## No effect of political tension on Indian smartphone choices

- Chinese smartphone vendors persist, share likely to rise in 2021

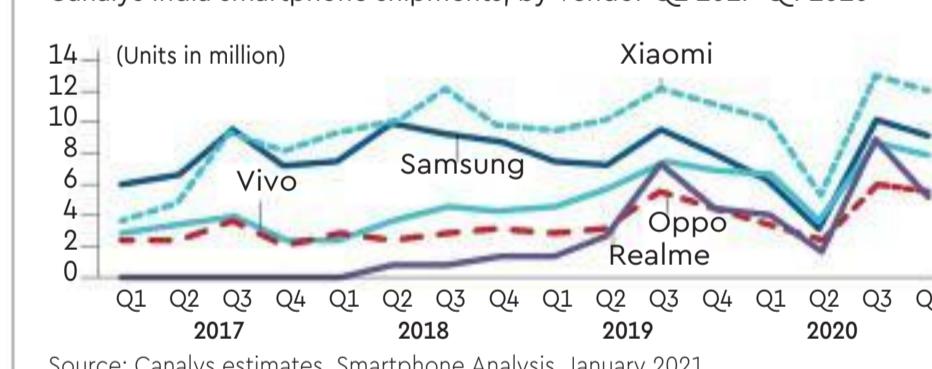
RISHI RANJAN KALA  
New Delhi, February 6

THE ONGOING BORDER tensions and the anti-China sentiment in India have failed to check the dominance of Chinese handset makers, who controlled a whopping 77% of the total 14.5 million smartphones shipped during the last calendar year. Analysts expect that as India prepares for 5G, these brands are expected to increase their influence in the domestic market in 2021.

"Political headwinds between China and India are having little to no impact on the momentum vendors like Xiaomi, Oppo and Vivo gathered in 2020. Chinese

**Chinese vendors collectively shipped 77% of smartphones in India in 2020**

Canalys India smartphone shipments, by vendor Q1 2017-Q4 2020



vendors collectively contributed to about 77% of total shipments in 2020, against 72% in 2019, with the share likely to continue moving north as the nation prepares for the onset of 5G,"

Canalys Research analyst Varun Kannan said.

During Q4 2020, Xiaomi shipped 12 million units consolidating its lead with 27% market share followed by Samsung with 9.2 million shipments and a market share of 21%. Vivo remained third shipping 7.7 million smartphones, while Oppo moved up the ranks to fourth place with 5.5

million units. Realme came in fifth, shipping 5.1 million units, Canalys said.

"The last power shuffle in India, from Samsung to Xiaomi, occurred when the country made its arduous journey from 3G to 4G. As the nation stands on the brink of a mass-market movement to 5G, Chinese vendors will be ready to capitalise on the shift. All-in-all, the outlook for 2021 will be better than just the nation recovering from Covid-19," Kannan added.

Overall, the smartphone market finished 2020 with nearly 145 million units compared to 148 million units in 2019, marking the world's second-largest smartphone market's first full year decline in history. However, following a record high quarter in Q3 2020 driven by strong sell-in preparation of holiday promotions, shipments in India during Q4 2020 stood at 43.9 million units, a healthy growth of 13% over Q4 2019, Canalys said.

Canalys research director Rushabh Doshi said, "Along with the ongoing execution of the PLI (production linked incentives) scheme, the looming 5G rollout, as well as new players' entries, we expect a faster recovery for the entire industry in 2021. The pandemic underlined the need for connectivity, with smartphones at the centre of people's lives and livelihoods."

On the whole, the market is now poised to adopt newer technology faster than it did before, be it 5G, rollable displays or even connected technology like hearables or wearables.

## What's in a logo? Cautious brands on the backfoot and social media fodder

- As incidents of outrage grow, brands doing complete due diligence to rule out negative perceptions

REYA MEHROTRA  
New Delhi, February 6

THE WORLD WAS thriving with Adam's virtue until Eve untipt his blindfold. And then, he could not unsee what he saw. When the

world opened its eyes to Mynta's logo — the letter M written with overlapping shades of pink and orange — after a complaint of it being suggestive, it was no longer representative of the brand but a woman's legs (as suggested in the complaint filed in December 2020 with the Mumbai cyber police by Naaz Patel from Mumbai-based Avesta Foundation NGO). The brand acted quickly by promising a revised logo in the coming days.

But William Shakespeare would agree that if we asked today "what's in a logo?", it would mean much more than just the identity and essence of the brand, and would include a well-thought-out exercise to

**Laud and applaud**

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rule out any possible objectionable design.

A reality that Harish Bijoor, brand-strategy specialist & founder, Harish Bijoor Consultants Inc, a brand and business strategy consulting firm, confirms. He says they run ink-blot

checks on logos even before allowing roll-outs, "There is activism all around, and people are looking for the smallest reason to rile and ridicule. In such an environment it is prudent to do negativity checks on logos before they are put out."

Bijoor says brands usually go through checks before rolling out campaigns or communications and even brand ambassadors before they are signed on for brands. He adds that the need for a review mechanism for brands has

given bigger business opportunities to firms like his. "This is a new revenue stream that has opened up over the last couple of years for companies such as mine. We call it brand due-diligence practice. The idea is to get a neutral viewpoint that

vets these items from political, social, economic, religious and environmental viewpoints."

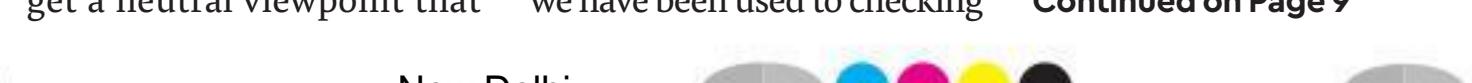
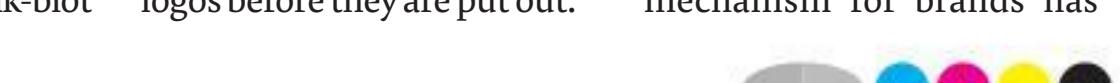
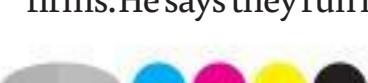
In the hyper social media-digital era, when minutiae fails become the subject of trolls, brand specialists say a review mechanism is a must to protect the brand's identity and image. Ambi Parmeswaran, brand strategist and coach and founder of Brand-Building, a brand consulting platform, says, "In this day and age you don't want anyone to get upset with your brand, its symbol or its logo. This does not mean you retreat into simplistic approach to branding. It just means you have to be extra careful. In India we have been used to checking

and rechecking brand names, symbols and logos in all the Indian languages. Now we need to add a few more filters to the process of approval. Better to be proactive about it than wait for a court case or a Twitter storm."

Parmeswaran calls Mynta's move a "sensible thing". "The brand saw this getting escalated into a court case and decided to do a quick retreat," he says.

Karthik Nagarajan, chief content officer, Wavemaker India, a Mumbai-based media agency, says this will usher in an era of caution for brands and lead to rise in brand consultancy firms.

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New Delhi



# Opinion

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**BUDGET 2021-22 WAS** an opportunity to bridge the differences between the Government and the Opposition. It was also an opportunity to make amends to sections that felt wronged by the policies, actions and inactions of the government such as the abjectly poor classes, farmers, migrant workers, the MSME sector, the middle class and the unemployed. The most deserving were left to their fate. Since I had no expectations, I have no disappointment, but millions of others feel cheated.

The Budget has aggravated the divide between the very rich and all others.

**Budget is contextual**

There is a rule in Tamil grammar: Place, Subject and Opportunity are wasted like a lamp in the hands of a person without sight. It means that actors and actions must be judged by the place, subject and opportunity (time). It is the context that determines the merit of a decision. The Finance Minister was presenting Budget 2021-22 under extraordinary circumstances characterised by:

- two years of declining growth rate (from 8% to 4%) in 2018-19 and 2019-20;
- one year of recession beginning on April 1, 2021;
- massive disruption in the lives of everyone, especially the poor who constitute, on average, 30% of every village, panchayat, town and city;
- millions pushed below the poverty line and burdened with mounting debt;
- millions who had lost their jobs or livelihoods;
- 64.7 million who dropped out of the labour force; of them 22.6% were women;
- 28 million actively looking for a job; and
- an estimated 35% of MSMEs that have closed down permanently.

Apart from the above economic factors, there are two other hard facts: (1) China's illegal occupation of land belonging to India threatens national security and (2) huge investments need to be made to augment health infrastructure.

**Failed on all but one**

It was in this context that I had listed two "non-negotiables" and a "10-point wish list" (see *'No expectations, no disappointment'*, *The Indian Express*, January 31, 2021). After examining the Budget documents and reading the FM's speech, my score card reads as follows:

Non-negotiables: 0/2

Wish list: 1/10

The only point on which the Budget gets a 'Pass' is 'increase (in) the government's capital expenditure' (subject to deeper scrutiny).

The Budget failed the Armed Forces of the country. The FM did not utter the word 'Defence' in her 1-hour-45-minute speech, which was unprecedented. The allocation for Defence in 2021-22 was ₹ 347,088 crore as against RE of ₹ 343,822 crore in the current year — an increase of just ₹ 3,266 crore. Allowing for inflation, the allocation is *lower* in the next year.

On health, the FM was too clever by half. She proudly announced that the allocation was being increased by 13.7% from ₹ 94,452 crore to ₹ 223,846 crore in the next year! The bluff was

## ACROSS THE AISLE

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## FIFTH COLUMN

TAYLEEN SINGH



# A calculating head but no heart



Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches 'Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar Scheme' in Guwahati

## An insane conspiracy theory

**AS CONSPIRACY THEORIES** go, this one takes the biscuit. We are to believe that Rihanna, Greta Thunberg and sundry other international celebrities are in league with Khalistani groups in a plot to destroy Indian democracy. If this theory were being spread by some lunatic, Hindutva fringe group, it would not find mention in this space. Sadly, it is being spread by senior officials in the Government of India and by BJP spokesmen. The Delhi Police, controlled by the Home Ministry, are so convinced of the truth of this bizarre theory that by the end of last week a case was registered against 'unknown people'. It was based on a 'toolkit' for destroying India that was supposedly downloaded from the website of the teenage climate activist. The charges and the conspiracy are both absurd and hilarious, but they are being taken seriously in the most exalted corridors of the Government of India.

Sororously that the first response to Rihanna's tweet supporting the farmers' protest came from the Ministry of External Affairs. If she had been the president or prime minister of a major country this response would be appropriate. She is just a pop star. Was there any need to respond at all? The Government of India was so rattled by Rihanna's tweet in support for the farmers that within hours the Home Minister had also leapt into the fray along with dazzling celebrities from Bollywood and the sports world like Sachin Tendulkar and Lata Mangeshkar. Kangana Ranaut, who flaunts her 'bhakti' for Modi on her sleeve, spat out such venomous tweets in response to Rihanna that some had to be taken down.

To tell you the truth, my first response to this conspiracy theory was to laugh. Then I remembered that one of the things that I hear most on social media is that the reason why Narendra Modi is so beloved by his 'bhakts' is because they believe that he has helped them to feel 'proud of being Indian'. When I first started to see comments of this kind on my Twitter timeline, I dismissed them as the ranting of goofs. One of the great achievements of the past 70 years is that Indians have learned to think of themselves as Indian and take pride in this. In those early years of our journey as a modern nation state this was not true.

In the first two decades of Independence political commentators routinely speculated about the breakup of India. Through the Eighties and Nineties there were secessionist movements in Kashmir and Punjab and in states on our northeastern border. By the time Modi became prime minister there was only one serious secessionist threat left, and that was in the for-

mer state of Jammu & Kashmir. This is why the abrogation of Article 370, with near unanimity in Parliament, had popular support. It had support in Ladakh and Jammu and perhaps even in the Kashmir Valley where ordinary people have suffered too long because of those who have been fighting violently for 'azadi'. Many ordinary Kashmiris stopped supporting secessionist groups when an Islamic state in the Valley became their goal.

The point is that most Indians are proud of being Indian. So where have these Indians come from whose pride in being Indian has only developed after Modi became prime minister? They have come from the aggressive Hindutva that is today called 'nationalism'. Its tenets are clear. Believers must detest Muslims and Pakistan. They must worship the Mother Cow and they must despise anyone who dares to criticise Modi or his policies. This is what passes for nationalism today and this is why those who dare protest against a new law or policy are immediately labelled anti-national.

The problem with the farmers' agitation is that this labelling did not work. The farmers quickly made clear that it was their sons and brothers who were defending India's borders. When the labelling strategy fell apart, it was as if the government of India lapsed into a period of confusion. It was during this period that the media was dragged into supporting the government. Private news channels, some more servile than Doordarshan, continue to spread the word that the government has been flexible and the farmers obdurate. The chaos in Delhi on Republic Day they blame on the farmers, not on a failure of law enforcement. In the immediate wake of January 26 came signs of a crackdown on the Ghazipur border. Rakesh Tikait won that round. So instead of a crackdown what we see today is a strategy to barricade Delhi by fortifying its borders with trenches, razor wire and giant iron spikes that could rip the tires off tractors.

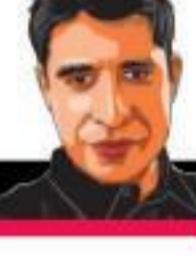
It is these barricades that have drawn international support for the farmers. Most people find it hard to understand why unarmed farmers should be treated as if they were enemy troops waiting to attack India. It is his mishandling of the farmers' agitation that has damaged Narendra Modi's carefully cultivated image as a world statesman. And it is because of this that even the tweet of a pop star has so rattled the confidence of the mighty Government of India that it is now spreading insane conspiracy theories. Instead of trying to shut down foreign voices it would be better for the Prime Minister to concentrate his energies on trying to win back the trust of our farmers.

# Money talks

**Saudi Arabia has unleashed a soft-power blitzkrieg. Can golf change its perception on the global stage?**

## OVER THE TOP

Meraj Shah



**SCOFF ALL YOU** want, you armchair bleeding hearts, but your displeasure is unlikely to have had any bearing on your favourite European- and PGA Tour players' decisions to tee it up at the ongoing Saudi International. And they're all there, with two notable exceptions — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy — who've taken the moral high ground, and held it, steadfastly. But besides Messrs. Woods and McIlroy, the entire legion of superheroes has descended on the sands of the Al Murooj GC in the kingdom to, well, not save the world, it has to be said, but fight for the spoils. There's a total of \$3.5 million up for grabs with the winner taking a lion's share of half a million — enough to shake any man's conscience — pro golfer or not. And we're not even talking appearance money here.

While I am gushing, let me also say that this peculiar habit of ours to put golfing heroes on a pedestal and expect nothing but the finest moral and social code of con-

duct from them is our own folly. Yes I know it's golf, and surely the people who play the game for a living ought to espouse its deepest traditions of honesty and honour, but please let's just stop doing that. We nearly destroyed Tiger with our despair at what were, essentially, personal transgressions. Now why would we hope for pros to shun lure to show solidarity with universal values of human rights. If Saudi Arabia has chosen to launder its sullied reputation on those fronts by promoting golf, then why should the players take a stand? They're just really good athletes, not messiahs, and their job is to play golf and make money. To expect more from them is just silly.

Unfortunately, English Paul Casey, doesn't fall into that category. The Englishman has been receiving a great deal of well-deserved flak for teeing it up this week. The reasons he's been singled out are very pertinent: Casey is a UNICEF ambassador, and made striking statements of solidarity with children affected by the war in Yemen by refusing to participate in the inaugural edition of the event in 2019. At the time Saudi Arabia was carrying out a devastating bombing campaign in Yemen, which had turned the poor country into "the world's worst humanitarian disaster," according to the UN. "Signing a deal and being paid to be



UNICEF Ambassador Paul Casey teeing off at the European Tour's 2021 Saudi International

down there... I would be a hypocrite if I did that," Casey had said at the time. "Anyone who says sport isn't political, that's rubbish. Sport is very political. I'm glad I took a stance, more so if it highlighted the issues

within the region, especially next door in Yemen."

Unlike a number of players who declined the invitation diplomatically by citing previous engagements or just mak-

ing excuses, Casey's plain-speak, was an astonishing indictment of Saudi Arabia's woeful human rights record, by a pro golfer, and also, what makes his voice face this year, even harder to accept. In his defence, Casey has said that golfers, or any sports stars, who publicly stay away from Saudi Arabia are only serving to harden the resolve of the authorities there not to stop their human rights abuses. It's a better idea, heavers, to engage with the Saudis. "Things are not black and white. It's very much a grey area. There's not a country on the planet that meets every single rights of a child, not a single country on the planet. And so you can hope for is that a country is on a path towards meeting as many of those as possible," he says. I hope Casey says no more on the topic because he gets plugged deeper in this bunker every time he does. For a UNICEF Ambassador to compare Saudi Arabia with any other country, especially in light of all the children who've died in the kingdom's bombings of Yemen, is to put it mildly, quite dreadful.

Still, it's a much better alibi, than the whole sports and politics don't mix nonsense that's bandied about. For the record, Yemen is still being bombed, and I don't really see Casey's potential diplomatic initiatives changing on that front. Far more likely that he'll be carrying on with a much more formidable foe — his putter.

Amnesty International has realised that asking sports and entertainment icons not to go to Saudi Ara-

bia is a losing battle, given the often astronomical sums of money at stake. Now the organisation urges those who're visiting to speak out when they're there. But there's just no way that the very presence of these stars in the country will speak louder, and drown out any critical voices.

Meanwhile, Golf Saudi is on overdrive; besides the Saudi International, the national golf association has got Aramco, the state-owned oil-producer to sponsor a four-tournament leg on the Ladies European Tour (LET), with the finale being held in the Kingdom. Each tournament carries a one million dollar purse: money the LET can scarcely afford to refuse. Saudi Golf also started a 'free golf for women' initiative late last year in which a 1000 ladies were given equipment, instruction and access to the game. Incredulous but true.

Perhaps I'm wrong about all of this or the kingdom is truly reforming and opening up to the world and embracing liberal values. Perhaps golf will change the perception of Saudi Arabia on the global stage. Surely the ladies in the programme can play without a male escort? What about if they want to take a caddy who's male? Not sure about that, but they can, after that startlingly liberal reform, at least, drive themselves to the course.

A golfer, Meraj Shah also writes about the game

# PNB to raise ₹3,200 cr from share sale this qtr

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STATE-OWNED PUNJAB National Bank (PNB) on Saturday said it planned to raise ₹3,200 crore from share sale during the current quarter to enhance its capital base.

The bank has raised ₹3,788.04 crore from qualified institutional placement in December following which the government holding in the bank came down from 85.59% to 76.87%

PNB has raised ₹3,788.04 crore from qualified institutional placement (QIP) in December following which the government holding in the bank came down from 85.59% to 76.87%. The bank had taken approval for raising ₹14,000 crore through a mix of equity and debt. According to the plan, the bank decided to raise ₹3,000 crore from AT-1 bonds, ₹4,000 crore from Tier II bonds and ₹7,000 crore from QIP.

"We have already taken ₹4,000 crore from Tier-II and ₹3,788 crore we have taken through QIP as at the end of December. In the month of Jan-

adequacy ratio is sufficient to take care of not only the requirement in March 2021 but also during the next financial year.

Besides, Rao said, the bank has sold some of the non-core assets, including sale of its holding in UTI Mutual Fund.

Going forward, he said, the bank expected to mobilise ₹500 crore from sale of real assets by June 2021. PNB on Friday reported a standalone net profit of ₹506.03 crore for the December quarter on the back of a reduction in bad assets.

It had posted a net loss of ₹492.28 crore in the year-ago period. Total income in the quarter under review rose to ₹23,298.53 crore, against ₹15,967.49 crore earlier. On the outlook, Rao said, the bank expected to close the current financial year with annual profit of ₹2,000 crore.

## BHEL reports ₹217-cr loss in December qtr

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STATE-RUN ENGINEERING firm BHEL on Saturday reported a consolidated net loss of ₹217.86 crore for the October-December quarter due to lower revenues.

The consolidated net profit of the firm was ₹161.81 crore in

the quarter ended on December 31, 2019, a BSE filing stated. Total income of the company dipped to ₹4,532.39 crore in the quarter from ₹5,827.74 crore in the same period a year ago. About the impact of pandemic, the company said, "During the quarter, the group operations recovered as compared to

Q2/20-21 (second quarter this fiscal), but pre-Covid level of operations are yet to be achieved.

"Based on its assessment of business/economic conditions as on date, the company expects to recover the carrying value of its assets."

## 'With \$590-bn forex reserves in its kitty, India is net creditor'

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Hyderabad, February 6



MoS Anurag Thakur said India's forex reserves are up by \$119 billion over the previous year, while the external debt is \$554 billion

told reporters in a press conference.

On the recent Union Budget, Thakur said except the opposition parties, all sections of people had appreciated it. Thakur said the Budget estimates for the current fiscal year was ₹30.42 lakh crore, while it was increased by over ₹ 4 lakh crore to ₹34.50 lakh crore for the next fiscal year. He hoped that India would become a \$5-trillion economy in the next four or five years.

Describing the Budget as a "transparent one", the minister explained the salient features of it. On the disinvestment proposal of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam (RINL), which owns steel plant in Visakhapatnam, Thakur said the Centre would decide on divesting stakes of public sector enterprises from time to time, based on Niti Aayog's recommendations.

He said many companies have grown post-disinvestment and the Centre would try to talk to the RINL stakeholders.

And in the month of January the total collection was close to ₹1.20 lakh crore," he

## JK Cement Q3 net profit up 74.8% to ₹217.28 cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, February 6

JK CEMENT ON Saturday reported an increase of 74.82% in its consolidated net profit to ₹217.28 crore for the third quarter ended December 2020.

The company had posted a profit of ₹124.29 crore in the October-December period a year ago, JK Cement said in a regulatory filing.

Q3 of FY 2019-20. Meanwhile, the company also said its board in its meeting held on Saturday approved setting up of an integrated greenfield grey cement plant of four million tonnes per annum by its wholly-owned subsidiary Jaykaycem (Central) at Panna, Madhya Pradesh.

With a split grinding unit in Uttar Pradesh, the project has an estimated cost outlay of ₹2,970 crore.

## Finmin permits 4 states to borrow addl ₹5,034 cr

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, February 6

THE FINANCE MINISTRY has granted permission to four states of Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab to borrow an additional ₹5,034 crore for undertaking ease of doing business reforms.

In a statement, the ministry said these four states have also undertaken ease of doing business reforms stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

"Thus, these states have become eligible to mobilise additional financial resources and have been granted permission to

raise additional ₹5,034 crore through Open Market Borrowings," it said. With this, 12 states, including Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana, have undertaken the stipulated reforms to facilitate ease of doing business.

On completion of reforms

facilitating ease of doing business, these 12 states have been granted additional borrowing permission of ₹28,183 crore, the statement added.

In view of the resource requirement to meet the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Centre had in May last year enhanced the borrowing limit of the

states by 2% of their GSDP. Half of this special dispensation was linked to undertaking citizen centric reforms by the states. The four citizen-centric areas for reforms were implementation of One Nation One Ration Card System, ease of doing business, urban local body/utility reforms and power sector reforms.

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Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	3 Months Ended 31.12.2020		Corresponding 3 Months Ended 31.12.2019		9 Months Ended 31.12.2020		Corresponding 9 Months Ended 31.12.2019		₹ In Crore
		(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
1	Income from Operations	4203.04	5457.77	9543.13	15897.05	4203.04	5459.24	9543.92	15900.49	
a	Sales/Income from Operations	224.32	221.58	594.30	539.70	224.32	221.58	594.30	539.71	
b	Other Operating Income	4451.36	5679.35	10137.43	16436.75	4451.36	5680.82	10138.22	16440.20	
Total Revenue from Operations	(292.88)	226.30	(2226.68)	46.84	(298.01)	219.38	(2240.95)	26.88		
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	(292.88)	226.30	(2226.68)	46.84	(279.75)	229.29	(2205.95)	49.52	
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items & share of net profit/(loss) of joint ventures in consolidated results)	(230.99)	158.82	(1684.26)	61.15	(217.86)	161.81	(1663.39)	63.83	
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(249.24)	124.17	(1739.01)	(42.80)	(236.11)	127.17	(1718.14)	(40.10)	
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	696.41	696.41	696.41	696.41	696.41	696.41	696.41	696.41	
6	Paid-up Equity share Capital (Face Value Rs. 2 per share)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	Other Equity	(0.66)	0.46	(4.84)	0.18	(0.63)	0.46	(4.78)	0.18	
8	Basic & Diluted Earnings Per Share.									

**Notes:**

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- During the quarter, the Group operations recovered as compared to Q2/20-21, but pre-covid level of operations are yet to be achieved. Based on its assessment of business/economic conditions as on date, the Company expects to recover the carrying value of its assets. The Company will continue to evaluate the pandemic related uncertainty with respect to the future economic conditions and update its assessment.

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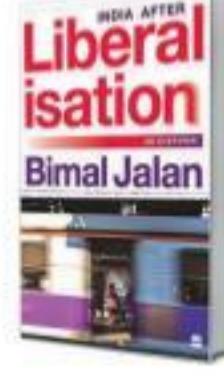
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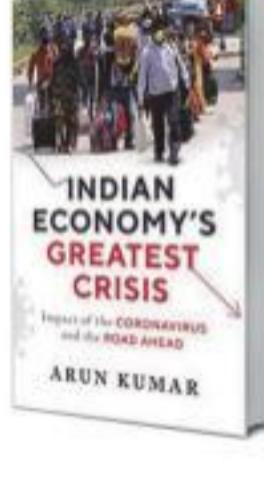
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INDIA AFTER LIBERALISATION  
Bimal Jalan  
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Pp240, ₹499

## The road to recovery

A comprehensive and lucid book focuses on the crisis our economy is facing and the turmoil it is to pass through in the near future



**Indian Economy's Greatest Crisis**

Arun Kumar  
Penguin Random House  
Pp xiv + 282, ₹499



A file photo of migrant workers and their families walking to their home states during the lockdown in Delhi

ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR,  
OUR RECOVERY  
WILL BE A SHALLOW  
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tion. These are familiar criticisms though not convincingly substantiated.

Kumar betrays certain biases while criticising the policies of the government. The handling of mass labour migration has indeed exhibited inadequacies of planning at the administrative levels, especially in the initial few days. But comments like "for policy-makers, the poor don't count" or that migrants were coerced to return to cities indicate an inappropriate understanding of how a democratic government functions.

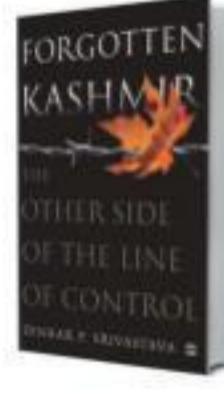
The author notices a clear divide between the roles of the public sector and of the private that this crisis seems to have brought to focus.

Sectoral analysis of our economy throws important light for the readers to comprehend what has gone wrong and what needs to be done in the context of the new normal. His fear that "the growing inequality and unemployment is likely to lead to an increase in social and political instability and also crime" is also widely shared.

The chapter *What Should the Government Do?* may not contain original ideas, but many of the recommendations would be of value to the budget-makers. Though Kumar has been a votary of "wealth tax" for decades, he feels this is not the right time to go for it. He underscores the enormous difficulties faced in order to finance "such a huge deficit, 41% of the GDP", and suggests various measures like drastically cutting expenditure, hugely increasing borrowing and, as a last resort, monetisation of the deficit. "The RBI will have to lend to the government to cover the shortfall in resources in the budget, by buying the government bonds."

His disappointment with the lockdown as "brutal but half-baked" and comparing our initiatives with China's where both lives and livelihoods could be preserved may not be fully justified, but can perhaps be understood in the light of his own understanding of government policies and actions so far. Nevertheless, the work is comprehensive, internally consistent, and lucid. It pleads for more of state action in order to bring the economy back on rails, keeping the concerns of the disadvantaged in mind.

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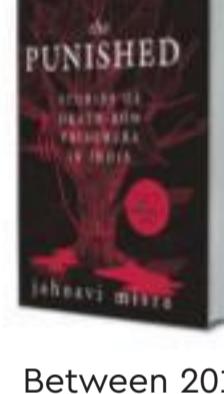
**FORGOTTEN KASHMIR**  
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*Forgotten Kashmir* examines the evolution of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) over the past seven decades. It includes major milestones like the 'tribal' invasion in 1947-48, the Sudan revolt in the 1950s, the Ayub era, the Simla Agreement, the adoption of the 'Interim Constitution of 1974' and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). It is analyses the events against the background of developments in Pakistan's polity.



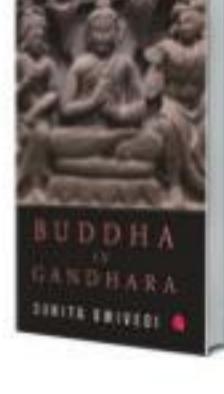
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*The Shudras: Vision for a New Path* weaves together multiple dimensions of the predicament of India's productive castes—in the spiritual, social, political, economic, philosophical and historical spheres. It reformulates their current position as well as future pathways. It strives to provoke Shudras—including regional political party leaders—all over India to realise their unique historical role.



**THE PUNISHED: STORIES OF DEATH-ROW PRISONERS IN INDIA**  
Jahnavi Misra  
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Between 2013 and 2016, Project 39A, a research and litigation centre based out of National Law University, Delhi, conducted interviews with death-row prisoners and their families for the Death Penalty India Report, 2016. Based on these interviews, here are 19 of those stories, written by Jahnavi Misra. *The Punished* takes us on a journey into the lives and minds of these men and women.



**BUDDHA IN GANDHARA**  
Sunita Dwivedi  
Rupa  
Pp336, ₹795

that span the three sections of the novel illustrate the struggles that unfold "when there is a gap between what we are and what we aspire to be, before our mask can become our face." We get a glimpse into the state of mind of the shudra leader as he reminisces about his days as a cowherd, the life in his village, his mad phase, his relationship with singer and dancer Gowri Deshpande and his caste humiliation at college, his adoration of his mentor Annaji, his observation of the ways of a hermit, his torture in Warangal jail, his short fling with Lucia, "who shed him of inhibitions and showed him that every bend and nook of the body could come alive", and his loveless marriage with Sita, whom he beats, and his equation with their daughter.

Though the novel flits between the past and the present, village and cities (Bangalore, Delhi, Warangal), its terrain remains Krishnappa's mind. As he embarks on the remembrance of things past, Krishnappa lets us in on the social and political developments of the state that are inevitably wound up with the country's—the Prime Minister is trying to be a dictator and Krishnappa's followers see him as someone with the moral and political capital to stop the national party from going down that path.

A novel of ideas, *Avasthe*'s central preoccupation is whether Krishnappa, an idealist, can continue to cling to his ideals in the dirt and grime of politics marked by rampant corruption and erosion of moral values? At several points in the novel, as he grapples with his conscience, Krishnappa is assailed by philosophical questions: Did something mystical enter his life? Is such a belief necessary in order to transcend the banality of the present? One of the things his mentor, Maheshwaraya, who appears in his life whenever Krishnappa is in difficulty, teaches him in this: "Be in the world, not of the world." We get to know that while Krishnappa is in the world, he is also of the world. "When corruption is so ingrained in human nature, isn't it absurd to look for absolute purity in daily life?" he ruminates as he stares at the several "dichotomies" in him and how they came to be.

That the novel has uncanny parallels with the present will be stating the obvious. Ananthamurthy's characters, even those on the fringes of the narrative, are well-rounded, endowed with flesh and blood, and memorable. He is a stylist and his prose sparkles with originality, a deep understanding of the subtleties of human emotions, and the ambiguities of power and powerlessness. Although at several places, the translation seems a bit underwhelming, incongruous and flat, it does little to take away the joy of reading a novel that has the power to speak to several generations.

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## Something for the young

From Rudyard Kipling and O Henry to RK Narayan and Munshi Premchand, two volumes filled with some of the greatest stories ever written for younger and older children



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**A** BEAR WHO loves honey, a mischievous little bunny, a mean giant who turns nice, nimble deer and mice, a magical man who helps, genies and elves, friends who've got your back, clucks and quacks, a throne with secret powers, a pot that cooks for hours, eggs of gold, courtiers bold, a tail on fire, a really bad liar, wishing trees and, of course, princesses and peas... These are only a few of the things children can read about in *100 Greatest Stories For Young Children*, a collection of favourite stories, which has tales by Beatrix Potter, Enid Blyton, Hans Christian Andersen, the Brothers Grimm, RK Narayan, Oscar Wilde, among others.

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The protagonist of *Avasthe* is a revolutionary peasant leader in his late 40s

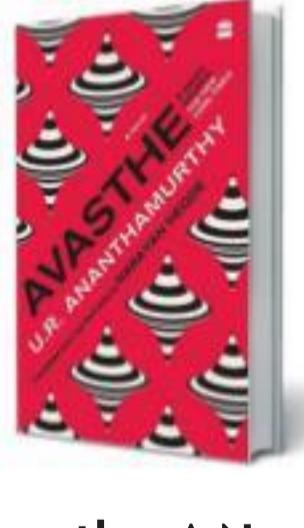
## Remembrance of things past

An allegorical inquiry into the various meanings of one's state of being, this UR Ananthamurthy novel has uncanny parallels with the present

NAWAID ANJUM

**O**NE OF THE defining elements of iconic Kannada writer UR Ananthamurthy's fiction is his ability to step into the soul of his characters in order to shine light on their self-conflict, their moral dilemmas, quandaries and confusions. His fictional universe is a landscape of dichotomies: the personal meets the political, the sacred the profane, the pure the impure, the ascetic the erotic, and the abstemious the intemperate.

His debut novel *Samskara* (1965), a tale of existential suspense (his best-known work), is an exploration into the various denotations of the word *samskara* (rite of passage). *Avasthe*, first published in Kannada in 1978, which has recently been translated into English by Narayan Hegde, is an allegorical inquiry into the various meanings of the word *avasthe* (state of being). Broadly based on the life of Kannada socialist leader Shantaveri Gowda, who led the Kadugodu Satyagraha and was instrumental in a key legislative change beneficial to farmers, *Avasthe* revolves around the perplexities and inner conflicts of its protagonist, Krishnappa Gowda. A revolutionary peasant leader in his late 40s, we meet Krishnappa as he is lying in bed, paralysed, looking back on his

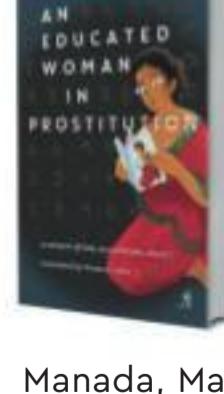


**Avasthe: A Novel**  
UR Ananthamurthy  
translated from the  
Kannada by  
Narayan Hegde  
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Pp 211, ₹499

life through bursts of memory, which come to him in fragments, and which he dictates to his acolyte, Nagesh, as "a means of making sense of his present state" and also as a means to mine the meaning of his life. His memories, as Prayaag Akbar writes in "The Afterword", collide and nest into each other.

The incidents from Krishnappa's life

*Buddha in Gandhara* is the saga of ancient Buddhist cities of Gandhara—a region that extended from north-western Pakistan to eastern and north-eastern Afghanistan. It tells stories of cities that once dotted the highroad connecting India with Central Asia and China. It traces the network of Asian trade routes that nourished these cities with goods, people and ideas.



**AN EDUCATED WOMAN IN PROSTITUTION**  
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# Leisure

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REYA MEHROTRA

**F**OR LIBERIAN-AMERICAN fashion designer Telfar Clemens, his genderless fashion label Telfar (with the tagline 'Not for You, for Everyone') embodies his whole belief system. "That guy is wearing that and that girl is wearing that and every single person is wearing that and that's how people actually look all over the world, which is how I've been imagining the world in my head my whole life," Clemens says. While other fashion labels suffered huge economic losses or even shut down during the pandemic, Telfar shone bright. Celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, in fact, were seen flaunting the iconic Telfar bag. When it comes to inspiration, Clemens says he loves the model of tech behemoth Apple because it "disrupted the way we think about what we need to live now" and says he wants to do the same in fashion.

Since a long time, society has followed a set pattern: pink is for girls, blue is for boys, gown is for women, suit is for men. But all that is changing now. Enter androgynous, or gender-neutral, fashion. The trend was accelerated by the pandemic and the work-from-home culture, which saw everybody turn to comfortable, gender-neutral clothing like oversized T-shirts, pyjamas, joggers, track-suits, etc. Now, as the world slowly returns to normal, it is time to ask an important question: will the post-pandemic world be gender-inclusive in fashion?

Hidesign's London-based lead designer Fabian Lintott believes so and has designed the new collection for men with that in mind. His 'Back to Work' bag collection is called Homme, which literally means 'man', but the design sensibility goes beyond the accepted norms of 'masculinity'. With British edginess and French chic, the bags have a unisex appeal. "I remember visiting Osaka in 2009 and seeing much more experimentation and the blurring of lines between men and women's bags. Japan is more evolved in this case," Lintott says, adding, "The future of fashion will see less seasonal and more inclusive lines where comfort and practicality will be primary."

To make the bags gender-inclusive, a lot of time was spent on finetuning the collection. "If you look at our bags, you will find softer lines and silhouettes that will look good on anyone. We have also played around with otherwise classic work bags by adding swirls of embroidery and soft quilting," explains Lintott, adding that the 'new normal' will certainly have an effect on the fashion industry-on what we buy and what we choose to wear as well.

## Unisex rules

Hidesign is not alone when it comes to bringing out androgynous fashion and being experimental. Sportswear brands Nike and Adidas both have a line of unisex shoes. Reebok, too, has its line of unisex sportswear. Italian luxury fashion house Fendi has its collection of unisex sneakers.

As an outdoor lifestyle brand, Woodland has both casual and formal fashion, but with an edge. Its boots are unisex and can be worn on any occasion. "Our leather boots are designed for all. When we design a product, we make sure it is not put in a box in terms of design and colour. We envision making it accessible for everyone," says managing director Harkirat Singh. Footwear retail company Bata, too, has unisex shoes under its brand Power.

Then there is Antar Agni, a young Indian brand, which stands out for its androgynous styles. Ujjwal Dubey, founder of the label, debuted his first collection at the Lakme Fashion Week in 2014. "Society is moving towards becoming progressive because there is a lot of acceptance that has come in the last few years. As a result, androgynous and gender-fluid fashion is making its presence felt, now more than ever. This has stemmed from the need for people to be free. Secondly, wearability and ease are the second biggest reasons behind the popularity of gender-fluid fashion. We



Influencers Ankush Bahuguna (left) and Siddharth Batra (right) have been normalising makeup and beauty for men



## The future is fluid

**Androgynous clothing was the fashion mantra in the year of the pandemic as everybody worked from home. Now, as we slowly return to normal, the post-pandemic world seems set to be high on gender-neutral fashion**



spent a majority of last year in pyjamas and although this may continue for a while longer, people now want to dress up. Wearability has been our key rule since the inception of the brand and we will always work around that and try to interpret it in our clothing as much as possible," says Dubey.

While clothing may not be new to the unisex domain, the most recent feminine accessory that has entered men's fashion is pearls. In December, actor Ranveer Singh, who is known to challenge acceptable fashion norms, sported a double pearl necklace in one of his Instagram posts. In Hollywood, singer and actor Harry Styles has worn a pearl necklace on many occasions.

Similarly, the neon sports shoe trend,

which is also gender-neutral, has raided the market. Actor Anil Kapoor's bright pink Nike Zoom Fly sports shoes have been in the public eye through his Instagram posts and, recently, they even made their debut in the Netflix movie *AK vs AK*, where the actor could be seen wearing his favourite pair of shoes.

But the celebrity who has been truly leading the charge when it comes to bending the gender in fashion is American actor Billy Porter. He has introduced what we can call the 'gown-suit' or the 'tuxedo-gown' as part of his signature style during events. At the 91st Academy Awards in 2019, Porter arrived in a black tuxedo gown designed by Christian Siriano and challenged the formal dress code for the Oscars. His red



(Clockwise from above) Bata's unisex shoes under its brand Power; Phy, which offers men's grooming and styling products like facewashes, moisturisers, face masks; Antar Agni, a young Indian brand, stands out for its androgynous styles; and Woodland's boots are unisex and can be worn on any occasion

(Far left) Hidesign's 'Back to Work' bag collection has a unisex appeal



carpet looks have consistently transcended traditions and set new standards. In February last year, Porter wore a black and pink floral blazer with black spandex leggings for Richard Quinn's fall 2020 fashion show. The same month, he wore a purple pant-gown with a purple hat for the Vanity Fair Oscars Party and a yellow-gold feathered bodice and skirt for the 92nd Annual Academy Awards.

"Why limit yourself when you can be neutral and creative at the same time?" says designer Sahil Kochhar, who has worked with Rohit Bal and has his own label under his name.

Time for makeup  
Gender neutrality has made its mark

not just in fashion, but also in the makeup industry. Men's grooming is now no longer restricted to shaving kits, perfumes and hair gels, but includes mascara, foundations and even concealers. "It is radical inclusivity. Generation Z in particular will drive this trend, with social media inspiring and encouraging them to reject gender-conforming identities, and search for brands that represent and reflect their desire for diversity," says Jenni Middleton, director of beauty in London at WGSN, the global authority on consumer and design trends. The WGSN, she says, welcomes diversity in all its forms.

Brands specialising in makeup for men have already made their debuts. UK-based brands Shakeup Cosmetics and War Paint for Men have come up with makeup sets for them, including powder, foundations, tinted moisturisers, primer, bronzers and so on. Phy, an Indian men's lifestyle care brand in fact, exclusively deals in men's grooming and styling products like facewashes, moisturisers, face masks, etc.

Not only celebrities but social media stars and influencers, too, have jumped on to the gender-neutral bandwagon. Comedian Benito Skinner, who goes by the name Benny Drama and has 1.3 million followers on Instagram, is known for putting on makeup and wearing gender-

## Indian androgynous brands

● **NorBlack NorWhite**  
The Indian brand is reviving traditional Indian arts and textile designs

● **Bloni**  
The Delhi-based brand, founded in 2017, is gender-as well as size-fluid

● **Bobo Calcutta**  
A non-conformist design label

● **Anaam**  
Founded in 2015, the brand advocates breaking stereotypes, barriers and prescribed norms in every aspect

● **Huemn**  
Launched in 2012, it is all about sustainability, inclusivity and mindful buying

● **Jaywalking**  
The Mumbai-based label, founded in 2019, is known for gender-fluid and custom-made clothing

● **Antar Agni**  
Founded in 2014, the brand is known for its relaxed and raw silhouettes

## International androgynous brands

● **Ijji**  
Californian genderless clothing label, founded in 2016, that sources fabric from California and Japan

● **Telfar**  
Unisex line established in 2005 in New York City

● **Bode**  
Founder Emily Adams Bode was the first woman to show a collection at the 2016 New York Men's Fashion Week

● **No Sesso**  
Los Angeles-based fashion house founded in 2015 by Pierre Davis. No Sesso in Italian means 'no sex' or 'no gender'

● **Older Brother**  
Makes universal garments tailored to fit all genders

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● **Bobblehaus**  
Eco-friendly and genderless New York-based label

● **Charles Jeffrey Loverboy**  
The brand ignores all gender norms, preparing the way for a post-gender world

● **Riley Studio**  
The unisex line designs sustainably-made heritage pieces

● **Casablanca**  
The label, which mixes leisure and luxury, has a number of gender-neutral clothing, including shirts

neutral clothing often. In India, content creator Ankush Bahuguna has been normalising makeup for men through his Instagram videos. He advocates using makeup to cover flaws the same way women do. Influencer Siddharth Batra, too, has been normalising the topic through his #GuyBeauty series on Instagram. Batra can be seen wearing bright and printed patterns with necklaces, including pearls, in his pictures.

## Concerts to stream in February

A Tyshawn Sorey premiere and Kurt Weill from Berlin are among the highlights

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AS THE LIVE PERFORMING arts continue to struggle through the coronavirus pandemic, here are some highlights from the flood of online music content in February.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

This intriguing programme puts a spotlight on composers working within self-imposed restrictions. The Finnish contemporary mainstay Magnus Lindberg is best known for the teeming, riotous textures of his large-orchestra works, but the three movements of *Souvenir* (2010) require a mere 18 instrumentalists. And Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony* was a con-

scious exercise in writing without involving piano - and with eyes cast back to the era of Haydn. John Storgards conducts (February 11; Dso.org; available until February 25). —SETH COLTER WALLS

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

The conductor Fabio Luisi became the music director of the Dallas Symphony just last year, but it was recently announced that his contract has already been extended, through the 2028-29 season. As part of the orchestra's digital concert series, he leads a programme that features a premiere by the orchestra's composer in residence Ángelica Negrón, *En otra noche, en otro mundo*. Beethoven rounds out the pro-

gramme, with the *Leonore Overture No. 1* and the *Violin Concerto* (February 12; DallasSymphony.org; available until May 31). —ANTHONY TOMMASINI

'Save the Boys'

The composer Tyshawn Sorey continues a remarkable run of performances and premieres with a new work for Opera Philadelphia: a setting of an 1887 poem by the abolitionist and suffragist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper. Exploring what Sorey calls "our daily life experiences as Black Americans and the day-to-day precarity in which we continue to live," the piece features the countertenor John Holiday, lately on the TV show *The Voice*.



THE JACK QUARTET IS A STRING QUARTET DEDICATED TO THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTEMPORARY CLASSICAL MUSIC

(February 12; Operaphila.org; available until May 31). —ZACHARY WOOLFE

Berlin Philharmonic

This year was meant to be something of a Kurt Weill festival in Berlin, the city

that shaped—and was shaped by—his partnership with Bertolt Brecht. There were going to be new productions of *The Threepenny Opera* and *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*, as well as performances by the Berlin Philharmonic. Little of those plans remains, but the Philharmonic musicians are able to gather, without live audiences, for the online festival *The Golden Twenties* (February 13; Digitalconcerthall.com). —JOSHUA BARONE

JACK Quartet

This superior new-music ensemble began its career performing Helmut Lachenmann's Third Quartet, *Grido*, and has kept on championing Lachenmann's quartets in concert and on record. For this stream, released by the Miller Theater at Columbia University, *Grido* is on the programme alongside two solos: *Toccata* and *Pression* for cello (February 16; Millertheatre.com; available indefinitely). —ZACHARY WOOLFE

New Delhi

# Fe Lines

STORIES AND TRENDS FROM INDIA AND AROUND THE WORLD THAT CAUGHT OUR FANCY

Sandro Botticelli's *Young Man Holding a Roundel*, a painting in tempera

## The beauty of Botticelli

The last lot of Sandro Botticelli portraits left in private hands was sold at a Sotheby's auction for more than \$92 million. We trace the charm behind Botticelli portraits

VAISHALI DAR

**S**ANDRO BOTTICELLI'S PAINTING titled *Young Man Holding a Roundel* is one of the most valuable portraits of any era ever sold. Interestingly, it was just one of three portraits left in private hands by the leading artist of the Italian Renaissance, known to many for his famous paintings *Primavera* and *The Birth of Venus*.

Among the classics and one of the finest portraits ever painted by the Renaissance master, *Young Man Holding a Roundel*, a painting in tempera, was sold recently at Sotheby's for a record \$92.2 million. It was also the first major auction event of 2021, where the painting saw transatlantic bidding between Sotheby's representatives in New York and London.

Botticelli's painting now stands alongside Francis Bacon's *Inspired by the Oresteia of Aeschylus* as the second work to have surpassed \$80 million at

auction since Sotheby's pioneered the new live-streamed auction format around seven months ago.

What is fascinating is that Botticelli was one of the first creators of some of the most arresting and penetrating portraits in the history of western art. "This is not only an exceptional painting, it is also the epitome of beauty, and of a moment when so much of our western civilisation began," says Christopher

**BOTTICELLI'S PRIMAVERA AND THE BIRTH OF VENUS EVOKE CLASSICAL ALLEGORIES AND BIBLICAL THEMES, WHICH WERE AN IDEAL REPRESENTATION OF 15TH-CENTURY FLORENTINE CULTURE**

Apostle, head of Sotheby's old masters painting department, New York.

The charm and spirit of the Renaissance has been aptly characterised for modern viewers throughout Botticelli's artworks. For instance, his iconic works *Primavera*, *The Birth of Venus* and *The Cestello Annunciation* evoke classical allegories and Biblical themes, which were an ideal visual representation of 15th-century Florentine culture. Many figures depict striking beauty and quality of the portrait in sombre expressions.

"As fresh today as when he was painted 550 years ago," Botticelli's *Young Man* has cast his spell over everyone who has seen him. While the price achieved is the second-highest ever for an Old Master painting, this is a work that transcends time and categories. Now we really do know the price of beauty," adds George Wachter, Sotheby's co-chairman of old master paintings worldwide.

Most of Botticelli's portraits had human figures and these were the prominent centre of his artworks. The men and women in the Florentine Renaissance lived in a very different world, where men managed businesses and women looked after the domestic front. For instance, the *Young Man*, from about 1475, is an arresting masterpiece of the young man, a bust-length portrait of a noble sitter, who is believed to be a member of the powerful Medici family that ruled the Republic of Florence during the first half of the 15th century. Botticelli has shown his sitter holding a small roundel in his hand depicting a saint and is believed to be one of the first artists to abandon the tradition of depicting sitters in profile. The noble holds a large medallion of an old man with a long, grey beard, perhaps a family patron saint raising his hand in blessing.

Since the Renaissance was associated with an era that embarked on a major change in depicting subjects with unique insight—decades before Leonardo da Vinci painted his enduring *Mona Lisa*—the graphics, bold colours and humanistic virtues of notable individuals in early Italy are deftly captured in a revolutionary style.

His classical myths portrayed in *The Birth of Venus* became popular among the educated classes. A skillfully adaptive version of a Venus emerging from the sea on a shell guided to the shore by flying wind gods is a symbolic image of the birth of beauty in the world.

"In the popular imagination, no other painter evokes the golden age of the Florentine Renaissance more powerfully than Botticelli. His nymphs, goddesses, Madonnas and saints populate our imagination as representatives of the rebirth of science, art and literature in a city that laid the foundation for the modern world. His portraits most clearly open a window on to the world of Renaissance Florence—never more so than in *Young Man Holding a Roundel*, a painting that encapsulates the intellectual, courtly and humanistic virtues that define the Italian Renaissance," adds Apostle.

The recently auctioned work is one of the most significant portraits of any period ever to appear at auction—alongside Gustav Klimt's *Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer II* (sold in 2006 for \$87.9 million) and Van Gogh's *Portrait of Dr Gachet* (sold in 1990 for \$82.5 million), says Sotheby's website.

## TECH-NOW-LOGY

# Did the facial recognition system use your photos?

An online tool targets only a small slice of what's out there, but may open some eyes to how widely artificial intelligence research fed on personal images

CADE METZ AND KASHMIR HILL

**W**HENTECH COMPANIES CREATED the facial recognition systems that are rapidly remaking government surveillance and chipping away at personal privacy; they may have received help from an unexpected source: your face. Companies, universities and government labs have used millions of images collected from a hodgepodge of online sources to develop the technology. Now, researchers have built an online tool, Exposing AI, that lets people search many of these image collections for their old photos. The tool, which matches images from Flickr photo-sharing service, offers a window onto the vast amounts of data needed to build a wide variety of AI technologies, from facial recognition to "chatbots."

"People need to realise that some of their most intimate moments have been weaponised," said one of its creators, Liz O'Sullivan, the technology director at the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project, a privacy and civil rights group. She helped create Exposing AI with Adam Harvey, a researcher and artist in Berlin. Systems using artificial intelligence don't magically become smart. They learn by pinpoint-

ing patterns in data generated by humans—photos, voice recordings, books, and all sorts of other material. The technology is getting better all the time, but it can learn human biases against women and minorities.

People may not know they are contributing to AI education. For some, this is a curiosity. For others, it is enormously creepy. And it can be against the law. A 2008 law in Illinois, the Biometric Information Privacy Act, imposes financial penalties if the face scans of residents are used without their consent. In 2006, Brett Gaylor, a documentary filmmaker from Victoria, British Columbia, uploaded his honeymoon photos to Flickr, a popular service then. Nearly 15 years later, using an early version of Exposing AI provided by Harvey, he discovered that hundreds of those photos had made their way into multiple data sets that may have been used to train facial recognition systems around the world.

Flickr, which was bought and sold by many companies over the years and is now owned by the photo-sharing service SmugMug, allowed users to share their photos under what is called a Creative Commons license. That license, common on internet sites, meant others could use the photos with certain restrictions, though these restrictions may have been ignored. In 2014, Yahoo, which owned Flickr at the time, used many of these photos in a data set meant to help with work on computer vision.

Gaylor, 43, wondered how his photos could have bounced from place to place. Then he was told that the photos may have contributed to surveillance systems in the United States and other countries, and that one of these systems was used to track China's Uighur population.

"My curiosity turned to horror," he said. How honeymoon photos helped build surveillance systems in China is, in some ways, a story of unintended—or unanticipated—consequences. Years ago, AI researchers at leading uni-

versities and tech firms began gathering digital photos from a wide variety of sources, including photo-sharing services, social networks, dating sites like OkCupid and even cameras installed on college quads. They shared those photos with other organisations. That was just the norm for researchers. They all needed data to feed into their new AI systems, so they shared what they had. It was usually legal.

One example was MegaFace, a data set created by professors at the University of Washington in 2015. They built it without the knowledge or consent of the people whose images they folded into its enormous pool of photos. The professors posted it to the internet so others could download it. MegaFace has been downloaded more than 6,000 times by companies and government agencies around the world, according to a *New York Times* public records request. They included the US defense contractor Northrop Grumman; In-Q-Tel, the investment arm of the Central Intelligence Agency; ByteDance, the parent company of TikTok; and the Chinese surveillance company Megvii.

Researchers built MegaFace for use in an academic competition meant to spur the development of facial recognition systems. It was not intended for commercial use. But only a small percentage of those who downloaded MegaFace publicly participated in the competition. "We are not in a position to discuss third-party projects," said Victor Balta, a University of Washington spokesman. "MegaFace has been decommissioned, and MegaFace data are no longer being distributed."

Some who downloaded the data have deployed facial recognition systems. Megvii was blacklisted last year by the Commerce Department after the Chinese government used its technology to monitor the country's Uighur population. The University of Washington took MegaFace offline in May, and other organisations have removed other data sets. But copies of these files could be anywhere, and they are likely to be feeding new research. O'Sullivan and Harvey spent years trying to build a tool that could expose how all that data was being used. It was more difficult than they had anticipated.

They wanted to accept someone's photo and, using facial recognition, instantly tell that person how many times his or her face was included in one of these data sets. But they worried that such a tool could be used in bad ways—by stalkers or by firms and nation states. "The potential for harm seemed too great," said O'Sullivan, who is also VP of responsible AI with Arthur, a New York company that helps businesses manage the behaviour of AI technologies. In the end, they were forced to limit how people could search the tool and what results it delivered.

## FAIR LAND

India is a land of festivals and celebrations. One of the Indian subcontinent's largest fairs, Haridwar Kumbh Mahaparva Mela, is currently ongoing in Haridwar and will continue till April 27. Not just Kumbh, India is home to a number of such fairs held at different times of the year and in various parts of the country. Here, we bring you the biggest fairs and festivals of India. By Reya Mehrotra



### Pushkar Mela

Also called the Pushkar Camel Fair or Kartik Mela, the annual cultural and livestock fair is held in Pushkar, Rajasthan, and attracts lakhs of visitors. The town of Pushkar also houses the only Brahma temple in the world. It is believed that Pushkar lake was formed when the Lord dropped a lotus on the earth. Apart from being a pilgrimage to Pushkar lake, the festival is a trade affair for livestock. Camel, cattle and horse are traded in the fair.

### Puri Rath Yatra

The Chariot festival of Puri, Odisha, is dedicated to Lord Jagannath and is the oldest *rath yatra* in the world which finds mentions even in *Padma Purana*, *Skanda Purana*, *Kapila Samhita* and *Brahma Purana*. The festival marks the annual visit of Lord Jagannath, Devi Subhadra and Lord Balabhadra to Gundicha temple. The three deities' statues are removed from the main temple of Puri, Jagannath Temple, and carried on chariots by devotees. The three chariots are constructed newly every year with different woods. On their way back, the deities stop at the Mausi Maa temple for a while for an offering of Poda Pitha, said to be the Lord's favourite. The festival is likely to be held in July this year.



discourses, mass feedings, fairs and so on. There is a belief that bathing in the river water may cleanse you of your sins of this birth and the previous. Evidence for the existence of such a fair is found in historic manuscripts where a fair was held every 6-12 years. The fair included a dip in the holy river and was called Magha mela.

### Sabarimala

One of the world's largest pilgrimage sites, Sabarimala Temple is dedicated to Lord Ayyappa, believed to be Lord Shiva and Mohini's son. The annual festival Makaravilakku is held in the shrine during Makar Sakranti and includes the procession of sacred ornaments of Lord Ayyappa. Approximately half a million



### Goa Carnival

Goa Carnival, though smaller than Rio de Janeiro's Rio Carnival or Carnival of Madeira of Portugal, is one of the largest carnivals in India and includes Catholic celebrations and cultural festivities. Despite falling into obscurity during the latter days of the Portuguese colonial rule of Goa, it is today a major tourist attraction. It dates back to the introduction of the Roman Catholic traditions in India during the Portuguese conquest. It is held in the month of February.

devotees attend the festival. Apart from the festival, Lord Ayyappa's devotees also observe a fast of 41 days which is meant to be austere. In fact between 1991 and 2018, women between the ages of 10 and 50 years were banned from the temple. In 2018, the Supreme Court ruled that women of all age groups could enter the temple.

### Sonepur

The Sonepur Cattle Fair, also called the Harihara Kshetra Mela, is held in the months of November and December in Bihar's Sonepur. It attracts visitors from all over Asia and is the biggest Asian cattle fair. It is said to have begun when Chandragupta Maurya bought horses and elephants across the river Ganges. The original location of the fair was Hajipur in Bihar but it was shifted to Sonepur under the reign of Aurangzeb. Birds, poultry, farm animals, etc, can be bought from the fair. Haathi Bazaar is famous for the trade of elephants, although they cannot legally be sold now.

### Hemis Festival

The religious Hemis Gompa festival is one of the most auspicious occasions for Buddhists. It is held every year in June/July in the most popular and most visited monastery of Ladakh: Hemis Gompa. The festival marks the birth anniversary of Guru Padmasambhava. The two-day celebration marks dances, unfurling of Buddhist paintings and music.

### Hornbill Festival

Celebrated in December in Nagaland, the Hornbill Festival is called the Festival of Festivals. Its aim is to promote the cultural heritage of Nagaland and to promote inter-tribal interactions. The festival is named after the Hornbill as it is mentioned in most of the state's tribal folklores.

# Footloose

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## BOUTIQUE HOTEL

A boutique hotel is a small hotel which typically has between 10 and 100 rooms. Boutique hotels began appearing in the 1980s in major cities like London, New York and San Francisco.



## Ghost kitchens find a home in empty hotels

**Restaurateurs hunting for cut-rate space in the pandemic are teaming up with eager partners in another beleaguered industry**

DEBRA KAMIN

**R**ICHARD ZARO ALWAYS wanted to open a chicken cutlet joint inspired by the deli sandwiches served across northern New Jersey, but the challenge was coming up with the required capital. The pandemic finally gave him an opportunity. Zaro's family has a long history in the restaurant business. In 1927, his great-grandfather Joseph Zarobchik founded the Zaro's Bakery chain, which today is a fixture for New York commuters with storefronts at Pennsylvania Station and Grand Central Terminal and across the city. But he wanted to start a concept of his own, and in the pandemic, he found a solution: the hotel industry, which, after months of hanging by a financial thread, was renting its empty kitchens and banquet spaces to restaurateurs hunt-

ing for cut-rate space.

Ghost kitchens, also called digital kitchens, are cooking facilities that produce food only for delivery or takeout. And as cities bounce from one lockdown to another, keeping restaurant dining rooms shuttered, demand for the concept is booming. Euromonitor, a market research firm in London, predicts ghost kitchens will be a \$1-trillion industry in the next 10 years. So it's perhaps unsurprising that the hotel industry, where occupancy rates are still down 30% from a year ago, is getting in on the trend. Hotels have become adept at repurposing their spaces throughout the pandemic. They've offered their empty rooms as housing for the homeless and temporary offices for executives; they've even turned their conference rooms into classrooms for children learning remotely.

The conceit isn't entirely new: Butler Hospitality, founded in 2016, was one of the first companies to streamline in-room dining by funnelling food and beverage service for multiple hotels through a single neighbourhood kitchen. Analysts now estimate that fewer than 5% of hotels in the United States are operating ghost kitchens from within their properties, but the number is expected to grow.

"Hotels see this as a profit centre," said Frederick DeMicco, executive director of Northern Arizona University's School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Name-brand restaurants, in particular, can bring added value to a struggling hotel.

"It supplements the existing menu options at the hotel, and extends well-respected restaurant brands as partners in the hotel," he said. "Consumers recognise and approve of that." The pandemic has opened the business model to more entrepreneurs. To turn his sandwich concept into a business, Zaro started renting space in July at the Four Points by Sheraton Midtown near Times Square, paying \$6,000 a month for a fully outfitted catering kitchen. Average restaurant start-up costs for brick-and-mortar locations, in comparison, can run from \$200,000 to more than \$1 million.

Within four months, he had generated enough revenue — and created a large enough base of loyal customers — to move to a stand-alone location. His new business, Cutlets, opened in a former Tender Greens restaurant near Gramercy Park on December 1, and has plans to expand. Testing

HOTELS HAVE BECOME ADEPT AT REPURPOSING THEIR SPACES THROUGHOUT THE PANDEMIC. EUROMONITOR PREDICTS GHOST KITCHENS WILL BE A \$1-TRILLION INDUSTRY IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS



(Top) The Hyatt Regency Atlanta and Four Points by Sheraton Midtown (above) near Times Square, US, have both rent out their kitchens

from a base at a Times Square hotel was the ultimate risk reduction, Zaro said, adding that the hotel benefitted, too. "It was nice for them to have incoming revenue."

And the situation removed many of the stumbling blocks that new restaurateurs face. "We were able to do decent business on Day 1, get open for next to nothing and test the market," he said. Zaro found his rented kitchen space through Use Kitch, an online commercial

kitchen marketplace that likens itself to an Airbnb for the restaurant industry. Dan Unter and Aaron Nevin started the platform last January; they estimate that half of their rental kitchens, nearly all in New York, are inside hotels. They plan to lower that share, but relying heavily on kitchen space in hotels was ideal for the company's rollout, Nevin said. "Hotels are already accustomed to having third-party operators in their spaces, so it's not

that foreign of a concept for them," he said. "The larger restaurant industry still needs to wrap their heads around it."

The marriage of ghost kitchens and hotels has potential as a long-term business model, said Sam Nazarian, the founder and chief executive of SBE Entertainment, a hotel and restaurant management company. Its brands include the Mondrian and Hyde hotels, as well as restaurants from chefs like Wolfgang Puck, José Andrés and Katsuya Uchi.

In 2019, Nazarian started C3, a food hall platform with a focus on delivery and a hybrid of ghost and brick-and-mortar kitchens. C3 has eight virtual brands, including Umami Burger and Krispy Rice. Using the hotel model, it is beginning a partnership with Graduate Hotels, a collection of more than 30 millennial-focused boutique hotels in college towns across the United States. "Nobody was looking to unlock the power of dormant real estate," said Nazarian, who estimates that many hotels are using their kitchens only 15% of the time and losing valuable revenue as a result. "Now we can utilise that kitchen at 80 or 90% effectiveness and deliver our brand to that millennial generation."

The joint venture will start first at the Graduate Berkeley, near the University of California, Berkeley, and then expand to campuses in Minnesota, Arizona and Iowa before being folded into the entire chain. Graduate Hotels will provide the banquet and catering spaces; C3's restaurant brands will offer in-room dining as well as delivery and takeout for the community. "When you think about the distribution angle of targeting how many millions of college kids who are there forming their appetites and their brand loyalty, it made sense, both for Sam and for us," said Ben Weprin, the founder and chief executive of AJ Capital Partners, the Chicago real estate company behind Graduate Hotels. "I think this will be profitable. It's a great differentiator." The right partnership is crucial to making the business model a success, said Kim Stein, a principal at KLNB, a commercial real estate services firm in Washington.

"If you are trying to make your business survive, you need to find a partner to help you do that right now," she said. Among her clients, she said, are buyers who are looking for a full kitchen for delivery and carryout but don't want to pay for more than 1,000 square feet. Restaurants tend to run 1,200 to 10,000 square feet, including the kitchen and dining room.)

"From a real estate perspective, it is nearly impossible to find a thousand square feet with a full kitchen," Stein said. Hyatt, which has more than 900 properties, sees another benefit to installing ghost kitchens in several of its hotels: a support system for small businesses.

In November, the company started Hyatt Loves Local, a partnership programme that offers resources — including kitchen space — to local businesses that have struggled during the pandemic. Sixty Hyatt hotels have participated so far. Hyatt is offering its spaces to small business for free. The programme adds to the hotels' appeal by expanding their food options and supporting the neighbourhood, said Amy Weinberg, a Hyatt senior vice-president. "Our hotels are part of the community in which they operate," she said. "If the neighbourhood is struggling, that's not good for anyone."

Through the programme, the Hyatt Regency Atlanta gave a kitchen to Anna Bell's Mac, a Hyatt Regency in Dubai offered both a kitchen and a storefront to Fables UAE, a confectionery; and after foot traffic at the Hana Farmers Market in Hawaii slowed considerably, it moved to the Hyatt Hana-Maui Resort, which provides kitchen and refrigerator space to vendors for food prep. The union of hotels and local allies is a trend that is likely to stay, Stein said. "Hotels are able to keep the amenity of having some kind of food service, and the restaurant is able to reach new customers through delivery and carryout," she said. "It's really a win-win."

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## So you want to open an inn?

Some new hotels and inns are thriving during these trying times by doubling-down on the local market and creating escapist atmospheres

SARAH FIRSHEIN

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC began, the second location of The June Motel, a 24-room boutique hotel in Sauble Beach, Ontario, was set to open late last spring. To be fully ramped up for Lake Huron's 2020 beach season was the goal. Construction stopped in mid-April, however, leaving the property's restaurant with half-installed floor tiles and guest rooms that hadn't yet been coated in cheery blush-coloured paint.

April Brown and Sarah Sklash, the June's co-owners, weighed three scenarios: not open at all; open as a rooms-for-rent Airbnb model without amenities; or push the opening until Labor Day. "A lot of it came down to: Can we financially wait three months to open?" Brown said of their

decision to delay. "The reason we were able to do that is that we got a lot of subsidies. We got grants; we kept several employees on payroll. There was a lot of support from the Canadian government for the tourism and hospitality sector."

Over the past decade, tourism destinations around the world saw record hotel development. In 2019 alone, a global construction binge increased the number of hotel rooms by 8% compared to the year before. But in 2020 — and, now, 2021 — the lodging industry has faced almost unbelievable challenges: increasingly complicated restrictions on domestic and international travel, virus safety protocols that require resources and training, and strict testing mandates and quarantine requirements for travellers.



AS HOTEL OWNERS CONFRONT THE CHALLENGES OF THE VIRUS, SAFETY HAS EMERGED AS THE FIRST PRIORITY

Which leads any rational person to wonder: Is it wise to open a new hotel during a pandemic? According to a recent report by Lodging Econometrics, which tracks the lodging industry, more than 900 hotels opened in the United States last year — more than 100,000 new rooms. This year, another 960 new hotels are expected to open. The owners and operators fuelling these projects are going beyond hiring bartenders and housekeepers, ordering linens and signage, and establishing booking systems and marketing plans. They must also implement disinfection protocols, enforce distancing and mask wearing, and figure out how to make the numbers work in a climate that isn't all that favourable to travel.

For Sklash and Brown, the government support was a game-changer, but their success during the pandemic also relied on a slate of virus-safety measures, a doubled-down approach to attracting locals and a cool, escapist atmosphere. Others in the industry have echoed similar tactics — and have even found some unexpected perks during these unprecedented times.

"When you open a new place during Covid, you get to say, 'This is the experience you get,'" Brown said. "You're not saying, 'This is the new experience.' It's just the experience. There was nothing comparable to what we used to do, which can be a benefit."

Delayed by the opening gave them time to create new policies and determine their new priorities. They implemented a shift-coverage system, should a staffer awaken with a fever, and tinkered with personal touches — in-room canned wine, for example, served as a good stand-in for a glass that would have otherwise been poured for a guest at check-in. When reservations opened in July, Brown and Sklash hit their fall financial target in a day, thanks, in part, to organic marketing efforts on Instagram, where the June's page is a frothy expression of beaches and pastel hues.

As hotel owners and operators have confronted the challenges of the pandemic, safety has emerged as the biggest priority, said Kate Walsh, the dean at Cornell's School of Hotel Administration. "Safety is paramount — it's the essential part of bringing the guests back," she said. "And the challenge for hotels is showing that they are safe and secure."

# Mind & Games

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## What can Covid-19 teach us about the mysteries of smell?

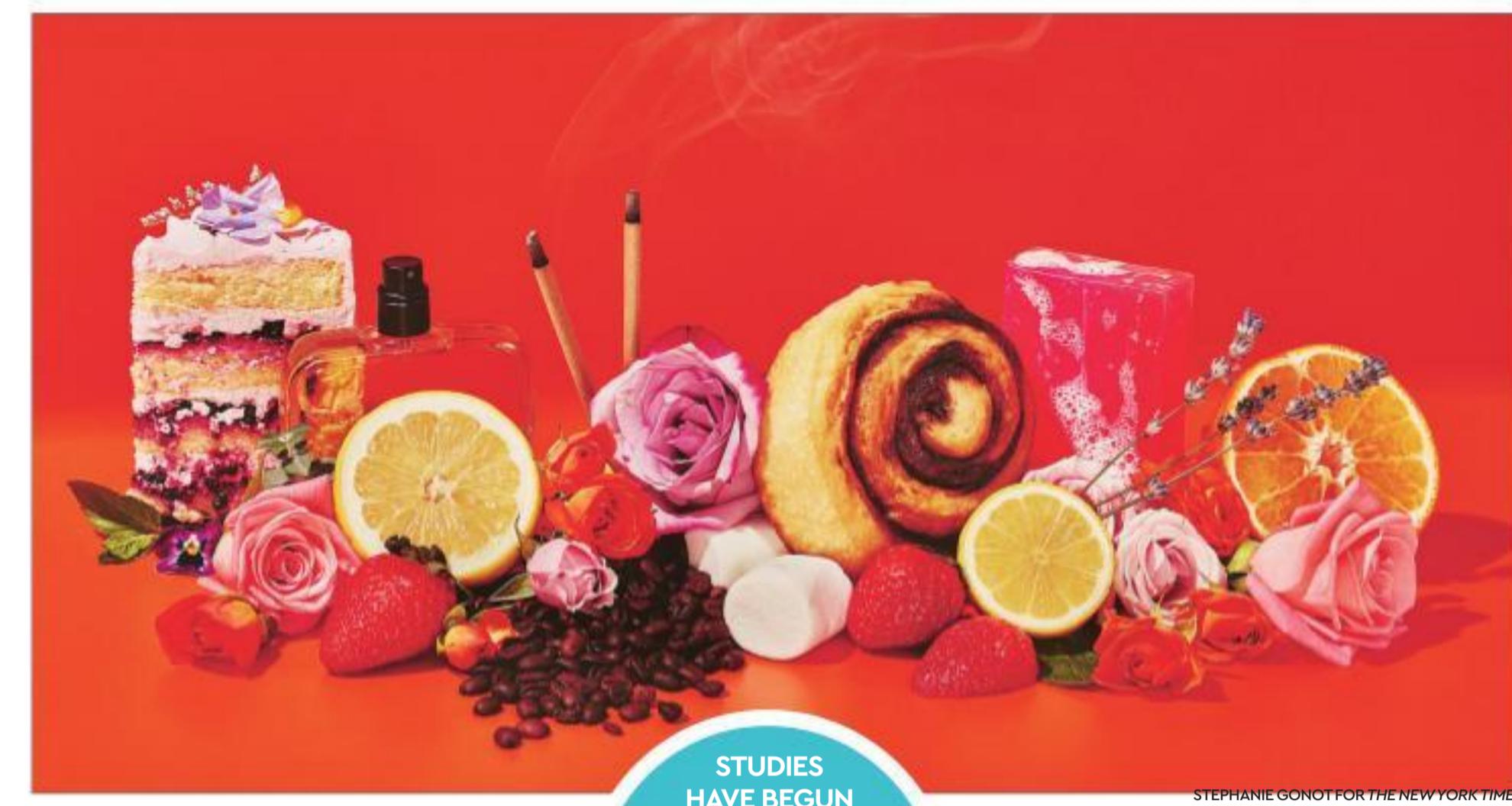
BROOKE JARVIS

**D**ANIELLE REED STOPPED counting after the 156th email arrived in a single afternoon. It was late March, and her laboratory at the Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia had abruptly gone into Covid-19 lockdown. For weeks, there had been little to do. Reed, who is famous in her field for helping to discover a new family of receptors that perceive bitter flavours, had spent years studying the way human genetics affect the way we experience smell and taste. It was important but niche science that seemingly had little to do with a dangerous respiratory virus spreading around the globe.

And then one Saturday, she checked her email. Reed watched in amazement as the messages proliferated. Recipients copied other people they thought might be interested in the discussion, who added more people, who added still others, across a huge range of countries and disciplines. The cascading emails were all responding to the same rather obscure news alert, meant for ear, nose and throat doctors based in Britain. It was titled: "Loss of smell as marker of Covid-19 infection."

The week before, Claire Hopkins, the president of the British Rhinological Society and an author of the alert, was seeing patients in her clinic in London when she noticed something odd. Hopkins, who specialises in nose and sinus diseases, especially nasal polyps, was accustomed to seeing the occasional patient whose sense of smell disappeared after a viral infection. Most of the time, such losses were fairly self-explanatory: A stuffy, inflamed nose keeps odors from reaching the smell receptors at the top of the airway. But patients were now arriving with no blockage or swelling, no trouble breathing, no notable symptoms, other than the sudden disappearance of their ability to smell. And there were nine of them.

As each new patient told a strange yet similar story, she began to wonder. A colleague in Italy, where the virus was known to be spreading, had mentioned that front-line doctors were losing their senses of smell and taste. Hopkins assumed that a mild version of Covid-19 was causing a standard post-viral loss of smell. But shortly after seeing the nine patients, she attended an online chat for physicians hosted by the American Rhinologic Society. A French doctor posted that he had recently seen an increase in cases of sudden smell loss without any blockage. Had anyone else noticed something similar?



STUDIES HAVE BEGUN TO PUNCTURE OUR CONVICTION THAT WE ARE TOO SOPHISTICATED TO BE GOOD AT SMELLING

Yes, several doctors replied. They had started to hear rumours from colleagues in Iran and Italy of odd spikes in patients who had lost their sense of smell.

Hopkins decided to keep digging. She found that in China, an unusual number of ear, nose and throat specialists had contracted the virus. A report in South Korea found that of 2,000 people with mild cases of Covid-19, 30% lost their sense of smell.

None of these anecdotes amounted to the sort of rigorous proof that Hopkins, with her research background, was used to seeking. She also doubted that her theory would attract much public interest, even in the face of a world-changing pandemic. A career studying smell had taught her that most people simply don't consider the sense to be particularly interesting or important. Still, Hopkins and Nirmal Kumar, the president of ENT UK, decided to put out an alert, hoping it would at least encourage their fellow nose doctors to take extra precautions. Then, that same weekend, Rudy Gobert, the Utah Jazz star whose Covid-19 diagnosis caused the NBA to abruptly suspend its season, announced that he had lost his sense of smell. Hopkins' alert ricocheted around the world, picked up by news outlets and shared on social media by people desperate for information about the workings of the new



STEPHANIE GONZALEZ FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

virus and any signs that they might already have been exposed. It also kept landing, over and over, in the inboxes of Danielle Reed and hundreds of other scientists who studied smell in some way.

Smell is a startling superpower. You can walk through someone's front door and instantly know that she recently made popcorn. Drive down the street and somehow sense that the neighbours are barbecuing. Intuit, just as a side effect of breathing a bit of air, that this sweater has been worn but that one hasn't, that it's going to start raining soon, that the grass was trimmed a few hours back.

But of course you are used to it. You may even take it for granted. Perhaps you would rank smell, as most adults in a 2019 survey did, as the least important sense, the one you would be most willing to lose.

One reason we have discounted smelling is our belief that we're bad at it. Smell was the province of lesser animals, we told ourselves, of pigs rooting out truffles and sharks scenting blood, while humans were creatures of reason and intellect who managed to stand up and grow huge brains

and leave that life far behind, and literally below, us. Scientists followed Paul Broca, a 19th-century neuroscientist, in pointing to the relative smallness of our olfactory bulbs as evidence that our brains had triumphed over them, and likewise over the need to pay much attention to smell at all. In the late 1950s, a pioneering ear, nose and throat specialist, Victor Negus, summed up the consensus view in a book about the comparative anatomy of the nose. "The human mind is an inadequate agent with which to study olfaction," the specialist wrote, "for the reason that in Man the sense of smell is relatively feeble and not of great significance."

The notion of smell as vestigial has itself come to seem outdated. That's because of a renaissance in smell science. While we have long understood the basic mechanisms of vision and audition, it has been less than 30 years since the neural receptors that allow us to perceive and make sense of the smells around us were even identified. The discoverers, Linda Buck and Richard Axel, were awarded the Nobel Prize in 2004.

Recent studies have begun to puncture our conviction that we are too sophisticated to be good at smelling. Our brains know the difference between exercise sweat and fear sweat, and between a glass of wine that has recently contained a fruit fly and one that has not. They seem to compel us to sniff our fingers shortly after we shake other people's hands, searching for information about them that we're not consciously aware of processing. One inventive study found that, provided we're willing to crawl around with our faces in the grass, humans are fully capable of finding a scent trail while blindfolded, not as well as a dog, granted, but we can follow it. Another found that we can tell, just from sniffing a T-shirt another person has worn, whether that person's immune system is similar to our own. (If it's different, we find the person more attractive.)

We think that smell is less important to us than our other senses only because we're fooling ourselves, Noam Sobel of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel told me. After all, you wouldn't eat a beautiful cake if it smelled like sewage, but you would probably try some ugly glop that smelled like cinnamon. Covid, he hypothesised, could kick off a sort of global reckoning, forcing our conscious minds to recognise what our brains have known all along.

"People are unaware smell is important until they lose it," he said. "And then they're terrified."

NYT



Can exercise make you more creative?

■ If you often exercise, there's a good chance you also tend to be more creative, according to an interesting new study of the links between physical activity and imagination.

■ It finds that active people come up with more and better ideas during tests of their inventiveness than people who are relatively sedentary, and suggests that if we wish to be more innovative, we might also want to be movers and shakers.

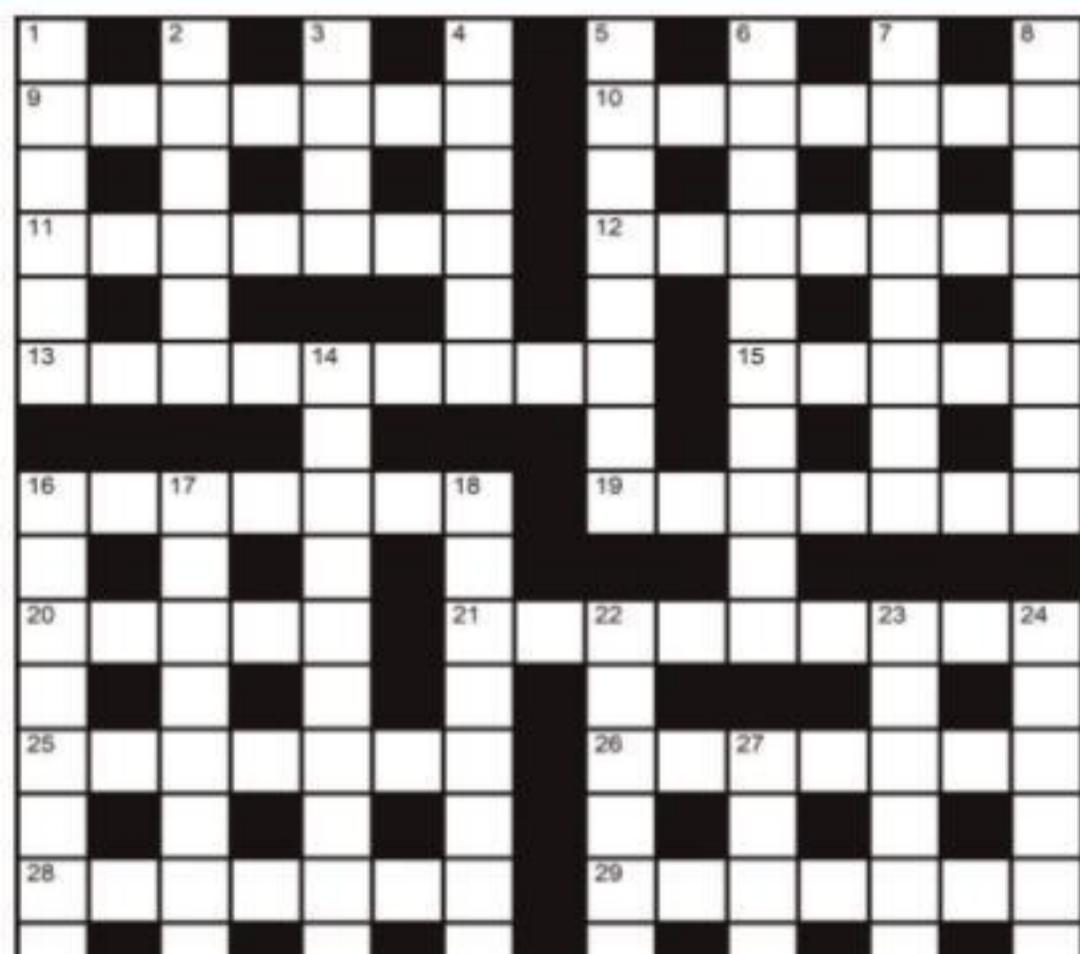
■ Science already offers plenty of evidence that physical activity influences how we think. Many studies in people and animals show that our brains change in response to physical activity, in part because during exercise we marinate our brains with extra blood, oxygen and nutrients.

■ In rodent studies, animals that regularly exercise produce far more new brain cells than their sedentary counterparts and perform better on thinking tests, even if they are elderly. In people, too, exercise tends to sharpen our abilities to reason and remember and buoys our moods.

■ But creativity is one of the most abstract of thinking skills and difficult to quantify, and its relationship with exercise has not been clear. A few past studies have found intriguing relationships between moving and originality.

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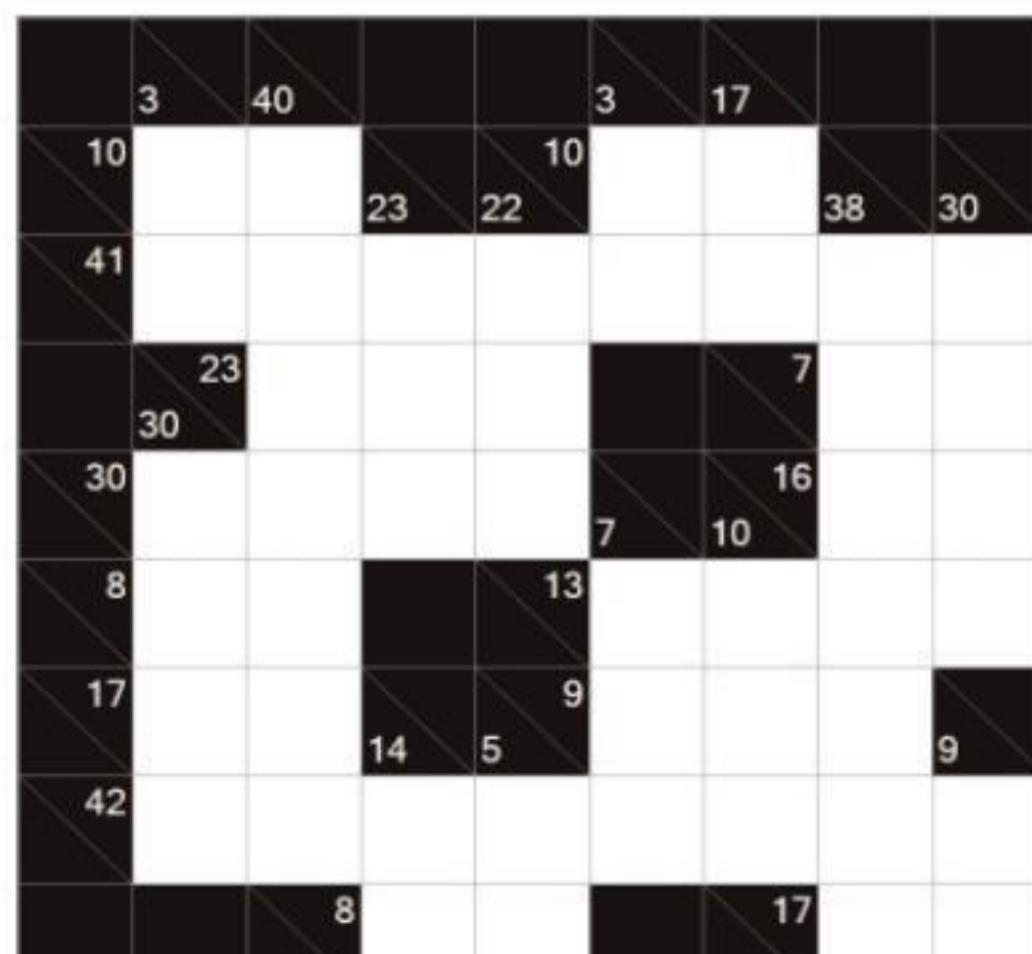
## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

- 9 Humbug, nonsense; insincere talk (3-4)
- 10 A supplement to a will (7)
- 11 A type of clock that won't work at night? (7)
- 12 bid : first call in an auction (7)
- 13 Taking temporary possession by legal authority (9)
- 15 Crown (5)
- 16 Infectious bacterial fever affecting the intestines (7)
- 19 Pudding or ice-cream? (7)
- 20 The Muse of lyric and love poetry (5)
- 21 Financial institution which gives loans to developing countries (5,4)
- 25 Display of daring (7)
- 26 California-based IT hub — Valley (7)
- 28 To the largest extent
- (7) 29 "G" in G.M. the automobile giants (7)
- DOWN**
- 1 It divides Egypt and Arabia? (3,3)
- 2 Means of curdling milk (6)
- 3 "Mail"agram for a local gardener? (4)
- 4 Location of one of SAIL's steel plants (6)
- 5 A violent act of nature such as lightning, flood, earthquake or hurricane (3,2,3)
- 6 Paid money to have one's jingle on the TV, perhaps? (10)
- 7 Stimulate to action (8)
- 8 Outrageous (8)
- 14 Cadbury or Mars products (10)
- 16 Quavered (8)
- 17 Commoners, paupers or plebeians (8)

## 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.

## 6-4; BID MORE - PART I

One of the most useful maxims in bridge is the following: 6-4 bid more, meaning when you are blessed with a six-card suit and a four-card suit alongside, you should get aggressive and bid close games or even slams. My partner and I bid the pair of hands below in an IMP pairs contest to earn considerable imps on the board.

Dlr: North	S AKJ 6	N	S
Vul: Both	HA 4 2	2NT	3C
	DAKJ 3	3D	3S
	C 7 2	3NT	6C
		Pass	

N	
S	
S 8 5	HK 8 6 5
D 4	CAK 9 8 4 3

**Contract:** 6C by south. West leads a HT. Plan the play. **Bidding explanation:** 2NT showed 20-21 points. 3C was puppet Stayman, asking for a five-card major in opener's hand. 3H/3S would confirm five cards. 3D would confirm at least one four-card major. Over 3D, responder uses Smolen. A bid of 3S would suggest four cards in hearts and 3H would indicate four cards in spades. The idea is to right-side the contract. If responder has both four-card majors, he let's his opener bid his major by bidding 4C. It is no secret that a 2NT opening will almost always have three aces. So, there was no worry that I would have two fast losers in the 6C contract.

When opener denied heart fit, I jumped to 6C which I thought a fair gamble. There could be hands where grand may be possible.

**Play:** I won in hand, cashed the C-A-K, and played a third club. West won and played a second heart. I won the continuation, cashed S-A-K and ruffed a spade, east showing out. I reeled trumps next to squeeze west in spades and diamonds. The complete hands were:

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DAKJ 3	
C 7 2	
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HT 7	HQJ 9 3
DQ 8 2	DT 9 7 6 5
CQT 6	C 5
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S	
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## ASMRist

■ n. A person who makes videos that invoke an autonomous sensory meridian response (ASMR), which creates a pleasurable, tingling sensation in the heads of susceptible viewers.

But she's not after exposure or money, she says. Videos by other "ASMRists" once helped her through a period of depression, and now she wants to pay it forward.

—Caitlin Gibson, "A whisper, then tingles, then 87 million YouTube views: Meet the star of ASMR," The Washington Post, December 15, 2014

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## LEXICON

## BIZ QUIZ

1. Udyog Sahayak Enterprises Network, which was making news, is a draft policy proposed by which trade association?
2. Which Indian state/UT launched a new initiative named 'Jail tourism'?
3. The 'Union Budget' Mobile application has been developed by which institution?

## 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: HVA equals VEN  
Uknnvuu su azp tzf pdv psuvw. Sp su tf pdzuvv odz uvvr lkscqan, wqrvcnvn suszau, qac pqrv cvnusvh qnpsza. Izuv Usbzq



## From the Front Page

### Chakka jam mainly in Punjab, Haryana; no violent incident

"The January 26 episode by anti-social elements who infiltrated our groups caused great harm to us," said Burjill. "We have given repeated instructions to youngsters who were to bring people in tractor-trolleys to dharma sites to drive slowly and remain polite."

That's why the jam for was just three hours, Dhaner added. "So that people can reach the sites by noon and return home before sunset. The idea was to show our strength and to be heard."

Raising slogans against the Centre, they parked their tractors or squatted on the road. Among the highways affected were Chandigarh-Zirakpur, Amritsar-Panthkot, Tarn Taran-Kapurthala, Ferozepur-Fazilka, Muktsar-Kotkapura, Bathinda-Chandigarh, Ludhiana-Jalandhar, Panchkula-Pinjore and the Ambala-Chandigarh stretches.

Haryana's additional chief secretary (home) Rajiv Arora told The Indian Express that "no untoward incident" was reported from any part of the state. "It was only a three-hour chakka jam and everything went off peacefully. There was no incident of any law and order disruption or any ambulance or any other essential services vehicles getting stuck or blocked by the farmers at any place".

In Punjab, the chakka jam disrupted traffic at more than 350 places. Protests were organised by 32 farmer unions and BKU Ugrahan and KMSC.

On Friday, farmer leader Rakesh Tikait had declared that their protest on Delhi's outskirts would continue till October 2. He had said that he had received "inputs" that some "miscreants" would try to "disrupt peace" and so had called off the "chakka jam" in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

In Rajasthan, farmers at many places including Ganjamgarh, Hanumangarh, Dholpur and Jhalawar stalled traffic, police said. Protests were staged in Karad and Kolhapur in Maharashtra; at least 40 protesters, including senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan's wife Satvasheela Chavan, were detained for a protest in Karad, police said.

Swabhiman Shetkari Sanghatna leader Raju Shetti and others were detained briefly in Kolhapur. (with PTI)

### Is 5G round the corner? Not really

But the problem is that 5G speeds, which is very different from 4G, requires large amounts of spectrum which would not be possible by optimising the existing bands of 4G spectrum. For real 5G speeds, operators need spectrum in the 3.5 GHz band, which the government is not putting up for auctions planned in March.

Some confusion has been created by the government also. In the notice inviting applications (NIA) for the March auctions, the DoT had put in a clause that operators would need to give a year's notice if they wanted to use the spectrum acquired for providing any new technology services. On January 28, the government shortened this period to six months. Many observers viewed this as the government willing to allow operators to provide 5G services using existing spectrum bands, thus signalling arrival of the services in the country within this year itself.

### Data of armymen using Airtel in J&K allegedly leaked

"We have apprised all the relevant authorities of the matter, therefore, investigate this and take appropriate action,"

the spokesperson said.

"This group has been in touch with our security team for over 15 months now and has made varying claims in addition to posting inaccurate data from one specific region," the spokesperson said.

The links shared by the hacker were initially accessible with mobile number, name and address of subscribers but stopped working after sometime. Red Rabbit Team in a message to PTI claimed that it has access to pan-India data of Bharti Airtel through a shell uploaded on the company's server and will leak more data soon.

Rajaharia said that hackers have failed to show any credible evidence of possessing pan-India data of Bharti Airtel and it is also unclear on the way they got subscriber's data.

The hacker group failed to show evidence that they have a whole India database. Their claim of shell upload may be also fake.

The video of SDR portal seems real but only a short portion of data may leak via this. It is still unclear how they got access to whole Jammu and Kashmir subscriber data," he said.

### What's in a logo? Cautious brands on the backfoot and social media fodder

He says, "Going forward, brands will need multiple perspectives to symbolisms. Some cultural symbolisms of the past might not age well and brands who are sensitive to changing audience perceptions will have to constantly review them with the present cultural lens. It is not just design, but a lot of what the brand stands for itself will undergo a rethinking. It is fascinating balance of risking years of equity you have built, for gaining the energy that a refreshed brand brings about." Ashish Khazanchi, managing partner, Enormous Brands, does not agree with review mechanisms. He says

one can't control imaginations. "I agree people would be more cautious now. But brands need to stay away from sensationalist conversations. No one should, at any cost, incite the troll army."

Mynta's case is not a lone one. Logos have often come under the scanner for either being offensive or similar to other brands. For instance, who would have thought that popular burger brand McDonald's would have a woman's breasts as its logo? When in the 1960s, the brand hired psychologist and design consultant Louis Cheskin, he suggested breast-shaped arches to represent mother McDonald's breasts as they would have a "Freudian impact on the subconscious minds of the consumers". Investigative journalist Eric Schlosser's 2001 book Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal reveals the idea.

Another popular logo controversy was between two major brands. In 1984, sports-wear and fragrance line Polo Ralph Lauren of Ralph Lauren Corporation filed a suit against US Polo Association over trademark infringement. After a series of lawsuits and counter lawsuits, the companies remain in dispute till date over the use of the horsemen playing polo in their logos. While Ralph Lauren has a single player, US Polo displays two players in the logo.

However, sometimes some coincidences are meant to be laughed at. Audio streaming and media services provider Spotify India's use of a Good Day biscuit as its logo on its Twitter handle in June 2020 was a meme fest. It so happened that a Twitter user compared Spotify's logo to a Good Day biscuit design. The brand too responded with tongue-in-cheek humour and put up a picture of the biscuit as its profile picture with their Twitter bio reading "Even we can't unsink it now". Replying to the development, Britannia Good Day's Twitter team said, "Thanks for sharing the spotlight with us," referring to their

name and put up a picture of their biscuit dissected as Spotify's logo. "We can't unsee what you did there! You've totally happiness us," they wrote.

In fact, when the news of Mynta controversy broke, food delivery portals Zomato and Swiggy were quick with their share of witty and sarcastic posts. "Spent the last 9 hours just looking at our logo," Swiggy wrote, while Zomato posted a picture of their old logo, a spoon that comedian Tanmay Bhat and others pointed out looked like a sperm. They wrote, "Throwback to our old logo." They also replied to Bhat that they were

glad they managed to sneak by the censor board, referring to his show that came under the Censor Board scanner.

After Mynta's incident, social media exploded with logos of various brands being decoded and criticised for being suggestive. Elon Musk's electric car company Tesla Inc's logo "T" was pointed out by some as being representative of the male genital, automaker company Volkswagen's 'VW' were labelled as vulgar, automobile manufacturer Renault's logo, a cubical square was called out for being sexually suggestive, as was financial services company

Mastercard's, vacation rental company Airbnb's and ed-tech company Byju's. In fact, television network Doordarshan's logo was pointed out as suggestive too.

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(Rs. In Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter ended			Nine Months ended		Year ended
	31.12.2020	30.09.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2020	31.12.2019	31.03.2020
	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	UNAUDITED	AUDITED
Total Income	34875.70	32999.79	31619.17	91187.78	95406.06	125797.68
Net Profit before tax and exceptional items	5726.43	3282.12	1934.20	11145.44	9370.42	11714.04
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Net Profit after tax	3745.33	2132.78	1243.84	7257.80	6038.67	7590.21
Total comprehensive Income for the period (comprising profit for the period after tax and other comprehensive income after tax)	3725.24	2099.79	1220.88	7228.29	5918.44	7404.33
Paid-up equity Share Capital (Face Value Rs.10/- Per Share)	2669.38	2669.38	2669.38	2669.38	2669.38	2669.38
Reserves as shown in Audited Balance Sheet of Previous Year	-	-	-	-	-	54921.26
Earning per share (of Rs. 10/- each ) Basic & Diluted	14.03	7.99	4.66	27.19	22.62	28.43

1. The above results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on 6th February, 2021 and have been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Nine Months Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Nine Months Financial Results are available on the Stock exchanges websites. [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com), [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and Company's web site [www.mangalacement.com](http://www.mangalacement.com).

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Extracts of unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results for the quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020

(Rs. In lacs)

Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
	Quarter ended 31/12/2020	Quarter ended 31/12/2019	Year ended 31/03/2020	Quarter ended 31/12/2020	Quarter ended 31/12/2019	Year ended 31/03/2020
Total income from operations (net)	30.00	37.00	9735.62	506.23	470.62	11489.84
Net Profit/(Loss) (before Extraordinary activities after tax)	(132.30)	(17.62)	(619.51)	(163.71)	(39.74)	(626.93)
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Extraordinary items)	(132.30)	(17.62)	(619.51)	(163.71)	(39.74)	(626.93)
Equity Share Capital	600.99	600.99	600.99	600.99	600.99	600.99
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) of Rs.10/- each Basic: Diluted:	(2.20)	(0.29)	(10.60)	(2.79)	(0.67)	(10.43)
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Mr. Nimish K. Patel

Chairman & Managing Director

## NOTICE

### DSP

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Record Date: February 12, 2021

Scheme(s)/Plans/Options	Quantum of Dividend per unit (Rs.)	Face Value per Unit (Rs.)	NAV as on February 04, 2021 (Rs.)


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# Spotlight

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021



## HAITIAN REVOLUTION

The 1803 Haitian Revolution was the first successful black revolution against slavery in Saint-Domingue, now the sovereign state of Haiti. The revolt began on August 1791 and ended in 1804 with the former colony's independence.

(Clockwise from right) A file photo of a Black Lives Matter rally in Brisbane, Australia; an unruly mob, allegedly a segment of protesting farmers—a claim denied by farmer groups—stormed the Red Fort in the national capital on January 26; and protesters at the US Capitol last month



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(Left) A file photo of protesters holding candles during a rally for justice in the Nirbhaya case in New Delhi; and (below) people take part in an anti-CAA protest at Shaheen Bagh, New Delhi

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# Protest. Agitation. Movement

As a protest captures popular imagination and becomes a topic of conversation in every home, we examine the various facets of dissent



When there is no democracy, there is no contestation. We should be seriously worried about the health of the country if there are no protests

— YOGENDRA YADAV, FOUNDER, JAI KISAN ANDOLAN OF SWARAJ ABHIYAN, A SOCIO-POLITICAL ORGANISATION IN GURUGRAM



Today's farmers have no comparison with their historical counterparts. Compare the peasant movements led by Baba Ram Chandra, Swami Sahajanand, and in modern times by Charan Singh and even Mahendra Singh Tikait with the ones today

— KAPIL KUMAR, PROFESSOR & HISTORIAN, AND FORMER DIRECTOR, CENTRE FOR FREEDOM STRUGGLE & DIASPORA STUDIES, IGNOU

VAISHALI DAR

**V**ISUALS OF AN unruly mob, said to be a segment of protesting farmers—a claim denied by farmer groups—storming the Red Fort in the national capital will be etched in minds for years to come. Just as America will not forget anytime soon the invasion of the Capitol, reportedly at the behest of then incumbent president. Protests in Russia, Hong Kong, France—the past few years have seen several movements that have been talked about

whatever be the cause—pro-policy or anti-policy, pro-event or anti-event, pro-person or anti-person—outrage resulting into protests is nothing new. Whether the rulers granted it or not, the right to dissent has been seized and implemented to the full since time immemorial.

"Where there is no democracy, there is no contestation, and we should be seriously worried about the health of the country if there are no protests. Of course, democratic and peaceful protests are very much a sign of a living democracy. The electorate of today is different than yesteryears and understands, weighs and votes. Rather, I would say people enjoy political clowns and *nautanki* to entertain themselves but don't take them as serious political statements. Else the *chor-chor* campaign would have given dividends to INC rather than routing it," he adds.

Yadav has been associated with farmers for more than two decades. He is one of the farm leaders named in an FIR that includes charges of rioting, criminal conspiracy and attempt to murder, among others, following the violence on Republic Day in Delhi. A known psephologist and former member of the national executive of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Yadav says, "Contestation is woven into the texture of democracy. If governance provides the warp then protests provide the woof, without which you cannot weave democracy. Unfortunately, in the past few years, the current regime has gone out of its way to demonise and criminalise any possible dissent."

As a social phenomenon, protests are very important for public awareness of the social conditions of the world and modes of negotiation, feels Sayasasti, professor of sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi. He says, "The tone

and tenor of everyday life is textured with risks and uncertainties on account of multiple complex predicaments, and protests form the basis of dissent. Like the farmers' protest is an unprecedented spectacle noticed by everyone. It has become a subject of conversation in every home."

### Protest politics

As the pandemic hit the world, 2020 was a year of activism. Besides climate strikes and anti-lockdown protests, the Black Lives Matter movement, Black Friday Amazon protests, the siege of the US Capitol, protests in Hong Kong, Shaheen Bagh and the farmers' protest in Delhi hit the world.

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India's journey to independence dates back to extraordinary campaigns of protests from 1857 to 1947. Mahatma Gandhi's civil disobedience movement through Satyagraha in 1915, Salt March or Dandi March in 1930, protest over discrimination against 'untouchables' in 1932 or the Quit India movement in 1942 were a few major struggles for Indian independence.

Several others were faces of the independence

### A history of protests

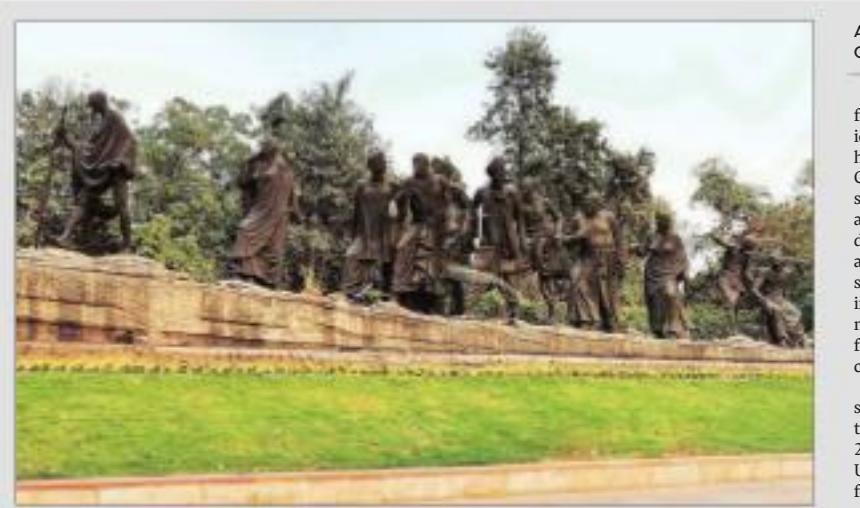
VAISHALI DAR

PROTESTS AND PROTESTERS never go by the playbook. Right from the freedom movement, eradication of social evils, or amendment in archaic legislations, several reforms are a result of concentrated efforts and campaigns initiated by leaders and reformers.

Violent, non-violent, writings, poems, rallies, demonstrations, resistance movements, marches or revolutionary struggles in social, economic, political and religious and cultural power structures or the idea of human freedom from bondage of slavery, feudalism, colonialism and capitalism form the basis of protest and thus become a powerful tool of social change to shape the present or assure a better future.

India's journey to independence dates back to extraordinary campaigns of protests from 1857 to 1947. Mahatma Gandhi's civil disobedience movement through Satyagraha in 1915, Salt March or Dandi March in 1930, protest over discrimination against 'untouchables' in 1932 or the Quit India movement in 1942 were a few major struggles for Indian independence.

Several others were faces of the independence



A statue commemorating Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March, or Dandi March, of 1930

felt threatened by the policies of former US president Trump, who mocked climate change as a hoax. Non-violent demonstrations like the 1973 Chipko Movement in India became the strongest form of resistance by women farmers against rampant cutting of trees. Under the direction of Sunderlal Bahuguna, a Gandhian activist and philosopher, the protest helped spread a crucial message and led to the uprising in other states in north India. More recently, climate activist Greta Thunberg has been at the forefront of Fridays for Future, urging schoolchildren to protest against climate change.

Last year, New York City saw more than a thousand protests—peaceful and violent—caused by the outrage at the death of George Floyd in May 2020. The death ignited a wave of outrage in the US over law enforcement's repeated use of lethal force against African Americans.

In India, Delhi has been at the centre of dissent right from the British era. *Hartals, satyagraha* against the British rule, movements after independence like the Emergency protests, *Kisan agitations*, Mandal Commission protests, Jan Lokpal andolan, December 16 gangrape protests and farmers' protest, to name some. Ramila Maidan and Jantar Mantar are known as protest sites more than anything else.

protests. Farmers' agitation is in a similar predicament. A protest has to struggle a lot to protect its sanctity," says the member of the core team associated with the Anna movement, requesting anonymity.

Sympathetic to farmers' cause, he feels that anti-national slogans raised at the Delhi border should have been condemned by the organisers straight away. "It's easier to discredit any movement. The pro-separatist slogans raised at farmers' agitation should have been immediately shunned and disowned by the organisers," he adds.

Delhi-based author and political scientist Sanjay Kumar feels the farmer movement was not a opportunity. "Shaheen Bagh, NRC, Anna Hazare or Nirbhaya were non-political movements and powerful tools to attract the attention of the policymakers. Why defame farmers' protest as a five-star movement if they have facilities for comfortable living? They are not on a hunger strike and have every right to survive," says Kumar.

Services available for farmers at protest sites are a deliberate attempt to discredit or weaken the protest in order to divert attention from real issues, feels Dagar of BKU. "What's the hul-laballoo about? The same luxuries are enjoyed by many, but it's a problem when the poor have access to them," he says.

Despite movements arising from different circumstances and environments, social media also helps in amplifying the message of protests. Visuals are always appealing to senses, like the footage of George Floyd's death.

Many have been arrested for 'objectionable' tweets and posts too. Yogendra Yadav feels there is a deliberate crackdown by the current regime against dissenters. "The only challenge that comes is from protest and movements and thus there is an attempt to criminalise dissent and use various means—social or news media, use of income tax laws against NGOs, use of anti-terrorist points of laws against social activists, etc. Calling a protest as trivialisation is to trivialise the issue. To my mind protest and contestation are the lifeline of democracy, therefore, it's a full-blown onslaught on the foundation of a democracy," he says.

Recently in a social media post, Hindi poet Kumar Vishwas also lamented how the ongoing farmers' protest is being discredited. He wrote that it is not right to dismiss movements just because they are against our 'favourite' government, regime or political parties.



For those, social media has helped in putting their point across.

Now, common people frequently use the *dharma* route instead of political parties. A decade ago, this wasn't the case.

— SANJAY KUMAR, DELHI-BASED AUTHOR & POLITICAL SCIENTIST, AND PROFESSOR, CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF DEVELOPING SOCIETIES, AN INDIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES



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— VIRENDER DAGAR, UNIT IN-CHARGE, DELHI, BHARATIYA KISAN UNION

its benefit doesn't reach the farmers, this has been the case for years. When the laws were promulgated, no organisation or even a single farmer was consulted. We approached all the people who matter in the government before starting this agitation. After protesting in Punjab, we decided to move to Delhi when the government did not agree to our demands. Hence, we were left with no option but to protest as this is our right in democracy. If medical doctors, sanitation workers or the CM can sit in protest then why can't farmers? The circumstances have compelled us to do so," says Virender Dagar, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) Delhi unit in-charge.

As a social phenomenon, protests are very important for public awareness of the social

conditions of the world and modes of negotiation, feels Sayasasti, professor of sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi. He says, "The tone

movements to produce social change, apart from public opinion, that has an important mediating role in determining a movement. As in the case of mass protests at Rajpath post the brutal gang rape-cum-murder of a paramedic in Delhi in December 2012. The country witnessed an outpouring of anguish and anger as people poured onto the streets demanding justice. The agitation was not pulled off by individuals or any group but rattled the then UPA government and led to change in laws regarding crimes against women.

of leadership.

Academics feel the protests of yesteryears brought a revolution largely because of leadership. Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X were colossal figures of non-violent protest and great outcomes.

In India, revolutionary freedom fighter Lata, Das, Bhagat Singh, Subhas Chandra Bose, and, of course, Mahatma Gandhi fired the independence movement.

Dharnas have a special mention in protests.

In 2011, when anti-corruption activist Anna Hazare began a hunger strike at Ramlila Maidan to put pressure on Indian government for bringing in a strong ombudsman. Arvind Kejriwal sat in dharna against actions of the lieutenant governor of Delhi in 2018.

If history is known for mass mobilisation in the streets, present day calls for mobilisation on social media, like the farmers' protest this week intensified into a hashtag war across the globe, with celebrities, politicians, activists and almost every Twitter user in India reacting to pop star Rihanna's tweet highlighting the farmers' protest, followed by Greta Thunberg's tweet in solidarity and subsequent news of an FIR being registered against the toolkit shared

by her. Even the government reacted by issuing a stern statement of caution.

Both amusive and provocative, social media creates disruption, taking away the reality of the situation with trolling and mockery. The farmers' protest has also been mocked many times as netizens uploaded footage of pizzas, consumption of dry fruits, tea being served, huge roti-makers, comfortable bedding, waterproof tents, and foot massage machines, which went viral on social media.

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Dated : 6 February 2021

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## UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2020

(₹ in Lakhs)			
Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020	Year Ended 31.03.2020	Quarter Ended 31.12.2019
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Income from Operations	40,084	1,71,167	44,382
Net Profit for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	486	(4,843)	(521)
Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,579)	(4,843)	(521)
Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2,648)	(8,427)	(515)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,655)	(8,555)	(534)
Equity Share Capital	2,439	2,439	2,172
Earnings Per Share (Face Value of Rs. 2/- each) (not annualised)	(2.10)	(7.04)	(0.46)
a) Basic			
b) Diluted			

Notes:  
1) The above Unaudited financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 05, 2021 along with Limited Review Reports.  
2) Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows:

(₹ in Lakhs)			
Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020	Year Ended 31.03.2020	Quarter Ended 31.12.2019
	Unaudited	Audited	Unaudited
Total Income from Operations	8,049	42,514	11,564
Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1,214)	(2,151)	(411)
Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(2,267)	(5,782)	(345)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(2,262)	(5,834)	(354)

3) Results for the quarter and nine months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 are in compliance with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) as notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

4) The above is an extract of the detailed format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter and nine months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020, are available for investors at [www.gati.com](http://www.gati.com), [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

Statement of Deviation / Variation in utilization of funds raised:

Name of Listed Entity	Gati Limited
Mode of Fund Raising	Public Issues / Rights Issues / Preferential Issues / QIP / Others
Date of Raising Funds	January 16, 2020 (Date of receipt of fund)
Amount Raised	INR 100,00,00,500
Report filed for Quarter ended	December 31, 2020
Monitoring Agency	Applicable / not applicable
Monitoring Agency Name, if applicable	Not Applicable
Is there a Deviation / Variation in use of funds raised	Yes/No
If yes, whether the same is pursuant to change in terms of a contract or objects, which was approved by the shareholders	Not Applicable
If Yes, Date of shareholder Approval	Not Applicable
Explanation for the Deviation / Variation	Not Applicable
Comments of the Audit Committee after review	None
Comments of the auditors, if any	None
Objects for which funds have been raised and where there has been a deviation, in the following table	

Original Object	Modified Object, if any	Original Allocation (In Rs.)	Modified allocation, if any	Funds Utilised (In Rs.)	Amount of Deviation/Variation for the quarter according to applicable object	Remarks if any
The fund raised through issue of equity shares on preferential basis has been utilised for the purposes for which it was raised, which inter-alia includes	Not Applicable	100,00,00,500	Not Applicable	92,48,92,682	None	-
(i) to repay debt						
(ii) to meet working capital requirement						
(iii) General Corporate Purpose						

Deviation or variation could mean:

(a) Deviation in the objects or purposes for which the funds have been raised or

(b) Deviation in the amount of funds actually utilized as against what was originally disclosed or

(c) Change in terms of a contract referred to in the fund raising document i.e. prospectus, letter of offer, etc.

\*Unutilized amounts of the issue as at December 31, 2020 have been temporarily deployed in fixed deposit / current deposit with Scheduled Banks.

For Gati Limited

Shashi Kiran Shetty

Chairman and Managing Director

DIN: 00012754

Place: Mumbai

Date: February 05, 2021

## VRL LOGISTICS LIMITED

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### EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF REVIEWED UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Particulars	Quarter ended December 31, 2020	Quarter ended December 31, 2019	Nine months ended December 31, 2020	Nine months ended December 31, 2019	Year ended March 31, 2020
	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
Total Income from Operations	56855.46	55964.13	11726.60	16285.33	21285.65
Net Profit for the period (before tax, exceptional items)	5453.47	3261.35	1242.91	10104.21	10431.68
Net Profit for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	5453.47	3261.35	1242.91	10104.21	10431.68
Net Profit for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	3973.77	2579.78	790.35	8797.59	9011.49
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	3922.54	2495.85	636.66	8548.84	8806.57
Equity Share Capital	9034.35	9034.35	9034.35	9034.35	9034.35
Other Equity excluding revaluation reserve					52652.58
Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (not annualized)					
Before Extraordinary item					
Basic :	4.40	2.86	0.87	9.74	9.97
Diluted:	4.40	2.86	0.87	9.74	9.97

The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine months ended December 31, 2020 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results for the said Quarter and Nine months ended December 31, 2020 is available on the website of the Company as also the Stock Exchanges as detailed below.

Company's website: [http://vrlgroup.in/vrl\\_investor\\_desk.aspx?display=finance\\_q\\_results](http://vrlgroup.in/vrl_investor_desk.aspx?display=finance_q_results)

BSE Limited: [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)

National Stock Exchange of India Limited: [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)

Notes:

- 1) The financial results are prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 (Ind AS) (amended) as prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 ("the Act") read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) (Amendment) Rules, 2016. These financial results together with the results for the comparative reporting period have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles as laid down in Ind AS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting. Any application guidance/clarifications/directions issued by the Reserve Bank of India or other regulators are implemented as and when they are issued/applicable.
- 2) The financial results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and were thereafter approved by the Board of Directors of the Company at their respective meetings held on February 06, 2021.

For and on behalf of the Board of VRL LOGISTICS LIMITED

Sd/- DR. VIJAY SANKESHWAR

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Clause 29 of SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements), 2015, Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 03:30 PM at registered office of the company inter-alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Unaudited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results of the Company for the quarter ended on December 31, 2020.

By Order of the Board  
 For Mishka Exim Limited  
 Sd/-  
 Rajeeesh Gupta  
 Managing Director  
 DIN: 00132141

Date: 06.02.2021  
 Place: New Delhi

**INDIAN TONERS & DEVELOPERS LIMITED**

Regd. Office: 10.5 Km Milestone, Rampur Bareilly Road,  
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(CIN L74993UP1990PLC015721)

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**NOTICE FOR LOSS OF SHARES**

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificate(s) have been reported as lost/stolen/misplaced/not traceable and the registered holder(s) has/have applied to the company for issue of duplicate share certificates.

Folio No.	Certificate No.	Distinctive Nos.	No. of Shares	Name of Shareholder
40651	35837	4784401	4784500 100	Suleman S Lakhani
	38839	5084601	5084700 100	

Any person(s) who has/have any claim in respect of these share certificates should write to the company at the address given above within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. In case where no objection is received within 15 days, the company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates. The public is hereby warned against purchasing or dealing in anyway with the above share certificates.

For Indian Toners & Developers Limited

Sd/-  
 (S.C. SINGHAL)

COMPANY SECRETARY

**BHARAT EKANSH LIMITED**

CIN : L74899DL1985PLC020973

Regd. Office: Plot NO.86, Pocket C, IFC, Ghaziabad, Delhi-110096

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Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and Nine Months Ended on 31st December, 2020

(Rupees in lacs except EPS)

S. No.	Particulars	Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended	Year Ended
		Current Quarter	Previous Quarter	Corresponding Quarter		
	I REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS					
	Interest Income	14.70	-	-	19.70	13.00
	Total Revenue from Operations (I)	14.70	-	-	19.70	13.00
	II Other Income	2.20	-	-	2.20	0.57
	III Total Income (I + II)	16.90	-	-	21.90	13.57
	EXPENSES					
	i. Employee Benefits Expenses	2.21	1.93	3.03	6.56	7.89
	ii. Depreciation Expense	-	-	-	-	-
	iii. Others expenses	0.49	1.32	2.39	11.54	9.15
	IV Total Expenses (IV)	2.70	3.25	5.42	18.10	20.34
	V Profit / (loss) before exceptional items and tax (III-IV)	14.20	(3.25)	(5.42)	3.81	(2.47)
	VI Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
	VII Profit/(loss) before tax (V-VI)	14.20	(3.25)	(5.42)	3.81	(2.47)
	VIII Tax Expenses:					
	Current tax	-	-	-	-	1.45
	Deferred tax	-	-	-	-	-
	IX Profit/(loss) for the period from continuing operations (X-VIII)	14.20	(3.25)	(5.42)	3.81	(2.47)
	X Profit/(loss) discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-
	XI Tax Expenses of discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-
	XII Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations after tax (X-XI)	-	-	-	-	-
	XIII Profit/(loss) for the period (X-XII)	14.20	(3.25)	(5.42)	3.81	(2.47)
	XIV Other Comprehensive Income					
	(A) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-
	(i) Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal (A)	-	-	-	-	-
	(B) Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-
	(ii) Income tax relating to items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-
	Subtotal (B)	-	-	-	-	-
	XV Other Comprehensive Income (A+B)	-	-	-	-	-
	XVI Total Comprehensive income for the period (XIII+XV)	14.20	(3.25)	(5.42)	3.81	(2.47)
	XVII Reserves Revaluing Reserves as per balance sheet of previous accounting year	500.00	500.00	82.89	500.00	82.89
	XVIII Earnings per equity share	168.13	153.93	27.32	168.13	27.32
	(1) Basic (in Rupees)	0.28	(0.07)	(0.66)	0.08	(0.30)
	(2) Diluted (in Rupees)	0.28	(0.07)	(0.66)	0.08	(0.30)

See accompanying notes to the financial results

**Notes:**

(1) The Company has adopted Indian Accounting Standard ("Ind AS") notified under section 133 of the Companies Act 2013 ("the Ind AS") read with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 from 1st April 2019. There is a possibility that these financial results for the current and previous periods may require adjustments due to changes in financial reporting requirements arising from new standards, modifications to the existing standards, guidelines issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and RBI or changes in the use of one or more optional exemption from full retrospective application of certain Ind AS permitted under Ind AS-10.

(2) As required by paragraph 32 of Ind AS 101, net profit reconciliation between the figures reported under Previous GAAP and Ind AS is as under:

Particulars	Quarter Ended 31.12.2020	Nine Months Ended 31.12.2020	Year Ended 31.03.2020
Net Profit/(loss) after tax as reported under previous GAAP	14.20	3.81	1.78
Add/(less) Adjustments net profit after tax as reported under Previous GAAP	-	-	-
Net Profit/(loss) after tax as per Ind AS	14.20	3.81	1.78
Other Comprehensive Income (net of tax)	-	-	-
Remeasurement of Investments through FVOCI	-	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income as per Ind AS	14.20	3.81	1.78

(3) The above audited financial results for quarter and nine months ended 31st December 2020 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and then approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on January 21, 2021.

(4) The statutory auditors have carried out the audit on the above results for Quarter and Nine months ended on December 31, 2020. However, the management has exercised necessary due diligence to ensure that the financial results provide true and fair view of its affairs.

(5) Figures for the previous period have been regrouped wherever considered necessary so as to conform to the classification of the current period.

(6) The above results have been prepared in compliance with the recognition and measurement principles of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015 as amended by the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards Amendment Rules, 2016) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other recognised accounting practices and policies.

For and on behalf of board of directors of

Bharat Ekansh Limited

Sd/-

VISHAL KUMAR SRIVASTAVA

DIRECTOR

DIN: 08792936

Date : February 02<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Place : New Delhi

INDUSIND BANK LIMITED

SCO 99 Green Square Market, Near Telephone Exchange, Hisar

**AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the Authorised Officer in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) proposes to realize the secured creditors' dues of Rs 3,03,007,830/- (Rupees Three Crore Three Lacs Seven Hundred Eighty Three only) as on 31.05.2017 plus further interest @ 11.15% p. a. from 1.06.2017 by sale of the secured assets on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" under the provisions of the said Act and the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) and subject to such terms and conditions as may be stipulated by the Authorised Officer in this regard. Sealed tenders from the public are invited for the purchase of the secured assets mentioned hereinbelow.

Last Date & Time for submitting EMD and Bids: 8 March 2021 till 11.30 a.m.

Date, Time & Venue of Public Auction: 8 March 2021 at 12.30 p. m. onwards at IndusInd Bank Ltd, SCO No. 99, Green Square Market, Near Telephone Exchange, Hisar.

Details of Borrowers

1. Mrs. Krishna Rani 2. Mrs. Savita Devi 3. Mrs. Sunita Rani 4. Mr. Madan Lal 5. Mr. Parmod Kumar 6. Mr. Shyam Sunder 7. Mr. Keshav Garg 8. Mr. Vinod Kumar.

Description of secured assets

1. All that piece and parcel land & building situated being and lying at Godown constructed on land measuring 0K-08M being 8/60 share of total land measuring 3K-0M comprised in Khatouni No. 5571, Khatouni No. 7832 and Khasra no. 543/19/1(3-0) situated at Ram Singh Colony, Hansi, Dist. Hisar owned by Mrs. Savita Rani.

2. All that piece and parcel of land & building situated being and lying at Godown constructed on land measuring 0K-6M, being 26/212 share of total land measuring 10K-12M comprised in Khatouni No. 5572, Khatoni No. 7834 and Khasra no. 543/18/8-(0-2) 19/2(12) situated at Ram Singh Colony, Hansi, Tehsil Hansi, Dist. Hisar owned by Smt Krishna Rani.

3. All that piece and parcel of land & building situated being and lying at Godown constructed on land measuring 0K-6/23M being 20/1194 share of total land measuring 19K-18M, comprised in Khatouni No. 5568, Khatouni No. 7289 at Ram Singh Colony, Tehsil Hansi, Dist. Hisar owned by Krishna Rani.

Reserve Price

Rs. 32.00 lacs (Rupees Thirty Two Lac only)

EMD 3.20 lacs

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- Tender Document comprising detailed terms and conditions of the Sale and Bid Form can be collected by the Intending Bidders from IndusInd Bank Ltd, SCO No. 99, Green Square Market, Hisar. For enquiries, the Intending Bidders may contact the undersigned Authorised Officer on 96542-14923 on or before 6.03.2021.
- Intending Bidders shall deposit the aforesaid EMD/s on or before the date and time mentioned herein above by way of a Demand Draft / Pay Order drawn in favour of IndusInd Bank Ltd duly supported with documents as required and indicated in Tender Document.
- Offers below the Reserve Price without EMD/Qualified/Conditional Shall be disqualified.
- Those interested may inspect the property on 5.03.2021 between 10 am to 2 pm by contacting the authorized officer Mr. Vikram Sharma at 96542-14923.
- The Authorised Officer of the secured creditor is having physical possession of the secured asset and no encumbrances are known to him/secured creditor. However, the Intending Bidders should make their own independent evaluation on encumbrances, title of secured assets and claims/ rights/ dues affecting the secured assets. The Public Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the secured creditor. The Authorised Officer and/or the secured creditor shall not in any manner be held responsible for any encumbrance, charge, government dues, third party claims etc., if any, on the said secured assets and the same shall be sole responsibility of the respective purchasers.
- Offers so received will be considered by opening bids by the undersigned on 8.03.2021 at 12.30 p.m.) at the office of IndusInd Bank Ltd, SCO No. 99, Green Square Market, Hisar when the offerors may remain present and increase their offer, if they so desire by inter-se

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CIN: L74999DL1992PLC048032  
Regd. Off: PP-1, Gali No.10, Industrial Area Anand Parbat, New Delhi - 110005

Part-1 S. N.	QUARTERLY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED & NINE MONTHS ENDED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2020						(Rs. in Lacs)
	3 months ended	Preceding 3 months ended	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year	Date figures for the current year ended	Date figures for the current year ended	Year to Year Ended	
(Refer Note Below)	31-12-2020	30-09-2020	31-12-2019	31-12-2020	31-12-2019	31-03-2020	
1 Income from operations	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited	
(a) Net sales /Income from Operations (Net of Excise duty)	3.32	3.37	3.46	10.18	10.20	13.79	
(b) Other operating income	0.11	0.10	-	0.22	0.22	3.00	
Total Income from operations (net)	3.43	3.47	3.46	10.40	10.42	16.79	
2 Expenses:							
(a) Cost of materials consumed	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Purchase of stock in trade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(c) Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in-progress and stock-in-trade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(d) Employee benefits expense	1.08	1.27	1.17	3.22	3.37	4.08	
(e) Depreciation and Amortisation expense	0.95	4.05	0.33	5.15	4.85	7.88	
(f) Other expenses	2.03	5.32	1.50	8.37	8.22	12.42	
Total expenses	4.40	1.85	1.96	2.03	2.20	4.37	
3 Profit/(Loss) from operations before other income, finance costs and exceptional items(1+2)							
4 Other income							
5 Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities before finance costs and exceptional items (3+4)	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	4.37	
6 Finance costs							
7 Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after finance costs but before exceptional items (5+6)	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	4.37	
8 Exceptional items							
9 Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities before tax (7+8)	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	4.37	
10 Tax expense including Deffered Tax							
11 Net Profit/(Loss) from ordinary activities after tax (9+/-10)	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	3.61	
12 Extraordinary items (net of tax expense)							
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (11+/-12)	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	3.61	
14 Share of Profit/(Loss) of associates*							
15 Minority interest*							
16 Net profit/(Loss) after taxes, Minority interest and share of profit/(Loss) of associates (13+ 14+ 15)*	1.40	(1.85)	1.96	2.03	2.20	3.61	
17 Other Comprehensive Income							
1 (a) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Income Tax relating to items that will not be reclassified to profit or Loss	-	-	-	-	-	0.87	
2 (a) Items that will be reclassifies to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	
(b) Income Tax relating to items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	
© Prior Period							
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	-	-	-	2.20	7.65	-	
18 Paid-up equity share Capital (Face value of Rs 10/- each)	286.47	286.47	286.47	286.47	286.47	286.47	
19 Reserve excluding Revaluation Reserve as per balance sheet of previous accounting year	45.27	45.27	39.15	45.27	39.15	45.27	
20.i Earnings per share (before extraordinary items) (of face value Rs 10/- each) not annualised:							
(a) Basic	0.05	(0.06)	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.13	
(b) Diluted	0.05	(0.06)	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.13	
20.ii Earnings per share (after extraordinary items) (of face value Rs 10/- each) not annualised:							
(a) Basic	0.05	(0.06)	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.13	
(b) Diluted	0.05	(0.06)	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.13	

Notes:  
1. The above financial results have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 6th February, 2021 and Statutory Auditors have carried out limited review.  
2. The above results have been prepared in accordance with the relevant rules thereunder and in terms of Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and SEBI circulars dated 5th July, 2016.  
3. The format for quarterly results as prescribed in SEBI's Circular CIR.CFD/CMD/15-2015, dated 30th November, 2015, has been modified to comply with requirements of SEBI's circular dated 5th July, 2016.  
4. Effective April 1, 2019, the Company has adopted IND AS 116 "Leases", applied to all lease contracts existing on April 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method with practical expedient. There is no impact on the financial results, on the date of adoption. Accordingly, the financial results for the period January 1, 2019 onwards will be retrospectively adjusted. The effect of this adoption does not have a material impact on the results for the quarter ended on Dec 31, 2020.  
5. Expenses are recognized in Profit or Loss using a classification based on the nature of expense method as per para 99 of IND AS-1, presentation of financial statement.  
6. Previous year's figures have been regrouped wherever necessary to confirm to current period classification.

For Capfin India Limited  
Sd/-  
Rachita Mantry  
Whole Time Director

Place: Delhi

Date: 06/02/2021

CIN: L74999MH1992PLC002641

Registered Office: 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, CG House, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai - 400 030

Tel No.: 022 - 2423 7700 Fax No.: 022 - 2423 7733

E-mail ID: investorservices@cgglobal.com Website: www.cgglobal.com

EXTRACT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS  
FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2020

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Nine months ended	Quarter ended	(in crore)				
		31.12.2020	31.12.2020	31.12.2019					
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited					
1 Total income from operations		703.30	1503.79	558.12					
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)		58.08	(118.95)	(84.75)					
3 Net Loss for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)		(741.44)	(1279.65)	(135.48)					
4 Net Loss for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)		(326.05)	(882.70)	(126.68)					
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Loss for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		(326.07)	(882.77)	(127.29)					
6 Equity Share Capital		267.60	267.60	125.35					
7 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year*									
8 Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 2 each) (not annualised)		(3.67)	(12.36)	(2.03)					
(a) Basic		(3.67)	(12.36)	(2.03)					
(b) Diluted		(3.67)	(12.36)	(2.03)					

\* Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 ₹ 588.54 croreEXTRACT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2020

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended	Nine months ended	Quarter ended	(in crore)				
		31.12.2020	31.12.2020	31.12.2019					
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited					
1 Total income from operations - for continuing operations		819.52	1846.14	1178.32					
2 Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional Items, Share of Associates, Joint Venture and Minority Interest) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		64.10	(135.77)	(166.35)					
3 Net Loss for the period before tax (after Exceptional Items, Share of Associates, Joint Venture and Minority Interest) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		(958.22)	(1058.13)	(214.24)					
4 Net Loss for the period after tax (after Exceptional Items, Share of Associates, Joint Venture and Minority Interest) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		(540.50)	(672.75)	(204.39)					
5 Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Loss for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]		(615.19)	(721.99)	(173.13)					
6 Equity Share Capital		267.60	267.60	125.35					
7 Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in Audited Balance sheet of the Previous year*									
8 Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 2 each) (not annualised) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		(6.09)	(9.42)	(3.26)					
(a) Basic		(6.09)	(9.42)	(3.26)					
(b) Diluted		(6.09)	(9.42)	(3.26)					

\* Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, ₹ (229.03) crore.Notes:  
1 The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 as amended (the 'Listing Regulations'). The full format of the Quarterly/Nine months ended Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and Company's website (www.cgg

**SINDHU TRADE LINKS LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: 129, Transport Centre, Rohit  
Road, Punjab Bagh, New Delhi-110035  
CIN: L63020DL1992PLC121695

**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be convened on **Saturday, 13th February, 2021 at 04.00 P.M.**, to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial results of the Company for the Quarter ended on 31st December, 2020.

Further the Trading Window for dealing in the shares of the Company by Designated Persons and their connected persons is closed from January 1st, 2021 till 48 hours after declaration of Unaudited financial results for the quarter ended on December 31st, 2020 by the Board of Directors of the Company.

This said information is also available on the Company's website at [www.sindhutrade.com](http://www.sindhutrade.com) and may also be available on the website of the stock exchange at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

By the order of the Board  
For Sindhu Trade Links Limited  
Sd/-  
Place: New Delhi Satya Pal Sindhu  
Date: 06.02.2021 Managing Director

**FORM NO.-URC-2**  
Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI [Pursuant to section 374(B) of the companies Act, 2013 and rule 4(1) of the companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, I.M.T. Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana that "Ms. PADAMSHREE NARENDRA MOHAN SHIKHSA SAMITI" a Society may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act, 2013, as a company limited by shares.

2. The principal objects of the company are as follows:

a. To take-over the business of "PADAMSHREE NARENDRA MOHAN SHIKHSA SAMITI" as a going concern.

b. To provide and promote public charitable and literary objects in the field of education.

3. A copy of the draft memorandum and articles of association of the proposed company may be inspected at the office at Mohan Nagar, Karmchhari Sekhri Arwas Samiti, Sector 5, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad -201012, Uttar Pradesh.

4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6, 7, 8, Sector 5, I.M.T. Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

**NAME OF APPLICANTS**

Sd/-  
1. SUNIL KUMAR SHARMA  
2. RAHUL SINGH  
3. SANGEETA SHARMA  
Date : 06.02.2021 | Place : Ghaziabad

**MAYUR LEATHER PRODUCTS LIMITED**  
CIN: L19129RJ1987PLC003889  
Regd. Office: B-5, Vrindavan Apartments, Vrindavan Vihar, King's Road, Jaipur-302019(Raj)  
Works & Factory Office: F-26-A, RILCO Industrial Area, Manpara Macher, Amer, Jaipur-303805  
Tel: +91-9929988801 Email: cs@mayurleather.com Website: [www.mayurgroups.com](http://www.mayurgroups.com)

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulation, 2015, a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13th February, 2021 at 04.00 P.M. at the Registered Office at B-5, Vrindavan Apartments, Vrindavan Vihar, King's Road, Jaipur-302019(Raj) inter-alia to consider and approve the Audited Standalone and Consolidated Financial Results of the Company for the quarter and nine month ended 31.12.2020.

The information contained in this notice is also available on the Company's website [www.mayurgroups.com](http://www.mayurgroups.com) and also available on the website of BSE Ltd [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

For Mayur Leather Products Limited

Sd/-  
Amita Poddar  
Chairman & Director DIN: 00143466

Dated: 06.02.2021

Place: Jaipur

This said information is also available on the Company's website at [www.sindhutrade.com](http://www.sindhutrade.com) and may also be available on the website of the stock exchange at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

By the order of the Board  
For Sindhu Trade Links Limited  
Sd/-  
Place: New Delhi Satya Pal Sindhu  
Date: 06.02.2021 Managing Director

**The Karnataka Bank Ltd.**  
Your Family Bank Across India.  
Head Office, Mangalore - 575 002 | CIN : LB5110KA1924PLC001128  
Asset Recovery Management Branch-8-B, First Floor, Rajendra Park, Pusa Road, New Delhi-110060, I Phone: 011-25813466 | Mobile: 9319891680 E-Mail : [delharm@kbank.com](mailto:delharm@kbank.com) | Website : [www.karnatakabank.com](http://www.karnatakabank.com)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditors, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditors on 12.02.2016, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" on 25.02.2021, for recovery of aggregate amount of banks Rs.36,40,578.11/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Eight and Paisa Eleven Only) i.e. [A] Rs.1,50,368.00/- under A/c No.5447001800034301 along with future interest from 01.11.2018, Plus Costs, [B] Rs.2,08,31.74 under Alc No.5447001800035901 along with future interest 01.11.2018, Plus Costs [C] Rs.2,82,769.00/- under A/c No.5447001800036401 along with future interest 11.11.2018, Plus Costs [D] Rs.29,99,409.37/- under A/c No.5447000600108201 along with future interest 01.11.2018, Plus Costs due to the Karnataka Bank Ltd. Savita Vihar, Branch-Delhi, Plot No.13, Near Sair Mandir, Main Road, Savita Vihar, Delhi-110092, the Secured creditors from (1) Mr. Ranjeet Saini S/o Mr. Rikhi Ram Saini, B-5, F-4, Bharat Apartment, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011 (2) Mrs. Ritu Saini W/o Mr. Ranjeet Saini, B-5, F-4, Bharat Apartment, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201011, being borrowers/guarantors/co-obligants.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:**

All that piece and parcel of shop No.56 with built up ground and first floor comprising 1 shop each situated at Opposite Police Chowki, G.D.A Krishna market Transport Nagar, Delhi-UP Border GT Road, Chikambarpur Dist. Ghaziabad UP comprising of plot measuring 6.75 sq.meter with building constructed thereon belonging to Mr. Ranjeet Saini.

**Boundaries:** East: common passage West: H.P Petrol Pump

North: Property No.55 South: Property No.57

**Reserve Price / Uptake Price below which the property may not be sold:** Rs. 4,59,000.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Nine Thousand Only)

**Earnest money to be deposited/tendered:** Rs.45,000.00 (Rupees Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Only)

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

(This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (1) of Rule (9) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website [www.karnatakabank.com](http://www.karnatakabank.com) under the head "mortgaged assets for sale".

The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://bankauctions.in/> on 25.02.2021 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with unlimited extension of 05 minutes.

The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://bankauctions.in/> and get the user Id and password free of cost and get online training on E-auction (tentatively on 24.02.2021) from M/s. 4 closure, Flat No.102, Plot No.20, Amrutha Apartments, Mothnagar, Hyderabad- 500018 contact No. 040-23836405, mobile 8142000809, E-mail: [vikas@bankauctions.in](mailto:vikas@bankauctions.in) and info@bankauctions.in.

Date: 06.02.2021 For Karnataka Bank Ltd., Chief Manager & Authorised Officer

Place: Delhi

### CORRIGENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC FOR THE VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION PROCESS OF FINSERV SOLUTION INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED

Advertisement made in edition of Financial Express in English language and Jansatta in Hindi language dated 06th February, 2021 for Public Announcement in Form A, of Voluntary Liquidation Process of Finserv Solution International Private Limited shall be taken as null and void. No further action shall be taken on behalf of the advertisement

### RATHI INDUSTRIES LTD.

Regd. Office: A-24/6, Mohan Co-Operative Indl. Estate, Mathura Road, New Delhi-110044. CIN: L74899DL1991PLC046570 Ph. No. 011-46569307, E-mail Id: compliance.ril@gmail.com Website: [www.rathistelmax.com](http://www.rathistelmax.com)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

Notice is hereby given that meeting of Board of Directors of the Company will be held at Plot No. 1319, G.T. Road, Chhaphraula, Gautam Budh Nagar – 201009 on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 2021 to consider and approve the unaudited financial results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020.

By order of the Board,  
For Rathi Industries Ltd.

Sd/-  
Sangram Singh  
(Whole Time Director)

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

Place: New Delhi Date: 06.02.2021

### PRAG BOSIMI SYNTHETICS LIMITED

CIN No. L17124AS1987PLC002758 Corp Off: 79/83, Laxmi Insurance Bldg, Sir P.M. Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400001

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Prag Bosimi Synthetics Limited will be held at the Corporate Office of the Company on Friday, 12th February, 2021 at 4.30 p.m. inter alia, to transact the following:

1. Un Audited Financial Results of the Company for the Third Quarter ended on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2020

2. Appoint Mr. Rohit P. Doshi (Independent Director) as Whole Time Director.

3. Any other matter with the permission of Chair

Yours Faithfully

For Prag Bosimi Synthetics Limited

Sd/-  
(Renu Jindal)

Place: Delhi Date: 06.02.2021

### DELTA LEASING & FINANCE LIMITED

CIN No. L671200L01983PLC016990 55 F.I.E. Patparganj, Industrial Area, Delhi-110092 Phone Number: 011-42420164, 011-27676399 E-mail: [info@deltaleasing.in](mailto:info@deltaleasing.in) Website: [www.deltaleasing.in](http://www.deltaleasing.in)

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Delta Leasing & Finance Limited is scheduled to be held at the Corporate Office of the Company at 20.30 P.M. at 5000 F.I.E., Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi-110092 to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and to consider any other matter with the permission of Chair.

This intimation is also available on the website of BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) where the Company's shares are listed and on the website of the Company viz. ([www.deltaleasing.in](http://www.deltaleasing.in))

For DELTA LEASING & FINANCE LIMITED

Sd/-  
(Renu Jindal)

Place: Delhi Date: 06.02.2021

### CONTINENTAL PETROLEUMS LIMITED

Regd Office: A-2, Opp. Udyog Bhawan, Tilak Marg, C-Scheme, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110055 CIN: L23201RJ1989PLC003704 • Website: [www.contol.in](http://www.contol.in) • Email: [conpetco@gmail.com](mailto:conpetco@gmail.com)

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company is scheduled to be held on Saturday, 13th February, 2020 at 03.00 P.M. at the registered office of the company inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the Unaудited Financial Results of the company for the Quarter and nine months ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 along with the limited review report of the auditor. Further, the trading window for dealing in securities of company is already closed for all designated persons of the company and their immediate relatives from 01<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 and the same shall remain closed till 48 hours after the announcement of the financial results for the Quarter and nine months ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This information is also available on the website of the company at www.contol.in and website of BSE at [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).

For CONTINENTAL PETROLEUMS LIMITED

Place : Jaipur

Date : 06-02-2021

Madan Lal Khandelwal (Managing Director)

### FORM A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

(Under Regulation 6 or the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

### FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF CALZINI FASHIONS

#### RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of corporate debtor

**CALZINI FASHIONS LIMITED**

2. Date of incorporation of corporate debtor

14/06/2007

3. Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated /registered

Registrar of Companies NCT of Delhi and Haryana

4. Corporate Identity No./ Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor

U74994DL2007PLC164774

5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor

Registered Office: S-66, Greater Kailash- Part-II South Delhi New Delhi 110048

**FUTURISTIC SOLUTIONS LIMITED**

CIN: L74899DL1983PLC016568  
Regd. Office: M-50, 1Ind Floor, M-Block, Market, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi-110048  
Website: www.fsl.co.in Fax: 011-2925860,  
Ph: 011-41630436, 4163401  
NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 47 read with Regulation 29 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at the Registered office of the company to inter-alia consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and any other matter with permission of the Chair.

The said notice may be accessed on company's website www.ritzmercantile.com and may also be accessed on the stock Exchanges websites at www.mseindia.com.

For Ritz Mercantile Ltd.  
Sd/-  
Garvit Singhvi  
Whole Time Director  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : 06.02.2021  
DIN: 00597757

**RITZ MERCANTILE LIMITED**

Regd. Off.: 603, Sethi Bhawan, 7, Rajendra Place, New Delhi-110008 CIN: L52110DL1985PLC019805  
NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. at the Registered office of the company to inter-alia consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and any other matter with permission of the Chair.

The said notice may be accessed on company's website www.ritzmercantile.com and may also be accessed on the stock Exchanges websites at www.mseindia.com.

By Order of the Board  
For Ritz Mercantile Ltd.  
Sd/-  
Garvit Singhvi  
Whole Time Director  
Place : New Delhi  
Date : 06.02.2021  
DIN: 00597757

**HELPAGE FINLEASE LIMITED**

CIN: L51909DL1982PLC014434  
Regd. Off.: S-191/c, 3rd Floor, Manak Complex, School Block, Shakarpur, Delhi-110092  
Website: www.helpagefinlease.com,  
Email Id: info@helpagefinlease.com,  
Website: www.helpagefinlease.com  
Tel: 011-22481711  
NOTICE

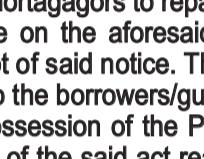
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Regulation 33 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4:00 P.M. at the Registered office of the Company SAS Tower, Sector-38, Gurugram-122001 inter alia to consider and approve the Un-audited Financial Results of the Company for the Quarter ended on 31-12-2020 and to consider any other matter with the permission of the chair.

The information contained in this notice is also available on the website of the Company i.e. (www.ramsonprojects.com) and the website of the stock exchange i.e. (www.bseindia.com).

For Ramsons Projects Limited  
Sd/-  
Megha Goel  
Company Secretary  
Place: Gurugram  
Date: 06-02-2021  
DIN: 00597757

**Canara Bank**

A Government of India Undertaking



**Regional Office II:**  
Padam Business Park,  
Plot No-1, Sector-12A,  
Awas Vikas Yojna,  
Sikandra, Agra

Name of the Borrowers/ Guarantor & Branch	Details of the Mortgaged Properties	Amt. Due as per demand Notice	Date of Demand notice	Date of possession
Borrower:- Ms Shiv Dairy - Proprietor - Mr. Munnes Kumar S/o Mr. Raj Bahadur & Guarantor :- Mr. Raj Bahadur S/o Mr. Gajadhar Singh and Mrs. Premwati W/o Mr. Bangali Babu.	1. EMT of Free Hold Single Storey Residential cum Commercial Building, Khasra No.954 Village Bateshwar Tehsil Bah, Distt Agra, in the name of Smt. Premwati W/o Mr. Bangali Babu, Measuring 204.37 Sq. Mtr., Bounded as: East : Land of Ramswaroop, West : Road, North:Plot of Ghamandi Lal, South - Plot of Shyam Lal.	Rs. 32,52,431.90 + intt. from 01.11.2020 & others exp.	07.11.2020	02.02.2021
Branch: Jarar, Agra.	2. EMT of Free Hold Single Storey Residential cum Commercial Building and shed, Part of survey No. 1137,1143 Village Bateshwar Tehsil Bah Distt Agra, in the name of Shri Rajbahadur S/o Shri Gajadhar Singh, Measuring 1650 Sq. Mtr., Bounded As: East: Farera- Bateshwar-Shikohabad Road, West : Land of Ram Charan, North: Land of Gure lal and plot of Sripati, South: House and Land of Sanjay.			
Date:- 07.02.2021	Place:- Agra	Authorized Officer		

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**GOLD LINE INTERNATIONAL FINVEST LIMITED**

CIN: L74899DL1992PLC050250  
Regd. Office: 204, 2nd Floor, Plot No-09, Sikka Complex, Community Centre, Preet Vihar Delhi- 110092

Website: goldline2000@yahoo.com  
NOTICE

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A copy of the said Notice shall also be available at the Company's website at www.goldlineinternationalfinvest.com and on Stock Exchange Website at www.bseindia.com

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF MAXWORTH INFRASTRUCTURES PRIVATE LIMITED

**FORM A  
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1. Name of Corporate Debtor	Maxworth Infrastructures Private Limited
2. Date of incorporation of Corporate Debtor	9th August 2010
3. Authority under which Corporate Debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies, New Delhi Under the Companies Act, 1956
4. Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of Corporate Debtor	U70100DL2010PTC206823
5. Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of Corporate Debtor	REGD. OFFICE: Flat No. 203, S/F, Block-G2C, Pocket-2, Sector-18-B, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 CORPORATE OFFICE: 108-109, 1st Floor, DLF Star Tower, Sector-30, Gurugram - 122002

6. Insolvency commencement date in respect of Corporate Debtor	1st February 2021 (Date of receipt of order: 5th February 2021)
7. Estimated date of closure of insolvency process	31st July 2021 (180th day from the date of commencement of Insolvency resolution process)
8. Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as Interim Resolution Professional	Rahul Jain Reg. No.: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P2078/2020-2021/13219
9. Address & email of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the board	27/33, Ground Floor, Galli No. 9, Pandav Road, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, New Delhi - 110032 Email : ca.rauhuljain.2005@gmail.com
10. Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the Interim Resolution Professional	Immaculate Resolution Professionals Private Limited Unit No. 111-12, First Floor, Tower-A, Spazioz Commercial Complex, Sector-47, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122018 Email : crp.maxworthra@outlook.com
11. Last date for submission of claims	19th February 2021
12. Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the Interim Resolution Professional	1. Allottees under real estate project
13. Names of insolvency professionals identified by us as authorised representative of creditors in a class (three names for each class)	1. Mr. Man Mohan Vij 2. Mr. Sandeep Chandra 3. Mr. Praveen Satija
14. (a) Relevant forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	(a) Weblink: https://ibbi.gov.in/home/downloads (b) Mr. Man Mohan Vij (Email : mm.vij@yahoo.co.in) Regn No.: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P01326/2016-2019/12099 C-18, Sector-18, Dwarka, New Delhi-110078 12/01/2021 2. Mr. Sandeep Chandra (Email : csandeepr@live.in) Regn No.: IBBI/PA-002/IP-N0447/2017-2018/11237 H No. 23, G-Block, South City-II, Sector-49, Sohna Road, Gurgaon - 122018 3. Mr. Praveen Satija (Email : pravin.satija@gmail.com) Regn No.: IBBI/PA-001/IP-P01335/2016-19/2099 House No. 95, Sector-5, Gurgaon - 122001

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal Bench-IV, New Delhi has ordered the commencement of a Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process against Maxworth Infrastructures Private Limited on 1st February 2021.

The creditors of Maxworth Infrastructures Private Limited are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof, or on or before 19th February 2021 to the Interim Resolution Professional at the correspondence address mentioned against entry No. 10 only.

The Financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronics means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or electronic means.

A financial creditor belonging to a class, as listed against the entry No. 12, shall indicate its choice of authorized representative from among the three insolvency professionals listed against entry No. 13 to act as authorized representative of the class (allotees under real estate project) in Form CA.

The submission of proof of claims should be made in accordance with Chapter IV of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016. The proof of claims is to be submitted by way of the following specified forms along with documentary proof in support of their claims:

In order to get the copy of form you may download the above mentioned forms from the website www.ibbi.gov.in as prescribed under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency resolution process for corporate persons) Regulation, 2016

Submission of false or misleading proof of claims shall attract penalties. All claimants are advised to invariably mention their PAN, email id and phone number in the claim forms.

Rahul Jain  
Interim Resolution Professional  
Reg. No. : IBBI/PA-001/IP-P2078/2020-2021/13219

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**ALBA POLYMERS LIMITED**

(Formerly Known as GOWRI POLYMERS LTD)  
CIN: L74899DL1995PLC06652

Regd. Office: No. 204, 1nd Floor, Plot No. 09, Sikhi Complex, Community Center, Preet Vihar Delhi-110092 IN  
Website: www.albapolymers.com  
Email: govpolymers@yahoo.com

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FOR ALBA POLYMERS LIMITED

Place: New Delhi PROMO PANDA DIRECTOR  
Date : 06.02.2021 ARUN KUMAR DEY DIRECTOR

**VERUM PROPERTIES LIMITED**

(Formerly Known as Fairdeale Properties Limited)

Regd. office: Office No. 105, Prop. No. F-17, Subhash Chock, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi - 110092, CIN: L74899DL1984PLC021256

Email: moneypotechfinlease@gmail.com  
NOTICE

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A copy of the said Notice shall also be available at the Company's website at www.fairdealeproperties.com and on stock exchange website at www.mseindia.com

FOR VERUM PROPERTIES LIMITED

(Formerly Known as Fairdeale Properties Limited)

Place: NEW DELHI RAHUL KUMAR DIRECTOR  
Date : 06-02-2021 SATENDER KUMAR DIRECTOR  
PLACE : DELHI

MONEYTECH FINLEASE LIMITED

Regd. Office : 829/2, Laxmidip Building, 8th Floor, District Centre, next to V3S Mall, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi-110092

CIN: L659109DL1984PLC018732

Email: moneypotechfinlease@gmail.com  
NOTICE

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FOR MONEYTECH FINLEASE LIMITED

Place: NEW DELHI RAHUL KUMAR DIRECTOR  
Date : 06-02-2021 SATENDER KUMAR DIRECTOR  
PLACE : DELHI

MONEYTECH FINLEASE LIMITED



सिंडिकेट Syndicate

**CREDIT REVIEW MONITORING & RECOVERY SECTION,  
REGIONAL OFFICE, C-3, SECTOR 1, NOIDA PH-0120-2424896**

Email: crmrecronoida@canarabank.com

**SALE NOTICE**

**E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**  
 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditors, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 26.02.2021 from 12.30 p.m. to 01.30 p.m. (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale and with minimum incremental amount of Rs 10,000.00), for recovery of its dues to the Bank from the parties concerned.

**Full description of the immovable properties, Reserve Price, EMD, Liabilities and known Encumbrance(s), if any are as under:-**

S. No.	Name of Branch and Details of the borrower	Details of Properties	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Liability outstanding as per SARFAESI demand notice	EMD A/C Details
1.	<b>Chhipiyana Buzurg</b> Mr. Dinesh Kumar s/o Chander Bhan & Mrs. Beena Kumar w/o- Dinesh Kumar A/C: 9448973000040	PROPERTY: Residential House ad-measuring 55.95 Sq. Mtr. on Plot No. 136-C, situated at Khasra No. 569, Green Enclave, Block-B, Chhipiyana Buzurg, Pargana & Tehsil- Dadri, G B Nagar-201009 in name of: Mr. Dinesh Kumar S/O- Chander Bhan: East-20 ft wide Road, West-Digar, North-18 ft wide Road & Plot Nos. 137, 141 South-25ft wide Road	Rs. 2201448.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh One Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Only)	Rs. 220145.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Thousand One Hundred Forty Five Only)	Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 28.09.2018 is Rs. 1698605.69 (Rupees Three Lakh Eighteen thousands Nine hundred and fourteen only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.09.2018 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No. - 94483020000019 IFSC- SYNB0009448 BRANCH: CHHIPYANA BUZURG
2.	<b>Noida Sector 63(II)</b> M/S presidium ice Prop-Neeraj Dhingra Surety: 1. Subhash Chand Dhingra 2. Smt. Kanta dhingra w/o Subhash Chand Dhingra A/C: 86851400000281	PROPERTY: Flat no- E-2/2009, 12th floor, Plot No 7, Crossing Republic, Village Dhundhera, Ghaziabad, having Area- 1270 sq ft (Super Area), In the name of Smt. Kanta Dhingra W/o Subhash Chand Dhingra BOUNDARIES- East-24 Mtr Wide Road; West- Proposed Site For School/Park; North Proposed Site For Golf Course; South- Vacant Land	Rs 4200000.00 (Rupees Forty Two Lakh Only)	Rs. 420000.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 11.12.2018 is Rs. 6163791.10 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Sixty Three thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One Rupees & Ten Paisa only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.12.2018 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86853020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008686 BRANCH: Noida Sector 63-II
3.	<b>Noida Sector 63(II)</b> Surety: 1. Subhash Chand Dhingra 2. Smt. Kanta dhingra w/o Subhash Chand Dhingra A/C: 68651400000281, 86851400000335 & 86859910000297	PROPERTY: Plot No -I 37, Industrial Area, ii DC, Massori Gulawati road; Tehsil- Dhaulana, Hapur, having Area 300 Sq Mtr in the name of Neeraj Dhingra s/o Subhash Chand Dhingra BOUNDARIES- North- 18 Mtr Wide Road, South- Plot No I-36, East- 18mtr Wide Road, West-Plot No-138	Rs 4930000.00 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs. 493000.00 (Four Lakh Ninety Three Thousand only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 11.12.2018 is Rs. 6163791.10 (Rupees Sixty One Lakh Sixty Three thousand Seven hundred and Ninety One Rupees & Ten Paisa only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.12.2018 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86853020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008685 BRANCH: Noida Sector 63-II
4.	<b>CHITEHRA</b> Mr. Virenda S/o Shri Bal Swaroop Surety: Gurcharan S/o-Lakhiya A/c: 8781783000066	PROPERTY: Khasra No 336 Khata No: 74 VII Chithera Dadri, GB Nagar, in the name of Virenda S/o Shri Bal Swaroop, having area of 200 sq yd BOUNDARIES- North: House of Virenda, South plot of Gyanendra, East: 12 ft wide Rasta, West: house of Mr. Rampal	Rs. 1700000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Only)	Rs. 170000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 07.09.2019 is Rs. 458666.70 (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Eight thousand Six hundred Sixty Six Rupees and Seventy Paisa only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.09.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 87813020000013 IFSC- SYNB0008781 BRANCH: CHITEHRA
5.	<b>BISHARA</b> Smt. Sangeeta Sharma W/o - Sandeep Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Kanti Swaroop, Vil Piyawali Tajpur, Teh Dadi, G B Nagar-203207 CO- Borrower: Sandeep Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Kanti Swaroop, Vil Piyawali Tajpur, Teh Dadi, G B Nagar-203207 Guarantor: Mr. Dharmendra Kumar Sharmas/O Indr Dut Sharma, Vil Piyawali Tajpur, Teh Dadi, G B Nagar-203207 A/C: 8767740000012	PROPERTY: Residential House at Khasra No. 481, of Vil Piyawali Tajpur, Dadri, G B Nagar UP Ad-measuring 200Sq. Yards In the name of Smt. Sangeeta Sharma W/o- SANDEEP KUMAR SHARMA BOUNDARIES-North: 15ft wide Passage & Plot of Om Dutt Sharma, South: Plot of Others, East: Adarsh Junior High School, West: Plot of Smt. Maya Devi	Rs. 2572000.00 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand Only)	Rs. 257200.00 (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 08.08.2019 is Rs. 1284689.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Eighty Four thousand Six hundred Eighty Nine Rupees only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.08.2018 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 87673170000012 IFSC- SYNB0008767 BRANCH: BISHARA
6.	<b>Noida Sector 51(II)</b> Rakesh Kumar Gupta /S/o Late Mr. Gulab Singh Gupta, Flat No.-475, Block 28, Phase-2, Kendriya Vihar, Sector 51, Noida, G B Nagar-201304 Mrs. Kusum Gupta W/o Mr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta	PROPERTY: Flat no. 475, Block 28, Phase-2, Kendriya Vihar, Sector 51, Noida, G B Nagar-201304, UP Ad-measuring 84.38 Sq. Mtr. In the name of Mr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta BOUNDARIES- NORTH: Open Portion, SOUTH: Flat No. 474, East: Open 7 Flat No. 476, West: Open	Rs. 4500000.00 (Forty five lakhs only)	Rs. 450000.00 (Four Lakhs Fifty thousand only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 03.02.2020 is Rs. 323026.43 (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh Thirty thousand Seven hundred Twenty Six Rupees & Forty Three Paisa only)	Account No. - 99383020000014 IFSC- SYNB0009938 BRANCH: NOIDA SECTOR 51(II)
7.	<b>Greater Noida (II)</b> Mr. Jitendra Kumar S/O- Mr. Kanwar Singh R/O-C-150, Near Sector Alpha 1Amrket, Greater Noida 201310, Mrs. Kavita W/o-Mr. Jitendra Kumar R/O-C-150, Near Sector Alpha 1Amrket, Greater Noida 201310, Smt. Dhirawati, W/o Mr. Kanwar Singh R/O-C-150, Near Sector Alpha 1Amrket, Greater Noida 201310	PROPERTY: Independent House Ground+2 Storeyed ad-measuring 138.60 Sq. Mtr Plot No. C-150, Near Sector Alpha 1Amrket, Greater Noida 201310 in the name of M. Jitendra Kumar S/O-Mr. Kanwar Singh Boundaries: North/West: Road, South/East: C-151, North/East: Other Property, South/West: Road	Rs. 1070000.00 (One crore seven lakhs only)	Rs. 1070000.00 (Ten Lakhs Seventy Thousand only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 20.12.2017 is Rs. 293730.00 (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand seven hundred Thirty Rupees only)	Account No. - 88953020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008895 BRANCH: Greater Noida II
8.	<b>RAH Noida (I)</b> Sh.Anil Kumar Tanwar	PROPERTY: Plot No- B-514M, Triveni Vihar, Near Sai Dham, G T Road, Village Noorpur, Baroon Hadood, G T Road, Deoband, (Shaharanpur)-247554 in the name of Mr. Deep Kripal Singh & Mr. Hari Kripal Singh both Son of Mr. Anil Kumar Tanwar. BOUNDARIES: North- Agri Land, South-Sukhpal 7 Others, East- Part/Anil Tanwar, West- Society Land	Rs 3550000.00 (Rupees Three Crore and Fifty Five Lakh Only)	Rs. 3550000.00 (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Fifty Thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 19.06.2019- Rs. 2,05,23,772/- (Rupees Two Crore, Five Lakh, Twenty Three Thousand, Seven hundred and Seventy Two only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.06.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 3813296000001 IFSC- CNRB0003813 BRANCH: RAH Noida
9.	<b>BRANCH: Dungarpur Rilka</b> Borrower: M/S Janakraj Traders, Prop-Kapil Kumar Nagar S/O Janak Raj	PROPERTY: Emt of the property situated at Khata No-31, Khasra No-2844, Prem puri Mohalla, Dankaur, Gautam Budh Nagar-203201, measuring 167.22 sq mtr or 200.00 sq yd in the name of Mr. Kapil Kr. Nagar S/O Mr. Janakraj BOUNDARIES: East: Seller West: Other Property North: Seller South: Raasta	Rs 1755000.00 (Rupees Seventeen Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 175500.00 (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 17.08.2019- Rs. 15,88,760.70 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Eight thousand Seven hundred And Sixty And Seventy Paisa only)Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.08.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No. - 370296000001 IFSC- CNRB0003700 BRANCH: Dungarpur Rilka
10.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Noida Sector 62 Borrower: Mr. Pooran Singh S/o Shri Prem Singh.	PROPERTY: Flat No. 848/3B, 2nd Floor, Nyay Khand- III, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad. in the name of Mr. Pooran Singh BOUNDARIES: North- Passage, South- Open Area, East- Flat No. 848/2B, West- Flat No. 848/4B,	Rs 1300000.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Only)	Rs. 130000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Thirty thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 01.02.2019- Rs 10,27777.74 (Rupees Ten Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Seven hundred seventy seven & Seventy Four paisa only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.02.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86883020000027 IFSC- SYNB0008688 BRANCH: Noida Sector 62
11.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Noida Sector 62 Borrower: Mrs. Sangeeta Devi w/o Mr. Pramod Kumar	PROPERTY: Office no. S-2, 2nd Floor, House No. 184(old), New No. 164, Dharampura, Ghaziabad. the name of Mrs. Sangeeta Devi BOUNDARIES: North- Passage, South- Open Area, East- Office No. S-3 West-Office No. S-1,	Rs 1200000.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh Only)	Rs. 120,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh twenty thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 28.12.2017- Rs 454996.55 (Rupees Four Lakh Fifty Four Thousand nine hundred ninety six & Fifty Paise only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.12.2017 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86883020000027 IFSC- SYNB0008688 BRANCH: Noida Sector 62
12.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Noida Sector 62 Borrower: Mr. Harbeer Singh s/o Mr Rajpal Singh	PROPERTY: Khasra No. 1164, House No. 236, Village -Baroula, Noida in the name of Mr. Harbeer Singh BOUNDARIES: North- House of Sh. Rajveer Singh, South- Road/ House of Ram Singh, East- House of Sh. Rapal Singh West- Road	Rs 1140000.00 (Rupees One Crore & Fourteen Lakh Only)	Rs. 1140000.00 (Rupees Eleven Lakh forty thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 13.06.2017- Rs 1865510.00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Five hundred & ten only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.06.2017 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86883020000027 IFSC- SYNB0008688 BRANCH: Noida Sector 62
13.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Greater Noida (I) Borrower: M/S Jai Durge Enterprises Prop- Mr Ranbir Singh s/o Mr Selak Ram	PROPERTY: Plot No. 46, Village - Gharbha, Greater Noida in the name of Mrs. Bala W/o- Mr. Selak Ram, BOUNDARIES: North- Road Crossing, South- Plot No. 45, East- 7.5 mtr. Wide Road West- Village Road	Rs 1320000.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh & Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs. 132,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh thirty two Thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 29.11-2018- Rs 2244482.00 (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Forty Four Thousand Four hundred Eighty Two only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.11.2018 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No. - 2807296000001 IFSC- CNRB0002807 BRANCH: Greater Noida (I)
14.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Noida Sector 63-II Borrower: Smt. Sushma Gupta w/o Mr Lalit Gupta	PROPERTY: Residential Plot No R-144, G.M.P. Residential colony, Vakil Colony, Sector 12, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad. area - 200.16 SQ mtr. in the name of SMT. SUSHMA GUPTA BOUNDARIES: EAST- Plot No 145, WEST- Plot No 143, NORTH- Plot No 133, SOUTH- 30 FT Wide Road	Rs 1570000.00 (Rupees One Crore and Fifty Seven Lakh Only)	Rs. 1570000.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Seventy thousand only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 04-06-2019- Rs 19,88,394.32 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Seventy Eight thousand Nine hundred Twenty Three Hundred Sixteen and Paisa Twenty Two Only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.11.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86853020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008685 BRANCH: Noida Sector 63-II
15.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Noida Sector 63-II Borrower: Mr. Satish Kumar S/o Mr Rameshwar Dayal	PROPERTY: Residential House No-H-96; Block H; Ground Floor; EWS; GMP Residential Colony; Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad. area-270 SQ ft. in the name of Mr. SRI SATISH KUMAR S/O RAMESHWAR DAYAL BOUNDARIES: EAST- Vacant Land; WEST- Stairs; NORTH Road And Flat no-H-97; SOUTH- Flat No 95	Rs 1213000.00 (Rupees Twelve Lakh & Thirteen thousand Only)	Rs. 1,21,300.00 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty One Thousand Three Hundred only)	Liability as per SARFAESI demand notice dated - 03-05-2019- Rs 496553.52 (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Six thousand Five hundred fifty three and Paisa Fifty Two Only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.05.2019 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon.	Account No - 86853020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008685 BRANCH: Noida Sector 63-II
16.	<b>BRANCH:</b> Greater Noida (II) Borrower: Mrs. Tulika Sharma W/O- Mr. Rohit Sharma Mr. Rohit Sharma S/o- Mr. K.K Sharma	PROPERTY: 21st floor flat in A- 2. Basement + Ground + 21 Storyed structure Building at Plot No - 06(Kha-28,1006,1003,1027, 1008,968,969, 970,973,975) Door No. 2103, Village Dhundhera, Pargana Loni, Ghaziabad in the name of Mrs. Tulika Sharma and Mr. Rohit Sharma Boundaries: North: Road South: Others Property East: Road West: Supertech Living Ston	Rs. 470000.00 (Rs. Four Lakhs Seventy Thousands Only)	Rs. 470000.00 (Rs. Four Lakhs Seventy Lakhs only)	Total Liability as per SARFAESI Demand Notice dated 20.12.2017 is Rs. 3355917.00 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh Fifty Five Thousand Nine hundred Seventeen Rupees only) Plus interest w.e.f. From 01.12.2017 with all costs, charges, expenses and other incidental expenses thereon on VALUER- A.K Govil & Associates	Account No. - 88953020000017 IFSC- SYNB0008895 BRANCH: Greater Noida II

Outstanding dues: Rs \_\_\_\_\_ of local self government (property tax, water tax, electricity bills etc) = Not known to bank for any of the above property.

The EMD should be deposited on or before 24.02.2021 up to 16.00 hrs. Property can be visited on 22.02.2021 & 23.02.2021 between 10 AM and 05 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link 'E-Auction' provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or https://indianbankseauction.com or may contact the following:

For property at Sl. no- 1: Chhipiyana Buzurg Branch In-charge Shri Anirudh Raj, Manager - MOB- 7303411187, Mail ID: cb1944@canarabank.com,

For property at Sl. no 2 & 3 & 14 & 15 : Noida Sector63-II Branch In-charge Shri. Pankaj Kumar, Chief Manager - MOB- 9870240605, Mail ID: cb18685@canarabank.com,

For property at Sl. no 4- : Chittha Branch In-charge Smt. Sapna, Senior Manager - MOB- 9643191099, Mail ID: cb18781@canarabank.com,

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SpiceJet Limited

CIN: L51909DL1984PLC288239

Regd. Office: Indira Gandhi International Airport, Terminal 1D,  
New Delhi - 110 037

Website: www.spicejet.com; email: investors@spicejet.com;

T: +91 124 3913939; F: +91 124 3913844

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 47(1) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 to consider and approve, inter-alia, the unaudited standalone and consolidated financial results of the Company for the third quarter ended December 31, 2020.

The notice to the stock exchange communicating the above is available on the website of the stock exchange where the shares of the Company are listed viz. www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website viz. www.spicejet.com.

For SpiceJet Limited

Sd/-

Chandan Sand

Sr. VP (Legal) &amp; Company Secretary

Date : February 4, 2021

Place : Gurugram

**PAWANSUT HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
CIN: L65929DL1984PLC019506  
Regd. Off.: 415, Usha Kiran Building,  
Commercial Complex, Sector 16, Faridabad - 110003  
Email id: pawansutholdings@gmail.com  
website: www.pawansutholdings.com  
Ph no: 011-27676399

## NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of M/s Pawansut Holdings Limited will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. at the registered office of the Company to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and six Months ended 31st December, 2020 and to consider any other matter with the permission of Chair.

This information is also available on the website of the Company at [www.pawansutholdings.com](http://www.pawansutholdings.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed and on the website of the Company viz. [www.focuslimited.in](http://www.focuslimited.in)

For Pawansut Holdings Limited

Sd/-

(Ram Kishore Bansal)

Managing Director

DIN: 05195812

**FOCUS INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES LIMITED**  
CIN: L15319DL1985PLC021348  
Regd. Off.: 104, Mukund House, Commercial Complex, Azadpur, Delhi-110033  
Phone: 011-27676399 Fax No: 011-27676399  
Email: info@focuslimited.in Website: www.focuslimited.in

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of Focus Industrial Resources Limited will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. at the registered office of the Company, inter-alia, to consider and approve the Audited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and to consider any other matter with the permission of Chair.

This information is also available on the website of the Company at [www.pawansutholdings.com](http://www.pawansutholdings.com) and on the website of the Stock Exchange where the shares of the Company are listed and on the website of the Company viz. [www.focuslimited.in](http://www.focuslimited.in)

For Focus Industrial Resources Limited

Sd/-

(Mamta Jindal)

Managing Director

DIN: 000850506

**रैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र  
Bank of Maharashtra**  
**DELHI ZONAL OFFICE, 15, NBCC TOWER, 3RD FLOOR,  
BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE, NEW DELHI-110066**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE / BRANCH SHIFTING ASAF ALI ROAD**  
It is hereby informed that bank's branch at 3/16, Saraswati Insurance building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-02 is going to be shifted to our new premises at AB House, A-4/24, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi-02 and will be functional at new premises from 15.02.2021, thereafter general public is requested to contact the branch at new address. Tel: 011-23280275, Mob: 9970091723 E-mail: bom422@mahabank.co.in

DY. ZONAL MANAGER

DELHI ZONE

**BASANT INDIA LIMITED**

CIN: L51909DL1985PLC021396

R.O.: 912, Indra Prakash Building, 21, Barakhambha Road, New Delhi-110001

Email Id: basant.india@gmail.com. Tel. no. 011 237165341

## NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 29 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, we hereby inform you that meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Saturday, the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at its Registered office situated at 912, Indra Prakash Building, 21, Barakhambha Road, New Delhi-110001, inter alia, to consider, approve and take on record the un-audited Financial results for the quarter and six months ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and to appoint Directors and to change in object clause of Memorandum of Association in accordance with the Regulation 33 of the Listing Regulation.

For Basant India Limited

Sudhanshu Sekhar Nayak  
Company Secretary

Date: 06/02/2021

Place: New Delhi



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# NOTICE BOARD

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS

**FELICITATION - LIC**

V Anand, MD, LIC presented Certificates of Honour to Motor-men, Technical Staff & Security Officers of CR, Mumbai in presence of V Rao, ZM, LIC, Western Zone & R Nair, ED, Corp. Comm. & S Goel, DRM, CR.

**TRIBUTE - PNB**

PNB celebrated the 156th birth anniversary of its founding father, Lala Lajpat Rai, at New Delhi. CH. SS Mallikarjuna Rao, MD & CEO along with EDs and other senior officers paid tribute to Lala Lajpat Rai by garlanding his bust.

**LAUNCH - INDIAN BANK**

The official language magazine of Delhi South was released by the CMD Padmaja Chunduru, in the presence of Mr. Karthikeyan, GM, CO; V Kumar, FGM, Delhi, and other officials.

**CSR - POSOCO**

Shobha Rani, President, POSOCO's Agrini Mahila Samiti handed over two Sanitary Napkin Vending Machines to Salwan Girls Sr. Sec. School, New Delhi, under Swachita Action Plan to promote menstrual health and hygiene.

**CSR - NTPC**

MoU was signed between D Jawalkar, Secy Tourism, Govt. of Uttarakhand & MSD Bhattacharya, ED (CSR/R&R/LA), NTPC in presence of DK Patel, Dir. (HR), NTPC, for the redevelopment of civic amenities worth Rs 25 crores in Kedarnath.

**INAUGURATION - CRPF**

MLA Kumari Akoijam Mirabai Devi, Patsoi, A.C inaugurated huts and toilets with running water facility at the Langjiing, Achouba, hill top constructed by 87 BN, CRPF under the aegis of IGP, M&N Sector, CRPF.

**CSR - NHPC**

Sudha Singh, President, NHPC Ladies Welfare Association along with other members of the Association distributed dry ration among needy people affected by the COVID-19 pandemic at Santosh Nagar, Faridabad.

**EVENT - NIIMS**

NIIMS conducted their auspicious Hawan Poojan in welcoming the batch of 150 MBBS students. The event was graced by Jaivir Singh, Founder - NIU, Raj Kumari Chauhan - Former Member of Parliament, Dr Devesh, Chairman - NIIMS.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

## State Bank of India भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH-II

18/4, 3RD &amp; 4TH FLOOR, SBI HOUSE, ARYA SAMAJ ROAD, KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110 005

E-MAIL : SBI.51521@sbi.co.in

**POSSESSION NOTICE (UNDER RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002)**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of 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 power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

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 STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

The borrowers' 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.

Name of Account/Borrower & address	Name of Proprietor/Partners/Guarantors/Owner of property etc.	Description of the property mortgaged/charged	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding
<b>KSBL Securities Ltd.</b> (Ms Kumar Share Brokers Ltd.) (Borrower), Sh. Ramesh Chand Arora S/o Sh. LuxmanDass Arora (Director), Smt. Suman Arora W/o Sh. Ramesh Chand Arora (Director) and Sh. Tika Ram Khare S/o Sh. Bridavan Prasad Khare (Director)	Sh. Ramesh Chand Arora S/o Sh. LuxmanDass Arora (Director), Smt. Suman Arora W/o Sh. Ramesh Chand Arora (Director) and Sh. Tika Ram Khare S/o Sh. Bridavan Prasad Khare (Director)	All that part and parcel of Third Floor and open terrace with common staircase from Ground Floor onwards. The property bearing No. G-55 Plot No. 33, covered area 1400 Sq. Ft. part of Khasra No. 75, situated at Village Khureji Khas in the abadi of G-Block, Laxmi Nagar, Vikas Marg, Delhi North : Other Property, South : Passage, West : Other Office, East : Passage	02.09.2020	03.02.2021	Rs.1,40,49,180.51 as on 01.09.2020 (Rupees One Crore Forty Lacs Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Eighty and paise Fifty one Only)

PLACE : NEW DELHI, DATE : 03.02.2021

AUTHORISED OFFICER, STATE BANK OF INDIA

## SIR SHADI LAL ENTERPRISES LTD.

CIN NO.L51909DL1933PLC009509

Regd. Office : 4-A, Hansalaya, 15, Barakhamba Road New Delhi 110 001

Phone No.011-23316409, 23310414 Fax No. 011-2332473

Email: udsml\_shaml@shirshadil.com : website www.sirshadil.com

Abstract of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter and nine months ended 31st December, 2020 (Rs. In Lacs)

Particulars	Quarter ended		Nine Months ended		Previous Accounting Year ended
	31.12.2020	30.09.2020	31.12.2019	31.12.2020	31.03.2020
Total Income from Operations	13729.48	9754.22	11363.78	40771.64	38865.26
Net Profit(+)/Loss(-) for the period [before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items]	(-) 1570.87	(-) 2 172.38	(-) 626.14	(-) 3571.06	(-) 632.52
Net Profit(+)/Loss(-) for the period before tax [after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items]	(-) 1570.87	(-) 2 172.38	(-) 626.14	(-) 3571.06	(-) 632.52
Net Profit(+)/Loss(-) for the period after tax [after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items]	(-) 1570.87	(-) 2 172.38	(-) 626.14	(-) 3571.06	(-) 632.52
Other Comprehensive Income	(+) 67.52	(+) 12.93	(-) 4.78	(-) 5.28	(+) 124.90
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [(Comprising Profit and other Comprehensive income for the period)]	(-) 1503.35	(-) 2185.31	(-) 630.92	(-) 3576.34	(-) 507.62
Paid-up Equity Share Capital	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00	525.00
Earning per share (not annualized of Rs. 10/-) Basic and Diluted	-29.921	-41.379	-11.926	-68.020	-12.048
Note:					
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of the BSE Ltd. at www.bseindia.com and the Company's website at www.sirshadil.com					
2. The above result have been subject to "Limited Review" by Auditors of the Company and have been reviewed and recommended by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 6th February, 2021.					

for Sir Shadi Lal Enterprises Ltd.

Sd/- (Rajat Lal)

Managing Director

DIN:0012489

**APPOINTMENTS**

**PLL** Akshay Kumar Singh took over charge of Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) as MD&CEO w.e.f. 01.02.2021. Prior to this, Singh was working with Indian Oil Corporation Limited as Director (Pipelines). He had also served as an Executive Director in GAIL India Limited in Projects division before Indian Oil Corporation Limited. Singh has vast experience and has made significant contributions in the last 35 years to the Petroleum & Natural gas sector in India.



**Tata Power-DDL** commissioned a 66/11 KV GIS Grid Substation at Narela Industrial Hub in Delhi. The newly commissioned substation will benefit over 2000 industrial units in Narela and the adjoining areas. The grid substation was inaugurated by Satyendar Jain, Power Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi in the presence of SK Chauhan, MLA, Narela and Ganesh Srinivasan, CEO, Tata Power-DDL. Among others present at the event were senior officials from General Electric (GE), the technology partner for the project.

**BSNL** has launched a new-age, tech-enabled single subscription video streaming platform YuppTV Scope. This service is launched in partnership with M/s YuppTV, wherein BSNL is offering bundled OTT services to broadband and FTTH subscribers as a triple play offering. PK Purwar, CMD, BSNL, said, "BSNL is delighted to collaborate with YuppTV in the launch of the next-generation, tech-driven content curation platform YuppTV Scope. We believe that the platform will revolutionize content consumption in the country and further usher in the era of OTT."

**BRPL** has been awarded the coveted Golden Peacock Award 2020 for 'Occupational Health & Safety'. It is the only DISCOM in the country to be selected for this prestigious award under the category this year. It was received by the BRPL CEO Amal Sinha in an online ceremony recently. Those present on the occasion included Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union MoS for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises; Anurag Thakur, MoS for Finance & Corporate Affairs; and Girish Chandra Murmu, CAG of India.

**ITPO** The 5-day flagship event of the ITPO, AAHAR 2021 – the International Food & Hospitality Fair (April 6 - 10, 2021) – is being hosted with a discounted rate of 45 per cent on participation charges to support the Indian industry. The 36th edition of the fair focusses on emergence of India in F&B as well as hospitality services, including food processing, culinary tech, retail and new innovations. This B2B event is being organized with health safety measures at the new IECC HALLS, Pragati Maidan.

**IRCTC** is getting the tremendous response of the public and people are coming in large numbers to book the IRCTC Tour Packages. IRCTC's Air tour packages for Kerala, Goa, Kashmir, Andaman, Rann of Kutch in Gujarat & North East region launched for Feb & March months from different cities are fully booked & hence additional tours are being launched. IRCTC has decided to run a Deluxe AC Tourists train on two different tours viz "Padharo Rajasthan" & "Jyotirlinga & Statue of Unity". The "Padharo Rajasthan" tour will start from Delhi Safdarjung on date 12.02.2021. Second Tour of "Jyotirlinga & Statue of Unity" will also start from Delhi Safdarjung on date 27.02.2021.

**IndianOil** PM Narendra Modi will be dedicating to the nation key infrastructure projects in the oil and gas sector and road sector in West Bengal in a public function to be held in Haldia on 7th Feb 2021. HE Jagdeep Dhankar, Governor of West Bengal; West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee & other dignitaries are also invited to grace the event. On the same occasion, PM Modi would also lay the foundation stone of the second catalytic dewaxing unit at the Haldia Refinery of IndianOil.

**PNB** PNB While welcoming the measures announced by Finance Minister in Union Budget 2021-22, CH SS Mallikarjuna Rao, MD&CEO, PNB said, "The budget rightly strikes a reasonable balance between addressing the key pillars of Health & Well-being, Inclusive Development, Human Capital, Innovation and R&D, apart from laying the path for a robust economy by providing a major infrastructure boost. As far as the financial sector is concerned, further recapitalization of Rs 20,000 crore for PSBs in the FY 2021-22 is a welcome step."

**SCOPE** believes that announcements by the Finance Minister shall pave way for a faster rebound of the Indian economy on the growth path. Atul Sobti, DG, SCOPE said that the Union Budget shall further affirm the positive boost to the previous reforms announced by the Govt. He complimented the Budget proposals giving thrust to Atmanirbhar Bharat mission by focussing on critical growth sectors like infrastructure, power, roads, ports and health. Govt. has given a much needed boost to Indian economy to retrace the development path and reposition it on the global map, he added.

**NSC** has paid a dividend of Rs. 8.98 Crores to the Govt which is 30% of PAT. The dividend Cheque was presented by VK Gaur, CMD, NSC to Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Panchayati Raj Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. On this occasion, Kailash Choudhary, Ministers of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India along with other Senior Officers were also present.

**IRCTC** is all set to restart the operation of its fleet of the first Corporate Train, Tejas Express trains (Lucknow-New Delhi & Ahmedabad-Mumbai) to cater to the growing passenger demand. Both the trains are to restart operations from 14th February, 2021.

**IRFC** Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited (the "Issuer" or "IRFC"), the dedicated market borrowing arm of the Indian Railways, on 3rd February, 2021, priced its USD 750,000,000 bonds based on a Rule 144A / Regulation S offering format under IRFC's recently updated USD 4 billion global medium term note programme. The bonds will be issued on 10th February, 2021 for a tenor of 10 years at a fixed rate of 2.80%. The bonds carry semi-annual interest payment and bullet principal repayment.

**SAIL** has declared its financial performance results for Q3 FY21 and nine months (9M FY21), both ending 31st December, 2020. SAIL registers Rs 3645 Crore Profit Before Tax during Q3 FY21 marking a substantial growth over CPLY. Soma Mondal, Chairman, SAIL, commented, "SAIL has shown overall improvement during the current financial year despite all the challenges. With the focus on seizing opportunities, the company has geared up to service the rising steel demand in the market as soon as the gradual opening of lockdown started. As we look ahead, we are confident of improving the performance further in the remaining period of the financial year."

## State Bank of India भारतीय स्टेट बैंक

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, 3rd &amp; 4th floor, State Bank House, 18/4 Arya Smaj Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110 005

Tel.011-28752163 Fax: 28755674 Branch e-mail: sbi.51521@sbi.co.in

**CORRIGENDUM**

Corrigendum is in reference to the publication of corrigendum published in Financial Express Newspaper dated 06.02.2021 regarding NOTICE: MEGA E-AUCTION DATED 05.03.2021.

1. Please read "Earnest Money (EMD)" in place of "Reserve Price" (printed wrongly in corrigendum) regarding property at SL NO. 9 pertaining to ANG GLOBALS. Hence actual Reserve price is Rs.37.27 lacs and Earnest Money (EMD) is

**A F ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
CIN: L18100DL1963PLC006354  
Regd. Office: DSM-334, DLF Towers, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015  
**NOTICE**

Pursuant to Regulation 47(1) (a) of the SEBI (Listing & Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015 Notice is hereby given that the Board Meeting of the Company will be held on Friday, 12th February, 2021 at factory cum corporate office of the Company situated at Plot No. 8, Sector-5 Main Mathura Road, Ballabgarh, Faridabad 121006 to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and Nine Month ended 31st December, 2020.

**A F ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
Sd/-  
**SANTOSH KUMAR KUSHAWHA**  
Director  
Place: Delhi DIN: 02994228  
Date: 06/02/2021

**ALPS MOTOR FINANCE LIMITED**  
Regd. Office: 49, Sector-10, Noida, Part II, New Delhi - 110009  
CIN : L65923DL1987PLC027305  
Email : alpsmotorfinance@yahoo.in, Website : www.alpsmotor.com

**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board Meeting of the Company will be held on Saturday, 13th February, 2021 at the Registered Office of the company at 49, Gurjarpura Town, Part II, New Delhi - 110009 to consider and approve the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 31st December, 2020 in accordance to Regulation 47(1)(a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosures Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

A copy of the said notice shall also be available at the company's website www.alpsmotor.com and on stock Exchange website www.bseindia.com.

For Alps Motor Finance Limited  
Sd/-  
Sunila Sabharwal  
Whole Time Director  
Date: 06/02/2021  
Place: New Delhi

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
I, Devinder Pal Chauhan S/o Late Sh. Hari Kishan Chauhan, PNB, Circle Sastra Centre, South Delhi, Upper Ground Floor, B.C. Place, New Delhi-110066, have lost my document GBP/PA-20660, LR No.-833606/2020. If found please return.

**CORRIGENDUM**  
"This has reference to "Form G-Invitation for Expression of Interest" made for "Radha Madhav Corporation Limited" that was published on 6th February, 2021 in Financial Express All Edition. In that publication in the relevant particulars table due to oversight in point no.16, the date is printed as 4/2/2021 as against 2/4/2021 and accordingly in point No.16 the date should be read as 2/4/2021.  
**RAJEEV DHINGRA**  
Resolution Professional  
In the matter of Radha Madhav Corporation Limited  
BG - SA / 488/ DDA Flats, Paschim Vihar, N. Delhi-63  
Regn. No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P-03946/2019-2020/12970  
Date: 07-02-2021  
Place: New Delhi

**CASTEX TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED**  
(Formerly Known as Amtek India Limited)  
(CIN:L65921HR1983PLC033789)  
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For Castex Technologies Limited  
(A company under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process)  
Sd/-  
**Divya Rijwani**  
Company Secretary  
Issued with Approval of  
Mr. Dinkar Tiruvadanapuram  
(Insolvency Professional)  
IP Regd. No.: IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P-00003/  
Date: 06.02.2021 2016-17/10011  
Place: New Delhi

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**DATE : 06.02.2021, PLACE : NEW DELHI**

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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, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25.02.2021 for recovery of amount, as mentioned below due to the Canara Bank Secured Creditor from below Named Borrower(s), mortgagor(s) and Guarantor(s). For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website ([www.canarabank.com](http://www.canarabank.com)) or may contact Respective in during office hours on any working day.

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Name of the Borrowers / Sureties

Due Amount

Description of property/ies

Reserve Price/EMD/ Bid Increment amount

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**INDO-CHINA STANDOFF****'Nine rounds of military talks held with China'**

**External affairs minister**  
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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Amaravati, February 6

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER** S Jaishankar on Saturday said senior military commanders of India and China have held nine rounds of talks on the process of disengagement of troops in eastern Ladakh and the parleys will continue in future also.

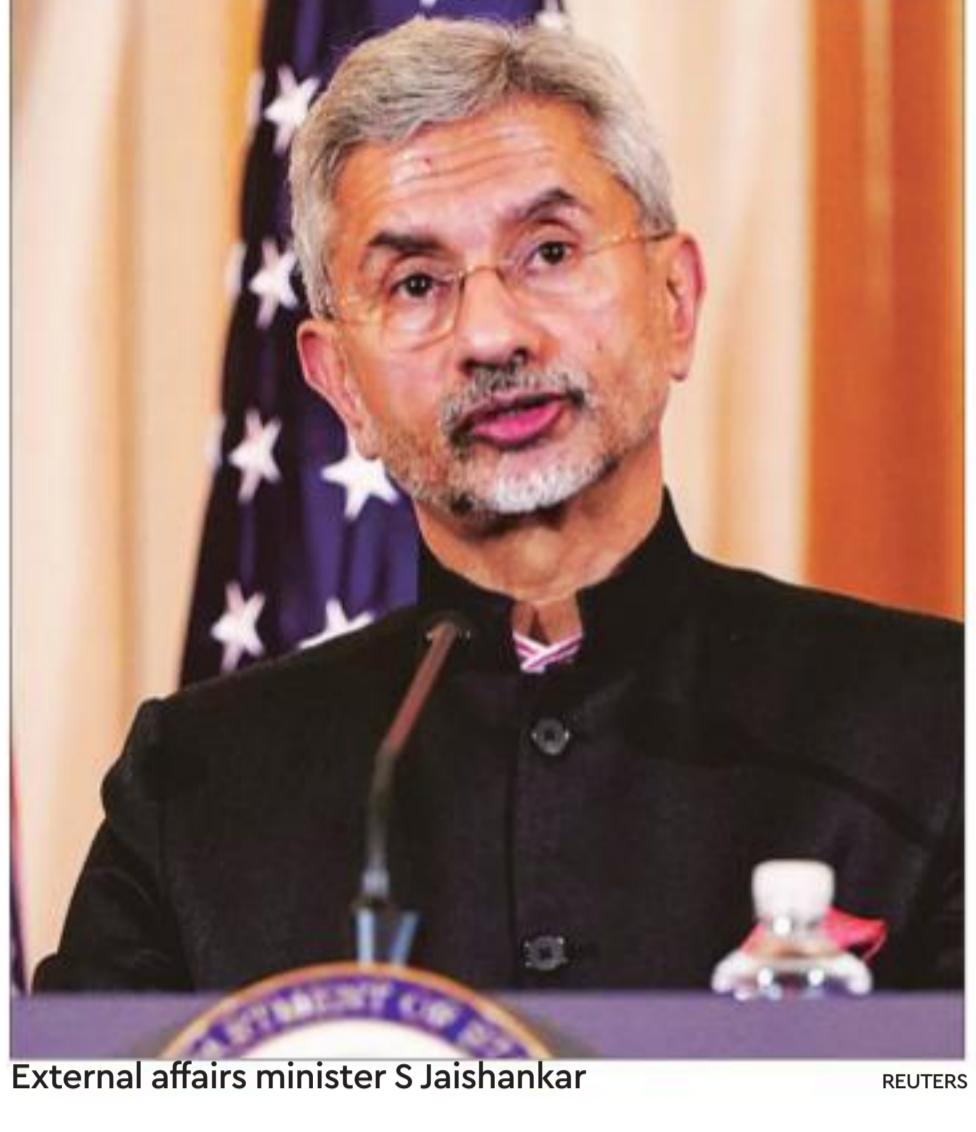
Addressing reporters in Vijayawada, he said so far there was no "visible expression" of the talks on ground.

"The disengagement talks, because it is a very complicated issue, because it depends on troops, you have to know the geography (like) which position and what is happening, this is being done by the military commanders," he said.

The minister was replying to a query on whether there would be any ministerial level talks between both the countries on skirmishes between troops of the Asian giants.

China and India are locked in a military standoff in eastern Ladakh since May 5 last.

The two countries have



External affairs minister S Jaishankar

**China flags Taiwan as core issue, asks US to rectify 'mistakes' of Trump's policies**

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Beijing, February 6

IN ITS FIRST contact with the Biden administration, China on Saturday asked the US to rectify the "mistakes" of former President Donald Trump's aggressive policies towards Beijing and flagged Taiwan as the most important and sensitive core issue for it. China resents US support for Taiwan, which Beijing views as a rebel province that must be reunified with the mainland, even by force.

During his tenure, Trump pushed aggressively on all aspects of US-China ties, including with his relentless trade war, challenging China's military hold on the disputed South China Sea, its constant threats to Taiwan, the mass detention of Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang, branding coronavirus as "China virus" after it emerged from Wuhan in December 2019 as well as Xinjiang and Tibet issues.

Newly-appointed US secretary of state Antony Blinken and senior Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi on Saturday held what



US secretary of state Antony Blinken

observers here say as blunt and outspoken conversation over the phone during which both sides sought to highlight the issues of concerns that will shape the ties between the top two economies of the world in the next four years.

Yang, a member of the Politburo of the ruling Communist Party of China and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC, is Beijing's point man for Washington. While Blinken told Yang that the Biden administration will hold China accountable for its abuses of the international system and raised with him the issue of human rights violations in Xinjiang, Tibet and Hong Kong and Myanmar, the Chinese diplomat said both sides should respect each other's core interests and choices of political system.

Yang said the US "should rectify its mistakes made over a period of time," in an apparent reference to hardline policies pursued by the Trump administration.

tration towards China, pushing the ties between the two countries to a new low.

He urged the US to play a constructive role in promoting peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region involving the disputed South China Sea, where America looks to step up its engagement with allies to contain Beijing.

China claims almost all of the 1.3 million square-mile South China Sea as its sovereign territory. China has been building military bases on artificial islands in the region also claimed by Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam. On the Myanmar coup, Blinken and Yang presented different views.

While Blinken condemned the military coup in Myanmar and threatened sanctions against the military government, Yang stressed that the international community should create an enabling external environment for the proper settlement of the Myanmar issue.

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**Over 54 lakh vaccinated against Covid-19 in India: Health ministry**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, February 6

MORE THAN 54 lakh people have been vaccinated against Covid-19 in the country, the Union Health Ministry said.

Of the 54,16,849 beneficiaries inoculated, the highest number of people were vaccinated in Uttar Pradesh at 6,73,542, followed by Maharashtra at 4,34,943, Rajasthan at 4,14,422 and Karnataka at 3,60,592.

In a statement, the health ministry said India is the fastest country to reach the 50 lakh-mark in Covid-19 vaccination in 21 days. "In the last 24 hours, 4,57,404 people were vaccinated across 10,502 sessions. A total of 1,06,303 sessions have been conducted so far. It includes 3,01,537 healthcare workers and 1,55,867 frontline workers," the ministry said.

Woodward and Bozkir said informal dialogues with candidates will take place before the Security Council begins the selection process by May or June.

The current election is the first under the 2015 resolution where an incumbent is seeking

**Myanmar junta blocks internet access as coup protests expand**

People demonstrate against the military coup in Yangon, Myanmar, on Saturday

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Yangon, February 6

MYANMAR'S NEW MILITARY authorities appeared to have cut most access to the internet on Saturday as they faced a rising tide of protest over their coup that toppled Aung San Suu Kyi's elected civilian government.

Numerous internet users noted a slow disappearance of services, especially from mobile

**India tally reaches 1,08,14,304 with 11,713 fresh cases**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
New Delhi, February 6

INDIA'S COVID-19 INFECTION tally climbed to 1,08,14,304 with 11,713 new cases in a day, while 1,05,10,796 people have recuperated so far pushing the national recovery rate to 97.19%, as per Union Health Ministry data. There are 1,48,590 active cases of Coronavirus infection in India which accounts for 1.37% of the total caseload. The total cases mounted to 1,08,14,304 and the death toll climbed to 1,54,918 with the novel Coronavirus virus claiming 95 lives in a span of 24 hours in the country, the data updated at 8 am showed. The Covid-19 case fatality rate stood at 1.43%. According to the Indian Council of Medical Research, a cumulative total of 20,06,72,589 samples have been tested up to February 5 with 7,40,794 samples tested on Friday.

service providers, that accelerated sharply late Saturday morning. Broadband connection also later failed, while there were mixed reports on whether landline telephone service was still working. Netblocks, a London-based service that tracks internet disruptions and shutdowns, said Saturday afternoon that "a near-total internet shutdown is now in effect" in Myanmar, with connectivity falling to just 16% of normal levels.

**UN kicks off selection of next secretary-general**

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
United Nations, February 6

THE UNITED NATIONS kicked off the selection of its next secretary-general on Friday, asking the 193 UN member states to submit candidates to be the world organisation's chief diplomat and operating officer.

The process officially began with a joint letter signed virtually by General Assembly president Volkan Bozkir and Britain's UN ambassador Barbara Woodward, this month's president of the Security Council opening the nomination of candidates.

Secretary-general Antonio Guterres, whose current term expires on December 31, announced last month that he is seeking a second five-year term.

Honduras' UN ambassador Mary Elizabeth Flores Flake also sent a letter to all UN member nations saying there has never been a female secretary-general and asking them to "present women candidates."

"I am writing this communication from a place of conviction, where standing for equal rights makes a difference in creating a fair and equitable organisation, and opening



UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres's term expires on December 31

tary-general meets "at a minimum" the 2015 standards of transparency and involvement of the 193 UN member nations.

Guterres' election was a disappointment to women, who had hoped to break the all-male hold on the post, and to east Europeans who have never had a secretary-general from the region. It was supposed to be next in the informal geographical rotation for UN chief when Guterres, a Portuguese, was elected. The General Assembly elects the secretary-general on the recommendation of the 15-member Security Council where the five permanent members—the US, Russia, China, Britain and France—have veto power, so their support is crucial. In the 2016 race, there were 13 candidates vying to be secretary-general, seven women and six men, and the General Assembly held open interviews for each of them, where ambassadors from all countries could ask questions.

Just before Christmas, a group of 25 nations from all regions called the Accountability Coherence and Transparency group wrote to the General Assembly and Security Council urging that the selection process for the next secre-

etary-general be adapted to help us stay ahead of the Coronavirus as it mutates around the world."

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**New AI tool can thwart coronavirus mutations: Study**

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Houston, February 6

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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Washington, February 6

US PRESIDENT JOE Biden has said his predecessor Donald Trump should not be given access to classified intelligence briefings, as is tradition for past presidents, because of his "erratic behaviour".

Former American presidents are frequently given routine intelligence briefings and access to classified materials after they leave office.

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**25 countries in queue for 'Made in India' vaccine**

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Amaravati, February 6

INDIA HAS SO far supplied Covid-19 vaccine to 15 countries and another 25 nations are in the queue at different levels for the jab, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Saturday. He said there are three categories of countries which are keen to get the vaccine from India—poor, price sensitive nations and other countries which directly deal with pharmaceutical companies that make the antidote.

"I think right now we have already supplied to about 15 countries (as per my recollection). I would say there would be another about 25 countries which are at different stages in the pipeline. But what it has done is today it has put India on the map of the world," Jaishankar told reporters in a press conference. The minister said some poor countries are being



Covishield, the AstraZeneca vaccine by Serum Institute of India

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