



BRIEF



A pilgrim while taking holy dip at Gangesagar on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, in South 24 Pargana district of West Bengal, Thursday.

Busted

Muzaffarnagar: An illegal arms manufacturing unit was busted in this district on Thursday and 15 guns were seized, barely a month ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, police said. Eleven pistols, three muskets, one revolver, 13 barrels and other components of firearms were recovered from a dilapidated building near a canal bridge under Shahpur police station limits in the district, they said.

Fraud

Hyderabad: Seven members of a gang, who allegedly duped foreign nationals under the pretext of providing technical services and fraudulently making transactions from their credit cards were arrested, the police said here on Thursday. The police busted a fake call center in Mohali and arrested the seven accused including four belonging to Hyderabad, and Rs 1.11 crore in cash among other things were seized from their possession, Cyberabad Police Commissioner M Stephen Raveendra said.

Closed

New Delhi: The authorities have ordered the closure of Kali Ghata Market in West Karawal Nagar Road in northeast Delhi due to overcrowding and violation of COVID-19 norms amid a surge in coronavirus cases across the national capital, according to an official order. According to the order issued on Wednesday, the market will remain closed from 4 pm Thursday till 10 am Friday or till further orders, whichever is earlier. The action was taken after it was found that shopkeepers, vendors and general public were not following COVID-19-appropriate behaviour, it said.

Shifted

Mumbai: Five personnel from Vakola police station in Mumbai were attached to the west region control room on Thursday for alleged lapses in duty following an incident of violation of norms by some people at a pub in their area of jurisdiction last month, an official said. The police's social service branch had last month raided the pub and detained 88 people, including 27 women, after a tip-off was received that the establishment was operating beyond stipulated time, he said.

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PM INTERACTS WITH CMs ON COVID

Stress on vaccination, localised measures to contain Covid

Ensure minimum damage to livelihood

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday interacted with chief ministers over the COVID-19 situation in the country and stressed on local containment of the virus spread as well as ensuring minimum damage to livelihood while making strategies to deal with the surge in cases due to the Omicron variant. In his remarks at the meeting, the prime minister underlined the importance of vaccination and the need to further accelerate the 'Har Ghar Dastak'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel along with Health Minister TS Singh Deo and others attended online meeting with PM Narendra Modi related to corona virus, its control and pace of vaccination over the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country via video conferencing, in New Delhi.

programme to achieve 100 per cent vaccination coverage. "We have vaccinated nearly three crore adolescents within 10 days and this shows India's potential and our preparedness to deal with this challenge," Modi said. The

prime minister said that vaccines made in India are proving their superiority all over the world. "It is a matter of pride for every Indian that today India has given the first dose to about 92 per cent of the adult population. The cov-

erage of second dose has also reached around 70 per cent in the country," he said. Modi said the central and state governments must continue with preventive, pro-active and collective approach followed so far in fighting the

Third UP minister quits Yogi cabinet

10th MLA to go Lucknow, Jan 14:

OBC leader Dharam Singh Saini on Thursday became the third minister to quit the Uttar Pradesh cabinet ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections, according to his resignation letter circulating on social media. Saini, who was the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush, appeared headed to the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party. Yadav posted on Twitter a picture of himself with Saini, as he had done after OBC leaders Swami Prasad Maurya and Dara



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav welcomes former UP Minister Dharam Singh Saini into the party, in Lucknow, Thursday.

Singh Chauhan resigned from the Yogi Adityanath cabinet on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Ten Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs, including three ministers, have resigned over the past three days. In his resignation letter addressed to Governor Anandiben Patel, Saini said he was quitting over the continued neglect of the aspirations of Dalits, backwards, farmers, educated unemployed, and small and mid-level traders who together gave the BJP a sweeping majority in the 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. He claimed the representatives of Dalits and backwards were also

being neglected. Both Maurya and Chauhan had also levelled similar allegations in their resignation letters.

There is no word yet from the Raj Bhavan or the BJP if the resignations have been accepted.

In his tweet, Yadav welcomed Saini into the SP fold. 'With the arrival of Dr Dharam Singh Saini ji, another warrior of social justice, our positive and progressive politics has received more enthusiasm and strength. Greetings and a hearty welcome for him in SP,' he tweeted.

A four-time MLA from Nakud in Saharanpur district, Saini is considered close to Maurya.

COVID SURGE

Delhi logs record 28,867 Covid cases

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Delhi on Thursday reported 28,867 COVID-19 cases, the sharpest single-day spike since the beginning of the pandemic, and 31 deaths, while the positivity rate surged to 29.21 per cent, according to health department data.

Delhi's previous biggest daily jump of 28,395 cases was recorded on April 20 last year. According to the data, Thursday's positivity rate is the highest since May 3, when it was 29.6 per cent.

On Wednesday, Delhi had logged 40 deaths, the highest since June 10 last year, when 44 fatalities were recorded. Of the 164 Covid deaths recorded in the first 13 days of January, most patients had comorbidities, according to government data.

Mumbai logs 13,702 new cases Mumbai reported 13,702 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, down 16.55 per cent from 16,420 infections registered a day ago, and six fresh fatalities, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said. According to a BMC bulletin, with these additions, the city's coronavirus tally jumped to 9,69,989, while the death toll climbed to 16,426. As the daily COVID-19 tally dipped by 2,718, the city reported 16.55 per cent less cases as compared to Wednesday. The case positivity rate also came down to 21.73 from 24.38 per cent a day before. The rate indicates the percentage of people who test positive for the virus of those overall who have been tested. On Wednesday, the daily cases in the financial capital had surged after witnessing a dip for four straight days.

3 KILLED, 20 INJURED

Bikaner-Guwahati Express train derailed

Guwahati, Jan 13:

At least three people were killed and more than 10 injured when 12 coaches of Bikaner-Guwahati Express train derailed and overturned near Dohomoni in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district on Thursday, officials said.

TV footage showed a number of coaches lying sideways down the elevated tracks as rescue workers were seen trying to extricate the passengers.

Jalpaiguri district magistrate said three passengers have died and another 20 are injured. The accident occurred



Mangled remains of Guwahati-Bikaner Express train after it got derailed at Mainaguri in Jalpaiguri district, Thursday.

around 5 p.m. in an area under Alipurduar division of Northeast Frontier Railway, an NFR spokesperson said in Guwahati. The accident occurred more than 90 km from Alipurduar Junction, he added. "An accident relief train with a medical team is on way to the spot. We are awaiting further details, the spokesperson said.

PM's 'PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA' 2022

Govt invites students, teachers, parents to participate

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday invited students, teachers and parents to participate in the 5th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022' and get a chance to be mentored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Valuable mantras to beat exam stress, excelling in career & life and much more! Here is your chance to get mentored directly by PM Shri @narendramodi ji. Inviting students, teachers and parents to participate in #PPC2022," Pradhan tweeted sharing the registration link.

The first edition of the prime minister's interaction programme with school and college students

"Pariksha Pe Charcha 1.0" was held at the Talkatora Stadium on February 16, 2018.

In the subsequent editions of the programme, students, parents, teachers from across the nation and also from overseas interacted with him to discuss and overcome the stress emerging out of examinations in order to celebrate life. "The format of this programme is proposed to be in online mode like in 2021.

An online creative writing competition is being conducted on various topics from 28th December to 20th January 2022 to select participants. Questions asked by selected winners will be featured in Pariksha Pe Charcha programme," a senior Ministry of Education official said.

BLESSINGS FROM NAGA SADHU



Pilgrims seek blessings from a Naga sadhu beside Kapil Muni temple during Gangasagar Mela 2022, amid concern over spread of COVID-19 in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, Thursday.

ACTRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Kerala police raids homes of actor Dileep, his brother

Kochi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Crime Branch wing of Kerala Police on Thursday raided the homes of actor Dileep and his brother and also the office of his Grand Production company here in connection with the latest case against them for allegedly threatening investigation officers in the '2017 actress sexual assault case', sources said.

Dileep is an accused in the sexual assault case also. A top Crime Branch official said that three teams of officials were dispatched to carry out the raids simultaneously at the three loca-



tions. However, according to visuals shown on news channels, the raiding teams had to wait for some time outside Dileep's residence and his company office for them to be opened. The visuals also showed some officials clambering over the gate of Dileep's house to get inside. The gate was subsequent-

ly opened by his sister, sources said. The company office was also opened, after some delay, by the staff there, the sources added.

According to sources, the raids were carried out on the basis of court orders and the statement given to the Crime Branch by director Balachandra Kumar.

Kumar, who met the media after appearing before the Crime Branch, had claimed discussions regarding the conspiracy to attack the investigating officers were held at many places. Kumar had recently made some startling revelations against Dileep in the actress assault case through the

media. He has also claimed that there is evidence including digital ones to prove that Dileep had influenced the witnesses. The crime branch registered the new case on a complaint filed by an investigating officer based on a purported audio clip of Dileep which was released by a TV channel recently in which the actor was heard conspiring to attack the officials. On Tuesday, the high court had asked the police not to take any action against Dileep, his brother and brother-in-law till January 14 after they moved a joint plea for anticipatory bail in the new case.

INDIA-CHINA BORDER TALKS

No breakthrough in 14th round

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

There was no breakthrough in the 14th round of talks between the militaries of India and China and the two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue to work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest, according to a joint statement.

Indian Army Chief General M M Naravane had said on Wednesday that India was hopeful of resolving issues related to disengagement (at Patrolling Point 15 (Hot Springs) in eastern Ladakh in the 14th round of talks. The 14th round India-China Corps Commander

Level Meeting was held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Chinese side on Wednesday.

Representatives from the defense and foreign affairs establishments of the two sides were present at the meeting, the joint statement said.

"The two sides had a frank and in-depth exchange of views for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector (Ladakh border)," it mentioned. They agreed that both sides should follow "the guidance provided by the state leaders" and work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest, it stated. "It was noted that this would help in restoration of

peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations," it mentioned. The two sides also agreed to consolidate on the previous outcomes and take effective efforts to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector including during winter, it said.

"The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue via military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," it mentioned. The two sides agreed that the next round of the commanders' talks should be held at the earliest, the statement said.

New technology increases fish production by 1200 kg per hectare

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 13: Fisheries is emerging as a popular business and is strengthening the economy of the district. The ten hatcheries of fish seed established in the district have reduced the dependency of local fishermen on other states for fish seeds. Now the fish seeds are available within the district at cheap rates. With the new schemes of Fisheries Department including the Biofloc Fish Farming, RAS System and Neel Kranti Yojana, the production capacity of private sector ponds in the district has increased from 2800 kg per hectare to 4000 kg per hectare i.e. 1200 kg per hectare. Hygienic markets have also been set up in the district, in which systematic arrangements have been made for the whole-

sale and retail shopkeepers. Today, 12 metric tonnes of fish are being supplied daily from the district to other districts of the state like Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Bemetara, Balod and Kawardha and also to different states of the country including Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.

The youth and farmers of the district have started fisheries on a large scale. As per the intentions of the government, the work of fish farming is also being done at the Gauthans. Fish farming is being done in 18 Gauthans in Durg district. Chandkhuri's Gauthan is also getting ready for fish farming. Fisheries yield more income in relatively less cost, so various schemes are being operated by the department for the purpose of promoting fisheries. 102 cooperative soci-

eties and 56 fishermen groups are registered for fish farming in the district at seasonal ponds. At present 83 interested persons are being benefitted from KCC. Along with this, the construction work of 1000 dubris is in progress under MGNREGA. This project is being funded from District Mineral Trust and the departmental sources.

At present there are 10 hatcheries for fish seed production in the district. One is operated by the Department of Fisheries, one by the Fisheries Federation and eight by the private sector. These hatcheries are providing fish seeds to the fish farmers of the district at cheap rates. Earlier, fishermen were dependent on West Bengal for fish seed, but now these fish seeds are available in the district itself at the rate



of about Rs 250 per kg. The district is now leading and has become self-sufficient in seed production.

The number of rural ponds in the district is 3165 with water area of 4397.244 hectare as well as the number of irrigation reservoirs

is 101 with water area of 2971.208 hectare. 95 dubaris are being constructed from MGNREGA. Apart from this, there are 117 private ponds in the district with a water area of 100 hectares. Fisheries are being done in all these water bodies. With

the introduction of various schemes, the area of fisheries has expanded and water conservation has also got a boost. There is adequate arrangement of retail market for sale of fish in the district. Systematic arrangements have been made at these markets situated at Indira Market, Durg, Ruabandha, Supela, HUDCO, Sector-06 E Market, C Market, Camp, Power House and every development block. A hygienic fish market has also been established in the district. There will be 32 wholesale and 56 retail shops in this hygienic market.

At present, the annual fish production of the district is 30700 metric tons, out of which 29588 metric tons are from rural ponds, 140 metric tons from rivers, 458 metric tons from irrigation reservoirs and 314 met-

ric tons from private rural ponds and biofloc and recirculating aqua. At mines, cage culture is being practiced to produce 200 metric tonnes of fish annually. The fish produced in the district is getting local market. Along with this, it is getting marketed in other states like West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh. Around 12 metric tonnes of fish are exported per day to nearby districts and other states. There are ample nutrients in fish and it is also digestible. Due to which its market demand remains constant. The total population of the district is about 17.22 lakh out of which a large number of residents consume fish. About 65 percent i.e. 11 lakhs people in district consume fish. Katla, Rohu, Mrigal, Kaman carp, Grass carp, Silver carp, Padin, Sanwal,

Singhad, Bam, Nail Telapia, Tengna, Pankas, Sarangi, Kotri, Moharali, Bami, Khoxi, Rudhani, Khara and other breeds of fishes are produced by the farmers.

Sudha Das, Deputy Director, Fisheries, said that fisheries are a very good option to change the social and economic condition of the people of the district. To encourage and expand fisheries activities, the department distributes fish seeds, boats, nets and fish feed to the fish farmers and is also providing training to the beneficiaries. Apart from this, the department is also doing the work of taking various schemes of the government to the common man. The fish farmers and fishermen are being continuously benefitted from the institutional schemes.

With extra income from Godhan Nyay Yojna, Pahatiya purchases jewellery for wife

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Bhilai, Jan 13: Through the Godhan Nyay Yojana, the villagers are able to earn extra income and spend to fulfil their small dreams. Bhojram Yadav, who works as a Pahatiya (shepherd) in village Agarsara, informed that through the Godhan Nyay Yojana, he earned Rs 27000 last year by selling cow dung. He decided to spend this amount wisely and bought ear-tops for his wife Sita.

He purchased the jewellery for Rs 14000. Bhojram stated that he gifted it as a token. Gold jewellery is considered as Streedhan (property of woman) and is a thing to be remembered forever. Bhojram added that he did not want to purchase such

a thing which he would end up spending, but wanted something that would last forever and whose price also keeps on increasing. It is noteworthy that through the Godhan Nyay Yojana, there has been a significant change in the economic status of the Pahatias. There are three pahatias in village Agarsara and all three are making good income through Godhan Nyay Yojana.

This small story has great significance as it describes empowerment through Streedhan and happiness of the family. The story of Bhojram narrates that the villagers of Chhattisgarh are shaping their future through the government's Godhan Nyay Yojna. Bhojraj



bought the jewellery for his wife. Gifts increase happiness in married life and he invested happiness in family life. Along with this, gold is the property of women. Gold has been considered as the women's wealth.

Smritikars (those who made laws and published legal, social and ethical treaties in vedic period)

have also said that the financial security of a woman comes from her stridhan which includes jewellery. Smritikars who objected to women's land rights have also accepted jewelery in the form of Stridhan. It is clear from this that gold strengthens women empowerment in Indian society.

Historically gold has been considered the best investment over a long period of time. When there is a slowdown in other investment items in the market, the price of gold rises rapidly. Even in normal times, gold is considered to be the most reliable investment. In rural areas where the level of financial literacy is not high, gold can be the best medium for people to invest. Being Stridhan, people

rarely think about selling it, so it becomes the best basis for security. People's savings have increased through Chief Minister's Rajiv Gandhi Nyay Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana and other schemes. It is good to keep yourself secured for adverse situations. As Bhojram said, he wanted an investment whose value would increase over time and he made this good decision.

The wise decision made by Bhojraj is definitely an inspiration for others. Women of the village must have asked her about the new jewelery and they must have also inspired their family members to work in such schemes from which they can get extra income and financial security for themselves.

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Bhilai, Jan 13: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Merchant Mill that produces a wide range of light structurals including angles, channels and TMT Bars has created new day and shift records in rolling of TMT 25 bars on January 12, 2022.

The Mill set a new day record of rolling 2082 Tonnes of TMT Bars of 25 mm diameter from billets supplied by the Plant's Modex unit, Steel Melting Shop 3 on January 12, 2022, surpassing previous record of 1891 Tonnes of TMT 25 on December 22, 2021.

The Mill also set a new shift record of TMT 25 mm Bars rolling on January 12, 2022 with 778 tonnes of TMT 25 mm rolled in B



Shift. The Shift In-charge of B Shift on January 12, 2022 was Mahant Yadav. Focussed on customer satisfaction, Merchant Mill has been carrying out required modifications and improvements in order to supply the desired best grade of steel to its

customers. Director I/c BSP, Anirban Dasgupta, Executive Directors Works, Anjani Kumar and senior officials of the Plant have congratulated the Mill leadership and collective for record performance.

Bar & Rod Mill creates new records in TMT Rolling



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Bhilai, Jan 13: SAIL-Bhilai Steel Plant's Bar & Rod Mill, a Modex unit has created new day and shift records in rolling of TMT Bars of 20 mm diameter on January 12, 2022. The Mill set a new day record of rolling 2927 Tonnes of TMT 20 mm Bars from 1425 numbers of billets on January 12, 2022, surpassing previous record of 2828 Tonnes of TMT 20 mm bars from 1374 billets on October 18, 2021.

The Mill also set a new shift record of rolling on January 12, 2022 with 1144 tonnes of TMT 20 mm bars rolled from 557 numbers of billets. The previous best shift record was 1142 Tonnes of TMT 20 mm bars rolled from 555 numbers of billets on October 19,

2021. With 100% customer satisfaction as its target, the leadership and collective of the modern Bar & Rod Mill have been working to further improve processes and work practices so as to ensure that its customers get the best and desired quality of products.

Director I/c BSP, Anirban Dasgupta, Executive Directors Works, Anjani Kumar and senior officials of the Plant have congratulated the Mill leadership and collective for record performance. CGM BRM, Mukesh Gupta stated that the record performance is the result of team work, timely maintenance and support from associated shops and departments. The BRM team is firmly committed to achieve all targets, he stated.

Strict action against those without masks, Rs 12050 fine recovered from 81 people

Mask checking campaign in all markets, public places & and squares under BMC area

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Bhilai, Jan 13: Continuous action is being taken against those who are found moving around without masks in the limits of Bhilai Municipal Corporation area. Intensive checking campaign for mask is being conducted at all the markets, public places, various intersections of the corporation area to prevent the spread of corona. If any person is found without a mask, fine is being charged from them and strict action is being taken against those who make excuses in paying the fine.

Here it needs a mention that on the instructions of Collector Dr Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, the team of the corporation is beginning the mask check-

ing campaign at 06:00 hrs to follow the Corona guidelines. Along with this the team is roaming around till night and taking action. Bhilai Municipal commissioner Prakash Sarve is reaching the spot and taking action in the mask checking campaign. The corporation commissioner gave strict advice to the shopkeepers operating the shops without masks to wear masks and instructed to collect fine from them. He warned that if the shop is again found operating without a mask, then action can also be taken to seal the shop.



On Thursday, the team of the corporation took action at places like Akashganga Vegetable Market, Supela Chowk, Gada Chowk, Power House, Chhawani area, Sector Area etc and collected fines from the people. The team going out for mask checking is roaming around the corporation area and collecting fines from those who do not wear masks or keep masks

hanging. In the market area, the team is appealing to the customers as well as the shopkeepers to compulsorily apply mask and follow social distancing. Through loudspeakers, messages are constantly being given to follow the Corona guidelines.

In order to follow the social distance, the shopkeepers are being asked to remove the material in display on roads back into the

shops. During the action, there are some people who make excuses of not having money to pay the fine amount, but on showing strictness by the team, all are fined and they are again being advised not to go out without a mask.

The mask checking campaign is going on continuously, strict action is being taken by the team of the corporation against those who do not wear masks. The team formed for the mask checking campaign inspected the corporation area and took action against those who did not use masks and also

fined them, including New Kerala Sweets Rs 200, Rajkumar Sahu Rs 200, Jaspreet Singh Rs 200, Jeetu Devangan Rs 100, Cafe Biryani Rs 1000, Uttam Lehre Rs 200, Ashish Rs 200, Dilip Kumar Rs 200, Srinivas Choudhary Rs 200, Gautam Rs 200, Ahmed Khan Rs 200, Balaji Cafe Rs 200, Pradeep Ram Rs 100, Jawahar Nagar Petrol Pump Rs 1000, RK Footwear Rs 200, Sunny fruit cart Rs 100. Rs Another Rs 700 was collected from 6 people by the Revenue Department in Zone 01. Rs 2900 from 33 people by the Revenue Department in Zone 02; In zone 04, revenue department collected Rs 850 from 9 people; in zone 05, revenue department collected Rs 3100 from 17 people.

Bhilai Mayor Neeraj Pal constitutes Mayor-in-Council



14 councillors including 4 women get place

Central Chronicle News

Bhilai, Jan 13: Neeraj Pal, the newly elected Mayor of Bhilai Municipal Corporation, has constituted the Mayor-in-Council and announced the names of the MIC members. He has given responsibility of various de-

partments to 14 councillors. The Council has been constituted for the smooth functioning of the Corporation. Four women have also been given place in the MIC.

The in-charge of Finance, Accounts and Audit will be Mannan Ghaffar Khan while the General Administration and Legislative Affairs Department has been given to Sandeep Nirankari. The Urban Planning and

Building Permission Department has gone to Saket Chandrakar, while Public Works Department incharge is Ekansh Banchhore. While Keshav Choubhe has been given the charge of Water-Works Department, Siju Anthony has been given the Revenue Department. Laxmipati Raju will look after Food, Public Health and Sanitation Department whereas Lalchand Verma

will be heading Fire, Electrical and Mechanical Department.

The Department of Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare will be looked after by Chandrashekhar Gawai. Meera Banjare would head the Women and Child Development Department while Malti Thakur would be in charge of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department.

Aditya Singh has been given the responsibility of Department of Education, Sports and Youth Welfare. Department of Environment and Horticulture would be handled by Neha Sahu while Department of Culture, Tourism, Recreation and Heritage Conservation has been given to Rita Singh Gera.

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Will make Birgaon clean and beautiful: Chief Minister

Better arrangements will be made for roads, electricity, cleanliness and pure drinking water

Newly elected Mayor and Chairperson of Birgaon Municipal Corporation took charge of their office today in the presence of CM



Congratulating the newly elected mayor, chairperson and all councillors, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that today January 12 is the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. He spent valuable time of about 2 years here in Raipur. The organization of this ceremony on the occasion of the birth anniversary of such a great man makes it special.

Chief Minister said that people have made our candidates win in most of the urban bodies of the state by expressing their unwavering faith in the government. People

are continuously getting the benefits of government schemes. Birgaon is an area where people from all the states of the country reside. The work of giving residential leases to the people is being done for the first time in this industrial area. We all have to complete the work of making Birgaon municipal area clean and beautiful, he said.

Baghel said that effective steps will be taken to make this area pollution free. The government has presented new models of development in Chhattisgarh. Proper facilities of road, electricity, sanitation and pure

drinking water are being made available to the public. Similarly, proper health care facilities are being ensured for people. Swami Atmanand Excellence English Medium School is being operated to provide quality education to children. Development works are being done in the state for people belonging to every section of society through schemes.

On this occasion Housing and Environment, Forest, Transport Minister Mr. Mohammad Akbar, Urban Administration and Development and Labor Department Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahriya, Raipur Rural MLA Satyanarayan Sharma, Chairman District Co-operative Central Bank Limited Raipur Pankaj Sharma, Raipur district collector Saurabh Kumar along with other public representatives were present on the occasion.

Chief Minister extends warm wishes of 'Lohri' Festival

Raipur, Jan 13: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has extended hearty wishes and greetings of 'Lohri' Festival to people of the state. He has wished peace, progress and prosperity to everyone on the occasion. Chief Minister said in his message to public that Lohri festival marks the period of seasonal transition and celebration of new crop. May this joyful festival bring harmony, happiness and peace in everyone's lives, wished Chief Minister.

TESTING GAINS MOMENTUM



With corona cases on the rise, people are getting testing done at different centres here on Thursday.

Scribes discuss expansion of organizational activities

Janakpur, Jan 13: In presence of the state and district office bearers of Sadbhav Patrakar Sangh, a meeting was conducted of the organization at Janakpur following the covid guideline. Under the guidance of state president R D Gupta and state working president Devdutt Tiwari and under the leadership of



state vice president and Korea Division in-charge D C Baghel meeting discussed on increasing the organizational activities

and made declaration of new office bearers who are unanimously elected by the members. Nathu Ram Pyasi was

given the responsibility of Sarguja Division vice president, Sunil Singh made Block President of Janakpur, Rajnish Shrivastav and Hanumam Yadav are block vice president, Narayan Dutt Tiwari block secretary, Varunendra Singh patron and advisor while Isnu Prasad Yadav is media-in-charge.

Collector gets precautionary dose of Covid-19 vaccine

Central Chronicle News

Konta/Sukma, Jan 13: To prevent the spread of corona infection, precautionary dose of Covid-19 vaccine to frontline workers, health workers and 60 plus persons with comorbidity has been started in Sukma district. Collector Vineet Nandanwar got the precautionary dose here on Wednesday. He has appealed all the eligible people who have been given the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine 9 months before Jan 10 to take this booster dose. Appealing the common citizens, he said that the eligible beneficiaries must get vaccinated at the nearby vaccination center.



should also get their vaccination completed soon. To prevent the increasing infection of Covid, the government should follow the guidelines issued by the administration and under this they should wear mask and do not leave the house un-

less it is very important. Booster dose can be taken after 9 months of second dose:

It is noteworthy that it is mandatory to take both doses of Covid vaccination to prevent Covid infection. To make it more effective, booster dose or prevention dose is also being administered to the eligible beneficiaries. Health care workers, frontline workers and those suffering from critical illness, above 60 years of age are being vaccinated with booster dose.

Beneficiaries will be eligible for precautionary dose only after 9 months or 39 weeks after taking the second dose of Covid-19 vaccine.

This vaccination is being done at total 13 places including district hospitals, all community health centres, primary health centres.

CM greets people on the occasions of Makar Sankranti and Pongal

Raipur, Jan 13: Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has greeted people on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti and Pongal festivals. He has wished happiness, prosperity and safety for people of the state.

"The auspicious occasions of Makar Sankranti and Pongal, the harvest festival, which marks transition of sun into Capricorn sign, are celebrated in India with great zeal and enthusiasm. Throughout India, the festival is celebrated with different names in different parts of the country. This festival of Makar Sankranti signifies a change in season. May this festival brings pleasant changes and positive transformation in the lives of all the people in the state and the country", said Chief Minister in his message to public.

Nearly 74% adolescents have been vaccinated against Covid-19 in Mungeli

While 65% in R'gaon in just 10 days

Nearly 8.14 lakh adolescents have been vaccinated in this age group with maximum 70,000 in Raipur

In Kerala, only 39% of adolescents were vaccinated while in Ch'garh the figure has reached 50%

Central Chronicle News

Raipur, Jan 13: To keep the adolescent population safe from corona virus, vaccination of adolescents in the 15 to 18 year age group is being done at a



rapid pace in the state. The state has touched the 50 per cent mark on the tenth day after the commencement of Covid-19 inoculation drive of adolescents in this age group in the country on January 3. During this, Mungeli district has the highest 74 per cent of children in 15 to 18 years age group vaccinated

ed against the target. In Rajnandgaon, 65 percent of the total target adolescents have been vaccinated. In Dhamtari 64 percent and in Bemetara and Mahasamund 62-62 percent children have been given the first dose corona vaccine.

So far 35 thousand 910 teenagers in the age group of 15 to 18 years have been vaccinated in Mungeli district. In Rajnandgaon 63 thousand 352 children of this age group have been vaccinated.

To prevent against corona infection, 31 thousand 114 adolescents have been vaccinated in Dhamtari, 34 thousand 609 in Bemetara and 40 thousand 295 in Mahasamund. In Raipur district, maximum 70 thousand 065 children

have been vaccinated across the state. Raipur has also touched 50 per cent target of vaccination set for the district.

So far 8 lakh 14 thousand 097 adolescents have been vaccinated across the state.

A total of 16 lakh 39 thousand 811 adolescents of 15-18 age group are to be vaccinated in the state. Only 39 per cent children have been vaccinated in Kerala so far, while Chhattisgarh has achieved its 50 per cent target. Teenagers are reaching out to the vaccination centres dedicated to them in all districts and getting vaccinated with enthusiasm. Adolescents born in the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 are being vaccinated at these centres.

BEO releases CTASA annual calendar

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Jan 13: Like every year the calendar of Chhattisgarh Teachers' Association Shiksha Sangh (CTASA) Block unit Dongargaon released its calendar here on Wednesday. This calendar bears dates of general holiday, optional holiday and general holidays in the district. Along with this it also bears details of district and regional level office bearers of Sangh.



this regard, block president Girish Hirwani informed that CTASA has always been sensitive towards creative works. Block Secretary Kishan Deshmukh informed that in coming 2-3 days, this calendar will be distributed in each government office, schools of the block headquarter.

In the calendar release programme, District President of Sangh Gopi

Verma, District Secy. Jeevan Verma, Treasurer Hans Meshram, spokesman Devendra Sahu, Neelmani Sahu, Sudama Sahu, Nekram Sahu, Ghanshyam Salme, Nutan Hirwani, Lacchu Sahu, Deepkika Sahu, Shashi Thakur, Sanjeev Gandharv, and other dozens of office bearers of the block were present in large number.

Father alleges of son converted without his consent

Wife, mother-in-law arrested

Central Chronicle News

Jashpur, Jan 13: A Muslim woman and her mother were arrested in Chhattisgarh's Jashpur district on Wednesday after the woman's husband alleged that they got his eight-year-old son converted without his consent, police said.

The man lodged a complaint with Sanna police station in the district on Monday, said Jashpur Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Pratibha Pandey.

Efforts were on to trace a third accused who is related to the woman, the official said. The FIR has

been registered under IPC sections 295-A (hurting religious sentiments), 324 (voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons or means) as well as the Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act, ASP Pandey added.

The man, who is Hindu, said he married the woman as per Hindu rites some ten years ago and they had two children, an eight-year-old son and a six-year-old daughter.

"He claimed that his wife took their son to her parents' home in November. She and his in-laws then took the boy to Ambikapur where he was allegedly circumcised and converted to Islam without the man's consent," the official said, adding that further probe was on.

Swami Vivekanand is big source of inspiration for youths: Sahu

Naitional Youth Day observed in IHSDP Colony

Central Chronicle News

Dongargaon, Jan 13: Swami Vivekanand Jayanti was observed as National Youth Day at IHSDP Colony in city on Jan 12. NSS workers Diniesh Kumar Sahu informed that Swami Vivekanand is source of inspiration for youths and he always motivates people to move forward in their life and achieve success and it is for this reason that his birth anniversary is observed as Youth Day.

Swamy Vivekanand was a personality full of



cultural knowledge and India's philosophy and established country's name and fame through his speech in New York and he is the person whose just reciting of name and vision infuses feeling of faith and energy. Swami Vivekanand was a great sant and revolutionary who brought massive changes in the society.

In this programme, DK Sahu, Rahul Pandit, Kuldeep Sharma, Ramakant Sharma, Gyatri Sahu, Leela Sahu, Bindu Tandekar, Reshma Rajput, Bhumika Rajput, Lata Salme, Vineshwari Sahu, Durga Sahu, Manisha Yadav, Tushar Sahu, Sakshi Sahu, Rukhmani Ramteke, Kumkum Sharma, Alia and others were present.

BALCO empowering youth through skill development

Central Chronicle News

Balconagar, Jan 13: Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO), India's iconic Aluminium producer, is contributing resolutely towards development of nation by empowering the youth of the region through its skill development centre, 'Vedanta Skill School'. The Vedanta Skill School is one-of-its-kind institute of skills that provide technical education to the local youth to prepare them for a vocation that allows them to

become financially self-reliant and foster development of society at large. The institute imparts free residential training in six trades of food & beverages, welding, sewing machine operator, solar PV technician, electrician and fitter along with further helping the trainees with placements in companies of repute. The 45 to 65 days training programme is designed as per the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) guidelines and over 9000 students have been trained till now.



Sharing his views regarding the importance of youth in nation building, Mr. Abhijit Pati, CEO and Director, BALCO, says, "Empowered youth plays a pivotal role in bringing about the development of nation to a great extent. BALCO is undertaking sincere efforts to groom young talents through its different flagship programmes like Project Connect, which aims at educating the school students in the vicinity through regular academic classes by our employees. The skill school is a novel

initiative to foster skill development among the youth and help them in availing various opportunities, thus paving way for their growth and progress."

Sharing his experience, Punesh Darvesh, a trainee, says, "Enrolling in skill school has been one of the best decisions of my life. I had joined the training programme in food & beverages programme which has helped me to avail jobs in different hospitality firms. Today I am proud to support my family fi-

nancially and to share responsibilities with my father."

Indu Pakwasa, another trainee, says, "I feel fortunate to be a student of skill school as it has played a significant role in bringing a positive change in my life by aiding my journey towards self-dependence."

BALCO is poised to impact the society in a positive manner with all its endeavours to strengthen the youth in the vicinity, thus enabling them to contribute in nation building.

Panchayat Secretary fined for not providing information under RTE Act

Masturi, Jan 13:

The State Information Commission has imposed a fine of Rs 75,000 on the then Secretary of Gram Panchayat Gataura, who did not provide information under the Right to Information Act. Also, the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of District Panchayat Bilaspur, Bilaspur has been directed to take disciplinary action against Panchayat for not responding to the notice issued by the Commission under Section 20 (1) and 20 (11) of the Right to Information Act by the then Secretary of the Gram Panchayat



Gataura under Janpad Bilaspur resident Thakur Naval Singh by giving three applications under the Right to Information Act to Thaneshwar Singh, the secretary of Gram Panchayat Gataura, through registered post, but due to the continuous closure of the Gram Panchayat office during the official period.

As the registered post used to return to the applicant, the first appeal was presented by the applicant Thakur Naval Singh before the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad

Panchayat Masturi. The first appellate authority had directed the appellant to provide the desired information free of cost. But the Public Information Officer / Secretary did not consider it appropriate to provide information to the applicant bypassing the order of the First Appellate Officer. After which the complaint was submitted by the applicant before the State Information Commission. For the hearing of the matter, the Secretary was issued a letter and direct-

ed to appear and submit the reply. But the Secretary neither appeared nor thought it appropriate to furnish any reply. Taking seriously, the Information Commission again issued a notice under Section 20 (1) (11) of the Right to Information Act through the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat and directed to appear and submit the reply to the notice. But the secretary did not deter his stubbornness. Similarly, in two other cases, the Secretary appeared in the hearing and presented a false and misleading reply about the lack of information about the first appeal order, which was taken seriously by the Chief Information Commissioner M. Giving a stern warning to Secretary Thaneshwar Singh, K Raut has taken disciplinary action in all three cases including a fine of Rs 25,000-25000.

Revenue staff should work with sensitivity towards public: Dhawade



Koriya, Jan 13:

Under the chairmanship of Collector Shyam Dhawade, a meeting of revenue officers was held in the Collectorate hall here. In the meeting, the collector directed all the revenue officers to complete the revenue cases on time so that the general public does not face any problem. He said that the revenue staff should work keeping in mind the sensitivity of the public and public interest. In the meeting, while reviewing the cases and loan book related to the tricolor belt in the district, the collector took information from all the revenue officers. He reprimanded Baikunthpur

Naib Tehsildar for not making any significant progress on disposal of cases. He said that by discharging your responsibilities cooperate with the common man. Taking information about the progress in all the development blocks and tehsils on the matters related to conversion, demarcation, division, he directed that all the cases should be resolved within the prescribed time limit. In the meeting, the Collector discussed the resolution of the applications in the canceled forest rights sheet re-review camps set up in the district. Taking information about the pending cases of caste certificate, he

said that the eligible beneficiaries should get their 100% rights, keep this in mind. In the meeting, the Collector, after discussing about Kisan Credit Card, Income, Residence Certificate, Forest Rights, asked all the revenue officers to use their capacity to work in the interest of the people at the last end of the society.

Show-cause notice has been issued by Collector Dhawade expressing displeasure over absence of Manendragarh tehsildar Vibhor Yadav without notice. He has also directed to issue notice on the negligence in the work of Baikunthpur Naib Tehsildar Bhuneshwar Toppo.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
 Details of the Tender Notices of S.C. Railway can be seen on our website: www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender notice no. 01-SCRCONPWST-2022 dt. 11.01.2022

The following tender is invited by the undersigned for and on behalf of the President of India for Manufacture and Supply of the following track materials to South Central Railway (Construction) through IREPS (https://www.ireps.gov.in).

1e-Tender No: 01-SCRCONPWST-2022
Description of Material & Quantity:
 Item (1) : Fabrication and supply of 6400mm Over Riding Derailing switches 60Kg to RDSO no.T-6068 with latest alterations, if any complete with all parts as listed in the drawing (excluding check rails, fish plates, fish bolts and nuts, plate screws, GRSPs, Liners and ERCs) conforming to IRS-T-10-2000 with latest alterations and amendments if any. IRS specification (serial no.T-10-2000) corrigendum No. 1 of December 2016. Qty=44sets.
 Item (2) : Manufacture and supply of Elastic Rail Clips "J" conforming to RDSO Drg No.T-8258 and IRS specification for ERC-J (Provisional)-Revised 1994 with Corrigendum No.2 October 2016 (The alteration in Drawing and Specification issued by RDSO up to one month prior to tender opening date shall be applicable in this tender). Qty=6500Nos.
 Item (3) : Manufacture and supply of 6mm thick GRSP for Fan Shaped Turnout for 60kg 1 in 16 to RDSO Drg. No.T-5691 latest alteration to IRS specification 1 of 2017. Qty=30Sets.
Tender Value: ₹. 1,04,91,014.76
Due date of closing & Time : 03.02.2022 @ 15.30 Hrs.

The above tender has been floated through IREPS.

Offers received from vendors approved by RDSO only will be considered.

Only Class-I local suppliers are eligible to participate in this tender.

All the vendors are requested to obtain Class-3 Digital Signature Certificates from any licensed certifying authority and register with IREPS. For this purpose, they have to log on to www.ireps.gov.in

For complete details vendors are requested to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in - SCRly/Con and submit their offers online only.

The offers submitted online through IREPS will only be accepted. Manual offers/ offers sent through post etc., will not be entertained.

Chief Administrative Officer/Const./A0404/22 Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in> or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

Anti-encroachment drive postponed for two days

Meeting with stiff protest from encroachers

Khairagarh, Jan 13:

The anti-encroachment drive by Nagar Palika Khairagarh has been postponed for two days. It is notable here that encroacher have encroached on costly government land worth lakhs near State Highway near the Civil Lines over the last few years and here many of the encroachers had opened pan and other vendor shops and behind this they are illegally running business of illicit sale of liquor, 'ganja' and 'satta' and others. But now the local administration is finding it tough to remove these encroachers who are allegedly involved in many anti-social works and worsening the beauty of Civil

Lines area. It was last on Tuesday there was lot of drama and nuisance with Nagar Palika's team and in this one of the encroachers threatened to commit suicide and other female encroacher came and stood in front of JCB Machine.

On this action, the Nagar Palika administration returned without taking any action against the encroachers. But prior to this bull-dozer was used on shops of few encroachers and in last two days there was mix-reaction on this particular move of Nagar Palika.

Some of them were saying that action should not be taken against small vendors and shopkeepers and others charged that the big

shopkeepers have been ignored and left without any action against them and which is absolutely incorrect. Meanwhile there are reports on behalf of Nagar Palika administration that this drive has been postponed for next two days and then it will be resumed.

What officer says

"The encroachers have been given two days notice and if they fail to remove their encroachment and final action will be taken against them."

Seema Bakshi
 CMO-Nagar Palika Khairagarh

Pendra's daughter becomes pride of Ch'garh

Gourela Pendra Marwahi, Jan 13:

The daughter of Gaurela Pendra Marwahi district has brought laurels not only to her district, but also to the state and her family at the national level.

Educated and growing up as the youngest of three daughters of Narayan Prasad Mishra, Gunjan was recently honoured by Theophany University of Haiti, a Caribbean country located on the continent of North America, for her excellent work in the field of



education. Wife of Excise Officer Vijayen Sharma, Gunjan is an artist and yoga enthusiast, and dedicates the academic excellence to her father and husband, along with

Pendra where she was born and brought up. Dr Gunjan Mishra said that 'I am overwhelmed by this honor of Theophany University of Haiti and the honor has strengthened my strong will to do something better. I am proud of my motherland, especially Pendra and my father and late mother, whose presence I have always felt'.

DIET honours best schools in Bastar region

Kondagaon, Jan 13:

District Institute for Education and Training (DIET) Bastar in order to honour the best schools under Kondagaon and Bastar district had organised felicitation programme cum education upgradation programme and in this one primary and secondary school from each block were presented award. Principal DIET Dr Sushma Jha informed that in each Sankul area, the academic coordinator keeping in mind as to how should be the selection procedure through workshop, carried out analysis of each School block-wise and



after which organised this programme to felicitate eligible schools. The chief guest and special guest of the felicitation programme was MLA Laksheshwar Baghel, Hemant

Upadhyay, Joint Director Bastar Div. Jagdalpur; Bharti Pradhan DEO Jagdalpur; Neelkanth Shardul District convener Chhattisgarh Adhikari

Federation district Kondagaon presented awards to best schools. In this programme, 24 schools from 2 districts, along with 'Sankul coordinators', BRC and Block Education Officers (BEOs) were also felicitated. On this occasion Sheetal Korram, coordinator Tehsilpara Kondagaon, Anita Netam Head Mistress Primary School Depotpara; Heena Kashyap- Asst. teacher were present.

कनरा बैंक Canara Bank
 Head Office: Bengaluru-562002

Branc; R.A.H., Raipur (C.G.)

POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

Whereas, The under signed being the Authorised officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice was issued on the dated in the given following table calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days of receipt of said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property, described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against the 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 CANARA BANK (Below mentioned Branches) for the amount and interest mentioned thereon.

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

S. No.	Borrower/ Branch Name	Detail of Possessed Property	Demand Notice Amount	Demand Notice Date
1.	Mrs. Shantaben Bharat Patel W/o. Bharat Premji Patel and Mr. Bharat Premji Patel S/o. Premji Devji Patel. Branch: R.A.H, Raipur (C.G.)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Khasra No. 688/34, 688/35, Daldalseoni, Shivaji Nagar, Kushabhai Thakre Ward No. 26, PH No. 109/39, RIC-Raipur, Dist- Raipur-492001 C.G. Bounded: On the North by- Other's Land, On the South by- Sellers Land, On the East by- Property of Amit Yadav, On the West by- Road.	₹ 12,60,508.47/- with interest and applicable charges thereon.	25.05.2021 Possession Notice Date 10.01.2022
2.	Mrs. Geeta Sahu W/o Sunil Kumar Sahu and Mr. Sunil Kumar Sahu Branch: R.A.H, Raipur (C.G.)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of S.No. Kh. No. 581/26 Mauja- Raipura Ph. No. 104/57 Madhav Rao Saprey Ward, Ward No 68 at Near Shivom Vidyapeeth, Mahadev Ghat Road RIC- Raipur-1 & Dist- Raipur(C.G) Bounded: On the North by- Road, On the South by- House of Dwarika Prasad Sharma, On the East by- Land of Ghasiram Sharma, On the West by- Land of Seller.	₹ 17,03,157.30/- with interest and applicable charges thereon.	25.05.2021 Possession Notice Date 10.01.2022
3.	Mr. Sabbir Khan S/o Nazir Khan and Mrs. Shakila Begum W/o Nazir Khan Branch: R.A.H, Raipur (C.G.)	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No E5/102 Ground Floor Atal Awas Yojna No. 588 Parsada, Kumhari, Bhalai C.G.	₹ 3,48,817.33/- with interest and applicable charges thereon.	21.10.2021 Possession Notice Date 10.01.2022

Date: 13.01.2022 Place: Raipur (CG) Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

कनरा बैंक Canara Bank
 Head Office: Bengaluru-562002

ARM Branch : Bhopal (MP)- 462020

CORRIGENDUM

The E-auction notice for the property of account - M/s Adventure Steel and Power Ltd., published in this newspaper 08/01/2022, please read property details as "Land and Building at Khasra no. 1160/3, 1160/4, 1174/2, P H No. 13, behind ACC cement factory, Shivpuri, Ward No. 15, Jamul, district Durg, Chhatisgarh". Area 29600 sqft. Boundaries : East Govt. Land, West : Road, North : Plot of Yadav, South : Plot of Verma. Other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

DCB BANK

Registered Office: 601 & 602, Peninsula Business Park, 6th Floor, Tower A, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400 013

PUBLIC NOTICE

JEWELLERY AUCTION CUM INVITATION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers have been issued notices to pay the entire dues in facilities availed by them against Jewellery from DCB Bank Limited. We are constrained to conduct auction of the pledged Jewellery as they have failed to pay the entire dues. DCB Bank Limited has the authority to remove account (s) / change the auction date (s) without any prior notice. The auction will be conducted online through <https://egold.auctiontiger.net> on 21.01.2022 and 24.01.2022 from 11:00 am to 01:00 pm

Sr. No.	Customer ID	Customer Name	Location / Place	Sr. No.	Customer ID	Customer Name	Location / Place
1	101689107	Lokesh Kmar Kannoje	Baloda Bazar	32	101202656	Umesh Kumar Jaiswal	Khokhsa
2	102724186	Jahanra Begam	Baloda Bazar	33	101392685	Pawan Kumar Yadav	Khokhsa
3	102796980	Sharafat Hussain	Baloda Bazar	34	102368865	Jaya Nirmalkar	Khokhsa
4	101201528	Bhisham Lal Patel	Bemetara	35	101121877	Mahendra Kumar Sahu	Kumhari
5	102780342	Nitin Kumar Soni	Bemetara	36	102616204	Lalit Kumar Dhruv	Kumhari
6	102806024	Bhojraj Singh Parmar	Bemetara	37	102767402	Nag Bhushan Walde	Kumhari
7	101514316	Dilesh Sahu	Beria	38	102879119	Dhiraj Patel	Kumhari
8	101840556	Ajit Singh	Beria	39	101411917	Eshwar Lal Sahu	Kurra
9	102727355	Roshan Varma	Beria	40	102070064	Gowardhan Sahu	Kurra
10	102792584	Nitin Pandey	Beria	41	102798601	Dinu Banjare	Kurra
11	102794784	Pooja Verma	Beria	42	102770344	Basant Kumar Dinkar	Parsada
12	101069338	Sanjay Patil	Dongergaon	43	102797853	Dharmendra Paswan	Parsada
13	101221556	Kamalesh Saraswat	Dongergaon	44	102798622	Roma Shivdasani	Parsada
14	101541956	Tamnana Jain	Dongergaon	45	102813966	Indira Bhojwani	Parsada
15	101806849	Gavskr Sahu	Dongergaon	46	102900356	Smt Sheela Rai	Parsada
16	102403968	Kumari Komare	Dongergaon	47	102875884	Anil Sharma	Raipur
17	102708535	Pooja Soni	Dongergaon	48	102878244	Aftab Farishta	Raipur
18	102761311	Chandresh Kumar Nishad	Dongergaon	49	102885972	Sunil Wadhvani	Raipur
19	102802233	Surendra Kumar Ramteke	Dongergaon	50	102906005	Dilip Kumar Verma	Raipur
20	102813909	Ganeshyram Bai Lahare	Dongergaon	51	102914799	Anjali Soni	Raipur
21	101989409	Mohan Lal Jaiswal	Kawardha	52	102920732	Deepik Madhwani	Raipur
22	102781103	Vikash Kumar Pandey	Kawardha	53	103013770	Rinku Devi	Raipur
23	101528154	Vedprakash Sahu	Kharora	54	103044091	Shiv Kumar Patel	Raipur
24	101840343	Tahasini	Kharora	55	103068955	Naresh Das Manikpur	Raipur
25	102102036	Dinesh Patel	Kharora	56	103070968	Khrood Sunani	Raipur
26	102763882	Devendra Kumar Patwa	Kharora	57	103073649	Rakesh Singh	Raipur
27	102776572	Ashish Singh	Kharora	58	103073655	Rajesh Netam	Raipur
28	102782191	Tarachand Ratre	Kharora	59	102765891	Chitesh Kumar Sahu	Ratnabandha
29	102845804	Kanhaiya Lal Chandrakar	Kharora	60	102781820	Rambhagat Paikara	Ratnabandha
30	102852880	Shalendra Kumar Chopra	Kharora	61	102803918	Manoj Kumar Kaushik	Ratnabandha
31	102882881	Manoj Kawer	Kharora				

By way of this publication, the concerned Borrowers / Pledgers are hereby given final notice and last opportunity to pay the facility recalled amount in full, with all interest and charges before the scheduled auction date failing which the Jewellery will be auctioned. If the auction is not completed on the specified auction dates, the auction shall continue for 7 subsequent days without further notice. Participation in the auction and acceptance of bids will be at the sole discretion of the DCB Bank.

Please note that the auction shall be on an "as is where is basis", "as is what is basis", "whatever there is basis" and "no recourse basis" the bank shall not be liable for any claims related to the jewellery. Bidders may kindly visit <https://egold.auctiontiger.net> for detailed terms & conditions for participation in the auctions.

Sd/-
 Authorised Officer
 DCB Bank Limited

Date: 14-01-2022

Bandhan Bank

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorized Officer issued demand notice on the date mentioned against the account stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice. The borrower(s), having failed to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules 2002 on the date mentioned against the loan account. The borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank for the amounts, interest, costs and charges thereon. The borrowers' / borrowers' 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.

Name of borrower(s) & Loan Account No.	Description of property mortgaged (Secured Asset)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Symbolic Possession Notice	Outstanding Amt. as on Date of Demand Notice
Mr. Punendra Kumar Bandhe Mr. Gopi Ram Bandhe 854/1465	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property situated at Village Sankara, Prachlit Abadi Land, Khasra No. Part of 539, P.H. No. 17, RNM Bhothli, Mouja Sankra, Tahsil & Dist. Dhamtari-493770 rakba 1089 sq. ft. bounded by: North: Gali, East: House of Dashrath, West: House of Girdhari Kurre, South: House of Dashrath	27.10.2021	10.01.2022	Rs.8,01,486.23

Place: Dhamtari Date: 14/01/2022

Authorised Officer
 Bandhan Bank Limited

BRIEF

Fake cop

Rourkela: Odisha Police arrested a man for allegedly impersonating as a police officer and duping a woman inspector in Sundargarh district of Rs 4.5 lakh. Chittaranjan Tarai introduced himself to the woman as Deepak Panda, claiming to have been posted as a sub-inspector at the Baisinga police station in Mayurbhanj district. The woman, who is the inspector in-charge of the Lephripa police station, paid the money.

Three held

Mumbai: Mumbai police arrested three men for allegedly robbing a pedestrian of his gold chain and cash in suburban Sakinaka, an official said. The accused trio was identified as Salim Jalaluddin Chowdhary (24), Gulam Ali Khan and Abdul Alim Khan (both 19), he said. The incident occurred when the complainant in the case was on way to his residence.

Held hostage

Noida: An on-duty revenue department team of Gautam Buddh Nagar was allegedly held hostage and intimidated by employees of a real estate developer when it had gone to meet them to recover dues. Naib tehsildar Ram Krishna alleged he had gone with his team to the Sector 96 project of the Supertech Group on January 5 on the basis of a recovery notice of Rs 112 crore issued against the developer by the Uttar Pradesh RERA.

Warden booked

New Delhi: The Delhi Police has booked a deputy division warden for allegedly harassing a civil defence volunteer who alleged that he used to seek favours from her. The 23-year-old woman came to Laxmi Nagar police station on Sunday along with members of an NGO to file a complaint. In her complaint, she has stated that she works as a volunteer on the post of HFP in Delhi Civil Defence and presently deployed at the SDM office.

For women

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha government issued a gazette notification proposing the reservation of the post of mayor for women in the municipal corporations of Bhubaneswar and Berhampur. While the Office of Mayor in Berhampur and Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporations has been proposed to be reserved for women candidates, in Cuttack Municipal Corporation it has been proposed for the 'Un-Reserved Category', the notification said.

Three booked

Jaipur: Three policemen in whose presence a 24-year-old man died after allegedly jumping from a moving train in Sawai Madhopur have been booked for murder. The policemen — a head constable and two constables of Gangapur City Sadar Police Station — were also suspended in connection with the matter, they said.

Kerala police raids homes of actor Dileep, his brother

Kochi, Jan 13 (PTI):



Dileep

The Crime Branch wing of Kerala Police on Thursday raided the homes of actor Dileep and his brother and also the office of his Grand Production company here in connection with the latest case against them for allegedly threatening investigation officers in the '2017 actress sexual assault case', sources said.

Dileep is an accused in the sexual assault case also.

A top Crime Branch official said that three teams of officials were dispatched to carry out the raids simultaneously at the three locations.

However, according to visuals shown on news channels, the raiding teams had to wait for some time outside Dileep's residence and his company of

office for them to be opened.

The visuals also showed some officials clambering over the gate of Dileep's house to get inside.

The gate was subsequently opened by his sister, sources said.

The company office was also opened, after some delay, by the staff there, the sources added.

According to sources, the raids were carried out on the basis of court orders and the statement given to the Crime Branch

by director Balachandra Kumar.

Kumar, who met the media after appearing before the Crime Branch, had claimed discussions regarding the conspiracy to attack the investigating officers were held at many places.

Kumar had recently made some startling revelations against Dileep in the actress assault case through the media.

He has also claimed that there is evidence including digital ones to prove that Dileep had influenced the witnesses.

The crime branch registered the new case on a complaint filed by an investigating officer based on a purported audio clip of Dileep which was released by a TV channel recently in which the actor was heard conspiring to attack the officials.

Three held for kidnapping minor in Delhi

Victim set free after five months

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Three people have been arrested for kidnapping a 15-year-old girl and forcefully marrying her off to a drug addict here, police said on Thursday.

After five months of house arrest, the girl finally managed to telephone her parents, who in turn took police help in rescuing her.

Police identified the accused as Jyoti (28), her boyfriend Dileep Kumar (28), and Jyoti's drug addict brother Ranjan Kumar (26).

The girl went missing in August last year, following which her parents lodged a complaint at the Kalkaji police station.

Though the police had been searching for the girl

since then, they could not find any clue. The major breakthrough came on January 10 this year after the girl managed to telephone her parents and informed them that she had been kidnapped and kept in wrongful confinement in Tigr Extension area.

Based on this informed, the police traced the co-ordinates of the phone call and rescued the girl from Tigr Extension C-Block, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southeast) Esha Pandey said.

"After door-to-door verification in C-block, the police team succeeded in tracing the victim from C-130, where she was confined by three people. We arrested them. The girl was reunited with her family," Pandey said.

Alwar rape exposes hypocrisy of Priyanka Gandhi, Cong: BJP

BJP forms committee to seek justice

Jaipur: The state BJP on Thursday formed a committee to seek justice for the mentally-challenged girl who was found in a distressed state with injuries on her private parts in Rajasthan's Alwar, recently.

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Taking on Priyanka Gandhi Vadra over the alleged rape of a mentally challenged minor girl in Congress-ruled Rajasthan, the BJP on Thursday said the incident exposes the hypocrisy of the opposition party which talks about women empowerment in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh.

A ghastly crime of the rape of a differently abled minor girl has been re-



Villagers take part in a community fishing event during 'Bhogali Bihu' celebrations at Goroimari Lake in Panbari, some 50 kms from Guwahati, Assam on Thursday.

NCPCR seeks suspension of 'Desh Ka Mentor' programme

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Concerned over children being exposed to unknown people through the Delhi government's 'Desh Ka Mentor' programme and the potential for crime and abuse, apex child rights body NCPCR has said the scheme should be suspended till all the loopholes are taken care of.

Claiming that the programme, which aims at providing career guidance to schoolchildren, will expose them to certain dangers, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights last month wrote to the Delhi chief secretary and again earlier this week to say the response received was ineffectual. "It has been stated in the response that to protect against violation, mentees are assigned men-

tors who are from the same gender; it is imperative to place here that abuse or assault or sexual or otherwise, is not gender biased but same gender does not necessarily assure safety of any child in any terms," the NCPCR said in its letter to Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev on Monday. The programme should be suspended till all loopholes pertaining to the safety of children are overhauled, it said, adding that the response received appears to be "ineffectual in completely dousing the safety issues pertaining to the exposure of children towards unknown people leading to potential crime/abuse". The 'Desh Ka Mentor' programme, which has Bollywood actor Sonu Sood as its brand ambassador, was launched by the Delhi government in October.



Gaurav Bhatia

ported from Alwar but perpetrators of the crime have not been arrested by the state government, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia said.

While the Congress was busy celebrating Priyanka Gandhi's birthday, girls in Rajasthan were seeking justice for the ghastly crime, he told reporters.

A mentally-challenged minor girl, found in a distressed state with injuries

Do-or-die poll battle on cards in Uttarakhand

Harish Rawat still not declared CM candidate of Congress

Dehradun, Jan 13 (PTI):

With the ruling BJP fiercely defending its throne and the opposition Congress desperate to avenge its 2017 humiliation, a do-or-die battle is on the cards on February 14, when the two parties grapple with each other yet again in the Uttarakhand Assembly polls.

The largely bipolar politics of the state involving the two national parties, which have been alternately in power, has got a new twist this time with Arvind Kejriwal's Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also in the fray, offering itself



An event for some new members joining Congress, welcomed by former CM Harish Rawat in Dehradun.

as an alternative to the Congress and the BJP.

While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has set itself a target of winning more than 60 of the 70 Assembly seats in the state, poll observers feel it is unrealistic on the part of the saffron party, which is totally ignoring the

anti-incumbency factor. According to poll commentator JS Rawat, repeating its tally of 57 seats in the last Assembly polls could be a tall order for the BJP.

Even the Modi factor, which was behind the party's comprehensive win in the last polls, is not

as strong as it was in 2017, he said. The rollback of three contentious agriculture laws may have done some damage control, but the farmers in some of the seats in the Kumaon belt, including Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami's Khatima constituency, have been able to keep the issue alive to a great extent, he added.

Giving three chief ministers to the state within five years and bringing about political instability despite a big mandate is another factor that may eclipse the BJP's chances.

However, insiders in the saffron party said the move is going to work in its favour as it has offset the impact of anti-incumbency that might have been there against the former chief ministers.

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Shiv Sena is upset at being given a cold shoulder by the Congress over its proposal to repeat the Maharashtra coalition experiment in the Goa Assembly elections.

Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut on Thursday said the political situation in Goa is such that the Congress cannot go beyond single digit if it contests the assembly polls in the coastal state on its own.

"The Congress has only three MLAs in Goa. The party's MLAs have deserted it en masse. Key political parties, we (Shiv Sena and NCP) had offered to support the Congress in its difficult times. But I don't



Sanjay Raut

know what the Congress is thinking. It cannot cross the single digit mark if it contests alone," Raut told reporters here.

Raut, who had held a round of discussions with AICC in-charge of Goa Dinesh Gundurao, CLP leader Digambar Kamat and Goa Congress chief Girish Chodankar, said he

had placed a proposal that the Congress contest on 30 of the 40 assembly seats and leave the rest for its allies. He said the 10 assembly seats, where Congress has not won elections in the past 50 years, could be allocated to Shiv Sena, NCP and Goa Forward Party. Raut, a Rajya Sabha member, said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was favourable to the idea of an alliance but the local Congress leadership had a different view.

Raut said the Shiv Sena was ready to support the candidature of former Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar's son Utpal should he decide to take the political plunge in the assembly polls.

Activist moves HC against order discharging Chhagan Bhujbal



Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTI):

Activist Anjali Damani approached the Bombay High Court on Thursday, challenging a special court order discharging Maharashtra minister Chhagan Bhujbal and his family members in a case of alleged corruption in the construction of a new

Bureau (ACB) had in September 2021 discharged senior NCP leader Bhujbal and seven others, including his son Pankaj and nephew Sameer, after observing that there was no substantial material to suggest that the accused persons got illegal gratification from the developer appointed to construct the building.

Damania on Thursday filed a revision application in the HC, challenging the lower court's order while claiming that the prosecuting agency (ACB) has not challenged the order of discharge till date.

The case is of grave public interest and is regarding huge corruption of public money.

Omicron, restrictions hinder kite sales in Jaipur

Chinese manjha has been completely banned

Jaipur, Jan 13 (PTI):

The spread of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 and the subsequent restrictions imposed by the state government have affected the kite business ahead of Makar Sankranti in Jaipur this year.

Though markets are decked up with colourful kites of different shapes and sizes in the Pink City, the sale of kites and strings (manjha), that dot the skyline of Jaipur with multiple hues on the day of the festival, has been a disappointment, traders said.

The impact on sales due to the pandemic and the restrictions so far is



Kites with prints of political leaders being prepared in Jaipur.

roughly 30-40 per cent, they said. The spirit of people is not dampened but the fear of COVID-19 and government restrictions have certainly hit the kite business this year, Usman Khan, a kite seller in Handipura, told PTI.

Handipura and Haldiyan ka Rasta are the two major kite markets in the state capital.

Every year, hundreds of customers used to visit us on a daily basis ahead of Makar Sankranti. But, this year, the number is quite low, Khan said even as he expected the sales to boost on Thursday, a day before the festival.

Handipura has nearly 200 regular shops and several makeshift stalls selling kites, manjha, charkhi

(string reel) and sky lanterns. Some of the traders from Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, too, visit Handipura every year for business. Kites and manjhas prepared in Bareilly are popular for their quality and finish.

Usually, sales start picking up a week before the festival and it remains on peak on January 12-13. However, the situation this year is different.

Normally, we finish almost the entire stock by January 14, but this, year it seems that we will be left with a considerable stock, Khan said.

Abdul Gafur, who has been manufacturing human size kites with faces of politicians and celebrities for four decades, said that the footfall in the market this year is low.

BRIEF

Pipeline spills

New Orleans: A severely corroded pipeline ruptured and spilled more than 300,000 gallons (1.1 million liters) of diesel fuel just outside New Orleans in US, according to federal records. The spill from the 16-inch (40-centimeter) diameter line operated by Collins Pipeline Co. was discovered December 27 near a levee in St. Bernard Parish, just east of New Orleans, according to Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Hezbollah hosts

Beirut: Lebanon's powerful Hezbollah group hosted a conference for Saudi opposition figures in its stronghold south of Beirut in a defiant gesture certain to anger the oil-rich kingdom. The gathering came as the Lebanese government is trying to mend relations with Saudi Arabia that hit a new low when the kingdom recalled its ambassador.

Seek inquiry

Warsaw: The third-largest group in the European Parliament called for the establishment of a committee to investigate abuses by European Union governments with powerful spyware produced by Israel's NSO Group. Renew Europe, a liberal political grouping, made its appeal following reports that the NSO Group's Pegasus software has been used to hack the smartphones of opposition politicians, lawyers, journalists and critics of governments.

Suspect detained

Paris: A suspect in the 2012 slaying of a British-Iraqi family vacationing in the French Alps and a cyclist has been detained, a French prosecutor said. Saad al-Hilli, his wife Ikbal and his mother-in-law Souhaila al-Allah were shot dead on a remote mountain road near Annecy in eastern France.

US discourages India from acquiring S-400 systems: Biden's nominee

India is vital ally in US competition against China: another senator

Washington, Jan 13 (PTI):

The US has made clear to India that it is "discouraging" it from proceeding with its acquisition of S-400 missile defence systems from Russia but Washington will have to weigh "important geostrategic considerations" while taking a decision on growing calls for a presidential CAATSA waiver to New Delhi, President Joe Biden's nominee for Coordinator for Sanctions Policy has told lawmakers at US Congress. In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400



US Congress

air defence missile systems, despite a warning from the then Trump administration that going ahead with the contract may invite US sanctions.

The Biden administration has not yet clarified whether it will impose sanctions on India under the provisions of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) for procuring the S-400 missile systems.

CAATSA is a tough US law that was brought in 2017 and authorises the US administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia. James O'Brien, President Biden's nominee for the US State Department's coordinator for sanctions policy was asked at his confirmation hearing if the US experience with Turkey provided any warning or lessons on

how to proceed with India. The US has already imposed sanctions on Turkey under the CAATSA for the purchase of a batch of S-400 missile defence systems from Russia. Following the US sanctions on Turkey over the procurement of S-400 missile systems, there were apprehensions that Washington may impose similar punitive measures on India. Russia has been one of India's key major suppliers of arms and ammunition. "I believe they are very different circumstances, and, of course, different security partnerships — but how do you believe we should think about the possibility of sanctioning our friends and not just threats?" Senator Todd Young asked O'Brien, a former career employee of the State Department.

Lapland herders see red over turbines



Wind turbines of the Storheia wind farm, one of Europe's largest land-based wind parks, in Aford municipality, Norway.

Oslo, Jan 13 (AFP):

On a gusty mountain crest, the Jama brothers weave between wind turbines that stretch as far as the eye can see, on what used to be their animals' winter pasture. Climate emergency or not — for these reindeer herders, the turbines have to go.

"Before, the area was perfect for our reindeer. The place was pristine, unspoiled by human activity. Now, everything has been ruined for years to come," laments Leif Arne, the younger of the brothers, at the wheel of his 4x4.

On both sides of the Arctic polar circle, members of Northern Europe's Sami minority are vehemently opposing large-scale wind farms and other "green" infrastructure projects, which they say are threatening their

livelihoods and encroaching on their ancestral traditions. A classic tale of David and Goliath — and the Sami may end up winning.

In a groundbreaking verdict in October, Norway's Supreme Court ruled that two wind farms erected on the Fosen peninsula, in western Norway, violated the rights of six Sami families — including the Jamas — to practise their culture, breaching the UN's International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

With four smaller, neighbouring installations, the two wind farms — Storheia and Roan — make up Europe's biggest land-based wind park, with a total capacity of 1,057 MW, or enough energy to supply more than 170,000 households.

While the 11 Supreme

Court judges unanimously declared invalid the operating permits and expropriation authorisations that paved the way for the construction of the 151 wind turbines, they didn't say anything about what should happen to the structures now.

For the Jama brothers, whose family has been reindeer herding for generations, there is no doubt about the matter: "These turbines have to be dismantled," they insist.

They say the Storheia wind park, completed in 2020, deprives them of the best of their three winter grazing grounds, which they use alternately.

Reindeer are nomads that roam, depending on the season, to find lichen, their main source of nourishment, especially in winter. If they're disturbed by the wind turbines, they'll look elsewhere.

With his lasso strapped to his shoulder, elder brother John Kristian scans the vast, snow-blanketed horizon with his binoculars. Not a reindeer in sight.

"It's impossible for the reindeer to come here now, with all the enormous disruptions caused by the turning and turning of the turbines, which scare them. And they make so much noise," he says.

Illegal Amazon forest gold seeps into supply chains

Sao Paulo, Jan 13 (AP):

The medals were billed as the most sustainable ever produced. To match the festive spirit of South America's first Olympics, officials from Brazil, the host country for the 2016 games in Rio de Janeiro, boasted that the medals hung around the necks of athletes on the winners' podium were also a victory for the environment. The gold was produced free of mercury and the silver recycled from thrown away X-ray plates and mirrors.

Five years on, the refiner that provided the gold for the medals, Marsam, is processing gold ultimately purchased by hundreds of well-known publicly traded US companies among them Microsoft, Tesla and Amazon that are legally required to responsibly source metals in an industry long plagued by environmental and labor concerns.

But a comprehensive review of public records by The Associated Press



Men search for gold at an illegal gold mine in the Amazon jungle in the Itaituba area of Para state, Brazil.

found that the Sao Paulo-based company processes gold for, and shared ownership links to, an intermediary accused by Brazilian prosecutors of buying gold mined illegally on Indigenous lands and other areas deep in the Amazon rainforest.

Much like brown and black tributaries that feed the Amazon River, gold illegally mined in the rainforest mixes into the supply chain and melds with clean gold to become almost indistinguishable.

Nuggets are spirited out of the jungle in

prospectors' dusty pockets to the nearest city where they are sold to financial brokers. All that's required to transform the raw ore into a tradable asset regulated by the central bank is a handwritten document attesting to the specific point in the rainforest where the gold was extracted. The fewer questions asked, the better. At many of those brokers' Amazon outposts the financial system's front door, the gold becomes the property of Dirceu Frederico Sobrinho.

Yemen's escalating war spurs hunger, collapse

United Nations, Jan 13 (AP):

Escalating military action in Yemen displaced more than 15,000 people over the past month, killed or injured more than 350 civilians in December and left the Arab world's poorest nation facing growing hunger and economic collapse with no political solution in sight, senior UN officials said.

UN special envoy Hans Grundberg told the UN Security Council that in

the seventh year of conflict the warring parties seem to be seeking military victory. But, he said, there is no sustainable long-term solution to be found on the battlefield and both sides must talk even if they are not ready to lay down their arms.

Yemen's civil war began in 2014 when the Houthis took the capital Sanaa and much of the northern part of the country, forcing the government to flee to the south, then to Saudi Arabia. A Saudi-led coalition,

backed at the time by the US, entered the war months later seeking to restore the government to power. The conflict has since become a regional proxy war that has killed tens of thousands of civilians and fighters. The war also created the world's worst humanitarian crisis, leaving millions suf-

fering from food and medical care shortages and pushing the country to the brink of famine. We appear to once more be entering an escalatory cycle with predictable devastating implications for civilians and for the immediate prospects of peace, Grundberg told the council.

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI PROJECT: WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
RAIPUR (CHHATTISGARH)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(FIRST CALL)
System Tender No. 90375/NIT No.: 03/SAC/21-22
Jagdalpur, Dated : 11.01.2022
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 01.02.2022 at 17:30 Hours.

Name of work: Repair of Head work and Canal work of Main Canal and Minor Canal and C.C. Lining of Ulnar Tank at Bakawand Block in Bastar District.
Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs. 227.44 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 18.01.2022, at 17.31 Hours.(IST) onwards.

NOTE: - All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.

Executive Engineer
T.D.P.P. Water Resources Division, Jagdalpur
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Project
Raipur (C.G.)

G-66743/2

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
P.W.D. (B&R) AMBIKPUR CIRCLE AMBIKAPUR

Invitation Date :- 10.01.2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

01. For tender detail please visit <http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
02. Bid Due Date - 27.01.2022
03. Concern Deivision - Ramanujanj

S. No.	N.I.T. No.	Online System Number	Name of work	P.A.C. in lacks
1	124 1st Call D Class & Above	90465	Structural strengthening/Repair work at Various Residential and Non Residential Building under P.W.D. Division Ramanujanj	25.00

Superintending Engineer
P.W.D. Ambikapur Circle
Ambikapur

G-66733/2

कार्यालय परिवहन आयुक्त, छत्तीसगढ़

परिवहन विभाग अंतर्गत स्मार्ट कार्ड आधारित ड्रायविंग लायसेंस, वाहन पंजीकरण एवं अन्य आईटी संबंधी कार्यों के संबंध में निविदा सूचना

TD/03/TC/2021 नवा रायपुर-अटल नगर, दिनांक - 11.01.2022

कार्य:- परिवहन विभाग अंतर्गत स्मार्ट कार्ड आधारित ड्रायविंग लायसेंस, वाहन पंजीकरण प्रमाण पत्र एवं अन्य आईटी संबंधी कार्यों के संबंध में निविदा जारी किया जाता है।

निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि : में परिवर्तन कर दिनांक 18/01/2022 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक किया गया है।

निविदा की दैनिकल बिड खोलने की तिथि 19/01/2022 समय 11.30 बजे

वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तिथि पृथक से जारी की जावेगी।

उपरोक्त निविदा सूचना की पूरी जानकारी विभागीय वेबसाइट <https://cgtransport.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

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NMDC Limited
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Corporate Identity Number (CIN) - L13100TG1958GOI001674

PC DEPARTMENT - e-tender Notification

Tender Enquiry No: HO(PC)/DNM/KIOM/HEMM/21MT, Dated : 14-01-2022
MSTC Ref. No. : NMDC/HO/78/21-22/ET/380

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India invites online bids in two bid system from Domestic bidders for "Hiring of Plant & Mining Machineries for excavation of 210 LT (+/- 20%) of ROM and 48LT (+/- 20%) of waste / low grade iron ore in three years at the rate of 70LT (+/- 20%) of ROM and 16 LT (+/- 20%) of waste / low grade iron ore per year in KIOM and extendable by one more year with mutual consent" of Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine.

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from 14-01-2022, 11:00 Hrs. onwards from following website links ;

- NMDC website - <https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmcdtender/default.aspx>
- Central Public Procurement Portal - <https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app> and search tender through tender enquiry number.
- MSTC portal - https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp

For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The last date for submission of tender is 15:30 Hrs on 17-02-2022 and the tender will be opened at 16:00 Hours on the same day.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the above-mentioned websites for corrigendum / clarifications / time extension / amendments, if any, at a future date.

For further clarifications, undersigned can be contacted :
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Executive Director (PC)

DIRECTORATE OF TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, INDRAVATI BHAWAN, NAVA RAIPUR ATAL NAGAR RAIPUR (C.G.)

FORM - X
(See Rule14(1))

Notice of Publication of Sukma Development Plan (Draft) 2031
No. 02 /IDP-131/TC/2021 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, Date 11/1/2022

Notice is hereby given that the Draft of Development Plan for **Sukma Planning Area** has been published in accordance with the provision of subsection (1) of section 18 of the Chhattisgarh Nagar Tatha Gram Nivesh Adhiniyam, 1973 (No. 23 of 1973), a copy thereof is available for inspection at-

- Divisional Commissioner, Bastar (C.G.)
- Office of Collector, Sukma (C.G.)
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If there be any objection or suggestion with respect to the said draft plan, the same may be submitted in writing to the Office of Town And Country Planning, Regional Office, Jagdalpur before the expiry of thirty days from the date of publication of this Notice in the Chhattisgarh Gazette for due consideration.

Place: Sabha Bhawan, Nagar Palika Parisad, Sukma.

Date : 13.01.2022

SCHEDULE

- Existing land use map and narrative report.
- Narrative report explaining the provision of the draft development plan supported by maps and charts.
- Note indicating the phasing of implementation of the draft plan and stating the manner in which permission to development to be obtained.
- Note indicating an appropriate estimate of the cost of land acquisition for public purposes, and the cost of works involved in the implementation plan.

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Tricky inflation problem

Retail inflation rose to 5.59 percent in December, a six-month high, mainly due to an uptick in food prices, government data showed. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) based retail inflation was 4.91 percent in November 2021 and 4.59 percent in December 2020. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), food inflation rose to 4.05 percent in December this fiscal compared to 1.87 percent in the preceding month. The Reserve Bank, which mainly factors in the retail inflation while arriving at its bi-monthly monetary policy, expects the inflation print to be somewhat higher over the rest of the year as base effects turn adverse. According to the RBI, it is expected that headline inflation will peak in the fourth quarter of the current fiscal and soften thereafter. News of rising price levels comes in from economies around the world, including Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, India, and, most important, the United States. In the central bank's latest Financial Stability Report released last week, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das underscored that the Indian economy faces headwinds from global developments and more recently, the emergence of the highly transmissible omicron variant. Rating agency Icrs said that high Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation is a blessing in disguise for toll road projects as toll collections are set to witness 14-15 per cent growth in 2022-23. Hikes in toll rates are linked to the WPI while the traffic volume is linked to underlying economic activity, primarily manufacturing, construction, and mining. Typically, toll rates and traffic volumes are the two variables which determine toll collections. Unlike in many previous global inflationary episodes, what is remarkable this time is how different the cross-country experiences have been. The reason is probably that, while the current inflationary trends have a common cause, namely, the rebound from the pandemic-induced slowdown, countries' diverse responses to this novel crisis have led to varied economic performance.

India, for example, faces an especially tricky inflation problem. Retail inflation is elevated but not at the level seen in many other economies. This poses an unusual policy challenge. The wide divergence between wholesale and retail inflation is evidently squeezing small manufacturers, the self-employed, and workers. Those who buy from the wholesale market and sell on the retail market are seeing their profits tumble. They are cutting back on production and this, in turn, is adversely affecting workers. If the government allows this divergence to persist on the grounds that consumers are not being badly hit, growth will likely decline as small businesses, already under strain, reduce output and cut employment and possibly shut down. On the other hand, if the government tries to narrow the gap by letting retail inflation rise, consumers will be hit hard. Given that India was among the world's worst-affected economies during the pandemic and is only now beginning to recover, this would be a huge setback for many citizens. The only reasonable way out is for policymakers to tackle wholesale price inflation directly. This will require a combination of fiscal and monetary measures, like reducing the high tax on fuel that helps to fund government expenditures and slashing all non-essential spending (while supporting those hit hardest by the pandemic). It may also be time for the Reserve Bank of India to consider hiking interest rates. Inflation management is no easy task. We do not fully understand the links between the world of money and liquidity, on one hand, and that of goods and services on the other.

Corruption in police

In recent history of India, police officials across India in several states are facing serious cases in courts. This has potential for demoralising effect on the state police departments and civil administration across India. The police in India have a reputation for extortion, which is perhaps even more widespread and brazen than ever before. Every rank is known to have been involved in such corruption. Among the senior ranks, most of the corruption comes from the administrative power associated with the management of the organization. Senior officers typically have lavish lifestyles maintained by official expenses. Such pervasive corruption flourishes because of an organizational culture that has evolved in the system through several kinds of practices, beliefs, and value systems. The sub-culture of the Indian police was built by the British for the purpose of establishing their 'Raj' of absolute hegemony and grandeur. The police were meant to suppress any dissent against the British rule, a situation that gave unlimited power to the police officers. After independence the system has not been reformed, and police culture and organizational practices remain unchanged. During the British rule, accountability of the rulers to the citizens was not an issue. Post-independent India is democratic, and the power to change the government lies with the people. Nevertheless, the old system continues and the police are still not accountable to the citizens.

Activities of government institutions have a direct implication on the general public including the urban population. The impact of police corruption could be far-reaching. One of the major reasons for corrupt practices prevalent in the police force is that the number of required police officials and their strength has not been kept at pace with the growing demand of an economy and population. This is the reason that the supervision on the police officials has become low and to some point ineffective, adding to the corruption in the department. Another major reason for the cause of corruption in the police department is the ambiguities in legislation that gives police the power of discretion whether to act or not to act on the offence brought to them. Payment of bribes to high officials in order to get posted at the desired location or to get promoted is another common phenomenon of corrupt practices in the police department. Corruption has been termed to be more dangerous than terrorism or any other such activity itself. If terrorism has taken countless lives, so has corruption with its deep root in the police department. Need socio-cultural reforms not just law for eliminating corruption.

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'GANGIREDDU' VISITS



A man plays flute next to his decorated bull, known as 'Gangireddu', while visiting housing asking for alms, clothes and grains on occasion of 'Makar Sankranti' in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Disinformation is spreading beyond realm of spycraft

**K HAZEL KWON**

Disinformation, the practice of blending real and fake information with the goal of duping a government or influencing public opinion, has its origins in the Soviet Union. But disinformation is no longer the exclusive domain of government intelligence agencies spycraft. Today's disinformation scene has evolved into a marketplace in which services are contracted, laborers are paid and shameless opinions and fake readers are bought and sold. This industry is emerging around the world. Some of the private-sector players are driven by political motives, some by profit and others by a mix of the two. Public relations firms have recruited social media influencers in France and Germany to spread falsehoods. Politicians have hired staff to create fake Facebook accounts in Honduras. And Kenyan Twitter influencers are paid 15 times more than many people make in a day for promoting political hashtags. Researchers at the University of Oxford have tracked government-sponsored disinformation activities in 81 countries and private-sector disinformation operations in 48 countries.

Disinformation has its roots in the practice of dezinformatsiya used by the Soviet Union's intelligence agencies to attempt to change how people understood and interpreted events in the world. It's useful to think of disinformation not as a single piece of information or even a single narrative, but as a campaign, a set of actions and narratives produced and spread to deceive for political purpose. Lawrence Martin-Bittman, a former Soviet intelligence officer who defected from

what was then Czechoslovakia and later became a professor of disinformation, described how effective disinformation campaigns are often built around a true or plausible core. They exploit existing biases, divisions and inconsistencies in a targeted group or society. And they often employ 'unwitting agents' to spread their content and advance their objectives. South Korea has been at the forefront of on-line disinformation. Western societies began to raise concerns about disinformation in 2016, triggered by disinformation related to the 2016 US presidential election and Brexit. But in South Korea, media reported the first formal disinformation operation in 2008. As a researcher who studies digital audiences, I've found that South Korea's 13-year-long disinformation history demonstrates how technology, economics and culture interact to enable the disinformation industry. Most importantly, South Korea's experience offers a lesson for the US and other countries. The ultimate power of disinformation is found more in the ideas and memories that a given society is vulnerable to and how prone it is to fuelling the rumour mill than it is in the people perpetrating the disinformation or the techniques they use.

The origin of South Korean disinformation can be traced back to the nation's National Intelligence Service, which is equivalent to the US Central Intelligence Agency. The NIS formed teams in 2010 to interfere in domestic elections by attacking a political candidate it opposed. The NIS hired more than 70 full-time workers who managed fake, or so-called sock puppet,

accounts. The agency recruited a group called Team Alpha, which was composed of civilian part-timers who had ideological and financial interests in working for the NIS. By 2012, the scale of the operation had grown to 3,500 part-time workers. Since then, the private sector has moved into the disinformation business. For example, a shadowy publishing company led by an influential blogger was involved in a high-profile opinion-rigging scandal between 2016 and 2018. The company's client was a close political aide of the current president, Moon Jae-in. In contrast to NIS-driven disinformation campaigns, which use disinformation as a propaganda tool for the government, some of the private-sector players are chameleonic, changing ideological and topical positions in pursuit of their business interests. These private-sector operations have achieved greater cost effectiveness than government operations by skillfully using bots to amplify fake engagements, involving social media entrepreneurs like YouTubers and outsourcing trolling to cheap laborers. In South Korea, Cold War rhetoric has been particularly visible across all types of disinformation operations. The campaigns typically portray the conflict with North Korea and the battle against Communism as being at the centre of public discourse in South Korea. In reality, nationwide polls have painted a very different picture. For example, even when North Korea's nuclear threat was at a peak in 2017, fewer than 10 percent of respondents picked North Korea's saber-rattling as their priority concern, compared with more than 45 percent who selected economic policy.

Across all types of purveyors and techniques, political disinformation in South Korea has amplified anti-Communist nationalism and denigrated the nation's dovish diplomacy toward North Korea. My research on South Korean social media rumours in 2013 showed that the disinformation rhetoric continued on social media even after the formal disinformation campaign ended, which indicates how powerful these themes are. Today I

and my research team continue to see references to the same themes. The disinformation industry is enabled by the three prongs of today's digital media industry: an attention economy, algorithm and computational technologies and a participatory culture. In online media, the most important currency is audience attention. Metrics such as the number of page views, likes, shares and comments quantify attention, which is then converted into economic and social capital. Ideally, these metrics should be a product of networked users' spontaneous and voluntary participation. Disinformation operations more often than not manufacture these metrics by using bots,

hiring influencers, paying for crowdsourcing and developing computational tricks to game a platform's algorithms. The expansion of the disinformation industry is troubling because it distorts how public opinion is perceived by researchers, the media and the public itself. Historically, democracies have relied on polls to understand public opinion. Despite their limitations, nationwide polls conducted by credible organizations, such as Gallup and Pew Research, follow rigorous methodological standards to represent the distribution of opinions in society in as representative a manner as possible. Public discourse on social media has emerged as an alternative means of assessing public opinion. Digital audience and web traffic analytic tools are widely available to measure the trends of online discourse. However, people can be misled when purveyors of disinformation manufacturer opinions expressed online and falsely amplify the metrics about the opinions. Meanwhile, the persistence of anti-Communist nationalist narratives in South Korea shows that disinformation purveyors' rhetorical choices are not random. To counter the disinformation industry wherever it emerges, governments, media and the public need to understand not just the who and the how, but also the what - a society's controversial ideologies and collective memories. These are the most valuable currency in the disinformation marketplace.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campaign curfew

With the declaration of election dates of five states various restrictions have been imposed by the election commission which is a welcome step but many political parties are lagging behind in digitalization and they are terming it campaign curfew. Election may come election may go but the priority should be to save the precious life and for that necessary steps to be taken such as ban on rallies and road shows. At a time when an Omicron-driven COVID-19 surge is officially adding over 1.5 lakh new infections every day, ECI has in its wisdom said that polls to the five assemblies are to be held as per schedule. All political parties were also agreed for conduct of Elections as per schedule. The commission has evolved a "campaign curfew" norm to ensure the safety of all including the election staff as well as voters. The precedent before the EC is obvious: the March-April 2021 assembly elections in West Bengal, etc that preceded the devastating second wave. This time the EC has devised stricter norms for campaigning. All public rallies, roadshows, padayats, cycle/bike shows and processions have been banned till January 15. Candidates have been given option of online nomination so that physical contact is reduced. There are very much chances that contesting candidates and parties may put pressure on the EC to permit physical rallies after January 15 but the EC should, however, stick to its "campaign curfew" policy right through the duration of the elections. The surging third wave apparently less severe but is very transmissible, and hence any relaxation in the ban on physical rallies and roadshows leaves the field open for political parties to create super-spreader events. Every country man wish that EC may be successful in conducting the free and fair elections in such type of unfavorable conditions.

Yash Pal Raihan, Jalandhar

Pawar's power

It is a known fact that Sharad Pawar was and is a very powerful and important person in nation's politics. He served with distinction as a cabinet minister during Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi's tenure as PM of the nation. Commonly known as 'Maratha Strongman', as he was an undisputed leader among the Marathwada region of Maharashtra but after the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and with the entry of his better half Sonia Gandhi into nation's politics, Sharad Pawar became overambitious and started dreaming to be the PM of the nation. Shrewd Pawar started raising the issue of Sonia Gandhi's foreign origin and revolted to form Nationalist Congress Party in association with our respected ex-Speaker Lt PA Sangma, one of the ablest speakers of the lower house. Soon cunning Pawar betrayed Lt Sangma and in his dream to become PM, he again joined hands with Sonia Gandhi leaving our dearest Lt Sangma high and dry and who ultimately died as an unsung hero. Now Uddhav Thackeray is in power as CM of Maharashtra and Pawar's NCP is an integral part of the coalition but power-hungry Pawar is pulling all the strings from outside. His open threat to anyone convicting his 'loyal' pupil Anil Deshmukh the then Dy CM was very amusing and it simply proves that like Laloo Prasad, he in spite of falling health and even at the fag-end of his political career is still crazy for power. Both Laloo and Pawar cannot breathe without power.

Ashim, via email



WHAT THEY TWEET!



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Discipline is like a muscle that can be trained to grow stronger; whereas, motivation will come and go. Discipline gets the job done even when you're unmotivated. Work on yourself by building and strengthening your discipline.

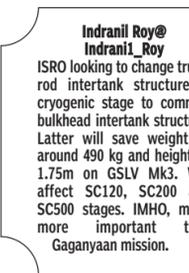
Angellica Aribam@AngellicaAribam

This variant is mild? Recurring fever, brain fog, severe cough, body ache, fatigue, loose motion. I've seen my family members struggle with these symptoms for a week. Additionally, my 7yo niece (unvaccinated) was puking. None of it felt MILD.



Paras Chopra @paraschopra

There should be a school for adults that teaches all the things that are rarely taught to us as kids. Call it the school of adulthood and teach: Ergonomic posture, financial literacy, organising home, negotiation, hosting parties, supplements, fitness, meditation, nutrition.



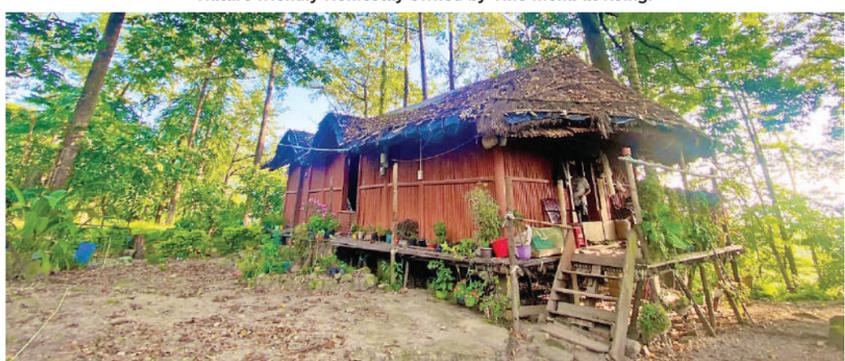
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ISRO looking to change truss-rod intertank structure in cryogenic stage to common bulkhead intertank structure. Latter will save weight by around 490 kg and height by 1.75m on GSLV Mk3. Will affect SC120, SC200 and SC500 stages. IMHO, much more important than Gaganyaan mission.



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Nature friendly Homestay owned by Tine Mena at Roing.



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I think the goal of every Indian fintech firm focusing on savings and investing should be to nudge people to back Indian entrepreneurs and think long term. If India has to become a \$5 trillion economy and more, wealth creation from businesses doing well has to be local.

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A privilege based hierarchical society can at best support a 10% parasitical elite. The balance 90% have to provide for their elite living. The problem with cobbling a 80% majority is that you can't divide the spoils of office so thinly to keep powerful people in your camp.

BRIEF

WayCool raises



New Delhi: WayCool Foods has raised USD 117 million (about Rs 864 crore) from investors to strengthen its technology and future growth. CEO Karthik Jayaraman said our first priority would be to deepen and widen our technology and automation food platform.

Seed funding

New Delhi: YantraLive, a B2B platform for heavy equipment and parts, on Thursday said it has raised USD 1 million (over Rs 7 crore) in a seed round, from GrowthStory and other angel investors, including Bigbasket co-founder Vipul Parekh. The start-up, which started in 2018, is backed by serial entrepreneurs Ravi Anand Rao and Umesh Sangurmath.

RBI approves



Mumbai: Ujjivan Small Finance Bank on Thursday said it has received the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the appointment of Ittira Davis as its Managing Director & CEO for a period of one year. Davis has been associated with Ujjivan since March 2015.

Finance solutions

New Delhi: Hero Electric on Thursday said it has tied up with Shriram City Union Finance to facilitate loan schemes for its electric two-wheeler buyers. The collaboration aims to make the e-scooters more affordable and attract cost-conscious buyers with attractive financing solutions. Hero Electric said in a statement. The partnership will enable customers to avail a fully digital and paperless loan procedure with financing options.

Becomes unicorn

Mumbai: Lead has become the second unicorn this year with a valuation of USD 1.1 billion after USD 100 million (about Rs 740 crore) funding by Westbridge Capital, GSV Ventures and Elevar Equity. Lead has tied up with 5,000 schools across 500 towns/cities and expects to make an annual revenue run-rate of USD 80 million, serving close to 2 million students.

MF rechristened

New Delhi: Yes Asset Management's name has been changed to White Oak Capital Asset Management with effect from January 12. Further, Yes Mutual Fund will now be called White Oak Capital Mutual Fund, Aashish P Sommaiya, Chief Executive Officer of White Oak Capital, announced on twitter.

Budget unlikely to allocate any fund for bank recapitalisation

Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTD):

The upcoming budget is unlikely to make any provision for recapitalisation of state-owned lenders, as over Rs 3.36 lakh crore has been spent on the banks in the last six years, a domestic rating agency said on Thursday.

The banks will raise capital through internal accruals and fundraising from the market, Icra said in a note, adding that the lenders have the ability to manage.

Courtesy of the over Rs 3.36 lakh crore of fund infusions from the taxpayers, the state-owned banks' stock of net non-performing assets has reduced to 2.8 per cent as of September 2021 from the 8 per cent level of March 2018, the Icra note said.

With high provisions on legacy stressed assets, the



earnings outlook for public banks also seems healthy, as we expect most public banks to incrementally remain profitable and generate growth capital requirements internally, it said. It can be noted that in the past, the bank recapitalisation allocation is one of the most keenly awaited numbers in the annual budget exercise.

The agency said recoveries from legacy NPAs as NARCL (National Asset Reconstruction Company)

becomes operational could aid the bottom lines of the banks in the coming years.

It said public banks were also able to roll over their additional tier I bonds that were due for a call option in FY22, reflecting a strong investor appetite for their issuances, which bodes well for their future issuances.

With cleaner balance sheets and an improved earnings outlook, banks can also raise capital from market sources as they

have done in recent years. for the first time in over a decade, we do not expect any capital to be budgeted by the government of India for public banks despite the enhanced regulatory capital requirements, it noted.

The agency also said it expects the budget to have some provision for a permanent refinance window from the RBI, as such entities account for a fourth of the overall lending in the economy.

We expect the Budget to continue with some of the liquidity and guarantee schemes to ensure near-term funding availability for NBFCs (non-infra) and to provide guidance on the medium-term support framework for the sector, which could boost investor confidence and would be key for a sustainable revival, it added.

SBI Life survey provides deep insights into customers' behaviour

Bhopal, Jan 13:

SBI Life Insurance, one of the most trusted private life insurers in the country, unveiled yet another comprehensive consumer study, The Financial Immunity Survey 2.0, providing deep insights into consumer's evolving behavior towards financial preparedness in the post covid world. SBI Life commissioned the survey with NielsenIQ (India), reaching out to 5,000 respondents across 28 key cities covering the length and breadth of India.

On the backdrop of the ongoing pandemic, a vast majority of Indians are confident that the country would tide over the situation or a possible 3rd wave. The confidence of being able to navigate through the situation is not surprising when 80% of the

Indians strongly feel prepared towards physical immunity on account of taking either single or double dose of vaccination. But 38% of the Indians feel that the situation could worsen over the next three months and their top three worries attributed to (1) Rising medical/treatment cost (2) Instability of Jobs (3) concerns around Health of family/self.

The survey findings further attempts to decode the behavior towards the top worries cited by consumers on the account of impact of income because of the pandemic where 79% of the Indians faced income reduction and 1/3rd are still facing reduced income. 64% of the Indians feel that their key life milestones like accumulating savings, leisure traveling, providing for child education were impacted.

Price buoyancy of base metals expected to continue in 2022

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTD):

The price buoyancy of base metals is likely to continue in the calendar year 2022, as low visible inventories and demand-supply gap may insulate against any sharp rate corrections, according to a report. However, downside price risks, including that from the sudden spread of the Omicron variant of coronavirus, cannot be ruled out, rating agency ICRA on Thursday said in the report. International prices of base metals rose 33-54 per cent during 11 months of the calendar year 2021 compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, supported by deficit/ or balanced

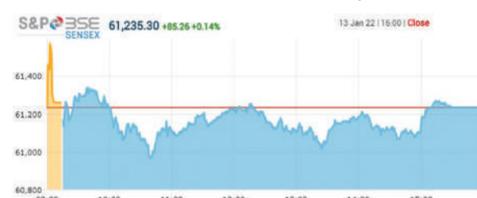


demand-supply and tight inventory situation in the global market.

The prices of non-ferrous metal remained buoyant in the calendar year 2021 on the back of steady improvement in demand- and supply-side constraints, ICRA said in a statement. Globally, while the demand-supply for aluminium and zinc stood at

Sensex rises pts 85, Nifty ends above 18,250

Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTD):



Equity benchmark Sensex rose 85 points on Thursday, tracking gains in index majors Infosys, Tata Steel and L&T amid a largely negative trend in global markets. After a choppy session, the 30-share index ended 85.26 points or 0.14 per cent higher at 61,235.30. Similarly, the NSE Nifty advanced 45.45 points or 0.25 per cent to 18,257.80.

Tata Steel was the top gainer in the Sensex pack, jumping over 6 per cent, followed by Sun Pharma, L&T, M&M, PowerGrid, Bajaj Finserv, TCS and Infosys. On the other hand, Wipro, Asian Paints, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank and HCL Tech were among the laggards. "Indian markets opened flat to marginally positive despite negative Asian market peers after higher inflation reading

from the US and China's bank lending declined more than expected in December. "During the afternoon session markets managed to trade in green albeit, with a narrow range," said Narendra Solanki, Head- Equity Research (Fundamental), Anand Rathi Shares & Stock Brokers. Elsewhere in Asia, bourses in Shanghai, Tokyo and Seoul ended with losses, while Hong Kong closed in the green. Stock exchanges in Europe were trading on a negative note in mid-session deals. Germany's DAX fell 0.2% to 15,973.58 while

the CAC 40 in Paris sank 0.6% to 7,196.23. In Britain, the FTSE 100 lost 0.3% to 7,533.13. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 index dropped 1% to 28,489.13, while the Shanghai Composite shed 1.2% to 3,555.26. In Seoul, the Kospi lost 0.4% to 2,962.09. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong edged 0.1% higher, to 24,429.77 and the S&P/ASX 200 in Australia added 0.5% to 7,474.40.

Taiwan's benchmark rose 0.3% after TSMC, the world's largest contract manufacturer of computer chips, reported a record quarterly profit of just over \$6 billion.

Rupee higher by 3 paise at 73.90 against USD, gold climbs Rs 119

Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTD):

The rupee inched higher by 3 paise to close at 73.90 (provisional) against the US dollar on Thursday, as muted domestic equities and weak macroeconomic data weighed on investor sentiments. Forex traders said elevated crude oil prices also affected the local unit.

At the interbank forex market, the rupee opened at 73.91 against the greenback and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.84 and a low of 73.97. It finally settled at 73.90, a rise of 3 paise over its previous close. In the previous session, the rupee had settled almost flat at 73.93 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket

of six currencies, fell 0.12 per cent to 94.80. Gold price in the national capital on Thursday jumped Rs 119 to Rs 46,919 per 10 grams, reflecting a rally in international precious metal prices, according to HDFC Securities. In the previous trade, the precious metal settled at Rs 46,800 per 10 gram.

Silver also moved up by Rs 745 to Rs 60,777 per kg from Rs 60,032 per kg in the previous trade. In the international market, gold was trading with gains at USD 1,827 per ounce and silver was flat at USD 23.15 per ounce. "Gold prices traded firm with spot gold prices at COMEX trading at USD 1,827 per ounce on Thursday," HDFC Securities Senior Analyst (Commodities) Tapan Patel said.

Yezdi makes comeback with three bikes priced up to Rs 2.09 lakh



Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTI): Classic Legends on Thursday re-launched the iconic motorcycle brand Yezdi in the country with the roll out of three models, priced between Rs 1.98 lakh and Rs 2.09 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

The company launched three distinct models — Yezdi Roadster at a starting price of Rs 1.98 lakh, Scrambler at Rs 2.04 lakh and Adventure range at Rs 2.09 lakh. The three bikes

come with the same liquid-cooled, fuel-injected 334 cc engine but are tuned to deliver different power outputs. The new range of Yezdi motorcycles will be available across Classic Legends' dealership network, which already retails Jawa Motorcycles, in India.

The company has commenced the bookings of the range with an amount of Rs 5,000 only. "It is not every day that you get to

celebrate the comeback of an iconic motorcycle, let alone the likes of a legend like Yezdi.

"While its spirit lived on through its die-hard community and in the mind and hearts of every rider, the anticipation to see it take over the Indian roads again, has been unbelievable. We have the legacy but now we will create our own lineage," Classic Legends Co-Founder Anupam Thareja stated.

India, UK formally launch FTA negotiations

In services sector, UK largest market in Europe for IT services

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTD):

India and the UK on Thursday formally launched negotiations for the proposed free trade agreement (FTA), which is expected to help double bilateral trade by 2030 and boost economic ties between the two countries.

It was launched by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State for International Trade Anne-Marie Trevelyan here.

Goyal said that today, the terms of reference of the free trade agreement



Union Minister Piyush Goyal and UK's Secretary of State for International Trade Anne-Marie Trevelyan during launch of Negotiations for India-UK Free Trade Agreement, in New Delhi, Thursday.

have been finalised and formally endorsed by both countries.

We are launching formal negotiations for the free trade agreement for which both teams will be proactively and regularly engaging with each other, deliberating on different aspects of our relation-

ship and fast-tracking the interim agreement or an early harvest agreement, where we hope to capture the low hanging fruits, which will provide opportunities for businesses on both sides and help us substantially, enhancing the volume of trade in goods and services, he

told reporters here. The first round of negotiations will begin on January 17 and future rounds will take place approximately every five weeks.

Both sides would strive to conclude the negotiations by December 2022.

On a deadline to conclude the talks, Goyal said both the sides have agreed that they would focus initially on areas that are of mutual benefit and where there is less disagreement, for which, we have set an aggressive timeline of the next few months and we would be able to easily come up with a substantive agreement in the initial phase itself.

I think we are committed to concluding the negotiations in about a year's time, he added.

Indian startups raised USD 42 bn in 2021

There are 13 female unicorn founders

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Indian startups have raised USD 42 billion in 2021, up from USD 11.5 billion in the previous year, a report by Orios Venture Partners said.

The report titled 'The Indian Tech Unicorn Report 2021' said India saw 46 unicorns (companies with USD 1 billion valuations) in 2021 alone, more than doubling the total number of unicorns to 90.

These include ShareChat, Cred, Meesho, Nazara, Moglix, MPL, Grofers (now Blinkit), upGrad, Mamaearth, GlobalBees, Acko, Spinny and others. India - with 90 unicorns - is the third-



largest unicorn hub behind the US (487) and China (301), and ahead of the UK (39). India has the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world with about 60,000 startups.

"These startups are not only developing innovative solutions and technologies but are generating large-scale employment. Today, one out of 13

unicorns globally was born in India," it said. As per the report, Bengaluru was the city with the most unicorns. Fintech, e-commerce and SaaS (software as a service) have seen the maximum number of unicorns, while health-tech, ed-tech, D2C, Gaming and Crypto are also close behind. Flipkart was the most valuable unicorn

(USD 37.6 billion after raising USD 3.6 billion in July 2021), while Mensa Brands was the fastest to turn unicorn (took only 6 months to turn unicorn in November 2021 round after raising the first USD 50 million round in May 2021), it added. India has seen four decacorns (companies with a valuation of USD 10 billion and above) so far - Flipkart, Paytm, Byju's and Oyo Rooms, the report stated.

It said 2021 was a landmark year for Indian startups going public. "A total of 11 Indian startups (including 8 unicorns) raised about USD 7.16 billion through public offerings. . . . On 9 7 Communication (Paytm) raised India's largest-ever IPO with an issue size of Rs 18,300 crore (about USD 2.46 billion)," it said.

Adani Group, POSCO to explore opportunities for steel plant in Gujarat

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTD):

Industrialist Gautam Adani-led Adani Group has signed a pact with South Korea's POSCO to explore business opportunities in sectors like steel, renewable energy among others.

Both the entities have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this effect.

In a statement on Thursday, Adani Group said the investment under the MoU is estimated to be up to USD 5 billion.

Adani Group said it "has agreed to explore business cooperation opportunities, including the establishment of a green, environment-friendly integrated steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat, as well as other businesses. The



investment is estimated to be up to USD 5 billion."

The non-binding MoU intends to further collaborate at the group business level in various industries such as renewable energy, hydrogen, and logistics in response to carbon reduction requirements, the statement said.

Both parties are examining various options to

cooperate and leverage the technical, financial, and operational strengths of each company.

POSCO and Adani intend to utilize renewable energy resources and green hydrogen, in line with both partners' Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) commitments to sustainability and energy efficiency.

Sony SAB artists express feelings for Makar Sankranti

Geetanjali Tikekar aka Savita from Shubh Laabh - Aapkey Ghar Mein:

"Makar Sankranti will mostly be lowkey this year, just like the past two years. Although it is such an important festival, I will avoid going over or inviting people to my house this time. My fondest memory of this festival is where my entire family and I would sit together around a bonfire, enjoy the weather, and celebrate the harvest. To add to the festive cheer, my mom would make peanut chikki, which is definitely my go-to Sankranti dessert. I would like to wish all my fans a joyous and safe Makar Sankranti, and I heartily pray that it brings prosperity and good health to all throughout the year."



Pariva Pranati aka Vandana Wagle from Wagle Ki Duniya - Nayi Peedhi Naye Kissey:

"This year, on Makar Sankranti, I would mostly be tied up the entire day for my shoot. However, I will definitely start my day by eating Til ke Laddoo, my

favourite Sankranti delicacy, as it is our festive ritual. My most cherished memories of this festival is watching my mom make til laddoos every morning, and then I would keep munching on those to

my heart's content. I wish all my fans a very Happy Makar Sankranti. Let's all enjoy our festivals in a safe way and honour our customs. Hope this festive season brings happiness to all of you!"



'India's Got Talent' to witness the power of the farmers

With the start of a fresh year, Sony Entertainment Television is all set to launch India's Got Talent on 15th January. With the presence of some amazing performances and unique

talents, the show has a lot to offer to the viewers and the esteemed judges of the show - Shilpa Shetty Kundra, Kirron Kher, Badshah and Manoj Muntashir.

It is because of our farmers we are fortunate enough to get food on our plates but what happens when a group of farmers take over the stage of India's Got Talent? Showcasing their skills on the show will be a group

named Kisan Khela from Kolkata who prove that a farmer can do everything but everyone can't do farming! The group stuns the judges by performing some mind blowing body defining stunts and break

into multiple formations much to the delight of the judges who can't help but shower heaps of praises! To know if they get the golden buzzer, one will have to tune-in to see the show.

Deepika-starrer 'Gehraiyaan' to release on Amazon Prime



A Amazon Prime Video on Wednesday announced that the release of filmmaker Shakun Batra's film "Gehraiyaan" has been postponed to February 11. Starring Deepika Padukone, Siddhant Chaturvedi, Ananya Panday and Dhairya Karwa, the relationship drama was earlier scheduled to arrive on the streamer on January 25.

The official Twitter account of Amazon Prime Video shared new stills of the film.

"We took 'you don't rush a good thing' too se-

riously, but here is a sneak peek. #GehraiyaanOnPrime releasing Feb 11," the tweet read. Padukone, who turned 36, also shared the announcement on her Instagram page. "A little birthday present for all the love you have showered us with! #GehraiyaanOnPrime releasing 11th February!" she wrote.

"Gehraiyaan" is billed as a drama about "complex modern relationships" and also features Nasseruddin Shah and Rajat Kapur in pivotal roles.

'Mission Majnu' is an experiment for me

Rashmika Mandanna is stoked to see all the love her recent Telugu release "Pushpa: The Rise" is receiving from audiences across the country and the actor hopes people also welcome her upcoming Hindi films "Mission Majnu" and "Goodbye".

The actor, who recently completed five years in the film industry, made her acting debut in 2016 with Kannada movie "Kirik Party". She followed it up with successful outings in Telugu films "Geetha Govindam", "Devadas", "Dear Comrade", "Sulthan" (Tamil), and "Yajamana" (Kannada), among others.

Mandanna, 25, is thrilled about her foray in Bollywood with Sidharth Malhotra-led



spy-thriller "Mission Majnu" and Amitabh Bachchan's "Goodbye".

"One of my films that was released at the end of 2021 was Pushpa. And I am super grateful that every year I have had a release. I have had hits before COVID-19 and all these years also and I hope in 2022 also this will continue.

"I hope the Hindi films that I am associated with Mission Majnu' and Goodbye' do well. I am super glad that these two films happened. With 'Pushpa', the year ended on a high note," Mandanna told PTI in an interview.

Set in the 1970s, "Mission Majnu" follows the story of India's most courageous mission in the heart of Pakistan that forever changed the relationship between the two nations.

'Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin' reaches 400 episodes' milestone!

Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin, one of Star Plus' most famous shows, has forever captivated viewers with its captivating storyline! Not only does the show have a wonderful plot, but the actors on board have gone above and beyond to ensure that their audiences have a fantastic time! It has continued to attract a large number of viewers, as well as effectively retain the loyal viewers who are absolutely devoted to the show. With great determination and perseverance, the show has reached a huge milestone, yet again. On 11th January, 2022, the show celebrated the completion of 400 episodes and how!

On this great success, the lead actor of the show, actor Neil Bhatt said, "It is a happy moment for all of us to have completed 400 episodes but moreover I want to thank our fans & audience who have continuously kept supporting us and showering us with their love. What could be a better way than to celebrate this achievement by thanking each member of the cast and crew? They are the ones who have made this show a success. Every member of the team puts their heart and soul into ensuring that each episode

engages the audience. My heartfelt congratulations to the Channel, Producers, Co-actors, and the rest of the cast and crew. In the coming days, we promise to keep entertaining our fans and viewers with some fantastic drama." Here's to more such milestones in the coming days! Kudos to the cast and crew of 'Ghum Hai Kisikey Pyaar Meiin' and many congratulations on the completion of the victorious 400 episodes!



Arjun Kapoor rubbishes break-up rumours with Malaika

A actor Arjun Kapoor on Wednesday dismissed reports of split with his partner and model-TV personality Malaika Arora, saying there is no place for "shady rumours" in his life. Media reports surfaced online in the evening claiming all is not well between the couple and that they have decided to part ways after being in a relationship for reportedly over four years. Putting to rest speculation on their alleged break-up, Kapoor, 36, shared a mirror selfie with Arora on Instagram. "Ain't no

place for shady rumours. Stay safe. Wish well for people. Love y'all," he captioned the post. Arora, 48, commented on the post with a heart emoji. In recent years, the couple has gradually opened up about their relationship in interviews and are often photographed together at family gatherings, film parties and vacation. Arora, who was previously married to actor-producer Arbaaz Khan for 19 years, made her relationship with Kapoor Instagram official in 2019 on the actor's birthday.



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Aquarius: Jan 21 - Feb 18

There are no short-cuts to success. You know this very well and work you socks off to get what you want. Colleagues, friends and family - all of them will acknowledge and appreciate your efforts and achievements. Though you will be apprehensive about it, you will have to take some risks to bring the desired change in your life, says Ganesha.

Pisces: Feb 19 - Mar 20

Interactions with those of the opposite sex will mark your day. It is also a good day to strike up friendship with those of the opposite sex. For those in love, today is a good day to spend time with your partner. For those looking for love, now is the best time to pop the question to that special someone you've secretly admired for long, says Ganesha.

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 20

You don't need to rush while making any decision in terms of land or property. You are not in Rush Hour (If you know, you know). Saturn transit will bring in your money while Jupiter transit will take that money out - can be for investment in a foreign company.

Taurus: Apr 21 - May 21

This day you will have an urge to take a trip, be it a small one. Ganesha sees you enthusiastically making detailed plans and arrangements, arranging for funds and getting in touch with all those you desire to take along. It is possible that you may ultimately scrap your plans and choose to stay at home.

Gemini: May 22 - June 21

Today may not be very meaningful and productive for you, though you will get to spend plenty of quality time with yourself in the afternoon, which may not necessarily be to your liking. By evening, you may feel a little extra sensitive. A lonely day, or as an optimist would put it, you've got the whole day to yourself; it could have been worse (For instance, a day alone with your nagging mother-in-law).

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You are likely to be at your inventive best today, feels Ganesha. You are likely to taste success, much to the delight of your colleagues at work and loved ones back home. However, experience counts, and if you are a beginner at something, you may face problems in your new venture.

Leo: July 23 - Aug 23

A challenging day awaits you. You will face some tensions and problems, however this doesn't mean you will not be able to complete all your work successfully. Your personal life will proceed as usual, however expectations from you at the work-front will increase. You need to maintain a balance between your home and work-place, says Ganesha.

Virgo: Aug 24 - Sept 22

Children will be a source of a lot of appreciation today, in and out of the classroom. Your logical abilities will become stronger. Ganesha advises you to stay peaceful, flow with the tide and enjoy yourself, regardless of what happens in the day.

Libra: Sept 23 - Oct 23

Ganesha says today is a fortunate day for starting new work. You will win the hearts of everyone with your amazing charm. Your house and its arty interior decoration will impress people.

Scorpio: Oct 24 - Nov 22

Do your deeds and don't expect returns is what Indian mythology has taught us since time immemorial. Now, it's time to implement it, especially at work. You may have to wait a little longer in terms of your business and joint venture. However, don't lose hope as the fruits of patience are sweet.

Sagittarius: Nov 23 - Dec 21

Good Samaritans around you may give unsolicited, but valuable advice. Take it as a hint, and consider it for your betterment. Take your decision after following the advice, and this may definitely yield benefits, says Ganesha.

Capricorn: Dec 22 - Jan 20

Though less, you will get money from your investments and other resources. Don't ignore pending projects; complete them at the earliest so that you will have clear picture about your requirements and responsibilities, advises Ganesha. Once you are done with them, you will enjoy happy times with your friends and family in the evening.

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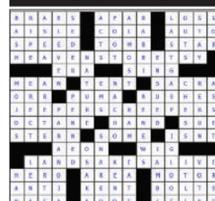
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- Sitting duck, potentially
- Vacation purpose, perhaps
- Reuben's home?
- Golfer Michelle
- Kind of curl
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- Fox monitor
- Puts away
- Birdbrain
- CPA's recommendation, perhaps
- Fix one's gaze on

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- Jolly fellow?
- One way to look
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- Kind of lettuce or cucumber
- Gilbert and Sullivan work
- Last Supper cup
- Blow up, maybe
- Adam's grandson
- Tough spot for Daniel
- Frighten off
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Sindhu advances, Malvika knocks idol Saina out of India Open

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Two-time Olympic medallist shuttler PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and HS Prannoy advanced to the quarterfinals but the promising Malvika Bansod ended her idol Saina Nehwal's campaign at the Yonex-Sunrise India Open here on Thursday. Former champion and 2012 Olympic bronze medallist Saina suffered a 17-21 9-21 straight game loss to her 20-year-old compatriot Malvika.



PV Sindhu in action against Ira Sharma during the India Open 2022 at IG Stadium.

Malvika, ranked 111th, took 34 minutes to see off the former world number 1, becoming only the second Indian to beat Saina since 2017 in any international tournament. "It was my first meeting with Saina Nehwal. She has been my idol since I started playing badminton. So playing against her was a dream come true and that too, in the Indian Open, on such a big stage. ... A Super 500 tournament, it was a big achievement for me, one of the biggest wins of my career so far," the 20-year-old Malvika said after her win. Coming back from knee and groin injuries, Saina, who had won her first round match on Tuesday, was happy with the her movement on the court but said she had a lot of catching up to do on the fitness

front. "I was moving on the court but my fitness is still not where it should be. So I came here to see were I stand. My body is good but fitness level I need to work on," Saina said, adding, that Malvika is "very good" in rallies and has a bright future. Earlier, the top seed Sindhu had no problem dispatching fellow India

Saina has always been my idol, win over her one of the biggest of my career: Malvika

New Delhi: Growing up idolising Saina Nehwal and her power game, promising shuttler Malvika Bansod on Thursday termed her India Open victory over the Olympic medallist "one of the biggest" of her fledgling career. As Malvika got down to reflect on her second-round win over the injury-plagued star in the Super 500 tournament, she said it was yet to sink in. "This has not sunk in yet. The feeling is great and I was really excited after the win," Malvika, 20, said after her 21-17 21-0 win over the former world number one. "She has been my idol because she has been the flag bearer of women's badminton in India for more than a decade. Seeing her matches when I started out, I used to get very overawed by her game.



Malvika Bansod in action against Saina Nehwal during the India Open 2022 at IG Stadium.

Ira Sharma 21-10 21-10.

She will meet compatriot Ashmita Chaliha, who got the better of french shuttler Yaelle Hoyaux 21-17 21-14, in the quarterfinal on Thursday. Malvika will

next take on fellow Indian Aakarshi Kashyap in the quarterfinals. Aakarshi had defeated compatriot Keyura Mopatin 21-10 21-10 in another women's singles second round match.

India set South Africa 212-run target to win 3rd Test

Cape Town, Jan 13 (PTI):

Rishabh Pant scored one of his finest hundreds in most adverse of circumstance but another shoddy batting show left India with only 211 runs to defend on the third day of the third and final cricket Test against South Africa, here Thursday. Pant's (100 not out off 139 balls) fourth Test hundred constituted for more than 50 percent of India's second innings total of 198 with Virat Kohli's 29 off 143 balls being the second highest individual score.

The umpires called for tea break at the fall of final Indian wicket in the extended second session. This was the first Test match in 145-year-history where all 20 batters of one team were caught. The day belonged to Pant as he scored a hundred which is as good as one would ever see and what stood out was his shot selection, which was immaculate. He didn't do anything that was 'un-Pant' like as there was a rasping square cut off a rising one from Kagiso Rabada (3/53). There was the



Rishabh Pant smashes the ball toward the boundary during the third day of the third and final test match between South Africa and India in Cape Town Thursday.

audacious down the track cover drive off Duanne Olivier and that six over long-on off Keshav Maharaj came just an over before lunch. These are all shots that one associates with the dashing keeper-batter but what was exemplary was his use of discretion as to what kind of deliveries he would attack. In between defending the

good balls, he drove Maharaj out of the attack with a one-handed slog sweep and a six over long-off. When Olivier dug one short at his pace, it was pulled for six as he hit six fours and four sixes in all. Skipper Virat Kohli's presence during a 94-run stand definitely helped that he had that guiding light in the middle as he went about his job.

Joe Root considering entering IPL auction

Hobart, Jan 13 (PTI):

England's Test captain Joe Root has revealed that he is considering entering the upcoming IPL auction, four years after going unsold in the auction for the lucrative T20 league.



Considered one of the modern greats of the game, Root is yet to play in the IPL after going unsold in the 2018 auction.

The 31-year-old batter, however, said he would look to play in the tournament only if it does not distract him from his Test career. "Time is ticking but I have a lot to weigh up," Root said, according to ESPNcricinfo.com.

"Will it have a negative impact on me playing Test cricket? If I don't think so then I will put myself in the auction. But I will

Djokovic in Australian Open draw despite visa uncertainty

Melbourne, Jan 13 (AP):

Novak Djokovic now knows he'll face fellow Serbian Miomir Kecmanovic in the first round of his Australian Open title defense, if he's allowed to play.

Djokovic's visa status dominated attention until the moment the draw was conducted Thursday, after a postponement of 75 minutes, to determine the brackets for the men's and women's singles draws at the first major tennis tournament of 2022.

He was still in limbo after

The Australian immigration minister was still considering whether to deport the nine-time and defending Australian Open champion,



Novak Djokovic practices on Margaret Court Arena ahead of the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne, Thursday.

who is not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Top-ranked Djokovic had his visa canceled on arrival in Melbourne last week when his vaccination ex-

emption was rejected, but he won a legal battle on procedural grounds that allowed him to stay in the country.

Immigration Minister Alex Hawke has been con-

sidering the question since a judge reinstated Djokovic's visa last Monday. The tournament starts next Monday.

If he's allowed to stay, Djokovic's bid for a men's record 21st major title could mean a quarterfinal against No. 7-ranked Matteo Berrettini and possibly a semifinal against Rafael Nadal or third-seeded Alexander Zverev.

He is tied with Nadal and Roger Federer on 20 Grand Slam titles, missing a chance for the all-time record when he lost the U.S. Open final to Daniil Medvedev last year.

Medvedev, who also ended Djokovic's run at a calendar-year Grand Slam with that win in New York, is on the opposite end of the draw as the No. 2 seed in Australia.

Harris out, Khawaja to open for Australia in 5th Ashes test



Hobart, Jan 13 (AP):

Marcus Harris has been cut from Australia's lineup for the fifth Ashes test against England and Usman Khawaja will open the batting with David Warner.

The day-night test begins Friday at Hobart. Australia won the first three matches in Brisbane, Adelaide and Melbourne to clinch the series and retain the Ashes before the teams played to a draw in Sydney. Australia captain Pat Cummins con-

firmed Harris' omission on Thursday, while also saying fast bowler Scott Boland's place in the XI was subject to a fitness test. Boland hurt his ribs while tumbling onto the pitch during a bowling mishap in the Sydney test. Jhye Richardson or Michael Neser will be called into Australia's lineup if selectors or doctors decide there is too much risk involved in picking Boland, who didn't bowl during Wednesday's training session.

After delay, Indian team arrives for AFC Asian Cup, follows Chinese Taipei

Mumbai, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Indian football team arrived here for the AFC Women's Asian Cup on Thursday, hours after its scheduled flight from its training base Kochi got delayed.

Amid the concerns caused by the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, Chinese Taipei became the first team to arrive here for the continental tournament.

The delay in their flight from Kochi, the Indian team's base since its return from the tournament-cum-exposure tour of Brazil, also led to the postponement of the host nation's scheduled media

session on Thursday evening.

Looking forward to the tournament, India head coach Thomas Dennerby said, "This is the moment we've been preparing for over the past six months. We've had over 200 sessions, a number of matches against quality opponents across four countries, and now it's time to implement all the things that we have been working on."

The 62-year-old Swede, who had also previously coached the Swedish and the Nigerian national teams, revealed that a pep talk with the players before departure to Mumbai, has helped put everyone

in the correct mindset.

"We had a small meet with the players and we explained to them how important the coming few weeks are in their lives. I think this has really struck a few chords, and you can now see the determination in their eyes," he said.

The Indian team has been drawn against Iran (January 20), Chinese Taipei (January 23) and China (January 26) in Group A of the competition that consists of 12 teams.

It has also been learnt that all the teams playing in Pune will arrive in Mumbai and then commute to Pune by road.

Yuki goes down in Australian Open qualifiers

Melbourne, Jan 13 (PTI):

Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri suffered a straight sets defeat to Czech Republic's Tomas Machac in the Australian Open qualifiers here on Thursday, meaning the year's first Grand Slam will have no Indian participation in the singles main draw.

Bhambri lost his second round qualifying match 1-6-3-6.

Machac has a career high ATP singles ranking of 131 achieved on November 8 2021. He also has a career high doubles ranking of 470

achieved on November 1 2021.

On Tuesday, comeback man Bhambri had impressed with his attacking net play in a straight sets win but R a m k u m a r Ramanathan's 23rd attempt at cracking the singles main draw of a grand slam had ended in a first round defeat at the Australian Open qualifiers.

In the women's singles, Ankita Raina, ranked 203, was blown away by 120th ranked Ukrainian Lesia Tsurenko 6-1, 6-0 in just 50 minutes.

Cilic reaches Adelaide semis; Coco Gauff makes last 4

Sydney, Jan 13 (AP):

Former US Open champion Marin Cilic beat American Tommy Paul 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 Thursday to reach the semifinals of the second Adelaide International.

Fourth-seeded Cilic of Croatia has had four wins in five matches this year and also reached the semifinals of the first Adelaide International last week before losing to Russia's Karen Khachanov. Cilic served 14 aces to Paul's eight and won 84 percent of first serve points.

Paul also had been in solid form coming into Thursday's match, winning 12 of his last 14 matches. Paul beat compatriot



Frances Tiafoe in the first round this week and reached the quarterfinals with a 6-4, 7-6 (6) win over Benjamin Bonzi.

Cilic reached the last eight with a 7-6 (6), 6-2 win over Jaume Munar.

In the women's draw, third-seeded Coco Gauff

beat Ana Konjuh of Croatia 6-3, 6-4 to reach the last four. At the Sydney Tennis Classic, fourth seeded Anett Kontaveit of Estonia took the first set of her quarterfinal against Ons Jabeur of Tunisia before Jabeur was forced to retire with a lower back injury.

Time for future stars to shine as Caribbean hosts U-19 World Cup

Georgetown, Jan 13 (PTI):

Future stars will get their big stage to shine when the ICC U-19 World Cup begins here on Friday with record four-time champions India being firm favourites to clinch another title.

The tournament, facing the constant threat of the COVID-19 pandemic, will feature 16 teams divided across four groups and is being held in the Caribbean for the first time.

India are in Group B while the second most successful team in the compe-

dition, Australia, is in Group D. Bangladesh, who had upset the mighty India to win their maiden U-19 World Cup trophy in South Africa two years ago, are placed in Group A.

Two-time winners Pakistan are in Group C alongside Afghanistan, who arrived late in the Caribbean due to visa issues and will go into their opening game without a warm-up match. Top two teams from each group will enter the quarterfinals. The tournament's bio-bubble has not been breached yet but the

Zimbabwe and Pakistan squads have already been hit by COVID-19.

Scotland replaced New Zealand in the competition after the 1998 runners-up decided to withdraw due to quarantine restrictions for minors back home. Hosts West Indies take on Australia while Scotland face Sri Lanka in the tournament openers on Friday. India will begin their campaign against South Africa on Saturday in Guyana. Record four-time champions India have to be among the title favourites despite the current squad not inspiring

confidence seen in the previous batches.

Having arrived here straight from Dubai after winning the Asia Cup, India's preparation has been good.

After a hard quarantine of five days, the Yash Dhull-led squad got back to the grind and beat Australia in their warm-up game.

Expectations will be high from opener Harnoor Singh, Delhi batter and skipper Yash, Shaik Rasheed and pacer Rajvardhan Hangargekar who all showed promise in the Asia Cup.

Madrid beats Barcelona for 100th time, reaches Cup final

Riyadh, Jan 13 (AP):

Barcelona put on a good fight as an underdog, but in the end it was Real Madrid celebrating again after a thrilling "cl sico" between the Spanish powerhouses in Saudi Arabia. Federico Valverde scored in extra time to give Real Madrid a 3-2 win over Barcelona on Wednesday for its 100th victory over its storied rival and a spot in the final of the Spanish Super Cup.

Barcelona twice equalized in regular time but couldn't recover after Valverde scored from close range on a break-away eight minutes into extra time to give Madrid

its fifth straight win over the Catalan club in all competitions.

Defending Super Cup champion Athletic Bilbao will face Spanish league champion Atletico Madrid in the other semifinal Thursday.

"We competed well," Barcelona defender Gerard Piqu said.

"It's not the result we wanted but we are a step closer to winning. I'm very proud of our team. We have to leave with our heads up after the way we played against a Real Madrid team that is having a very good season."

The Spanish Super Cup is being played in Saudi Arabia again after the coronavirus pandemic

transferred last year's edition back to Spain. The competition was moved to Saudi Arabia and expanded from two to four teams in a "Final Four" format as part of a deal reportedly worth 30 million euros (34 million) a year until 2029.

The changes drew criticism from human rights activists and complaints from fans who preferred the competition stayed in Spain. Among those complaining was Athletic midfielder Ra l Garc a, who said this week it made "no sense" to play the games away from Spain.

It was Madrid's 100th win over Barcelona in 248 competitive matches against the rival. Barcelona has 96 wins,

though none since 2019. "I have to admit that Barcelona played well," Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

"It was an even match. We were efficient on the counterattacks."

It was a mostly even match but Madrid looked the more dangerous team throughout thanks to its counterattacks led by Vinicius Jr and Benzema.

The duo gave Madrid the lead in the 25th minute after Benzema stole the ball from Barcelona midfielder Sergio Busquets near the midfield line and fed Vinicius, who made a run into the area and beat goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen with a shot into the top of the net.

PASSING OUT PARADE



Air Commodore Vipul Singh Air gives away the 'Best All-Rounder Trophy' to leading aircraftsman Alok Sharma, during a passing out parade at Air Force Station, Tambaram, Thursday.

Cong leaders not emperors of India: TMC

● Calls for anti-BJP alliance in Goa

Panaji, Jan 13 (PTI):

Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Mahua Moitra on Thursday hit out at the Congress, saying it should realise that its leaders are not "emperors of India" and added that had the grand old party discharged its duty well in Goa, there was no need for the TMC to enter the coastal state's poll fray to defeat the ruling BJP.

She said the TMC is ready for an alliance in Goa as defeating the BJP is the "need of the hour", but added that the Congress should get off its

"high horse" and wake up to its depleted strength.

Moitra was reacting to senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's assertion made earlier in the day that the Congress and the BJP are the two main contestants in Goa and if the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the TMC fielded candidates and secured some votes in the upcoming assembly polls, in effect they will be splitting the non-BJP vote.

In an interview to PTI, Chidambaram also said that the TMC and the AAP do not have cadre base in constituencies in Goa and they attempt to build their parties through defections. Referring to the Congress leader's state-



Mahua Moitra

ments, Moitra said the fight in Goa is between the BJP and anti-BJP forces.

"The anti-BJP forces in Goa today are Congress, AAP and TMC. Now, this is a fight between them. Neither of them can stake a claim that we are the only ones in the fray," she

said. Moitra, who is TMC's desk-in-charge for Goa, said that all the three parties are in the fray in Goa, and this is the reality that the Congress should wake up to.

"I think that it is important for people to realise that if Congress had done its job, there was no need for us (TMC) to be here. We are here because Congress could not do their job. Congress is a platform which is not adequate enough to defeat the BJP," she added.

"The TMC is ready for an alliance, Moitra said, adding, "We are saying come to the table and talk to us to see how we can defeat the BJP. This is the need of the hour."

IFSR REPORT

'Forest, tree cover in India rose by 2,261 sq km in last 2 yrs'

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The forest and tree cover in India has risen by 2,261 square kilometers in the last two years, according to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, which showed Andhra Pradesh growing the maximum forest cover of 647 square km.

The biennial report by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), which is an assessment of the country's forest resources, was released on Thursday by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, who revealed that the total

tree-and-forest cover in the country includes an increase of 1,540 sq km of forest cover and 721 sq km of tree cover compared to the 2019 report.

According to the report, India's total forest and tree cover is now spread across 80.9 million hectares, which is 24.62 per cent of the geographical area of the country.

The top five states in terms of increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km), Telangana (632 sq km), Odisha (537 sq km), Karnataka (155 sq km) and Jharkhand (110 sq km).

Area-wise, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

In terms of forest cover as the percentage of total geographical area, the top five states are Mizoram (84.53 per cent), Arunachal Pradesh (79.33 per cent), Meghalaya (76 per cent), Manipur (74.34 per cent) and Nagaland (73.90 per cent).

The present assessment also reveals that 17 states/UTs have above 33 per cent of the geographical area under the forest cover.

DMK spent over Rs 218 cr, BSP over Rs 17 crore

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party has shown expenditures of over Rs 17 crore in its audited annual report submitted to the Election Commission. The report, filed on December 30 last year, showed receipts worth Rs 52,46,79,235.

The party has shown expenditure of Rs 17,29,72,729 in its audited annual report for the financial year 2020-21 put in the public domain by the EC on Thursday. The BSP has 15 seats in the outgoing Uttar Pradesh Assembly and is making all-out efforts to become a major stakeholder in the 403-member House in this year's election beginning

February 10. The seven-phase polls is likely to see a tough fight between the ruling BJP and the opposition Samajwadi Party. The results will be announced on March 10. The Bahujan Samaj Party is a recognised national party.

In the recognised state parties category, the poll panel has uploaded audited annual reports for 2020-21 of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK). The JMM, which filed its report on December 31 last year, has shown a total expenditure of Rs 58,43,655 and total receipt of Rs 90,66,500.

'Thiruvathirakali' flouts COVID norms; CPI-M draws flak

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 13 (PTI):

A recent mega 'Thiruvathirakali', a traditional group dance performed by women, organised here in connection with the ruling CPI(M)'s upcoming district conference, has drawn widespread criticism from various quarters as it allegedly flouted COVID protocols and guidelines issued by the party-led government.

Police on Thursday said a case was registered against over 550 people, who took part in the programme, under the Kerala Epidemic Diseases Act. As per the latest government guidelines, the number of participants in an outside event should not exceed 150.

The incident also landed the Marxist party in a soup as the critics pointed out that the event, organised by the district leadership, was held at a time when the party was mourning the death of an activist of its students wing SFI, who was allegedly stabbed to death by the Youth Congress workers at the government engineering college in Idukki.

Over 550 women, clad in traditional saree, took part in the mega dance programme held at a private school ground at Parassala in the border of the district days ago. Several prominent party leaders including politburo member M A Baby witnessed the event, organised to mark the district party conference to be

held here on January 14 and 15. Not just the programme, but even the song, rendered during the programme eulogising Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, also brought embarrassment to the ruling party as netizens flooded social media platforms with its parody songs.

Opposition leaders including KPCC chief K Sudhakaran questioned the sincerity of the Marxist party for holding the mega dance when the SFI activist's funeral procession was held. As the programme triggered controversy, several Left leaders including party state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan and education minister V Sivankutty came out criticising it.

Delhi govt cuts budgets for various PWD projects

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Delhi government has curtailed budget allocations for various PWD construction projects for 2021-22 to strengthen medical and healthcare facilities amid the ongoing Covid pandemic, according to officials. The Public Works Department's director (works) also issued instructions in this regard after receiving a communication from the joint secretary (budget) on January 10.

Due to the ongoing third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delhi government's primary focus is to strengthen medical and healthcare facilities. Hence, the funding for a number of construction projects has been cut, the officials said on Thursday.

The revised budget allocation order issued by the PWD also asked officials to "strictly observe" economy instructions

issued by the Finance Department of the Delhi government.

"The expenditure during the current financial year should not exceed the revised estimates (for) 2021-22. In case of an additional expenditure, which cannot be further postponed, the concerned zones may send proposal for re-appropriation of funds by providing matching savings," the order stated.

Some of the projects for which funds have been curtailed are Barapullah Phase-3 elevated corridor; construction of New Bypass road parallel to the Ring Road from Wazirabad to DND; flyover at Majnu Ka Tila-Metcalf House crossing on Outer Ring Road; widening of bridges on NH-10 at Tri Nagar, Inderlok, Karampura; and integrated transit corridor development and street network between Punjabi Bagh flyover and Raja Garden flyover.

TRADITIONAL DANCE FORM



Villagers perform traditional dance in front of a bhela ghar on the occasion of Uruka ahead of Bhogali Bihu festival, in Tezpur, Thursday.

'Seven Pak terrorists among 14 killed in 8 operations'

● In J&K this year

Jammu, Jan 13 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday said that 14 terrorists, including seven Pakistani nationals, have been killed in eight encounters in the union territory so far this year and asserted that anti-terrorist operations will be intensified to clear the region of terrorism.

The police chief paid tribute to police constable Rohit Chib who was killed during an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam district of south Kashmir on Wednesday. In the operation, Pakistan-origin Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terrorist Babar was killed and five, including two civilians and three sol-



DGP Dilbag Singh

diers, were injured. "This year, we have undertaken eight successful operations. As many as 14 terrorists have been killed in these operations. Among these 14 terrorists, seven are Pakistani terrorists," Singh told reporters.

The police chief further said the terror modules and their networks helping terrorists are also being eliminated.

Punjab Polls: Kejriwal asks people who should be AAP's CM face

Chandigarh, Jan 13 (PTI):

AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal asked people on Thursday who should be the party's chief ministerial face in the February 14 Punjab Assembly polls, even as he stated that his own preference for the post is Bhagwant Mann.

Kejriwal, however, ruled himself out of the race as the AAP launched its "Janta Chunegi Apna CM" drive and said the name of the candidate for the top post will be announced after getting the feedback of people.

In the presence of Mann, who is the AAP's Punjab unit chief and the

MP from Sangrur, and senior party leader Raghav Chadha, the Delhi chief minister launched a mobile number -- 7074870748 -- on which people can give their opinion till 5 pm on January 17 by recording their voice and sending text or WhatsApp messages as to who should be the party's chief ministerial candidate.

"No, Arvind Kejriwal is not in this. Let me clarify, I am not in it," Kejriwal said, ruling himself out as the party's chief ministerial face in Punjab.

In June Last year, he had announced that the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) chief ministerial candidate in Punjab will be

from the Sikh community. Kejriwal said though Mann is his choice for the top post, the latter has insisted that the people of Punjab should take the decision and it should not be imposed on them.

"Bhagwant Mann is my younger brother. He is a tall leader of the AAP. I had said he should be made the chief minister, but he said people should be asked first. He said the practice of deciding the name of the chief ministerial candidate in a closed-door meeting should be stopped," he told reporters here.

Mann said when he was told that his name will be declared as the party's

chief ministerial face, he told Kejriwal that the people should be asked first as regards whom among the party leaders would they wish to see as the chief minister.

"I am a loyal soldier of the party. I will perform any duty given to me. If I am asked to paste posters on walls or wave the party symbol at some chowk, I will happily do that. For me, Punjab is important.... Kejriwal has reposed a lot of trust in me," he added.

Kejriwal said this is probably the first time in independent India that a political party is asking the voters who should be its chief ministerial face.

SURPRISING BUT TRUE

'Bedridden man in J' khand starts walking, speaking after Covishield dose'

Bokaro, Jan 13 (PTI):

A 55-year-old man in Jharkhand, who was bedridden following a road accident five years back, started to walk and speak after he was administered the first dose of Covishield vaccine, doctors claimed on Thursday.

Stunned over the "miraculous recovery", a three-member medical team was constituted by the government to investigate the matter, they said.

Dularchand Munda, a

resident of Salgadh village in Uttasara panchayat area of Peterwar block in Bokaro district, was bedridden after meeting with an accident five years back and was unable to walk and speak, doctors said.

"An Anganwadi worker administered Covishield vaccine to Munda on January 4 at his house. The next day, the family members were shocked when they saw Munda's lifeless body not only started to move but he regained his speech too," said Dr

Albela Kerketta, the in-charge of Peterwar Community Health Centre.

Bokaro's Civil Surgeon Dr Jitendra Kumar said a three-member medical team has been constituted to examine the "miraculous recovery".

Munda was totally bedridden for the last one year with spine problems, doctors said.

After receiving the first dose of Covishield -- the anti-COVID vaccine, he not only stood up and started walking, but

could also speak, much to the astonishment of his family, they said.

"We saw his reports. This is a matter of investigation," Dr Kerketta said. Munda, the sole bread earner of his family, was critically injured in the road accident.

"This is a surprising incident. We will analyse his medical history," Civil Surgeon Dr Kumar said.

Astonished villagers of Salgadh, about 50 km from the district headquarters, termed it a divine intervention.



BRIEF



A pilgrim while taking holy dip at Gangesagar on the occasion of Makar Sankranti, in South 24 Pargana district of West Bengal, Thursday.

Busted

Muzaffarnagar: An illegal arms manufacturing unit was busted in this district on Thursday and 15 guns were seized, barely a month ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections, police said. Eleven pistols, three muskets, one revolver, 13 barrels and other components of firearms were recovered from a dilapidated building near a canal bridge under Shahpur police station limits in the district, they said.

Fraud

Hyderabad: Seven members of a gang, who allegedly duped foreign nationals under the pretext of providing technical services and fraudulently making transactions from their credit cards were arrested, the police said here on Thursday. The police busted a fake call center in Mohali and arrested the seven accused including four belonging to Hyderabad, and Rs 1.11 crore in cash among other things were seized from their possession, Cyberabad Police Commissioner M Stephen Raveendra said.

Closed

New Delhi: The authorities have ordered the closure of Kali Ghata Market in West Karawal Nagar Road in northeast Delhi due to overcrowding and violation of COVID-19 norms amid a surge in coronavirus cases across the national capital, according to an official order. According to the order issued on Wednesday, the market will remain closed from 4 pm Thursday till 10 am Friday or till further orders, whichever is earlier. The action was taken after it was found that shopkeepers, vendors and general public were not following COVID-19-appropriate behaviour, it said.

Shifted

Mumbai: Five personnel from Vakola police station in Mumbai were attached to the west region control room on Thursday for alleged lapses in duty following an incident of violation of norms by some people at a pub in their area of jurisdiction last month, an official said. The police's social service branch had last month raided the pub and detained 88 people, including 27 women, after a tip-off was received that the establishment was operating beyond stipulated time, he said.

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PM INTERACTS WITH CMs ON COVID

Stress on vaccination, localised measures to contain Covid

■ **Ensure minimum damage to livelihood**

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday interacted with chief ministers over the COVID-19 situation in the country and stressed on local containment of the virus spread as well as ensuring minimum damage to livelihood while making strategies to deal with the surge in cases due to the Omicron variant. In his remarks at the meeting, the prime minister underlined the importance of vaccination and the need to further accelerate the 'Har Ghar Dastak'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel along with Health Minister TS Singh Deo and others attended online meeting with PM Narendra Modi related to corona virus, its control and pace of vaccination over the prevailing COVID-19 situation in the country via video conferencing, in New Delhi.

programme to achieve 100 per cent vaccination coverage. "We have vaccinated nearly three crore adolescents within 10 days and this shows India's potential and our preparedness to deal with this challenge," Modi said. The

prime minister said that vaccines made in India are proving their superiority all over the world. "It is a matter of pride for every Indian that today India has given the first dose to about 92 per cent of the adult population. The cov-

erage of second dose has also reached around 70 per cent in the country," he said. Modi said the central and state governments must continue with preventive, pro-active and collective approach followed so far in fighting the

Third UP minister quits Yogi cabinet

■ **10th MLA to go**

Lucknow, Jan 14:

OBC leader Dharam Singh Saini on Thursday became the third minister to quit the Uttar Pradesh cabinet ahead of the upcoming state assembly elections, according to his resignation letter circulating on social media. Saini, who was the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ayush, appeared headed to the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party. Yadav posted on Twitter a picture of himself with Saini, as he had done after OBC leaders Swami Prasad Maurya and Dara



Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav welcomes former UP Minister Dharam Singh Saini into the party, in Lucknow, Thursday.

Singh Chauhan resigned from the Yogi Adityanath cabinet on Tuesday and Wednesday respectively.

Ten Bharatiya Janata Party MLAs, including three ministers, have resigned over the past three days. In his resignation letter addressed to Governor Anandiben Patel, Saini said he was quitting over the continued neglect of the aspirations of Dalits, backwards, farmers, educated unemployed, and small and mid-level traders who together gave the BJP a sweeping majority in the 2017 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. He claimed the representatives of Dalits and backwards were also

being neglected. Both Maurya and Chauhan had also levelled similar allegations in their resignation letters.

There is no word yet from the Raj Bhavan or the BJP if the resignations have been accepted.

In his tweet, Yadav welcomed Saini into the SP fold. 'With the arrival of Dr Dharam Singh Saini ji, another warrior of social justice, our positive and progressive politics has received more enthusiasm and strength. Greetings and a hearty welcome for him in SP,' he tweeted.

A four-time MLA from Nakud in Saharanpur district, Saini is considered close to Maurya.

COVID SURGE

Delhi logs record 28,867 Covid cases

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Delhi on Thursday reported 28,867 COVID-19 cases, the sharpest single-day spike since the beginning of the pandemic, and 31 deaths, while the positivity rate surged to 29.21 per cent, according to health department data.

Delhi's previous biggest daily jump of 28,395 cases was recorded on April 20 last year. According to the data, Thursday's positivity rate is the highest since May 3, when it was 29.6 per cent.

On Wednesday, Delhi had logged 40 deaths, the highest since June 10 last year, when 44 fatalities were recorded. Of the 164 Covid deaths recorded in the first 13 days of January, most patients had comorbidities, according to government data.

Mumbai logs 13,702 new cases Mumbai reported 13,702 new COVID-19 cases on Thursday, down 16.55 per cent from 16,420 infections registered a day ago, and six fresh fatalities, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said. According to a BMC bulletin, with these additions, the city's coronavirus tally jumped to 9,69,989, while the death toll climbed to 16,426. As the daily COVID-19 tally dipped by 2,718, the city reported 16.55 per cent less cases as compared to Wednesday. The case positivity rate also came down to 21.73 from 24.38 per cent a day before. The rate indicates the percentage of people who test positive for the virus of those overall who have been tested. On Wednesday, the daily cases in the financial capital had surged after witnessing a dip for four straight days.

3 KILLED, 20 INJURED

Bikaner-Guwahati Express train derailed

Guwahati, Jan 13:

At least three people were killed and more than 10 injured when 12 coaches of Bikaner-Guwahati Express train derailed and overturned near Dohomoni in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district on Thursday, officials said.

TV footage showed a number of coaches lying sideways down the elevated tracks as rescue workers were seen trying to extricate the passengers.

Jalpaiguri district magistrate said three passengers have died and another 20 are injured. The accident occurred



Mangled remains of Guwahati-Bikaner Express train after it got derailed at Mainaguri in Jalpaiguri district, Thursday.

around 5 p.m. in an area under Alipurduar division of Northeast Frontier Railway, an NFR spokesperson said in Guwahati. The accident occurred more than 90 km from Alipurduar Junction, he added. "An accident relief train with a medical team is on way to the spot. We are awaiting further details, the spokesperson said.

PM's 'PARIKSHA PE CHARCHA' 2022

Govt invites students, teachers, parents to participate

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Thursday invited students, teachers and parents to participate in the 5th edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022' and get a chance to be mentored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Valuable mantras to beat exam stress, excelling in career & life and much more! Here is your chance to get mentored directly by PM Shri @narendramodi ji. Inviting students, teachers and parents to participate in #PPC2022," Pradhan tweeted sharing the registration link.

The first edition of the prime minister's interaction programme with school and college students

"Pariksha Pe Charcha 1.0" was held at the Talkatora Stadium on February 16, 2018.

In the subsequent editions of the programme, students, parents, teachers from across the nation and also from overseas interacted with him to discuss and overcome the stress emerging out of examinations in order to celebrate life. "The format of this programme is proposed to be in online mode like in 2021.

An online creative writing competition is being conducted on various topics from 28th December to 20th January 2022 to select participants. Questions asked by selected winners will be featured in Pariksha Pe Charcha programme," a senior Ministry of Education official said.

BLESSINGS FROM NAGA SADHU



Pilgrims seek blessings from a Naga sadhu beside Kapil Muni temple during Gangasagar Mela 2022, amid concern over spread of COVID-19 in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, Thursday.

Forest fires

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Over 3.98 lakh forest fires were reported in India in the fire season from 2020-2021, more than double the number of blazes compared to the previous year, a government report said on Thursday.

The India State of Forests Report (ISFR) 2021 was released by Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav. It stated that as many as 3,98,774 incidents of forest fire were detected by the Forest Survey of India (FSI) in the fire season between November 2020 and June 2021.

Between November 2019 and June 2020, the report said, 1,46,920 forest fires were recorded. Among states, the maximum number of fires were observed in Odisha at 51,968, followed by Madhya Pradesh at 47,795 and Chhattisgarh at 38,106.

ACTRESS SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Kerala police raids homes of actor Dileep, his brother

Kochi, Jan 13 (PTI):



The Crime Branch wing of Kerala Police on Thursday raided the homes of actor Dileep and his brother and also the office of his Grand Production company here in connection with the latest case against them for allegedly threatening investigation officers in the '2017 actress sexual assault case', sources said.

Dileep is an accused in the sexual assault case also. A top Crime Branch official said that three teams of officials were dispatched to carry out the raids simultaneously at the three loca-

ly opened by his sister, sources said. The company office was also opened, after some delay, by the staff there, the sources added.

According to sources, the raids were carried out on the basis of court orders and the statement given to the Crime Branch by director Balachandra Kumar.

Kumar, who met the media after appearing before the Crime Branch, had claimed discussions regarding the conspiracy to attack the investigating officers were held at many places. Kumar had recently made some startling revelations against Dileep in the actress assault case through the

media. He has also claimed that there is evidence including digital ones to prove that Dileep had influenced the witnesses. The crime branch registered the new case on a complaint filed by an investigating officer based on a purported audio clip of Dileep which was released by a TV channel recently in which the actor was heard conspiring to attack the officials. On Tuesday, the high court had asked the police not to take any action against Dileep, his brother and brother-in-law till January 14 after they moved a joint plea for anticipatory bail in the new case.

INDIA-CHINA BORDER TALKS

No breakthrough in 14th round

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

Level Meeting was held at Chushul-Moldo border meeting point on the Chinese side on Wednesday.

Representatives from the defense and foreign affairs establishments of the two sides were present at the meeting, the joint statement said. "The two sides had a frank and in-depth exchange of views for the resolution of the relevant issues along the LAC in the Western Sector (Ladakh border)," it mentioned.

They agreed that both sides should follow "the guidance provided by the state leaders" and work for the resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest, it stated. "It was noted that this would help in restoration of

peace and tranquility along the LAC in the Western Sector and enable progress in bilateral relations," it mentioned. The two sides also agreed to consolidate on the previous outcomes and take effective efforts to maintain the security and stability on the ground in the Western Sector including during winter, it said.

"The two sides agreed to stay in close contact and maintain dialogue via military and diplomatic channels and work out a mutually acceptable resolution of the remaining issues at the earliest," it mentioned. The two sides agreed that the next round of the commanders' talks should be held at the earliest, the statement said.

Panchayat Secretary fined for not providing information under RTE Act

Masturi, Jan 13:

The State Information Commission has imposed a fine of Rs 75,000 on the then Secretary of Gram Panchayat Gataura, who did not provide information under the Right to Information Act. Also, the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy Director of District Panchayat Bilaspur, Bilaspur has been directed to take disciplinary action against Panchayat for not responding to the notice issued by the Commission under Section 20 (1) and 20 (11) of the Right to Information Act by the then Secretary of the Gram Panchayat Gataura under Janpad Panchayat Masturi and giving false and misleading information to the Commission in other two cases. Under section 20(1) against the secretary, 25000-25000 rupees, a total fine of Rs 75000 and under section 20 (11), the Chief Executive Officer, District



Panchayat Bilaspur and Deputy Director Panchayat Bilaspur have been instructed to take disciplinary action against the secretary. It may be mentioned that some information was sought by the applicant Tilak Nagar Bilaspur resident Thakur Naval Singh by giving three applications under the Right to Information Act to Thaneshwar Singh, the secretary of Gram Panchayat Gataura,

through registered post, but due to the continuous closure of the Gram Panchayat office during the official period.

As the registered post used to return to the applicant, the first appeal was presented by the applicant Thakur Naval Singh before the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat Masturi. The first appellate authority had directed the appellant to provide the desired in-

formation free of cost. But the Public Information Officer / Secretary did not consider it appropriate to provide information to the applicant bypassing the order of the First Appellate Officer. After which the complaint was submitted by the applicant before the State Information Commission. For the hearing of the matter, the Secretary was issued a letter and direct-

ed to appear and submit the reply. But the Secretary neither appeared nor thought it appropriate to furnish any reply. Taking seriously, the Information Commission again issued a notice under Section 20 (1) (11) of the Right to Information Act through the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat and directed to appear and submit the reply to the notice. But the secretary did not deter his stubbornness. Similarly, in two other cases, the Secretary appeared in the hearing and presented a false and misleading reply about the lack of information about the first appeal order, which was taken seriously by the Chief Information Commissioner M. Giving a stern warning to Secretary Thaneshwar Singh, K Raut has taken disciplinary action in all three cases including a fine of Rs 25,000-25000.

Revenue staff should work with sensitivity towards public: Dhawade



Koriya, Jan 13:

Under the chairmanship of Collector Shyam Dhawade, a meeting of revenue officers was held in the Collectorate hall here. In the meeting, the collector directed all the revenue officers to complete the revenue cases on time so that the general public does not face any problem. He said that the revenue staff should work keeping in mind the sensitivity of the public and public interest. In the meeting, while reviewing the cases and loan book related to the tricolor belt in the district, the collector took information from all the revenue officers. He reprimanded Baikunthpur

Naib Tehsildar for not making any significant progress on disposal of cases. He said that by discharging your responsibilities cooperate with the common man. Taking information about the progress in all the development blocks and tehsils on the matters related to conversion, demarcation, division, he directed that all the cases should be resolved within the prescribed time limit. In the meeting, the Collector discussed the resolution of the applications in the canceled forest rights sheet re-review camps set up in the district. Taking information about the pending cases of caste certificate, he

said that the eligible beneficiaries should get their 100% rights, keep this in mind. In the meeting, the Collector, after discussing about Kisan Credit Card, Income, Residence Certificate, Forest Rights, asked all the revenue officers to use their capacity to work in the interest of the people at the last end of the society.

Show-cause notice has been issued by Collector Dhawade expressing displeasure over absence of Manendragarh tehsildar Vibhor Yadav without notice. He has also directed to issue notice on the negligence in the work of Baikunthpur Naib Tehsildar Bhuneshwar Toppo.

Anti-encroachment drive postponed for two days

Meeting with stiff protest from encroachers

Khairagarh, Jan 13:

The anti-encroachment drive by Nagar Palika Khairagarh has been postponed for two days. It is notable here that encroacher have encroached on costly government land worth lakhs near State Highway near the Civil Lines over the last few years and here many of the encroachers had opened pan and other vendor shops and behind this they are illegally running business of illicit sale of liquor, 'ganja' and 'satta' and others. But now the local administration is finding it tough to remove these encroachers who are allegedly involved in many anti-social works and worsening the beauty of Civil

Lines area. It was last on Tuesday there was lot of drama and nuisance with Nagar Palika's team and in this one of the encroachers threatened to commit suicide and other female encroacher came and stood in front of JCB Machine.

On this action, the Nagar Palika administration returned without taking any action against the encroachers. But prior to this bull-dozer was used on shops of few encroachers and in last two days there was mix-reaction on this particular move of Nagar Palika.

Some of them were saying that action should not be taken against small vendors and shopkeepers and others charged that the big

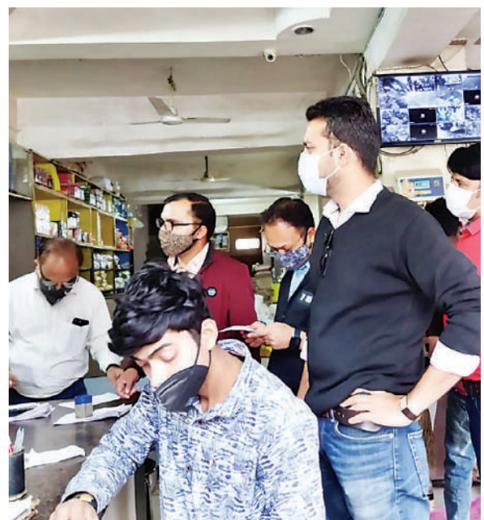
shopkeepers have been ignored and left without any action against them and which is absolutely incorrect. Meanwhile there are reports on behalf of Nagar Palika administration that this drive has been postponed for next two days and then it will be resumed.

What officer says

"The encroachers have been given two-days notice and if they fail to remove their encroachment and final action will be taken against them."

Seema Bakshi
CMO-Nagar Palika
Khairagarh

Action on hoarding-black marketing starts on DC's order



Korba, Jan 13:

Amidst unconfirmed reports of black marketing and hoarding, the joint team of the district administration has once again entered the field. On the instructions of Collector Ranu Sahu, the district administration team is continuously monitoring the prices of ration items like rice and pulses and vegetables in urban and rural areas.

The officials did physical verification of the stock of all the food items

as well as inspected the stock registers of the items kept in the shops. The officials gave strict instructions to the shopkeepers not to sell the goods at more than the fixed price and to sell them at the proper price only.

The joint team investigated the increased wholesale rates of pulses and oil at the wholesalers of Manohar Lal Kishore and Radhe Shyam Brajkishore. After doing physical verification of rate register, stock register, under any circumstances, he was advised not to store more than the prescribed quantity of the above essential food items.

It is noteworthy that Collector Ranu Sahu has appealed to the shopkeepers not to hoard essential

things or sell them at a price higher than the normal day's prices under any circumstances. The collector has appealed to all the traders to extend their cooperation in the fight against corona virus infection and not to do black marketing and hoarding of ration, vegetables etc.

Sahu has given instructions to the administrative officers to inspect the stock of the materials available in all the ration shops. The Collector has directed the Tehsildars and Patwaris that in rural and urban areas, potato-onion, oil, pulses, rice, milk, vegetables, Make sure to get essential food items like salt etc. at reasonable prices. On receipt of information about the sale of things at a higher price by any shopkeeper, prepare a legal case against the seller concerned and ensure action.

Collector Mrs. Sahu has also given instructions that if any shopkeeper or institution is found selling essential commodities at a price higher than the MRP, then strict legal action will be taken against him under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, she said.

The Collector has also directed the officers to ensure prompt and effective action on the complaints, feedback received about hoarding or black marketing of essential commodities through any medium and also to do regular reporting through WhatsApp.

Kondagaon, Jan 13:

District Institute for Education and Training (DIET) Bastar in order to honour the best schools under Kondagaon and Bastar district had organised felicitation programme cum education upgradation programme and in this one primary and secondary school from each block were presented award. Principal DIET Dr Sushma Jha informed that in each Sankul area, the academic coordinator keeping in mind as to how should be

DIET honours best schools in Bastar region



the selection procedure through workshop, carried out analysis of each School block-wise and after which organised this

programme to felicitate eligible schools. The chief guest and special guest of the felicitation programme was MLA

Lakheshwar Baghel, Hemant Upadhyay, Joint Director Bastar Div. Jagdalpur; Bharti Pradhan DEO Jagdalpur;

Neelkanth Shardul District convener Chhattisgarh Karamchari Adhikari Federation district Kondagaon presented awards to best schools. In this programme, 24 schools from 2 districts, along with 'Sankul coordinators', BRC and Block Education Officers (BEOs) were also felicitated. On this occasion Sheetal Korram, coordinator Tehsilpara Kondagaon, Anita Netam Head Mistress Primary School Doshparra; Heena Kashyap- Asst. teacher were present.

Armed men rob Cong leader's house

Decamp with valuables worth over Rs 4 lakh

Bilaspur, Jan 13: A group of armed men allegedly robbed the house of a local Congress leader and decamped with valuables worth over Rs 4 lakh in Bilaspur district on Thursday, police said.

The incident took place at the house of Takeswar Patle, the secretary of Bilaspur District Congress Committee (Rural), in Limtara village panchayat under Masturi police station limits, in the afternoon, Bilaspur senior superintendent of police Parul Mathur said.

Nine armed robbers allegedly stormed into Patle's house while he was away and held the women and children of the family at gunpoint, she said. The unidentified men decamped with Rs 2.5 lakh cash and ornaments worth around

Rs 2 lakh, the official said, adding that no one was hurt in the incident.

A case under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code have been registered in this regard and further probe is underway, the SSP said.

About the incident

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Pendra's daughter becomes pride of Ch'garh

Gourela Pendra Marwahi, Jan 13: The daughter of Gaurela Pendra Marwahi district has brought laurels not only to her district, but also to the state and her family at the national level.

Educated and growing up as the youngest of three daughters of Narayan Prasad Mishra, Gunjan was recently honoured by Theophany University of Haiti, a Caribbean country located on the continent of North America, for her excellent work in the field of education.

Wife of Excise Officer Vijaysen Sharma, Gunjan



also is an artist and yoga enthusiast, and dedicates the academic excellence to her father and husband, along with Pendra where she was born and brought up. Dr Gunjan Mishra said that 'I am overwhelmed by this honor of Theophany

University of Haiti and the honor has strengthened my strong will to do something better. I am proud of my motherland, especially Pendra and my father and late mother, whose presence I have always felt'.

CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS INFORMED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT I, MADHUMATI SAHA W/O BIDYUT KUMAR SAHA RESIDENT OF A-504 PALM ENCLAVE, SEEPAT ROAD LINGIYADIH BILASPUR C.G. 495006 HAVE CHANGED MY OLD NAME MADHUMATI SAHA W/O BIDYUT KUMAR SAHA, SO IN FUTURE I SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY MY NEW NAME MADHUMITA SAHA W/O BIDYUT KUMAR SAHA IN ALL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS.

MADHUMITA SAHA
A-504 PALM ENCLAVE,
SEEPAT ROAD
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BILASPUR C.G. 495006

CHANGE OF NAME

My Name in 10th CBSE marksheet year 2013 has been printed as "ASHAYA SHRIVASTAVA" My real name spelling is "ASHAY SHRIVASTAVA" same printed on all other documents Adha, PAN, Bank AC and same Marksheet Photograph also has spelling "ASHAY SHRIVASTAVA". Now onwards my name should be written as "ASHAY SHRIVASTAVA" in English "आशय श्रीवास्तव" in hindi.

वैक ऑफ बड़ोदा
Bank of Baroda

Regional Office: Vyapar Vihar Road, Infront of Gumber Petrol Pump, Bilaspur (CG) Ph.: 07752-416209

1. M/s. Laxmi Earth Movers- (Notice should be addressed to Firm's office, factory and all available address)

2. Mr. Aditya Jain- Proprietor (Notices to be addressed to all available addresses)

Dear Sir,

Re: Declaration of your account M/s. Laxmi Earth Movers and its Proprietor Mr. Aditya Jain as Wilful Defaulters and Opportunity for Representation there against.

We refer to our show cause notice no. _____ dated 20.07.2020 for declaring M/s. Laxmi Earth Movers and its Proprietor Mr. Aditya Jain as wilful defaulter on the following grounds and paper publication made on 17.09.2021.

- No Asset was created.
- Fake documents were presented by borrower before branch for sanction of loan.
- Borrower has diverted funds through account opened in the name of supplier viz M/s Foster Automobiles with Punjab National Bank, Bhalai by the associate of borrower

Thus the unit has defaulted in meeting its payment/ repayment obligations to the lender and has siphoned off/diverted the funds so that the funds have neither been utilized for the specific purpose for which finance was availed of, nor are the funds available with the firm/company in the form of other assets.

In response to the show cause notice/paper publication we have not received any representation or response from you.

In the light of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and perusing the documents on record the Committee of Executives on Wilful Defaulters (COE) of bank has decided to declare M/s. Laxmi Earth Movers and its Proprietor Mr. Aditya Jain as 'Wilful Defaulters' on the grounds mentioned in the show cause notice, after concluding that the unit has defaulted in meeting its payment/ repayment obligations to the lender and has siphoned off/diverted the funds so that the funds have neither been utilized for the specific purpose for which finance was availed of, nor are the funds available with the firm/company in the form of other assets.

In terms of RBI guidelines and to comply principles of natural justice, if you, desire, you may send your further submission/representation, if any, for consideration by the Review Committee on Wilful Defaulters within -15- days from the date of receipt of this letter as to why your account and you be not classified by Bank as a Wilful Defaulter.

Please note that, in case your further submission/representation against the intention of Bank to declare you as a Wilful Defaulter is not received within -15- days from the date of receipt of this letter, it will be deemed that you have nothing to submit and the Bank will proceed further and classify your account as wilful defaulter. Bank reserves the Right to publish the name and photograph of Wilful Defaulter in News Paper and will initiate the necessary recovery action as per extant guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India.

This communication is issued as per the directions of the Committee of Executives on Wilful Defaulters (COE).

This is for your information.
Yours faithfully,
(Chief/Sr/Manager)

PASSING OUT PARADE



Air Commodore Vipul Singh Air gives away the 'Best All-Rounder Trophy' to leading air craftsman Alok Sharma, during a passing out parade at Air Force Station, Tambaram, Thursday.

Cong leaders not emperors of India: TMC

● Calls for anti-BJP alliance in Goa

Panaji, Jan 13 (PTI):

Trinamool Congress (TMC) leader Mahua Moitra on Thursday hit out at the Congress, saying it should realise that its leaders are not "emperors of India" and added that had the grand old party discharged its duty well in Goa, there was no need for the TMC to enter the coastal state's poll fray to defeat the ruling BJP.

She said the TMC is ready for an alliance in Goa as defeating the BJP is the "need of the hour", but added that the Congress should get off its

"high horse" and wake up to its depleted strength.

Moitra was reacting to senior Congress leader P Chidambaram's assertion made earlier in the day that the Congress and the BJP are the two main contestants in Goa and if the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the TMC fielded candidates and secured some votes in the upcoming assembly polls, in effect they will be splitting the non-BJP vote.

In an interview to PTI, Chidambaram also said that the TMC and the AAP do not have cadre base in constituencies in Goa and they attempt to build their parties through defections. Referring to the Congress leader's state-



Mahua Moitra

ments, Moitra said the fight in Goa is between the BJP and anti-BJP forces.

"The anti-BJP forces in Goa today are Congress, AAP and TMC. Now, this is a fight between them. Neither of them can stake a claim that we are the only ones in the fray," she

said. Moitra, who is TMC's desk-in-charge for Goa, said that all the three parties are in the fray in Goa, and this is the reality that the Congress should wake up to.

"I think that it is important for people to realise that if Congress had done its job, there was no need for us (TMC) to be here. We are here because Congress could not do their job. Congress is a platform which is not adequate enough to defeat the BJP," she added.

"The TMC is ready for an alliance, Moitra said, adding, "We are saying come to the table and talk to us to see how we can defeat the BJP. This is the need of the hour."

IFSR REPORT

'Forest, tree cover in India rose by 2,261 sq km in last 2 yrs'

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The forest and tree cover in India has risen by 2,261 square kilometers in the last two years, according to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, which showed Andhra Pradesh growing the maximum forest cover of 647 square km.

The biennial report by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), which is an assessment of the country's forest resources, was released on Thursday by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, who revealed that the total

tree-and-forest cover in the country includes an increase of 1,540 sq km of forest cover and 721 sq km of tree cover compared to the 2019 report.

According to the report, India's total forest and tree cover is now spread across 80.9 million hectares, which is 24.62 per cent of the geographical area of the country.

The top five states in terms of increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km), Telangana (632 sq km), Odisha (537 sq km), Karnataka (155 sq km) and Jharkhand (110 sq km).

Area-wise, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

In terms of forest cover as the percentage of total geographical area, the top five states are Mizoram (84.53 per cent), Arunachal Pradesh (79.33 per cent), Meghalaya (76 per cent), Manipur (74.34 per cent) and Nagaland (73.90 per cent).

The present assessment also reveals that 17 states/UTs have above 33 per cent of the geographical area under the forest cover.

DMK spent over Rs 218 cr, BSP over Rs 17 crore

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Mayawati-led Bahujan Samaj Party has shown expenditures of over Rs 17 crore in its audited annual report submitted to the Election Commission. The report, filed on December 30 last year, showed receipts worth Rs 52,46,79,235.

The party has shown expenditure of Rs 17,29,72,729 in its audited annual report for the financial year 2020-21 put in the public domain by the EC on Thursday. The BSP has 15 seats in the outgoing Uttar Pradesh Assembly and is making all-out efforts to become a major stakeholder in the 403-member House in this year's election beginning

February 10. The seven-phase polls is likely to see a tough fight between the ruling BJP and the opposition Samajwadi Party. The results will be announced on March 10. The Bahujan Samaj Party is a recognised national party.

In the recognised state parties category, the poll panel has uploaded audited annual reports for 2020-21 of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Jammu & Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party, All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK). The JMM, which filed its report on December 31 last year, has shown a total expenditure of Rs 58,43,655 and total receipt of Rs 90,66,500.

'Thiruvathirakali' flouts COVID norms; CPI-M draws flak

Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 13 (PTI):

A recent mega 'Thiruvathirakali', a traditional group dance performed by women, organised here in connection with the ruling CPI(M)'s upcoming district conference, has drawn widespread criticism from various quarters as it allegedly flouted COVID protocols and guidelines issued by the party-led government.

Police on Thursday said a case was registered against over 550 people, who took part in the programme, under the Kerala Epidemic Diseases Act. As per the latest government guidelines, the number of participants in an outside event should not exceed 150.

The incident also landed the Marxist party in a soup as the critics pointed out that the event, organised by the district leadership, was held at a time when the party was mourning the death of an activist of its students wing SFI, who was allegedly stabbed to death by the Youth Congress workers at the government engineering college in Idukki.

Over 550 women, clad in traditional saree, took part in the mega dance programme held at a private school ground at Parassala in the border of the district days ago. Several prominent party leaders including politburo member M A Baby witnessed the event, organised to mark the district party conference to be

held here on January 14 and 15. Not just the programme, but even the song, rendered during the programme eulogising Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, also brought embarrassment to the ruling party as netizens flooded social media platforms with its parody songs.

Opposition leaders including KPCC chief K Sudhakaran questioned the sincerity of the Marxist party for holding the mega dance when the SFI activist's funeral procession was held. As the programme triggered controversy, several Left leaders including party state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan and education minister V Sivankutty came out criticising it.

Delhi govt cuts budgets for various PWD projects

New Delhi, Jan 13 (PTI):

The Delhi government has curtailed budget allocations for various PWD construction projects for 2021-22 to strengthen medical and healthcare facilities amid the ongoing Covid pandemic, according to officials. The Public Works Department's director (works) also issued instructions in this regard after receiving a communication from the joint secretary (budget) on January 10.

Due to the ongoing third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Delhi government's primary focus is to strengthen medical and healthcare facilities. Hence, the funding for a number of construction projects has been cut, the officials said on Thursday.

The revised budget allocation order issued by the PWD also asked officials to "strictly observe" economy instructions issued by the Finance Department of the Delhi government.

"The expenditure during the current financial year should not exceed the revised estimates (for) 2021-22. In case of an additional expenditure, which cannot be further postponed, the concerned zones may send proposal for re-appropriation of funds by providing matching savings," the order stated.

Some of the projects for which funds have been curtailed are Barapullah Phase-3 elevated corridor; construction of New Bypass road parallel to the Ring Road from Wazirabad to DND; flyover at Majnu Ka Tila-Metcalf House crossing on Outer Ring Road; widening of bridges on NH-10 at Tri Nagar, Inderlok, Karampura; and integrated transit corridor development and street network between Punjabi Bagh flyover and Raja Garden flyover.

TRADITIONAL DANCE FORM



Villagers perform traditional dance in front of a bhela ghar on the occasion of Uruka ahead of Bhogali Bihu festival, in Tezpur, Thursday.

'Seven Pak terrorists among 14 killed in 8 operations'

● In J&K this year

Jammu, Jan 13 (PTI):

Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbag Singh on Thursday said that 14 terrorists, including seven Pakistani nationals, have been killed in eight encounters in the union territory so far this year and asserted that anti-terrorist operations will be intensified to clear the region of terrorism.

The police chief paid tribute to police constable Rohit Chib who was killed during an encounter with terrorists in Kulgam district of south Kashmir on Wednesday. In the operation, Pakistan-origin Jaish-e-Muhammad (JeM) terrorist Babar was killed and five, including two civilians and three soldiers, were injured.



DGP Dilbag Singh

"This year, we have undertaken eight successful operations. As many as 14 terrorists have been killed in these operations. Among these 14 terrorists, seven are Pakistani terrorists," Singh told reporters.

The police chief further said the terror modules and their networks helping terrorists are also being eliminated.

Punjab Polls: Kejriwal asks people who should be AAP's CM face

Chandigarh, Jan 13 (PTI):

AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal asked people on Thursday who should be the party's chief ministerial face in the February 14 Punjab Assembly polls, even as he stated that his own preference for the post is Bhagwant Mann.

Kejriwal, however, ruled himself out of the race as the AAP launched its "Janta Chunegi Apna CM" drive and said the name of the candidate for the top post will be announced after getting the feedback of people.

In the presence of Mann, who is the AAP's Punjab unit chief and the

MP from Sangrur, and senior party leader Raghav Chadha, the Delhi chief minister launched a mobile number -- 7074870748 -- on which people can give their opinion till 5 pm on January 17 by recording their voice and sending text or WhatsApp messages as to who should be the party's chief ministerial candidate.

"No, Arvind Kejriwal is not in this. Let me clarify, I am not in it," Kejriwal said, ruling himself out as the party's chief ministerial face in Punjab.

In June Last year, he had announced that the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) chief ministerial candidate in Punjab will be

from the Sikh community. Kejriwal said though Mann is his choice for the top post, the latter has insisted that the people of Punjab should take the decision and it should not be imposed on them.

"Bhagwant Mann is my younger brother. He is a tall leader of the AAP. I had said he should be made the chief minister, but he said people should be asked first. He said the practice of deciding the name of the chief ministerial candidate in a closed-door meeting should be stopped," he told reporters here.

Mann said when he was told that his name will be declared as the party's

chief ministerial face, he told Kejriwal that the people should be asked first as regards whom among the party leaders would they wish to see as the chief minister.

"I am a loyal soldier of the party. I will perform any duty given to me. If I am asked to paste posters on walls or wave the party symbol at some chowk, I will happily do that. For me, Punjab is important.... Kejriwal has reposed a lot of trust in me," he added.

Kejriwal said this is probably the first time in independent India that a political party is asking the voters who should be its chief ministerial face.

SURPRISING BUT TRUE

'Bedridden man in J' khand starts walking, speaking after Covishield dose'

Bokaro, Jan 13 (PTI):

A 55-year-old man in Jharkhand, who was bedridden following a road accident five years back, started to walk and speak after he was administered the first dose of Covishield vaccine, doctors claimed on Thursday.

Stunned over the "miraculous recovery", a three-member medical team was constituted by the government to investigate the matter, they said.

Dularchand Munda, a

resident of Salgadh village in Uttasara panchayat area of Peterwar block in Bokaro district, was bedridden after meeting with an accident five years back and was unable to walk and speak, doctors said.

"An Anganwadi worker administered Covishield vaccine to Munda on January 4 at his house. The next day, the family members were shocked when they saw Munda's lifeless body not only started to move but he regained his speech too," said Dr

Albela Kerketta, the in-charge of Peterwar Community Health Centre.

Bokaro's Civil Surgeon Dr Jitendra Kumar said a three-member medical team has been constituted to examine the "miraculous recovery".

Munda was totally bedridden for the last one year with spine problems, doctors said.

After receiving the first dose of Covishield -- the anti-COVID vaccine, he not only stood up and started walking, but

could also speak, much to the astonishment of his family, they said.

"We saw his reports. This is a matter of investigation," Dr Kerketta said. Munda, the sole bread earner of his family, was critically injured in the road accident.

"This is a surprising incident. We will analyse his medical history," Civil Surgeon Dr Kumar said.

Astonished villagers of Salgadh, about 50 km from the district headquarters, termed it a divine intervention.